

NAVAL MEASURE READ THIRD TIME

Final Passage in Commons Carried on Straight Party Vote.—Bill Has Taken Three Months to Reach Last Stage.

OPPOSITION LEADER RIDICULES PLAN

Hon. Mr. Fielding Makes Typical Stump Speech in Defence of Proposals.—Mr. Bristol's Caustic Criticisms.

OTTAWA, April 20.—The naval bill passed its third reading in the house today by 111 to 70, a government majority of 41. It was a government vote, there being no bolters. The debate at 8 o'clock after a whirlwind finish, the opposition offering no amendment, but simply placing themselves on record against the measure, which was criticized today by Messrs. Borden and Bristol and championed by Mr. Fielding. The bill now goes to the senate. The opposition fought the bill as a whole, and offered no amendments not even the six months hoist. The naval proposals of the government were not dignified in any emergency, and of no material assistance to the Empire. After Mr. Bristol had concluded the speaker put the formal question, "Shall the bill be read a third time?"

"No," said the opposition, and the division was on. Both Mr. Borden and the premier were loudly cheered on.

This brought to an end the chief legislation of the session. The bill was before parliament for three months. In January, the second reading was carried, and in February, the first reading. After the second reading carried, the bill was passed yesterday, when the bill was put through committee.

Mr. Borden's Position. The debate was opened by the opposition leader, who reiterated his contentions, the most efficient means of contributing to imperial defence was by an emergency contribution, and that the policy of a Canadian navy should be submitted to the people. He recalled that in the case of the Canadian Pacific railway contract the Liberals had demanded an election on that issue. Yet that question had already been decided in two general elections, and was then merely a question of detail. Now there was a new departure proposed, and the government opposed consulting the people.

Mr. Borden ridiculed the government plan, under which the Canadian navy would not fight for the Empire unless an order in council was passed. "What I contend," he declared, "is that there should be no naval force for the whole Empire, and that it should be available in any emergency." The Opposition loudly applauded this statement.

"A delay no greater than occurred with this government in the case of the South African war," he went on, "might involve the fate of the Empire; and it would be a serious question, after the Empire was wrecked, to know that the guilty government would meet punishment on the part of the people."

Government Spokesman. Mr. Fielding, who followed Mr. Borden, made a fitting speech in answer to the criticisms of the Opposition leader. He argued that the bill involved no new principle, but ratified the principle laid down in the case of the Canadian Pacific railway. It was universally agreed that Canada must participate in Empire defence, and the whole question was as to how she could best do it. The Opposition had, last March, declared against the policy of direct contribution in the unanimous resolution, and had endorsed the policy that the time had come for the creation of a Canadian navy.

The government had acted in direct co-operation with the admiralty, and was proposing a scheme endorsed by the British government. The suggestion of the admiralty had been a fleet unit on the Pacific; but the Canadian people would not have welcomed such a plan, which would leave the Atlantic coast defenceless. Two proposals had then been made by the admiralty, one entailing an annual expenditure of \$2,000,000 and the other a smaller amount. The larger proposal had been accepted. Either of these, he urged, would have been acceptable to the admiralty. The present proposal, Mr. Fielding contended, was in harmony with the Colonial Conference resolutions of 1907, which had been before the country for some years and never challenged.

BUDGET CERTAIN TO BE PASSED

Necessary Resolutions Are Carried in Commons by Substantial Majorities and Financial Bill Read Third Time.

NO PROSPECT NOW OF BEING DEFEATED

The Liquor Interests Protest Against Increased Taxes.—Mr. Birrell Hints at Creation of Additional Peers.

LONDON, April 20.—The government may now proceed to collect the long-overdue arrears of the income tax. The House of Commons having by a majority of 66 sanctioned the various budget resolutions. The first reading of the financial bill, which will carry the budget resolutions into effect. There is now no further prospect of the budget being defeated.

The liquor interests are raising a great outcry against the greatly increased burdens placed upon the licensed houses. Many big brewery companies owning numerous public houses will be so severely affected by the increased license duties as to be faced with the possible inability to pay interest upon their ordinary shares. Formerly \$300 was the maximum duty of a licensed house, but budget this in many cases will be increased to \$500.

Additional difficulty is presented through the securing licenses having to pay twice within a few months for both the last and the current year.

Augustine Birrell, addressing a meeting in London tonight, said that the King to create new peers to overrule the House of Lords is a possibility which he would not discuss.

LORD KITCHENER

Was Not Invited to Visit Canada—Leaves New York for Home on Oceanic

OTTAWA, April 20.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier informed the Commons this morning that the government had not invited Lord Kitchener to visit Canada on his way from San Francisco to New York.

NEW YORK, April 20.—Lord Kitchener sailed for home on the Oceanic today. Asked about the rumored dissatisfaction in Canada over his failure to visit that country on his way from Australia, his lordship said: "I have heard nothing about that, and I have so many things to attend to just now that I can't discuss the matter."

CONDITIONS IN NORTH

Vancouver Merchant Finds Prosperity, But Warns Against "Wild-cat" Propositions

VANCOUVER, April 20.—E. W. Leeson, a wholesale merchant, has just returned from a northern trip, which he visited Stewart City, Prince Rupert, and the Queen Charlotte Islands. While he found the northern centres looking exceedingly well, his business sense was a little shocked at the wild outlook for the Portland Canal district.

ELECTION RUMORS

OTTAWA, April 20.—Rumors are current here tonight that the government intends to appeal to the people this autumn. Mr. Fielding has decided to make a tour of the west in July and August, accompanied by Mr. Graham, and possibly by Mr. Fielding.

MARK TWAIN

AGED AUTHOR IN CRITICAL CONDITION AND DOCTORS DOUBT OF HIS RECOVERY

REDDING, Conn., April 20.—Doctors attending on Samuel Clemens, "Mark Twain," are doubtful of his recovery. Dr. Quintard was summoned from New York to assist Dr. Halsey, who has been administering oxygen in an endeavor to prolong the patient's life.

THREE SEAMEN LOST

New Brunswick Schooner Loses Men and is Dismissed in Severe Storm

ST. JOHN, N. S., April 20.—Reporting the loss of three of her crew, her boom, foremast and mainmast gone, and the vessel in a perilous condition, the schooner "St. John" was towed into the harbor tonight by the tug "St. John."

DIFFERENCE SETTLED

PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 20.—An agreement between the local street car company and its employees were adjusted at a conference tonight. There will be no strike.

SERVA SUFFERS FROM INUNDATION

Torrential Rains Cause Large District to be Flooded.—Loss of Life and Property Likely to be Heavy.

BELGRADE, April 20.—Serbia is again flooded as a result of torrential rains during the past few days. At Kragevatz, the floods are most severe, twelve deaths have already occurred, while the damage to property is enormous.

LIQUOR BILL KILLED

OTTAWA, April 20.—The senate has killed the bill of Sir Richard Scott to regulate the transportation of intoxicating liquors. The bill was carried by a majority of 10 in the house, but was defeated in the senate.

ALBANY, N. Y., April 20.—The assembly will report to the senate tonight a bill to incorporate the New York River Radial Railway Company.

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WOULD ADVANCE CAUSE OF PEACE

U. S. Secretary Knox Thinks His Plan for International Court of Arbitral Justice Would Prove Effective.

REDUCE OR ABOLISH GENERAL ARMAMENT

Proposals Involve Permanent Court to be Established at The Hague.—Resort Would Be Easy for All Nations.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Ultimate disarmament of the nations of the world is practicable, in the opinion of U. S. Secretary of State Knox. He believes the establishment of a court of arbitral justice, to which the nations of the world may appeal for the settlement of their controversies, will have the effect, as its own natural consequence, of not merely reducing the armament but ultimately rendering large armaments unnecessary.

Million Dollar Temple

WASHINGTON, April 20.—The contract for the erection in this city of the million dollar temple of the Scottish Rite Masons was today awarded to John Russell Pope, of New York city.

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 20.—About 40 men are entombed in the Mulga mine, of the Birmingham Coal & Iron Co., as the result of an explosion tonight. The exact cause is not known. The explosion was such a force that the flames shot to the shaft, and the men were unable to escape. The shaft were so badly sprung by the explosion that they cannot be used. The shaft is not on fire, and air is being pumped into the mine all the time. Later—Word has been received here that twenty-five of the entombed here in the Mulga mine were killed. The Birmingham Southern railroad's hospital car will be sent to the scene from Mulga from Emaley soon after the news of the explosion reached this city.

Mulga is connected with Emaley by a telephone wire, over which it is almost impossible to communicate tonight. Rescuers are having great difficulty in the efforts to reach the entombed men.

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TRIAL OF WOLTER

NEW YORK, April 19.—Alfred Wolter sat in court this afternoon and listened to the mother of Ruth Wheeler, the fifteen-year-old stenographer, with whose murder he stands charged, but at no time during her testimony did he evince emotion.

Mrs. Wheeler was called as the first witness by the state. The jury had been filled shortly after the opening of the afternoon session, and Frank Moss, assistant district attorney, had delivered Mr. Moss admitted the state would depend largely upon circumstantial evidence. During this recital Wolter showed some evidence of emotion. When Mr. Moss had closed, however, the prisoner quickly regained his composure.

Wolter testified after an architect had identified a diagram of Wolter's room, where the body was found, and after John Taggart, a waiter, who lived in an adjoining apartment, had described how he and his wife found the bundle in which the upper part of Ruth Wheeler's body was wrapped. When adjournment was taken Mr. Moss announced that only two days more should be needed to complete the prosecution's case.

Large Reduction in Liquor Revenue

LONDON, April 19.—David Lloyd-George chancellor of exchequer, re-introduced last year's budget in the House of Commons today. He declared that he realized that the present deficit of \$121,240,000 would be more than wiped out when all arrears had been collected, and that there would be an actual surplus of \$14,800,000. If the budget had been passed as usual last year, he said, there would have been a surplus of \$21,000,000.

Opposition Among British Agriculturists to Idea of Exempting Colonial Wheat from Payment of Duty

The chancellor commented upon the remarkable decrease of 32 per cent in the consumption of whiskey, which he attributed mainly to the extra duty imposed. The decrease in gross revenue of the United States, as compared with the estimated figures of Great Britain, agricultural societies of Great Britain are likely to protest against Mr. Balfour's proposal to admit colonial wheat free.

G. N. Broomhall, the well known corn trade statistician, expresses the opinion that one effect of exemption of colonial wheat will be to displace American wheat. Another effect will be the production of inferior flour as the British miller will be unable to make out of a combination of colonial and foreign.

Gale Blows Down Houses at Prince Rupert—Stamped to Stewart Overcrowded Accommodation

Steamer Vado, of the Boscowitz Steamship Company, reached port last night from the north and sailed again for Prince Rupert, Naas and was port. The Vado brought news of bad storms at Prince Rupert and Stewart. The buildings were blown down. The gale occurred on Thursday and Friday, and was accompanied with rain and snow was accompanied with wind storms. At Prince Rupert three buildings were demolished and at Stewart buildings in the course of erection and owned by R. Barr and A. Rolf were blown flat, tents whirled away and other damage done. Considerable damage was done to other property and the blow was one of the worst this winter.

At Stewart considerable trouble is being experienced in finding accommodation for the new arrivals and Jimmy Miner, is giving sleeping room to several people in his little tent. Forms the editorial office and composition room of his weekly paper now published at Stewart.

News was brought of an accident to the New England Fish Company's steamer, the Captain Gott, which while bound north to Ketchikan and Vancouver. The brief advice received from Fraser River was that the steamer struck a rock and was wrecked in the forward collision bulkhead. The forecastle is damaged and other injuries sustained, but temporary repairs were carried out when the steamer reached Ketchikan and she underrived at Victoria which resulted in Captain Gott getting a verdict that the vessel was seaworthy enough to pursue her voyage to Seattle. The vessel is now at sea, sailing for halibut.

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