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## SIR WILFRID REPUDIATES PUGSLEY AND CARVELL

### Opposition Leader is Much Broader than His Followers

### WARMLY APPROVES MR. HAZEN'S PLANS

### Much Valuable Time Spent Yesterday by Liberals Threshing Old Straw in Case of "Captain" Landry of Decoussé.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, March 27.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier has repudiated Mr. Pugsley and Mr. Carvell in their policy of unreservedly opposing every measure and every act of the Borden ministry, no matter how beneficial those measures or acts may be to the people of Canada generally.

When the appointment of the commission to investigate conditions in the St. Lawrence ship channel was under consideration in the House today, Mr. Pugsley and Mr. Carvell, without reason, other than the verbal position of the opposition leader, placed the members in an uncomfortable position by warmly endorsing the plan as presented to the House by Hon. Mr. Borden.

Hon. Mr. Borden introduced his bill concerning the Canadian side of the trade treaty between Britain and Japan upon the condition that nothing in the compact should affect any proposition of the immigration act. The Premier agreed to the second reading of the bill, which will be moved shortly, because of Canada's attitude must be given at Tokyo on or before May 15.

Hon. William Pugsley announced that he was one of the members who wished to discuss the bill to ratify the trade agreement with the West Indian colonies, and that he proposed to suggest an amendment providing that when the West Indian Islands gave Canadian goods a tariff preference Canada would admit free of duty certain goods specified in the schedules of the bill. He professed indignation at the use of the word "obstruction" by Hon. W. T. White on Wednesday.

The Finance Minister replied that he had said obstruction had taken place upon the Naval Bill, had been informed that the expert was up in the House and had withdrawn it. "I think, as a matter of fact," he continued, "that obstruction did take place."

There were shouts of "order" and Mr. Pugsley rose to complain. Hon. Mr. White believed that if he stated, as a matter of fact, and in no offensive sense, that obstruction had taken place, he was not out of order. However, in order not to wound the delicate susceptibilities of the member for St. John, he was willing to withdraw. (Laughter.)

### May Delay West Indian Bill.

The minister said he had reached the conclusion that the opposition did not intend to facilitate the passage of the West Indian Bill, and Mr. MacLean, Halifax, for the opposition, expressed the belief that the debate on the third reading would not be long. This did not suit Mr. Carvell, Carleton Place, who declared that he had intended to be bound by any arrangement made by the member for Halifax with the Finance Minister. He had an amendment and he intended to introduce it.

### Mr. Carvell Talking Again.

A number of enquiries were addressed to ministers, and then, on the motion to go into supply, Mr. Carvell, Carleton, N. B., drew attention to a despatch alleging that Prof. Eugene Haskell, of Cornell University, W. J. Stewart and V. W. Forness, had been appointed a commission to investigate the levels of the water of the St. Lawrence river.

Mr. Carvell said he had received some astounding figures relating to the fall of the water in the St. Lawrence ship channel as a result either of dredging or natural causes. He said there should be a comprehensive report by experts, and not an investigation by a holiday trip. A search should be made, around the world if necessary, to secure competent engineers.

Mr. Pugsley followed and alleged that the scope of the work to be undertaken was too narrow, referring to the appointment of the commission as a holiday trip. On that commission was a McGill professor, in Mr. Pugsley's opinion, much better qualified than Professor Haskell. Sir Wilfrid Laurier who arrived in the House at this juncture, joined in

## KING ALFONSO SERIOUSLY HURT

### Madrid, Spain, March 28.—King Alfonso of Spain was rather seriously hurt while playing golf today, according to reports published in several local newspapers.



The nature of the king's injuries has not been made public and court officials decline to discuss the matter.

The debate and, to the annihilation of Mr. Pugsley and Mr. Carvell, commenced the session of the Government. The Leader of the Opposition, in contradiction of Mr. Pugsley's views, commended the appointment of Professor Haskell whose world-wide experience, he declared, would be of value.

Sir Wilfrid expressed the hope that the survey would be extended to include the waters above and below the dam. Mr. Pugsley, Liberal representative of Montreal, endorsed Mr. Hazen's action in appointing the commission. Mr. Lapointe went further and stated that he had no objection to the personnel of the commission so long as they were qualified for the work.

### Mr. Hazen Replies.

Mr. Hazen, the Minister of Marine, in reply, courteously ignored the humiliation of Mr. Pugsley and Mr. Carvell. He said that the commission would study the effect of deepening the channel and would consider whether or not there was need for compensating works on the river.

Prof. Haskell, the head of the engineering school of Cornell, was an expert on the questions and had experience on the Hudson river, the Mississippi and other streams. He had the assurance that no English or Canadian engineer had the same unique experience. The matter was urgent and the commission required instructions to avoid unnecessary delay.

### Threshing Old Straw.

Mr. Kyle (Richmond, N. S.) once again raised the question of the appointment of Capt. Andrew Landry, of Decoussé, N. S., and announced his intention to move an amendment to the motion to go into supply. He said that Landry was recommended for appointment as a fishery inspector at Inlet Madam, in the room of Douglas Boyle, dismissed for offensive partisanship. A letter had been received from Rev. Wilfrid Pugsley that Landry was charged with forgery. This statement had been met by a letter from J. A. Millie, Conservative candidate in Richmond, N. S., stating that the charge was unfounded.

Mr. Kyle said that Landry was appointed wharfinger on Dec. 23rd, 1911. On May 25, 1912, Landry received a contract for placing buoys on June 5, 1912. Mr. Kyle said that Landry was released from jail on ticket-of-leave on August 3rd, on the plea that he had to undergo an operation, but went to Decoussé and assumed office as wharfinger.

Landry had held the post until he had secured another position. Mr. Kyle moved a resolution declaring that for appointing Landry and permitting his release from jail, the government was deserving of severe censure.

### The Facts of the Case.

The answer to all this was a plain statement of fact by the minister of marine and fisheries. Mr. Hazen said that Landry was recommended by a reputable man, Mr. Gillies, a former member of the House. The letter from Father Boucher did not represent by Mr. Kyle, reach the department on the 18th, but on the 22nd.

Landry with nothing before the government against him, had been appointed wharfinger an office worth from \$9 to \$22 per annum. The Boucher letter was opened on the 22nd, and the appointment of Landry as fishery inspector did not go through.

On June 19, 1912, the government first heard of Landry's sentence. Mr. Hazen was leaving for England and knew nothing of the letter written by

## CHANGES IN HIGH COURT OF CANADA

### Hon. Mr. Doherty Gives Notice of Motion to Change date of Sittings.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, March 27.—The sittings of the Supreme Court of Canada and its procedure will be slightly varied as the result of an amendment to the Supreme Court Act which Hon. Mr. Doherty gave notice tonight. The February sitting will begin on the first instead of the third Tuesday as at present and the October sitting on the second instead of the first Tuesday. Power is given to the court or the government to alter those dates. The amendment provides that in admiralty appeals expert assistance may be called in.

## TORONTO MAN TRIMMED FOR \$1000 IN N. Y.

New York, March 27.—William A. Martin, a Toronto contractor, who is at the Hotel Bristol, fell a victim a week ago to that time worn swindle of beating the races and the check his winnings held up until the check had drawn on the home bank could be "certified." Yesterday he appeared in the west side court against a man whose name he had caused as the "common" in the scheme.

The prisoner, who said he is Harry Meyers, a salesman, 24 years old, of 28 West 111th street, charging today, was sentenced to 30 days in jail. Magistrate Levy held him in \$5,000 bail.

According to Martin he met Meyers at the Bristol on March 19. They spent most of the day together seeing the city. The following day he again met his new acquaintance. While they were talking a third man was introduced and Meyers gave him a dollar to place on a horse racing at a southern racetrack. The stranger returned shortly saying Meyers had won and handed him \$5. Then Meyers gave the stranger \$10 to bet on another race, later confiding to Martin that he had "inside information."

The following day he informed Martin that he had a "real live one" and was going "to make a killing." He invited Martin up to see the fun.

Martin accompanied him to a house on Forty-seventh street just off Broadway, where he was induced to bet. He drew a check for \$1,000 on his home bank. The horse Berkeley won. Martin was informed later, and he was a \$2,000 winner. But—

When Martin went to collect his winnings he was told that he would have to wait until the home bank certificate was issued. He waited several days. His winnings and without his check for \$1,000, Martin went back to his hotel. He waited for several days. He went to the police. Yesterday Lieut. Rein and Detective Upster arrested Meyers on Martin's description and Martin identified him at his hotel and betting acquaintance.

## PALLBEARERS CHOSEN FOR FUNERAL OF LORD WOLSLEY ON MONDAY

London, Eng., March 27.—The following have been invited to act as pallbearers at the funeral of Lord Wolsley to St. Paul's on Monday: The Duke of Connaught, Lord Rotherham, Lord Evelyn Wood, Lord Grenfell, Sir Chas. Brownlow, Lord Kitchener, Lord Methuen and Lord Nicholson. Over six thousand troops will form an escort.

### Clergymen Urge Clemency.

Mr. Carvell (Carleton, N. B.) said that the name "Captain" Landry should have attracted the attention of the government.

Hon. W. T. White, who was acting minister of justice when the order for Landry's release was made, defended the action of the department. The recommendation had come before him on July 12 from the departmental officer and no representations had been made by anybody else directly or indirectly. There were letters from clergy men in the county urging that clemency be shown in view of the despondent circumstances of Landry's sick wife and small children. There was also a report from the judge and the evidence of the prisoner's serious illness.

On a similar set of facts, any minister of justice would have been justified in acting.

### Opposition Beaten Again.

The division on the Landry matter took place at 1.30 o'clock, when the amendment was rejected by 55 to 45.

## GENERAL ARIAS CALLS FOR REVOLT

Puerto Plata, March 27.—General Desiderio Arias, one of the leaders in the last revolution, has forced out of office Governor Castro, of Pedro Maria, and replaced him by Zenon

## AWFUL TALES OF DEATH FROM FLOODED DAYTON

## ST. JOHN PROFFERS AID TO FLOOD SWEPT REGION

### Mayor Frink wired the following message to Hon. James M. Cox, Governor of the State of Ohio, last evening:

"The city of St. John desires to express sympathy with all your citizens in their distress, for we know calamity, and stand ready to lend a hand. Awaiting your request for that which is most needed."

JAMES H. FRINK, Mayor.

## BIG BLOCK IN SPRINGHILL WIPED OUT BY LARGE FIRE

### Section of Main Street, Owned by J. W. Fraser, Completely Destroyed—Firemen Unable to Combat Flames—Dominion Coal Co. Loans Hose and Apparatus.

Springhill, March 27.—This town was visited by fire which broke out at 12.30 this afternoon, completely destroying the large block and its contents owned by J. W. Fraser, on the main street. The building was occupied by the Royal Bank of Canada and a general department store, and who had a full line of spring and summer goods on hand.

The fire when discovered had made such headway that little or nothing could be done to check its ravages on the building attached, and the firemen turned their attention to saving the high buildings situated east and west of the burning structure. The fire department of the Dominion Coal Co. loaned 2,000 feet of hose and other fire fighting apparatus to the town department.

The building was a total loss, and with the exception of some of the furnishings of the Royal Bank, nothing was saved. Mr. Terris carried insurance to the extent of \$20,000 on his stock, which is distributed among the following companies: Royal Insurance Co., \$3,000; Queen, \$1,000; Union, \$1,000; Scottish Union, \$2,000; the National Insurance Co., of Hartford, \$3,000, with the remainder distributed among non-tariff companies. His stock loss is valued at \$35,000. Mr. Fraser had insurance amounting to \$5,000 on the building. The Royal Bank is at present doing business in a store on the main street.

## MUCH DAMAGE ALREADY DONE BY HIGH WATER

Believes that Mrs. Alexander Stevenson, of Fredericton Drank Carbolic Acid, in Fit of Despondency.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, March 27.—Dr. W. J. Fredericton, who was called to Marysville yesterday in the case of Mrs. Alexander Stevenson, who drank carbolic acid, decided as coroner, that an inquest was unnecessary.

In announcing that an inquest would not be held, Dr. Weaver said there was no doubt that the dose was self-administered, and inasmuch as the man had been subject to fits of despondency, he says that he was convinced, after inquiring into the details, that it was a case of suicide.

"Sandy" Stevenson, the bereaved husband, is well known in sporting circles all over the province, having been manager of the Marysville Crescents hockey team for several years.

Mrs. Stevenson was employed at the printing trade before she was married about five or six years ago. Mrs. Robert Clark, of St. John, is a sister of the deceased.

### LEAVES \$7,400,000 TO POOR SHEPHERD.

Montpellier, March 27.—An inheritance of \$7,400,000 has fallen to a shepherd of this region named Marius Bonnaud. It comes from an Englishman whose name is not made public.

Marius Bonnaud, who left for London yesterday to take possession of his unexpected wealth, is a natural son of his benefactor and his identity has been fully established by the instructions left by the testator.

Bonnaud is described as a person of no education, but of great intelligence.

## Death List Grows Longer as the Water Falls

## RESCUE WORK NOW RAPIDLY GOING ON

### Latest Reports Tell of People Trapped on House Tops, Begging for Bread—Villages Swept Away and Railways Tied Up.

Dayton, Ohio, March 27.—All but a few of those hundreds of persons who have been marooned in the downtown section of flooded Dayton since Tuesday morning, are safe. This was the news brought out late today by an Associated Press staff man, the first to succeed in the perilous task of penetrating as far north as the big Miami River, which flows through the centre of the town.

Chief of Police J. N. Allaback, himself marooned, who has been directing the rescue work, gave the first information as to the situation in what has heretofore been the water-bound district.

Except for possible loss of life on the north side of the river, there will be no deaths in Dayton, according to Allaback's estimate, after he had been given information as to the situation on the south side.

### Prisoners Revolt.

The worst condition found near the centre of the flood was in the workhouse where sixty prisoners have not had a drop of water nor a bite of food since Tuesday. The men revolted Tuesday night and demanded their liberty and a chance to fight for their lives. Since then the workhouse has been a mad house, according to Superintendent Johnson. The prisoners repeatedly fought with Johnson and threatened to kill both him and his family.

Johnson asked that a detachment of the National Guard be assigned to help him handle the men. He declared that the men would have to be shot if they escaped from their cells.

### Fear for Mayor.

No word has been heard from Mayor Phillips. The Chief of Police had been unable to get near the Phillips' house, and did not know whether the Mayor would be found dead or alive. Fourth street was found to be from three to six feet deep. Beyond Fourth street the water has receded to an extent that it is possible in many places to proceed on foot.

From Fourth street to the Big Miami river relief work was then up by a committee headed by Chief Allaback. All grocery stores were commandeered and, although in most cases the goods were covered with water, yet sufficient supplies were found to prevent great suffering among those in the interior dry strip.

While there may be many deaths in individual homes, which have been without food or drink, there was no place but the workhouse where any considerable number of people were held without food. Some of the men, but no cases approaching actual starvation were found.

Knowledge that the death list is likely to prove so heavy in the downtown section tonight gave rise to a hope that even in North Dayton about which nearly all hope had been abandoned, there might be comparatively few deaths.

The progress of the first canoe into the waterbound district was greeted by appeals for bread and water. In nearly every house left standing people were asked whether there had been any deaths and with only a few exceptions all replied that there had not. Although heartened by news from the flood zone's interior, Governor Cox's secretary, Mr. Burba, was scarcely able to credit the assertion.

### Hundreds Homeless.

Wabash, Ind., March 27.—Seven hundred and fifty persons are homeless as the result of the high flood in the Wabash river. The city is without schools or heating facilities. The gas works are closed and the mayor this afternoon issued a proclamation ordering that all saloons and business houses be closed at six o'clock, and instructed the police to keep people off the streets. This was done on account of the fear of fire.

Cincinnati, March 27.—The telephone wire chief at Chillicothe tonight told the Canadian Press here that at least 100 bodies had been taken from the debris in the flooded district there up to a late hour today.

He said he was unable to place an accurate estimate on the number of dead but had been told that the number would reach 200.

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