

MR. FISHER QUIBBLES.

Must Accept His Leader's Memory of a Secret Understanding.

Prohibition Not to Be Granted Unless a Miracle Should Happen.

Formal Challenge for Yukon Inquiry Met by an Evasion.

From Our Own Correspondent. Ottawa, April 13.—Mr. Sidney Fisher, the representative of the prohibition party in the government, skated on this ice this afternoon in endeavoring to justify the government's attitude on the prohibition question, calmly answering important questions submitted to him. In his opinion, he said, it would be folly and not consonant with the good government of this country, or with the duty which the government owes to the people if on the vote as expressed in the plebiscite the government was to undertake to put in force a prohibitory law for such a law to be successful it must have the sentiment of the people behind it. Without this sentiment behind it the adoption of a prohibitory law the common sense of the people of Canada realized that the result did not justify the introduction of a prohibitory law would bring discredit on the country and deal a blow at temperance which it could not overcome for generations. If parliament were to adopt such a law it would be repealed within a year.

Mr. Fisher: "We did it to find out the will of the people." Alluding to the statements of the members of the party, he said he believed these were the rash utterances of ignorant people. He challenged any member of the house to make these charges on his responsibility as a member and to ask for a committee of investigation.

Mr. Ives asked if the minister were cognizant of an understanding between the members at the Ottawa convention upon the subject of the vote and the action to be taken after the vote. The statement was made that it was understood by the prohibitionists and anti-prohibitionists who met together in the Ottawa convention that there would be an actual majority of all the votes on the lists recorded in favor of prohibition in order to have it carried. Mr. Fisher, cognizant of that understanding, Mr. Fisher: "The hon. gentleman has put a question which is evidently agitating the opposition. He must go to the Prime Minister for an answer to the question. He must know perfectly well that the Prime Minister has made a statement here on the floor of parliament, and he is bound to accept that statement." (Derisive opposition cheers.)

Mr. Clarke, of West Toronto, after a brilliant speech in which he severely scored Mr. Fisher for his time-serving attitude on the prohibition issue, moved the following amendment: "That this house deems it expedient to inform his Excellency that the view of the wise and patriotic people of this country is in favor of prohibition, and that it is the duty of the government to appoint without delay an independent judicial commission to make a thorough investigation into that subject and report thereon."

Mr. Bertram, Liberal, of Toronto Centre, moved the following amendment to the amendment: "That we have obliged with pleasure on receipt of the petitions against some officials in the Yukon district, his Excellency's government took prompt action to inquire into the matter of such complaints and have appointed Mr. William Ogilvie as commissioner for the purpose. Having entire confidence in the integrity and ability of Mr. Ogilvie we are satisfied that his enquiry will be impartial and thorough and will place without delay at the disposal of his Excellency such information as is necessary to enable them to do justice to all parties concerned."

AN AWKWARD DAY. Toronto, April 13.—The three city corps, the Queen's Own, the Royal Grenadiers and the Highlanders, have received invitations to participate in a military review to be held in the city on May 24, but all have found it necessary to decline, the main reason being the expense and the fact that the holiday falls on Wednesday.

MANITOBA'S SCHOOL LAWS. Premier Finds It Necessary to Speak Again in Their Defence—Judge Killam Made Chief. Winnipeg, April 13.—(Special)—Lieut. Governor Patterson gave assent to a number of bills in the legislature to-day, after which Premier Greenway made a lengthy speech defining the administration of the school laws of the province. The house adjourned to-night until June 15.

EXPORTS BOOMING. Montreal, April 13.—(Special)—The month of March shows a remarkable increase in the amount of Canadian produce which was exported, according to the monthly returns at the Montreal custom house. The total amount of goods of this class which went out of the country in the month just closed was \$1,167,924, while for the corresponding month last year the same exports were \$468,328.

ATLANTIC MAILS. Dominion Line to Carry Them From Canada Until Next August. Montreal, April 13.—(Special)—There is much interest being taken among rival shipping firms just now in the contracts for carrying the mails to Great Britain during the summer season. The Beaver Line, now under the jurisdiction of Elder Dempster & Co., are bidding for the business of mail carrying, and Messrs. Allan and Torrance also were in the field early. For the last couple of days Mr. John Torrance, Jr., has been in Ottawa, and it is reported the mail contract has been secured by the Dominion Line till August of this year.

PEG-LEG'S FORLORN HOPE.

Counsel and Clergyman Appeal to Save Him from Fate He Administered to Policeman.

London, April 13.—(Special)—Rev. Dr. Robert Johnston, spiritual adviser of the condemned murderer Marion Brown, and McPhillips, the prisoner's counsel, are circulating a petition for the commutation of the death sentence of the prisoner. There is a diversity of opinion concerning the justice of the verdict, and a majority of the influential lawyers have refused to sign the petition on the ground that the evidence fully justified the verdict and that Brown premeditated the murder of every officer of the law in this or any other country, who interfered with him.

CANADIAN HORSE SHOW.

Fifth Exhibit Opened by Governor-General and Promises Great Success. Toronto, April 13.—(Special)—The fifth Canadian horse show was formally opened this afternoon by Lord Minto. Lord and Lady Minto drove from Government House to the arena, where the show was being held, escorted by the Royal Dragoons. A large crowd greeted them on arrival at the building, and they were met by the national anthem. G. W. Beardmore, president of the horse show association, presented an address to Lord Minto, who made a suitable reply and then declared the show open. It promises to be one of the most successful held.

Heads Risked For Kang.

Vancouver Chinese Will Kowtow Come What May to Relatives. Alien Law Invoked by Tailors—Bricklayers' Strike Still On.

From Our Own Correspondent. Vancouver, April 12.—The Chinese board of trade held a meeting in Vancouver regarding the formal reception of Kang Yu Wei, the famous Chinese reformer now in Victoria. All were afraid to express themselves and for half an hour not a word was said. Finally Dr. Lui boldly stated that those present were afraid to speak fearing that secret emissaries would write to China their sentiments and their relatives' heads would be cut off because they sympathized with Kang Yu Wei. He knew that word would reach China of every secret Kang, but they need have no fear. Kang was not a rebel; he was formerly a national prince of the Emperor and a prophet of the people, and Great Britain was his friend. Kang Yu Wei would travel throughout America to form influential lodges of Chinese sworn to struggle by his side, in the interests of a new China, a China which would take her place among the nations. The speech has caused an intense sensation among the Chinese and Kang is the idol of the reception in true Oriental fashion. He will tour through Canada and the States, to secure adherents to his cause, finally returning to England, until he can return to his own country.

A Miserable End. John Smith, commonly known as "Mis-sionary John," dropped dead in the Glasgow street today. He had been drinking hard of late. He had no relatives and had a miserable home in England, where he had jobs around the city.

The Tailor Strike is still on and there is no indication of an amicable settlement. The strikers now say that the boss tailors have imported men from Seattle contrary to the alien law. Very strong letters are being written in the local press regarding the matters by strikers and merchant tailors. The bricklayers are still out on strike in Westminister. The demand for present scale is not more than 28 cents an hour and they are asking 50 cents, which their claim is 12 cents less than the price paid any place else on the Coast.

KILLED A MAN EATER.

Slave Lake Indians Charged With Murder for an Act of Self Protection. Winnipeg, April 13.—(Special)—An Edmonton despatch to the Free Press says the Mounted Police had arrived there with two Indians, from Lesser Slave Lake. They are charged with the murder of another Indian, who was insane and had become a cannibal, having killed and partly eaten a man. The Indians are now lodged at Fort Saskatchewan.

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FROM ESQUIMALT TO SAMOA.

Soldiers to Be Rushed From Halifax to Waiting Transport on Pacific. Special to the Colonist. Halifax, April 13.—The military authorities have received instructions to rush the soldiers and sailors who came by the steamer Carthaginian through to Esquimalt with as little delay as possible, as a transport is waiting for them.

DOMINION NOTES.

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Mountain Climbers.

Montreal, April 12.—The Swiss guides who have been engaged by C. P. R. for mountain climbing in the Rockies have arrived here via New York from Switzerland. They are in native costume and only one talks English. They are to be placed at the disposal of tourists who wish to see the wonders of the Rockies. John Smith's End.

North Gower, April 12.

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A Great Man Gone.

Bellefleur, April 12.—A cablegram has been received announcing the death in England of Leonard, the fat man who has been on exhibition there for three years. He belongs to Wellman corners, this county, and weighed at his death 650 pounds.

Manitoba's Capital.

Winnipeg, April 12.—It is announced that the main line of the Northern Pacific in Manitoba is to be extended north-westerly to Birnie with spur lines to Rapid City and Brandon. Bishop Baldwin of Huron arrived to-day to assist at the Church Missionary Society centenary celebration to-day was confined to the passing of third readings for the recess to be taken after to-morrow.

NANAIMO NOTES.

Fall of Coal Catches Two Miners—Crafty Beggars Infesting the Town. Nanaimo, April 13.—(Special)—Mrs. Forest, wife of Frank Forest, a miner, died at the hospital to-day, having been taken there last night in a critical condition. The steamship San Mateo sailed to-night for Port Los Angeles with a cargo of New Vancouver coal.

AN ATTACHE RUN IN.

Gave Offence at Peking by Refusing to Kowtow at Religious Function. London, April 12.—The Daily Mail publishes the following despatch from Hongkong: "Lieut.-Col. O. P. Browne, military attaché at the British legation at Peking, was arrested for refusing to remove his hat while a religious procession was passing. Browne was finally released on the demand of the British consul."

CARPETS, RUGS, ART SQUARES.

KILLED THE GHOST.

Fatal Ending of Alabama Merchant's Joke on a Friend. Birmingham, Ala., April 13.—James Liggers, a merchant, went to the house of his friend, E. M. Bell, last night to frighten him by playing ghost. Bell being considered superstitious, Liggers covered a long pole with a white cloth, and, holding it over his head so as to envelope his body, scratched in a mysterious way at the blinds of the Bell residence. Bell came to the window pistol in hand, and threw open the blinds. When he beheld the white figure he let his pistol drop and it struck the wall. The bullet went through Liggers' lung, inflicting a wound from which he died to-day.

RESPIRE FOR MOLINEUX.

Swell Poison Suspect Gains Time by Flaw in Procedure Against Him. New York, April 12.—Justice Parson C. Williams to-night handed down his decision on the motion made to discharge the indictment against Roland E. Molineux, charged with sending poison to Harry Corsh which caused the death of Mrs. Adams. Justice Williams dismissed the indictment on the ground that other than legal evidence was received, and considered by the grand jury, and directing that the case be re-submitted to the grand jury, now sitting, or to the next grand jury that shall sit in New York.

BOUNDARY ARRANGEMENT.

American Proposals as to Alaska Making Circuit of Washington, London and Ottawa. Washington, April 13.—When the United States government recently proposed a modus vivendi on the Alaskan boundary to overcome the possibility of a lawless outbreak pending a final adjustment, the British authorities referred the proposition to the Canadian officials at Ottawa. The Ottawa government has responded with an acceptance of the general idea of a modus vivendi although some changes in the original proposals are suggested. This must now go to the British foreign office, after which, if approved in London, the response will be officially submitted here.

THE FINNS' EXODUS.

Making for the States by Shiploads to Avoid Russian Oppression. Hull, England, April 13.—There is a great rush of young Finlanders for the United States to avoid the recent decree of Emperor Nicholas regarding Finland which provides for an increase of the Russian military and naval forces, and the extension of conscription. The steamer Arcturus landed 315 men here to-day from Hangoo Ko, 202 arrived from New Zealand here, saying: "We deeply regret the adversity which has overtaken the forces in Samoa. Inform the secretary of state that the Finlanders will do anything possible to render assistance in emergency. Our steamer is awaiting orders at Auckland. The deputy governor has communicated to the admiralty at Sydney that the Millidura (a British third-class cruiser detailed for the protection of fishing boats in Australian waters) is now on her way to Rarotonga with the governor."

Justice for Postmen.

The postmaster-general has decided to give the letter carriers their statutory increase this year. W. B. Northup, ex-M.P., has been here for several days in connection with the suit entered by Mrs. Davidson for the sum of \$900 for a writ of habeas corpus for \$100,000 for steel rails and rolling stock for the Canadian Yukon railway. When the Senate threw out the deal last session Mackenzie & Mann cancelled the order. Judgment was reserved.

FLOODS BLOCK RAILWAYS.

Water So High in Montana That Trains Have Been Brought to Standstill. St. Paul, Minn., April 12.—The Great Northern and Northern Pacific have suffered greatly by the floods in Montana, and the train service to, and from the coast has been almost suspended since last Saturday. The Missouri river is filled with ice, and the water had been backing up over the tracks, so as to make it impossible to run trains. For 10 miles in the vicinity of Mandan, N. D., the track is covered with water. Wagons have been brought into use, however, for the transfer of passengers, and mails have been transferred by teams around the water.

SLAONE AT NEWMARKET.

Crack American Jockey the Rider of Four Winners—A Derby Whinnery. London, April 13.—Sir R. W. Radcliffe's St. In (11 to 8) ridden by Tod Slane, won the Biennial stakes at Newmarket. The Double Trial Plate was won by Van Vitell, Slane up. The betting was 10 to 1 against Slane. Slane has been engaged to ride Lord Dunraven's colt Desmond in the Derby.

DIED ON THE POLE.

Horrible Fate of a Lineman on the Street in Elmira. Elmira, N. Y., April 13.—Wm. H. McClure, lineman in the employ of the Elmira Illuminating Company, was electrocuted by a live wire about 1:30 o'clock this afternoon on a pole on Hall street. It is supposed he lost his balance and grasped the wire. A man sitting on the porch of a nearby house noticed smoke arising from the lineman. He called to McClure, but he did not answer. Then realizing his peril he climbed up the pole and released McClure from his position. McClure was dead at the time. His hands were terribly burned, he having received an alternating current of 1,100 volts.

BASBALL RULES.

Washington, April 13.—During the practice games of the various baseball clubs, it was found that the balk rule adopted by the National League was unsatisfactory, and many complaints were made in regard to it. The old rule in relation to the bases provided that a motion made by the pitcher to throw to any base without delivering the ball should be a balk, and the pitcher has been adopted, so as to make the rule apply to first base only.

Forty-Five Drowned.

They Were Greeks and Victims of Collision in Mediterranean. Malta, April 11.—The British steamer Kingswell, Capt. Humphrey, arrived here to-day and reports being in collision with the Greek coaster Maria on April 9 in the Mediterranean off the coast of Tripoli. The Maria was sunk. Forty-five persons went down with her. The Kingswell was uninjured.

Germany Held Responsible.

British Opinion Calls for Atonement for Taking of Sailors' Lives. Tension Reputed from Berlin—Samoa Commission Hastily Completed. By Associated Press. London, April 14.—The Standard prints the following despatch from Berlin: "The tension between Great Britain and Germany over the Samoa question has somewhat increased since yesterday, the conference between Baron von Buelow, German minister of foreign affairs, and Sir Frank Lascelles, British ambassador at Berlin, having failed to settle all the disputed points."

Municipal Affairs.

The asphalt pavements of Vancouver have a few days more to run than in the previous two years. As soon as the weather permits they are to be replaced by macadam. The bitumen is not a success, but the block paving to date has proved very satisfactory. Trinidad asphalt is to be tried on the repairs. Westminister avenue was objected to by West End aldermen so far east. The resolution was laid on the table. A resolution to re-visit the lawyer whose services were recently discontinued to look after the city's interests in Ottawa met the same fate.

Mr. Corbin's Project.

There was a well attended meeting of the board of trade discussed the Corbin railway scheme and the request of the Grand Forks people to favor granting the charter. There were about sixty present. Mr. Corbin spoke for the C. P. R. and Mr. Conthard stated the claims of the Corbin road. Mr. P. Evans seemed to voice the sentiments of the majority when he stated the Vancouver should not antagonize the C. P. R. which was always fair in its treatment of the local people. Therefore the board should take a neutral stand. The resolution offered favoring the road was shelved by the passing of an amendment that a committee report on the subject one week hence.

Miscellaneous.

The Vancouver branch of the Dominion Alliance are to present resolutions at a mass meeting to be held on Thursday evening, for the purpose of strengthening the hands of the British Columbia representatives at Ottawa. Lyman Lewis, R. D. Townsend and H. Cohen have leased a mile of Fraser river near Yale and propose extracting the gold from the black sand by a new process. Two robberies took place on Sunday. One at an inn on the coast. The other was stolen from the store of J. Kelly, Westminister avenue, and Chas. Johnson was robbed of \$25 while drunk. Joe Hansen was arrested in connection with the latter case.

FERRIS SEEDS.

The Canners Troubled.

Ottawa Hampering the Supply and Ignoring the Trade's Suggestions.

Victoria Merchants Branching Out—Trouble With the Asphalt Pavement.

From Our Own Correspondent. Vancouver, April 11.—The Salmon Cannery Association of British Columbia held their annual meeting to-day. The president's report suggested that the government should establish more hatcheries, as the Americans are doing, allow British Columbia free, and increase the number of licenses allowed to each cannery from ten to twenty. When the new regulations came up for discussion there was a general protest against them, the following resolution being unanimously passed: "Resolved that this association, after full discussion of the new fishery regulations just received and substituted for those passed in August last, regret that when being altered the department has not taken the opportunity to make amendments more closely conforming to the suggestions adopted by the joint committee of cannery and fishermen in October last, and further that this association desires to place on record their condemnation of the regulations issued and their intention to agitate for the amendment of the objectionable clauses." It was thought wise by many to send a delegation to Ottawa to consult the government.

Another resolution was carried asking the government to establish more hatcheries and to conserve the spawning beds and if more money was needed to put a tax on salmon canners. The thanks of the meeting was extended to the Victoria Colonist, the Vancouver papers, the Westminister Colonist, the Fort Vancouver Colonist, and the assessor's office for the services rendered them. An attempt to do away with the Quiescent river dam will be made to give hundreds of miles of spawning ground to salmon canners. The officers elected were as follows: President, R. J. Ker; first vice-president, G. J. B. Irving; second vice-president, G. I. Wilson; secretary, W. D. Burdick; committees: Victoria—H. J. Kirk, J. H. Ford, and J. L. Johnson; Vancouver—John Lehman, E. Evans, E. A. Williams, New Westminister—Alex. Ewan, J. S. Talbot, W. A. Duncaen.

Victoria Enterprise.

A. G. Ferguson is erecting a block on the northwest corner of Hastings and Richards street. E. A. Morris, the cigar man of Victoria, has been negotiating with the Black and Cambie streets, which would make the rent asked \$600 a month. Rumor has it that the site is considered so valuable that Mr. Klack was offered \$40,000 to transfer his business to the site.

The Strikers.

The tailors are still out on strike, causing great inconvenience in the city. Tailor shops in Chinatown present a sorry appearance. The shops of the strikers that clothes are being turned out there for the unyielding merchants, who refuse to give them a ticket. The bricklayers in New Westminister are still out on strike.

Coasting Laws.

It is deemed inadvisable to amend the existing United States laws which allow a foreign vessel to call here for freight. The United States laws are more advantageous to the foreign vessel than the existing laws of the United States. The pilotage of the vessels entering Victoria under consideration but they were disposed of.

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The Work Day.

Board of Trade Arrangement to New.

Council Business Reviewed—Mus.

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Deputation from Victoria.

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