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PROGRESSIVES IN A. O. U. W. ADOPTED NEW RATE SCALE AFTER LONG BITTER FIGHT

Result of Sweeping Victory Over Insurgents Means Doubling of Rates and Financial Success to Organization—Grand Lodge Officers Re-Elected With James McEwing Grand Master Workman.

At 10 o'clock last night the thirty-fifth annual convention of the Ancient Order of United Workmen came to an end, having accomplished the vital business of setting the rate of assessment of members at a scale which insures the financial future of the order.

At the evening session of the A. O. U. W. convention on Wednesday, several members of the order who were not delegates to the convention and had no right to vote, but who had secured the white convention badges and pinned them to their coats, gained admittance to the convention.

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Cattle Embargo Raised

OTTAWA, March 20.—(Special.)—It is officially announced that the embargo upon British cattle some months ago, on account of the outbreak of hoof and mouth disease in England, has been raised. There has been no outbreak of disease in the British Isles for some time past.

MILITANTS BURN LADY WHITE'S HOME

Suffragettes' Latest Outrage Was to Cause Twenty Thousand Dollars' Damage to House at Eghat, Owned by Widow of Defender of Ladysmith.

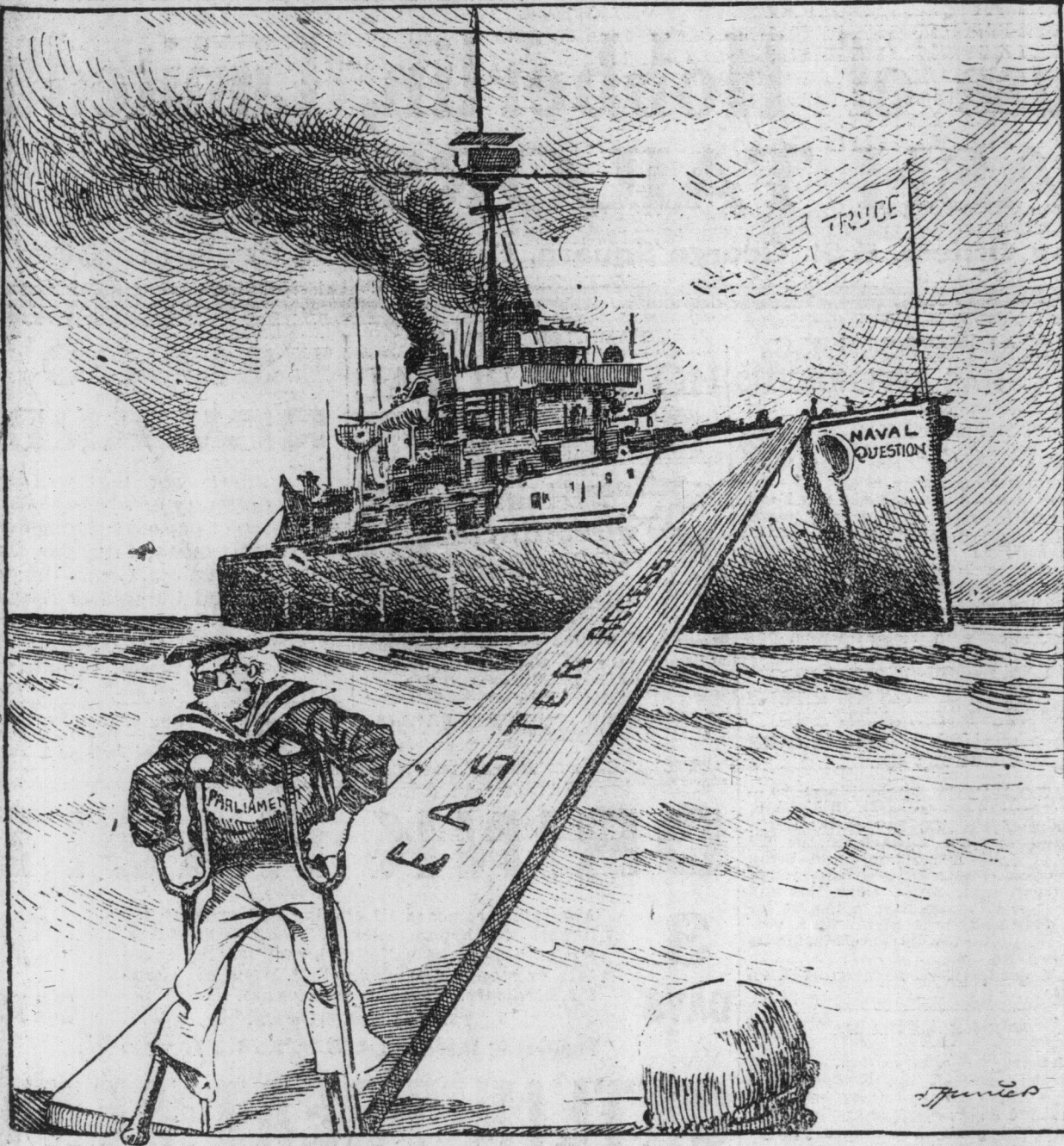
Special Cable to The World.

LONDON, March 20.—(Copyrighted.)—The latest outrage of the suffragettes is to burn down the house of Eghat, 20 miles from London, belonging to Lady White, widow of Sir Geo. White, the heroic defender of Ladysmith. The damage amounts to \$20,000.

There is abundant evidence that the crime was the deliberate work of the militants. At the rear of the house were found sheets of paper bearing such inscriptions as "votes for women," "Stop torturing our sisters."

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ASHORE FOR EASTER



Carpenters Demand 50 Cents An Hour

Toronto carpenters have demanded 50 cents per hour and weekly pay. This was definitely decided last night at a mass meeting of the Amalgamated Carpenters' Union and a resolution passed similar to the one of the Brotherhood of Carpenters, their most important work.

WIDOW CHARGED WITH KILLING ADMIRAL

Mrs. Joseph G. Eaton Arrested After It Became Known That Her Husband Had Died of Arsenic Poisoning—Second Poisoning Episode in Experience of Family.

Special to The Toronto World.

BINGHAM, Mass., March 20.—Rear Admiral Joseph G. Eaton, U. S. N., retired, died of poisoning and his widow is charged with murder. She was today arrested, arraigned, pleaded not guilty and held for trial March 28.

Admiral Eaton died in his bed on March 8, at the home in Norwell, where he lived with his wife, her mother, Mrs. George Harrison, and his step-daughter, Dorothy Ainsworth.

The death was unexpected and due to the other members of the family said to an attack of indigestion which followed a two hearty meal of roast pork.

"The authorities have known for 10 days that the rear admiral died of arsenical poisoning." In a formal statement the district attorney stated:

"Admiral Eaton did not die a natural death. The fact was communicated to me on March 10 by Professor Whitney in a preliminary verbal report, and has been known to the office since that time. We have been unable thus far to ascertain where the poison was procured."

Denied by Principal. An absolute denial of the mother's statements was given The World last night by Principal Byfield of Park School. Not only does he declare that there is not a word of truth in Mrs. Brymer's story, but charges her with making a vicious and wholly unwarranted attack on a young lady teacher.

"Mrs. Eaton was wearing the black mourning veil that she wears at the time of the admiral's funeral. Her color was high, but she did not appear the least bit nervous, nor was there any vestige of a tear. She was entirely composed."

"Jennie May Eaton" called Clerk Pratt, rising from his chair. "I have the reading of the complaint, plead not guilty and ask for a continuance."

Clerk Pratt said: "The case against Mrs. Eaton will be brought on for trial on Monday."

ROUTE OF HYDRO-AGREE UPON

Southern Line Endorsed at Enthusiastic Conference of Municipalities Held at St. Thomas.

ST. THOMAS, March 20.—(Can. Press.)—That it is the opinion of the southern route of the hydro-electric line, is by far the most preferable. That the question of the route or points where the line should touch should be left in the hands of the Hydro-Electric Commission, who naturally will ascertain the views of the different municipalities interested, and run the line where it will be of the most service to each municipality, and that each district on the southern route be requested to procure all necessary facts and data that would naturally assist the commission in arriving at a conclusion.

The above resolution was unanimously passed at a meeting of representatives from all the municipalities along the shore of Lake Erie at a meeting held here this afternoon, after an animated discussion. It was brought out by the speakers that there was a population of \$7,601 along the southern route, against a population of 28,408 along the proposed northern route. The assessed valuation of the southern route is \$2,248,996, while that of the northern route is only \$20,353,494.

ASQUITH CABINET MAY BE UPSET BY LIBEL

Revelations of Speculation by Ministers in American Marconi Stock Cause a Sensation—Explanations Not Satisfactory, For Public Wants Officials Above Suspicion.

Special Cable to The World.

LONDON, March 20.—(Copyright.)—The Paris Matin libel suit is causing the most profound agitation in ministerial circles, where it is feared that in certain eventualities it may involve the existence of the Asquith cabinet, to say nothing of the future careers of Attorney-General Isaacs and Chancellor of the Exchequer Lloyd George.

A distinctly disagreeable impression was caused by Attorney-General Rufus Isaacs' admission in the suit against the Exchequer, Lloyd George and the chief whip, now Lord Murray, who resigned some months ago, to take a position in Lord Cowdray's Mexican enterprises.

Lost on Deal. It is true that the American company had nothing to do with the English company, which made the much-discussed contract with the English Government, and it is also true that the stock was purchased at a premium and not at bottom prices, so that the attorney-general lost on the transaction. But it is felt that the ministers should not have touched any Marconi stock in view of the negotiations of the English Marconi company with the post-office contract, are now reprinted, and they certainly appear to lack candor in view of the attorney-general's admission.

Certain Unionist papers, notably The Morning Post, argue that the so-called standards on the ministers were after all not without justification, and the whole episode is far too useful for party purposes to be allowed to go unutilized.

Affects Libel Suit. The revelation may seriously affect the decision of the criminal libel suit which Isaacs, in conjunction with Postmaster-General Samuel, is bringing against Cecil Chesterton, the editor of The Eye Witness, who has been roundly abused by the ministers of gross personal corruption.

Experience has shown in the last few years that any Liberal who sues for libel before a London special jury gets merely a contemptuous verdict or none, and with the 10,000 share transaction admitted, this affords an important vindication of the allegations, it is quite probable that Isaacs and Samuel may fall to obtain a verdict—a result which might be disastrous to the government.

Former Tory Member. Even some supreme court judges fall at times to take as severe a view of Liberalism as the Tories against Tories. Justice Darling, who presided

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LIBERALS UNAWED BY MANIFESTO SAY THEY WILL RESIST CLOSURE LOOK ON ROGERS AS AGGRESSOR

Toronto Men Get Judge-ship

OTTAWA, March 20.—(Special.)—An order in council has been passed appointing T. P. McNeill, formerly of Toronto, to be judge of the district court at Macleod, Alta., and J. A. Jackson, better known as "Stovey," of Toronto University football fame, to be district court judge at Lethbridge.

SHOCKING CHARGE MADE AGAINST WILSON

American Ambassador to Mexico Knew That Madero and Suarez Were to Be Murdered and Refused to Intercede—Diaz Backed by British Capital.

Special to The Toronto World.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 20.—Felix Diaz was backed by Sir Whitman Peckson and English capital to the extent of \$1,000,000 in his recent revolution against the Madero administration, is the statement made by Col. Manuel Bliche Alcalde, personal friend of the former president, an officer in the army and editor of The New Era, a newspaper in Mexico City.

Arrived in this city on the steamer Asapalco today in company with his brother, Capt. John Alcaide, his wife and two small children. All were refugees from Mexico. Col. Alcaide himself being under death sentence. He makes a shocking charge against the American ambassador, "Ambassador Wilson of the United States informed myself and Mrs. Madero, the widow of the former president the morning before he was murdered that the proposed revolution would be killed inside of 24 hours. He said it was the best for the republic and refused to intercede," declared Col. Alcaide.

Became Mysterious. "Mrs. Madero's behavior became hysterical. She refused to leave the embassy and she demanded justice in the name of civilization and the Christian world, but your ambassador refused to listen further."

President Madero at this time was in prison at the National Palace. That night he was taken from his room in company with Vice-President Suarez by his guards and escorted to the palace stable in rear of the mansion. A captain of the 20th Battalion committed murder. He used a dirk. President Madero was stabbed to his death and Vice-President Suarez was choked to death.

Their bodies were then placed in an automobile under the presence of their

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FORMER PRESIDENT OF HARVARD OFFERED BRITISH AMBASSADORSHIP

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 20.—Charles W. Elliot, president emeritus of Harvard, has been offered the ambassadorship to the court of St. James. The World is able to state this on high authority.

President Elliot has had the offer under consideration for several days, according to The World's informant, and the only obstacle in the way of his accepting the post is his age. President Elliot believes he is too far advanced in years to actively engage in public life. He will inform the president in a few days of his decision.

COL. MEEKING'S BODY EXHUMED GREAT SENSATION IN LONDON

He Died Suddenly Last Year and Relatives Have Been Unsatisfied as to the Real Cause of His Demise.

Special Cable to The World.

LONDON, March 20.—(Copyright.)—By order of the home office, the body of Lieut.-Col. Charles Meeking, who died in his London residence, Belgrave square, on March 3, 1912, was exhumed yesterday when the family vault in St. George's Church, near Windor. Two famous home office toxicologists, W. H. Wilcox, who was an important witness in the Crispin case, and B. H. Spilsbury, attended the exhumation and went with the body to Elton mortuary. Later the body was returned and interred. Wilcox being present this time also.

The action by the home office has created a sensation. Col. Meeking's executors state the body was exhumed because relatives have been unsatisfied as to the real cause of death, which the attending physician had certified as due to heart failure. Meeking left a personal estate, net value \$3,121,535, besides real estate and settled property of considerable value. In 1883 Col. Meeking married Lady Adelaide Tower, grand-daughter of the first Lord Brownlow. She died in 1903 and four years later the colonel married a French lady, Sybille Dedens de Piensien, Comtesse de Coligny. There were three sons and two daughters by the first wife and one son and one daughter by the second wife, who by the way was only 22 years old when she married him, aged 68. One of his daughters married a brother of the present Lord Thurston. Meeking inherited \$1,250,000 from his father, Charles Meeking, who established in 1816 a drapery business in Holborn, which later was absorbed by Wallis & Co. Meeking's death occurred very suddenly. He had been seen apparently quite well previous to that day. It is stated the family does not suspect poison, but the exact reason of the exhumation is unknown.

Parliamentarians at Ottawa Do Not Consider Situation Much Clearer—Some Conservative Members Regard Premier as Too Magnanimous For Success of Party Ends—Rogers the "Man Behind," Says Liberal Organ.

OTTAWA, March 20.—In the opinion of members of the house still in the city the manifesto issued last night with the authority of the prime minister has not greatly altered the situation. The government has all along been faced to face with a dilemma of closure or dissolution, and has always and steadfastly maintained that the latter alternative was out of the question.

The Liberals, greatly emboldened by the success of their hold-up during the fortnight ending last Saturday night, are proclaiming that closure cannot be forced thru unless the speaker arrogates to himself powers not at present conferred on him by the rules of the house. They are prepared to go to great lengths unless restrained by the unmistakable public opinion of the country.

Borden's Restraining Hand. The Conservatives, who were boldest in the battle during the two weeks' struggle, frankly admit that the prime minister may in the end prevent them from carrying out the program virtually agreed upon for passing closure thru the house, in spite of all protests from the opposition. They are even complaining of Mr. Borden's pacific counsels of last Saturday night, which undoubtedly prevented a disgraceful scene of violence.

Mr. Borden, seen at his office today, has no comment to make upon the letter of Arthur Hawkes, published in this morning's World. He said there was no objection to Mr. Hawkes making public the prime minister's reply, which was to the effect that Mr. Borden had publicly stated his position on many occasions, and saw no reason why he should be called upon to restate them by letter.

Reveals the Instigator? The Ottawa Free Press, the local Liberal organ, comments editorially upon the manifesto as follows: "The members for South York who have been given publicity in the Conservative press during the last few weeks are today repeated in what is called an authoritative statement that was handed out last night. Presumably this statement is an answer to the announcement that at an enthusiastic Liberal caucus yesterday a firm determination was arrived at to keep up the fight against the Borden Naval Bill. There is also good reason to believe that the authoritative statement was originally prepared by Hon. Bob Rogers at a caucus on Sunday afternoon last. Some of the more direct language which Rogers had put into it was probably eliminated by the premier when he was notified of the DESPENDING AND POLITICS IN THE SUGAR

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CAMP. By almanac and by fact this is the first day of spring. But there may be another cold spell and a freeze-up.

The trashes in this part of Ontario are all over, the fields are drying in the sun and in the wind, the farmers are busy spreading the last of their fertilizers, are overhauling their implements, and are ready to get on the job. The wise one also has his seeds selected and ready for the drill. His roads are also drying fast.

The sugar camps have been in full swing since last Friday, and many of them will be on their third boil today.

The milk cows are giving lots of milk and the city dealers have no trouble in getting supplies. The egg production has been unusually brisk for the past three weeks and whoever has a good pen of layers can count on a nice little income therefrom.

Setting hens are on their first week in many a nest. Altogether it is a fine big spring, away ahead of last year.

If the politicians at Ottawa would only get together like the farmer and his help and like the cattle and the fowl on his farm are doing these days, this would be a happy year. Go to the farm, ye warring politicians, and get a pointer how to play the game!

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Frohman's Successful Attractions. A number of Frohman's successes have already been seen here this season, including "The Siren," "Bella Donna," "The Perplexed Husband," and only last week Billie Burke, in "The Mind the Paint Girl." Next week another one, "The Girl from Montmartre," with Richard Carle and Hattie Williams heading the cast, will come to the Princess.