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MAY STRENGTHEN FISHERIES FLEET

Statement Made by Mr. Hazen in Commons

AMENDING THE ACT

Bill to Deal With Exclusion of Foreign Vessels From Privileges in Canadian Waters—The Question of the Trawlers

(Special to Times)

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 15—A government bill to amend the Fisheries Protection Act, so as to make it clear that foreign fishing vessels could be excluded from and privileges accorded Newfoundland and American fishermen under the treaty of 1818 in Canadian waters, took up the greater part of yesterday's sitting of the commons.

The ulterior object of the bill in paying the way for the control, through joint international agreement, of the operations of French or other foreign steam trawlers, was the main subject of discussion.

Mr. Sinclair emphasized the importance of having British trawlers included in any prohibitive regulations. There was no need, he said, of acting against the growing menace of steam trawling. The depletion of the fisheries was threatened, and the net fishermen had been put out of business where the trawlers operated.

Mr. Chisholm (Antigonish) protested against the lax enforcement of the regulations against fishing by steam trawlers within the three mile limit. He believed the fisheries protection service should be augmented.

Mr. Hazen said that instructions had already been given for a more vigorous enforcement of the protective regulations in the maritime provinces. If the present fisheries protection fleet was not strong enough more vessels would be added to it.

D. D. McKenzie (Cape Breton) thought there was no complaint against the local fishermen. On the other hand they spent much money at maritime ports for supplies.

NEW C. P. R. LINE, MONTREAL TO TORONTO, READY BY DECEMBER

Distance Will Be 339 Miles by This Road—Fast Passenger Service

Montreal, Feb. 15—E. P. Ramsay, engineer in charge of the C. P. R.'s new Montreal and Toronto line, said yesterday that the road would be ready for a fast passenger service by December next. Seventy per cent of the grading work completed. There were 2,100 men and twenty-three steam shovels at work last month. Sixty-five per cent of the grading work completed by the end of July and track laying will commence at five points after April 1. The rails are eighty-five pounds. The distance from Montreal to Toronto will be 339 miles.

SCHOONER LOST; CREW SAVED

Boston, Feb. 15—The schooner Mary A. Whalen, formerly a Boston fisherman, was lost at sea while on a passage from Grand Banks, Nfld., for Oporto, Spain, according to a telegram from London. The crew were picked up by the Italian steamer Ravenna.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stewart, director of meteorological service.

9 A. M. WEATHER REPORT. Max. Min. Dir. Vel. Toronto... 27 30 S.W. 6 Cloudy... 29 30 N.E. 24 Cloudy... 26 28 S.W. 12 Cloudy... 26 28 N.W. 6 Fair... 22 20 W. 6 Fair... 22 20 S.W. 4 Cloudy... 22 20 S.W. 10 Rain... 22 20 N. 10 Fair... 22 20 N. 10 Clear... 22 20 N. 8 Clear... 22 20 S.W. 4 Clear... 22 20 S.W. 16 Fair

Forecast—Strong north and northeast winds; local snowfalls and much colder night and Sunday. The weather conditions are disturbed near the coast and a soured high area and cold wave is being over the St. Lawrence Valley; the Grand Banks, strong winds and low north and northeast.

Local Weather Report at Noon. St. John, N. B., Feb. 15, 1913. High temperature during last 24 hrs 27; lowest temperature during last 24 hrs 21; wind at noon, S.W. 10; direction of wind at noon, S.W.; velocity 16 miles per hour. Clear. High temperature during last 24 hrs 29; lowest temperature 18. Clear. D. L. HUTCHINSON, Director.

ARTILLERY DUEL IN EARLY MORN

Cannonading in the Darkness in Mexico City—Diaz States His Terms—Madero's Home is Looted and Put to Torch

(Canadian Press)

Mexico City, Feb. 15—For the first time since the remarkable battle began there was a heavy sustained cannonade lasting half an hour in the total darkness about three o'clock this morning.

The explosion of the populace from the districts under fire was even greater than yesterday. There was a constant procession of people hurrying through the streets to the suburbs long before dawn, and this lasted until after daylight. The office of the Imperial was commandeered by the federal troops this morning for use in their operations.

The hostile forces this morning faced each other in virtually the same position in the centre of the Mexican capital, as they have held all through the week of fierce street fighting.

A detachment of the twentieth infantry stationed between the palace and the arsenal revolted, shot its own officers and made a break to join Diaz. The mutineers were overpowered, and fifty men were taken as prisoners to the national palace.

Madero's House Looted and Burned. Mexico City, Feb. 15—The rebels obtained their first personal revenge yesterday, when they burned the private house of President Madero, at the corner of Berlin and Liverpool streets. It was a handsome residence, and had become one of the show places of the capital.

The rebels had driven a detachment of federals in retreat along Barcelona street. They emerged in Liverpool street, and fired at their heels. Shouting and firing as the federal soldiers, the rebels crowded in to the aristocratic quarter, and the sight of Madero's house inspired the idea of its destruction. Only servants had occupied the house since the members of the president's family took refuge in the Japanese legation.

The rebels entered the building and carried off whatever caught their fancy. A moment later the building was in flames. As the fire mounted, the cracking of cartridges revealed the fact that the structure was heavily fortified. The rebels had a disposition of ammunition continued for such a time as to indicate that the family must have stored there many thousands of rounds.

The third secretary of the American embassy, Henry F. Tennant, yesterday, one messenger, in an automobile last night, was stopped in the streets and robbed.

Puebla Captured. Mexico City, Feb. 15—Rebels under General Delgado and Aguilar, it is reported, have captured the city of Puebla. Puebla is the capital of the State of Puebla and is one of the most attractive cities of the republic. Its population numbers nearly 100,000.

Francisco De La Barra, former provisional president, professed ignorance this morning as to President Madero's intentions. He admitted, however, that the question of his resignation had been submitted to President Madero and that the matter at present had gone no further.

De La Barra accompanied by General Felipe Angeles, a federal commander, conferred with President Madero this morning with the result that they were authorized by him to confer with Felix Diaz and General Manuel Mondragón on the question of arranging an armistice and the naming of a commission by each party to draw up a plan for a settlement of the situation.

A visit to the rebel position was made by De La Barra, who pointed out to Diaz the difficulties of the situation and urged upon him the acceptance of the plan of a general armistice in view of the imminence of foreign intervention.

Diaz's Terms. Diaz replied to De La Barra that he could not make an armistice and that he would enter into no negotiations for peace except on a basis of the resignation of President Madero, the vice-president and the entire cabinet. This result of the conference with the rebels was then submitted to President Madero.

New York, Feb. 15—Special despatches received here from Mexico City early this morning reported that the federalists were making headway in the city. It was stated that President Madero had declared he would resign only in case the senate had passed a resolution of confidence in the cabinet.

PARIS WOMAN'S SUIT AGAINST DOCTOR; THE INTERESTING JUDGMENT. Paris, Feb. 15—A young lady in the fourth service, at the age of twenty, found her husband and her husband's doctor of gross carelessness in the use he had made of the X-rays, she sued him in the Paris courts for \$4,000. She lost the day. Now, at an interval of nearly eight years, the case came up on appeal before the Fifth Chamber of the same tribunal which decided that a lady's dress bill ought not to exceed the rent of the house she and her husband occupied—and they have awarded her \$1,000 damages for the substitution of the \$4,000 for the \$1,000.

The judgment makes it quite clear that Dr. Delorme did his work properly, but that he had undertaken, but only an "aesthetic" one, he ought to have warned Mlle. C. of the possible dangers of attempting to remove her beard from her face and have obtained her signed consent to the operation. He had not done that, so the court held him responsible for the unfortunate burns that disfigure the young woman, even though he had been guilty of no professional fault.

CONDENSED DESPATCHES. Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 15—The steamer Lassell, which sprang a leak was towed into port here yesterday.

Berlin, Feb. 15—The proposed German petroleum monopoly was yesterday placed fully under government control by legislation.

San Francisco, Feb. 15—Although the river steamer Seminole and H. J. Corcoran, the former with some forty passengers aboard, collided in a heavy fog on the bay yesterday and both capsized, there were no lives lost. With the Corcoran sank 80,000 in gold bullion.

The senate of Minnesota killed the woman suffrage bill by a vote of 31 to 24. Militant suffragettes raided gold links all over the United Kingdom last night, and then up and threw acid about the banks.

The French military aviation department has created an automatic safety device for aeroplanes, invented by a poor book agent. The test was successful and it is claimed the device makes the carrying of aeroplanes practically impossible.

The British government has completed arrangements for the whaler Scotia to patrol the Atlantic off Newfoundland, and warn liners of the presence of icebergs during the spring season.

The new Japanese premier Count Yamamoto has completed the formation of his cabinet.

A Vienna paper has an article declaring that there will be no more conferences between ambassadors of the powers in London, as the differences between Russia and Austria-Hungary on Albanian questions cannot be settled by any such means.

PLUNGE TO DEATH OVER NIAGARA

Two Men Commit Suicide, One at Horseshoe, Other at American Falls

(Canadian Press)

Niagara Falls, Ont., Feb. 15—Two men suicided in Niagara Falls yesterday. One unidentified man, about twenty years old, who told Inspector Officer Knapp, that he was from New York, dove into the rapids above the Horseshoe Falls and was carried to death over the waterfall.

Patrolman Charles Smith, of the city police force of Niagara Falls, New York, was on the side of the river, sightseeing with a party of friends, and declares he and his friends plainly saw a man leap from Prospect Point to the ice-covered rocks below the American Falls.

OFFICERS ALL GO DOWN WITH SHIP; CREW ESCAPE. Hamburg, Germany, Feb. 15—The five officers of the steamer Christiana were drowned when their vessel sank after being cut down last evening by the German steamer Galata, during a dense fog off Borkum.

The Christiana foundered three minutes after the collision. The sailors and stokers, nineteen in number, escaped in the ship's boats.

SCOTT'S WIFE AND LITTLE SON PETER. London, Feb. 15—Commander Evans declares that it was humanly impossible for the base parties to save Scott and his comrades, according to a Christchurch despatch to the Daily Mail, which adds that Surgeon Atkinson examined the bodies and performed the last rights. The others were obliged to withdraw from the tent.

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REPORTS ON CHILD LABOR

Commission Which Investigated New York Conditions

RABES AT THEIR TOIL

One Case of a Child of Three at Work—Women Employed 85 to More Than 100 Hours a Week at Average of Ten Cents

Albany, Feb. 15—How children of tender years alive for hours in canning sheds with their blistered fingers wrapped in rags, while others toil in tenebrous making toys, flowers and plumes; and how women toil miserably, sometimes for mere existence in industrial establishments in this state, is graphically described in the report of the New York State Factory Investigating Commission, submitted to the legislature.

The report says that canners operating in the rural districts have contended that their "sheds" in which the children snip beans and husk corn are not "factories," and that under certain conditions the employment of children was not resorted to.

"The employment of mere babies," the commission has been told by the ruralists, adds, that of 1,200 children found at work in thirty-three sheds the oldest was fourteen and the youngest was thirty.

Many of the canners, the report explains, are opposed to the employment of children, and half of them do not resort to it, but "as the canning industry is largely devoted to the exploitation of foreigners, the parents of the ruralists make them work." Pitting instances of this commission are given in the report.

One little fellow of eleven had stopped work for a second and was throwing some bean snippings at another. His father hit him brutally across the face with a stick to snipping again. "Boss says work begins at four tomorrow," one of the "working inspectors" was told by a little Italian boy. The inspector left the shed at 9.30 that night. About a dozen children were still there and half of the floor was covered foot deep with beans which were held over night.

Of women workers the report says: "No woman can work from sixteen to 21 1/2 hours a day for weeks, in some cases even months, without permanent injury to her health. Yet women are doing just this thing in the upstate canneries, in binderies and other factories, and in the shops during the six weeks' Christmas rush."

"In the large canneries the work keeps to pretty regularly during a season of four or five months. A work of 85 and 94 hours in one case 119 3/4 working hours—not followed by a week of comparative rest, but by another almost as bad. And the pay averages ten cents an hour."

Besides these subjects the report also considers fire problems, dangerous trades and ventilation and sanitation, and recommends as to the first that the numbers of workers in any factory building to be limited to the capacity of the stairways.

The commission which was created by the legislature of 1911, in answer to a popular demand for an investigation of the terrible "Triangle" fire of that year, consists, among others, of Senator Robert F. Wagner, president pro tem of the senate, chairman; Speaker Alfred E. Smith, of the assembly, vice-president, and President Combs of the American Federation of Labor.

It chiefly recommends that with a reorganization of the labor department there be created an industrial board and that this board be vested with power under broad statutes to make regulations which shall have the force of law, and make rules to fit each and every industry.

C.P.R. TO BUILD NEW MACHINE SHOP AT MCDAM JUNCTION. The C. P. R. is calling for tenders for the construction of a concrete machine shop at McAdam Junction. The new shop, which will replace the present plant, will be on a larger scale and of a more modern type. The change is made necessary by the increase in business and the prospect of still further growth. When the new shops are ready for operation the number of employees will be increased.

This action by the railway company seems to dispose of the rumors that they were planning to remove the shops from McAdam to St. John.

WOMEN ASK FOR VOTE IN BRITISH COLUMBIA. Victoria, B. C., Feb. 15—Fifty women representatives of all sections of British Columbia, gathered on McBride yesterday and presented a petition signed by 10,000 people, praying that the franchise be extended to women upon equal terms with men. The premier informed the ladies that the government had never made the question a factor in its policy, because, upon mature consideration, it had been impossible to agree that the end was not to be desired.

He promised consideration by the cabinet next week, and indicated ways in which the petition could be brought to the attention of the legislature in the event of the government deciding adversely.

SURPRISE PARTY. At the home of William Watson, in Pokisk Road, last evening, about fifty friends gathered and spent a pleasant time. During the evening on behalf of their present W. Ferris presented to him a very nice set of gold cuff links engraved with his monogram. Refreshments were served and games and music enjoyed.

SALE OF PROPERTIES IN ST. JOHN AND VICINITY; CITY TO SELL IN LANCASTER

A sale which has been completed completes the transfer of all the properties in this city owned by Mrs. Anna M. Ferguson. The last sale was of two freehold properties, 133 to 137 Duke street. The lots are 28 by 100 and 32 by 100 feet, and each bears a two-family frame building. The purchaser is a Frederick man, and the sale was made through Taylor & Sawyer.

The other Ferguson properties which have been disposed of within the last few months include the block of five lots with brick buildings in Dock street, sold to an English syndicate; the property in King street occupied by Waterbury & Rising and D. Magee's Sons, Ltd., sold to Waterbury & Rising, and Ten Eyck Hall on the corner of Union and Germain streets, sold to a syndicate headed by Thomas Nagle.

Arthur S. Smalley has sold two lots at Pandemonium, with a cottage on one of them, to a local man. The sale was made through Allison & Thomas. Pandemonium has shown rapid progress during the last two or three years, about seventy-five cottages and camps having been erected there during that period. The latest improvement was a plank sidewalk laid from the station to the river front.

Two properties were sold at auction at Chubb's corner at noon today by F. L. Potts. A tenement house, No. 482 Main street, owned by Percy J. Steel was purchased by S. T. Stevens for \$4,000. A farm of 100 acres at Loch Stell was purchased by Mr. Steel for \$635.