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VETO BILL PASSES FIRST READING

GOVERNMENT HAS MAJORITY OF 124

Unionists Invite Liberals to Settle Question by an Agreement

London, Feb. 23.—Premier Asquith was the recipient of a tremendous ovation from his supporters in the House of Commons last night when the parliament bill, otherwise known as the veto bill, a measure designed to curtail the power of the Lords, was passed on its first reading by the government's full majority of 124, the vote being 351 to 227.

The Nationalists first rose in their places, cheering wildly and waving their hats. The Liberal members quickly emulated their example. This exhibition of enthusiasm was repeated a few minutes later as the prime minister quietly left the scene of his victory in his initial action against the Lords.

The dominant note of the Unionist speeches in the debate was an invitation to the government to settle the matter by agreement.

Frederick E. Smith, in an attack accused the government of outraging the convictions of half their fellow countrymen on a matter that could never be settled except by consent.

Right Hon. George Wyndham also urged the government to accept the invitation to settle the question by agreement. Sooner or later, he said, the opposition would repeal the bill.

To those persuasions Winston Spencer Churchill, the home secretary, concluding the debate for the government, replied that the ministers would not have fifty supporters left if they agreed to enter such a conference. He contended, as compared with the referendum, the government's moderate proposals were the veriest Toryism, and no step would be neglected to carry the bill swiftly into law. The government did not fear the referendum as a check on progressive legislation, but regarded it as a vicious system, especially unsuitable for this country, and its adoption would lead to Jacobinism, Caesarism and anarchy.

At the close of Mr. Churchill's speech came a little scene. He said that among the legislative proposals to be submitted in addition to Home Rule, would be a measure for creating a fair and evenly constituted second chamber. A chorus of shouts came from the opposition members, "When?"

Mr. Churchill was momentarily embarrassed and sought refuge by saying "he could not reveal the government's intention to answer to a chance question."

The second reading of the veto bill will be taken up Monday.

Lansdowne's Measure.

Lord Lansdowne, leader of the opposition in the House of Lords, gave notice yesterday of a bill for the reform of the upper chamber, and a meeting of the Unionist members of the House of Commons will be organized for to-morrow to urge this course on their peers and leaders, who now merely have the duty of congratulating Lord Lansdowne. As nothing is known of the contents of the proposed bill, nothing can be predicted with any certainty. It is understood that Lansdowne will propose, not only to alter the constitution but the powers of the upper chamber, and an attempt will be made to send the bill to the House of Commons before or at the same time the House of Commons sends the veto bill to the upper chamber, so that the two projects may be before the country simultaneously.

INCREASED WAGES.

C. P. R. Will Grant Advance to Trainmen from Port Arthur to the Coast.

(Special to the Times.)

Winnipeg, Feb. 23.—An amicable settlement has been reached in the friendly negotiations which have been in progress some time between the Canadian Pacific trainmen and the management toward an increase of wages commensurate with the increased cost of living. While the exact terms are not known, it is understood that all classes of trainmen from Port Arthur to the coast are in receipt of considerable increases.

DIES SUDDENLY.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 23.—When the steamer Alameda, which arrived from southwestern Alaska ports yesterday, was 24 hours out of Valdez, P. W. Heinrich, a first class passenger, of Cordova, Alaska, was found dead in his stateroom. Death was due to heart failure. His body was buried at sea. Heinrich had been in Alaska two years, and was employed by the Copper River & Northwestern Railway Company. Nothing is known of his relatives. The Alameda brought $100,000 in gold bullion from the north.

FORMER M. P. P. DEAD.

Brockville, Ont., Feb. 23.—George A. Dana, sheriff of the united counties of Leeds and Grenville, died last night, following an illness of three weeks of pneumonia. He served as mayor for three terms, and from 1894 until 1898 was a member of the legislature. The only survivor of his family is a brother, Albert J. Dana, of Vancouver

WILL ATTACK MEXICAN TOWNS

MADERO REPORTED TO BE MASSING FORCES

Leader Plans Simultaneous Moves Against Juarez and Chihuahua

(Times Leased Wire.)

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 23.—Simultaneous attacks upon Juarez and Chihuahua are to be made within a few days by the revolutionists under Francisco I. Madero, according to repairmen of the Mexican National railroad who returned here to-day from the south.

The railroad men declare that Madero already has 2,000 men and several pieces of artillery massed at Ahumada. The rebel leader plans, they say, to take 1,000 men and march on Chihuahua, on which the other forces already are marching, 3,000 from the south and 1,500 from the west. These figures, if confirmed, show that Madero has gathered by far the greatest force yet reported in the revolution, and that, with nearly 6,000 men at his back, Chihuahua is almost certain to fall.

Madero, it is also reported, will leave 1,000 of his force at Ahumada to hold Navarro in check and when the proper moment arrives, will take the offensive, the Ahumada force attacking Juarez while the larger body captures Chihuahua.

Prisoner Released.

San Diego, Cal., Feb. 23.—According to a telephone report from Tia Juana, Mexico, to-day, Harry Dell, American, held there, has been secretly released.

At Mercy of Rebels.

Calexico, Cal., Feb. 23.—Ensenada, the capital of northern lower California, is at the mercy of the insurgents, and can be taken whenever they are ready to move in, according to insurrecto leaders here to-day. They state that a sufficient force has been gathered near Ensenada to take the city without help from the Mexicali army, and that news at any moment of the fall of the place would not surprise them.

Arrangements have been made with the business men of Mexicali to pay taxes and licenses as soon as Ensenada is in the hands of the insurgents.

REPORT ON TELEPHONE SYSTEM IN MANITOBA

Rental Revenue in Manitoba Increased Over 33 Per Cent Last Year

(Special to the Times.)

Winnipeg Feb. 23.—According to the report of the telephone commission for last year the government system now includes 29,748 telephones. Including the rural subscribers to independent lines the total number of telephones in the province is 33,446, making an increase of 8,338 during the year. The rental revenue has increased from $563,125 to $751,651 or 33.48 per cent. The increase in Winnipeg subscribers is 27 per cent. The long distance lines now have an aggregate of 5,631 miles, of which 1,481 miles were built last year. The revenue from the long distance telephones last year was $243,371 or an increase of 19 per cent. The total revenue last year rose to $1,038,466 as compared with $792,632 in 1909. The report shows that the total capital invested in the system to date is approximately $7,600,000 of which $600,000 is for poles and tools.

HOTEL OWNER DISAPPEARS.

Issaquah, Wash. Feb. 23.—Friends and the authorities are to-day taking up a countrywide search for Louis Prellef, owner of the Royal hotel of this town, who has mysteriously disappeared. When Prellef was last seen on Tuesday he had a large sum of money in his pockets and it is feared that he has been spirited away and killed.

SUDDEN DEATH OF FRENCH WAR MINISTER

M. Brun Expires While Sitting at Desk Conferring With Assistant

(Times Leased Wire.)

Paris, Feb. 23.—Minister of War Brun dropped dead here to-day.

Brun died of embolism of the heart this afternoon while he was sitting at his desk conferring with his chief assistant. A slight attack of la grippe hastened his end.

Premier Briand announced the death of the war minister in the chamber of deputes

UNNATURAL LAW IN THE PHYSICAL WORLD.

Machinery of the universe "slips a cog," and the sun rises in the West.

CABINET NARROWLY ESCAPES DEFEAT

LIVELY SCENES IN JAPANESE DIET

Spectators Driven From House During Debate on Proposed Impeachment

(Times Leased Wire.)

Tokio, Feb. 23.—Impeachment of the Katsura ministry in the lower house of the National diet was prevented here to-day only by the narrowest margin. Accused of contributing greatly to the growth of Socialism and anarchy in Japan by undue severity, the Katsura cabinet saved itself from censure only by a last-minute combination with the Seiyukai party, thus securing a bare majority.

Public interest in the charges against the Katsura government has been intense, following the execution of Denjiro Kotoku and his fellow Socialists, and the lower house was jammed today when Nationalist Leader Inukais arose to attack the cabinet.

Fearful of a popular demonstration, however, the government ordered the house cleared during the debate and only the members heard Inukais flay Katusura and his followers.

For a time it looked as if the people would resist expulsion, but they were finally overawed by a strong guard.

REBEL LEADERS SETTLE DIFFERENCES

Are Now Co-Operating in the Movement Against Turks in Yemen District

Constantinople, Feb. 23.—Imam Yahya and Syed Mahomed El Idris, the two rebel leaders of the Yemen district, have finally settled their differences and are now co-operating against the Turks.

The two chieftains were allies when the Yemen revolt first broke out, but split over the question of their rival claims to sovereignty. Just how they have settled their controversy is not yet known.

The development is very serious for the Turks, who are cooped up in the coast towns still awaiting reinforcements from Constantinople and suffering terribly of the ravages of the cholera. The rebels are over-running the entire Yemen district.

BEGINS CAMPAIGN AGAINST ROYALISTS

Portuguese Provisional Government Refuse to Protect Supporters of Monarchy

(Times Leased Wire.)

London, Feb. 23.—Dispatches to-day from Fuentes de Onoro, Spain, which are based on mail advices to the United States from Lisbon, state that the Portuguese provisional government is conducting a campaign for the purpose of oppressing the Royalists of Northern Portugal.

The Carbonaria, a society composed principally of Free Masons, is reported to be engineering the campaign in order to make the Royalists show discreditably in the coming elections, which will decide, among other things, whether the Portuguese provisional government is recognized by the United States.

Pushing their campaign, the Carbonario are said to be destroying Royalist newspapers and clubs and seeking churches. Numerous serious riots have occurred and the leading Royalists are fleeing, the police, under government orders, having refused to protect them.

U. S. GOVERNMENT IN TIMBER BUSINESS

Take Steps to Preserve Forests of Alaska for Use of the People

(Times Leased Wire.)

Portland, Ore. Feb. 23.—To save the immense forests of Alaska for the use of the people, the United States government will go into the timber business, according to W. A. Langille, supervisor of the Alaska national forests, who is in Portland to-day on government business.

Langille predicted that the development of the northern territory's timber resources, under government supervision, would mean possibly more to Alaska in a few years than mining.

"Alaska contains approximately 65,000,000,000 of timber," said Langille, "and it belongs to the government. None of it is privately owned. Most of the forests are in the southeastern part of the territory. It is now the government's policy to go into the timber business, supplying timber at reasonable rates for the development of the country. Much timber is being sold this year, principally to be used in connection with the salmon packing plants."

IN CRITICAL CONDITION.

Vienna, Feb. 23.—Private messages from Cettinje to-day said that King Nicholas of Montenegro was in critical condition from apoplexy.

CAPTURED OFF TRIANGLE ISLAND

RAINBOW TAKES SCHOONER TO VANCOUVER

The Edric Reported to Have Been Seized Inside Three Mile Limit

(Times' Leased Wire.)

Vancouver, B. C. eb. 23.—Stealing in during the heavy fog this morning the Canadian cruiser Rainbow was found anchored when the mist lifted at 10 o'clock, and beside her was her first capture, the American fishing schooner Edric of the Chiopec Fishing Company of Seattle.

The alleged poacher was caught off Triangle Island, inside the three mile limit, and did not consider she could show a safe pair of heels to the swift Canadian cruiser.

PARKS COMMISSION.

(Special to the Times.)

Quebec, Feb. 23.—Premier Gouin will this afternoon present the Montreal Island permanent parks commission bill in the legislature. Shorn of the clauses giving the commission absolute jurisdiction over outlying municipalities, it is thought it will pass. The commission will be given power to call upon municipalities to levy a special tax of one-eighth of one per cent. for its requirements.

MURDER AND SUICIDE IN EVERETT CAFE

Rejected Lover Shoots Waitress and Ends His Own Life

(Times Leased Wire.)

Everett, Wash., Feb. 23.—Minnie Scroggins, a waitress in the Delmonico safe, is dead to-day as a result of being shot by L. L. Paine, a blacksmith, who afterward killed himself. The double tragedy occurred last evening.

Paine entered the cafe and ordered a cup of coffee. The Scroggins girl waited on him, and when she brought the coffee, Paine pulled a gun and shot the girl. She dropped to the floor, and then Paine turned the smoking weapon upon himself and a shot went crashing through his brain.

It is believed that Paine was infatuated with the waitress and that she had repulsed his attentions.

OPPOSITION TO RECIPROCITY

U. S. SENATORS ARE PREPARING FOR FIGHT

Schedule by Schedule Revision of Tariff Proposed by Cummins

Washington, D. C., Feb. 23.—The way was opened for a schedule by schedule revision of the tariff to-day when a resolution introduced by Senator Cummins asking the president for all information the tariff board had collected on articles and commodities named in the Canadian reciprocity agreement was adopted.

The fact that Senator Hale supported the Cummins resolution is believed to indicate organized opposition to the adoption of the reciprocity agreement this session.

J. J. Hill Replies to Senator.

Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 23.—Answering the attack upon him by Senator Gronna because of his attitude on reciprocity with Canada, James J. Hill said to-day:

"If Granna is sincere in what he says he is ignorant of the facts. If he is insincere he is a demagogue. Reciprocity with Canada is the most important matter before the citizens of this country since the civil war. If, after keeping Canada waiting for forty years, we turn her down on our own invitation to participate in a reciprocity pact, our country will suffer. England has been waiting and watching for just that thing to happen.

"Within a fortnight Austin Chamberlain called up for a decision in the British parliament," continued Hill, "a measure providing for Imperial federation between England and her colonies.

"Suppose Canada joins the federation. As a reasonable differential England might impose our tariff of 15 cents a bushel on wheat, meaning that our wheat-growers would find their product lowed by that much a bushel.

"England would also take practically all of the $200,000,000 Canada now pays us annually for our manufactures, and, then if you add to that the $600,000,000 worth of goods we export to England, you will find that if we reject reciprocity and drive Canada into Imperial federation we will be losing $800,000,000 annually."

PAYS TRIBUTE TO DUKE OF CONNAUGHT

London Morning Post Says He is Best Man for Governor-General

(Special to the Times.)

London, Feb. 23.—The Duke of Connaught was entertained last night by the African society. He reviewed exhaustively the impressions of his African trip, but made no mention of Canada.

The Morning Post, anent his speech, says that the governor-general of Canada must be always a man who can command the respect of an active and intensely virile people who have no idea of courtly exaggeration. It is possible to declare that the appointment of the Duke of Connaught is the one obviously right appointment to Canada. The nation is not sending merely a royal prince, not merely a tried statesman, but of all living Englishmen the best man for the task.

INQUEST ADJOURNED.

Lethbridge, Alb., Feb. 23.—Owing to the fact that the police have not yet located Nago Ushyima, the Japanese wanted in connection with the murder of Louise Marquise and Jack Erskine at Taber, the inquest which was to have been resumed here on Tuesday was adjourned until February 28. Ushyima is wanted as a witness.

ANOTHER SLIDE ON PANAMA CANAL

Half Million Cubic Yards of Rock and Earth Slip Into Celebra Cut

(Times Leased Wire.)

Colon, Panama, Feb. 23.—Plans for the Panama canal may have to be altered to a great extent as the result of a big slide of earth and rock which today is being attacked at Culebra. Without warning, 500,000 cubic yards of rock and earth slipped into the cut. After it is removed, it is believed that it will be necessary to enlarge the prism of the canal and to remove Gold Hill bodily to prevent the recurrence of the slides.

PROTESTS AGAINST JAPANESE TREATY

FEELING GROWING IN CALIFORNIA

United States Senators Will Be Urged to Prevent Ratification

(Times Leased Wire.)

Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 23.—The feeling that California has sold her birthright for pottage in accepting the Taft support of the Panama exposition project in exchange for a pledge that no anti-Asiatic agitation shall be allowed to gain official sanction, is growing today among the legislators. Governor Johnson is sitting on the lid in accordance with the reported agreement with the president, but those who support him in the senate and assembly admit that the lid is getting hotter.

"It only takes a few speeches like those of Senator Burnett, in which he declared that the Chinese Exclusion Act was won through riots and lynchings, to bring out a concrete expression from Californians that might result in similar scenes," said Senator Sanford to-day. In this Sanford is echoed by a number of legislators.

Reed, Governor Johnson's executive secretary, said:

"The situation is precarious. I hope the people of California will have tact enough to wait until at least the Panama canal is completed, for, although it may be California that might precipitate the country into war with Japan, Californian would be the object of the Japanese attack, as it would be for the other states to aid."

A sentiment is growing among the legislators that Governor Johnson should come to their aid by explaining why California should not officially protest to congress against the treaty without the labor clause. Those who favor immediate action on anti-Japanese measures are said to be preparing letters asking their constituents for guidance.

Immediate Action Urged.

Urging action against ratification of the American-Japanese treaty, Senator J. S. Sanford to-day telegraphed United States Senator Chamberlain of Oregon to use his influence with his Democratic colleagues at Washington to vote against ratification.

Sanford also announced his intention of introducing a resolution demanding the senate federal relations committee shall report out his bill to prevent alien ownership of land in California.

"If the federal government won't protect us, we must protect ourselves," he said. "This measure should receive the support of every legislator, and every Californian should see that such support is given.

"Moreover, I think that Governor Johnson should wire our representatives in congress that the people of California, regardless of politics, are opposed to leaving out of the treaty the labor restriction clause, and leaving the matter to the honor of the Mikado. I think the governor also should telegraph to the governors of Pacific coast states to wire their representatives at Washington to stand with California in her fight against Asiatic immigration."

Message From Taft.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 23.—Hurried conferences with Senator Lodge and other leaders of the senate to-day indicated that President Taft is alarmed over the prospect of failure for his new Japanese treaty as the result of a flood of telegraphic protests from the Pacific coast.

President Taft this afternoon sent the following telegram to Governor Johnson of California:

"I have the resolutions you transmitted. The treaty includes Japan's assurances regarding a continuance of the present arrangement, exactly as you approved when the secretary of state and I explained them to you. Won't you explain this to your legislature and thus prevent any action arising by reason of misunderstanding?"

Congressman Hayes to-day read in the house a resolution adopted by the California senate urging the California representatives in congress to oppose the ratification of the Japanese treaty. A copy of the resolution was sent to President Taft.

Hayes also obtained permission to print in the congressional record a speech showing how the United States in the treaty admits that it has yielded entirely to Japan on the immigration question.

Will Explain Attitude.

Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 23.—(Later.)—Governor Johnson will send a message to-day to the legislature explaining the attitude of the administration toward the proposed Japanese treaty.

Governor Johnson said he would make clear his position so that there should be no misunderstanding as to any pledges he is said to have made when in Washington.

Shown the dispatch from Washington quoting President Taft's telegram to him, the governor said:

"I feel that the time is here for me to say what I feel on this Japanese question. I have not spoken before because I did not believe I could do any good.

"Now that there is so much agitating on the subject I shall tell plainly my stand."