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UNCERTAINTY WET PREVAILS

Balfour's Speech Did Not Satisfy Commentators.

Daily Sketch Hints at Something Startling Very Soon; Westminster Gazette Says Storm Again Brewing—Premier Has Recovered.

(Canadian Press.) London, March 8.—Sir Arthur Balfour's plea for a continuance of the coalition...

The London Times says editorially: "Sir Arthur's speech was a philosophical effort..."

Few informed persons took the view today that the crisis had been solved...

The two conspicuous exceptions to this viewpoint were the Westminster Gazette...

Another By-Election.

London, March 8.—(Canadian Press Cable)—The appointment of Leslie F. Scott as solicitor-general means another doubtful bye-election for the government...

Mr. Scott has represented this constituency for nearly twelve years...

The Exchange constituency, however, borders on the noted Scotland division of Liverpool...

It is understood the principal question considered was a proposed loan of £250,000 to the Russian government for famine relief.

London, March 8.—(Canadian Press Cable)—The conservative "die-hard" element were again active at question time in the House of Commons yesterday.

Mr. Churchill said that throughout he had adopted the attitude that the restoration and maintenance of order in the south of Ireland was a matter for the provisional government...

ASKS FREE HAND FOR GOVERNMENT

Return of Alberta's Natural Resources Discussed in the Legislature.

Edmonton, March 8.—Premier Greenfield yesterday declared in the legislature that he was in agreement with Premier MacKenzie King that the return of Alberta's natural resources to the province should be settled as promptly as possible.

Hon. J. R. Boyle, leader of the Liberal opposition, commended the Liberal leader and the Liberal party in having carried through so quickly this plank in the Liberal platform...

EXCHANGE GREETINGS.

Anglican Bishop of Liverpool and Free Church Councils.

London, March 8.—(Canadian Press.)—The National Assembly of Free Church Councils at Liverpool today witnessed a cordial exchange of greetings between the Anglican bishop of the diocese and Rev. S. Chadwick, president of the councils.

Rev. Mr. Chadwick, replying, said the bishop's greeting breathed the spirit of Catholicity and Christian brotherhood.

WITHOUT EITHER LEGS OR ARMS, MAKES OWN WAY

Winnipeg, March 8.—Despite the loss of his arms and legs, Finlay Booth, a pioneer of the early 70's, who died here recently, aged sixty-eight, made his own way successfully in farming and other operations for more than fifty years...

Mr. Booth arrived in Winnipeg in 1871, and with his father and family, who were taking up land near Carleton Place, started out from the city for the new home late in November...

The storm later developed in fury and Finlay had to fight against it alone, being separated from the rest of the family. He plodded along, lost and buffeted by the fierce blasts...

As a result of his experience his hands and feet had to be amputated, but his rugged constitution pulled him through.

Despite the fact that the legislation was supposed to have been reviewed in both houses before it became law...

Ottawa Legislators Forgot to Provide for Possibility of Session Ending on Fiftieth Day.

Ottawa, March 8.—(Canadian Press.)—Because of a peculiar oversight in the legislation which provides for the payment of indemnities to the members of the commons and senate, members who are now here are firm in their resolve that the house will sit either more or less than fifty days...

The act provides that if the house sits for fewer than fifty days there shall be a deduction from the \$4,000 indemnities...

It is unlikely that the members will allow such a thing to happen.

Last year one of the accountants discovered the error in the bill and almost created trouble when, for a time, he refused to issue monthly checks to the senate on the ground that if the house rose on the fiftieth day there would be nothing due to the members.

The payments were eventually made, and this session it is expected that the legislators will be amended to overcome the difficulty.

GENERAL STRIKE MOVEMENT GROWS

Business Houses in Johannesburg are Closed in Fear of Violence.

London, March 8.—South African workers have rallied in a fairly wide response to the call for a general strike issued by executive of the Industrial Federation and Trades Unions in sympathy with striking miners...

Walters and waitresses have been forcibly taken from their jobs in the few restaurants that are open.

VETERANS HAVE SECRET SOCIETY, THE FOUR AND X

Ottawa, March 8.—Official endorsement of a new secret society, the "Four and X" was given by the dominion executive of the Great War Veterans Association yesterday.

It is a secret fraternal organization confined to veterans of the war and has its origin in the west.

WOULD TAKE NO CHANCE ON LONG DISTANCE COURTSHIP.

TRURO, N. S., March 8.—"Is the young lady white or colored? Ye can't always trust the matrimonial bureau of Chicago." Thus a white and cautious citizen of Truro, N. S., in a letter to a town official here, wrote.

"She is red, pink and white—red lips, pink cheeks and white hair," the official replied.

LODGE SPEAKS FOR THE TREATY

Four Power Pact or Conference Fails.

Senator Makes Powerful Appeal for Support of Washington Agreement—United States Must Not Stumble or Fall.

(Canadian Press.) Washington, March 8.—With opposition forces organizing for the fray, the Senate fight over the four power Pacific treaty promised to get into full swing today when Senator Lodge, the Republican leader, delivered his speech in defence of the pact.

Senator Robinson, Democrat, Arkansas, planned to follow Senator Lodge in an address favoring his two proposed reservations to the treaty, and it appeared likely that a general discussion would develop terminating the preliminary bill which has marked the treaty debate thus far.

That opponents are organizing to press their fight on the treaty was assured today through the knowledge that a definite plan of action had been agreed upon after consultation from other sources, however, the details of which were not disclosed.

Just how far the sentiments of Mr. Wilson himself may be reflected in the understanding thus effected by the "irreconcilable" leader, or how far-reaching the understanding may be, has not been revealed.

Washington, March 8.—Termination of the Anglo-Japanese alliance and substitution of a political system actuated by peace in the Pacific was described in the senate today by Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, the Republican leader, and a member of the U. S. arms delegation, as the "real purpose" of the four power Pacific treaty.

The Anglo-Japanese arrangement, Senator Lodge declared, was regarded by the delegation as "the most dangerous element" in the U. S. government's relations with the Far East.

He asserted that if the treaty for a reduction of naval armaments failed, the clause prohibiting agreement also would be endangered resulting in "failure of the conference."

No changing commitments are contained in the treaty, he asserted, and no provisions contrary to U. S. traditions.

Declaring the termination of the Anglo-Japanese alliance, he said that if we were to have any measure of success, we must think in terms of peace and not in terms of war.

Actuated by these beliefs and by the fact that we were clearly of opinion that there lay before us three great objectives, three dominant purposes to be attained, one was the termination of the Anglo-Japanese alliance.

The second was the establishment of a free and independent government and particularly to secure the restoration of the great province of Shantung to the Chinese empire, to which it rightfully belonged.

"We succeeded before the close of the conference in attaining all these objects. The treaty now before us terminates the undertaking which we designed and which we believe that it involves the U. S. no obligation except to meet with the other signatories and consult in case of any controversy arising or in case of aggression by some outside power not signatory. I repeat that I think the obligation to meet and consult is the only obligation existing in this treaty to which we are bound."

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Young New York Chemist Will Not Return to Finish His Book.

New York, March 8.—Seeking data for his book "The Heretofore" Thomas W. Wegelius, of Brooklyn, a 23 year old chemist, swallowed what he thought was just enough anaesthetic to take him to death's portals.

The book will never be finished, for young Wegelius miscalculated the dose and the portals swung wide for him.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "when will it be convenient for you to take me for an excursion into the sugar woods?"

"Most any time now," said Hiram. "I want in a plain, sandy, made right there in the woods and cooled on the snow. After that I will be content with about a pound of sugar and a bunk for the night."

"You might need a doctor at that rate," said Hiram. "I see lots o' folks dip in too heavy an' then wish they'd hed more sense."

"It's worth the risk," said the reporter. "I'm fed up on the cane sugar stuff. Me for the woods whenever you say. Besides, if I needed care, where is the doctor who can compare with Mrs. Hornbeam?"

"You said it that time," said Hiram. "Pancakes and honey," said the reporter. "May I go with you now?"

"We'll start this minute," said Hiram.

DRURY SILENT, BUT AN INQUIRY MAY BE HELD

Story of Jollifications in Ontario Parliament Buildings; Temperance Act Involved.

Toronto, March 8.—Premier Drury declined after the adjournment of the house yesterday to discuss the "party" issue raised yesterday following a notice of motion in Toronto city council calling for an enquiry into alleged disorderly conduct in the parliament buildings on the last night of the 1921 session.

It is understood from other sources, however, that the government does not intend to let the matter drop, but that public attention has been called to the rumors.

The latest version is that two "parties" were held in the small hours of the morning and Liberal and U. F. O. private members have been mentioned as involved.

The jollifications are said to have taken place in a minister's office without his knowledge and in a committee room and that women were present at least one of the parties. The chief issue raised is that the O. T. A. was violated.

SUSPEND DUTIES ON IMPORTS TO BRING LIVING COST DOWN

Warsaw, March 8.—All import duties on food, clothing and shoes have been suspended for six weeks by a decree designed to lower the cost of living.

LENINE WANTS TO MEET LLOYD GEORGE AT GENOA

Moscow, March 8.—Nikolai Lenine last night spoke before a congress of metal workers and expressed a desire personally to go to Genoa and meet Premier Lloyd George face to face.

Phelix and Pseudonym WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

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PARLIAMENT TO OPEN TOMORROW

Hon. R. Lemieux Elected Speaker Today.

Tributes Paid Him by Party Leaders—House to Adjourn Tomorrow After Speech is Read—Meighen is Chosen Opposition Leader.

Ottawa, March 8.—(Canadian Press.)—The preliminaries to the formal opening of the first session of the fourteenth parliament took place this morning with the formal stonning of the commons chamber for to be sworn in and sign the roll. They then were dismissed until three p. m. when they were summoned to the senate and afterwards returned to their own chamber for the election of the Speaker. Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux.

On arrival at the red chamber, the members found Sir Louis Davies, representing the Governor General, and a message was read to the commons by the Speaker of the Senate. It set forth that His Excellency did not see fit to declare the causes of his summoning the present parliament until the Speaker of the House of Commons had been chosen, according to law, but tomorrow at 3 p. m. he would declare the causes of calling this parliament.

The members of the commons then returned to their own chamber, where the election of Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, as Speaker, was proceeded with. Tributes to the newly elected Speaker from the leaders of the parties followed this, after which the House adjourned until tomorrow for the formal opening, after which the commons will then adjourn, it is expected, until Monday.

Right Hon. Arthur Meighen will be the leader of opposition in the commons. A decision not to accept the official opposition was reached by the Progressives at noon today.

PUTS IT UP TO MR. DE VALERA

Freeman's Journal Calls upon Him to Speak—The Limerick Situation.

Dublin, March 8.—The Freeman's Journal, discussing the Limerick situation today dealt with what it described as "Eamonn De Valera's silence" and said editorially: "De Valera, so far as is known, has taken no step to correct the deeds of hot headed persons who, pretending to be his followers, have invaded Limerick and quartered themselves in that city as its inhabitants."

Thanks to the security of the rank and file of the Irish Republican army, actual evil results so far have been avoided. The situation, however, in the city is impossible and full of danger.

The city was quiet this morning and the population in general appeared more composed than at any time since last Sunday's invasion by insurgents.

Irish Republican army forces, who commanded the principal hotels and are still occupying them as billets.

GREAT FIRES THREATENING A MICHIGAN CITY

Cheboygan, Mich., March 8.—The downtown section of Cheboygan was threatened with complete destruction by fire today. The fire broke out early this morning and at nine a. m. was still beyond control. Two city blocks already have been swept by the flames.

MINTO SAMPLE ROOMS BURNED

Moncton, N. B., March 8.—Fire this morning destroyed a wooden building known as the Minto Sample Rooms, owned by Carl Doull, in Robinson street. Adjoining buildings were damaged.

On the ground floor Mr. Doull conducted a hardware store. Another occupant was John Williams, who conducted a machine and repair shop. The second and third floors of the building were used as commercial travelers sample rooms.

Mrs. Stillman's Lawyer Ill.

New York, March 8.—(Canadian Press.)—John F. Brennan, principal attorney for Mrs. James A. Stillman, was reported last night to be seriously ill at his home in South Yonkers.

WHY HE DECIDED TO END HIS LIFE

Philadelphia, March 8.—Charles Mardock of Miami, Fla., who committed suicide in a local hotel a week ago, left a note in which he wrote: "I have one body fifty-three years old, false teeth, bad eyes, bun feet, bad shoes, no job, no friends nearer than 1,500 miles away. I can't beg, I can't steal, and I will not become a bum."

JUDGMENT ON LUMBER RATES IS RESERVED

Matter of Market Brought Up at Ottawa Hearing re Lower Freight Charges.

Ottawa, March 8.—"Is it not a fact that, although cost of production is at rock bottom, there is no market for your lumber, to what extent would a cut in freight rates help the industry?" enquired Commissioner Boyce, during a hearing of an application by the Canadian Lumberman's Association and other associations for an order restoring the rates on lumber in force prior to September 13, 1920, when a forty per cent. increase was granted the railways.

Judgment was reserved in the application.

President A. E. Clark, of the Canadian Lumberman's Association; R. L. Sargent, traffic manager of the association, and others admitted that there was no market at present for their lumber, but contended that freight rates were too high on lumber and that a downward revision would have the effect of stimulating the industry and that high rates contributed towards their inability to sell.

Other factors entered into the question of lumber costs but every effort was being made to decrease overhead charges where possible.

The case for the railways was stated briefly by W. B. Lanigan, for the C. P. R., and Frank K. Watson, for the G. T. R. Other railway representatives endorsed their statements.

COURT CASE TO FOLLOW FAILURE

Question of Rights of Canadian Creditors, in View of New York Suspensions.

Toronto, March 8.—The question of the rights of Canadian creditors to first claim on the Canadian credits of a defunct foreign firm is very prominent just now in view of the wave of brokerage failures in New York.

The belief is current, says the Telegram, that legal action will sustain the ground taken by creditors of such concerns that no Canadian credits can be sent abroad unless Canadian debts are satisfied. The matter is to be tested in the case of the suspension of the firm of E. H. Clarke & Co., New York curb brokers, who had an office here, for yesterday assignment was made to the Trust and Guarantee Company, which concern is taking immediate steps to tie up all balances and securities held by the firm in Canada, until a decision is reached.

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS IN THE PROVINCE

(Special to Times.) Fredericton, N. B., March 8.—Resignations from provincial offices have been accepted as follows: F. P. Murphy as sitting police magistrate in Moncton; F. H. Flewelling as member of the board of commissioners of the General Public Hospital in St. John.

J. Phyllis Arsenau, of St. Quentin, has been removed from the office of police and stipendiary magistrate for the parish of Grimmer on account of not residing in that parish.

The following appointments are made: Albert—George C. Bright, of Hillsborough to be police and stipendiary magistrate for that parish, with civil jurisdiction.

Carleton—Blair Carlyle, of Florenceville, D. Allison Gibson, of Debec and William A. McDougall, of the parish of Richmond, to be justices of the peace.

Restigouche—Benj. Peters of Kedgwick to be stipendiary and police magistrate for the parish of Grimmer, with civil jurisdiction.

Leslie McLean, of Campbellton, to be a commissioner for taking affidavits to be read in the supreme court.

City and County of St. John—Charles A. Emery to be commissioner for taking affidavits to be read in the supreme court; Fred T. Barbour and B. Wetmore Thorne, to be justices of the peace.

Sunbury—William E. Dibble to be parish court commissioner for the parish of Blissett, with civil jurisdiction, in place of W. Dell Smith, removed from the parish.

Westmorland—F. D. Smith, of Moncton, to be commissioner for taking affidavits to be read in supreme court.

Henry Edgar Stearns, of the Royal Bank of Canada, Montreal, is appointed a commissioner to administer oaths and take and receive affidavits, declarations and affirmations in the province of Quebec.

On the recommendation of John B. Hawthorne, chief inspector, Henry P. Doyle of Campbellton is appointed a sub-inspector under the intoxicating liquor act.

STORM WILD IN NEW ENGLAND

Rivers Swollen, Highways Flooded, Man Killed.

Forty Women and Girls Carried From Flooded Motion Picture House—Rowboats Used in Streets of Two Towns.

(Canadian Press.) Boston, March 8.—Swollen rivers and flooded highways with miscellaneous minor damage were left as local effects of a rain and wind storm that swept New England last night. One death and several injuries were attributed to the storm. Garsen Rafer, 50 years of age, was killed at Worcester when the driving rain prevented him from seeing a passing automobile.

Forty-two passengers were shaken up and several were injured when a trolley car left the rails in the Dorchester district here and brought up against the street curbing after tearing up thirty feet of pavement.

Forty women and girls, marooned in a Weymouth motion picture house by a miniature flood, had to be carried on the backs of policemen and theatres employees to high ground.

The Merrimack, Connecticut, Blackstone and other rivers were reported rising, some of them clogged with floating logs.

Rowboats were used in the streets of South Deerfield, and at Essex Junction, Vermont. Autos were stalled and many roads were closed by floods in Western Massachusetts and washouts caused railroads to block at several places.

Leslie Knowlton was buried with his auto when his barn collapsed in East Weymouth. Firemen extricated him. A barn was toppled over in Lynn also.

Provincetown was without lights after a power plant explosion believed to have been caused by the breaking of wires under pressure of the gale. Electric lights, telephones and telegraph stations in other localities were put out of commission. Hundreds of trees were blown down and cellars flooded in many parts of New England.

ALL UNDER THE DEFENCE MINISTER

Notice of Motion at Ottawa to Amalgamate the Militia, Naval, Air and Mounted Police Forces.

Ottawa, March 8.—(Canadian Press.)—For the first time in many years parliament will not begin its session with the order paper practically barren of notice of intended legislation, as already notice of three government bills has reached house officials for insertion in the order of the first day.

The minister of militia gives notice of "an act respecting the department of national defence." It will provide for the amalgamation of the militia, naval air force and mounted police under the one minister of defence.

Also has been given notice of an act to amend the penitentiaries act and an act to amend the salaries and house of commons act. In each case, it is understood that the amendments to the two latter acts are not particularly outstanding.

ALLOWANCE FOR M. P. P.'S IS CUT

Contingencies Sum Reduced from \$90 to \$50 for Each Member—Labor Delegation in Fredericton.

(Special to Times.) Fredericton, N. B., March 8.—The following pairs have been made for the session when either are absent: Mr. King with Mr. Dickson; Mr. Smith (Sunbury) with Mr. Peck; Mr. Scovil with Mr. Flewelling; Mr. Cullen with Mr. Taylor; Hon. Mr. Magee with Mr. Smith, (Albert); Hon. Mr. Michaud with Mr. Guptill.

Steps already have been taken to reduce expenditure. When the contingencies committee met this morning it reduced to \$50 the allowance of \$90 heretofore granted to each member for contingencies during the session and recess. The other usual amounts were voted without change.

A caucus of the government was called for this evening.

A delegation representing the New Brunswick Federation of Labor and consisting of J. E. Tighe, president of the federation; F. S. McMillan, president of the St. John Trades and Labor Council, and George R. Melvin, secretary, arrived here this morning and had an audience with the government. Among the matters in which the delegation is interested is the compensation act, amendments to which will be sought, hydro electric, public health, unemployment, the factory act, mothers' allowances and minimum wage act.

James L. Sugrue and J. A. Sinclair, of Workmen's Compensation Board, also arrived here this morning.