SCORES DRURY GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL METHODS

WELLINGTON HAY SCORES ONTARIO FINANCE METHOD

Liberal Leader In Legislature Advocates Comptroller For Province.

POINTS OUT LOSSES

Declares Government Should Not Have Gone Into Banking Business.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, April 11.—With Wellington Hay, Liberal leader, having made his speech yesterday it was thought that the budget debate in the legislature would conclude today with Hon. G. H. Ferguson and Premier Drury speaking. But a hitch occurred at the conclusion of Mr. Hay's speech that may prolong the debate for some days.

Andrew Hicks, U. F. O. whip, had adjourned the debate, but Mr. Hay went on in his place yesterday apparently on the understanding that Mr. Hicks had decided not to speak on the budget. To the surprise of the Liberal leader, Hon. Manning Doherty, who was leading the house yesterday, adjourned the debate on the conclusion of Mr. Hay's speech for Mr. Hicks. There was immediate protest from the Liberals. They pointed out that the custom had always been that the three leaders wound up the debate. Mr. Ferguson said that the arrangement with Premier Drury had been that the three leaders should close the debate today. Liberals claimed that if Mr. Hicks spoke the debate would again be opened and several said they intended to speak if the U. F. O. whip did so. Everything now depends on Mr. Hicks' decision. If he refrains from speaking the debate closes today. If he speaks it will go on indefinitely.

Hay Scores Government

Mr. Hay was quite critical of the government. He took occasion at the outset to deny certain allegations made by Conservative speakers at meetings that the Liberal group was a "stool pigeon" for the government. "We intend to carry on as Liberals and return to power as Liberals," said Mr. Hay, who denied also that he was taking any dictation from Ottawa. While there was no danger of a calamity in provincial finance, Mr. Hay said it would require the best business brains of parliament to re-establish the province on a sound basis. He advocated the appointment of a financial comptroller for Ontario and said that no man would be too big for the job. Tomorrow he said the Premier would open the chest and state the government's attitude on re-distribution. He thought that at the same time Mr. Ferguson might tell a waiting public the attitude of the Conservative party on another great question, the O. T. A.

The Liberal party, he promised, would co-operate with other parties in an endeavor to frame a real good re-distribution bill. He was of the impression that the number of representatives should be down instead of upwards. Mr. Hay said that in the matter of public accounts there should be only one set of estimates and that supplementary estimates in such form should be abolished. He did not think anyone could contend that there was a surplus this year. As a matter of fact there was a deficit. There were many items in capital account which should be put in ordinary expenditure.

Should Have Sinking Fund.

One of these items was for vocational training amounting to $831,766 which was now in capital and had no right there. Ontario should have had a sinking fund to look after its debt fifteen years ago. The interest debt alone of the province today was eleven millions. He criticized the government for asking payment of a big succession duty before it was due so that the surplus could be shown. Illustrating the growing debt he pointed out that in 1904 the per capita debt in Ontario was $2.60; in 1919 $36.70, and in 1922 $81.57. He had no objection to the Chippawa scheme, although he thought the government might have recast the hydro commission in which it apparently had no confidence. Municipalities should have more representation in commission. The Liberal party was right behind public ownership, he said. He thought that the government might well consider the immediate construction of branch lines on the T. and N. O. Railway, even if the extension to James Bay was not built just now.

The Ontario government, he said, should never have embarked in the banking business. The government, he declared, should disassociate itself from insurance business. He contended that in a five million dollar sale of bonds that the province had lost $100,000. The bonds sold at 99.5 and were quoted a few days later at 101. Toronto City had done better with its bonds.

In conclusion Mr. Hay said one of the greatest influences against Ontario at present was the discrimination against this province in freight rates. Export trade was being burdened and the advantage going to the United States. "We want a reduction in freight rates even if it weakens the earnings of the National Railway," said Mr. Hay.

Hon. Manning Doherty, Minister of Agriculture, before the orders of the day rose to make a few remarks regarding Lord Beaverbrook and the lifting of the cattle embargo, in view of the criticism by Hon. G. H. Ferguson. Mr. Ferguson had stated that there was a peculiar coincidence in the abandonment of the Ontario government cement manufacture project with the advent of the cattle embargo removal campaign, insinuating that the cement project was neglected because Lord Beaverbrook as a former Canadian cement king had disapproved of a public-owned competing scheme. Mr. Doherty took occasion to deny that there had ever been any such arrangement and that the campaign for the removal of the cattle embargo started long before the Ontario government had ever considered a campaign for the removal of the embargo.

The House adjourned at six o'clock until tomorrow at three o'clock.

ANNOUNCE WAGE INCREASE.

Associated Press Despatch.

New York, April 11.—President Eugene G. Grace of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation today announced an increase in wages would become effective in the manufacturing plants on April 16.

Believe Hospital Conditions Are Better Than Expected

Dr. Brittain and Staff In Ten Days Completed Task Which Was Thought Would Occupy Three Weeks.

Investigations carried on at Victoria Hospital by Dr. Horace Brittain of the Canadian Citizens' Research Institute, and his staff, have come to an end, and the investigators have returned to Toronto to prepare their report, which is expected in a few days.

The task of sifting out weak spots at the hospital required but ten days, instead of the two or three weeks expected. This was due to the co-operation received by Dr. Brittain and his staff from all persons connected with the hospital, from the trustees down to the orderlies.

Dr. Brittain, who is the head of the research institute, accompanied by R. F. Armstrong, former city manager of Woodstock, N. B., and C. C. Wyatt of Toronto, financial statistician, arrived in London on March 10, to investigate the affairs at the hospital. They came at the request of the hospital trust, made on a recommendation from Mayor George Wenige.

The mayor believed that improvements couuld be made in the management of the hospital, and that the institution could be operated with greater economy.

Dr. Brittain, who has had considerable experience with the operation of general hospitals, having reorganized the hospital in Toronto, was instructed to sift out every phase of the work at Victoria, and to make recommendations for any changes needed. This he proceeded to do. At first he took a general survey of the situation, and held conferences with medical men on the question of improvements. The details he left in the hands of his two assistants.

Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Wyatt remained at the hospital during the whole of the time the work was carried on. Mr. Armstrong dealt with the management of the hospital, while Mr. Wyatt went into the problem of finances.

No information of the result of the investigation was given out, but because such a little time was required the trustees are inclined to believe that conditions were not quite so bad as the mayor suspected.

GUELPH COLLEGIATE WILL LOSE PRINCIPAL

James Davison, Veteran School Teacher, Resigns After Fifty-Two Years' Service.

Special to The Advertiser.

Guelph, Ont., April 10.—Fifty-two years a school teacher, 45 of which have been spent in Guelph, and 31 as principal in the local Collegiate Institute, James Davison, B.A., the veteran and beloved head of the local institution, has notified the board of education that he will be unable to continue as principal of the new $400,000 collegiate vocational institute when it opens here next fall.

Mr. Davison, who is 75 years of age, holds a unique position in the teaching staff of the province, and former students under him now hold responsible positions in professional and business life in various parts of the world. In a letter to the trustees, Mr. Davison states that he desires to be free from the responsibilities of the administration of the collegiate vocational institute, but would willingly continue to assist in any way he possibly could for a short time after the new building is opened.

"WISER" MENNONITES RETURN TO MANITOBA

Leave Mexican Land of "Milk and Honey" for Healthy Canadian Farms.

Special to The Advertiser.

Winnipeg, Man., April 11.—Declaring that the promises of land, flowing with the proverbial milk and honey in Mexico, were but empty words, and warning their compatriots against persuasions of land speculators here, the vanguard of the party of returning Mennonites arrived home Sunday. More are on the way.

Food, land and climate were bitterly condemned by the trekkers, who declared conditions in the "promised land" were unbearable. They had left Canada chiefly to escape school regulations. When they arrived in Mexico they learned there were no schools.

"All who migrated south want to return, but many have not the money."

George Mueller, a member of the sadder and wiser band of five families who returned asserted "some of them are being helped by Americans across the border."

The climate in the mythical promised land, held up as one of its chief attractions, was one of burning heat, with sand storms by day, and chill by night. Food was dear; rolled oats selling at 75 cents a box, and there was no modern cooking facilities.

SCHOOL REPORTS

S. S. 27, LONDON.

Following are the results of Easter examinations, held at S. S. 27, London Township:

Sr. IV.—Eleata Johnson, Murray Collier, Jean Mutch, Harry Yake.

Jr. IV. — Helena Gledhill, Inez Kernohan, Chrissy Mutch, Adelta More (absent for part of examinations).

Sr. III.—Orville Logan, Frank Collier, Carmel McIsaac, Leonard Flannigan.

Jr. III.—Clifford Hedhill, Albert Johnson.

Sr. II.—Fred Walters, Clayburn Geddes, Gertrude Tackabury, Horace Parker, Marion Flannigan.

Jr. II.—Fred Dart, Rheta Tackabury, Olive Logan, Marjorie Parker, Billy Kernohan, Cameron Flannigan, Mae Murphy (absent), Edna Murphy (absent).

Jr. I.—Gordon Johnson, Jim More.

Jr. Primer—Andrew More, Dennis Parkes, Gladys Murphy (absent).

Teacher—Agnes C. England.

SCHOOL REPORTS.

The following is the Easter report for S. S. No. 7, London Township. Names are in order of merit.

Class IV., Junior—Oliver Fenwick, Lawrence Mann, Joe Mann and Thomas Scott (equal), Annie Robson.

Class III.—Ellen Robson, Willie Nichol, Wilfred McQueen.

Class II., Senior—Irene Loft, George Mann, Florence Warren.

Class II., Junior—Jeanette Nichol, Ernest McQueen, Orval Higgs, Ida Robson.

Class I., Senior—Bernice Mann.

Senior Primer—William West.

C. Martin, teacher.

EIGHT-YEAR CHASE ENDS WHEN SUSPECT TAKEN

Corey C. Slaughter, Charged With Embezzling $350,000 Bank Funds, Arrested.

Associated Press Despatch.

Philadelphia, Pa., April 11.—Corey C. Slaughter, alleged looter of the Mercantile National Bank of Pueblo, Colorado, and for whom the authorities had been searching eight years, was arrested Monday at Phoenixville, Pa., and brought to this city for arraignment before a federal commissioner. Slaughter is alleged to have embezzled more than $350,000 of the Mercantile Bank's funds while acting as its cashier in May, 1915. His flight caused a sensation in western banking circles. Search for him had continued since. When taken into custody Slaughter told the department of justice agents that he had been born "with a gold spoon in his mouth," but that now he was down to the "lowest financial depths."

During his eight years' flight he had been in many parts of the country. Government agents, a few months after the alleged defalcation, traced him as far as Pittsburg. There he eluded them, and the trail was not picked up until a few months ago. He was said to have had about $100,000 when he left Colorado, which he lost in a year or two.

A few months ago the agents said they had learned he had gone to New Orleans, where he made about $48,000 betting on the races.

Returning to this city he lost all of his money, the agents said, in gambling houses. It was then that he was forced to seek employment at a sanatorium in Phoenixville, where he was captured.

THREATEN BRANTFORD WITH RAILWAY STRIKE

Men Will Walk Out If City Will Not Grant Conciliation Board.

Special to The Advertiser.

Brantford, April 11.—Brantford is faced with the possibility of a street railway strike, according to a statement made here yesterday afternoon by W. P. Jennings, Ottawa, vice-president of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees of America.

Mr. Jennings stated that he had been brought here by the local union in an effort to secure an adjustment of wages, including overtime pay and seniority ranking, from the railway commission. The men are not working under any agreement at present, the old one having expired at the end of 1922, and although the men asked for a new contract embodying an adjusted schedule of wages, none has been granted.

The local union will meet the commission Wednesday afternoon, in an effort to arrive at a suitable agreement. Failing this, the men will ask that a board of conciliation, under the industrial disputes act, be appointed, in order that both sides of the case may be heard and adjudicated fairly. The men will have to get the consent of the city to the appointment of this board, as the street railway is municipally owned. If the city will not grnat their request, the men will, without any further warning, cease work and declare a strike.

GOVERNMENT LAND SALES YIELD SPLENDID REVENUE

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, April 11.—A total of 8,824 quarter sections of school lands within the Dominion lands preemption area were sold to Dec. 31, 1922, according to information given to the house yesterday by Hon. Chas. Stewart. Revenue amounting to $12,254,854.98 was derived from these sales, and at the end of last year the balance remaining unpaid was $15,687,018.51. The number of quarter sections purchased and afterwards surrendered to the government was 1,204.

BURNS MATTRESS IN YARD NEIGHBOR CALLS FIREMEN

Perceiving the reflection from a mattress which Carpenter Jasper was burning in the yard of his home, 444½ York street, a neighbor thought the house was blazing and called the fire department about 8 o'clock last night. No damage resulted.

LITTLE GIRL DIES AS FIRE WRECKS HOME IN TORONTO

Neighbor Risks Life To Rescue Younger Sister of Victim.

RESCUE PARTY FAILS

Attempts To Cut Through Wall To Reach Child Unsuccessful.

Special to The Advertiser.

Toronto, April 11.—Trapped in their home by a door with a catch on it, Evelyn Laidlaw, 67 Burgess avenue, was burned to death yesterday, and Marjorie Laidlaw suffered severe burns.

The fire was first seen by Mrs. A. Sutton, 65 Burgess avenue, when she noticed smoke coming out of the window and eaves of the one-room cottage which the Laidlaw family occupied next door. Mrs. Laidlaw had gone out for a few minutes, leaving the children behind. The door had swung to, and the catch locked.

Responding to Mrs. Charles Laidlaw's calls for assistance when she discovered that the house was burning and her children were inside, Edward Cuff, 63 Burgess street, smashed down the front door with an axe, and attempted to go to the rescue of the children.

"The flames came right at me," Mr. Guff declared. "I had to get down on my hands and knees and crawl under them. About two yards in from the door I saw something ahead of me, and found that it was one of the children. I backed out with it."

Attempts to cut through the wall of the house to get to the older child, Evelyn, were unsuccessful. Her badly charred body was later brought out of the burning house by County Constable Simpson, who arrived on the scene.

Evelyn, the child who lost her life, was four years old. Marjorie, the little one who was saved, was only two.

She was brought along with her father and mother to the Hospital for Sick Children. Two older children were both at school.

TURKS ARE SATISFIED WITH ALLIES' REPLY

Do Not Consider Counter-Proposals Raise Any Serious Points.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, April 11.—The Turkish Government's reply to the Allied peace proposals, which was examined today at the foreign office, was declared in official circles to be "reasonable and discussable." The note says the Angora Government does not consider that the Allied counter-proposals raise any important point regarding the territorial clauses of the projected treaty, but British officials point out that this is hardly true, as the Allies have resolved not to recede on the question of the island of Castelorizo and other territorial points.

VISCOUNTESS CALLS M.P. A 'VILLAGE DONKEY'

Lady Astor Withdraws Remark After Chairman's Suggestion.

Special Cable to The London Advertiser and The Philadelphia Public Ledger.

London, April 11.—Lady Astor does not think boys and girls under eighteen years should drink anything stronger than water or tea and wants a law on the British statute books saying so.

But she is so deadly in earnest over the proposition that when opponents began taming down her proposed prohibition measure in the Commons committee yesterday, the viscountess forgot herself and called another member of the committee "a village donkey."

J. H. Thomas, Laborite, and former locomotive engineer, considered the remark in doubtful taste and as chairman asked the viscountess to withdraw her remark. She did. Committee meetings in which Lady Astor is to participate, are unfailingly well attended, as they usually are enlivened with bits of by-play or picturesque phrases not exactly characteristic of the usual party grind.

SEARCH IS INSTITUTED FOR EDWARD COLQUHOUN

Special to The Advertiser.

Windsor, April 11.—Friends of Edward J. Colquhoun, manager of the branch of the Bank of Montreal, at Ford, missing since Thursday last, said yesterday they were conducting a search for him at hospitals in Detroit and other Michigan cities. They fear he has been injured in a motor accident. Mr. Colquhoun's automobile was found Monday evening parked near the ferry dock here. He was seen Thursday after he left the bank at noon. He said he was going to lunch at the Detroit Athletic Club. Bank inspectors said yesterday an examination of the books at the bank had revealed no shortages.

REPAIR RIDOUT BRIDGE, SERVICE IS RESUMED

Harry Humeston, superintendent of the London Street Railway, stated to The Advertiser last night that the collapsed trestle on the Ridout street bridge had been completely repaired by the company's work crew by six o'clock, and that all cars were run over it from that time.

Mr. Humeston assures the public that the trestle is now in a safe condition and that further phone calls regarding it are unnecessary.

THROAT TROUBLE OF PREMIER LAW HANDICAPS PARTY

Physician's Orders To Stop Speaking In House Regarded Government Liability.

HAS NO SUBSTITUTE

May Bolster Debating Powers By Calling On Conservatives For Ministers.

Special Cable to The London Advertiser and The Philadelphia Public Ledger.

London, April 11.—It became apparent yesterday that one of the government's most serious liabilities at the moment is the enforcement of silence of Premier Bonar Law on the floor of the commons, who failed to recover from a relaxed throat during his Easter vacation in Cornwall.

Just before the recess many complaints were voiced by house members that they were unable to hear the premier when he answered questions. Eventually, it became known that he was suffering with a throat affection, and specialists ordered him to the country. But so little improvement was noted on his return that the premier has now been ordered to use his voice as little as possible.

Unfortunately, the premier has few lieutenants sufficiently seasoned in parliamentary tactics, or gifted with oratorical powers, to whom critical situations may be delegated, while the Labor opposition is particularly talkative and possesses an effective battery of experienced debaters. Rumors that the premier's health may compel his resignation are characterized as groundless by specialists, who declare his general physical condition entirely satisfactory.

The premier's colleagues do not attempt to minimize the seriousness of the handicaps imposed by the vocal disability of their chief at the beginning of a critical session, and it is believed the government may soon bolster its debating powers by offering ministerial portfolios to some Conservatives of the late Lloyd George government.

LAKE HURON SEASON OPENED BY FREIGHTER

Cleveland Boat Passes Sarnia Yesterday Opening Navigation This Spring.

Special to The Advertiser.

Sarnia, April 11.—Vociferously welcomed by all the vessels in port here the freighter Huron of the Wyandotte Transportation Company of Cleveland passed this city at 5 o'clock this evening and entered Lake Huron en route to Alpena, Michigan, to load stone. The Huron is the first freighter to enter Lake Huron from this end in the 1923 season. She is not expected to meet with anything more serious than ice floes at this end of the lake and is the forerunner of other vessels plying between American ports. Navigation opening to the western end of the lakes is not now expected before May, a report having been received today by the Northern Navigation Company that the ice in St. Mary's River is 33 inches thick with a covering of seven feet of snow.

CONSIDERS FIRM'S REQUEST FOR SEWER

Simcoe Town Council Will Announce Decision At Once.

Special to The Advertiser.

Simcoe, April 11.—L. A. Wilkie and W. A. Everett, managing director and vice-president respectively of the Wilkie Products, Limited, at a special meeting of the town council Monday evening requested that body to extend storm and sanitary sewers, now in process of construction to the corner of Head and Stanley streets, where the new building of the company, 50 feet by 227 feet, will shortly get under way. The town engineer and the construction committee will announce their decision in the matter almost immediately.

Reeve Burt asked the town solicitor, H. P. Innes, K.C., if the bylaw passed by the town of Tillsonburg to secure the transfer of the Norfolk Shoe factory from Simcoe was ultra vires of the provincial statutes. The solicitor replied in the negative, but the decision was discontinued in the absence of Messrs. Luscombe and Van Geel of that company.

EMPIRE STEEL INVESTORS APPROVE CAPITAL CUT

Canadian Press Despatch.

Montreal, April 10.—Shareholders of the British Empire Steel Corporation ratified the resolution passed at the annual meeting on March 21 last, approving the reduction of authorized capital from $500,000,000 to $250,000,000. This involves reducing the 8 per cent cumulative first preference stock from $100,000,000 to $60,000,000; the 7 per cent cumulative second preference stock from $125,000,000 to $75,000,000, and the common stock from $210,000,000 to $75,000,000. The 7 per cent non-cumulative and preference stock of $15,000,000 is eliminated.

There was no discussion at the meeting, which was presided over by Vice-President D. H. McDougall.

CUSTOMS RECEIPTS INCREASE.

Special to The Advertiser.

Hanover, April 11.—Customs and excise receipts at the Hanover Customs office for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1923, amounted to $143,915.60. This is an increase over the preceding year of $36,594.88, when the receipts were $107,320.70.

Visit To England Improves Reparations Atmosphere

Louis Loucheur's Mission Meets Success—Chancellor Cuno Stipulates Evacuation of Ruhr Must Be Condition of Settlement.

Special Cable to The London Advertiser and The Philadelphia Public Ledger.
By SEYMOUR B. CONGER.

Berlin, April 11.—The improvement in the reparations atmosphere in London and Paris resulting from Louis Loucheur's visit to England and the possibilities for negotiations rather than complete surrender opened thereby for Germany, is felt also in Berlin.

It evoked Chancellor Cuno's renewed announcement in his Essen memorial speech yesterday of Germany's entire readiness to enter negotiations any time she could do so on equal terms, and not as a crushed suppliant for grace.

The Chancellor, however, contented himself with a reiteration of the earlier conditions on which the German government was prepared to negotiate and refrained from making a new proposal as desired by English statesmen. He answered in particular Poincare's declaration that the Ruhr would be evacuated only after reparations to the amount fixed by the Allies had been paid in full by an equally firm statement that the complete evacuation of the Ruhr must be a condition of any settlement. It is understood Foreign Minister Rosenberg who shortly is to address the Reichstag on the Ruhr problem will content himself with outlining the conditions on which Germany will be ready to discuss a settlement without submitting any definite proposal.

Although the international atmosphere is distinctly more favorable as a result of M. Loucheur's activities in London and Paris, it is evident the two principal governments still have a long way to go before negotiations can be opened with a prospect of success. Either the French government must recede from Poincare's position that the Ruhr occupation must continue until Germany settles in full the bill for reparations, or Germany's passive resistance must be overcome to a greater degree than is new the case.

The vast outpouring of national spirit in connection with the funerals at Essen has stiffened the spirit of resistance. The no-surrender feeling is also aided by news of the permanent tie-up of canal transportation in the Ruhr by the use of explosives which will force the French and Belgians to depend entirely on the railways in the future to haul coal and coke westward.

Thousands of Geese Lose Bearings In Storm and Crash Into Woods

Special to The Advertiser.

Kingsville, April 11.—Bewildered by blinding snowstorm that set in without a blinding snowstorm that set in without warning just at daylight yesterday morning, a great flock of wild geese, estimated in number at 5,000, lost their bearings while flying across Lake Erie to the bird sanctuary of Jack Miner here and crashed into the trees in the woods.

The branches, thickly plastered with wet snow which effectually concealed them from view, proved effective barriers against the flock of rushing wild birds. Flying in squadrons as usual, platoon after platoon of the geese, reached the wooded section with speed unchecked.

Several were killed outright, others fluttered about on the ground aimlessly with broken pinions, but the great majority of the flock escaped injury. Until the snow ceased to fall they were unable to find their way out of the trees and set up a "Honking" that was heard in all parts of the town. Later, the geese made their way to Miner's farm, where they still remain.

RUM-RUNNERS ALARMED AS PATROL COMMENCES

Michigan Sheriff Prepares To Combat Illicit Liquor Trade Along the Border.

Special to The Advertiser.

Windsor, Ont., April 11.—Consternation seized upon members of the local rumrunners' colony when they learned that Sheriff Walters of Detroit had established a permanent shore patrol at Ecorse to shut off Detroit's supply of smuggled liquor. Until yesterday, Walters had declined to interfere with police in the enforcement of prohibition in Detroit.

This policy, apparently, was abandoned when a raid was made by a special prohibition investigator for the sheriff, who arrested three men at 1905 Chestnut street, where they found what is said to be a completely equipped illicit distillery with large vats, apparatus and bottling and capping machinery.

The prisoners were driving away a truck load of beer when arrested.

While down the river looking over the situation, preparatory to establishing his patrol, Sheriff Walters and his deputies encountered a rumrunner driving an automobile, loaded with fourteen cases of whiskey, which had just come across the river.

WILL NOT JEOPARDIZE AMERICAN INTERESTS

United States Not Likely To Be In Minority At World Court.

Special to The Advertiser.

Washington, April 11.—American interests will not be jeopardized by the fact that the British Empire has six votes in the election of Judges to the world court which President Harding has proposed that this government join while the United States would have but one, it was authoritatively declared at the State department yesterday. This was in answer to criticisms frequently voiced recently that Britain's six votes, one for Great Britain and one for each self governing colony and Dominion—would cause an unfair discrimination against the United States in election of judges to the court, it was pointed out at the department.

1—That the United States if it adheres to the court, will be represented on the League of Nations council where Britain will have only one vote.

2—That the council and assembly of the League have equal power in the election of judges, both voting on the judgeship nominations. This in the judgment of Secretary Hughes removes all danger of discrimination against the United States.

These arguments will be available for President Harding when he advocates American participation in the court as he intended doing on his western trip.

CLAIMS INDIA IS LOYAL TO THE BRITISH EMPIRE

Special to The Advertiser.

Toronto, April 11.—India is a loyal adjunct to the empire, and rumors of revolution and bloodshed are gross exaggerations, says Daniel Swamidoss, secretary of the Y. M. C. A. for all India, now visiting here.

"There will never be a revolution of the Irish type in India," he says, "but the thoughts of the people are in revolt. There can be no democracy until the caste systems are abolished, and these divisions of natives into castes are not decreasing to any perceptible extent."

What India needs the most, he declared, is education.

MEIGHEN QUESTIONS THE RAILWAY POLICY

Premier King States Government Unchanged On Hudson Bay Line.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, April 11.—The Hudson Bay Railway came into discussion for a few minutes in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon. Rt. Hon. A. Meighen, leader of the Opposition, said he had seen in the press that Hon. W. R. Motherwell in connection with the federal by-election now proceeding in Moosejaw, had undertaken on behalf of the government the completion and establishment of service on the Hudson Bay railway before Christmas. Had the Government Mr. Meighen asked, altered its attitude in regard to the line? Did the Government propose to complete the line by Christmas, or was this statement made merely for Mr. Knowles (Liberal candidate in Moosejaw) to get in on?

The prime minister said that the policy of the government had not been changed. He was unable to state how soon the line would be completed.

Hon. G. P. Graham, acting minister of railways, thought there must have been a misprint with regard to the date.

MUSSOLINI PREPARES TO MAKE ALL ITALY DRY

Italian Premier Declares Liquor Has Proven Curse To Race.

Special Cable to The London Advertiser and The Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Rome, April 10.—Is Italy, the greatest wine-growing country in Europe, going dry?

That question is aroused by a letter Premier Mussolini has published in reply to one received from a syndicate owning a majority of the wine shops in Tivoli signifying the intention of the syndicate to close all the wine shops owned by them after midday on Sundays in order "to promote the fight against alcoholism in Italy." In reply the premier stated that he entirely approves of the proposal.

"Yours is an act of discipline, dignity and civic morality," he said. "The abuse of wine and liquors must no longer corrupt and degenerate the Italian race. I signify my warm sympathy while I declare the government will keep in mind your step as a precursory movement toward a general order to this effect.

REPEAT MASS IN LONDON FOR SOUL OF DIVINE SARAH

Associated Press Despatch.

London, April 11.—Solemn requiem mass for the repose of the soul of Sarah Bernhardt was said in Westminster Cathedral yesterday morning n the presence of a distinguished international congregation.

Dowager Queen Alexandra, Prime Minister Bonar Law, Foreign Secretary Curzon, and Lieut.-Col. Amery, first lord of the admiralty, were represented.

LENINE IS REPORTED IMPROVED IN HEALTH

Associated Press Despatch.

Moscow, April 11.—Nikolai Lenine, the soviet premier, is officially reported to be so improved that bulletins on his condition will be issued only occasionally. Yesterday's bulletin says that the complications in the internal organs which were noticed during the past fortnight may be considered overcome, and the improvement in the nervous system, which was halted during the period of compjlications, has also in the past few days been resumed.

SURPRISE DEFEAT IS SUSTAINED BY GOVERNMENT

Bonar Law's Stalwarts Nosed Out On Division By Majority of Seven.

SITUATION AWKWARD

Cabinet Sits Late To Consider Crisis While Labor Clamors For Resignations.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, April 11.—The government sustained a surprise defeat in the House of Commons last night by the small majority of seven in a thin house on a mere technical point. This, in ordinary circumstances, the government might ignore, but in view of the fact that once before, during its life, the ministry had a narrow escape in the house, in addition to several bad reverses in by-elections, it is imposible to say at the present time what attitude the ministers will take with regard to this defeat.

The debate on imperial trade has ended, and a question arose concerning the salaries paid to former service men entering the civil service.

Labor Displeased.

The Labor leaders were displeased at the government's stand on this question, and as a protest, opposed the motion that the speaker leave the chair to enable a discussion of the estimates. This motion, usually carried as a matter of course, was, to everybody's surprise, defeated 145 to 138. The figures were greeted with intense excitement and Labor shouts of "Resign!" "Send for the Premier!"

Most of the ministers were absent. When the excitement subsided, J. Ramsay MacDonald, the Labor leader, asked what the government proposed to do, and suggested that the proceedings should be adjusted. Neville Chamberlain, president of the ministry of health, thereupon moved adjournment of the house, which was carried amid derisive opposition cheers and renewal of the scenes which greeted the original announcement.

Causes Excitement.

The members streamed into the lobbies, excitedly discussing the prospects of the resignation of the government. According to some Liberal members an adverse vote on this particular question is unprecedented and must be fatal to the government. This opinion was expressed in the house by William M. Pringle, on the motion to adjourn, he insisting that it was a vote of non-confidence, and that row of "extinct volcanoes on the treasury benches must disappear."

The cabinet is sitting late tonight to discuss the situation. Even some of the supporters of the government admitted that a very awkward situation had been created by the defeat but they declared it was largely due to a blunder on the part of government whips who told their men there would be no division.

SLEEPING SICKNESS WORRIES PHYSICIANS

International Congress Discusses Ravages of Dread Disease But Find No Cure.

Special Cable to The London Advertiser and The Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Vienna, April 11.—The ravages of that form of sleeping sickness known as lethargic encephalitis, which is resisting the efforts of European as well as American physicians, and its cure, form the principal topic of the International Congress of Internal Medicine in session here.

Experts declare it is probably the same germ responsible for the ordinary fever blister on the lips which causes sleeping sickness when it gets into the brain. It is admitted no effective cure is known for the chronic encephalitis. Heavy injections of iodine have had favorable results in acute cases.

The averages taken from reports by Scandinavian, mid-European and Japanese physicians attending the congress show one-third of the cases prove fatal, another third is cured and the others become chronic.

COLLEGIATE ADDITION COMMENCES AT GALT

Hespeler Moulder Suffers Serious Burns From Molten Metal.

Special to The Advertiser.

Galt, April 11.—Today 25 masons started at work on the big addition to the Galt Collegiate, which, like the present building, is being constructed of stone, the material being quarried from the collegiate grounds along the river, and is a high standard of building stone.

Newlands and Company, Ainslie street, are having an addition built to their dye-house, work having been started yesterday.

James Doyle of Hespeler, a molder at the Hall-Zyro foundry in that town, was brought to the Galt Hospital today suffering from bad burns on his neck, back, hips and legs, received when molten metal exploded while being run into a damp ladle. The burns on the hips are deep, the metal having lodged there.

ITALIANS OUT ON BAIL.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Hamilton, April 11.—The four Italians held here in connection with the bombing outrage in a Simcoe street house here last September were allowed out on a $2,500 cash bail by Magistrate Jelfs yesterday morning. The man, the police say, who is the principal witness, has disappeared.