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LAUREN KNOCKS OUT CONNIE POWER BILL

Premier Comes Out Flat-footed for Provincial Rights and Conservation of the Natural Resources.

MEASURE SIDETRACKED PENDING ALTERATIONS

"Did we pass this bill we interfere directly with this principle (of provincial rights). As these are, under these circumstances, holding, as I have held all my life, not too strong of provincial rights, while we have the brute power to override them, it is a question whether we should do so."

Ottawa, April 19.—(Special)—Sir Wilfrid Laurier late to-night gave the bill of Mr. James Connie, to incorporate the Ontario and Michigan Power Company, a very pronounced black-eye.

After several hours talk on the measure, when it appeared certain that the Conservatives were prepared to hold up the bill for days, if necessary, and when Dr. Sproule suggested that the debate go over in order that other bills of a non-contentious character might be taken up, to provide work for the senate, the prime minister readily consented, first, however, expressing his disapproval of certain features of the measure.

The prime minister's speech was frequently applauded by the Conservatives, but the government side sat silent while the leader of the house reproved the member for Port Arthur, and, in a mild way, the minister of justice.

The prime minister said he had been struck with the argument of the member for East Algoma (Mr. Smyth) that the local government side at a certain policy of reserving to itself the exploitation of the water powers of the province.

"If we pass the bill," observed the premier, "it will interfere with that policy, and I have always had a great respect for provincial rights."

Sir Wilfrid also won the applause of the opposition by referring to clause 13, which provides that one-half the power generated at the dam be sold to the United States. He would go much further, and say that if it were the whole of the power should be reserved for the province.

Another feature of the sitting was the breaking away of the Liberal member for St. Ontario (Mr. Foster) who said he was entirely opposed to the bill.

Premier's Cold Water. The prime minister said in opening that he was disposed to regard favorably the request of Dr. Sproule to have the committee rise. It was very questionable, however, that he could have it at all, because there seemed to be a wide difference of opinion with regard to it.

"In the meantime," he said, "let me say a word which may possibly contribute to clear the atmosphere. This bill has been carefully considered by the private bills committee. As a rule, so far as I am responsible for the business of the house, I have always deemed it my duty to support as far as possible, the findings of the private bills committee. Not that it is absolutely binding upon us, not that every member of the house must abide by its judgment when the private bills committee has spoken, but I have always thought that when a matter of importance has been discussed in the private bills committee, or any standing committee, and a conclusion reached, then, unless there is some strong reason to the contrary, the finding of the committee should be followed."

In this instance there is very strong reason why we should question the finding of the committee. The question of jurisdiction has been brought to the attention of the house.

Question of Jurisdiction. "It has been stated and argued with great force by my hon. friend from North Grey (Mr. Middleton) that there is no jurisdiction, that the jurisdiction in matters of this kind belongs to the local legislature."

"It has been argued with less force by my hon. friend the minister of justice not only that this house has jurisdiction, but that, in his opinion, this house alone has jurisdiction. At the same time the hon. minister of justice stated very frankly that it is only his personal opinion, it is not an opinion to be taken as law. He has stated that there is a good deal of conflict of opinion as to the right in this matter, but gives us his opinion that this parliament has exclusive jurisdiction and not the local legislature. In such a case, I would be disposed to follow the opinion of the minister of justice."

"But it is not the kernel of the discussion we have had at present. It matters not whether the parliament has jurisdiction, or whether or not the local legislature has jurisdiction."

The Real Point. "The real point is this: are there provisions in this bill which affect the power of the local legislature and the local government? That is the only point which weighs with me."

"If this bill were to be proceeded with it would be necessary to consider the opinion of the minister of justice on clause two, which is a clause which we are familiar, and it was not invented, I may say to my hon. friend from South Simcoe (Mr. Lennox) by the Liberal party; it is a relic of former days, and perhaps in the case of wells we may be wrong in not doing away with them. At the same time, the hon. gentleman and I can agree that it ought to be eliminated from the bill."

"But the whole discussion we have heard this afternoon has been directed to one point, and one point alone, and that is whether the bill is properly expounded."

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TELLING HER TROUBLES TO THE MINISTER



MRS. LAURIER: A saint couldn't live in peace with them Fosters next door, sir. They persecute William Pugsley, they splash wee Allan Aylesworth and sends him in cryin' every day, and Jimmy here, the innocent, can't go out playin' with his cars but they throws names and mud at him.

ABOUT HANMID IS ORDERED TO VAGATE

Abdication Believed to Be Near. But No Bloodshed is Anticipated—Invading Army Enters City.

PARIS, April 19.—A special despatch from Constantinople says that the Young Turks have given the Sultan until 10 p.m. to abdicate. According to the despatch, M. Zinovietz, the Russian ambassador, is conducting the negotiations, and the Russian cruiser Admiral Greig, from Athens, is lying in the Bosphorus ready to take off the Sultan.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 19.—The most important feature of the situation in the Turkish capital to-day was the report that Sultan Abdul-Hamid had abdicated.

It caused the greatest excitement in the lobbies of parliament and spread with lightning-like rapidity through the city.

A rumor of the flight of the sultan on a warship followed closely on that of his abdication, but neither could be confirmed.

Large crowds gathered at the British embassy, where, other reports had it, the sultan had taken refuge, and there were also scores of enquiries at the Russian embassy concerning the truth of the rumor.

The abdication of Abdul-Hamid, however, appears not to be improbable, and it is believed that within a day or two the constitutionalists may accept as his successor Prince Yusuf, the eldest son of the late sultan, who is second in line, as they are strongly displeased with Abdul-Hamid's attitude.

The palace to-day was under strong guard, and even high officials were not permitted to enter it.

The consensus of opinion is that if the abdication of the sultan is brought about, his overthrow and the proclamation of a republic will be accomplished peacefully. Many Turkish families in the Stamboul quarter are removing to abodes of greater safety, but in general the people are free of coming events, are awaiting them philosophically and with resignation.

It is announced officially that the deaths at Adana during the rioting numbered 400, among the killed being many Turks. The telegraph lines to the province did not know the interrupted, and details of the massacres at Adana, Tarsus and other places are lacking.

Collectors' Investigating Army Enters. The advance of the constitutional forces began this afternoon. Small parties were sent out to reconnoiter in sight of the gates of Constantinople. They encountered no resistance, nor does any resistance seem likely, unless at the palace.

The headquarters of the constitutionalists are at De Debaghat and Gen. Husein Pasha's house, which number between 20,000 and 30,000, occupy a range of hills about 20 miles from the capital. Every hour reinforcements are adding to their numbers.

At a secret sitting of the chamber to-day, the deputies refused to act on the vote of confidence in the cabinet, and it was unanimously decided to postpone the decision of the government's program until Saturday, which gives the government a fresh lease of life until then.

It was apparent that the chamber was hostile towards the cabinet, owing to the fact that many of the ministers were identified with the old regime, but in face of the probability of critical developments in the next few days, the general feeling favored postponing the vote.

The grand vizier, Tawfik Pasha, read a declaration explaining that he had assumed office from patriotic motives at the moment of a crisis, in order to save the country and constitution, which everybody believed to be endangered by recent events. He had been unable to prepare a program, he said, but was doing his utmost to cope with the situation. He counted upon the support of the deputies and was ready to withdraw if their confidence was withheld. He concluded by announcing the signing of the Turkish-Bulgarian protocol.

It is not likely that the entire army will reach the capital for some little time, as Husein Pasha and his military associates deem it advisable to withhold their advance until they are strong enough to win success by overwhelming numbers.

They hope the so-called reactionary opposition will yield without fighting. The bringing up of the reinforcements is under the direction of Niaz Bey and Enver Bey. The civil direction of affairs centers at Salonika, at which place constant communication is maintained with Constantinople.

The new government at the capital has been conducting the administration for the past week with few or no changes in personnel. The war ministry, under Gen. Husein Pasha, has been inactive, except that appointments and promotions have been made to fill the vacancies caused by the killing of officers, which, it is estimated, number 200.

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4 CATTLE KINGS LUNCHEON FOR MURDER

Oklahoma Citizens' Posse Enter Jail and Avenge Killing of Deputy Marshal—Dead Men Were Wealthy.

ADA, Okla., April 19.—Four prominent cattle men were taken from the city jail here to-day and lynched by a mob of 200 citizens. The mob is said to have organized in the rooms of a club and then marched to the jail, where they found only one man on guard.

The men were held on a charge of complicity in the murder of former U.S. Marshal A. L. Bobbitt, near Ada, last February.

The lynchers were nearly all of them of the better class and thoroughly disgusted with the justice meted out to criminals in the smaller towns of Oklahoma.

The landowners, all wealthy, were B. Miller, Fort Worth, Texas; B. B. Burrell, Duncan, Okla.; Jesse West and Joseph Allen of Canadian, Texas.

Shortly after 3 o'clock this morning the lynchers shut off the electric street lights, cut the telephone communication and scattered near the jail. When all had assembled, a large man swaggered out of the darkness and said: "Are you all ready?"

Confused buzzing was the only answer. The men silently made their way toward the jail.

Ignored Attorney's Protest. They had scarcely started before they met County Attorney Robt. Wimbley, who had received word that the mob was forming. The crowd stopped at his request. Wimbley said: "Men of Ada, you are disgracing this community in the eyes of the world. Think this matter over calmly and let the law take its course. I appeal to you, as an officer of the law, to return to your homes."

The mob without a word proceeded on its way. The attorney attempted again to talk to them.

"There is no time for speeches," said the leader, and the march continued.

A high board fence surrounding the jail was partly thrown down and the crowd entered the enclosure. The leader advanced and pounded on the jail doors. Only Guard McCarthy was on duty.

"McCarthy," said the leader, "open this door at once; we mean business. Hurry—it's near daylight."

"You might as well go home, boys," responded the officer, but the mob threw themselves against the trail jail door, and rushed in. Guard McCarthy was knocked senseless with a revolver butt. The four prisoners were quickly taken out, although West fought desperately.

"If you're going to hang me, do it quick," said Miller.

The mob led the four men to a barn, a few hundred feet away, and stood them in a straight line.

"Tell us what you devils know about Bobbitt's murder," shouted the leader.

West answered for the four, saying: "We don't know who you men are, and we don't care. For myself, I know I had a six-shooter, but that's all I have, but that's talk as long as my shooting iron is in Texas. You boys appear to have a job to do. Why don't you do it? We won't tell anything, and you—"

"The ropes," the leader broke in, and the four prisoners were carried to ones on the part of Washington players, and the president remained until the last man was out. The final play, a Washington player sent a crashing hit in the center that seemed to wear a jaw-ran tag. Speaker, the Boston center, ran forty feet toward the fence, made a leap into the air and the ball stuck fast in his gloved hand.

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DROPS DEAD AT HIS OLD HOME.
ST. MARY'S, Ont., April 19.—(Special)—Donald Skinner, of Salline, Mich., known in many parts of the province as a high school teacher, dropped dead here to-day while visiting his parents. He was about 50 years of age.

READY TO SPEND \$50,000 TO CLEAR MISS KINRADE

Statement Attributed to Detective in Virginia—Pinkerton Sleuth Claims to Have Sensation.

RICHMOND, Va., April 19.—(Special)—Detective Pender of the Pinkerton force, has been in Richmond several days searching into the record of Florida Kinrade, amateur actress and singer. It now develops that she has become identified through the south as "The Girl Behind the Mask," because she always appeared in public with a red cloth over her face.

Detective Pender acknowledges that he will be able to throw considerable light on the mystery of the murder through facts ascertained in this city, where Miss Kinrade lived for six weeks under the name of Margaret Dale and where, he says, she was on several occasions introduced to people as the wife of a man whose name the officials refuse to reveal until after the latest Thursday.

This man is said to have secured the girl a position to sing in several of the churches. He is also believed to be a man who Miss Kinrade says followed her from Virginia several days prior to the murder.

Pictures of Miss Kinrade were submitted by the detective to the people who met the alleged wife of the Virginia man, and by them identified as Clara Montrose Wright, the fiancée of Miss Kinrade, appeared in Richmond last night, and are working on the case, one of whom is authority for the statement that fifty thousand dollars will be spent in locating the man who did the shooting and clearing the skirts of Miss Kinrade of any complicity in the death of her sister.

'SILLY' SAYS MARTIN

Tariff Reform Scheme Ridiculous and Unworkable, He Declares on Husting.

LONDON, April 19.—(C.A.P.)—Joseph Martin speaking at Stratford said that the Canadian farmers would not accept a preference on corn oppressive to their mother country. Such money would burn their pockets. He favored reciprocity between the United States and Canada because it meant the trade between them. Both parties in Canada favored reciprocity. Respecting preference, speaking for Canada, he unhesitatingly said that so far as the Dominion was concerned, it was a silly, ridiculous idea and cannot be worked. Polling has been fixed for May.

W. M. Vale, accountant for the past six years at the Home Bank of Canada, Church-street branch, who has been appointed manager of the Home Bank at Belle River, Ont., was presented with a handsome Morris chair by the Church-street branch staff.

MAKE CLOTHES OF WOOD

DUKE OF ARGYLE THINKS THE TIME WILL COME.

LONDON, April 19.—(C.A.P.)—The Duke of Argyle, in opening a clothing exhibition, said recently he had met a man wearing a tie which was apparently silk, but had proved to be Canadian wood dunnop. The duke pronounced the firm when all clothes would be made of pulp.

Make a Candle That Will Burn For Five Years

It is a Memorial For the Late Italian Detective Petrosino—Biggest Ever Manufactured.

NEW YORK, April 19.—A candle constructed with mathematical certainty to burn continuously for five years is in the possession of Ajello & Bro., No. 243 First-avenue, awaiting the disposition of the widow of Joe Petrosino, the detective assassinated in Palermo. It was to have been placed in the Pro-Cathedral on Montserrat to keep alive the light of remembrance, but because of its dimensions and explosive character the determination was reached that it should be placed in the hands of the widow. The candle is made of wax and tallow, and is shaped like a candle, but is made of a special kind of wax which is treated with a composition to keep it from melting too fast with the wax fuel. The candle is nine feet high and has a circumference of three feet, six inches. It weighs 178 pounds. From within one foot of the tip to one foot of the base it is embossed with four lines of Latin, and is surrounded by a wreath of gold and silver. The principal material used is pure Austrian beeswax, kneaded and tempered, and mixed with a secret ingredient to retard combustion. The wick is of a special Egyptian cotton is treated with a composition to keep it from feeding too fast with the wax fuel. The candle is nine feet high and has a circumference of three feet, six inches. It weighs 178 pounds. From within one foot of the tip to one foot of the base it is embossed with four lines of Latin, and is surrounded by a wreath of gold and silver. The principal material used is pure Austrian beeswax, kneaded and tempered, and mixed with a secret ingredient to retard combustion. The wick is of a special Egyptian cotton is treated with a composition to keep it from feeding too fast with the wax fuel.

TAFT GOES TO BALL GAME SHERMAN WAS THERE TOO

The President and Vice-President Munch Peanuts and See Senators Lose a One-Sided Game.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—President Taft went out to the baseball game, saw Washington walloped 8 to 4 by Boston American Leaguers, was initiated into the mysteries of the "spit ball," shared a five-cent bag of peanuts with Vice-President Sherman, who sat in the box next to him, and said, sadly, that he hoped he was not a "hoodoo."

Also the game was one-sided all most from the start, there were some thrilling plays mixed with the bad ones on the part of Washington players, and the president remained until the last man was out. The final play, a Washington player sent a crashing hit in the center that seemed to wear a jaw-ran tag. Speaker, the Boston center, ran forty feet toward the fence, made a leap into the air and the ball stuck fast in his gloved hand.

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TORNADO AT TROY

Schools Used Fire Drill to Get Children Away.

TROY, N.Y., April 19.—A terrific storm struck Troy and vicinity this afternoon.

Roofs were blown off buildings, plate glass windows were wrecked, and in places the steep roofs of residences were blown into the roadway.

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