

DISGRACEFUL MISTAKE IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

Mackenzie, Cape Breton Member Calls Mr. Davidson a Liar.

MR. FOWLER PROMPTLY TAKES UP CHALLENGE

Kings-Albert Member's Intimation that He Would Handle Mackenzie Without Help Soon Quelled the Latter.

Special to The Standard

Ottawa, Ont., April 3.—D. D. MacKenzie, the ex-justice from Cape Breton, whose mature years and experience on the bench would lead to the belief that he had acquired decency and dignity, was the central figure this evening in the most disgraceful incident of the present session. Although in the wrong called to order, he refused for an hour to obey the mandate of the chair that he should retract some false statements he had made, and it was only when George W. Fowler of Kings-Albert had suggested that the only thing to be done was to bring the sergeant at arms to take charge of Mr. Mackenzie that the latter was brought to a realization of the low figure he was cutting and the humble plea of Mr. Mackenzie and Mr. Davidson of Annapolis was discussing what happened in the recent provincial by-election in Victoria, N. S. Mr. Mackenzie charged that Mr. Davidson had in a speech there invited all the applicants for Fenian raid bounties to see him about it. Mr. Davidson promptly declared that Mr. Mackenzie was stating what was absolutely not true. Mr. Mackenzie retorted that he could produce affidavits to show that it was true and that he knew it was true. Mr. Davidson with some heat called Mr. Mackenzie a liar.

Chairman Blondin intervened between the two heated controversialists and suggested that Mr. Mackenzie should accept the denial of Mr. Davidson. Mr. Mackenzie thought this was a very lopsided decision and showed the partiality of the chair. He said that he could not withdraw what was true. Mr. Davidson said that he would withdraw the word liar.

Mr. Fowler and Dr. Edwards, of Frontenac, intervened to insist that the chairman compel Mr. Mackenzie to make an absolute withdrawal of his remarks concerning Mr. Davidson's statements in Victoria County in view of the fact that the latter had said that Mr. Mackenzie had attributed words to him which he never said. Mr. Mackenzie began to quibble with the chairman and tried to squirm out of the mess he had made but without withdrawing his statement. The air grew tense in the chamber. Mr. Davidson is a very young member and of the youngest in the house, and his older opponent tried to put it over him. However, Mr. Davidson can take good care of himself, besides he had Mr. Fowler beside him. Mr. Fowler intimated that it might be necessary to call the sergeant at arms. Mr. Mackenzie invited Mr. Fowler to accompany him to the sergeant at arms, but Mr. Fowler intimated that if he took the case in hands himself the sergeant at arms would not be needed. When Mr. Mackenzie saw that the temper of the house had become highly dangerous for himself and his statement unequivocally. This Mr. Davidson accepted.

Mr. Carvell could not resist the temptation to jibe the member who remarked that it was wonderful how small a peg the member for Kings-Albert could hang his hat on.

"About the size of your head," wittily rejoined Mr. Fowler, amid Conservative laughter. The incident thereupon ended. Mr. Mackenzie's own political friends afterwards expressed regret that he had so lowered the dignity of parliament.

LORD ROBERTS HEAD OF BRITISH COVENANTERS

Resolutions Adopted Pledging Opposition to Home Rule for Ireland Without People's Consent.

London, April 3.—Lord Roberts tonight was elected president of the League of British Covenanters at a meeting held in Caxton Hall. Resolutions were adopted pledging the covenanters to do all in their power to prevent the establishment of home rule in Ireland without the sanction of the nation and the support of the people of Ulster in their gallant struggle to maintain their constitutional rights.

Speeches were made by Walter Long, former chief secretary for Ireland, Lord Milner and Sir Edward Carson.

Sir Edward said the government either would have to exclude Ulster from their bill or make up their minds that they would have bloodshed and coercion.

SAYS MONROE DOCTRINE AS TRUE AS EVER

Former Governor of West Virginia Claims it is Necessary to Peace and Safety of the States.

Special to The Standard

Philadelphia, April 3.—That the principle of the Monroe Doctrine is just as alive now as it ever was, and that President Monroe's declaration is not an "obsolete shibboleth" was the trend of discussion today at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, which is considering the present international relations and obligations of the United States.

Rear Admiral Coby M. Chester urged a concert of action among the American republics in a policy of "America for Americans," which he said, was endorsed by Admiral Geo. Dewey.

John Barrett, director-general of the Pan-American Union, advocated a "Pan-American policy" in which each one of the twenty American countries should have the same independence as the United States, so as to eliminate any sense of fear on the part of Central and South American countries as to United States aggression.

Much spirit was injected into the discussion at the afternoon session by A. Maurice Low, a British journalist stationed in the United States, who was introduced as a speaker who would give the European attitude toward the Monroe Doctrine.

Replying to Mr. Low, ex-Governor MacCorkle said: "European earth-hunger is not dead. He mentioned the British occupation of Egypt, Italy's recent war in Africa, and the serious situation brought about between Germany and France over Morocco. If it was not for the Monroe Doctrine, he added, the weakness of the Central American states might not now be in control of their countries."

GAILLAUX CLEARED OF CHARGES IN ROCHETTE CASE

Resolution Calling for Prosecution for Using Threat to Keep Magistrates from Doing Duty Rejected.

Paris, April 3.—The Chamber of Deputies tonight wound up its investigation into the alleged connection of ministers with the postponement of the trial of Henri Rochette, the Frenchman, charged with defrauding the public of millions of dollars, by rejecting a motion of Jules Delage, inviting the government to institute criminal proceedings against the former premier Ernest Monis and Joseph Caillaux for having by menace induced magistrates to abstain from doing their duty. The vote was 342 to 141.

The debate, which was long and stormy, lasted all through the afternoon and well into the night. The house was packed and presented the appearance of a gala night at the opera.

Women in evening toilettes crowded the galleries and pressed into the lobby in such numbers that the soldiers on guard in the house had to be called upon to assist the ushers in keeping the passageways clear.

SECRETARY BRYAN IMPROVING.

Washington, April 3.—Secretary Bryan, who was unable to leave his bed today, was reported improved tonight. His physicians ordered a few days' rest, however, and he is not expected back at his desk until Monday. The secretary's illness was described as a heavy cold, which was yielding to treatment.

Number of Dead Seventy-Seven—All But Eight Bodies Recovered.

KING GEORGE SENDS MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY

Mystery of Whereabouts of the Southern Cross Grows—Fears Her Crew of 170 Have Been Added to Death Toll.

Special to The Standard

St. John's, Nfld., April 3.—The steamer Bellaventure with the survivors and dead from the steamer Newfoundland is due at daylight tomorrow. She reports that the Newfoundland had 139 men altogether. Of these 77 perished, and all the bodies, but eight, were recovered. Of the 112 survivors, 47 are aboard the Bellaventure. Thirty of these need immediate medical treatment. All preparations are complete for caring for the living and the dead.

King Sends Sympathy.

King George sent a touching message of sympathy today.

There is still no word from the Southern Cross. The steamer Kyle with wireless equipment sailed tonight to search for her.

As the hours went by tonight without word from the Southern Cross, fear grew that her crew of 170 men had been added to the toll of Tuesday's blizzard, in which men of the sealer Newfoundland cutter sank.

Although the vessels of the so-called wooden-hulled sailing fleet of which the Southern Cross was one, have bucked ice floes with impunity and are regarded as very staunch, seal pelts would be an active danger during a storm on account of its instability.

Hundred and Twelve Saved

A message received here at 3.30 this afternoon from captain of the Bellaventure says that the Newfoundland is seventy-seven. One hundred and twelve were rescued and of these thirty-six all sick.

The captain's message follows: "Have just reached steamer Newfoundland and checked figures by her roster. Found she had 139 total dead on the sick list. Total dead seventy-seven of which sixty-nine bodies recovered. Remaining eight lost amid ice."

"Am now leaving to proceed to St. Johns. Fear slow progress as ice is heavy and tight. Stephens which also lying alongside Newfoundland will report names of dead."

There was nothing in the message to indicate the hour at which the message was filed. In an earlier wireless sent before he had reached the Newfoundland and received here a few minutes ahead of the quoted despatch, the captain of the Bellaventure said: "Have aboard thirty-four survivors. Of these the Newfoundland disaster included the names of two boys of fourteen years who went aboard the vessel at this port as stowaways, lured by the excitement of the seal hunt. Rest of the dead were residents of Bonaville Bay, the home of the Newfoundland captain, and nearly all were heads of families."

BLAMES CONTRACTORS FOR BREAK IN MONTREAL WATER CONDUIT XMAS.

LEFT TWO THOUSAND TO ACADIA COLLEGE

MR. POTTINGER HAS BEEN MADE AN ESQUIRE

Winnipeg, April 3.—A large number of railway men and special guests left Winnipeg tonight on No. 1 over the Grand Trunk Pacific, bound west for the driving of the last spike in the Grand Trunk Pacific, which will link up the main line from Winnipeg to Prince Rupert.

Montreal, April 3.—Two thousand dollars has been left to Acadia College, and \$500 to the Baptist church of Wolfville, N. S., by the late Mrs. Mary A. Cramp, who also willed her house, No. 62 McTavish street, worth about \$20,000, to McGill University.

Railway From Grand Falls to Maine Border

Bill Introduced to Incorporate Company for Purpose of Building Electric or Steam Road—St. John-Quebec Company Did Not Default in Payment of Bond Interest.

Special to The Standard

Fredericton, N. B., April 3.—The legislature was this afternoon and tonight until after eleven o'clock and in that time put through a great volume of business. The most important event of the day was the statement by Premier Fleming regarding the move emanating from the York County council for the repeal of the law exempting the property of railway companies from taxation.

The Premier pointed out the great amount of aid which the province had given in subsidies and grants of land, both before and since Confederation, to assist in the construction of railways now owned and operated by private companies in the province and declared that the whole question would be given the most careful consideration by the government before the next session.

Hon. Mr. Fleming said that the matter of railway taxation was most important to everybody. When the act exempting railway companies from taxation was passed a few years ago, it was pointed out that there were no logical reasons for such exemptions. The railways were taxed in other provinces. As far as Nova Scotia was concerned, the railways were not taxed.

WANT STATES TO RECOGNIZE CARRANZA

Over Quarter of a Million Spent on Behalf of Candidates for Civic Honors—Campaign Organized Carranzas' Government

El Paso, Texas, April 3.—The effect of a rebel victory at Torreon was felt here in a stiffening of the market for constitutionalist securities and in the beginning of a movement to organize foreigners owning property in Mexico to appeal to Washington to recognize Carranza's government.

The latter idea originated with former Governor Geo. Curry of New Mexico, but having placed the matter in the hands of certain leading Democrats to work out, as they promised to do, he expressed a desire to serve only in the ranks for the success of the movement. General Carranza declined to comment on the movement, but there was much favorable comment in Juneau.

Mr. Curry said he was convinced that foreign sentiment upheld in the belief that recognition of Huerta became out of the question the time has come for foreigners to lend such aid to the Carranza revolution as will help it to a speedy conclusion.

Telegrams sounding senators and representatives in Washington on the proposed propaganda were sent tonight.

EASTERN CANADIAN FUR TRADING COMPANY CAPITAL OF \$2,000,000

C. P. McLennan of Halifax in London in Connection With Flotation of Concern.

London, April 4.—The flotation of the Eastern Canadian Fur Trading Co. with a capital of \$2,000,000, is one of the projects in connection with which C. P. McLennan of Halifax, is now visiting London. He informed your correspondent that the issue was now being underwritten, and also that in all probability several other Prince Edward Island fox companies would come to the London market in the course of the present year.

He had seen silver black fox pelts sold to an Oxford street furrier, which yielded fifty per cent. higher prices than last year, showing the upward tendency of prices. Mr. McLennan is also engaged in the promotion of an English company for the manufacture of railway locomotives at Fort William. The capital of this Anglo-Canadian Locomotive Company will be £1,000,000, of which £400,000 will be issued in England shortly.

LINK UP MAIN LINE OF THE G.T.P. FROM WINNIPEG TO PR. RUPELT

MR. POTTINGER HAS BEEN MADE AN ESQUIRE

London, April 4.—Among the promotions and appointments to the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem.

PRESS LOUD IN PRAISE OF MR. FOWLER'S SPEECH

POLICE THINK CHINESE CAN SOLVE CASE

Wife of C. P. R. Ticket Agent at Vancouver Missing—Believe She Has Been Killed.

Special to The Standard

Vancouver, April 3.—A mystery which the police believe must include the murder of Mrs. Charles J. Millard, is today baffling the entire force of the city. Mrs. Millard, who is the wife of the chief ticket agent at the C. P. R. depot, and who has lived in Vancouver many years, has disappeared. The police believe she has been killed. Not the slightest clue as to what became of her has been found, but the police have arrested a Chinese servant employed in the Millard residence and they believe that he can solve the mystery of the disappearance.

Mrs. Millard's hat, the one she would naturally have worn, had she left the house of her own accord, was found with many articles of her dress carefully hidden under an eave's ledge of the house.

MONTREAL HARBOR BOARD VISIT CHIEF PORTS OF EUROPE

Made Inspection of Ports at Marseilles, Genoa, Rotterdam, Antwerp and Hamburg—At Liverpool Now.

London, April 4.—After a survey of the ports of Marseilles, Genoa, Rotterdam, Antwerp and Hamburg, President W. G. Ross, Engineer Cowie and Assistant Secretary Fennell of the Montreal harbor board have proceeded to the west of England. At Bristol they were conducted by the Avonmouth docks by the chairman of the docks committee and the general traffic manager, and were later entertained at dinner by the committee.

In a statement made by President Ross, he said that at the various European ports inspected, the authorities were found to be thoroughly alive to the necessity of port development, and all were expending large amounts on the expansion of docks and the provision of modern facilities for handling cargo.

The Toronto Mail and Empire in its usual diffident way declares: "The speech of Mr. Geo. W. Fowler was the feature of an otherwise dull day. It evoked rounds of applause from the Conservative benches and caused proportionate discomfort to the other side of the house."

The London Free Press which usually says little regarding members who do not belong to its party of the country, says: "Mr. Fowler hit straight through it all. There was no bravado, no pomp, but there was nowhere a loophole for attack and the Liberals who remained in the house sat silent through it all. There was no brave enough to dare Geo. W. Fowler in a battle of wits."

CLAIMS \$40,000 FOR SEIZURE OF AMERICAN VESSELS BY CANADA

Case Being Heard by British American Pecuniary Claims Commission—Seizure Was Made in 1877.

Washington, April 3.—Claims amounting to \$40,000, owing to the seizure by Canada in 1877 of the seals and seine boats of the Gloucester fishing schooners Argonaut and Jonas H. French were heard today by the British American pecuniary claims commission. It was charged that the fishermen were working within the three mile limit off the coast of Nova Scotia. In defense it was claimed the boats and seines had drifted beyond the limit laid down by law.

REVENUE OF CANADA FOR FISCAL YEAR

Special to The Standard

Ottawa, April 3.—While the final figures of revenue for the fiscal year just ended are not yet available from the finance department, it is estimated that Hon. W. T. White in his budget speech on Monday will be able to announce a total of just about the same as last year. With a slight falling off in customs and inland revenue due to the money stringency in the finance department, it is estimated there is still a grand total of close on to \$170,000,000. Post office receipts have increased by about a million dollars.

Address of Member for Kings-Albert One of Breeziest Bits of English this Session.

NONE WERE WILLING TO RISK ENCOUNTER

Masterpiece of Wit and Sarcasm, Replete With Facts, and Offering Not a Single Loophole for Rebuttal.

Special to The Standard

Ottawa, Ont., April 3.—"Geo. W. Fowler has come back. Since his return in 1911 in the government bench he has seldom spoken and then with hoarsey terms. Last evening, however, under the inspiration of the Transcontinental scandal he broke out into his old form and dressed up some of the inequities of that job in their true colors."

"This is what the Montreal Star, an independent Conservative organ has to say of Mr. Fowler's great speech in the course of the N. T. R. debate. Flattering notices are appearing in all the leading papers. Mr. Fowler lifted the debate out of the mediocrity into what it had fallen and the press generally welcomed the infusion of life which he gave to it."

"Geo. W. Fowler's speech on the Transcontinental Railway expenditure was one of the breeziest bits of English the session," said editorially the Ottawa Journal, another independent Conservative paper, and two days later said again: "There is nothing better than the speech of Mr. Fowler. He is clever, he has a gift of humor which he uses to advantage and which even his political opponents enjoy. He hit Macdonald and F. B. Carvell hard."

Again the Ottawa Journal says that Mr. Fowler's speech "glittered with picturesque diction and those other features which are essential to an interesting and fighting speech."

The Toronto Globe, the leading Liberal paper in Canada, takes serious note of Mr. Fowler's speech, and says "He assured the Liberals that they would all be gathered to their fathers before the Liberal party ever saw office again."

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The Toronto News makes the following remarks: "Geo. W. Fowler waded up the house with one of his old-time speeches that made him famous in 1904-05 parliament. He put the first life into the discussion since the speech of Hon. Arthur Meighen, his speech was brightened with flashes of wit and biting sarcasm, while the housed roared at his sallies and the government benches resounded with cheers at his straight from the shoulder hits."

The above are characteristic of references and criticisms of one of the best speeches of the session.