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First News Section

FORTY-FOURTH YEAR

ASQUITH IS TIRED OF IT ALL

Report is Current That Premier May Withdraw From Office

Lloyd George is Conducting Negotiations With Nationalists

[By Special Wire to The Courier]

NEW YORK, March 13.—A cable to The Tribune from London says: Premier Asquith created something of a sensation by announcing in the House of Commons yesterday that he would make a general statement on his home rule proposals on Monday. In some quarters this gave rise to extraordinary reports that he had found the situation intolerable and was contemplating resigning the premiership. This rumor can without doubt be traced to his frank confession of weariness at the recent action of the chambers of commerce and to the fact that Mr. Lloyd-George is in charge of the negotiations now proceeding with the Nationalist Irish on the Irish crisis. All reports of the premier's impending resignation at this stage however, can be dismissed without reserve but his ready reiteration at this juncture is a sign of the high tension of the political situation. Mr. Asquith's statement on Monday will none the less be one of great importance, for it is understood that not only will it outline consequential changes in the home rule bill involved by the offer of Monday last, but will also announce the future action of the government in the now inevitable event of the opposition in the House of Commons rejecting the cabinet offer as it stands.

It has two days ago witnessed a great outpouring of opinion among the conditions of the government, and the extension of the suggestions advanced last Monday by the Premier and in the present temper of the Nationalists, as well as of the back bench Liberals, it is safe to say that Mr. Asquith could make no advance on his offer without splitting his followers.

They Endorse The Smasher

Official Militant Paper on the Action of Miss Richardson.

[By Special Wire to The Courier]

LONDON, March 13.—"Votes for women," the suffragette organ edited by Frederick and Emmeline Ethel Lawrence comments to-day on the mutilation by May Richardson of the "Robby Venus" in the National Gallery as follows:

"Miss May Richardson has thereby demonstrated once more that society rests upon mutual forbearance and consent and that if one section, however powerful, outrages the feelings of another section, however small, there are means of retaliation open to those who have been wronged which will be keenly felt by the community at large."

"Miss Richardson's action is of course widely criticized and condemned, but the real culprits are Premier Asquith and his government, who have taught women by precept and example that they care nothing for equity or justice or the priceless traditions of liberty and that the only thing which influences them is a strong right arm, which can strike an irreparable blow."

George Westinghouse, The Air Brake Inventor, Dies Suddenly At New York—Succumbs In His 68th Year—A Great Career

NEW YORK, March 13.—George Westinghouse died suddenly here yesterday afternoon. He was 68 years of age, and was perhaps best known as the inventor of the air brake, which bears his name, and which revolutionized railroading in this country. The air brake which he invented is used throughout the civilized world and in almost every part of the globe there are great plants which he founded.

Mr. Westinghouse founded many manufacturing companies in this

Tremendous Quantity Of Pure Gas Is Found

Brantford Man Has 7000 Acres in Oil Spring District Where Gusher Was Struck.

Mr. W. J. Aikens has just returned to the city from Oil Springs, where he went to inspect the big new gas well reported to be giving 11,000,000 feet per day, and which was struck on the Fairbanks property. Mr. Aikens found the report of the well's production true and in no sense exaggerated. When seen to-day, he stated there was a great chance for Western Ontario being supplied with natural gas from this field, and it was pure natural gas, at that, and not the sulphur article. Last summer Mr. Aikens went to Oil Springs and secured 2000 acres of gas property, and he has also acquired interest in 5000 additional acres. He announces that with the Oil Springs Company development will proceed, and from indications there will be a tremendous supply available. Col. Towers, brother of Mr. A. S. Towers, of this city, is one of those interested.

YOUTHS LIVED ON FREE MEALS ALONE

Say They Subsisted on Food That was Handed Out To Them.

[By Special Wire to The Courier]

WOODSTOCK, March 13.—John Driscoll and Albert Lyke two Toronto youths aged 16 and 18 years are in the hands of the local police charged as vagrants. They were picked up on the G. T. R. tracks and as they were unable to give a satisfactory account of themselves were locked up.

They told the police that for the past two weeks they had subsisted on free meals provided by the Salvation Army at Toronto but when the free meals ended last week they had to get out.

More information concerning them will be found in the meantime the boys are remanded.

The Y.M.C.A. boys classes from Stratford, London, Woodstock, Galt, Guelph and Paris, numbering about 120 will go into camp from June 24th to July 8 at Lakeside. The camp this year will take on something of the nature of a summer school. Complete arrangements will be made later.

Little Child Saved Niagara Falls Family

Called Neighbors, Who Found Three Overcome by Coal Gas Fumes.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., March 13.—The presence of mind of Loretta Driscoll, six years old, of Welland Avenue and Simcoe St., saved the family of four from asphyxiation. The child was awakened by coal gas fumes and tumbled out of bed and called for her mother. The woman fell to the floor unconscious as she attempted to reach a window, and the child raised it and called until neighbors responded. A physician was called. He found Mrs. Driscoll in a serious condition from inhaling the poisoned fumes, while two other daughters were also seriously ill. Loretta was not so sick, but all are under the care of the physician.

The door of a coal stove had been left open accidentally.

Donated a Cup

Through the kindness of Mr. Rob. Tench, proprietor of the Alfred St. curling rink, a handsome cup has been donated to the curling club for individual competition at the points game. Every member of the club has a right to compete, and already a number of games have been played. The competition will last for some time yet, and play will proceed every afternoon and evening. The player who stays through the competition receives the cup.

The United States Senate demanded an explanation of statements made by Ambassador Page at a London banquet.

OBLIGING BRANTFORD MAN LOSES \$25 TO GANG

Stratford Men Grab His Roll and Escape as Train Leaves Classic City Depot.

STRATFORD, March 13.—While the 4.30 train yesterday was stopping here two young men boarded it and asked Mr. McDougall of Brantford, to change some money for them. He obliged them with the result that they robbed him of loose change to the amount of \$25 and jumped off the train as it was pulling out.

As soon as the train arrived at Berlin Chief Lannin of this city was notified. It is expected the men will shortly be rounded up.

They recently worked the same game at Guelph.

GIFT TO MISSIONS

QUEBEC, Ont., March 13.—The Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario West, before adjourning, voted \$200 each to the Anglican, Methodist, Presbyterian and Baptist Churches and the Salvation Army for mission work in Canada.

In connection with the battle in the courts for the estate of Mr. Meagher, the wealthy Donlands farmer, the Judge decided the deceased was sane when he made his will.

BIG RAISE IN STREET LIGHTING

Will Cost the City \$25,000 Per Year Under Hydro System.

Simply Matter of Book-keeping—Consumer Benefitted.

It has only been recently that the cost of street lighting under the Hydro Electric system has been arrived at and it is announced officially that the annual bill of the city will be something over \$25,000, an increase of over \$10,000 on the annual charge for the Cataract current for the same purpose. The price it is said, which is to be taxed against the city, is fixed by the Commission at Toronto. Some of the municipal authorities are somewhat staggered at the size of the bill, and criticism is being heard, that the centre of the city is being, if anything, extravagantly lighted.

In this connection, it is pointed out that a reduction in the number of magnetic arc lamps might have been made without impairing the utility in the slightest. Other Aldermen contend that the city is getting value for what it is paying, and the ornamental lights in the city are proving a great advertisement for the city. It is certain, however, that if the ornamental lights are extended over Brant Avenue, they will not be nearly as numerous as those in the central business section. However, whatever profit is made on the price of Brantford street lighting by the Hydro, ultimately goes back to the consumer. In fact, the increase is simply a matter of book-keeping.

Brantford Capital Is Behind New Radial

A Line Will be Built From Pt. Maitland to Smithville—Will Get Dominion Charter.

Several prominent Brantfordites are interested in a big radial proposition and on Thursday next at Ottawa, will seek to secure a charter for the same with Dominion rights. The proposed radial is to run from Smithville to Pt. Maitland. The Brantfordites interested are Messrs. W. T. Henderson, W. J. Aikens, A. J. Wilkes, J. S. Hamilton and Lloyd Harris. The Charter, if secured, will be no paper one, it is announced, but the road will be built. Pt. Maitland is said to be the finest natural harbor

on the lake and the radial running to Smithville would make a feeder for the T. H. and B. railway.

GAS EXPLOSION AT WOODSTOCK

WOODSTOCK, Ont., March 13.—What might have been a disastrous explosion occurred when a member of the family of A. G. Karn went into the cellar last night to locate a gas leak with the aid of a coal oil lamp. The gas ignited, but the resultant blaze was confined to the cellar.

NOTHING WILL STOP THE DEAL

Street Railway Purchase is Clear of All Legal Entanglements

Although Final Order Has Not Been Fortified By Signatures.

[By Special Wire to The Courier]

TORONTO, March 13.—While the purchase agreement between the Grand Valley Railway has not been fortified by the final order of the court, and signed by all the parties interested, Mr. Justice Middleton has approved of the terms, with some minor amendments, and the date of Brantford ratepayers' vote has been set.

The last and binding document is being engrossed, and notwithstanding the alleged discovery of additional assets, the City will acquire the Grand Valley's assets, exclusive of the Woodstock, Thames Valley and Ingersoll Line, at the figure given, and under the conditions already set for, subject of course to the Brantford voters and the Ontario Legislature. No opposition is expected from either.

"What if the receiver or some other party were to object and the sale fall through, what would be the City's position," the Courier asked to-day. "Such a contingency is improbable," was the answer, "but the City, I should think would ask the court to give effect, to the Judgment held by the Municipality." The committee appointed by the Bondholders of the Grand Valley is said to be somewhat displeased with the two things. One is the fixing of the receiver's remuneration at, it is reported, \$11,000. The other is the application by the majority bondholders of the Woodstock, Thames Valley and Ingersoll Railway, in which the Grand Valley owns the equity of redemption for the appointment of J. G. Wallace as trustee of the Woodstock-Ingersoll road. The Bondholders committee says it ought to have been consulted as an interested party.

As to the Woodstock-Ingersoll motion, counsel for the Bondholders committee has drawn the Courts attention to the Committee's point of view, which is that the committee should have been notified and that the costs threaten to be excessive. It is altogether likely therefore, that when the Woodstock-Ingersoll matter comes up again on Wednesday of next week, the Grand Valley bondholders committee will submit its side of the case. The committee was not represented yesterday. The Bondholders of the Woodstock, Thames Valley and Ingersoll Railway or most of them were present by counsel, but the counsel for the Grand Valley bondholders committee says he knew nothing of the proceeding to appoint a trustee until he saw the newspaper reports.

The City of Brantford is not interested in the Woodstock-Thames Valley and Ingersoll end of the controversy, but the Grand Valley bondholders declare that they are vitally concerned.

In short, this is Friday the thirteenth, and the Grand Valley case does not wane in human interest, even though the Brantford end draws to a close.

To Learn Millinery.

A course of millinery classes were commenced at the Y. W. C. A. last night when a number of young ladies were initiated in the mysteries of artistically trimming fashionable headgear. A very successful first night was held but the class will be limited to twelve members as to allow more entails inferior instruction, each girl receiving individual tuition.

British Naval Estimates Show A Decided Increase --Churchill Gives Figures

[By Special Wire to The Courier]

MONTREAL, March 13.—A special cable to The Daily Mail from London says:

"In Canada the government has not obtained parliamentary sanction for its proposal to build three armored ships of the most modern type at the charge of the Dominion and the development of the naval policy for Canada is consequently in abeyance."

This comprises the only reference to Canada in Mr. Churchill's statement on the naval estimates last night.

The estimates now made confirm the forecasts previously made of a substantial increase in the year's expenditure upon the navy. The total asked for is \$257,500,000, an increase of \$13,750,000.

The new programme includes four battleships, four cruisers and twelve destroyers to cost £14,750,000, a decrease of four million pounds on this branch but the sum of \$15,000,000 is asked for the development of the air service.

There are now under construction 3 battleships, 17 cruisers, 30 destroyers and 24 submarines.

The naval estimates will apparently be accepted with resignation by the "little navyites," though there is some complaint that Mr. Churchill's explanatory memorandum is "cryptic and meagre, suggesting an attempt to hoodwink parliament."

"The shipbuilding programme is recognized to be 'an unprovocative minimum,' whilst the sum demanded is admittedly enormous, it is not large when compared to the national income and the value of the overseas trade which the navy guards."

While the Unionists urge that the naval estimates show a dangerous use of the pruning knife, The Daily News, undaunted by the admission of the leaders of the "little navy" party that the estimates are apparently not open to attack, points out that the estimates have grown sixty-six per cent, under the Liberal administration, despite the acceleration of shipbuilding, and declares that nobody knows what the building standard is. Mr. Churchill's successive pronouncements have only resulted in confound-

ing the Commons and burdening the nation.

The Daily Telegraph asks what of the three Canadian ships, which admittedly the Canadian parliament cannot furnish for sea fill the spring of 1916. Mr. Churchill declared they were absolutely necessary to the empire's world requirements. "If there is a prospect of Mr. Borden's administration in the course of the next year or two being able to prosecute its splendid imperial purpose a partial explanation of the admiralty's modest demand will be supplied."

The Telegraph adds:

"The heavy outlay which the maintenance of our sea power involves is

heavy, and is becoming heavier every year. Whether we are to bear it without more generous aid from the Dominions, time alone will show, but if economy in national expenditure is inevitable, then any other service must be pinched before a necessary penny is taken from the navy."

The Daily News says that the naval estimates show that the admiralty has adopted a policy of complete reliance on the French navy's protection of British interests in the Mediterranean.

This involves corresponding land obligations, and we must prepare to

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AMERICAN WOMEN BLAMED FOR THE RISQUE STYLES

French Dressmakers Say That the Demand for These Clothes Are From Overseas.

[By Special Wire to The Courier]

LONDON, March 13.—The Daily Mail Paris correspondent, discussing the campaign of the Women's Patriotic League against extreme styles of dress gives an interview with a prominent French dressmaker, who is chiefly responsible for being innovative in fashions.

"The American and not the French women created the demand for risque dresses," the dressmaker is quoted as saying. "The French initiated the mode, but the Americans degraded it outrageously. The slit skirt and transparent corsage are made in nine cases out of ten for exportation. The Parisienne knows just how far to go, but for our American customers nothing seems too daring."

The campaign of the Women's Patriotic League against startling costumes is receiving unexpected support, even from leading dressmakers.

Immigration into Canada last year numbered 402,000, an increase over the previous year of 50,000. Other people numbered 150,000 of these.

DOUBT ABOUT DUTY REDUCTION

Considerable Guessing at Ottawa as to What Will be Done.

[By Special Wire to The Courier]

OTTAWA, March 13.—A report that the government would cut the duties on agricultural implements gained currency in the corridors yesterday. The story is that the duties are to be reduced to ten per cent. This report is based on nothing in the way of definite information. The members have done some guesswork following the debate of yesterday and the prospective reduction is the result. This conclusion is in advance of any decision by the Government. The question of the implement duties will be considered and an announcement made when the budget is brought down if a change is to be made at all.

The question is a very large one, the term "implements" covering harrows, rollers, binders, mowers, plows, harrows, seeders, threshers and all kinds of traction engines.

The agricultural implement industry according to the last census, provides employment for 6,000 men and pays out five million dollars annually in wages. It represents a capital investment of \$45,000,000, and an annual production valued at \$20,000,000.

The principal manufacturing establishments of this industry in Canada are located at Toronto, Hamilton, Brantford and Smith's Falls.

The budget will be brought down during the last week in the present month.

COMMISSIONER EVANS ARRIVES AT NEW YORK

Man Who Last Saw Captain Scott Alive to Tell Story of the Trip.

NEW YORK, March 13.—Commander Evans, Royal Navy, the last man who saw Captain Scott the Antarctic explorer in life, reached New York yesterday on the steamship Oceanic and went at once to Washington where he will, this evening, deliver the first of a series of lectures descriptive of his Antarctic journeyings.

Commander Evans told of the tragic arrival of the search party which had set out from the Terra Nova, Scott's ship, after his failure to return from his polar dash. Expecting to welcome the party Evans had decorated the Terra Nova as if for a gala occasion, with ribbons and flags flying. But as he stood on the bridge he described but one man on the shore who he made out to be Lieutenant Victor Campbell.

"Through a megaphone I called to him 'Are you all right?' We then came closer and I heard his reply: 'Captain Scott and party reached the South Pole on January 18 last year, but all were lost on the homeward march. We have the records.'"

Set Clock Back One Hour Old Home Week

Another proposition which has been broached to some of the manufacturers regarding Old Home Week is the setting back of the city clock one hour for that week. In so doing the men of the factories would go to work at 6 a.m. instead of 7 o'clock, and quit at 5 p.m., thereby giving them a longer evening in which to join in the celebration. Then, too, the men would have more of a tendency to stick at their work for the whole day. By setting the clock back at that time of year ball games could be played, starting at 5.30 or 6 p.m., and the factory men would be able to see some good games without losing any time at their work.

The idea seemed to meet with favor from the manufacturers interviewed yesterday. One man said that if the men wanted it they could cut down another hour and quit at 4 p.m., giving them a 9-hour day. If the men objected to that, the head of the firm said he did not think it would bankrupt his firm to split with their men.

The canvassers were out yesterday and visited a number of factories, meeting with even greater success than they expected. They also interviewed the manufacturers regarding the "Made in Brantford" proposition, and in not one single instance did a manufacturer dissent. In fact, one manufacturer was so enthusiastic that he proposed that the different firms who exhibited go together and publish a book containing a description and short articles on each of the exhibits and the firms which manufacture them.

In every case, those interviewed were of the opinion that such a scheme would be the best advertisement Brantford could get.

Asquith Proposals Fairest Possible, Says Wm. Redmond To the Toronto Canadian Club--Adds That Neither Ulster Nor Nationals Will Accept

TORONTO, March 13.—William Redmond, M. P. for West Clare, Ireland, a brother of John Redmond, leader of the Irish Nationalists, addressed the Canadian Club last evening.

He said that while Premier Asquith's proposal with regard to the counties of Ulster having the privilege of saying by popular vote, whether or not they should come under

the Dublin Parliament would not satisfy either the Ulsterites or Nationalists, it was the fairest that could have been made.

He expressed confidence that neither the rights nor conscience or property should be interfered with in Ulster under an Irish Parliament.

Mr. Redmond will leave tomorrow for New York to sail for England in time to vote on the second reading of the home rule bill, March 30.