

SHARP TILT IN THE LEGISLATURE

Mr. Davis Adroitly Turns Tables On St. John.

THE CONSERVATIVE MACHINE

Statements of Minister of Crown Lands Misrepresented by the Conservative Press.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Jan. 23.—The absence of Mr. Whitely and other prominent members of the Legislature, who are taking part in the North Oxford campaign, and the fact that other members had departed for their usual week-end holiday, resulted in the benches at the House presenting a very deserted appearance today. Those who were in their places, however, were rewarded by hearing an able and forceful speech from Hon. E. J. Davis, after correcting an erroneous report of his remarks in a Conservative journal, he replied effectively to the criticism which had been leveled at the Government by Opposition speakers, and neatly scored several points or Mr. St. John. As an answer to the parrot-cry of corruption he cited some flagrant instances of wrong-doing on the part of Conservative campaigners, and his reference to the Conservative machine, now working in North Oxford, evidently touched a sore spot in the body politic of the Opposition.

Before the orders of the day, Col. Matheson, who was acting Opposition leader, said private members were being shown of their privileges by the continuation of the debate on the speech from the throne, without the ordinary business of private members being attended to.

Premier Ross, replied that as the amendments offered were practically votes of censure on the Government, the debate should go on without interruption, especially as they could not see anything of particular importance in the questions asked.

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ROYAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

Anniversary of Victoria's Death Observed at Frogmore.

MARRIED FOR 49 YEARS

Interesting Family Gathering at Residence of Mr. S. Davis.

London, Jan. 23.—The third anniversary of the death of Queen Victoria was observed yesterday. There was the usual memorial service at Frogmore, which was attended by the King and Queen Alexandra and other members of the royal family. The anniversary of the King's accession to the throne was marked by salutes at the naval and military stations and the dressing of the warships.

Berlin, Jan. 23.—Emperor William today attended a memorial service in honor of the late Queen Victoria at the English Church here and unveiled tablets in memory of Queen Victoria and the late Empress Frederick.

Yesterday a very pleasant evening was spent at the residence of Mr. S. Davis, No. 332 William street, inspector on the C. P. R. western division. Two sons and four daughters wholly surprised Mr. and Mrs. Davis, bringing well-filled baskets and spreading a bounteous table with good things. After supper a very feeling address was read by their younger son, and they were also presented with two bouquets of lovely flowers. The remainder of the evening was spent in games, songs and selections from the gramophone.

The esteemed couple were married 49 years ago, yesterday being their wedding day, and they have lived three score years and ten. Both thoroughly enjoyed the celebration.

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WILD SCENES IN FRENCH CHAMBER

Over Expulsion of the Alsatian Priest Delsor.

AN INTERNATIONAL INCIDENT

Extra Guards Placed in Streets, as a Popular Manifestation Was Feared.

Paris, Jan. 23.—The Chamber of Deputies was the scene of much excitement yesterday in connection with the case of Father Delsor, the Alsatian priest, who was expelled from France recently on the ground that he was a foreigner seeking to foment agitation against the Government. His expulsion has revived the animosities growing out of the Franco-Prussian war, a considerable element of the press and public asserting that the expulsion of Delsor as a foreigner marked the final abandonment of Alsace to Germany.

During the debate taking up the question today, extra military and police precautions were taken inside and outside the Bourbon Palace, as well as to protect the Strasburg statue, on the Place de la Concorde, where a popular manifestation was announced to take place, and for the suppression of disorder in the neighborhood of the German embassy.

The chamber was thronged and during the debate five interpellations were addressed to the Government. The speakers sought to make the issue one of the government's abandonment of Alsace. Premier Combes, replying, declared the agitation had the same theatrical character as Boulangism. It was an effort to revive an expiring national element. Premier Combes intimated that he would at once accept a motion made by M. Sarrien as the order of the day, pure and simple, with the understanding that this should be taken to the Chamber. The division resulted in a ministerial victory, the vote being 285 to 243.

During the sitting of the Chamber there was a noisy pro-Alsatian demonstration in the Place de la Concorde, and a riotous mob of about sixty persons. Order was restored later and the persons arrested were released.

AN AGED RESIDENT'S DEMISE

Death of Mrs. E. Browne, Mother of the Late Postmaster.

One of London's oldest residents, Mrs. Elizabeth Browne, passed peacefully away at her residence, No. 174 Grosvenor street, on Saturday morning. She had been ailing for some time, having met with a serious fall in October last, and she was 78 years of age. She was the widow of the late Thomas Browne, who died a number of years ago, and the mother of the present postmaster of London.

Her other surviving children are Mrs. H. E. Nelles, San Diego, Cal.; Mrs. J. H. Brooks, Mrs. J. B. Tanton, Miss Bella Browne, and Mrs. P. C. Brown, of the Purdon-Gillespie Hardware Company, of this city.

ACTOR AVERTS A PANIC

Narrow Escape From a Second Theater Horror.

Kansas City, Jan. 23.—A serious panic was prevented at the Grand Theater in this city last night by the timely intervention of the actor, who occupied the center of the stage when an electric light burned out, setting fire to a curtain in the north wing of the building. When the small blaze was seen creeping along the edge of the curtain by the audience, women began to scream, and men arose from their seats preparing to make a hasty exit. Willis, who had been singing a song, immediately shouted, "For God's sake, keep your seats and remain quiet. Six hundred people were killed in a Chicago theater recently by a coming panic-stricken and trampling themselves to death."

The words of the actor seemed to impress the audience, and the panic remained quiet, and one minute later the fire had been extinguished by the theater fireman.

GIGANTIC PHILANTHROPY

Chicago Millionaires to Colonize Slums of Great Cities.

Chicago, Jan. 23.—The Inter-Ocean today says: Chicago millionaires are organizing to promote a gigantic philanthropic work, no less than the colonization of the slum population of the great American cities.

The Field and Workshop Society is the corporation which has been formed to work out the details. The organization will be national. Fifty thousand dollars will be spent in organizing. When societies are organized in all the cities, delegates will meet in convention and elect trustees to conduct the business of the society.

The embryonic organization in Chicago consists of an advisory board of 100 members. Its officers are: John Lambert, president; Medel McCormick, vice-president; George Lytton, general secretary.

PITTSBURGH TIED UP

Floods Put Mills and Manufactures Out of Business.

Pittsburgh, Jan. 23.—The crest of the flood which is sweeping down the Allegheny and Monongahela Rivers will be reached in Pittsburgh by noon today, and it is expected the maximum stage of water will be 30 feet. At 9 o'clock this morning the marks registered 23 feet 3 inches, and rising three-tenths of a foot an hour.

All the lower parts of the two cities and the south side are submerged. In Allegheny an extra force of police was patrolling the flooded district in shifts to protect the residents and minister to their needs. In the city, streets as far east as Ninth, are partly submerged, while on the south side nearly all the mills and manufacturing plants fronting on the Monongahela River have been forced to suspend operation on account of the high water.

FOUR OF FAMILY DEAD

A Tragical Sequence of Deaths in a Single Household.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 23.—W. R. Brown lived in the little town of Fries, Brown County, on the Norfolk and Western Railroad. Several days ago one of his daughters was taken suddenly ill of fever which has proved deadly in that locality.

Whisky was prescribed for her. The father said he obtained a large bottle. On his way home he became intoxicated.

His son, who had been sent to look for his father, met him on the road. The latter was in a savage, dangerous mood and killed his son with a knife. When the news of a daughter who was the man's home, the tragedy reached the mother, she became violently insane and died in a short time.

Five hours later the sister who had been ill was also dead. Brown himself and his wife fell victims to the fever, and the man died in twelve hours. The only remaining member of the family is Mrs. Brown. She is so ill from the effects of the fever and her grief that there is little chance of her recovery.

CALLED FRIENDS TO SEE HER DIE

Miss Breen Joked; Then, Crying "I'm Weary of Life" She Took Carbolic Acid.

New York, Jan. 23.—Weary of existence Miss Lillian Breen, of Paterson, N. J., most dramatically ended her life before a number of young friends, who gathered at her summons, last evening.

Miss Breen was well known in Paterson. She took her place on a stoop at Washington and Grand streets, and there calmly remained until she saw several young men, whom she knew, approaching. She beckoned to them and called, smilingly, "Come here, come here."

Apparently in high good humor, she joked with them, and when she saw other young men approaching she said, "What new joke is this?" asked some lightly.

But Miss Breen was in deadly earnest. She took from her coat pocket a small bottle of carbolic acid, drew the cork with her teeth, and poured the poison down her throat.

It was all done as with one gesture, lightning quick.

"There's nothing over," she gasped, and laughing hysterically, tossed away the bottle. Almost instantly she sank to the floor in agony. An ambulance hurried her to the General Hospital, where she died, her scarred lips murmuring thank for the release she had sought so desperately.

DECEASED COMPTROLLERS

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 23.—Albert C. Twining, former president of the defunct First National Bank of Asbury Park, was convicted today on the charge of making false certificates to the comptroller of the currency as to the bank's condition.

The sentence for the charge of which he has been convicted is five years. Twining has already been convicted of misusing the funds of an estate.

WAS WEDDED TO WINGHAM LADY

Career of Leonidas Hubbard, Who Perished in Labrador.

WAS A REPORTER IN DETROIT

Wrote for the New York Journals and Magazines—His Plucky Uphill Fight.

Detroit, Jan. 23.—Leonidas Hubbard, the assistant editor of the Evening News, who perished in the wilds of Labrador, was well known in this city.

Having gone to the university at Ann Arbor from a Southern Michigan town, where his parents still reside, Mr. Hubbard may well be called a Michigan man. At one time he taught school near Bear Lake in Minn. county, after graduating from the university in 1897.

He was a year in Ann Arbor as a newspaper correspondent in college. In 1898 he came to New York, and joined the editorial staff of the Detroit Evening News, remaining here until he went to Lansing to act as press clerk of the House in the 1900-01 session of the State Legislature.

Invited by the broader opportunities afforded by the nation's metropolis, Hubbard, at the close of the legislative session, set out for New York. Disheartening though the work was at first, he kept at it, hoping that the returns would soon come in.

He was all at once "caught on." His articles began appearing regularly in such publications as the Saturday Evening Post and the New York Sun. He was a contributor to several of the magazines. Later he was a reporter on one of the New York papers and was just congratulating himself on having reached the end of his uphill fight, when typhoid fever swooped down upon him and laid him on his back for a long siege of sickness.

Lying sick and neglected in his room on an upper floor of New York boarding house, he was finally discovered and sent to a hospital by a young lady acquaintance, who being a trained nurse had become alarmed at his continued absence from his meals. Today, after three years of hardship, now Mr. Hubbard is at Quebec, tearfully awaiting the remains of her husband.

It was not long after Hubbard's recovery from typhoid fever, that James A. Le Roy, another Michigan man, and a warm friend of Hubbard, left Ontario to go to the Philippine Islands as secretary to Commissioner Hubbard, who succeeded Mr. Le Roy on Outing and within a year was made assistant editor under Caspar Whitney the position he held up to the time of his death. One of his earliest assignments as assistant editor was a trip to the Gulf of Mexico, to write up southern sportsmen and their hunting grounds. This was made his wedding trip. Mrs. Hubbard being accompanied by a friend, who was a quiet wedding taking place in New York before they set out for the south.

Mr. Hubbard was a prolific writer, and in addition to his magazine work had been engaged in writing a historical novel, material for which he gathered while on his trip to the Gulf of Mexico.

DEATH OF TWO PRIESTS

One of Them, Father Dinahan, Was From This City.

A dispatch from New York says: Two priests of the Dominican Priory, No. 10 Lexington avenue, long associated in the work of their order, died almost simultaneously, yesterday. They were Father Peter A. Dinahan, 56 years old, and Father C. Pius Conly, 57 years old.

Father Dinahan, after a long illness from cancer, died at the priory at 12:10 p.m. When informed by Father Conly, who was at the dining-table in the convent of the Sisters of Mercy at No. 10 Lexington avenue, he fell dead and fell dead to the floor.

A double funeral will be held today in St. Vincent Ferrer Church. Both priests had been engaged as priests and missionaries in the Eastern States for 30 years. Father Dinahan was a native of New York, and Father Conly, of New Lexington, Ohio.

A PEACEFUL INVASION

Well-Known Sunday School Worker Pleasantly Surprised.

Last evening the officers and teachers connected with the Adelaide Street Baptist Sunday school met at the church and proceeded in a body to the residence of Mr. D. H. Gillies, No. 861 King street, where, after some little parleying, they were admitted. The invasion, however, was of a friendly character, and its object was soon made known. Mr. Gillies has just retired from the superintendency of the Adelaide Street Baptist Sunday school, and his late colleagues desired to emphasize their appreciation of the good work he has done for the school, and the uniform kindly feeling and hearty co-operation that has characterized his connection with his fellow-workers.

This idea was well-expressed in the address presented to Mr. Gillies, which was read by Mr. Charles G. Moorhead, the old-time secretary. Accompanying the address was a handsome gold watch, which was suitably engraved, and which, the address stated, was "intended as an indication—not a measure—of the given regard and esteem which the school and its fellow-workers in making a neat response. The remainder of the pleasant evening was spent in a social way. Happily, Mr. Gillies is still connected with the school, having accepted the position of assistant superintendent.

A PRINCE IN HIDING

Emperor of Korea's Son Said To Be In New York City.

Washington, Jan. 23.—The Korean Minister at Washington and his staff are guarding zealously the whereabouts of Prince Euiwhu, who in all probability will replace his father on the throne if the Korean Emperor is de-throned.

The minister said that the Prince's movements are necessarily concealed for the present. It is learned, however, from an attaché of the legation that the prince was expected in Washington this month, but has not yet arrived. He had some trouble last year at Delaware, Ohio, where he was attending college, and left there some time ago.

It was said that the prince was in New York incognito not long ago, and that he may be there yet.

At the legation there is considerable excitement over the events in Korea. What effect the crisis there will have on the movements of the minister and his staff is not certain, but it was intimated at the legation that some of the legation personnel, if not all of them, were prepared to leave Washington on short notice.

REPORTER IS NOW A PEER

Former Toledo Man Has Come Into Possession of Title.

Toledo, O., Jan. 23.—Temple Robinson, formerly a reporter on the Commercial of this city, has succeeded to his father's estates and titles in England, and is now Sir Temple Robinson. His family have, since 1700, been members of the English peerage and eleven years ago, after graduating from Oxford, Temple, who was the youngest son, was sent to this country with \$10,000 to make his home.

He went to the west, proved a good deal of a tenderfoot and in a short time returned to Toledo without any money, taking a position as reporter on the Commercial. In about eighteen months he married a wealthy American and returned to England, where death has opened his way to the peerage. His father was one of the Transvaal governors and a prominent figure in South Africa politics.

WIFEBEATER IN CAGE

Placed in a Stable on a Bread and Water Diet.

Plainfield, Jan. 23.—Citizens of Plainfield believe in extreme penalties for wife and child beating. Adam Fritz, convicted of having knocked his wife down and dragged his child across the floor of his house by her hair, was yesterday fined \$20, placed in an iron cage in a deserted stable in Plainfield and sentenced to seven days of solitary confinement on a diet composed exclusively of bread and water.

Residents asked the court for the heaviest penalty the law would impose, on the plea that they had promised the wife of the notorious wifebeater that he would return to her a penitent man.

FIRE DOES \$20,000 DAMAGE

Coffee Roaster Starts Blaze in Dundas Street Tea Store.

Early This Morning—Prompt Response of the Firemen.

Fire at Marshall's tea store, 258 Dundas street, did damage to the extent of \$20,000 early this morning.

The fire started in the second floor, where a coffee roaster set fire to the rafters. The blaze was noticed by Mr. Percy Collins, a clerk in the Grand Trunk freight office, and he promptly sent in an alarm. The alarm was sounded at 2:15 and the firemen were on the scene within two or three minutes.

The chemical engine was again brought into play, as well as a line of hose, but the firemen were not able to leave the scene until about 4 o'clock. Mr. C. B. Keenleyside, the proprietor, stated to The Advertiser that the loss to stock and buildings would be, through the fire, smoke, etc., in the neighborhood of \$20,000. Mr. Keenleyside also praises the firemen for their quickness in answering the alarm, and for the manner in which they subdued the flames.

STREET RAILWAY SERVICE

A Great Improvement Over the Conditions of Friday.

The Pottersburg People Are Still Practicing Pedestrianism.

WAR OR PEACE IN THE BALANCE

Russia Orders Out 80,000 Reserves for Manchuria.

A COMPROMISE NOT POSSIBLE

Large Force of Mikado's Troops Believed to Have Already Landed in Southern Korea.

Port Arthur, Jan. 23.—High officials here say they believe war or peace will be decided upon today or tomorrow.

After a conference of the heads of all the departments of the Manchurian administration, orders were issued that a list of every available army and navy reserve man in Manchuria be drawn up as quickly as a list of those who are combatants for the civil administration, which it is impossible to send to the front. It is claimed that the reserves total 80,000 men.

The bulk of the Port Arthur fleet is stationed just outside the mouth of the harbor.

Naval and military stores in unusual quantities are being brought on the condition of immediate delivery.

The neutrality of the sea is being defined for Japan. Shipping rates have advanced a hundred per cent. The shipping companies are preparing to withdraw from here. The authorities are considering the question of removing the neutral zone of the sea, for whose transportation ships are in readiness.

NO COMPROMISE.

London, Jan. 23.—The Daily Graphic this morning says, it understands that the Japanese authorities decline to define the rights of neutral ships bound for Japan. Shipping rates have advanced a hundred per cent. The shipping companies are preparing to withdraw from here. The authorities are considering the question of removing the neutral zone of the sea, for whose transportation ships are in readiness.

The correspondent of the Morning Post at Chefoo has sent in alarming report that 2,000 Japanese troops have landed at Kia-Sing-Pao, in Southern Korea, and Port Arthur correspondent of the Paris edition of the New York Herald refers to the fact that the news of the occupation of Ma-San-Pyo is being received calmly. These reports are discredited by Baron Hayashi.

London, Jan. 23.—The Tokio correspondent of the Daily Mail wires: The Jijo Shimpu says that on the day following the ratification of the Chinese-American treaty Russia notified Japan that it was useless to negotiate a neutral zone of the sea, as the ratification of both treaties showed that Manchuria was Chinese domain.

The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Telegraph cables: "I learn that it is difficult for Russia to grant the Japanese as to other foreigners, fear that the Japanese will soon over-run the province. Whatever concessions, however, Russia offers regarding Manchuria, will probably be offered in the first instance to the United States."

FLOOD AT LORAIN

Waters Sweep Many Lake Craft From Their Moorings.

Lorain, O., Jan. 23.—The worst flood ever known in this section, caused by the heavy rains swelling the waters of Black River, has wrought great damage to shipping along the stream, resulting in the entire suspension of work at the American shipbuilding plant on her fastenings a little later and together with a dredge and several scows and the fueling scow Agnes lies in the gorge at the harbor's mouth.

The swift rush of waters has formed a new channel of the river and several scows belonging to Gaylor Bros., Government contractors, have been swept to the lake.

A number of fish traps were badly broken up and the loss to the companies will be heavy. The Lorain Lumber Company is also a heavy loser, immense quantities of lumber being swept to the lake.

As a result of the washing away of the Nickel Plate bridge, traffic on that road is badly crippled. The Baltimore and Ohio tracks are partially under water and much damage has been caused to that road.

Locain, Jan. 22.—(Later).—The damage wrought to shipping is variously estimated at from \$50,000 to \$60,000. Tonight the craft consisting of dredge tugs, stone barges, mud and derrick scows lie in the lake in an exposed position and will probably suffer total losses in many instances. One dredge belonging to L. P. and J. A. Smith, of Cleveland, and two fish traps, the Birch and Gull, lie at the bottom of the river and may prove total losses.

The large freight steamers E. M. Peck and Hendrick S. Holden have been from their moorings, the latter passing into the lake. Dredge of Broyman Bros., Toledo, is sunk in the river, and the tugs J. S. Blazer, Nutsie B., and dredge Carlin Stickney and Orem, and scow Agnes were carried into the lake.

NOMINATIONS POSTPONED.

Stratford, Ind., Jan. 23.—In consequence of the House of Commons being called for early in March, the nomination of a candidate for the Liberals in South Perth has been postponed.