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Sir James Whitney Believed to Be Very Near the Embargo—R. May Absorb Lake Erie and Northern Railway—Woman Senator Speaks in Toronto—Embargo May Be Placed on American Potatoes

Methodists Favor Church Union as Proposed by Presbyterians, and May Adopt Recommendations at Next Conference

WOMAN SENATOR TELLS ABOUT GOOD LAWS

Mrs. Helen Ring Robinson Says the Air of the Home Has Been Brought Into the Legislature and Laws Protecting the Homes Have Been Passed.

Typical of the affiliation of the old woman and the new, were the decorations at Columbus Hall last night, when Senator Helen Ring Robinson of Colorado, addressed a large and appreciative audience. The platform from which Mrs. L. A. Hamilton introduced the distinguished speaker was bright with yellow bannerettes and bunting, displaying the mottoes "Votes for Mother" and other suffrage slogans, while handsome palms and foliage gave the artistic atmosphere which always betokens the presence of women of refinement.

In presenting Mrs. Robinson to her audience, Mrs. Hamilton spoke of her as the product of the feminist movement, and doubtless she felt proud at the offering which opportunity had put in her way.

The world's only woman senator is a capable and convincing speaker, who skillfully mingles logic with wit, and to whom a charming presence and clear, resonant voice prove no small factor in carrying conviction to her listeners.

Status of Women. "The push of circumstances," said the speaker, "is cracking and breaking the old line of things. The status of women in the economic, educational, and social world has undergone a change; it only remains to attain a like change in their political situation."

No one could carry about with him opposition to the vote for women, unless he carried about in his mental baggage a double standard of justice and fair play.

Apologizing for speaking about herself, the senator raised a laugh when she said that it seemed egotistical, "it doing so, as it was the only subject upon which she was the best living authority."

When lecturing on a certain occasion in the States, she was asked by a little man who looked as if he had been left over since yesterday, and whose feet were not mates, "why she was not at home attending to its duties rather than talking and traveling about. In reply she had told the employer of forty-three women employed in the state capitol, who were keeping up home, whose husbands in several instances had deserted them."

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SIR JAMES WHITNEY SINKING DEATH IN FEW HOURS FEARED BUT FRIENDS CLING TO HOPE

Improvement Noted on Tuesday Not Maintained, and Close Watch is Kept at Bed-side by Hon. Dr. Pyne and Secretary Wallis—Premier Scott's Sympathy.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—(Special.)—"Sir James Whitney is not expected to live thru the night," was the item of official bulletin issued at 10 p.m.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—(Can. Press.)—While the official bulletins issued from the apartments of Sir James Whitney, premier of Ontario, continue to indicate little change in his condition, there is less of the hopeful feeling among those who are in attendance about his apartments at the Hotel Manhattan.

During the day Dr. R. A. Pyne, the minister of education, who is the premier's family physician, said that his patient was resting comfortably. An earlier bulletin, issued during the forenoon, after an examination and consultation in which Dr. Pyne and Dr. Herman Biggs, the neurologist, participated, indicated that the condition of the patient was still serious.

Dr. Pyne issued his latest bulletin tonight about 9 o'clock and about an hour later stated that the conditions were still the same. The night bulletin read: "Practically no change in Sir James Whitney's condition during the last twelve hours."

Premier Scott called. A flood of visitors from Canada continue to enquire about the condition of the distinguished patient. Among today's callers was Hon. Walter Scott, premier of Saskatchewan, who was at one time the victim of an illness that in its course closely resembled that under which the Ontario premier is now suffering. One most important difference exists between the two cases, for while the Saskatchewan leader is well under the half century mark, Sir James has lived out the biblical span of life.

Keeping Close Watch. While both Horace Wallace, the premier's secretary, and Dr. Pyne went out today, they did not leave the apartments at the same time and tonight Dr. Pyne remained within the hotel instead of taking a stroll outside, as he has usually done, even during the trying period following the premier's collapse on Friday last.

Dr. Pyne refused to give up hope, however, and tonight declared that his hope of the past three weeks still lingered, that even if the present illness should finally prove fatal, it would be possible to bring the patient home before the end.

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CANADA TO BAR U. S. POTATOES IN REPRISAL

Request of New Brunswick Producers That Embargo Be Placed, Will, It is Believed, Be Acted Upon at Ottawa—Would Benefit Ontario Consumer.

(Special to The Toronto World.) OTTAWA, Jan. 7.—It is the belief here that the government will place an embargo on potatoes from the United States. Today a resolution was received from the New Brunswick potato raisers who were in session a few days ago at Woodstock, N. B., asking that the government retaliate on the United States, which recently placed an embargo on Canadian potatoes because of "powdery scab." The New Brunswick growers state that United States potatoes are not only affected by powdery scab, but by other more serious diseases.

The effect of this embargo will be that the New Brunswick growers will find their market in Ontario and the western provinces instead of in the United States. At present, it is understood, there is in New Brunswick forty per cent. of last season's crop still unsold. This would immediately be shipped west.

The market price of potatoes in Ontario is high at any rate, and this is largely due to the fact that the Canadian crop is five million bushels less than last year. The introduction of potatoes from New Brunswick, which is the potato province of Canada, would help the situation in Ontario from the consumers' point of view at any rate.

LAKE ERIE AND NORTHERN RY. MAY BE ABSORBED BY C.P.R.

Agreement Soon Will Be Executed, If It Has Not Already Been Made.

(Special to The Toronto World.) BRANTFORD, Jan. 7.—From a reliable source it was learned this morning that it has been agreed between the companies that the Canadian Pacific should absorb the Lake Erie and Northern. If the agreement

LONDON, Thursday, Jan. 8.—(C.A.P.)—Right Hon. C. H. Hobhouse, M.P., whose speech last night on the naval question was looked forward to with considerable interest, said that while he himself wasn't a naval expert, he had ample opportunity of consultation with those who were. There was no doubt in his mind that much of the increases in our armament was due to the creation by England of greater ships than she had ever possessed before.

If it were possible to reduce the size, power and cost of those ships, he was informed by naval officials that past history and present experience would lead to other nations reducing the proportionate size of their ships, and if that, which was not a Utopian hope, came true we should have at once in our power the way to reduce these costly armaments without affecting our margin of safety. In that way we could make a beginning before the new financial year came into operation.

BRANDON, Man., Jan. 7.—(Can. Press.)—The eleventh annual grain growers' convention convened here today. The morning session handled the president's and secretary's report. Inter-municipal hall insurance raised the most discussion. The Saskatchewan Act was criticized, and officials were proposed to the projected Manitoba bill which will come before the present session of parliament.

Among the more important resolutions to come up are: "Whereas, the policy of the political parties favors the spending of millions of the people's money on a navy; resolved, that if the opinion of this convention, before the expenditure is authorized by parliament it should be submitted to the people thru a referendum."

METHODISTS ARE ACCUSED DIRECTLY OF EVASION MOYES PROMISED TO PRODUCE STATEMENT OF HIS POSITION

Special Conference Committee Decides to Proceed Without Delay Towards the Consummation of the Union of Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational Bodies.

That the changes in the basis of church union proposed by the Presbyterian Church did not present any insurmountable obstacles in the way of consummation was the decision reached last night by the Methodist General Conference special committee. The committee put itself on record as being in favor of co-operating with the other churches in a survey of church conditions throughout the Dominion. The next meeting of the general conference will be held in the Dominion Church at Ottawa on Sept. 22.

The resolution passed by the committee with regard to church union was as follows: "That this general conference special committee, with great care, has considered the general proposals presented by the representatives of the Presbyterian Church relating to the proposed changes in the basis of union and a general survey of church conditions in our country."

"That this committee are of the opinion that the proposals present some vital changes in the principle of the basis of union, and that the proposed survey would be of advantage to the future work of our church or churches, in view of the fact that our general conference and all our lower courts have taken action on the present basis, and that our general conference will meet next September, and that our committee on church union has not been appointed, as has been the case of the Presbyterian Church, we do not feel at liberty to take further action to pass forward the proposed changes in the basis to our general conference with an expression of our opinion that they are not in any insurmountable difficulties in the way of consummation."

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MONTREAL POLICEMEN ARE ACCUSED OF THEFT

Fire Department Foreman is Also Charged With Receiving Stolen Goods.

MONTREAL, Jan. 7.—(Can. Press.)—Following the arraignment today of Claude Vachet, who a few days ago, while a constable attached to the central police station, is alleged to have stolen a fur muff and cape, Constable Lécompte was taken into custody today on a charge of having received stolen goods. Later in the day Foreman Alphi Gaynor, of the Ontario street fire station, was taken into custody on a charge of theft.

The two policemen entered pleas of not guilty and were remanded until next Thursday for enquiry. Unable to secure bail, they were taken to Bordeaux jail.

Fire Foreman Gaynor is charged with stealing a quantity of gloves and other articles during a fire in Ontario street early Tuesday morning. He will be arraigned tomorrow.

EDMONTON DISMISSED TWO CIVIC OFFICIALS

Inspector Buck and Engineer Bowness Were Notified by City Commissioners.

EDMONTON, Jan. 7.—(Can. Press.)—Two dismissals and one appointment were made at a secret meeting of the city commissioners with Mayor McNamara as chairman today. C. L. Richardson, ex-city auditor has been appointed to the position of deputy commissioner of finance which makes him also inspector of departments and assistant to the mayor.

George C. Buck and E. W. Bowness have received notice of the termination of their services. Mr. Buck was inspector of departments and Mr. Bowness was engineer and superintendent of the efficiency bureau.

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