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Mr. Asquith Away To Meet His People

Triumphal Passage Of Premier Through England

WILL SPEAK IN EAST FIFE

Balfour, in House of Commons, Calls For Election, Referendum or Anything That Might Block Home Rule—Mr. Samuel Answers Him

(Canadian Press) London, April 3—Premier Asquith was given a big send-off when he left London today for his constituency of East Fife, Scotland, where he is to deliver a speech to his constituents tomorrow in spite of the decision of the Unionists not to oppose his election. Large crowds of his supporters gathered at the stations along the line, and at all stopping places the premier received addresses from Liberal associations expressing the wish that the election of East Fife will send you back to parliament with redoubled authority to maintain the traditions of the party, the authority of the crown and the power of the people.

Three hundred Liberals marched to the station and gave the premier a departing statesman a tremendous send-off. Bands played and the men cheered and waved flags.

In the House of Commons last night, A. J. Balfour insisted on an immediate election or a referendum, in fact, on any device likely to prevent the House of Commons from dealing with the Ulster problem. He enlarged on the question of "optional obedience" for the army, and played with the federal solution. Herbert Samuel, postmaster general, replying smashed the opposition, arguing obedience against by declaring, "It will lead, sure, to the mess room, becoming a debating society. How are you going to draw the line between obedience and political opinion? The press room will become a legislative chamber where in will be decided what laws are to be enforced and what are not."

Mr. Samuel came out as a whole-hearted supporter of federalism, making the great point that 20,000 people, half of the population of the island, are in a state of federal conditions. He said: "It would be possible in this country to devise arrangements similar to those established in so many countries of the world. With Ulster excluded for six years, there ought to be plenty of time to work out the details of the plan. At the same time it is evident that the federal solution is meeting with only lukewarm support from the majority of the Liberals and Irish members."

A CLOSE FINISH

Ernie Take First of Final Series in St. Peter's Y. M. A. Bowling

In the first of the finals in the St. Peter's Y. M. A. bowling league on the association alleys last evening the Ernie, captained by James McIntyre, won by four pins from the Maple, captained by M. T. Colahan. The totals were 1,247 to 1,248. The Ernie were the winners of the first and third series and the Maple of the second series, and the teams are now playing off the championship honors. Much interest is being taken in the final matches, of which three were agreed upon. Either one or two more matches will be necessary. A silver trophy will be presented to the winners.

GERMAIN STREET Y. M. A.

A very entertaining concert was held in the Germain Street Institute building last evening, H. J. Machum, president of the association, presided. Mr. Guy sang a solo with much effect and a quartet was sung by the young ladies of the Brussels street church choir. The audience was greatly entertained by a reading given by Mrs. Malcolm of Moncton. Roy Harding also gave readings. Captain Gilmore played a violin solo excellently and a cornet duet was rendered by Messrs. Wiley and Creighton. This was followed by a chorus by the members of the Y. M. A. Selections were given by the Y. M. A. orchestra.

Phelan and Phelanians WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, B. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—The disturbance which was in Nova Scotia yesterday has passed to the Atlantic and the western high pressure, now centered in Manitoba, is spreading over the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Valley. The weather is quite cold in all the provinces except Alberta and British Columbia, where it is mild. Cold With Snow.

TORCH APPLIED TO IRISH CASTLE BY THE ARSON SQUAD

Suffragettes Vow Vengeance on Carson—Forcible Feeding For May Richardson

London, Eng., April 3—Suffragettes set fire to Liberty Castle, County Antrim last night. They left a message for Sir Edwin Carson, vowing vengeance. The fire was seen before any serious damage was done.

Home Secretary McKenna informed parliament today that Miss May Richardson sentenced to six months' imprisonment recently for slashing the Rokeby Vase, was being forcibly fed.

According to the suffragettes although Miss Richardson took a complete new outfit of clothes into prison, urgent messages have been received for three new outfits and a strong dressing gown. Nobody is allowed to visit her, they say, and they suggest that she is being ill-treated.

The inference is that something new, "clothes strikes" is being tried, and that the prisoner is destroying her clothes.

INCOME \$26,000 A YEAR; NOT ENOUGH FOR FAMILY; HAD TO BORROW

Frank E. Vogel So Testifies in the Siegel Bankruptcy Proceedings

New York, April 3—The arraignment of Henry Siegel and Frank E. Vogel on charges of grand larceny and violations of the state banking laws growing out of the failure of the Siegel enterprises, has been postponed until Wednesday next.

Attorneys for Siegel and Vogel said it was commonly understood that new indictments had been found against their clients and they wished time to prepare an answer.

Vogel, showing evidence of serious illness and speaking little above a whisper, took the stand in the bankruptcy hearing before the United States Commissioner. He declared that he had made loans to Henry Siegel he knew of no large personal loans made by Siegel & Co. He said that \$26,000 had been loaned to the 14th street store had never been repaid.

When the banking house of Henry Siegel & Co. was organized, Vogel said, \$5,000,000 was put into the concern. These assets consisted of stock in the Simpson-Crawford and 14th street stores and the assets of Henry Siegel & Co., of Chicago.

In 1910 this stock was exchanged for \$3,000,000 of the Siegel Stores Corporation. Vogel refused to tell where he kept his share of this stock, on the ground that it might tend to incriminate him.

Vogel said his proportion of this stock was \$700,000, and that Siegel owned the rest. At various times, he testified, Siegel drew from the bank some aggregate \$150,000 for his personal use, depositing as security stock of the Siegel Stores Corporation.

The witness said his income from the various Siegel enterprises was \$26,000 a year. This sum, he added, did not meet his family expenses, and he had to borrow to make up the deficit.

The hearing was adjourned until April 9, and the examination of Henry Siegel also was postponed to that date.

HEAD OF HER RUDDER STOCK CARRIED AWAY

Disabled Montreal Put Into Halifax This Morning

(Special to Times) Halifax, N. S., April 3—With the head of her rudder stock carried away the C. P. R. steamer Montreal arrived in port this morning. The Montreal was from London bound to St. John to discharge cargo, but owing to her disabled condition was forced to make Halifax for repairs.

MEANING OF THE SUIT

Notice of a suit by the Capewell Horse Nail Company of Connecticut vs. The Maritime Nail Company, and the Collector of the United States Customs for the district of Connecticut, ordering the local company to appear to plead in answer to the bill filed by the plaintiff company in Connecticut has been published. S. E. Elkin, of the Maritime Nail Company, who returned today from Ottawa, said that the suit arose from a dispute between the Capewell Company and the customs department regarding the amount of duty that should be paid on some machinery shipped from St. John. The local company was joined in the suit because the goods were forwarded on their bill of lading and released under bond. They have no financial interest in the suit.

Partington Company Affairs

Frederick Glenister—Hon. N. M. Jones, of the Partington Paper and Pulp Company has lately returned from the old country, where he interviewed the British capitalists interested in the company. He told The Gleaner that the company expected to establish a pulp mill at Marysville at some future time and bring about considerable development there. There will be very little work done by the company at Marysville this season, and the saw mill will not be operated on account of the conditions which have arisen, including the

Air Full of Direful Rumor; Let Us Have All Facts

Valley Railway Has Both Government and Members Bothered—Mission to Ottawa Shows No Results Yet—A Show-down Demanded

(Special to Times) Fredericton, April 3—The Valley Railway business is not yet before the public—though certain phases of it are before the country. Public opinion has postponed hasty consideration of this most important and badly bungled work. They need both badly. Until their return no action is likely to be taken.

The people want to know where nearly three million dollars have gone—whether into the road or into the pockets of the company or the grafters. There is no information as yet but the air is full of direful rumors. What the outcome will be no one ventures to predict. It may mean reconstruction or it may mean victory for Fleming and Gould. One course spells hope, the other disaster.

Suspense over the Valley Railway involving Messrs. Tilly and Murray, who were sent to Ottawa to interview McKenna and the federal government has not returned and their prolonged absence is not helping matters any.

The house will not get down to business again until Monday, and no Valley Railway legislation is expected before Tuesday at the earliest, if the premier has informed his supporters correctly.

The government's course is one of increasing difficulty. It is realized here that there must be a sacrifice as to the manner in which the money already provided for the Valley Railway has been spent and that the actual expenditure on work done and the actual sum provided will show a considerable margin if all of the facts are brought out.

Whatever Ottawa may do it cannot affect the relations between the province and the Gould Company which is demanding another \$2,000,000. Before that \$2,000,000 is paid or any part of it there must be a complete show-down.

ORGANIZE THE LOGAL LEAGUE ON APRIL 10

Pictou County Team Coming in And Baseball is Assured

(Special to Times) New Glasgow, N. S., April 3—After a lengthy conference by N. W. Mason, D. A. Cameron and Joe Page it was decided to hold a meeting on the 10th of this month at New Glasgow, Pictou County, and Westville would combine and enter a baseball team in the proposed baseball league. Owing to the accident at the Drummond Mines it was impossible for H. A. McQuarrie to be present at the meeting but he sent word that he would like Westville to do his share financially.

Mr. Mason will see J. Cunningham and others at Stellarton and a meeting to form a local executive will take place on next Monday. The meeting to form the league will take place in New Glasgow on April 10.

MATTER OF WAR VESSELS AS MAIL CARRIERS ADVANCES

Washington, April 3—Without a dissenting voice, the senate adopted Senator Weeks' resolution calling on the secretary of the navy to inform the senate about the advisability of using naval vessels for carrying mail, passengers and freight to Central and South American ports.

The resolution was amended by the Naval Affairs Committee and does not mention any port except the type of vessel. It simply calls on the secretary of the navy for information as to what vessels, if any, could be so used, the cost of equipping them for special service, the cost of operation and whether, with their changed equipment, they would be immediately available for war service if called upon.

COFFIN MAKERS MAY STRIKE

High Cost of Living, Says Leaders, Is Cause of Unrest.

New York, April 3—Samuel Seidel, organizer of the Coffin Makers' Union, which was formed a few days ago, announces that the members will take a referendum vote on the question of a general strike of 8,000 coffin makers for higher wages, better working conditions and abolition of the contract system in employing the coffin makers.

"We make coffins for the dead," said Seidel, "and we can not get living wages for ourselves. Our employers can afford to pay us fair wages to meet the increased cost of living, for when it comes to funerals the expense is seldom questioned. The funerals are becoming more and more elaborate, which means more money for our employers."

HOME FOR INCURABLES

A female patient was accepted for admission to the home at a meeting of the board of the management of the Home for Incurables yesterday afternoon. In spite of the storm there was a large attendance and much interest was shown in the affairs of the institution. The application passed yesterday fills the last vacancy in the wards and private rooms and the only vacancies at present are the two beds in the female tubercular ward, which have been vacant since before Christmas.

CREDITORS MEETING.

At a meeting of the creditors of Wassons, Ltd., yesterday afternoon, the affairs of the company were gone over thoroughly and it was decided to return the tenders already received and to call for new tenders upon the completion of an inventory which is now being prepared. T. H. Somerville was appointed as a third inspector.

DEATH TOLL IN SEALING FLEET PLACED AT 64

Sister Ship of Newfoundland Nears Port With Bodies and Survivors

NOT SURE OF SOUTHERN CROSS

At First Reported Safe, There is Now Some Doubt—Another Wild Storm Has Sprung up—St. John's Upset by the Awful News

(Canadian Press) St. John's, Nfld., April 3—The Bellaventure, one of the sealing fleet, was nearing this port today in the thick of another storm, bringing fifty-eight bodies and thirty-five survivors of the men of the Newfoundland, who were overwhelmed by a blizzard while hunting seals on the ice floes. Sixty-four men are known to have perished and it was understood that the steamer Stephanos, which, with the Florio, recovered six bodies and two survivors, also was on her way to St. John's. Wireless news is meagre.

Twenty-nine miles from port, the Bellaventure became blocked in ice off Cape Bonaville, and at noon her captain sent a wireless message stating that it might be Sunday before he could be in. Many of the rescued seals were reported so ill that the death list was expected to be increased before she made port.

It has been many years since the city has been so stirred over an ocean disaster. Hundreds of people roamed the streets all night, besieging the newspaper offices, the telegraph stations, the government chambers and the Grenfell Institute, but news of the rescue of the crew were relatives or intimates of friends of those who sailed a month ago, on the Newfoundland.

Nothing was in readiness here for the care of the bodies and the relief of the suffering men who had escaped. It was arranged to take the survivors to the Grenfell Seaman's Institute. Some fear for Southern Cross.

Heavily laden with 15,000 seals, the Southern Cross, one of the Channel Sealers, started on her way to St. John's Saturday.

Nothing further was heard from the ship until a wireless message early today announced her arrival at Channel. A message from Curling, however, says there is no word of her there and she is doubt as to her safety. The government this morning sent a wireless message to the United States revenue cutter Seneca, asking her to search for the Southern Cross.

This was a great sealing season. It is estimated that 200,000 seals were killed.

THE SCHOONER ORIOLE ASHORE

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ROUGH TIME IN THE BAY

Barge in Trouble Proves to Be the Louis H., From This Port

Westport III Had to Put Back

(Special to Times) Digby, N. S., April 3—At Tiverton the St. John schooner Oriole is ashore just north of the government breakwater and it is thought will prove a total loss. The Oriole was from St. John for Westport to load pulp for New York. She was built in St. John in 1884, is 128 tons and owned by Christopher Spence and others in St. John.

The steamer Westport III, which left Westport yesterday for St. John, was obliged to put back and had a very rough trip between Tiverton and her home port. She sailed for St. John again early this morning.

An unknown barge reported last night adrift in the bay is now anchored in quite smooth water a few miles off shore, just north of Trout Cove. The life boat Daring from the Bay View Life Saving Station went to her this morning. The captain did not require any assistance. The barge is the Louis H. of St. John, owned by J. B. King, and is light. She broke away from her tug which, after circling around here, proceeded northward with her other two barges in tow. The captain wished his position to be reported.

The Louis H. experienced a terrible night in the bay. She was spoken during the afternoon ten miles north of Point Prim by Captain McDonald of the S. S. Yarmouth, who reported her by wireless to Partridge Island.

At Westport, Captain Hicks' schooner, the Colgate, was floated early this morning. The Digby fishing fleet harbored at Brier Island. The government dredge 'Fleeting' and the tug Helens all proceeded to sea early this morning. The latter enroute to Halifax via Yarmouth.

The government steamer Lansdowne sailed from Digby at 7:30 this morning and headed across the bay towards Grand Manan.

Teased Him Too Much.

MacLeod, Alb., April 3—Fellow school boys teased and tormented Quong How, a fourteen year old Chinese and he stabbed one of them with a knife. The magistrate let him go on suspended sentence.

Work for Your Own Pocketbook

After all, a properly lined pocketbook is a very good friend to have.

What you save counts as well as what you make. Thrift is spending to advantage—and spending to advantage means spending with knowledge. The best way to make a man keep posted on the market—and the best guide to that is the day-to-day advertising in a live newspaper like The Telegraph and Times.

Don't buy "haphazard." Read the advertising and compare the various offerings—then choose to your best advantage.

You are working for your own pocketbook when you follow this programme.

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WITH THE COMMITTEES OF THE LEGISLATURE

Municipalities and Corporations Bodies Consider Several Bills

Fredericton, N. B., April 3—The municipalities committee this morning agreed to the bills relating to the town of Campbellton, the town of Marysville and the improvement of the Fredericton fire department. The section of the Marysville bill relating to the taxation of the incomes of non residents employed in the town of Marysville, city of Fredericton and County of York on this matter.

The corporation committee this morning took up the bill to incorporate the New Brunswick Veterinary Association. The bill was agreed to with two amendments. One is to allow to be registered any person who is a graduate of a recognized college, as well as any person who is a resident of New Brunswick and has practiced the profession of a veterinarian having developed, and it having developed, and it having been shown that the proposed increase in rates has not been advertised.

THE STEAMERS

The Letitia, the last of the Donaldson Liners to come to St. John this season, is due to sail from Glasgow tomorrow. C. P. R. liner Tyrolis passed Brier Island this morning about 8 o'clock and is due to dock at West St. John about 3 o'clock. This is the first trip of the Tyrolis since the retirement of Commander Carey. He is succeeded by Captain Murray.

The steamer has eighty-four cabin and 205 stowage passengers. The dredge Fleeting, which is on her way to Halifax to go into dry dock, sailed from Brier Island this morning at 7 o'clock.

S. S. Empress of India left Hong Kong yesterday afternoon.

WAS NOTED VIOLINIST

Boston, April 3—Emil Mahr, for 86 years instructor in violin and viola at the New England Conservatory of Music, died at his home in Brookline after a lingering illness on Tuesday.

Mr. Mahr was born at Wiesbaden, Germany in 1831. He became a favorite pupil of Joachim, and as a young man enjoyed intimate friendship with Wilhelm, Raff, Bruch, Brahms, Liszt, Rubinstein, Sarasate and others.

He played as concert master in the Richter and Henrichs concerts in London and during one season toured Great Britain with Adelina Patti. He was also chief d'orchestra at Meisner and served as one of the first violins at Bayreuth festivals where he became intimately acquainted with Richard Wagner.