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## J. W. Moyes Promises to Prepare Statement After Being Accused of Evasion in the Railway Probe

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 mated, "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 semi-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.

REGINA POLICE ARE ON BOLD TERRORIST'S TRAIL  
Man Who Threatened Fire and Dynamite Disclosed Identity.

REGINA, Jan. 7.—(Can. Press.)—The "unemployed gang" who the other day sent a letter threatening to demolish Regina with fire and dynamite if the "white unemployed" were not found work immediately, has been identified as Jerry Miner. He revealed his identity in a rooming house frequented by unemployed, but left before the police could get there.

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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.

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#### 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 insuperable 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 insuperable difficulties in the way of consummation."

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#### ACCUSED DIRECTLY OF EVASION MOYES PROMISED TO PRODUCE STATEMENT OF HIS POSITION

Since Inquiry Opened He Obtained Valuable Data From the Dominion Bank, Which He Would Not Produce Before the Ontario Railway Board.

"I Cannot Answer. I am Not Well," Said John W. Moyes, When Asked About Bonds Valued at \$200,000 Which He Admitted Receiving From Trust Company.

The Ontario Railway Board is convinced that J. W. Moyes is hiding the truth in connection with the affairs of the defunct Ontario, West Shore Railway. Once again the proposition was put to him to speak what he knew and clear his own name. At the conclusion of a tense sitting yesterday Moyes promised to produce a statement giving his side of the case. This statement will probably be laid before the board when the enquiry is resumed a week from Saturday.

Moyes Must Produce. There was no mining of words on the part of Chairman McIntyre in the arraignment yesterday. Moyes' air of "injured innocence" and pleadings of ill-health would not be swallowed by the board. His opportunity now lies in the one word, "Produce."

The outburst of the chairman followed the realization of the fact that the investigation was being balked at every turn. A most dramatic air was given to the evidence when it was found that certain deposit cheques in the Dominion Bank, revealing some valuable data, had been collected by Mr. Moyes on Tuesday, the first day of the inquiry. These, when called upon, he could not produce. This stirred the board to indignation.

No Use in Evading. "You need not put on an air of innocence," declared the chairman. This board is entitled to an account of affairs and will get it. There is no use in being shifty and evasive.

"You had the books explaining these things, and said you turned them over to Mr. Smoke, a man now dead, and whose mouth is closed. It is absurd to talk of those sums in that way. We are entitled to know, and the people are, and we will know."

The only piece of activity you have displayed is to get hold of these documents we were about to put our hands on. That is the only energy you have displayed, that is the only thing you have done towards taking an interest in this enquiry since it began."

To Extort the Facts. The chairman then conferred with his colleagues about "extorting" the facts from him.

The high tension of the sitting developed when Mr. Munro of the Dominion Bank stated that Mr. Moyes had been in the bank offices the day before, receiving some cheques held as security. Moyes had received them thru the accountant, who had handed them over, understanding him to be connected with the Ontario West Shore.

Mr. Munro said that he himself would not have done it, as business was done in the name of J. A. Paterson.

"What did you do with those cheques?" demanded Commissioner Kitson of Mr. Moyes.

Would Bring Them. The reply was that he wanted to place the time of some former employees and to see about a cheque in that connection. He would bring them from his office.

"Did you get other cheques from this account?" asked the chairman.

He had. Where they were he did not know. Some of them he had signed for. This had happened on Tuesday, Jan. 6, 1914.

"When did you get them?" was asked. Witness could not remember, although only a day had passed. After some (Continued on Page 7, Column 1.)

#### THREE PROVINCES PRESS DEMANDS

Manitoba Joins Alberta and Saskatchewan in Asking Restoration of Natural Resources.

EDMONTON, Alta., Jan. 7.—(Can. Press.)—Premier Sifton this afternoon gave out the text of the letter forwarded to Premier Borden by the premiers of the western provinces, setting out their attitude on the transference of the natural resources to the provinces. The letter, which is signed by the three premiers, indicates that they have united upon a policy which will remove this much-discussed question from the realm of party politics.

The letter to Premier Borden reads: "After having an interview with you in regard to the questions in respect of which the provinces have received different treatment from the other provinces of Canada, and at your suggestion a meeting of the premiers of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, it has been agreed between us to make to you, on behalf of the said provinces, the proposal that the financial terms already arranged between the provinces and the Dominion as compensation for lands should stand as compensation for lands already alienated for the general benefit of Canada, and that all the lands remaining within the boundaries of the respective provinces, with all natural resources included, be transferred to the said provinces, the provinces accepting, respectively, the responsibility of administering the same."

"Yours very truly," Walter Scott, "Arthur L. Sifton," "R. P. Roblin."

L. D. TAYLOR HOPES TO BE VANCOUVER'S MAYOR  
Editor of World and Mayor Baxter Battle at Polls Today.

VANCOUVER, Jan. 7.—(Can. Press.)—Tomorrow will be election day in Vancouver. The chief interest centres in the fight between E. D. Taylor, editor of The World, and Mayor Baxter for the mayoralty. There is hardly any betting.

#### 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 has not already been executed it very soon will be. Chief Engineer Kellett, of the L. E. and N., has been in Montreal for several days at the headquarters of the Canadian Pacific.

When enquiry was made at the office of the Lake Erie and Northern, no information could be secured.

As the report is said to be well founded, it is more than likely that work will be resumed on the road at a very early date.

#### NAVAL RACE DUE TO LARGE SHIPS

Britain Can Check Feverish Movement by Reducing Size of Warships, Says Hobhouse.

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.

#### ASK REFERENDUM ON NAVAL ISSUE

Important Resolutions Before Western Grain Growers—Want Public Operation of Hudson Bay Railway.

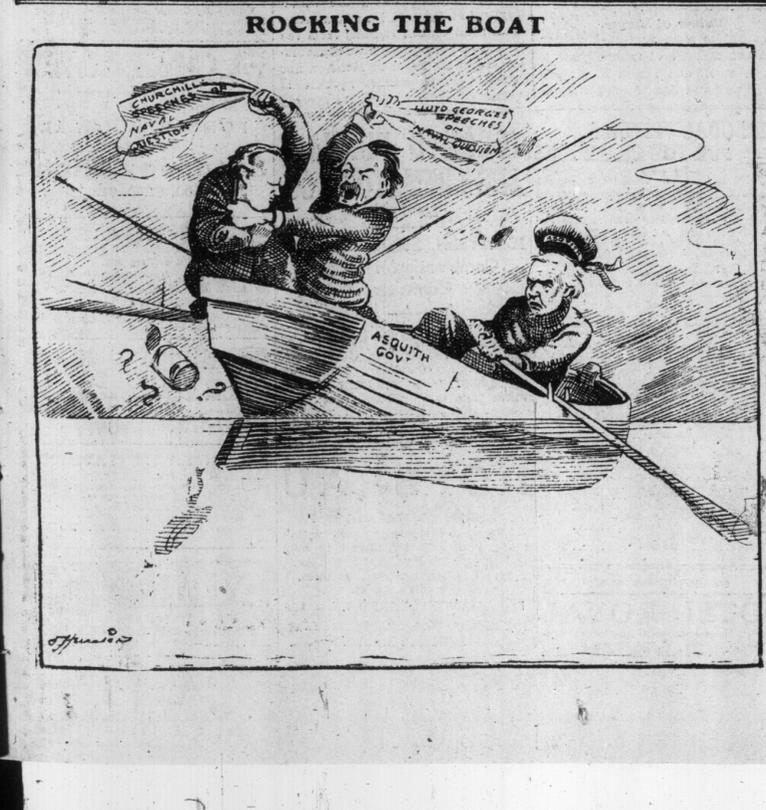
BRANDON, Man., Jan. 7.—(Can. Press.)—The eleventh annual grain growers' convention convened here today. The morning session handled the president's and secretary's report. Inter-municipal hall insurance raised the most discussion. The Saskatchewan Act was criticized, and officials were proposed to the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

"That in the opinion of this association the money that is asked to be applied naval vessels might better be used to the establishing of a merchant fleet, to give relief to the Canadian people from the extortion of the steamship combine."

"That this convention, while approving the government's expeditious construction of the Hudson Bay

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ROCKING THE BOAT