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NOT PLEASED WITH SPEECH FROM THRONE

Nationalists Expected More About Home Rule

BILL NOT BEFORE EASTER?

Rumor of This is Current—Suffragettes Disappointed and Miss Pankhurst Says There Will Be an Active Campaign Against Government

(Canadian Press)

London, Feb. 15—The king's speech proved disappointing both to supporters of home rule and woman suffrage. A Times telegram from Dublin this morning regarding the former, states that the scanty reference to home rule in the king's speech greatly disappointed the Irish Nationalists, who hoped for a more fervent allusion to that pre-eminent measure of the session. An official says the Nationalists are still more seriously perturbed by the persistent rumor that the bill will not be introduced until after Easter.

To Miss Christable Pankhurst, the speech has been more than a disappointment. She says that the Union of Suffragettes will make an impressive demonstration at an early date, and that every opportunity will be taken of embarrassing the government and proving to them that women must have the vote. Miss Pankhurst said:

"We had hoped for a distinct pronouncement in the king's speech. We always expect the best and are prepared for the worst. Now that they have given us the worst, we shall fight for a government measure until we win."

The Daily Mail understands that the suggestion for the visit of Secretary Haldane to Berlin was made in the first instance by the German Emperor, through Albert Ballin, director general of the Hamburg-American Steamship Company.

ALLANS START SERVICE FROM PLYMOUTH HERE

London, Feb. 15—The Allan line announces that it will inaugurate a steamship service between Plymouth and Canada, within six weeks time. The first steamer to sail is the Sicilian, on April 19. After May 17, there will be a fortnightly service to Quebec and Montreal.

SHEPPARD ENLISTS AGAIN

New York, Feb. 15—Melvin Sheppard, the runner who was recently dishonorably discharged from the New York National Guard for failure to attend drill, is again a member of the militia, having re-enlisted in a Brooklyn regiment.

The commanding officer of Sheppard's old regiment gave his consent to the new enlistment. As he is now reinstated in good military standing, Sheppard will be able to compete in the Olympic games.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries. R. F. Stupart, director of meterological service.

9 A. M. WEATHER REPORT.

	Max.	Min.	Dir.	Val.	
Toronto	32	22	N.W.	4	Cloudy
Montreal	24	12	S.W.	4	Fair
Quebec	16	6	W.	10	Clear
Charl'town	18	16	N.W.	6	Clear
Sydney	26	14	N.W.	4	Cloudy
Table Island	26	24	W.	18	Fair
Halifax	32	20	W.	4	Cloudy
Yarmouth	30	26	N.	10	Fair
St. John	28	18	N.W.	12	Clear
Boston	34	24	N.W.	8	Clear
New York	30	24	E.	8	Fair

Forenoon Bulletin from Toronto.

Forecasts—Moderate winds; fair and comparatively mild; Friday, winds shifting to easterly and gradually increasing.

Synopsis—An energetic disturbance situated on the Carolina coast is at present moving slowly northward; to the Grand Banks, moderate west to northwest winds; to American ports, moderate winds today; increasing easterly on Friday.

Saint John Observatory

The Time Ball on Customs building is hoisted half its elevation at 12.45, full elevation at 12.50, and drops at 1 p.m. Standard time of the 60th Meridian, equivalent to 5 hours Greenwich mean time.

Local Weather Report at Noon.

15th day February, 1912.

Highest temperature during last 24 hrs, 23
Lowest temperature during last 24 hrs, 18
Temperature at noon 23
Humidity at noon 54
Barometer readings at noon (sea level and 32 degrees Fah.), 30.26 inches.
Wind at noon Direction, N.; velocity, 8 miles per hour. Clear.
Same date last year: Highest temperature, 14; lowest, 6 below. Clear.

D. L. HUTCHINSON, Director

KING REX WILL RULE QUEBEC

Mardi Gras Celebration Will be Officially Begun Tomorrow—Days of Jollity

(Canadian Press)

Quebec, Feb. 15—When georgeously clad heralds with blaring trumpets glittering in bright winter sunshine paraded the streets this morning, announcing in ancient phrase reminiscent of French court days, the approach of King Rex, the unofficial opening of the big mardi gras week was under way.

Tomorrow will mark the real opening when King Rex, in his royal yacht will be greeted with a salute of twenty-one guns from the terrace. The "king" will then proceed through the main streets to the city hall, where Mayor Drouin will welcome him and extend the freedom of the city to the mardi gras celebrants. From then there will be a round of festivities including balls, horse races, snow shoe races, curling, sliding, and all kinds of winter sport, the whole winding up with the grand mardi gras procession on Tuesday night.

This celebration will be one of the finest displays which has been held in Quebec for many years. More than 150 allegorical and other cars are already entered.

TEMPERANCE PARTY TO BATTLE AT THE POLLS IN ONTARIO

Unsatisfactory Reception By Whitney Government Followed By This Decision

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 15—Whether there will be a prohibition party organized in Ontario or not is the live question that will occupy the attention of the National Temperance Congress today. An unsatisfactory reception of an alliance deputation had at the parliament buildings yesterday was reported to the committee on political action last night, and a vigorous discussion followed.

The meeting was by no means a unit on the proposal to form a third political party, but by dint of much manoeuvering, a report was finally adopted, which will be presented today.

After reaffirming the demand of the alliance for legislation embodying its views, recommendation is made that the executive of the alliance take immediate steps to organize the voters in every polling subdivision and municipality throughout the province, and to secure candidates for every election, who will pledge themselves to support the alliance policy.

ATTACK LEADER OF TAMMANY HALL

Murphy is Assailed at Meeting of Democratic League General Committee

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 15—After bitterly assailing Charles F. Murphy, leader of Tammany Hall, who was characterized as "The Arbiter of our Destinies," and adopting resolutions seeking to curtail his influence in both the state and national conventions this year, the annual meeting of the general committee of the Democratic League of New York State adjourned late yesterday afternoon to meet for a conference on the day preceding the state convention for the election of national delegates.

CONSPIRACY AGAINST VALET IS SUSPECTED

New York, Feb. 15—Indictments for conspiracy are confidently expected by District-Attorney Whitman, who with the grand jury made further investigation today to determine whether or not improper influences were used to send Folke F. Brandt away for a long prison term on a charge of first degree burglary.

The prosecutor says he will continue the investigation even though the former valet of Mortimer L. Schiff, the banker, is pardoned by Governor Dix. Following the testimony of former Detective Lieutenant Wooldridge, before the grand jury, that he had been ordered to get up a report on Brandt's character, that certain matters concerning the valet were placed in his hands, that he made no practical investigation and he signed a report as a matter of office routine, the public prosecutor has heard that an attorney for Mr. Schiff, a police inspector and an unknown man held a conference three days before Brandt was sentenced.

LAWRENCE STRIKE CASE

Lawrence, Mass., Feb. 15—The prosecution closed its case yesterday afternoon in the preliminary hearing of Joseph J. Ettor and Arturo Giovannitti, leaders of the textile strike, who are charged with being accessories before the fact to murder in the shooting of Anna Lopizzo on January 29. Judge Mahoney said that so far as the evidence was concerned it had not connected Giovannitti with the alleged crime up to January 29.

SUN YAT SEN GIVES UP POST

New President of Chinese Republic is Yuan Shi Kai

TRIBUTE PAID FORMER

Some Opposition to Ex-Premier as Successor — Revolutionary Troops Ignore Protest of Japan —Nanking as Capital

(Canadian Press)

Nanking, Feb. 15—Dr. Sun Yat Sen's resignation of the presidency of the Chinese republic has been accepted by the national assembly here, on condition that both he and the present cabinet hold office until the new president and cabinet take over the duties. The elections of ministers and of the president are to take place this afternoon. There was a touching scene in the assembly when Dr. Sun Yat Sen handed in his resignation.

The letter in which he offers to lay down the office of chief executive says:

"Yuan Shi Kai has declared that he will adhere unconditionally to the national cause. He would surely prove a loyal servant of the state. Besides this Yuan Shi Kai is a man of constructive ability upon whom our united nation looms with the hope that he will bring about the consolidation of its interests. The happiness of our country depends upon your choice, farewell."

The national assembly afterwards passed a resolution paying a great tribute to Dr. Sun Yat Sen. It was worded as follows:—

"Such an example of purity of purpose and self-sacrifice is unparalleled in history. It was solely due to his magnanimity and modesty that Northern China was won over."

Yuan Shi Kai's refusal to come to Nanking has caused some reaction here. A section of the members of the senate declares that it will not elect Yuan Shi Kai president of the republic. This opposition to the former imperial premier has been strengthened by a report here that Yuan Shi Kai is engaged in seeking recognition from the foreign legations in Peking, and that he has received some encouragement.

London, Feb. 15—The Times' Peking correspondent says that the foreign legations yesterday received a despatch from the Nanking government, asking them to recognize the southern republic. The request adds the correspondent, "will be ignored but this action by Sun Yat Sen inspires a misgiving."

Tokio, Feb. 15—The Chinese revolutionaries have ignored the protest made by Japan against any violation of neutrality in Kwang Tung peninsula. A regiment of infantry has been sent from Port Arthur to enforce the order.

Later.

Nanking, Feb. 15—The national association this afternoon unanimously elected Yuan Shi Kai president of the republic and then decided that the provisional capital shall be Nanking.

ST. JOHN STUDENT IS MINISTER OF RAILWAYS

Mount Allison Mock Parliament Will Have Public Opening on Saturday Night

Sackville, N. B., Feb. 15—The public opening of the Mount Allison mock parliament to be held in the Charles Fawcett Memorial Hall next Saturday night promises to be an event of more than ordinary interest. The fight to see which party was to hold the reins of power is keen and some witty and eloquent speeches will no doubt be heard next Saturday night.

Lieutenant Governor Graham has been pleased to call upon Hon. Percy A. Fitzpatrick to form a government and Mr. Fitzpatrick has named the following to form his cabinet:—Premier, Hon. Percy A. Fitzpatrick, Port Elgin; minister of finance, Hon. W. L. Murray, Halifax; trade and commerce, Hon. G. A. Colpitts, Colpitts, Albert Co; public works, Hon. G. W. Beck, Truro; railways and canals, Hon. R. S. Machum, St. John; marine and fisheries, Hon. H. W. Outerbridge, Kentville; militia and defence, Hon. F. H. Holmes, Spencerville, Ontario; justice, Hon. F. J. Armitage, Rotherham, England; Agriculture, Hon. W. L. Toombs; Mt. Stewart, P. E. I.; labor, Hon. J. A. McAllister, Milltown, N. B.; inland revenue, Hon. R. Yuill, Truro; customs, Hon. L. A. Buckley, Halifax; interior, Hon. H. Tompkinson, Sydney, C. B.; secretary of state, Hon. C. K. Fuller, Yarmouth; solicitor general, Hon. W. W. Pickup, Granville Ferry; postmaster general, Hon. J. Peters, Moncton; minister without portfolio, Hon. B. W. Turner, Charlottetown.

The speaker of the senate is expected to be F. Fraser of St. Stephen, while R. B. Woodman of Grand Pre will probably hold the position of speaker of the House of Commons. The address in reply to the speech from the throne will be moved by H. Cartlidge and seconded by C. Sinden.

MASONIC FRATERNITY IN QUEBEC PROVINCE IS NOW 7021 STRONG

Montreal, Feb. 15—Rev. Frank Charters of Montreal was last night re-elected grand master of the grand lodge of Quebec, A. F. & A. M.

In his review of the year, the grand master said that the total membership of the order in Quebec province was now 7021 as compared with 6,633 in 1910, an increase of 388.

MOTHER OF HARRY THAW IS SERIOUSLY ILL

Mrs. William Thaw

Mrs. William Thaw, mother of Harry Thaw, who has been living in a cottage at Matteawan, so as to be near her son, is seriously ill at her home in Beechwood Boulevard, Pittsburg. Mrs. Thaw left Matteawan ten days ago for Pittsburg, but it was supposed that she was merely making a regular visit home to attend to her personal business. It is now known that in making trip during the recent severe weather to and from the asylum where Harry Thaw is a prisoner Mrs. Thaw contracted a severe cold.

A CONTEST IN FREDERICTON FOR MAYORALTY

Mr. Downie, in Capital, Today is Asked About New Station —Supreme Court

Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 15—(Special)—Ex-Alderman W. J. Osborne, principal of Fredericton Business College, announces his candidature for the mayoralty. Alderman Hooper is already in the field, so that the city is in for a mayoralty contest for the first time in six years. It is likely that there will be aldermanic contests in most of the wards, although so far candidates are scarce.

The supreme court this morning finished hearing the case of Sloat et al and Markey. The court considers.

In the case of John Ferguson, plaintiff, appellant, and the Swedish Lumber Co., Ltd., defendant, respondent; M. G. Teed, K.C., for the defendant, supported an appeal from the verdict for the plaintiff and presented affidavits; Dr. L. A. Curry, K. C., contra. The hearing was unfinished at noon.

In the court yesterday, in the case of Gunns Limited vs. Dugay, A. T. Leblanc for defendant, supported the appeal from an order of Justice Barry; W. A. Trueman contra. The appeal was dismissed with costs.

The hearing in the case of Mann vs. St. Croix Paper Company was set for Wednesday, Feb. 21.

Superintendent Downie, of the C. P. R., is here today on a visit of inspection. Asked in regard to the prospects of a new station here in the near future, he said that nothing would be decided until after the Montreal officials had visited here in the spring. He thought it possible, when a change was decided upon, that a union station might be built.

Announcement of the purchase of Scully's Grove created much interest and is looked upon as the first move in a real estate boom, the like of which has not been known here in fifty years. The Springhill Fruit land Co., of which F. L. Clements, of St. John, is president, purchased the Scully Grove property and will divide it into building lots for sale.

ADVANCE IN FIGHT AGAINST DEADLY FEVER IN INDIA

London, Feb. 15—The Times announces that Captain W. S. Patton, assistant director of the King Institute for Preventive Medicine in Madras, has discovered complete developments of the parasite of kalaazar or black fever in Indian European bedbugs.

The disease, which is known in India as dum-dum fever, is a peculiarly deadly form of chronic malaria, causing the death of perhaps 99 out of every 100 cases. The disease is very deadly in Southern Europe and the Soudan, and tropical Asia.

THE EMPRESS.

The steamer Empress of Ireland is due at Halifax this evening and will arrive in St. John tomorrow. It is probable that she will not arrive in time to dock until the night tide.

TRAINMEN BURNED TO DEATH

Three Lose Lives When Wreck on Grand Trunk Catches Fire —People Look on Helpless

Yarmouth, Me., Feb. 15—Three trainmen were burned to death in a freight wreck on the Grand Trunk near the North Yarmouth station this morning.

Two freight trains collided with terrific impact, the wreckage igniting. Three men in one of the locomotives were buried beneath the mass and were scalded to death.

Those who lost their lives were: Ray Jordan of Yarmouth, fireman; Harry Corlish of Island Pond, Vt., and Barnes of Island Pond; Corliss was alive when villagers reached the wreck. The wreckage was burning fiercely and it was seen that it was absolutely impossible to release him. Corliss asked that something be given to ease his sufferings and chloroform was administered by a doctor.

Soon after, the villagers were driven back by the heat, and the three men were incinerated in view of the helpless spectators. The financial loss to the railroad is estimated at $50,000.

BOYS MURDER SCHOOL MASTER

Eight Lads Arrested in Ireland on The Charge

New York, Feb. 15—A cable from Dublin says: Eight school boys were arrested today, charged with the murder of John Kelley, assistant master of an industrial school, in County Meath. The boys, it is alleged, waylaid Kelley, while he was making his rounds on Monday night, and beat him to death with sticks.

MANY GIRLS LURED FROM CANADA TO LIFE OF SHAME

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 15—That her investigation at Niagara Falls led her to believe that fully 200 girls had been lured from Toronto to the south of the border during last summer by white slave traffickers, was the declaration made by Miss Ratte of the Presbyterian department of social service at a public meeting held last evening by the Toronto vigilance committee.

Low wages and cheap picture theatres were two of the causes assigned by Miss Ratte for the downfall of the girls.

HAD JOLLY TIME.

The members of the "Hop-Off Club" last evening enjoyed a delightful sleigh drive to Torryburn, where they had dinner. About thirty were in the party. There was a programme of speeches, songs and music. George Tower presided and those taking part in the programme were William Garnett, Burtt Lloyd, Albert Doherty, Hugh McCormick and Cornelius Garnett. The return to the city was made a little after midnight.

New Serial Story to Start In The Times on Saturday

THE YELLOW LETTER

William Johnston's Great Mystery Tale The Superlative Thing in Exciting Fiction

Opening Chapters in Saturday's Times

C.N.R AND CUNARD LINE IN COMBINE

BONAR LAW, M.P., MAKES BLUNDER

Opposition Leader Caught By Asquith on The Insurance Act

(Canadian Press)

New York, Feb. 15—A London cable to the New York Times says:

"Premier Asquith's statement in the House of Commons yesterday, regarding Lord Haldane's visit to Germany was received with universal cheering in the house, though Bonar Law later sought to draw a red herring across the track by criticising it as a matter of diplomacy. The opposing leader, at a still later stage of the proceedings, delivered himself into the hands of the enemy by replying in the affirmative to the premier's question, 'Is the right honorable gentleman going to repeal the insurance act, when he comes into power?'

"In principle the insurance act has always been ostensibly accepted by the Unionists, and the ministerialists became widely exultant over this admission of hostility, while Mr. Asquith exclaimed:

"'Now we know that the first plank of the platform of the tory party under its new leader is the repeal of the insurance act; we are getting on.'"

Bonar Law, realizing that he had overstepped the mark, when he remarked that if he were returned to power he would repeal the insurance act, has hastened to correct himself by means of a letter sent to the press, in which he asserts that his intentions were misunderstood. He rather lamely explains that what he meant to convey was that the Unionists, if they come into power would amend the act.

OPENING IN VAULTS NOT BIG ENOUGH TO ADMIT THE COFFINS

Distressing Scene at Double Funeral of Count and Countess in Russia

Moscow, Russia, Feb. 15—An extraordinary scene was witnessed today during the interment of Count and Countess Milyutin. The count held the rank of field marshal and was chief aide-de-camp of the emperor. He was minister of war in the reign of Emperor Alexander II. and was the leading champion in the cause of the liberation of the serfs.

The coffins were lowered into the vaults with imposing military honors but then an awkward situation arose. Both coffins were larger than the aperture in the tombs. Workmen attempted to enlarge the openings but the cement would not yield. The family vault is composed of five compartments separated by thick cement walls and it was necessary to blast one of these.

The bodies were temporarily deposited in the chapel and when the tomb had been enlarged the burial service was repeated but without a repetition of the military honors.

Count Milyutin, who was ninety-six years old, and his wife, who was eighty-nine, died on the same day. The countess expired first.

ACTOR SHOT IN QUARREL

Max Abbot Was Burlesque Company Member — George Stone Arrested

Cincinnati, O., Feb. 15—Max Abbott, of New York, a member of a burlesque company playing here was shot last night by George Stone, after a quarrel in a theatre and died today. Stone is a brother of Fred Stone of Montgomery & Stone. Stone is under arrest.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY

Bank Messengers Held up in New York and $25,000 Stolen

New York, Feb. 15—Two messengers of the East River Bank were held up and robbed of $25,000 at the corner of Church and Rector streets in the heart of the financial district this morning.

OTTAWA TO NEGOTIATE DIRECT WITH WEST INDIES ON TARIFF

London, Feb. 15—The Birmingham Daily Post's London correspondent understands officially, that the Canadian government has taken control of the negotiations with the West Indies for closer fiscal relations.

The imperial government thinks negotiations will be facilitated if conducted direct between the respective parties.

U. S. CONSUL DROWNED

Teguoigalpa, Honduras, Feb. 15—George F. Davis, United States consul at Ceiba, was drowned last night while bathing. He was making an attempt to swim to a bar in the month of the river, but was overcome. The body was recovered.

Unite Forces in Competition With C. P. R.

AFTER CANADIAN TRAFFIC

Agreement Reported in New York Today Will Give MacKenzie & Mann Eleven Steamers Against Ten in Service of the C. P. R.

(Canadian Press)

New York, Feb. 15—The New York American this morning, publishes the following.

"An agreement reached between the Cunard Steamship Company and the Canadian Northern Railway has created much interest in steamship circles here, while it has set at rest many speculations as to the future policy of one of the most progressive railroads in the dominion. With the completion of its coast to coast system, the Canadian Northern will be in a position to wrest a large portion of the transcontinental traffic from its rival, the Canadian Pacific. The latter company, with four steamers and its working agreement with the International Mercantile Marine, which has six steamers on the Montreal run, had an advantage over the Northern that only the acquisition of a fleet could equalize.

"Both Sir Wm. Mackenzie and D. B. Hanna, president and third vice-president of the Northern have been busy in Canada and London for the last two months. They finally reached an agreement whereby the Cunard line, with its three steamers now in the Montreal service, and two larger ones building, would combine with the Royal Line and the Uranium Steamship Company, the latter concerns being controlled by the Canadian Northern.

"The new arrangement means that eleven steamers will feed the Northern as against the ten vessels that will form the connecting link between Liverpool, Antwerp and Montreal for the Canadian Pacific."

The Montreal Gazette says:—

"The Cunard line have contracted with Scott's Shipbuilding & Engineering Company, of Greenock, to build two new liners for the Cunard Company's Canadian trade. The new vessels will be each 538 feet long, 63 feet 9 inches beam, 46 feet depth, to shelter deck, with a gross tonnage of about 3,000 tons. There will be superior accommodation for more than 500 second and 1,500 third class passengers. The latter will be provided with two and four berth rooms and the equipment will include all the most modern improvements. The machinery will consist of two sets of quadruple expansion engines, balanced on the Yarrow, Schlick and Tweedy system, having cylinders of 26-inch, 37-inch, 53-inch, and 76-inch diameter, by 54-inch stroke, with double-ended boilers, giving the vessels a high rate of service. They will both be fitted with twin screws."

FEAR ENGLISH COAL STRIKE INEVITABLE

Glasgow, Feb. 15—A reflex of the threatened national coal strike which will go into effect on Feb. 29, unless, in the meantime, the mine owners accept the principle of a minimum wage for all men and boys employed under ground, is seen in the issue of news given by the blast furnace owners throughout Scotland to their workmen today. The contracts of the workmen are thus terminated on Feb. 29.

The furnace owners are of the opinion that a national coal strike is inevitable. It will affect about 800,000 men.

ASIATIC EXCLUSION POLICY OF McBRIDE

British Columbia Premier Makes Announcement—Another Transcontinental?

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 15—Premier McBride advocated a policy of Asiatic exclusion for British Columbia in a speech in the provincial parliament yesterday. He said a measure restricting immigration from the orient should be adopted without delay.

The British Columbia government proposes to send engineers to the country between Stewart and Ground Hog Mountain to obtain data as to the conditions for the construction of a railroad from Stewart to tap the Ground Hog Mountain coal fields; this line, eventually, to form a link in another transcontinental system.

BODIES OF 63 STORM VICTIMS ARE RECOVERED

Omsk, Asiatic Russia, Feb. 15—The bodies of sixty-three persons who perished in a storm in the Ishim district of western Siberia have been found.