

## CONDITION OF PONTIFF SHOWS NO IMPROVEMENT

### Alarming Symptom Has Reappeared and Lessens Hope

### OTTAWA BISHOP IS TOLD END IS NEAR

### Bulletin Optimistic in Tone but Much Fear is Felt for Pope Pius—Doctors Keep Watch.

Ottawa, April 16.—Archbishop Gauthier has a cablegram from Rome stating that the Pope's condition is better.

Rome, April 16.—The bulletin issued by the physicians today indicated that the condition of the Pope is practically stationary. The evening bulletin was of a more optimistic tone, as it indicated that the temperature was normal and that there had been no recurrence of the usual night fever.

Evening Bulletin.

"His Holiness passed a quiet day without fever. This evening his temperature was 38.1-2. The catarrhal and bronchial affection is in the same condition as this morning. (Signed) Ettore Marchisavi, Andrea Amiel."

The fact, however, that the bronchial affection is not tending to disappear, and that the temperature is normal, is a slight relief from the hope of a more permanent recovery. The occasional paroxysms of coughing are less frequent and less severe.

The condition of the kidneys has improved and to relieve the kidneys hot baths have been ordered.

Dr. Andrea Amiel paid a visit to the vatican at eleven o'clock tonight and, according to his announcement, found only a slight elevation in the temperature under other conditions satisfactory. He reported to Cardinal Merry Del Val, who personally watches at the Pope's bedside most of the day and during the early hours of the night, and later telephoned his observations to Prof. Marchisavi, who has been connected with the Pope's care by special wire in order to avoid indiscretions.

Slightly improved.

Further improvement in the Pope's condition was shown by the fact that he was able to retain a quantity of chicken jelly and that he slept peacefully for a considerable time.

Early in the evening he acknowledged that he was feeling the benefit of the absolute rest imposed upon him, and that he felt more inclined to sleep naturally than at any time since his illness.

The Pope is extremely concerned at the trouble that he gives to those around him, often expressing to them his deep gratitude, especially those who help him at night, repeatedly urging them to go to bed, and sometimes his intention is so marked that in order to satisfy him they leave the room. All his life the Pope has been a great lover of music. The composer, Nig. Lovati, owes him much, as the Pope aided him to attain success. The two were great friends when the Pontiff was Patriarch of Venice.

Once raised to the pontifical chair, he did not forget the young composer, whom he took to Rome with him and allowed him, contrary to the tradition of the papacy to share his meals. With the aid of Perosi he accomplished these reforms in music which were among the first manifestations of his Gregorian Chant to its original character and place in the church. His love for music seems to be accentuated.

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## BELGIUM GOVERNMENT IS NOW TROUBLED BY STRIKE

Brussels, April 16.—"At a time when 300,000 men are out on strike," was a phrase which occurred in the premier's speech before the chamber of deputies this afternoon. He was replying to an attack on the government by Herr Vandervelde, the socialist leader, who declared that 370,000 men were now involved in the general strike in Belgium for manhood suffrage.

The premier's remark seemed to be made off-hand, and his estimate cannot be regarded as official. There is no doubt, however, that the government is beginning to realize that it has over-estimated the possibilities of the movement, which steadily grew today.

The central industrial commission of Brussels, a non-political organization, estimates that 215,000 workers engaged in five industries, coal mining, metal structural ironwork, glass and textiles have laid down their tools. Impartial authorities place the total number of men on strike tonight at 310,000, and

## ST. LAWRENCE NAVIGATION IS NOW OPEN

### Furness Liner Knutsford in River Bound to Quebec—But Small Quantity of Drift Ice Reported.

Montreal, April 16.—With the exception of batteries that are still holding, and light scattered ice, which is reported to be passing down, the river is now clear and navigation from Montreal to the Gulf is open. The Red Newfoundland steamer Lintrose, however, reports a large quantity of loose ice in the neighborhood of Flat Point and the Bruce of the same line was stated at the office of the shipping federation today to have reported a large quantity of drift ice, which is passing out through Cabot Straits. It was the presence of this ice, which induced the master of the Dominion Coal steamer Wacousta, instead of passing through these straits on her way to Quebec, to proceed from Louisbourg by the more circuitous route of the Gulf of Canada and Northumberland Straits. All the indications are that the gulf will soon be as clear as the river is now, and that navigation of the Straits of Belle Isle will be early this year.

The Furness liner Knutsford is the first ocean liner to appear in the river this season. She was reported from Martin River at 12.30 p. m., today bound for Quebec.

## EXPECT HEAVY SARDINE YEAR

### Sir William VanHorne Plans to Make Chamcook Plant the Largest on Continent—Having Big Runs.

Special to The Standard.

Eastport, Maine, April 16.—Sir William VanHorne, one of the heaviest stockholders in the Canadian Sardine Co., at Chamcook, N. B., has been making an official inspection of the plant and as a result of his visit, many changes are to be made in the method of conducting the business there. Some of the departments are to be consolidated and entirely new systems are to be introduced in the number of them. The plant is one of the largest and most modern on the Atlantic coast, and it will, henceforth, be an important factor in the sardine packing business on the American side of the line.

The season at the Eastport cannery opened Tuesday and the Sea Coast Canning Co. started in immediately with a fair supply of fish received Tuesday forenoon. The work of getting the machinery in readiness has been going on for several weeks past and an unusually busy season is being looked forward to. Reports from various points along the eastern Maine and New Brunswick coast, indicate that all of last season's pack has now been disposed of. As a general rule, the sardines have been sold for unusually good prices.

## Little Interest in Liberal Speeches Yesterday.

### DR. BELAND SUGGESTS ALTERNATIVE PLANS

### Government Shows Entire Willingness to Ventilate "Charges" Made by Frank Oliver Against Hon. Robert Rogers.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, April 16.—The opposition tried again today and again the effort was weak and half-hearted. It resulted unhappily for the Liberals, in that it proved the readiness of the government to afford every opportunity for the ventilation of the "scandal." The case in point is the charge that one, Arthur Donaldson, son of the Conservative whip in Saskatchewan, was allowed to homestead valuable lands adjoining the city of Prince Albert. This charge has been more or less discussed already. The government has a complete answer to it.

Hon. Frank Oliver sought today to bring this matter up on a motion made during the closure debate, that the House adjourn. This manoeuvre was intended to serve the double purpose of airing the charge against Hon. Robert Rogers and of blocking the closure resolution.

Mr. Oliver's motion was defeated by a vote of 100 to 60. The government was again in difficulties when Premier Borden asked the Liberal caucus by undertaking to move the House into committee of supply tomorrow in order that this question of the Prince Albert land transfer might be threshed out.

The debate, outside of this incident, was sadly deficient in life. Hon. Charles Murphy and Alphonse Verreuil sought to enliven it by proclaiming their refusal to be bound by the new rules, a refusal which appeared to occasion the government very little concern.

In all, eight Liberals talked on the closure, most of them briefly. Hon. Dr. Beland discussed "Freedom of speech" on the battle flag of the Liberals. He suggested three alternatives to the government, to withdraw the naval bill, amend it, or appeal to the people.

Hon. Wm. Pugsley turned up in his accustomed place and made a speech in evidence in the discussion of points of procedure. His remarks so far seem to have resulted in nothing more formidable than the discovery that the opposition may come along at intervals with motions to adjourn. If there is anything more than this up the opposition sleeve, only Messrs. Pugsley and Co. know it. The rank and file have not been told. The whips expect a vote tomorrow night so that they may have very little time left for the fireworks.

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## NEW BRUNSWICKERS RETURN TO PROVINCE AFTER MANY YEARS

### Mr. and Mrs. Oscar McLaughlin Given Farewell Reception by Friends—To Engage in Farming.

Special to The Standard.

Brewer, Me., April 16.—Mr. and Mrs. Oscar McLaughlin, who left here Wednesday for New Brunswick, where they will make their home, after a residence of several years in this city, were given a farewell reception by a number of their friends at their home on Chamberlain street on the eve of their departure.

Mr. McLaughlin has made many friends here during his seven years' residence, during which time he filled a responsible position in the employ of the Maine Central Railroad.

He intends to engage in agriculture at his former home and will cultivate his large farm near Fredericton, N. B. Mrs. McLaughlin was assisted in receiving Miss Marjorie Murphy, and Miss Marion Dodge of Old Town.

## TO START FLIGHT ACROSS ATLANTIC

Las Palmas, Canary Islands, April 16.—Joseph Brucker, according to his announced plan will start on his trans-Atlantic flight to the West Indies in the dirigible balloon, "Richard H.," tomorrow morning, between 9 and 5 o'clock.

## EMPHASIZES NECESSITY OF MORE WHARVES AT MONTREAL

### W. I. Gear of Robert Reford Co. Speaks of Lack of Sheds and Steamship Berths at St. Lawrence Port—Asks for More Accommodation.

Montreal, April 16.—The lack of sufficient sheds and steamship berths in the port of Montreal was emphasized by W. I. Gear of the Robert Reford Co., at a meeting of the Chambre de Commerce Du District De Montreal today. Mr. Gear attended for the purpose of asking the support of the Chambre in a demand to the harbor commissioners for increased accommodation. A resolution proposed by him and seconded by G. H. Catali, while the harbor commissioners were doing something to relieve the situation by works undertaken with their own funds, they should be asked to extend their activities by giving contracts to be undertaken simultaneously with their own works.

While the authorities were improving matters, said Mr. Gear, the accommodation was not being enlarged in proportion to the increase in the number of ships that were using the port. Several large ships, said he, were unable to do so owing to the lack of accommodation, and the time had come when something must be done. Later he intended to bring up the question of the harbor, suggesting that others should be procured. The Chambre expressed their support of the request.

A letter was read from the Chamber of Commerce of Three Rivers asking for the support of the Chambre in forwarding a petition to the government for a better supply of ice-breaking craft on the St. Lawrence during the winter. The severe frosts that had been recently experienced in Three Rivers and neighborhood would have been avoided if a channel had been kept open. If there were not sufficient ice-breaking craft in operation on the river, they suggested that others should be procured. The Chambre expressed their support of the request.

## TO REGULATE WATER POWER AT NIAGARA

### Bill Introduced in New York State Legislature Repealing All Outstanding Grants for Diversions—Not Yet Law.

Albany, N. Y., April 16.—Regulations by the state of the amount of the water, which may be diverted from the Niagara River above the falls on the American side for power purposes, would be provided for by a bill introduced today by majority leader Wagner of the senate. The bill, which embodies the recommendations of Attorney General Carmody, recently submitted to the legislature by the governor in a special message, is designed to repeal practically all outstanding grants for diversion for power purposes and to limit diversions to the Niagara Falls Power Company and the Hydraulic Power Company.

If the measure becomes law future diversions by these two companies will be restricted to 5,000 cubic feet per second, respectively. These are the same restrictions which were contained in the Burton Act, which expired in March last. Provisions would be made that the remaining 4,000 cubic feet per second, not utilized under the Burton Law, remain under the jurisdiction of the conservation commission.

The bill would vest in the conservation commission authority over measurements of waters diverted, and would provide severe penalties for violations.

The right of the state legislature further to restrict the diversion of water "in order to prevent impairment of the scenic grandeur of the great falls at Niagara" is also provided for.

In addition, provision is made that the state may impose a franchise tax or return on the use of the waters for hydraulic purposes by persons or private corporations. However, taxation of the right to use such waters under existing laws or the taxation of the capitalized value of such use as private property is forbidden.

## NO HALLUCINATION.

The Times publishes an editorial in which the Standard is outlined as suffering from "Hallucinations" for our "justifiable criticism" of the style of Mr. Pugsley, the star pugilist among the obstructionists at Ottawa. The comment of the Times is a fairly brilliant with the brand of alleged wit and humor which caused "The New Reporter" to die an early death. The "New Reporter" was a weekly paper published in Ottawa. The comment of the Times is a fairly brilliant with the brand of alleged wit and humor which caused "The New Reporter" to die an early death.

## THOMAS H. G. STRACHAN DEAD IN THE WEST

Special to The Standard.

Halifax, April 16.—The death of Thomas H. G. Strachan, son of John Strachan of Halifax, occurred at Strassburg, Sask., today as the result of an accident. He was here several days ago by a log falling on him. Mr. Strachan was 24 years of age, and went west two years ago where he was engaged in farming on a large scale.

Mr. Strachan particularly had feature in connection with the death, is that only on March 19 Mr. Strachan was married in Winnipeg to Miss Rose Wyn Blanchard, daughter of the late C. M. Blanchard, of Truro. While in Halifax Mr. Strachan was engaged with his father in the marine insurance business.

## TOOK CHISEL FROM SIDE OF SICK HEIFER

### John Gillis of This City Performs Unique Surgical Operation Near Bangor—Weighed a Pound and a Half.

Special to The Standard.

Bangor, Maine, April 16.—John Gillis, of St. John, performed a unique surgical operation on a two year old heifer, owned by his brother-in-law, William Cheney, at Hinkle's, the other day when he removed a cold chisel weighing a pound and a half, such as is ordinarily used in a machine shop from the stomach of the animal.

About a year ago the heifer began to act strangely. Veterinary surgeons were employed but they could not diagnose the case. Two weeks ago Mr. Gillis arrived from St. John to visit his sister, Mrs. Cheney, and he at once became interested in the mysterious malady which affected the heifer.

Early this week a calf was born to the animal. Mr. Gillis noticed a bunch on her side, and after an operation, succeeding in removing the chisel, which was 9 inches long and a quarter of an inch thick, from her stomach. He sewed up the wound and the animal appeared to grow better at once, although she weighs somewhat less.

## PROTEST TO GOVERNMENT

### Deputation of Montreal Corn Merchants to Ask Amendment to the Canada Grain Act.

Montreal, April 16.—Arguing that the limit set as to the moisture content of American corn from the port of Montreal, a deputation of the Montreal Corn Exchange and their interests left tonight for Ottawa to interview the acting Minister of Trade and Commerce, Hon. Mr. Perley, to ask that the government amend the Canada Grain Act by striking out from the definition of the standards for corn the limitation as to moisture content.

Outside of Montreal and the isolated case of Philadelphia there are no other ports on the Atlantic seaboard where there is a legal limit set on the moisture of corn for export, this question being left to the discretion of the grain inspectors at these ports. A determined effort is being made to get the export of American corn, facilities for handling it have been made, and in addition a large number of tramp steamers are coming to port this season, but the moisture limitation makes the American shipper loath to take the chances.

The deputation was composed of W. I. Greer, F. Fretser, Adam G. Thomson, Alex. McPee, Norman Wight, L. L. Henderson and the Secretary of the Corn Exchange, J. Stanley Cooke.

## MAY FORM LAND CREDIT BANK

Southampton, Eng., April 16.—Lord Hawke and the Honorable Henry Leveson-Gower, sailed for New York today on board the Oceanic, to consult Edward Breitung, the banker of Marquette, Michigan, relative to the formation of a land credit banking institution on the same lines as those of France and Germany.

## STRIKERS VICTORIOUS IN BIG LOCK-OUT AT AUBURN

Auburn, N. Y., April 16.—The largest strike in the history of Auburn was settled tonight when the workers in the various departments of the Columbian Rope Company, employing 1,100 operatives, voted unanimously to return to work on terms submitted by the company following a joint conference this afternoon. Charles A. Miles, organizer of the American Federation of Labor, gave out this statement:

"The chief features of the settlement is the recognition of the union, the establishment of a minimum wage, not a flat minimum, but by departments, and the reinstatement of discharged employees. I would like to make it clear that recognition of the union should not be confounded with what is generally understood as the closed shop. That we never asked for the recognition of the union means the recognition of the committee of the local organization and if necessary, the national reports."

There is rejoicing throughout the city over the settlement of the Columbian Rope Company strike and all citizens are turning to the International Harvester Company to prevent the removal of the twine mill of the company to Germany.

CENTRAL AMERICA ARCHBISHOP DEAL

Guatemala City, April 16.—The Most Rev. Ricardo Casanova Y. Es, Archbishop of Guatemala, an union should not be confounded with what is generally understood as the closed shop. That we never asked for the recognition of the union means the recognition of the committee of the local organization and if necessary, the national reports."

## Investigation Shows Scandalous Doings in Last Campaign

### SENT BROADCAST TO HUSTLE FOR MURPHY

### Fifteen Found Guilty of Political Partizanship—Told They Had to do it or Forfeit Their Jobs.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, April 16.—Thirteen employees of the Government Printing Bureau were guilty of political partizanship during the last general election is stated in the report of W. S. Code, investigating commissioner, tabled in the house today. Other cases are reserved by the commissioner for consideration.

Charles R. Johnson in his evidence at the inquiry said that he had been told by the King's Printer to apply for his holidays in order to take part in the election. "The ward chairman from Central Ward Liberal Association came down after me in an automobile and said that he had orders from the King's Printer to take me away from my work and he showed me all the committee rooms. He wanted me to do all manner of things. He wanted me to act as a scrutineer, and then he wanted me to act in charge of a polling station."

And the Country Paid.

Johnson, in his evidence, says that he acted as a Liberal scrutineer at a Laurier avenue poll. He says further, "I was ordered to take my holidays on Mr. Parmelee's tab. He visited my house about two weeks before the election and told me to make application for my holidays during the election time. He said to me, in the presence of my wife, who can prove it, to make application for my holidays during election time so as to be able to help out the party. He then transferred me to the archives branch and recalled me by letter."

The question was asked by the commissioner: "You have at different elections acted as Liberal scrutineer?"

Ans.—"Yes, but it was to retain my job."

Others Who Worked for Liberals.

Johnson gives the names of eleven other employees of the Printing Bureau who took active part in the election of 1911.

Frederick J. O'Keefe admits in his evidence that he acted as a Liberal scrutineer and was paid for his services.

Harry Muldoon acted in a similar capacity. In his evidence he says: "I was sent for by Mr. Parmelee who told me that Mr. Haggerty, chairman of the ward association wanted me to represent Mr. Muldoon at the poll on Coopers street. I told him I would sooner not if they could get any person else but he insisted that I should go."

Joseph P. Casey admits in his evidence that he acted as Liberal scrutineer at a Rideau street poll.

They All Boosted Murphy.

Michael T. Conway declares that he canvassed for Hon. Charles Murphy in Russell County.

William R. Craig says that, on the King's Printer's orders, he went out into Russell county to work for Hon. Charles Murphy in securing the convention.

James Quinn had been dismissed from the Printing Bureau before the election but worked for the Liberals during the contest and was reappointed two weeks after it was over. In his evidence he says he was let out partly for not taking part in the election campaign. He states that Hon. Charles Murphy said to him that "Some of my friends were working against him and that unless they stopped I would be dismissed."

Lionel Charbonneau admits that he was a speaker in Russell county on behalf of Mr. Murphy.