

LONG SESSION SEEMS LIKELY

Members Now Expect to be in Ottawa for Large Part of Summer

OBNOXIOUS FRANCHISE BILL

Minister Pugsley Retreats From Dredging Contract Position

Ottawa, April 21.—Members of Parliament who have returned for the third and last stage of the present session, seem to be of the opinion that the earliest they can get away from Ottawa will be the end of June, with the possibility of the session running into July or later. The general impression is that the proposed amendment to the franchise act providing for the revision of electoral lists in British Columbia, Manitoba and portions of Quebec and New Ontario, is the piece of legislation most likely to prolong the session. The Conservative members declare that the house will adjourn in September if this bill is pushed, while the Liberal members are equally determined that it shall become law, even if the session is prolonged.

A loud echo of the stirring debates of the session of 1905, when the educational clauses of the Autonomy bill fanned the fires of race and religion, was heard in the House today. Armed with the subject of the recent secondary school legislation by the Saskatchewan government, which might jeopardize the rights of the Roman Catholic minority, which showed that the members of creed and nationality are capable of bursting into a glow when the torch is applied. Sir Wilfrid Laurier maintained that there has been no complaint from the minority of Saskatchewan, and the Minister of Justice said the legislation was quite legal.

Mr. Pugsley today retired from the stand he took recently in regard to dredging contracts. The Minister had an order-in-council passed some days ago extending the contracts without inviting tenders. He said that the order-in-council, he stated today that tenders would be called and the order had been rescinded. Mr. Pugsley's bill encouraging the building of dry docks received its first baptism of criticism in committee.

Tomorrow the adjourned debate on immigration goes on, a concluding vote. It is rumored that the bills tonight that morning sessions will be brought on inside of the next three weeks, to try and bring an end to the session.

The meat and canned foods act was held over on request of Mr. Jackson of Elgin. The inspection and sale act was considered and progress reported. Mr. Pugsley gives notice of right of two bills, one to amend the bank act, the other respecting a certain issue of Dominion notes. Both were foreshadowed in the budget speech. One is to provide for the issue of emergency currency, as in the case of the assistance to the grain banks last fall, the other to legalize the action of the government taken at that time.

Under orders of the railway commission, an inspection is now being undertaken of every railway station in the Dominion, with the object of learning whether the accommodations provided is what the public is entitled to receive, and to see also that the railways comply with the law regarding the public use of the freight cars and the maintenance of notice boards for the announcement of trains.

A letter to the labor department from the Minister of Mines for the Transvaal says the Transvaal government is about to enact legislation based on the principles of the Lemieux act.

The government has agreed that the debate on Mr. Monk's resolution for the abolition of the immigration bonus system, which was to have been resumed today, shall go forward until tomorrow, in view of the small attendance of members.

The cabinet council yesterday discussed the principles on which the new civil service act to be brought down this session, will be based. It is understood to be the government's intention to make the measure comprehensive and in many respects radical, as the act will provide for the selection of the civil service by competitive examination, and the civil service commission's report with regard to the evils of patronage and partisanship in the service. The government will seek to effect to the principle of appointments and promotions by merit only.

OPEN SHOP ON C.P.R.

Company Posts Notice and Mechanics Organize to Fight the Proposal

Winnipeg, April 21.—The Canadian Pacific Railway today posted an open shop notice in all its shops operated by the company from Port William to Vancouver. Four thousand mechanics are affected. At the same time mechanics in the shops from Port William to Montreal are notified of an agreement with the company, preparatory to joining the other shopmen in a federation to fight the open shop rule of the company.

Optimistic Crop Report

Winnipeg, April 21.—The Canadian Pacific railway's crop report, issued today, is most optimistic. The weather has been very favorable for seeding and fifty per cent. of the crop is already in the ground. There will be a largely increased acreage over last year, averaging from 25 to 50 per cent. in some districts.

Louisiana Elections

New Orleans, La., April 21.—Early returns from today's state election indicate that the Democratic ticket headed by J. Y. Saunders for governor, has been elected.

After Paper Trust

Washington, April 21.—The house today adopted Speaker Cannon's resolution authorizing the appointment of a committee to investigate the so-called paper trust, and the general subject of wood pulp and the manufacture of printing paper.

Coal Mines Opened.

Frank, Alb., April 21.—The Bellevue mines, belonging to the Little Bellevue, have opened up, giving employment to thirty miners.

Mr. Drinkwater's Illness.

Montreal, April 21.—Charles Drinkwater, first assistant to the president of the C.P.R., who is with pneumonia, is holding his own today. At three o'clock this afternoon there was a slight improvement in his condition.

Elevator and Station Burned.

Mowbray, Man., April 21.—The Imperial elevator and the C.P.R. station here were completely destroyed by fire. The fire broke out in the elevator from some cause unknown and spread to the station. Three thousand bushels of wheat stored in the elevator were destroyed. The loss is fully insured.

Raided by Tramps.

Adirondack Jet, Que., April 21.—A party of five tramps took possession of the van of a New York Central freight train here last night, and after taking all the tramps' tools and revolvers.

Thaw Wants Examination

Newburgh, N.Y., April 21.—Counsel for Harry K. Thaw today served an order on the superior court of the state to permit Thaw to sign an application for a writ of habeas corpus, which will be submitted to a justice of the supreme court. Thaw will then be brought into court for a hearing on the question of his sanity.

SEVERE SENTENCES

ON KNIFE WEILDERS

Justice Lavergne at Montreal Gives Warning to Foreigners

Montreal, April 21.—In the court of the King's Bench today, Justice Lavergne sentenced three Italians convicted of attempted murder, to 12, 13 and 15 years respectively. Deane and Moore, who blew up the safe of the Montreal Fruit and Produce company, got ten and seven years respectively. Hudson and Brown arrested at St. Lambert after a running fight with detective, and who were convicted of a series of burglaries, got ten and seven years respectively. Payette, convicted of five counts of assault, got nine years. George O'Leary convicted of assault on a woman got five years.

Plutino and Carboni were convicted on charges of attempted murder on St. Paul street early in winter. Putzari was convicted of attempted murder in St. David's in January.

In sentencing the Italians, Justice Lavergne said it was time that an example was made of foreigners who come to our shores and commit murders. "We are peace-loving people," he said, "and although we have our own criminals to contend with, we do not wish to have foreigners walking about with clubs, knives and revolvers in their possession, menacing not only the lives of their own kin but those of ours." He hopes the sentences would be taken as a warning, not only by Italians, but by other nationalities.

FORTY-TWO BODIES

Victims of Australian Train Wreck May Number Many More—Cause of Collision

Melbourne, April 21.—Forty-two bodies have been taken out of the wreck caused by the collision on April 19, of two trains from Ballarat and Bendigo respectively, at Braybrook Junction, about eight miles from Melbourne. It is believed that several others are still buried under the debris. The number of persons injured is estimated at eighty-eight.

Many of the victims had entered the Ballarat train at Braybrook, and were just about settled in their seats when the crash came. The conductor had signalled to the engineer to start the train, and was in the act of stepping into the car when he saw the approaching Bendigo train. He sprang aside in time to save himself.

VALUABLE TIMBER

Balm of Gilead and Spruce Forest on the North Fork of Kettle River

Grand Forks, April 20.—Situated along the banks of the north fork of Kettle river, within twenty miles of Grand Forks, is to be found in the neighborhood of three hundred million feet of valuable timber known as balm of gilead. This is the same kind of timber as is being set out at present on the sound for the purpose of fostering the excelsior making industry in that section. The timber is of the same kind as is being set out at present on the sound for the purpose of fostering the excelsior making industry in that section. The timber is of the same kind as is being set out at present on the sound for the purpose of fostering the excelsior making industry in that section.

Emma Goldman at San Francisco

"Queen of Anarchists" With King of Tramps is Again Located

San Francisco, April 20.—Manager Woods of the St. Francis hotel was surprised when Emma Goldman, "queen of the anarchists," and Dr. Ben L. Reitman, "king of the tramps," swooped down on him, closely followed by Chief of Police Biggy and a large posse of plain-clothes men. The royal pair was accorded a welcome befitting their exalted position, and were tucked away in two of the most sumptuous suites in the hostelry.

RECTOR RESIGNS.

Vancouver, April 20.—Rev. H. J. Underhill has resigned the rectory of St. Paul's Episcopal church.

GREAT NORTHERN IS WARRED OFF, V. & Y.

John Hendry Makes Decided Move in Fight Against Hill Forces

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LOGS GET ADRIFT

Gales Play Havoc With Booms—Logs and Lumber Along Mainland

Vancouver, April 21.—The tug Tarrar, Capt. Cooper, returned to port this morning after a search for the boom which she was obliged to let go during the gale last week. There were fifteen swifters, or 500,000 feet, of lumber in the boom, which was on the way to Blaine.

REFUSED LANDING

Italian Passengers on Steamer Chippewa Turned Back From Vancouver

Vancouver, April 21.—Because they had not sufficient money, were not citizens of the United States, and were supposed to be on a contract, a gang of 17 Italians were refused admission this morning when they arrived on the steamer Chippewa from Seattle.

King and Queen at Copenhagen

Copenhagen, April 21.—King Edward and Queen Alexandra arrived here today from London on a visit to the Danish royal family. They were welcomed by King Frederick and Queen Louise, and the Danish court.

SUBSIDY FOR THE EMPRESSES

Imperial Government Decides to Renew Arrangement for the Overseas Mail

WHITE LINER SEEKS RECORD

Empress of China, Left Yokohama One Day Late and Will Make Fast Run

The Overseas mail fast service given by the C. P. R. system with the Atlantic and Pacific Empress liners and the C. P. R. railway carrying the mails between London and Hongkong is to be continued. It was feared that when the subsidy of \$45,000 a year for the C. P. R. service expired in July, it would not be renewed. Advice has been received from Ottawa, though, that the authorities have been informed that the Imperial authorities have reconsidered their decision to discontinue the subsidy. The amount now paid, however, will be reduced. One condition of the Imperial subsidy is that the Empress steamers are to be used as auxiliary cruisers, or for what other Imperial service desired, in the event of war. Whether it is a condition of the continuance of the service that a faster schedule must be maintained is not known.

CASTRO FEELS ABLE TO DEFY BIG STICK

Inspires His Paper to Make a Fierce Onslaught on Calhoun Report

Caracas, Sunday, April 19.—For the first time in nearly two years General Calhoun's conclusions, the inspired editor of the Caracas paper, the "El Comercio," has been gradually recovering from the illness which nearly cost him his life. He never had completely recovered until his late stay at Los Angeles. He had been absent from the capital for nearly two months. His return was coincident with the news from Washington giving the Calhoun report, and the next day "El Comercio," the government newspaper, made a bitter attack on the United States commissioner and against those conclusions which are adverse to Venezuela.

Asleep on the Track

Bunkie, La., April 21.—Three men went to sleep on the Texas and Pacific track last night, and as a result two of them are dead, and as a result two of them are dead, and as a result two of them are dead.

Mayor of St. John.

St. John, N. B., April 21.—Thomas Bueck, mayor of St. John today, defeating Mayor Sears by 261 votes.

ROUMANIA HOSTILE TO STANDARD OIL

Government Proposes Bill to Curb the Petroleum Combine

Bucharest, Roumania, April 21.—The Roumanian government has laid before the chamber of deputies a bill directed against the petroleum combine. This action is a result of the agitation against the Standard Oil company which the Roumanian oil dealers have carried on for some time past.

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Acquitted by Court.

Montreal, April 21.—Abraham Hobeika the Syrian interpreter charged with the theft of \$1,700 from the court of King's Bench this afternoon.

Propose to Increase Rates

New York, April 21.—All railroad freight rates about to be increased was the consensus of opinion at a conference of the presidents of nearly all of the eastern trunk lines held in the offices of the Trust line association yesterday. No final action was taken in the matter, which will be further considered by the individual roads. Geo. F. Esmer, president of the Reading railroad company, presided at today's conference.

Coal Report From Port Moody.

Vancouver, April 20.—A large steam of coal seven feet below the surface is reported to have been discovered at Port Moody, fifteen miles from Vancouver.

G. T. P. SURVEYS

Chief Engineer Van Arsdol Coming to Coast Today to Make Inspection

Vancouver, April 20.—Mr. Van Arsdol, chief engineer in charge of the western division of the Grand Trunk Pacific, will reach here tomorrow from Edmonton on his way north. He was preceded today by several assistants. Mr. Van Arsdol will inspect the route made from Kitsilano canyon on the Skeena river to Hazelton and Bulkley valley, as well as the proposed cut-off from the Skeena river via the Copper river route, it is said, will effect a saving of eighty miles.

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STORMS KILL JAPANESE

Osaka Shosen Kaisha Will Run to Hongkong—Stowaway Transactions

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