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BECHTEL CAUSES BULLOCK'S ARREST

COURT ADJOURNS, TO BE ASKED TO SIGN WARRANT

Proceeding of Machinery De-
pot Defendants Ridiculed
by Navy Counsel

Frederick Bullock, chief witness in the police court on Monday for the prosecution in the charges against C. J. V. Spratt and William Houston, was arrested Monday afternoon after his given evidence, by Inspector Geo. Perdue, who acted upon a warrant sworn out in court by Andrew Bechtel, a director of the Victoria Machinery Depot, charging Bullock with having attempted to extort money by threats on April 15 last from the accused, C. J. V. Spratt. The information was signed by Magistrate Jay, who was taken from the bench by the ingenuity of W. J. Taylor, K. C., who is representing Spratt.

Bullock was being cross-examined by Mr. Taylor, who suddenly remarked that some of his papers had not a stray and requested an adjournment for ten minutes. He left his papers as they were and went into the police court clerk's room. A message was sent to the magistrate on the bench that Andrew Bechtel wanted to speak to him in the magistrate's office. Mr. Jay left the bench and was confronted with the warrant form when he reached his office. A few minutes later Mr. Taylor asked across the court to Inspector Perdue, handing him the warrant for execution.

The court then resumed, and Bullock was cross-examined again by W. J. Taylor and Stuart Henderson. He then left the witness box and took a seat in court. Inspector Perdue crossed over to him and asked him to step outside, and when he did so the officer placed Bullock under arrest.

Bullock immediately hurried into court and held a whispered conversation with J. A. Alkman and Hon. C. E. Pooley, K. C., who are appearing for the navy prosecution. They inspected the warrant on which Bullock had been arrested and shortly before court adjourned Mr. Alkman referred to the matter and applied for bail, which was granted in two bonds of \$500 each. These were immediately forthcoming, the sureties of Commander Wifvan and Lieut. Hodgson of H. M. S. Egeria being accepted.

In addressing the court Mr. Alkman ridiculed the proceeding of the defence, saying Bullock was a witness in all the cases and there was no likelihood of his getting away as he had nothing to lose. He did not think it was the defence should attempt to cover the trail with a red-herring. The offence alleged against Bullock occurred three days before the funds were made by the customs officers at the Victoria Machinery Depot, and the informant waited till this late date to take action. He asked that accused be allowed out on his own bond.

W. J. Taylor opposed the application, saying Bullock had made many threats to attempt to extort money, and that when he failed he would not get on. He laid the information against Spratt, Houston, Day and Richards. Mr. Taylor said the prosecution also intended to charge Bullock with perjury in the case of the Spratt case.

Mr. Alkman replied that it was a well-known fact that Spratt had accused Bullock of the theft of a roll of paper and that the case had been withdrawn in the police court. He said a perfect right, then, to demand compensation and take an action for damages, and that was what the alleged offence appeared to consist of.

Mr. Taylor said the prosecution would revive the old charge, and Mr. Perdue heaped remarks that the defence would find itself in a very difficult position before the court. He said the cases now before the court.

BLAZE AT SEATTLE.

Seattle, Wash., June 20.—Fire which started on the third floor of the Seattle Cracker and Candy Company's factory at Occidental avenue and Broadway street, at 1:30 o'clock this morning, gutted the two upper floors of the building and damaged the stocks of the West Coast China Company, Main Belting Company and M. Grandstander tea, rice and material importers, which occupied the second floor. The loss will exceed \$100,000.

BODY RECOVERED.

Aberdeen, Wash., June 20.—Suspended in the Chehalis river by a snag and the body of Frank Crane, a diver engaged in repairing the Chehalis river water main, the body of Christ Johnson, the cook of the schooner A. B. Johnson, who was drowned a month ago, was found this morning.

BAPTISTS IN CONVENTION.

Philladelphia, Pa., June 20.—Nearly 5000 members in which a Baptist can be found is represented in the Baptist World Alliance which opened its convention here yesterday. The meeting is expected to be one of the greatest ever held by the alliance. The alliance was organized in London five years ago and was created for the purpose of promoting the spirit of fellowship, service and co-operation among the churches of the denomination over the world. Prior to the meeting of the alliance the general convention of the alliance of North America, representing the entire United States and Canada, held a single session. The alliance was called into order by Rev. John Clifford of London.

When the occupants of a cell in the prison of Taganrog paid no attention to the order of a sentry to stop singing, the sentry fired through the window, killing a prisoner on the spot.

ROSEBERY ON EMPIRE'S FUTURE

SPEAKS OF WORK OF IMPERIAL CONFERENCE

Believes Outcome Will Be Par-
liament Representing All
Parts of King's Dominions

London, June 20.—There was a memorable gathering yesterday in Westminster hall which, as the chairman, Lord Rosebery pointed out, according to tradition had been built by William Rufus, certainly was the scene of the trial of Warren Hastings, and where Stratford and his master confronted their judges. Politics were laid aside when in that historic chamber Lords, Commons and members of every home party entertained at luncheon visiting members of parliament of the Overseas dominions. Members of the Imperial conference were guests, including Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who sat on the left of the chairman with Speaker Lowther and Senator Sir Mackenzie Bowell on the other side. Premier Botha and Lord Strathcona were neighbors at Premier Asquith's table, while at another of the main tables were Sir Frederick Borden, Premier Morris, Roblin and Sifton; Sir L. Gouin, Hon. Brodeur and Senators Power, Dougheed, Watts and Casgrain.

Lord Rosebery described the gathering as a meeting of the home backwoodsmen with the backwoodsmen of the dominions and delivered a characteristically witty speech. He did not believe any parliament had yet reached its final shape. "The principle of our Empire allowed for the most august parliament the world has ever seen. He believed some day they would wake up to find themselves a federated empire. Senator Bowell said such a gathering augured well for the future unity of the empire.

SENATOR ROOT WILL EXPLAIN AMENDMENT

Speech Expected to Mark Be- ginning of Regular Debate on Reciprocity

Washington, D. C., June 20.—Deaf to the entreaties of Chairman Penrose, of the finance committee, no one was prepared to speak on Canadian reciprocity when the senate convened to-day. Determined that some champion of the measure must come forward with an argument in its support before they began their assault, those Republicans opposed to the agreement are standing firm.

The friends of the bill hope that Senator Wills' explanation of his amendment to-morrow will mark the beginning of regular debate. It was evident early to-day that the consideration of the agreement would consist of rapid fire debates.

J. L. REID DEAD.

Prince Albert, Sask., June 20.—The death occurred here of J. Lestock Reid, D.L.S., aged 69 years. Deceased came to Winnipeg in 1870 and had surveyed large areas in the west, including many Indian reserves. He leaves four sons, Dr. H. A. Reid of Prince Albert, Herbert Reid, manager of the Imperial Bank, Wills Reid, of the audit branch of the Alberta government, and Eric Reid of Prince Albert. Two daughters are Mrs. McKay, wife of Jas. McKay, K.C., Prince Albert, and Mrs. J. H. Wilson of Calgary. Deceased by stricken with paralysis in Montreal recently and was later brought here. He was exceedingly well known in Winnipeg and other western centers.

BRINGING COAL FROM PENNSYLVANIA

Shortage of Fuel in Alberta Re- sults in Importation From South of Line

Calgary, June 20.—So serious has become the shortage of coal caused by the miners' strike, that Alberta industries are forced to import fuel from Pennsylvania. In order to avoid a tie-up of its entire plant one coal company is bringing in 4,500 tons of Pennsylvania coal. The freight on this coal alone will cost the company \$25,000.

PREMIERS ENTERTAINED.

London, June 20.—The overseas premiers lunched at the National Liberal Club to-day. Lord Haldane said such a spirit of confidence had been shown in the Imperial conference as never before. They ought to develop that habit until it becomes a constitutional usage.



NEW BLOCK GOING UP ON FORT STREET

Junction of Fort and Douglas to Be Built on Either Side Shortly

The widening of Fort street has directly contributed to the improvement not only of the thoroughfare itself but of the buildings fronting upon it, as it has induced the A. N. Brown trustees to pull down their present two-story block on the corner of Douglas and Fort, adjoining the Balmoral Hotel block, and erect a more modern four-story block in its place. Under the provisions of the widening scheme several feet had to come off the front of the building, but instead of going in for patching the trustees decided to have a new building.

It is estimated that the new block will cost in the neighborhood of \$55,000. It will occupy the whole of the site included in the property instead of a part as formerly. Brick will be the principal material of which the new building will consist and it is expected that, when completed, the stores and offices into which the premises will be divided will free comparison with anything of their kind in the city.

On the south side of the street almost opposite, on the site at present occupied by Terry's drug store, another auspicious edifice will be erected in the near future. D. E. Campbell, who owns the property, intends to build there, and although nothing definite has yet been settled in regard to the matter it is regarded as more a matter of time than anything else. With these two almost twin blocks going up that particular corner will enhance in value and appearance a hundred-fold.

The Hickman Tye Hardware Company, situated on Yates street, has decided that its present premises are too limited for its uses and has decided to blow them out into a new home. In order to do so effectively the company has decided to spend \$100,000 on a new two-story block. The building permit for this has already been issued, and it is expected that the work of construction will be commenced almost at once.

In connection with Yates street developments it should also be stated that L. W. Bick has leased the entire upper three floors of the Stelly block for a term of five years to an outside interest. It is stated that the new leases will at once begin to reconstruct the interior with a view to catering for the transient hotel trade.

BOY BURNED TO DEATH.

Seattle, Wash., June 20.—Arthur Weston, a 16-year-old boy, was caught beneath a burning tree and burned to death yesterday at 93rd street and Elniney avenue. Young Weston had been with other boys a short time before the accident, but none of them saw the tree fall and his absence was unnoticed until a passerby found the boy's charred body.

LEAPS FROM BRIDGE.

Toronto, June 20.—William J. Black, aged 31 years, recently from Ireland and employed by the Eaton Company, jumped from the top of a bridge over a ravine and landed in a shapeless mass 100 feet below in the sight of hundreds of people. No cause for the suicide is known.

ALBERTA LAND SALES.

Toronto, June 20.—Joseph H. Smith, agent for Ontario of the Canadian Pacific land, announces sales of farming land in Alberta by the Canadian Pacific totalling 75,000 acres. The average price was \$15.

PASSENGER VESSELS ARE WITHDRAWN

Ships Chartered to Attend the Naval Review Unable to Secure Crews

London, June 20.—The seamen's strike is playing havoc with the plans of those who had arranged to witness the great naval review by King George at Spithead on Saturday. In addition to the four ocean-going vessels of the Union Castle line, the sailing of which for the review was cancelled last night, the Royal Mail steamship line announced to-day that it was obliged to withdraw four big ships which had been chartered to attend the sea pageant. These eight ships could not find their accommodation for Saturday, and thus thousands at the last moment are deprived of the anticipated spectacle.

From Liverpool comes the news that the six masted Sverdrup White Star liner had to attend the sea pageant, and a settlement of all points in dispute had been reached.

A serious disturbance is reported as having occurred at Glasgow. Increase Granted.

Liverpool, June 20.—The Canada, White Star and Allan lines to-day co-operate the advances demanded by the striking seamen and arranged a compromise on other points with the strikers.

NARROW ESCAPE OF TWENTY-ONE MEN

Rescued in Unconscious Con- dition From Burning Mine in Alberta

Lethbridge, June 20.—Fire broke out yesterday in the Galt Coal Company's No. 3 mine and spread rapidly, entombing Supt. Livingstone and twenty men, who finally were rescued in an unconscious state by their companions.

Thus far efforts to reach the seat of the fire have failed, although a mile of hose has been laid.

LAWYER APPEALS.

Lethbridge, June 20.—C. F. Harris, the Lethbridge lawyer struck from the roll and disqualified from practicing by the Supreme Court of Alberta, is appealing to the Supreme Court of Canada.

PANIC ON TROLLEY CAR.

Buffalo, N. Y., June 20.—In a panic which followed the burning out of a controller on a trolley car on the Niagara Falls line, near Tonawanda last night, one person probably was fatally injured and twelve others badly hurt.

PRESS ASSOCIATION MEETING.

Toronto, June 20.—The annual meeting of the Canadian Press Association began at the King Edward hotel to-day with a good attendance. The sessions will continue over to-morrow and will be followed by an excursion to the island district of Georgian Bay.

DROPS DEAD.

Winnipeg, June 20.—Mrs. Mary Watson, 50, dropped dead of apoplexy in the Grand Hotel.

CONFERENCE MAY BE HELD IN OTTAWA

DELIBERATIONS LIKELY TO CLOSE TO-DAY

Premier Fisher Favors Next
Meeting—One of Over-
seas Capitals

London, June 20.—The Imperial conference is expected to conclude to-day. It is possible that Premier Fisher of Australia will propose that the next conference be held at Ottawa or some other capital of the overseas dominions. Lord Haldane, minister of war, speaking to the overseas troops, said the Imperial conference had marked a step forward of at least ten years in the solution of the great imperial problems of defence.

The Sheffield Independent says: "Sir Wilfrid Laurier heaped coals of fire on his critics by his lofty and generous strain on Saturday. This annexation panic is self-evidently silly and stupid in light of the growth of self-confidence of Canadians."

The Times says: "Canada is unquestionably handicapped by the twelve favored nation treaties negotiated many years ago to suit our convenience rather than hers. The inconveniences has not been very apparent in the past, but the trade agreement with Washington made it palpable. The maintenance of unity will of course be safeguarded to some extent by Sir Wilfrid Laurier's third principle under which no dominion could give an advantage to a foreign power. It does not extend to the empire union to elaborate entirely separate systems of commercial treaties, it will not be long before their foreign friends will be able to make the maintenance of Laurier's principle quite as incon- venient as the favored nation treaties are to-day."

Prince Alexander of Serbia had been treated with noticeable aloofness by his fellow royals, and at one time he stood some minutes on the platform alone and neglected. He is a reserved looking fellow, none of the untamed savage in his eyes, or abrupt or un- venial manner of his disgraced older brother. He finally left with the Serbian minister, who evidently is as much an outcast from the diplomatic circle as Alexander is from the royal circle.

Rain fell steadily yesterday afternoon and the flags along the streets last night hung limp, their gaudy colors blurred, while paint ran down the columns of the triumphal arches. Some of the finest decoration effects arranged for the coronation celebration stand a fair chance of being ruined. The spectacular aspect of London is considerably damaged, but the town has a festive appearance regardless of the unkindness of the weather.

Buckingham palace again was the centre of popular interest, and last night, as Sunday night, traffic was congested throughout a wide area. Central London will see little rest day or night until the crowning is over.

The King and Queen had a busy day. In addition to receiving a large number of visiting royals at the palace, they attended a rehearsal ceremony at the abbey and last evening did the foreign representatives at Buckingham Palace. The Queen received deputations from various parts of the empire, who presented gifts and addresses. While the dinner was a quiet affair compared with the grand state dinner to-day, which will be the largest and most pretentious function of the sort ever held in England, it ordinarily would be regarded as a great event.

After the royal dinner at the palace, many of the guests drove to Stafford House, where the Duchess of Sutherland gave a ball. This was the most magnificent social affair London has seen in years. Besides the members of the British royal family, with the exception of the King and Queen, most of the royal visitors from abroad, with their suites, the diplomatic corps, including the members of the regular and special American embassy, the colonial representatives, many leading statesmen and nearly everyone prominent in society were present.

The British Empire League gave a ball last night at the Hotel Cecil in honor of the overseas forces. Seven hundred colonial and English officers were present.

A full dress rehearsal of the coronation ceremony, the reception of envoys from foreign lands to be held at Buckingham palace, the state banquet to royal guests and representatives of heads of state and the Shakespearean ball at Albert hall, make up to-day's crowded programme of events directly connected with the crowning of King George.

The coronation rehearsal will depict the ceremony practically as it will be performed on Thursday.

The Shakespearean ball will be an elaborate affair as it is expected that Queen Mary and nearly all of the members of royalty will be present. The state banquet at Buckingham Palace to-night will be the most elaborate of the kind ever given in London. The famous Windsor gold plate will be used.

Aside from these events, there are a large number of lesser features constantly occurring, incident to the continuous arrival of distinguished foreign dignitaries, the innumerable semi-official dinners, garden parties, receptions, exhibitions and private events, which have sprung up in connection with the coronation festivities.

Royal carriages conveying the nation's representatives on an interminable round of visits, the passing and re-passing of contingents of troops, a constant stream of sightseers with a big sprinkling of brightling apparel effected by those of both the near and the far east, furnished London with a day long succession of thrills.

Among the troops were many in strange foreign uniforms of continental regiments of which King George is an honorary colonel.

Enormous crowds gathered early in the vicinity of Westminster Abbey, where the peers and peeresses arrived for the coronation rehearsal, many of them in royal robes.

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ROYALTIES ARE WARMLY GREETED

FLOCKING TO LONDON FOR THE CORONATION

Queen Receives Addresses and
Gifts From Various Parts
of Empire

London, June 20.—A railroad train never carried such precious freight as the royalties Continental special arriving at Victoria last night, containing the royal representatives accredited to the coronation by every state, including the crown princes and crown princesses.

They were received by the Duke of Connaught and other English royalties and their own diplomatic representatives. The scene on the platform as they were received and introduced to each other was highly animated and interesting. They all spoke either French or English, including Prince Chakrabongha of Siam.

The royal personages were rather constrained with each other and stood upon their dignity. The most remarkable figures among them were Count Danilo, Montenegro, a magnificent, swarthy complexioned mountaineer, and Duke Brankovitch, strikingly handsome and distinguished, with his queenly looking Bourbon wife.

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Flames Destroy Houses in
Hockelaga—Loss Amounts
to \$25,000

Montreal, June 20.—Nine families were rendered homeless in Hockelaga yesterday as the result of a blaze which broke out at noon in the hay shed of J. W. Gingras, 2025 East Ontario street. The fire spread rapidly to adjoining houses fronting on East Ontario street as well as on the sheds in the rear of a block of houses on St. Germain street. It was feared for a time that the fire would reach the school of the nativity in St. Germain street. The sheds of the block adjoining the institution were ablaze, but the firemen succeeded in preventing the flames from spreading to the school building. The loss probably will reach \$25,000.

ELECTRICAL STORM.

Montreal, June 20.—Electrical storms unusually severe, accompanied by hurricane gusts of wind and rain, did considerable damage in Montreal yesterday. Lightning was responsible for several fires. The residence of John Malr was burned to the ground.

RETURNING TO WORK.

Pittsburg, June 20.—Officials of the Pennsylvania Railroad to-day declared the backbone of the shopmen's strike, which has been in progress over the Pittsburg division for months, had been broken. It is announced that 400 strikers returned to work this morning and negotiations are pending with several thousand men have been on strike.

ANOTHER ENGLISH MEMBER UNSEATED

Agents of Under-Secretary of Home Office Guilty of Corrupt Practices

London, June 20.—Charles G. Masterman, under secretary in the home office, to-day was deprived of his seat in the House of Commons for the north division of Westham by the law courts, which found that his election was aided by corrupt practices on the part of his agents. The judges said that no fault rested upon Mr. Masterman personally.

POWER SCHEME DEFEATED.

Edmonton, July 20.—A by-law to provide \$100,000 for initial work on a municipal power plant at Grand Rapids on the Athabasca, 200 miles north of Edmonton, was defeated by an overwhelming majority. The citizens believe the scheme when completed will cost \$5,000,000 or \$4,000,000, and is too big for the city at the present time.