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OPPOSITION HAVE A VERY WEAK CASE

Silence Will Likely Be Policy When N. T. R. Report Comes Up.

INQUIRY DAMAGING IN ITS COMPLETENESS.

Construction of Line from Moncton to Edmundston Unnecessary When Undertaken, the Commissioners' Report Shows.

Special to The Standard, Ottawa, Mar. 22.—It is generally expected that whatever the present session holds of Dominion Parliament interest will develop this week. On Tuesday the report of the commission appointed to investigate the National Transcontinental Railway construction will be presented and this will be followed later in the week by the budget, provided, of course, that the debate on the Transcontinental matter is not prolonged beyond reasonable lengths.

As it looks at present the Liberals will have little to say about it, although Graham may find it to his interest to attempt to explain away some of the evidence, particularly reflecting upon his department.

There is not, however, much opportunity for explanations as the case made out by the commissioners who conducted the inquiry is highly damaging in its completeness.

Probably New Brunswick will be most interested in the portion of the report dealing with the eastern section of the road, which it will remember the late Hon. A. G. Blair roundly condemned and even went to the length of resigning his seat in the Liberal party today, Mr. Pugsley among the number, that not one had the courage to follow Mr. Blair when he stood by St. John at the sacrifice of his position.

The report of the commissioners basing particular reference to the province states that the construction of the N. T. R. from Edmundston to Moncton was unnecessary at that time. This is complete vindication of the stand then taken by the Minister of Railways.

STOCK MARKET IS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT ULSTER

Strong Disposition to Look for Peaceful Settlement of Present Crisis—C. P. R. Goes up.

London, March 22.—Notwithstanding the news of the movement of troops to Ulster on Saturday, there was a disposition on the stock exchange to look for a peaceful settlement, hence the tone of the stock markets took a turn for the better. Another contributory factor was the improvement in Mexican conditions.

Consols were firm and at one time improved to 75, but closed at 74.75 or 1.16 above Friday's quotation.

The only variation in colonial government bonds was a gain of one-eighth in Western Australian scrip. City of Regina 5's at 96 were a point higher.

Canadian Pacific at the opening to 213, after which it improved to 214 or 1.24 above the last price on the exchange on Friday. Grand Trunk's were steady with the ordinary and preference shares 1-16 to 1-8 better respectively.

Hudson Bay were dull and made no recovery from 9 7-16.

EX-GOVERNOR FOSS' DAUGHTER TO WED

Engagement of Esther Foss to Albert Hickman, Inventor and Author, Has Been Announced.

Boston, March 22.—Former Governor Mrs. Eugene Foss today announced the engagement of her daughter, Esther, to Albert Hickman, of Canada. Miss Foss has not yet made her debut, having recently returned with her twin sister Helen from study in Europe.

Mr. Hickman, a graduate of Harvard is an author and inventor. He has spent much time in England as an agent of the Canadian government. He completed for the diamond aquila at Henley in 1901.

CANADIAN BAR ASS'N TO MEET NEXT WEEK

Organization Meeting to be Held at Ottawa—American Society Will Send Two Representatives.

Ottawa, March 22.—The organization meeting of the new Canadian Bar Association will be held in Ottawa on Tuesday, March 31, with an afternoon session in the Tower room of the House of Commons, and a dinner at the Chateau Laurier in the evening. The meeting will bring together some of the most distinguished lawyers in Canada. In addition there will be present two representatives of the American Bar Association, who have been designated by ex-President Taft.

Mr. J. A. M. Atkins, K. C., M. P., is temporary chairman of the committee making arrangements. Other members of the committee include: Geo. W. Fowler, K. C., M. P., Sussex, N. B.; P. B. Carvell, K. C., M. P., Woodstock, N. B.; E. M. Macdonald, K. C., M. P., Pictou, N. S.; E. N. Rhodes, M. P., Amherst, N. S.; A. A. Maclean, N. P., Charlottetown, P. E. I.

ANOTHER OF THE GRIT LEGACIES

Agreement of Defunct Government With Grand Trunk Reason Why Request for Further Bond Guarantee Must be Considered.

Ottawa, March 22.—The reason which makes it obligatory upon the government to consider favorably the application of the Grand Trunk Railway for further guarantee of bonds to finish the mountain section of the Grand Trunk Pacific is the fact that the late Liberal government had made an agreement with the railway to guarantee 75 per cent of the cost of the construction of that section. Thinking that no more would be required the company closed a first mortgage for 14,000,000 pounds sterling. It is now found that this is insufficient. The difficulty which faces the government is that there is no no first mortgage to be obtained, and this complicates the question of a further guarantee of bonds. It is probable that there will be a rearrangement to overcome the difficulty.

COAL COMPANIES HERE COULDN'T DELIVER SUPPLY

Mr. Gutelius Says Nova Scotia Companies Were Unable to Deliver Enough to Meet Requirements of Road.

Montreal, Mar. 22.—In answer to a question respecting the charge that he was buying American coal to the detriment of the Canadian companies, Mr. P. P. Gutelius, general superintendent of the government railway system, in the course of an interview here today, said:

"We purchase about 750,000 tons of coal, and last fall the Dominion Steel Corporation, the Nova Scotia Company, and other sources of supply, were absolutely unable to deliver us enough, so we purchased 15,000 tons from the George Hall Company. As for the future, I do not think that it will be found necessary to purchase any coal outside of the Dominion."

Mr. Gutelius stated the surplus of the J. C. E. for the year ended the present month would be about \$300. He also announced that the Ocean Limited service between Montreal and Halifax would be resumed on April 5th.

OCEAN LIMITED TO BE PUT ON APRIL 5

Montreal, Mar. 22.—It is announced here tonight that the Ocean Limited train which was taken off the Montreal-Halifax service six weeks ago, will be resumed on April 5.

SCORES OF OFFICERS HAVE GIVEN UP COMMISSIONS

Resign Their Posts Rather than Fight Against Ulster Covenanters.

KING IN CONFERENCE WITH ASQUITH AND OTHERS

Ulster Forces Busy Drilling — Official Report Says Movement of Troops Was Purely Precautionary to Protect Government Property.

London, Mar. 21.—The government's military precautions to preserve order in Ulster have precipitated a crisis without parallel in the history of the British army. Rather than be placed in a position where they might be called upon to act against the Ulster covenanters numbers of officers have resigned their commissions.

While the war office refuses to say how many have resigned, popular belief based on reports from the different regiments, is that the number of withdrawals has crippled the whole military organization in Ireland and prevented carrying out the orders for moving several large bodies of troops.

PREMIER ASQUITH



The above sketch by Harry Meyer gives an excellent idea of how the Premier looks today. The Premier is facing a crisis. Few British Premiers have been weighed with as many cares of administration and sometimes his most intimate friends say he grows weary when his motives and actions are misunderstood.

THE MARQUIS OF LONDONDERRY, ONE OF THE ULSTER LEADERS, SAID TONIGHT THAT NOTHING OF THE SORT HAD OCCURRED IN THE BRITISH ARMY SINCE THE DAYS OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

Public curiosity is at fever heat over the question of how the resignations. The Liberal sentiment is that the seceding officers should be court martial. Many Conservatives argue that the situation amounts to civil war and that the officers should have liberty to choose which faction they should ally themselves with.

The entrance of King George on the scene as peacemaker was the dramatic event of the day. He had long conferences with the Prime Minister, Mr. Asquith, the Secretary of State for War, Col. Seely and several high officers, and afterwards summoned Lord Mariscal Lord Roberts, who has been much criticized by the Liberals for utterances which they construed as encouragement to the officers to refuse to obey orders.

From the palace the veteran Field Marshal drove directly to the war office, where he had a long talk with the Secretary of War. The army council held a long sitting at the war office, generals and lesser officers of the staff coming and going throughout the day.

Officers Tending Resignations

In the meantime, the movement of troops continued in Ireland. The center of interest shifted to the twenty-five miles from Dublin, where the third cavalry brigade, under General Gough and the fourteenth infantry, under Lord Roberts, are stationed. General Sir Arthur Paget, commanding the forces in Ireland, spent the day in despatching the third and fourth brigades of the Curragh, Dublin, Kildare and Newbridge garrisons. It was said that orders had arrived for the despatch of the third brigade to Ulster but that these could not be carried into execution because practically all the officers had resigned. Orders for the despatch of the sixteenth Lancers also failed of execution by reason of the same wholesale retirement of officers.

According to some reports the military men have unanimously refused information, but a Dublin despatch says that the resignations from the Curragh force number forty. Other advices place the number at 100.

The government is embarrassed by the disaffection which even exists among the officers who continue on duty, for the army is officered from the aristocratic families and the great majority of the aristocratic classes sympathize with the covenanters. Many rumors were afloat throughout the day. Among these published and denied were reports that the government had issued an ultimatum to officers giving them twelve hours to decide whether to obey orders and that two companies of the Dorsetshire regiment in Belfast had thrown down their arms.

A Dublin message to a London press association says that the two officers who refused to obey orders will be arrested and that many of those who have undertaken to go to Ulster have done so on condition that they are not to carry arms against Unionists.

Throughout the two days' crisis Ireland has not witnessed a breach of the peace anywhere. If Sunday passes without rioting the officials will draw a sigh of relief. The Nationalists, acting on John Redmond's advice, have abandoned their parade in Loughborough, which would have been almost certain to result in fighting with the Orangemen.

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MME. CAILLAUX MONTREAL APPEARED IN COURT SATURDAY

Says Calumnies Which Appeared in "The Figaro" Against Her Husband Preyed on Her Mind.

Paris, March 21.—Mme. Caillaux, in her preliminary examination before Magistrate Henri Bourcier this afternoon recognized the motives which induced her to kill Gaston Salmette, editor of Figaro. She was taken from Saint Lazar prison to the Palace of Justice in a cab guarded by detectives.

The prisoner was attired in a handsome black gown and Astruc mantle, and carried the same muff in which she concealed the revolver on the day of the shooting.

Once during her recital she gave way to emotion, at other times she appeared calm and fearless.

Madame Caillaux gave briefly the history of her marriage. She declared that since her girlhood she had been a reader of the Figaro. When it joined the enemies of her husband in the campaign against him her indignation was intense.

"Friday, March 13," she said, "the Figaro published a fragment of a letter signed 'Thy Joe.' That letter, I know, was in the possession of a woman, as well as two other private letters written to me by M. Caillaux before our marriage. I sought counsel for the purpose of having the publication of these letters legally prevented, but in vain. All these things preyed on my mind and I determined to put a stop to the calumnies."

The magistrate decided not to pursue the inquiry further today. The case will be taken up again next week. On leaving the magistrate's room Mme. Caillaux was escorted by two detectives to an automobile and drove to the jail. A small crowd of curious persons gathered around the palace of justice but there was no demonstration.

SCHR. G. M. COCHRANE AT YARMOUTH, DISABLED

Was Bound to This Port from Barbados With Cargo of Molasses Will Be Delayed a Week.

Yarmouth, N. S., March 22.—The schooner G. M. Cochrane, Captain Inis, from Barbados, February 22 for St. John, N. B., with molasses has arrived here in a disabled condition. She had her mainmast broken, rigging damaged and some repairs are needed to the decks. The vessel will be detained here a week, after which she will proceed to St. John.

MacKenzie and Mann Must Show their Cards

Must Show Whole Situation Before Help is Forthcoming, Feeling Prevalent Something Must Be Done to Preclude Injury to Canada's Credit.

Special to The Standard, Ottawa, Ont., Mar. 22.—The situation respecting the Canadian Northern remains practically unchanged. The government caucus on Wednesday last had the effect, apparently, of clearing up matters considerably and a better understanding exists among the members.

It was evident when the situation existing was explained to the members, they realized the importance of the matter and there is now a general feeling that something should be done to prevent any possibility of the credit of Canada being injured, or Canadian trade, disturbed, should the undertaking be permitted to go into liquidation. The members are determined, however, that MacKenzie and Mann must throw down their cards on the table and show the whole situation; and in addition they must secure the government guarantee to protect any action the government may take. Sir Wm. Mackenzie, Sir Donald Mann and some of the higher officials of the C. N. R. have been in Ottawa the past week preparing information required by the government. It is expected this information will be ready to place before the government this week when the cabinet will consider the whole matter.

WARNS WOMEN WHO MARRY WITH HINDUS WILL INVITE HIMSELF TO TEA WITH ENEMY

State Department Notice Says Marriages May Be Reputated When Husbands Return to their Own Country.

Ottawa, March 22.—The State Department has issued public notice through the Canada Gazette and through despatches to the various provincial governments that marriages between women of British nationality, professing the Christian religion and Moslems, Hindus and other persons belonging to countries where polygamy or concubinage is legal, should not be allowed unless these women are first warned that such marriages may be reputated by the husbands if they return to the country of their birth.

The notice is given through the repetition of a circular received from the Colonial Office. This circular states that while the registrar of marriages has no power according to English law, to prevent such mixed marriages, care should be taken to make the position clear to every woman contemplating such union. It is pointed out that while the marriage would be valid as long as the husband remained in Canada, it would not necessarily be valid if he returned to India or the Mohammedan country. Under the "personal" law the Hindu may, if he desires, take other wives in addition to the first without consulting his Christian wife in any way. The forms observed at a marriage under English law, are not necessarily recognized by Mohammedan law as giving any legal effect or validity to the marriage relationship and afford no protection to the wife in a country where Mohammedan law is observed.

Where a marriage relationship is constituted which the Mohammedan law will recognize, a Mohammedan husband may divorce his wife at will without any legal formality beyond that of repudiating her.

The Post Office Department has issued notice declaring that the transmission of coin or bank notes in unregistered letters is prohibited.

An order in council has been passed appointing Hon. Arthur Meighen to be a King's Counsel.

RUGBY CHAMPIONSHIP GOES TO ENGLAND

Defeat Scottish Team Saturday in International Series Player Has Leg Broken.

London, Mar. 22.—By defeating Scotland at Inverleith on Saturday by two goals and two tries, netting sixteen points, against a goal, a dropped goal and two tries for their opponents fifteen points, England won the rugby international championship, retaining the Calcutta cup, which is held by the winners of this match.

The game was marred by a serious accident to Milman, the famous Blackheath player, who broke his leg. England saved poorly in the opening stages of the game, their forwards playing in poor style. Later the champions came up brilliantly, while Scotland committed several blunders. The latter, however, deserve credit for the manner in which they retrieved what at one time looked like a disaster for them, finally losing by only one point. On the general run, the English players showed better form.

Twelve or so of the present airmen are retiring, and it looks likely now as if between forty and fifty candidates will compete for thirty seats. The thirty-first—billed by Alderman L. A. Lapointe, leader of the council—is the only one likely to be filled by acclamation.

WELL KNOWN NEWSPAPER MAN DIES AT BROOKLYN

New York, March 21.—John Norris, widely known newspaper man, long business manager of the New York Times and leader of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association's campaign for free paper and wood pulp, died late today at his home in Brooklyn. He had been in poor health for several months.

It is not likely now that the bill can be taken up before Tuesday or that the tolls exemption provision of the Panama Canal Act was delayed until week.