

MEIGHEN GOES AFTER SCALPS OF OPPONENTS

Stripe Camouflage from Operations of Liberals and the Farmer Parties.

"FOES RAKE POLITICAL GARBAGE AND ASHES"

Merciless Assault on Platform of the Opposing Parties and Their Tariff Views.

Ottawa, May 13.—In a fighting speech which occupied the better part of two hours, Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, Prime Minister of Canada, today led the attack against both Liberal and Progressive parties in the House of Commons. It was the Prime Minister's contribution to the budget debate, and an opportunity for him to answer criticisms which have been levelled at the government before and since the discussion of Canada's financial affairs was launched.

Challenged All Enemies.

This he did, but in addition he threw down the gauntlet to leaders of both parties on the other side of the chamber. The Progressives, he declared, were playing practical politics. A desire to get into the same boat with the Liberal opposition dictated their support of the Fielding amendment.

"They have made of themselves something of a political apex to that party—servile tools and minions of the official opposition ready to do whatever they are bid," insisted the Prime Minister. "Why not throw the mask away? Why not join right up?" "Let them throw away both platforms and frame one on which they can both stand, and then remain on it, but do not let them say that one is still back on the 1918 platform and the other on the 1919 platform when, as a matter of fact, each of them has discarded those platforms."

Rake All Garbage.

The speech of the Prime Minister was listened to by a well filled house and galleries. Loud applause from the Government benches greeted his sallies, and that were practically uninterrupted from either the Liberals or Progressives. Opposition amendments to supply motions came in for his censure. "We know that my honorable friends opposite have been struggling hard to move amendments to supply," he said. "They have raked all the ash heaps and garbage barrels of political everything from the political dumpster that could be thought of has been moved in this House in amendment to supply—everything except the platform."

"Why and the Fielding amendment has been introduced. Last year the Liberals had introduced an amendment calling for a reduction in the tariff, but this year, said Mr. Meighen, their amendment called for no reduction.

Really a Protectionist.

Hon. W. S. Fielding, the mover of the amendment, was, in reality, and adherent of the policy of protection. He had demonstrated this conclusively during his tenure of office as a minister of finance in the Laurier administration. He had found a protective tariff in effect when he took office, and he had left it in effect.

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PENITENTIARY CONVICTS PAID

New Regulations Proposed to Govern Control of Prisoners in Canadian Penitentiaries.

Ottawa, May 13.—The minister of justice is bringing down a bill to put into effect the main penitentiary reforms advocated in the report prepared by the special commission consisting of C. M. Biggar, chairman; W. F. Nickle, K.C., and P. M. Draper. The bill provides, it is understood, that the general director of penitentiaries shall, under the minister of justice, be vested in a penitentiary board which will include among its members the superintendent of penitentiaries as industrial director, a purchasing agent, a medical officer and a parole officer. There is to be, too, provision also for the efficient organization of both the medical and industrial departments.

Some Other Changes

Other recommendations which, it is understood, the bill will put into effect are that: Mentally defective or mentally disturbed prisoners may be treated as patients; goods required for use of the Dominion of Canada be manufactured in penitentiaries; the inquiries to be limited to those which will not bring convict-made goods into competition in any market with goods made by free labor; remuneration to convicts for their labor, establishment of schools in penitentiaries and the compulsory education of illiterates; penalty not exceeding \$100 or imprisonment with hard labor for a term not exceeding three months on guards found guilty of trafficking with convicts.

WASHING OF BLUE DRESS LEADS TO DIVORCE DECREE

Chicago, May 13.—The tale of a little blue dress and a washing glove to it helped win a decree of divorce and \$24,000 lump alimony for Mrs. Margaret Moller Cory, from Marcus Maurice Cory.

"It was just a cheap little thing and I tried to wash it myself," said Mrs. Cory. "But it shrank. It was clear up to my knees, and I couldn't wear it. Then my husband slapped me and said that my extravagance was ruining him."

TO MAKE DRIVE ON HAND BOOKS TO SECURE TAX

Provincial Gov't License Department Has Authority to Impose Prohibitive Tax.

\$1,000 PER DAY IS THE AMOUNT

This Sum Called for from All Who Take Wagers Outside Tracks.

Special to The Standard.

Montreal, May 13.—A drive against the hand-book operations of the city—numbering, it is said, something like two hundred, large and small—will be instituted by the Provincial Government license department within a few days, so it was semi-officially stated today.

Obviously the drive will be made to force the hand-book operators to pay a license fee of \$1,000 per day called for under Article 961 of the new recently revised Quebec License Act, but as this tax is prohibitive, it means in reality the closing down of the hand-books of the city. No hand-book, regardless of the volume of its business, could stand up under a tax of \$1,000 daily.

Text of Law.

The clause is as follows:

No person may record, receive, or sell any wager, bet, pool, or race meeting in any place where a race meeting is held, by means of any other system than that generally known as the pari-mutuel, unless a license to effect such a license has been issued to him by the proper collector of provincial revenue upon payment of a duty of \$1,000 for each day.

The significance of this clause is in the fact that it stipulates every person who handles a wager outside the gates of a race track, thus covering the whole. In imposing this tax, the Provincial Government does not by any means guarantee the legality or right of hand-book or other gambling operations, for it is further set forth that this issuing of a license shall not be considered that the Government or any of the officials thereof are of the opinion that any bet, wager or pool recorded, received or sold by any person is not prohibited by the Criminal Code or otherwise, and should any holder of a race meeting license be convicted in the Criminal Courts for an offence in respect of any such bet or wager or pool so recorded, received or sold, then his license shall automatically become null and void.

Two Hundred Books.

It is reported that there are in operation in Montreal at the present time some two hundred hand-books operated on a small scale, in connection with cigar stores, billiard rooms, cigar barber shops and other small business establishments, but a few are flourishing institutions which handle, it is said, many thousands of dollars daily. It was recently announced that at the provincial race meetings in the coming season, the provincial license department officials would pay particular attention to the elimination of hand-book operators from the tracks, considering that these operators reduce the pari-mutuel handle and thus curtail the Government's revenue from the betting. The round-up now announced may be a preliminary to the campaign planned for the tracks.

May Make Arrest

Boston, Mass., May 13.—The possibility of an arrest in connection with the death of Captain Paton C. McGilvary, former aviator, was announced by police officials today. The aspect of the case, which had been considered one of suicide in official circles had changed entirely overnight, they said. Two new witnesses were found whose testimony regarding circumstances now coupled with the shooting altered the suicide theory.

Premier Going Alone

Ottawa, May 14.—No definite arrangements have been made as to any other minister accompanying him to the conference of Prime Ministers in London next month, Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen said in the House this afternoon in answer to a question as to whether or not Hon. C. C. Balfour, trans would attend the conference.

50,000 ALLIED SOLDIERS FOR UPPER SILESIA

French General Blames Britain and Italy for Having Small Forces.

WHOLE LAND IS IN REVOLUTION NOW

Peace of Europe Threatened, He Alleges, if Germans Take Any Action.

Oppeln, Silesia, May 13.—If the Germans carry out their reported plans for a counter attack against the Poles, Upper Silesia will be thrown into civil war in which the Allied forces here will be compelled by circumstances to remain neutral and let events, which might disrupt the peace of Europe, take their course. This statement was made to the Associated Press today by General Lervod, head of the inter-allied commission in Upper Silesia.

The general declared the situation which found the Entente only able to act as mediators between the Poles and Germans "was brought about by the failure of Great Britain and Italy to furnish a fair share of troops of occupation."

"The Polish uprising," he added, "came at a time when not a single British soldier was present. Italian soldiers, however, had 5,000 soldiers in the area and the French 10,000."

Wanted 50,000 Soldiers.

"I repeatedly asked Great Britain and Italy for more troops and told them we would be unable to maintain order with less than 50,000 soldiers. My pleas were disregarded. The French were left to do the work and we could not spare sufficient men to maintain the Allied presence."

General Lervod said it would be a foolish move for the Germans to attack the Poles, who probably would blow up the mines and factories, resulting in industrial chaos as well as the loss of countless lives. In answer to complaints which he said were heard in allied quarters that the French troops were inactive, the general said:

"We were not here to fight. French soldiers were sent their rifles on civilians. The British and Italians here naturally complain, but their governments should have given them rifles. General Lervod was not on the ground when the trouble occurred, but was in Paris. When he returned he ascertained the whole country was in arms. The situation was up in the air. Asked what the situation would be if the Germans, who are known to have drawn up campaign plans for the use of at least two divisions, one marching down the Oder river, and the other on the Eastern frontier, joining in the industrial district near Katowice, should succeed in expelling the Poles, the general declared: "Except for property destroyed and many lives lost the situation would be little changed. If the Germans do not attack, conditions will soon approach normal."

"Canadian Scottish" Takes The Water

Mrs. C. W. Peck Was Sponsor at the Launching at Prince Rupert.

Ottawa, May 13.—Word has been received here of the successful launching yesterday at Prince Rupert, B. C., of the "Canadian Scottish," a Canadian Government Merchant Marine vessel, named in honor of the 5th Canadian Scottish Regiment, of which Col. C. W. Peck, V.C., M.P., is the commanding officer. Mrs. C. W. Peck was the sponsor at the launching, and a piece of champagne used for the christening was hung about with the regimental colors, the Mackenzie tartan. A guard of honor formed of veterans of the 16th regiment of the 10th Canadian Scottish Regiment, and a piper of the original band played the regimental air. The 16th Regiment has presented the officers' mess of the "Canadian Scottish" with a piece of plate engraved with the regimental arms.

BUDGET TAX PRICES TEA BECOMES HIGHER

Toronto, May 13.—An increase in the retail price of tea, not exceeding two cents a pound is likely to result from the taxes imposed on that beverage by the new budget, wholesalers and manufacturers believed today. There is a tax of two and a half per cent. on importations of tea, and a sales tax of one and a half per cent., making a total of four per cent., which must be met. Some of the larger tea companies are meeting the importations tax themselves and charging only the sales tax against the retail dealers. Others declare it will be necessary to pass both levies on to the retailers, but agree that the retail price will not increase more than two cents, if that.

World News Today

CANADA

Premier Meighen makes sharp defence of the budget and attack upon the two opposing parties.

Entire crew of railway train arrested at Island Pond, Que., for running across the border. Verdict in the trial of O. Galus Steeves, accused of murder of his wife, is expected at Hopewell Cape today.

UNITED STATES

Gigantic plan to run into the United States along the entire Atlantic coast line is discovered.

BRITISH ISLES

Strike of the coal miners becomes more critical and further attempts are being made to have French and Belgian transport men declare a boycott against England.

Lloyd George declares that Poland is threatening the peace of the world by its revolt.

ENTIRE CREW OF FREIGHT TRAIN CAUGHT IN RAID

Train Stopped at Secluded Spot Near U. S. Border to Unload Stock.

RUM RUNNERS THERE IN AUTOS

Party Escaped But the Crew Was Captured and Taken Into Court.

Sherbrooke, Que., May 13.—The entire crew of a freight train were captured in a spectacular raid today on rum-runners at Island Pond. All of the liquor smugglers, with the exception of one, Carl Peavy, escaped. According to reports the train was run to a secluded spot, where it was met by two automobiles loaded with liquor. The customs officers headed by customs collector Jones and Deputy Egerton, raided the party.

Programme For Imperial Meet of The Teachers

Conferences Will be Held in Toronto from August 10 to 13 Next.

Toronto, May 13.—The programme of papers to be given by Canadian delegates at the forthcoming Imperial conference of teachers' association to be held in Toronto, August 10 to 13, has now practically been completed. Papers will be read by Harry Charlesworth, of British Columbia, and Dr. S. A. Morgan, director of training teachers already certified; Dr. George W. Penrose, of the department of public instruction, Quebec, on the distinguishing features of the educational systems of the Canadian provinces; Dr. J. H. Putnam, chief inspector of public schools, Ottawa, on the relations between primary and secondary schools in Canada; Dr. R. J. Reynolds of the Ontario agricultural college on agriculture in Canada; Dr. S. H. Mackay, superintendent of education of Nova Scotia, on the relation of the high schools and collegiate institutes to universities; Dr. J. H. Vaughan, of the department of education, Manitoba, on vocational training; Taylor Stratton, superintendent of boys' work, Y. M. C. A., Toronto, on school excursions and summer camps, and Major R. J. Blaney, Toronto, and Col. T. E. Perrett, Regina, on the keeping of Empire day and other patriotic festivals.

Nova Scotia Wants No Coal Agent

Labor Member's Motion to Appoint Provincial Sales Agent Killed.

Halifax, N. S., May 13.—A resolution introduced by W. D. Morrison (Labor member for Cape Breton, which would permit the Provincial Government to appoint a commercial coal agent to promote the sale of Nova Scotia coal, particularly in the markets of Ontario and Quebec, was thrown out by a government vote in the House of Assembly tonight on the grounds that it was vague in what it involved, contained the principle of government participation in private business, and that its passage could in no way affect the transportation difficulties which militated against the sale of Nova Scotia coal in Upper Canada. The House was in session until after midnight in committee of supply.

FAME IN TWO HOURS

New York, May 13.—A leap from obscurity to fame within two hours today is the experience which filled with joy the heart of Gaetano Tommasini, an Italian tenor. The regular tenor of the Metropolitan Opera Company was "Alida" was to be sung. All was despair. A happy thought. Some one remembered Tommasini, who has been living in obscurity since the ill-fated Lexington Opera House season closed. Taxi called. Tommasini found eating spaghetti in obscure restaurant. Filled role. Audience thrilled. Wild cheers. Bravo! Everybody happy.

FOREIGN COAL BAN TIGHTENS IN NEW ORDER

Railwaymen Appeal to Dutch and French Transport Workers for Assistance.

WANT BLOCKADE AGAINST BRITAIN

Glasgow and Clyde Railwaymen Refuse to Strike in Sympathy.

London, May 13.—At a mass meeting held in Glasgow tonight an overwhelming majority of the delegates of the Glasgow and Clyde railwaymen voted against striking in support of the coal miners. Recently there had been reports that these railwaymen, who number 20,000, would quit work in sympathy with the miners.

Tighten The Embargo.

It was resolved at a joint meeting of the executives of the National Union of Railwaymen and the Transport Workers' Federation today to tighten the embargo on imported coal. An appeal will also be made to the Dutch and French transport workers and the international transport federation for the institution of a blockade.

"RED" MONEY IN MINERS' STRIKE

Lloyd George Declares He Has Faith in Good Sense of the People.

London, May 13.—Mr. Lloyd George in replying to questions during debate in the House of Commons today on the industrial situation, said there was no doubt that revolutionary movements were involved, but to what extent they were subsidized by foreign money he could not say.

Faith in People.

The government was watching the situation closely, added the premier, and he had faith in the good sense of the British people.

Lieut.-Col. Henry Page Croft, national party member for Bourne, had previously declared the industrial situation was due to Bolshevik plans to wreck British industries. He asserted that certain of the British labor leaders were avowed revolutionaries.

Freight Is Double Value of Potatoes

P. E. I. Senator Declares 17c. Per Bushel is Price, While 43c. Cwt. Freight.

Ottawa, May 13.—In the Senate today, Senator Prowse called attention to high freight rates in Prince Edward Island. A surplus of a million bushels of potatoes could not be marketed on account of them, he said. He urged that the government railway needed a manager familiar with local conditions. Potatoes were selling for 17 cents per bushel, while freight rates were 43 cents per hundred pounds.

Patient Vanishes With The Radium

Oklahoma City, Okla., May 13.—Treatment of a charity patient has resulted in the loss of radium valued at between \$3000 and \$5000 by a well known firm of doctors of this city, it was announced today by a member of the firm. The patient disappeared with the radium on May 8, and police investigation has failed to locate him. The radium, in two needles had been placed in a cancerous growth and the patient instructed to return to have it removed.

FELL DOWN MINE.

Pottsville, Pa., May 13.—Fire Warden William Rimmiller fell 200 feet into a mine breach at Fort Carbon, two miles from here, and his body was recovered with difficulty. Rimmiller was instantly killed. Rescuers were lowered with ropes and finally succeeded in having the body hoisted to the surface.

LIGHTSHIP IS REMOVED

Halifax, N. S., May 13.—Halifax Lightship No. 15 was removed from her station at Sambro, N. S., this afternoon in order that she may undergo an overhauling before proceeding to the Gulf of St. Lawrence, where she will be stationed until late in the autumn. An automatic gas and whistling buoy has been placed at the lightship's station as a guide to ships entering Halifax harbor.

WIFE DESERTION EXTRADITABLE CRIME

Ottawa, May 13.—A bill to make wife desertion an extraditable offence between Canada and the United States, was introduced by the Minister of Justice in the House of Commons this afternoon. The bill brings into force in Canada a treaty recently negotiated for this purpose. The measure was given first reading.

RUMANIA CANNOT PAY CANADIANS MONEY DUE NOW

Nation Can Expect Nothing on Account Which is Due This Year.

GOOD EVENTUALLY BUT NOT NOW

Sir George Paish Finds Prospect Good Country Will Recover in the Long Run.

London, May 12.—Canada has little chance of adding to her reserves this year by any payment on account by Rumania. This is the opinion in Treasury circles here and the view is confirmed by Sir George Paish, the eminent financial authority.

"The prospect of the ultimate complete recovery of Rumania is good," he declared, "but in the final analysis this recovery depends upon the power of the country to repair the war damage and to secure up-to-date machinery and revolutionize the present old-fashioned methods of agriculture. How much she will have yet to pay as interest on her borrowings in redeeming her debts is still problematical."

What is the Debt.

Today Rumania owes Britain twenty million pounds, she owes the United States twenty-five million dollars and France ninety million francs. Canada is therefore one of many creditors and while she cannot expect to take precedence over any of the other nations yet she has an equal prospect with them of having her debt finally liquidated. The arrangements that were made some time ago whereby Rumanian purchases were made through the office of the High Commissioner in London have now lapsed but Canada is trading with her directly for the first time in the history of the Dominion.

This trade may be regarded as the direct result of the loan made two years ago and it may be regarded as a highly satisfactory outcome and one that in some measure offsets the default of the borrower.

During the fiscal year that closed on March 31 last, Canada did a trade with Rumania amounting to thirteen million dollars.

Prefers Commission To Make Appointments

Easier to Get Rid of Poor Men Under That System Says Gen. Hughes.

Ottawa, May 13.—Brig.-General W. St. Pierre Hughes, superintendent of penitentiaries, stated this morning to the special house committee on the Spinney Civil Service Bill that he preferred having appointments made under the Civil Service Commission. Under patronage it had been almost impossible to get rid of unsatisfactory men. The warden had to "get some thing on them" before they were dismissed.

POLICE MAKE SIDE MONEY

Quebec Officers However Declare it is Necessary to Make a Living.

Quebec, May 13.—Police constables and their officers are permitted by the chief of police to accept extra work from private firms in order to supplement their wages, according to evidence given this morning by Chief Trudel at the hearing of the police wage arbitration. The arbitration board will investigate a number of complaints from officers. One policeman says he has had to work extra as a navy to maintain himself, his wife and family of seven. Another officer, Sergeant J. Couette, who gets \$1,200 a year, swears that he has a wife and 12 children to maintain. He has to work night and day, he says. Once he reports, he jumped into the river to make an arrest. As a result he was not paid for the time he was away.

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STEEVES CASE GOES TO JURY THIS MORNING

Chief Justice Had Half Concluded His Address When Court Adjourned.

DEFENCE CALLS STEEVES' FRIENDS

None of Them Ever Thought Family Quarrels Described Were Very Serious.

Moncton, May 13.—At this morning's session of the supreme court, Hopewell Cape, in the trial of Oliver Galus Steeves, charged with the murder of his wife, the accused took the stand and continued his defence. He told Senator Fowler that he had done all the work that he could do. He was crippled in one leg and had cooked some. He also had done some constable work, some carpentry work and had ploughed gardens in the town and in Sunny Brae. This had always been his custom to maintain his family. The boys had not assisted him much, but when out of work had stayed home. He always thought that the boys should go to work. Some four years ago the eldest girl was delicate. He admitted he drank quite heavily during his life, but in the past three years he had not drunk a gallon. He was never discharged from a job on account of liquor. His wife was not jealous of him and had accompanied him on several times as a constable when he made his trips. If his wife was jealous it was on account of other women, not Clara. His wife was cross at him. It was on account of the booze.

Not Responsible for Death.

On the night previous to the fire he was going to take his desk and papers with him to town. That was the reason he did not put the sugar then on the sled into the house. He was not responsible, he said, in any way for the death of his wife and his children.

He told Mr. Fowler he was the worst sufferer and that the family quarrels were of short duration.

Cross-examined by Mr. Rand, witness stated that he loved his wife and children as much as any man could. He loved Beatrice particularly. He knew he loved his wife and family and had as strong a love as a husband and father could have. He could not say that he could give his life for her. He had never heard of a father giving his life for his wife and family. His wife, he believed, to the average man was dear.

Impossible to Save.

He did not believe that he could save his children that morning, as it was useless to go through the fire. He knew this when he opened the door and saw the condition of the fire. Asked if his wife was a love to give his life for the sake of his five children? He replied—"Well, I did not."

He was married about twenty-one years. His wife was faithful, a good working woman, and always willing to work. She had her vacation whenever she wished.

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