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THE EMPEROR'S ACTION WILL DETERMINE OUTCOME OF THE RUSSIAN MINISTRY CRISIS

St. Petersburg, May 6.—The outcome of the Russian ministerial crisis is now entirely dependent upon the emperor's line of action, as Premier Stolypin's exhaustive report, based on the cabinet meeting of May 4 and submitted to His Majesty today, left no doubt in the emperor's mind that the cabinet is a unit in favor of sanctioning the naval bill. The premier had a long audience with the emperor at Tsarskoye Selo and while the primary demand was for his majesty's approval of the bill creating a general staff for the navy, the underlying object of the visit was to force the emperor to dissociate himself from the hostile campaign of the reactionaries and the courtiers close to him. The painful necessity for the retirement of Sir Richard would, Sir MacKenzie advised, be delicately implied. The emperor announced at parting with the premier that he would take the matter under consideration for a few days. The conference of yesterday and today furnished no indication of the nature of the emperor's ultimate decision.

Have Not Resigned.
A member of the cabinet said this evening that the resignations of the ministers had not been tendered, and there was any reason to expect that

HE DOUBTS THAT COMBINE DOES EXIST

Ottawa, May 6.—In the Senate on motion for second reading of a bill to give effect to the tariff changes announced in the budget, Sir MacKenzie Bowell said he was surprised to see Sir Richard Cartwright introducing a bill to give more protection to manufacturers, such as sugar refiners. He approved of the principle, but did not think Sir Richard would. Sir MacKenzie said he doubted the refiners' claim of a combine among the producers.

Sir Richard said that Mr. Fielding, when in London, had inquired and had become convinced that there was foundation for the claim that a producers' combine existed. The duties on sugar were much lower than those in force in the Conservative days. The cost of sugar to the consumer was lower than before 1896, in consequence of bounty and tariff abatements of the present government. Personally Sir Richard said he would like to see sugar, which is a necessity on the free list, brought under the bill.

The bill was given its second reading. Senator Davis moved the second reading of his bill respecting the incorporation of railway companies. The bill proposed to do away with the incorporation of railways by Parliament giving the power to the State Department on recommendation from the railway commission. Senator Davis said his bill would discourage the charter-monger, and save the time parliament had spent giving to charter-men who were after charters not to build, but to sell. In nine years parliament has granted 116 railway charters outside of those given to the three big companies; there was authority to build 37,262 miles, and of that only 463 miles had been built and by only 13 companies. His bill would give the board control of the bond issue to see that it did not leak into someone's pocket, as he believed was frequently the case at present.

THE HOSPITAL WILL GET VERY LARGE AMOUNT

Dedham, Mass., May 6.—The filing in the Norfolk county probate court today of the will of Miss Elizabeth A. Brigham, of Brookline, disclosed the fact that previously published reports of the contents of the document were in many respects erroneous. Instead of being \$7,500,000 to the Robert B. Brigham Hospital for Incubable, in Boston, to found and maintain which her brother, Robert B. Brigham, left her fortune, she makes the hospital the residuary legatee. As the specific bequests in the will are comparatively small and her estate is estimated at about \$2,000,000, the hospital will receive rather more than was at first supposed.

ADVOCATES OF PEACE UNIVERSAL

Washington, May 6.—Advocates of international peace through arbitration met at the New Willard tonight, as guests of President James B. McCreedy, of Kentucky, and the directors of the American Peace and Arbitration League. Secretary of State Knox was the guest of honor today, it being his fifth birthday.

Among the speakers were ex-Senator McCready; Ambassador Bryce, of Great Britain; Minister Portela, of the Argentine Republic; Justice Brown, of the Supreme Court of the United States; Senator Taylor of Tennessee; Speaker Cannon and Henry Clues of New York.

HOW BOOKKEEPING WAS AVOIDED.

(From the News of Toronto.)
When the Central Railway of New Brunswick was operated by a private company its head office was at Norton. Books of account were kept which showed the revenue and operating expenses, and also the amounts expended for maintenance. In 1904, three years after the New Brunswick Coal & Railway Company was formed, an attempt was made at Fredericton to make up from scattered data a ledger covering the financial operations of the company for the three years. During this time the fifteen-mile section of the road and its branches had been constructed, and in all there had been an expenditure of over \$900,000. Naturally enough, this ledger is very imperfect. All the accounts together cover only seven and a quarter pages of the book.

In addition to this imperfect and casual ledger a cash book was begun also in 1904. It was made up from stubs of cheque books and letters, but was quite as imperfect and casual as the ledger. The members of the Royal Commission, in commenting upon this, say: "Outside of these books, strange as the statement may seem, no books of account were ever kept by the railway company, or by the Commissioners in connection with the railway, although the financial transactions connected with it involved the expenditure of \$900,000." Only seven meetings of the company were held from May 10th, 1901, to June 11th, 1902. "At an early date," says the report, "there was a complete abandonment of corporate action, and an assumption of individual control on the part of a few."

Mr. Pugsley was one of the most important of these few. He was really the responsible head of the company. If there were no books of account regularly kept, he was to blame. The result is the absolute disappearance of \$134,000 of Government money. "Culpable negligence," is what the Commissioners call it. That seems a term of exceedingly mildness in view of all the circumstances.

OUT OF 134 LIBERAL MEMBERS ONLY NINETY STOOD UP TO SHOW THEY WERE 'PROUD' OF MR. PUGSLEY—FOUR MINISTERS DID NOT VOTE

Ottawa, May 6.—We are not so very, very proud of Pugsley after all. True Mr. Crocker's motion of condemnation was voted down—but observe.

1.—That only 90 Liberals out of 134 voted.

2.—That the MAJORITY IS ONLY 27, THE LOWEST MAJORITY THIS GOVERNMENT HAS EVER SCORED ON A VOTE OF WANT OF CONFIDENCE.

3.—That four members of the Ministry, Sir Frederick Borden, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Murphy and Mr. Brodeur, did not vote.

4.—That it is widely reported that Mr. Fisher left the building after division bells began to ring and refused to vote.

5.—That two of Mr. Pugsley's own Ministers following, Mr. Egan and Mr. Todd, did not vote.

6.—That not a single Minister spoke on Mr. Pugsley's behalf.

7.—That only one Liberal member at all spoke and that he, Mr. Turgeon, INSTEAD OF DEFENDING MR. PUGSLEY REPELLED THE ATTACK WHICH THE MINISTER HAD MADE UPON FELLOW ACADIAN, JUDGE LANDRY.

8.—That in particular Mr. Carvell, whom Mr. Pugsley announced in his speech as slated to speak, and who himself accepted Mr. Crocker's challenge and PROMISED TO EXPLAIN THE SENATOR THOMPSON CHEQUE EPISODE, SAT IN HIS CHAIR REFUSING TO SPEAK, AND ALLOWED THE DEBATE TO COLLAPSE.

9.—That Mr. Crocker issued a challenge to the entire Government forces to meet his readiness of the evidence and this HIS CHALLENGE WAS NOT ACCEPTED.

So on the whole Mr. Pugsley's vindication has not been what might be described as remarkably brilliant.

Story of the Debate.
The story is that the debate came to a sudden, unexpected and exceedingly early end. As will be fresh in the memory, Mr. Crocker led. He took his stand on the Landry Commission's finding, regarded it as the judgment of a court, and from it extracted a terrific indictment against Mr. Pugsley. Apparently misled by his attitude toward thinking that the Conservatives were shy about the evidence, Mr. Pugsley in his long speech, took the line of asserting that it did not justify the report, THOUGH HE ABSTAINED FROM QUOTING ANY OF THE EVIDENCE, despite the fact that he had a typewritten copy in his possession. Then Mr. O. S. Crocker followed, took up the evidence to which Mr. Pugsley had appealed, and in case after case, PILED UP AN OVERWHELMING WEIGHT OF CITATIONS AND QUOTATIONS WHICH ESTABLISHED THE JUSTICE OF THE COMMISSION'S FINDINGS. It was a difficult speech to make, for it involved dealing with a multitude of details, which, owing to the chaotic condition of the company's affairs, necessarily are confused and intricate. Yet he succeeded and in particular made out a crushing case, with regard to underpayment by \$39,000 of the \$180,000 charged as a default speech to make, for the false statements on this subject made during the legislation by Mr. Pugsley.

What Was Expected.
The plans were laid for a long debate. On the Conservative side Mr. Borden, Mr. Foster, Mr. Lennox, Mr. Doherty, Mr. Meighan and Mr. McLeod were prepared to speak. On the Liberal side Mr. Carvell had been ostentatiously put forward. Mr. Pugsley expressly announced that

CHILD AT GIBSON HAD HEAD CAUGHT BETWEEN TWO BOARDS; DIED BEFORE HELP ARRIVED

Special to The Standard.
Fredericton, N. B., May 6.—As the result of a sad accident at Gibson between four and five o'clock this afternoon, Victor, the young son of Mr. Samuel Cameron, of Gibson, is dead. He was playing with Paul, the seven-year-old son of Mr. Vernon Matthews, and shortly after four o'clock the two were seen running through the yard adjoining Murray Brewer's yard when they entered a shed. The Matthews boy climbed out through a window from the shed while the Cameron boy who is about three and a half years old started to slide out through a hole in the side of the shed which had been caused by a board being knocked off.

He put his foot through the gap which was about five or six inches wide and slid through until his head caught. His feet were only an inch or two off the ground. The Matthews boy became frightened and ran to his mother, while Mrs. Lint, of McLeod's Hill, who was visiting at James Stickle's home noticed the child's predicament and also rushed to the scene. She and Mrs. Matthews reaching there about the same time. As they arrived the child gasped once or twice and passed away.

No Inquest.
Dr. Mullin was summoned and found the child dead. As coroner, he made a careful investigation and found the facts to be as above stated. He decided that an inquest was not necessary.

C.A.A.U. AND FEDERATION END ATHLETIC WAR; AMATEURS MAY PLAY LACROSSE WITH PROS.

Special to The Standard.
Toronto, Ont., May 6.—The Evening Telegram says tonight:—The C. A. A. U. at its meeting last night, purchased peace from the Federation at a price that is not pleasant to friends of the former.

Terms Favor Federation.
The terms are all in favor of the Federation of the Montreal A. A. A. and the result looks like a purchase of peace by the C. A. A. U. at any price. The articles are to the effect that the C. A. A. U. recognize the mixing of amateurs and professionals in the seven existing clubs in the National Lacrosse Union and in the two British Columbia clubs, Vancouver, and New Westminster.

No Clubs To Be Added.
There are no new clubs to be added nor any of these to be recognized under any new management that that now existing. Moreover this lacrosse agreement between the C. A. A. U. and the Federation is not to be rescinded at any time unless by unanimous vote, which is of course out of the question unless the Montreal A. A. A. so says.

PROMINENT QUEBEC MAN WAS ACQUITTED ON FORGERY CHARGE

Special to The Standard.
Quebec, May 6.—George Atkinson was tonight found "not guilty" of the charge of forgery preferred against him in the Court of the King's Bench. The case has attracted great attention the young man being very well known.

Lindsay Real Criminal.
His counsel admitted that he had committed the forgery, but declared that he had only done so at the suggestion of a third party, who had, he alleged, benefited by the forgeries, but against whom no charges had been laid. This person, the evidence went to show was Lindsay, the former manager of the Bank of British North America, at Lévis.

Charged Against Atkinson.
Judge Cross charged strongly against the prisoner, drawing attention to the fact that he had admitted his guilt, and that it was not for him to take into consideration any other person than the prisoner. Nevertheless out of the jury acquitted the prisoner, who collapsed when he heard the verdict. A motion for his release was denied.

TWO DROWN AT GREAT SALMON RIV. WILLETT WILL NOT RESIGN

Special to The Standard.
Sussex, May 6.—There was a double drowning accident on the Salmon River this afternoon about five o'clock near the mill on the Bay Shore Lumber Company, of which James Proctor and Melbourne Peters were the victims. Both men were employed there during the winter, and were recently engaged on the company's drives. The accident has caused great excitement in the community. Both men were experienced lumbermen, and were working on the end of a drive of several hundred feet of logs. The river is 25 years of age. He is a brother of Mrs. Frank Barden of Sussex, and lived here at Markhamville. Peters is 25 years old and was a son of Richard Peters of Shepody Road. Both men were unmarried.

Will Not Retire.
City Solicitor Chandler, gave a written opinion that the office should be vacated, but as Mr. Teed of St. John gave a contrary opinion, he would not advise the council to take action, but leave the matter with the Mayor. Mr. Willett announced that he had no intention of retiring at present.

HADDOCK AND HERRING ARE SCARCE

Halifax, N. S., May 6.—
Nova Scotia.
Digby—Cod, fair, haddock and herring scarce.
Yarmouth—Catches of fish small today, too rough for small boats.
Sand Point—Cod fair, lobsters scarce.
Liverpool—Cod, haddock and herring plenty, lobsters and salmon fair.
Lunenburg—Cod plenty, lobsters scarce.
Arichat—Cod and lobsters fair, herring scarce.
West Arichat—Herring fair, lobsters scarce.
St. Peters—Lobsters scarce.
Quebec.
Bonaventure—Herring very plenty.
Grand Pabos—Herring plenty, lobsters fair.

LABOR DAY CELEBRATION IN MONCTON

Special to The Standard.
Moncton, May 6.—Representatives of thirteen local labor organizations met tonight and decided to hold a monster demonstration on Labor Day in September. Committees were appointed to advise with the city council and the Board of Trade. The programme includes a parade, sports, band concerts and fireworks.