

LIBERALS ARE SADLY DIVIDED AS TO POLICY

Caucus on Naval Aid Bill Does Not Heal Breath

PARDEE SAYS THEY WILL KEEP FIGHTING

Debate in Commons Still Dragging on—Minister of Labor Completely Refutes Arguments of Opposition Spellbinders.

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, Feb. 21.—Following the Liberal caucus today on the naval aid question Mr. Pardee, chief whip, gave out a statement to the effect that the Opposition would go on with the fight along the lines indicated in Sir Wilfrid Laurier's proposals and also in the House in the amendment before the House calling for a redistribution and submission of the question to the people.

Mr. Pardee was not prepared to state whether or not the fight would be prolonged. He declined to commit himself. That is all that I can say at present, he said, "We will continue the fight."

Party Not United.
It is generally understood that there was considerable discussion as to the wisdom of prolonged obstruction, and for that reason no definite course of action was decided upon.

In view of the fact that the session has been in progress for some months, that the end of the fiscal year is near at hand, and that the work is not already being discussed by the Opposition in the House, the Government will probably make a practical reply in the first instance by a decision to hold long sittings of the House next week.

Two or three days of continuous sittings while the country is regaled with Opposition oratory will not tend to improve their discredited position. They have already tested their strength against the government and find themselves a discomfited minority.

The Debate Drags On.
This has been another of the days wherein the more important developments have occurred outside the House. Within the Commons the debate has dragged on for nearly three hours in one day and nearly all of the time taken up with one speech by A. K. MacLean.

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HALDANE WILL VISIT CANADA

Lord High Chancellor Has Accepted Invitation to Speak Before American Bar Association at Annual Meeting.

London, Feb. 21.—Viscount Haldane, the lord high chancellor, will be the guest of the American Bar Association at the annual meeting of the association which is to be held at Montreal, Sept. 14 next.

The lord high chancellor as soon as he received the invitation, which was tendered through Frank B. Kellogg, expressed his personal desire to accept, but as he is the holder of the great seal of state, he had to secure the consent of the King to leave the country during his term of office. This he has now received.

Informally accepting the invitation of the bar association, Viscount Haldane wrote: "I esteem the invitation as an exceptional honor, and I look forward to the pleasure of meeting the great lawyers of the United States and Canada."

BOTH HALIFAX TEAMS BEATEN LAST NIGHT

Special to The Standard.
Halifax, Feb. 21.—The Sydney milliners defeated the Halifax Crescents, 4 to 2, in a game here tonight. The ice was soft and slow play was the result. The Sydney team employed more consistency than their opponents and the result was hardly ever in doubt.

TURKS REPORT FINDING A LIVE MINE AT SEA

Charge that it is Work of Bulgarians, in Indignant Note to Powers—Violates International Law.

Washington, Feb. 21.—The Turkish government has pointed out to the powers, signature of articles of the second Hague convention, including the United States, the discovery of a contact mine on the littoral of the Sea of Marmora.

The Ottoman authorities, in reporting the picking up of such a mine to this government, describe it as one thrown by the Bulgarians and suggest that it was set adrift with the evident intention of bringing about European intervention by the blowing up of foreign merchant ships in Turkish waters.

Analysis of the mine made by technical experts, Turkish officials report, showed that it was explosive after being set free to float. This they point out, is forbidden by articles II and III of the second Hague convention. Report to the powers was made, it is said, to call attention to the great danger to international navigation caused by such mines.

Austrian Soldiers Suffer.
Vienna, Feb. 21.—Many thousands of soldiers encamped on the Serbian frontier are suffering great hardships owing to the rigorous winter, inadequate shelter and the deplorable state of the commissariat.

The complaints of the soldiers have been made known to the government by the war office, which is demobilizing the army and sending the men home.

AGED FRENCH PILOT BLAMES ENGLISHMEN

Says They are Responsible for Present Situation on St. Lawrence River—Commissariat Hears Much Evidence.

Quebec, Feb. 21.—That Father Point is the most suitable place for a pilot station was the most prominent point brought out in the pilotage investigation here today. Another feature was the statement of a retired pilot that "all the trouble about the pilots was started because they were French (Canadian)." If they were English there would be nothing said about them.

Joseph Gravel, retired pilot aged 77 years, said he piloted ships until he was 75 and could do so still. They did not want him to retire at 75, but he wanted a rest. French Canadians were no more nervous at 65 years than other people. He was not nervous but in good health. All the trouble, he said, "about pilots was started because they were French Canadian. If they were English they would be all right."

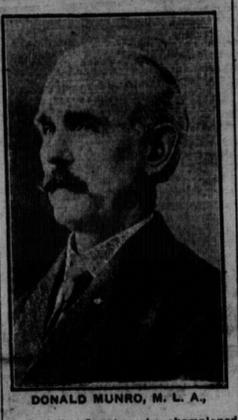
Captain Belanger of the pilot tender Eureka, considered that Father Point was the best place for a pilot station. The Eureka has a good boat for pilot service in fine weather, but was too small for a gale. There was always trouble in going alongside a light vessel in rough weather, on account of her rolling.

He had enough so-called sailors on board, but they were not competent, and could not row a boat. They were taken from the farms around Rimouski. When things did not please them they would leave the vessel and go home, in fact one of them threatened to kill him. The men were supplied by the "department," through Bolley, Louis Moran, retired pilot, described the system existing before the corporation was formed, and the abuses that pilots suffered then, although the way was little different they did not get it as they had to pay agents and captains to get ships to pilot. If the corporation was abolished the abuses would creep in again. Father Point was the best place for the pilot station in his opinion.

Mr. Munro's Motion For Limited Franchise To Women Lost 21 to 10

PREMIER VOTED IN ITS FAVOR

Mr. Swim and J. L. Stewart Supported Motion —Col. Sheridan and L. P. D. Tilley Led Opponents—Ladies in Gallery for Debate.



Special to The Standard.
Fredericton, Feb. 21.—Although firmly convinced of the justice of their cause, and almost hopeful of the success of their mission, the delegation of ladies who came here this morning to present when the women's suffrage question should be introduced before the legislature, returned home to present the bill in the House was defeated at this afternoon's session by a vote of 21 to 10.

After routine business had been disposed of in the House Mr. Munro introduced the subject in a lengthy speech. Mr. Swim followed on behalf of the arguments, and Col. Sheridan, of Kent, however, took up the gauntlet for the opposition party.

All the while the throng of ladies in the galleries followed the discussion with keenest interest. The Emmeline Pankhurst type of suffragette was, however, noticeably absent as one of the champions of their cause scored a point they applauded generally. The organized cheering was also a negligible quantity, but the suffragettes lost no opportunities to show their approval or disapproval of the arguments for or against their demands. The members of the legislature likewise followed the debate with enthusiasm.

The last speaker against the measure was Mr. Tilley, St. John. His opening remarks, "I am going to say a few words for the ladies," brought an outburst from the galleries. Subsequent sentences, however, spread a hush over the eager gallery, the hopes they had built on his opening words were shattered as he explained as a parenthesis, that he proposed to speak for the 90 per cent. of the women of the province who do not want the franchise. The remainder of his speech coming after the address of Col. Sheridan struck the death knell for woman suffrage for New Brunswick.

The vote was taken; twenty-one of the members present voted for and ten against, introducing the bill into the legislature and the cause of woman suffrage was temporarily lost.

The house met at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Tilley presented a petition in favor of a bill to incorporate the Riverside Golf and Country Club.

Hon. Mr. Murray presented a petition in favor of a bill to allow the trustees of school district No. 2 of Westfield, Kings County, to sell certain lands.

Hon. Mr. Wilson presented a petition in favor of bills to amend the act relating to the union of St. John and Portland, to amend the act relating to the sale of part of the estate of Trinity church, St. John, respecting the supplying of water to a portion of the Parish of Simons by the City of St. John and to allow the Edward Partridge Pulp and Paper Co. to establish sorting booms at the mouth of the Nashwaak River.

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THE SUFFRAGE VOTE

YEAS—Hon. Mr. Fleming, Hon. Mr. Wilson, Mr. Munro, Mr. White (Carleton), Mr. Carson, Mr. Young, Mr. Stewart (Northumberland), Mr. Perley, Mr. Swim, Dr. Price,—10.

NAYS—Hon. Mr. Grimmer, Hon. Mr. McLeod, Hon. Mr. Landry, Hon. Mr. Murray, Mr. Guptill, Mr. Woods, Mr. Slipp, Mr. Baxter, Mr. Witzell, Mr. Stewart (Gloucester), Mr. Robichaud, Mr. Glasier, Mr. Dickson (Kings), Mr. Dugal, Mr. Tilley, Mr. Melanson, Mr. Humphrey, Dr. Bourque, Mr. Carter, Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Culligan—21.

THE BRITISH SUFFRAGETTES ARE CAUSING MUCH ANXIETY

Law Apparently Powerless Against them—Hunger Strikers Prove Difficult Puzzle—An Embarrassing Situation.

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London, Feb. 21.—The actions of the militant suffragettes are beginning to cause profound anxiety, less on account of the direct damage they have done, than by reason of the possibility of the law. Pagan of-fenders claim special treatment on the ground of being political offenders, which plea is unknown in law. Mrs. Pankhurst defies the government to arrest her, and boasts that she will adopt a hunger strike and secure speedy release. There is an absolute refusal to accept the law, which is not a simple matter to be reduced to a nullity.

The chief problem is how to treat the hunger strikers. One remedy proposed is to leave an abundance of milk at hand, it being known that human beings can endure hunger better than

thirst. Another proposal is to inflict fines without the option of imprisonment, thus reducing the offenders to poverty.

The whole position is embarrassing. One result, however, has been attained. The outrages, coupled with events in Parliament in January, have forced the country to face the question as a serious problem and not as a joke. The working classes, especially, are roused from their former contemptuous apathy.

It is a curious fact that while Socialists and Labor organizations approve of female suffrage, the rank and file of working men harbor it, and resolutely oppose the proposal to enfranchise their wives. As one agricultural laborer put it to me: "If our wives vote with us, their vote is no go. If they vote against us, it is only another cause of trouble in the home, and we have enough already."

YARMOUTH BUSINESS MEN SECURE CONTROL OF ROYAL OPERA HOUSE

Buy Valuable Property from F. G. Spencer of St. John— Amusement Situation Af- fected by Change.

Yarmouth, Feb. 21.—One of the most important business transactions ever consummated in Yarmouth became known today, it affects the present and future condition of the local amusement situation.

For five years the Royal Opera House, which has been under the direction of F. G. Spencer, of St. John, one of the most profitable institutions in Yarmouth, has been taken over by Yarmouth capitalists for \$50,000.

The new company which consists of five of Yarmouth's business men, will take possession of the Royal Opera House on March 1st. Mr. Spencer, who has been in town since Monday, will return to St. John tomorrow morning.

The act incorporating the St. Stephen Railway Co.

Mr. Baxter moved for the suspension of the rules to allow the introduction of the bill to amend the St. John City Court Act.

Mr. Tilley introduced a bill to amend the St. John city assessment act of 1909.

Hon. Mr. McLeod presented the Auditor General's report for 1912 and moved that it and the provincial accounts be referred to the committee on public accounts.

Hon. Mr. McLeod gave notice that the house would go into committee of supply for Thursday next.

CREW BURNED WOODWORK OF SHIP AS FUEL

British Collier Batiscan Had Difficult Time to Get to Hal- ifax—Allan Liner Arrives Week Late.

Special to The Standard.
Halifax, Feb. 21.—To save their ship from wallowing helplessly in mid-Atlantic, the crew of the British collier Batiscan, was compelled to chop away the woodwork for fuel to keep the engines going, the craft's supply of coal having been exhausted in a fierce fight with hurricanes from Antwerp to Halifax.

The steamer was three weeks out and is bound with part cargo to Delaware Breakwater for which port she will sail tomorrow after bunking.

Also belated by a run of continuously bad weather, was the Allan liner Mongolian, which reached Halifax today after twenty days' steaming and nearly a week overdue. Her limited range of wireless could not send messages to port until this morning, and some anxiety was felt for her safety.

WAS OFFERED LARGE BRIBE TO FREE THAW

Superintendent of Matteawan State Hospital for Criminal Insane Gives Startling Evi- dence at Investigation.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 21.—Dr. John W. Russell, superintendent of the Matteawan state hospital for the criminal insane, testified today before Governor Sulzer's committee of inquiry, that he had been offered \$20,000 to release Harry K. Thaw. The offer, he said, was made during the latter part of 1912 by a lawyer, whose name he could not remember, in an "uptown hotel" in New York city, and was refused.

This testimony was developed during an investigation of reports that Dr. Russell, recently requested by Governor Sulzer, had been offered \$20,000 to release Harry K. Thaw. The offer, he said, was made during the latter part of 1912 by a lawyer, whose name he could not remember, in an "uptown hotel" in New York city, and was refused.

S. S. LAKE CHAMPLAIN SAILS FOR TRIESTE

Preparations for New Service Going Rapidly Forward— Will Leave Austrian Port for Halifax and St. John.

Montreal, Feb. 21.—The C. P. R. liner Lake Champlain sailed from London for Trieste today. On arrival at the Adriatic port she will be re-named Ruthenia and will sail from Trieste on March 20 for Halifax and St. John, being the first boat of the company's new Austro-Canadian service.

The Ruthenia will be followed from Trieste, about four weeks later by the Lake Erie, which will by then have been re-named the Tyrolia. But the latter sailing will be for Quebec and Montreal as will subsequent sailings to the close of the St. Lawrence navigation season.

FORMER CHINESE EMPRESS IS DEAD

Peking, Feb. 22.—Ye Ho Na La, Empress Dowager of China, died at 2.30 o'clock this morning. She was the widow of Emperor Kwangsu, who died November 13, 1908. The Empress had been ill only a few days.

The actual cause of her death is unknown, but it is said she suffered from her ailment resembled appendicitis. She was attended only by a Chinese doctor. The former imperial family was about to remove to the inner portion of the Forbidden City in order to make room for the government in the eastern portion.

KING GEORGE HOLDS COURT.

London, Feb. 21.—King George and Queen Mary held their second court of the season at Buckingham Palace this evening.

Methods of Porfirio Diaz To be Used by Ad- ministration.

MADERO'S SECRETARY EXECUTED AT PUEBLO

Provisional President Plans to Make Natives and Foreigners Safe from Further Troubles

—Prominent Army Of- ficers to be Tried.

Mexico City, Feb. 21.—That the new administration in Mexico expects to use the methods of Porfirio Diaz, so far as is possible in governing the country, was made evident today in a conversation Provisional President Huerta had with the newspaper men. President Huerta declared that no matter what the cost would be, or who the men are who pay it, peace would be restored in Mexico. He said it was his ambition that when he left the presidency people would say of him "he has restored order throughout Mexico, made safe the investment of money and rendered secure the lives and interests of all, both foreigners and Mexicans."

Outlines Programme.
Calmly and dispassionately President Huerta outlined his programme for the use of the army in restoring and maintaining order. He admitted that in many parts of the Republic where the news of the change in government had not been received, all was not in accord with peace. To these sections, he said, he would send emissaries in an attempt to bring about order, or, if necessary, troops would be despatched to them to inform the people of the government's desires.

I want to restore to Mexico that un-interrupted current of riches which is her right, the President continued, and to bring about such conditions in the country that all the diplomats will feel that their national interests are secure.

The president declared that he favored a free press in Mexico, saying that even antagonistic organs are desirable since from them the administration might learn of evils that otherwise might be hidden.

An emissary, President Huerta left today for Saltillo, capital of the State of Coahuila, bearing a letter to Governor Venustiano Carranza, who is reported to be raising an army to fight the new government. In this letter a final effort is made to secure the governor's adhesion to the new regime.

A train loaded with troops also is on its way to Saltillo from the capital and in the event that Governor Carranza maintains his attitude against Beltrán Huerta these men will be used against him and his followers.

It is reported that Juan Sanchez Azcona, private secretary to ex-President Madero, has been taken to death in Puebla. There is no confirmation of the report, but it is generally believed to be true. Azcona was arrested at Apizaco while fleeing from the capital and taken to Puebla.

General Felipe Angeles, former commander of the army operating at Cuernavaca, and General Joaquin Pantoja, former commander of the federal forces in Vera Cruz, are to be subjected to an inquiry by the military court.

Will Try Generals.

General Beltran will be tried for the part he played in attacking Vera Cruz last year, at the time of the ill-starred uprising and fomented there by General Diaz. He is accused of misuse of the flag in capturing Vera Cruz and making a prisoner of General Diaz, who later was brought to the capital and remained incarcerated until the recent revolt, which ended in the downfall of Madero.

General Angeles will be tried for failure to obey an order of General Huerta to report to the palace with his forces on the last day of the recent revolt. Angeles is confined in the same room in the palace with ex-President Madero.

Senora Madero, wife of the ex-president and Senora Suarez, wife of the ex-viceroy, for the first time since their husbands were arrested were permitted to visit them in the palace. The conferences lasted one hour and were private. When the women left the palace they appeared to men left the palace they appeared to be deeply apprehensive as to the fate of their husbands.

CANADIANS MAY COMPETE.

Washington, Feb. 21.—Russia, Ireland, Chile and possibly Canada, are the latest countries to signify the intention of sending rifle teams to the United States to take part in the international rifle shooting competition to be held at Camp Perry, Ohio, in September.