

RT. HON. MEIGHEN VINDICATED BY LIBERAL FOES

Minister of Railways Brings Down Statement Predicting Success of Gov't Rya.

KING PURSUING MEIGHEN COURSE

Mr. Carry on Railway Programme Denounced by Him During Campaign.

Ottawa, Ont., April 11.—Observers here see either one of two things in the railway statement which Mr. Meighen presented to Parliament today. Either the Government has abandoned its policy of nationalization, or it has decided to pursue the course which it has given public ownership a preliminary note, hoping that it will never have to be paid. On the face of the statement, it might have been made by the Meighen administration. It presented the strange spectacle of the man who used to denounce Mr. Meighen for taking over the railways, and who used to predict that public ownership could never succeed, bringing down a statement which showed that public ownership could be made to pay, and promising to carry on with the policy they once denounced as impossible. Under the circumstances it was not strange that Mr. Meighen, who was being vindicated by his enemies, and who saw the man who used to assail him for his course, presenting a statement which received the approval of more satisfaction than the Liberals. Rarely in Parliament has a statement been so completely vindicated by its foes.

As for the statement itself, it may be briefly summarized as follows:— (1) The total deficit on the National Railways (not including the Grand Trunk) for last year, was \$56,873,534, as against a deficit of \$87,000,000 in 1920. (2) The total deficit on the Grand Trunk was \$15,672,000 making a total loss to the treasury of \$72,000,000. (Continued on Page 3.)

NO PARLIAMENT WILL KEEP FAITH

Criminal Procedure Bill Passed All Stages at Tuesday's Session.

Ottawa, April 11.—The criminal procedure bill passed all stages at Tuesday's session in the Northern Parliament today. Mr. Meighen, one of the members, urged a postponement in the passage of the bill. He declared there were rumors of possible grave troubles within the next few days. Another member, Mr. Lynn, appealed for a postponement in the passage of the measure. He expressed the opinion that Michael Collins, head of the Provisional Government in South Ireland, might disappear altogether from public life within a few days. R. N. Follick, Minister of Finance, replying for the Government, declared that action on the bill must proceed, even if it were only for the purpose of keeping faith with regard to the agreement between the Northern and Southern Governments.

COAL STRIKE SPREADS TO NON-UNION FIELDS

Seventy-Five Per Cent. of Non Union Men Unionized Since Strike Started.

New York, April 11.—A rapid spread of the coal strike into non-union strongholds was advertised today at headquarters of the bituminous operators' associations. The union is gaining ground much faster than was anticipated, said the president of a Pennsylvania company. According to the bituminous operators, organizers for the United Mine Workers of America have practically unionized the Westmoreland and Fayette county fields since the strike was called ten days ago. Philip Murray, vice-president of the Mine Workers' International, corroborated the operators' reports of rapid unionization of the Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Eastern Kentucky districts. At the close of last week fifty per cent of the non-union men had joined in the strike, he said today, according to message reports from our representatives in the field, we are fast approaching the 75 per cent mark.

MAIN STREETS OF BRAMPTON FLOODED

River Overflows Banks and Children Are Caught in Rising Torrent.

Brampton, Ont., April 11.—The Etobicoke River overflowed today as a result of last night's rain storm and the main street of Brampton was flooded. Children returning from school were caught in the rising torrent and had to be picked up in boats. Merchants and customers fled from the stores on one side of the street and many cellars were flooded.

OBLIGATION OF SEVEN YEARS HAS BEEN FULFILLED

W. H. C. Mussen, of Mussen, Limited, who is this month fulfilling an obligation he had committed himself



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In 1915 when his firm was placed in voluntary liquidation. Mr. Mussen is now forwarding to creditors the final dividend of ten per cent, which completes the payment of one hundred cents on the dollar, and thereby freeing himself of the obligation made seven years ago, when, as now, Mussen, Limited, were engaged in railway, mining, contractors and municipal supplies, they were faced by the difficulty of collections and of profitably disposing of their large stocks on hand. Mr. Mussen decided it then advisable to apply for the appointment of a liquidator.

SUFFERED BIG LOSSES DURING THE PAST YEAR

Paper Manufacturing Industry Dropped \$70,000,000 in Wood and Pulp.

New York, April 11.—The paper manufacturing industry suffered an estimated loss of \$70,000,000 last year in wood and pulp, W. J. Raybold, president of the American Paper & Pulp Association, told delegates to the National Trade Paper Association's convention today. The pulp association, a separate organization, also is in convention here. Addressing the pulp association today, O. M. Porter, secretary of the woodlands section, stated that the spruce budworm in New Brunswick had destroyed timber worth about \$17,500,000. "It is no exaggeration to say that the losses sustained by the manufacturers on pulpwood alone are \$35,000,000 for the year of depression," Mr. Raybold said. "The losses on pulp have also been tremendous," he continued, "many believing the figure would approximate the losses on pulpwood. If this is true, the paper industry had taken a loss of \$70,000,000 in its wood and pulp alone in a single year. Such a loss is the best evidence that the manufacturer had liquidated and is ready for increased business for a new start toward prosperity."

ORIENTAL PROBLEM NEEDS ATTENTION

Special Day Requested for Its Consideration in House of Parliament.

Ottawa, April 11.—In the House of Commons this morning, W. G. MacGill, Conservative member for New Westminster, asked Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, Prime Minister, to set apart a special day for discussion of the Oriental problem in Canada, particularly on the Pacific coast. The Prime Minister said he would consider the matter and see if a day could be arranged.

ELEVEN KILLED ON C. N. R. DURING MONTH

Among Those Meeting Death by Accident Were Five Employees.

Ottawa, April 11.—Accidents and deaths which occurred on Canadian railways during the month of March, resulted in eleven persons being killed and 219 injured. On highway crossings one person was killed and nine injured. Thirty-seven passengers were injured.

FIRST REVERSES FOR STRIKING MINERS

Pittsburgh, Pa., April 11.—First reverses for United Mine Workers' organizers who have been trying to unionize the plants of the H. C. Fryck Cokes Company throughout the Connelville region were reported today when coal operators declared that 600 men had returned to work. On the other hand it was reported that continental number 3, employing 100 men, had closed.

THE MANITOBA POLITICAL POT BOILING OVER

Many Uncertainties Existing Over Situation Created by Ministry's Downfall.

NORRIS MAY LEAD LIBERALS IN FIGHT

Possibility of Coalition Being Formed by Liberals and Farmers After Election.

Winnipeg, April 11.—(By Canadian Press)—The Manitoba political situation is full of uncertainties and it is improbable that a settled basis of leadership and responsibility will be reached before the provincial election in late June or early July. The Norris Government, which secured power originally through a victory of the Liberal party, fought the 1920 elections on the Liberal party, without use of the word "Liberal." There is a Provincial Liberal organization which promises to be heard from in the coming campaign, and it has been suggested that there is a movement on foot which seeks to have Premier Norris contest as the Liberal Provincial leader the campaign which is just opening. Should this not be accomplished, there is always the possibility that the general situation will be complicated further by the nomination of Liberal candidates in opposition to the Norris administration, but political observers claim that as such a course would be to the advantage of the organized farmers some way around it is likely to be found.

Position of Farmers

The general opinion is that the United Farmers of Manitoba will not choose a political leader—who would possibly be the next Premier—until the election is over. C. H. Burnell, President of the United Farmers, and his executive will give a general direction to the campaign consistent with the complete autonomy possessed by each constituency organization. If the leadership falls among those whose names are being mentioned most generally it will go to Robert Furke, M. P., for Brandon; Norman Lambert, Secretary of the Canadian Agricultural Council, President Back of the Manitoba Agricultural College; or George F. Chittman, editor of the Grain Growers' Guide.

"PREHISTORIC MAN" STILL TALKED ABOUT

Starting Information That He Shaved Himself as Whiskers Were Bothersome

Montreal, April 11.—Sir Bertram Windle, professor of anthropology in St. Michael's College, University of Toronto, delivered the first of a series of three lectures on "Prehistoric Man" in the Chemistry Building, McGill University, here tonight. Dealing with early flint weapons, the lecturer said there was evidence to show that the prehistoric man shaved himself and gave it as his opinion that he did so because in a hand-to-hand encounter against a man with a sharp flint a long beard was a serious handicap if the other man seized it. Prehistoric man survived his fight with wild beasts "because he had brains," said Sir Bertram.

ZITA WOULD LIVE IN SWITZERLAND

May be Permitted if She Abstains from Intrigues.

Geneva, April 11.—As former Empress Zita of Austria-Hungary has expressed a wish to reside with her children in the Chateau Watzegg, the property of Duke of Parma, situated in Switzerland, the Council of Ambassadors has requested Switzerland to grant her the necessary permission. The Swiss Government is considering the matter, but it is said that before acquiescence is given it will require assurance that Zita will not enter into any intrigues.

STEAMER GLENCOVA DISABLED AT SEA

The Glencova Was Sugar Laden from San Domingo to This Port.

Grand Turk Island, Bahamas Islands, April 11.—The Clyde Line steamer Hibernia today picked up the British steamer Glencova, 40 miles north of Grand Turk Island, disabled, with her propeller blades gone. The Hibernia is towing her to a United States port. The Glencova is sugar-laden from San Domingo to St. John, N. B.

WESTERN STATES SWEEP BY SNOW, SLEET AND RAIN

Much Damage Over An Area Covering Approximately 600,000 Square Miles.

Omaha, Neb., April 11.—Property damage estimated at \$600,000 was done yesterday to the lines of the Northwestern-Bell Telephone Company in Nebraska, Western Iowa, Southern Minnesota and Southeastern South Dakota by snow, sleet and rain. The area affected, covering approximately 600,000 square miles, the company estimating that at least 5,000 poles were down.

PRINCE OF WALES AT YOKOHAMA

Will Disembark There from Renown for His Tour of Japan.

Tokyo, April 11.—The Prince of Wales was nearing Yokohama where he will disembark for his official visit to Japan, said a wireless message from the battleship Renown, which is bearing the British half-apparent from India. Escorted by British and Japanese craft, the Renown which struck exceptionally heavy seas Sunday, reached smoother water today. Thousands of Japanese and foreign visitors planned to go to Yokohama to join in welcoming the British Prince. After disembarking, the Prince will be escorted to Tokyo through an avenue of spring blossoms, which are now at their best. Large forces of police have been ordered to maintain a strict guard along the route as a precautionary measure against possible violence by fanatics. The same precautions have been taken throughout Japan. Premier Takahashi, in his official message of welcome to the Prince's arrival said the royal visitor's coming to Japan would "go down in history as an epoch heralding the growing harmony and accord between the east and west."

MAKES PLEA FOR THE SHORT SERMON

Dr. Roberts Advises "Theologians" to Use Language of the Common Folks.

Montreal, April 11.—A plea for the short sermon, as against the inflated verbosity of a by-gone generation, was made by Dr. Richard Roberts, of the American Presbyterian church, in his address before the Convocation of the Wesleyan Theological College here tonight. The preacher should also use the language of the common folk, "but I am not complaining unless it is met by reciprocal efforts on the part of other States."

ESTIMATES BEFORE N. S. ASSEMBLY

Revenues for Year Placed at \$4,993,077; Expenditures at \$4,935,128.

Halifax, N. S., April 11.—In the House Assembly today, J. C. Torry, Finance Minister of the Nova Scotia Government, presented the estimates for the ensuing year. Anticipated revenues for the year are \$4,993,077, the principal sources being sales of \$2,320,000; corporations and public utilities \$641,800; motor vehicles \$494,900 and highways \$480,000. The Minister asked for appropriations \$4,935,128 for the various departments. He said that Nova Scotia had since 1915 increased her debt less than any other province and that with the exception of Quebec she had now the lowest per capita debt of any province in the Dominion.

U. N. B. BACCALAUREATE ON SUNDAY, MAY 14

Rev. Moorhead Legate of This City Engaged to Preach Annual Sermon.

Special to The Standard.—Fredericton, N. B., April 11.—Rev. R. Moorhead, Legate of St. John, is to preach the Baccalaureate of the University of New Brunswick in this city on Sunday, May 14. His eldest son, a student of Engineering in the Sophomore Class. The Smith Foundry Company, one of the large creditors of Gordon G. Scott, proprietor, today broke ground for a concrete annex which will contain thirty rooms with baths. The annex is to be four stories in height facing Westmain street.

RUSSIA SHOWS DISPOSITION TO BE ABOVE BOARD

Will Recognize Debts of Old Regime But Claim Inability to Pay Them.

MORATORIUM WILL BE NECESSARY

To Secure Foreign Capital Soviets Will Insure Adequate Relations and Guarantees.

Genoa, April 11.—The scheme which the Russians will submit to the conference, according to the Exchange Telegraph correspondent, is divided into three parts—first, liquidation of past debts; second, resumption of relations with Europe; third, re-establishment of Russian production. It is agreed that the Soviets will recognize fully the debts of the old regime, but it is pointed out that it will be utterly impossible to pay them. The debt to France alone is 14,000,000,000 gold rubles; hence a moratorium will be necessary. If the Allies demand indemnities for war damages from Russia, Russia must demand indemnity for damages caused by the Kalked, Denikine and Wrangle offensives.

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POLITICAL LEADER PLEADS CAUSE OF SOCIAL OUTCASTS

Berlin, April 11.—All Germany today is stirred over the campaign of Frau Neuhaus, militant member of the



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Centrist party, to place unmarried mothers on an equal plane with those who have conformed with society's conventions. "Why should an unmarried mother become a social outcast while the unmarried father escapes all censure?" Frau Neuhaus asks. "Why should an innocent infant be made to bear the sting of shame because of weakness beyond its control?" Frau Neuhaus believes they should not and accordingly she has launched a campaign of propaganda throughout the republic to put laws on the statute books giving unmarried mothers all the legal rights and privileges of their more conventional sisters.

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CHARGED WITH THEFT OF \$4,915 FROM ROYAL BANK

Eighteen Year Old Bank Clerk Found With the Goods on Him.

Montreal, April 11.—George McConnell, 18 years old, was today committed to stand trial on a charge of stealing \$4,915 from the Royal Bank of Canada. He was arrested April 1 following an alleged attempt to obtain bonds from the local stock broker firm of Oswald and Drinkwater. A roll of bank bills was found under the counter of the broker's office and several thousand dollars were later discovered in his belt about McConnell's body. The money was identified today in court as having been stolen from the branch of the Royal Bank of Canada at the corner of St. Catherine and Beaubien streets, this city, the missing bundle of bills having been replaced by a sheet of newspaper clippings which was only discovered after the money had been sent from the branch to the head office.

U. S. TARIFF BILL GOES TO SENATE

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