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More Hope of Compromise on Home Rule Since Asquith's Unexpected Move—No Further Resignations

N.T.R. GRAFT NOT YET REVEALED TO PUBLIC

Sevigny of Dorchester Lamented That Burns Detectives and Detectographs Had Not Been Employed Some Years Ago—Mousseau Shocked by Revelations.

By a Staff Reporter.
OTTAWA, March 31.—Some half a dozen speeches were contributed at today's sitting of the house to the long drawn out debate on the N.T.R. The majority of these were delivered by members from the province of Quebec including Mr. Sevigny, the Conservative member for Dorchester, Mr. Lachance the Liberal member for Quebec centre, Mr. Power the Liberal member for Quebec west and Mr. Demers the Liberal member for St. Johns and Ierville.

Mr. F. B. McCurdy who defeated Finance Minister Fielding in Queens and Shelburne said that as a Canadian business man he was sorry that the opposition had confined themselves to abusing the commissioners instead of explaining if possible the startling discrepancy between the estimated cost of the road and the actual cost to the country.

Shocked Even Mousseau.
The debate was resumed by Mr. Sevigny (Dorchester), who spoke in French. He said the graft in connection with the National Transcontinental was so scandalous as to shock Mr. Mousseau, the member of the legislative assembly of Quebec who figured so prominently in the recent scandals. They had also called forth denunciations from R. L. Richardson, recently the Liberal candidate in Macdonald. In his paper, the Winnipeg Tribune, Mr. Richardson had called upon Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. Clifford Sifton and Hon. George F. Graham to say what they thought of the waste and corruption which had attended the building of the road between Moncton and Winnipeg.

Mr. Sevigny recalled that Sir Wilfrid Laurier in opening the campaign in 1904 in St. John had boasted that he would build a line from Moncton to Winnipeg for \$12,000,000, but now the country found that the bill was not \$12,000,000 but \$180,000,000 and allowing for interest and other losses the bill would amount to \$250,000,000.

Detectograph Needed.
After reviewing the Davis contracts and the Cap Rouge viaduct, Mr. Sevigny said that it was a great pity that Burns and his detectograph had not been employed some years ago so that

CONGRESS BY LARGE MAJORITY RESPONDED TO WILSON'S APPEAL TO PRESERVE NATIONAL HONOR

Repeal of Panama Tolls Exemption Carried by Eighty-Six Votes Despite Frenzied Opposition Led by Champ Clark—Fight Shifted to the Senate.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—The house of representatives tonight after one of the most spectacular legislative struggles in the history of the nation, voted to repeal the provision of the Panama Canal act exempting American vessels from the payment of tolls. The vote on the repeal bill was 247 to 161, a majority of 86 votes in support of the personal plea of Woodrow Wilson, president of the United States.

This verdict on the issue which has absorbed congress for many weeks came at the close of a stirring day, made memorable in the annals of the house by a party division which found Speaker Champ Clark, Majority Leader Underwood and other Democratic chieftains lined up in open opposition to the president on an issue which the latter had declared vital to his conduct of the nation's foreign policy.

Real Fight in Senate.
Today's result was but the beginning of victory for the administration within the party for the first time since democracy took control of the government a year ago. Tomorrow the bill goes to the senate, where the fight will be renewed with all the vigor and determination that attended it in the lower house.

On the final vote 230 Democrats in the house stood by the president giving him in "ungrudging measure" what he had asked "for the honor of the nation" in its foreign relations. Twenty-five Republicans and two Progressives also voted to sustain the president. Fifty-two Democrats followed Speaker Clark and Mr. Underwood to defeat in their steadfast determination that the president was wrong in his decision that toll exemption for American ships is a violation of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty with Great Britain.

Clark's Eloquence Wasted.
Nothing, it seemed, could stem the tide of administration success. Speaker Clark, for nearly twenty-two years a member of the house, made the speech of his life to forestall what he termed "unquestionable degradation" of the nation. In this he failed, but he did smooth over the party breach with kindly words for his adversaries, praise for President Wilson, and unqualified denial of any vaunting ambition on his own behalf. When he had closed the debate for the opposition to the repeal with an impassioned argument, in which he often departed from his prepared speech,

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To Renew Immigration Ban

OTTAWA, March 31.—It is expected that tomorrow the government will renew the order-in-council which prohibits the immigration into British Columbia of laborers. The order-in-council, which was passed six months ago, expires today. The chief purpose of the order is the exclusion of Hindu laborers.

DRAFT BILL TO AID C.N.R. READY

Only Lacks List of Securities to Be Deposited With Government as Collateral.

By a Staff Reporter.

The draft bill which will authorize the Dominion Government's guarantee of Canadian Northern bonds is ready for submission to the cabinet and is said to be complete except in so far as the schedule leaves in blank the list of securities to be deposited as collateral for the protection of the government.

The bill is said to be quite brief and in its way a model of good draftsmanship, credit for which is largely due to Solicitor-General Meighen.

Just when the legislation will be introduced or the formal announcement made by the government to parliament and the country is uncertain. It is generally believed, however, that while the general scope of the agreement will be known within a few days the legislation sanctioning the agreement will not be brought down until after the Easter recess.

FIFTY THOUSAND MEN ARE IDLE

Nearly Every Coal Mine in Ohio Has Been Closed for an Indefinite Period

CLEVELAND, O., March 31.—With few exceptions every coal mine in Ohio was closed down indefinitely tonight. Local operators estimate that 50,000 miners are affected.

Recent legislation changing the method of payment of miners from the screen plan to the run-of-mines basis is the cause of the shut down, operators refusing to renew contracts expiring tomorrow until conditions resulting from the new law became more settled.

HIGHER FARES ON TOLEDO CARS

Eighty Per Cent. of the Passengers Paid, But Some Are Still Riding Free.

TOLEDO, Ohio, March 31.—Of the Toledo Railway and Light Company reported tonight that approximately eighty per cent. of the passengers today paid five-cent fares. The company continued its policy of allowing all who insisted on paying three-cent fares to ride free.

REVENUE OF BRITAIN SHOWS AN INCREASE

Lloyd George's Optimism Proven to Have Been Well Based.

LONDON, March 31.—The treasury statement for the fiscal year seems to justify the much anticipated optimism of David Lloyd George, chancellor of the exchequer, which led him a year ago to decide to meet the heavy increase in expenditures by a natural growth of revenue from the existing taxes, instead of imposing new taxes.

FEDERALS OUTNUMBERED FORCE WAS SLAUGHTERED

Four Hundred Men Killed or Wounded in Desperate Conflict.

MEXICO CITY, March 31.—It was learned today that the four hundred Federals who were killed or wounded north of San Luis Potosi on Saturday last comprised practically the entire force commanded by Enrique Perez. They were led into a position where they were forced to fight rebels estimated to number 2,000.

MADE A CHILD BORROW MONEY

Masked Man Held Up Old Woman and Granddaughter and Used the House as Refuge.

MONTREAL, March 31.—Edward Belanger and Joseph Roy, suspected of being the two or three masked men who last week forced an entrance into a house at St. Jerome, occupied by Mrs. Guenette, a widow, and her little granddaughter, were arrested in the city today. Anton Verduin, alleged to be third of the hold-up trio, was arrested at St. Jerome on Saturday.

The three accused as said to have compelled the aged woman, at the point of revolvers, to get supper for them, and the little girl to go out to neighbors to borrow money, saying it was for her grandmother. The child returned with \$2, which the bandits appropriated, together with a purse containing about \$10. They sent the woman and child to bed and played cards and smoked and damaged furniture. They slept in the house that night and decamped in the morning.

BIG ICE-BREAKER WILL COST MILLION DOLLARS

Is Being Built at Maisonneuve for Dominion Government Service.

MONTREAL, March 31.—Active preparations are going on at the Maisonneuve plant of the Canadian Vickers, Ltd., for the construction of the four to five thousand horse power ice-breaker which the Dominion Government has ordered from that firm, which has invested five million dollars for the purpose of promoting a steel shipbuilding industry in Montreal.

COMMISSIONER HARRIS.

It's a Great Day.
It's a great day. There are whole leaps just like it coming to us, and then you feel the "shabbiness" of the winter that you are wearing.

OUTLOOK GROWING BRIGHTER FOR HOME RULE SETTLEMENT FEDERAL SYSTEM CONSIDERED

Larkin May Oppose Premier

LONDON, March 31.—It is reported from Dublin that Premier Asquith is to be opposed in the by-election for East Fife by James Larkin, who as head of the Transport Workers' Union was leader of the strike in Dublin last autumn. In connection with the strike Mr. Larkin was sentenced to seven months' imprisonment in October for inciting to riot, but was later released.

MONEY LETTERS IN 'DEAD' OFFICE

New Regulation Causes Thousands of Remittances to Be Held Up—May Re-scind Order.

By a Staff Reporter.

OTTAWA, March 31.—Thousands of letters are lying in the dead letter office in Ottawa, Toronto and other cities that contain money. That is the reason why they are in the dead office. It is contrary to a regulation recently put in force to send money thru the mail, unless by postal order, cheque, or in a registered envelope.

Many retail houses do a good deal of rural business in this way. Many of their customers enclose cash in envelopes and send them thru the post to retail houses. There is no penalty attached to the sending of money thru the mails, but the sending of it is contrary to the regulations, and unregistered letters which are being found to contain money have been sent to the dead letter office.

It is not expected that the order will remain long in force. Strong representations against it have been made to the postmaster-general.

FRESH SCANDAL STIRS UP PARIS

Charges Respecting Alleged Deal With Big Naphtha Syndicate Will Be Investigated.

PARIS, March 31.—Another stormy scene occurred today at the meeting of the investigating committee of the chamber of deputies which is inquiring into the reasons for the postponement of the trial of Henri Rochette, charged with swindling operations, culminating in the temporary resignation of the chairman, M. Jaures.

The majority of the committee, the radicals, voted to omit the paragraphs in the report drafted by M. Jaures, finding that M. Caillaux, the ex-minister of finance, and M. Monis, high positions. M. Jaures immediately rose from his seat and left the meeting. Finally the radicals withdrew their votes and M. Jaures his resignation.

The committee will examine tomorrow the members of M. Monis' cabinet of 1911, concerning the allegations made by a provincial newspaper to the effect that Edmond du Mesnil, editor of Rappel, approached a minister, whose name was not given, and told him that Rochette required an adjournment of his trial for six months to enable him to complete the organization of the Baku naphtha syndicate, which would mean a profit of \$2,000,000, of which he was willing to give a share to whomsoever would obtain the postponement. The minister, according to this account, promptly showed M. Du Mesnil the door, and then went to M. Monis and informed him of this fact.

Sir Edward Grey's Proposal to Solve Difficulty Received Sympathetically by Both Parties and Conference Later Discussed Plan—Serene Atmosphere in Commons.

LONDON, March 31.—A parliamentary writer observed a few days ago: "This amazing government seems to thrive upon its blunders," and the net result of a crisis without parallel in modern times has been that the debate on the second reading of the home rule bill was resumed today in an atmosphere of unexpected calm with apparently a better prospect of being carried by consensus than ever before.

The Unionists are clearly alarmed at the spectre which the Carsonite methods have raised of an election fought on a platform of "The Parliament vs. The Army." Even the moderate Liberals are anxious to avoid such a struggle which it is foreseen would let loose a flood of passion exceeding even that which attended the agitation to abolish the veto power of the house of lords.

Hence the proposal of Sir Edward Grey, secretary of state for foreign affairs, to the house of commons today of a federal system of government for the British Isles as a solution of the difficulty, which he put forward in a most conciliatory speech. The proposal has been received on both sides of the house with great sympathy, and it is believed will lead to a renewal of the negotiations between the two front benches in the arrangement of an acceptable compromise.

Discussing Settlement.
The large body of opinion, both inside and outside parliament, supports a settlement on the federal basis and a meeting of about fifty members of the house representing both parties was held today to discuss a settlement.

Viscount Morley's decision not to resign as lord president of the council pleases the Liberals, as at his advanced age it would have meant his permanent retirement from politics and the party would regret to see the veteran statesman retired under a cloud.

COURT LADIES IN PARTY PLOT

Officers at Curragh Said to Have Yielded to Blandishments in Resigning Commissions

LONDON, March 31.—Women's intrigues are in no small measure responsible for the action of the Curragh officers, who last week resigned their commissions rather than agree to "shoot loyalist Ulstermen," according to John Ward, the Labor M.P., who made an historic speech in the house last week. It was known he said today, that certain ladies-in-waiting had been for some time passing backwards and forwards between Aldershot and Curragh.

"We knew that these ladies-in-waiting were," he said, "experienced in political intrigue, and we concluded that if they were not operating upon high authority, certainly they were using the influence of the palace for their own party ends."

OUTLOOK FOR EARLY NAVIGATION.

SAULT STE. MARIE, March 31.—According to reports from various points, conditions are favorable to an early break up of the ice. The field in St. Mary's river is rapidly disappearing and the open water extends more than half way across from the Canadian shore and down thru the old channel to Little Lake George.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO IN A CASE LIKE THIS?

If You Found Eighteen Thousand Dollars and Started Out With Half a Dozen Friends to Spend It as Quickly as You Could—Figure It Out.

Eighteen thousand dollars in five-cent pieces neatly wrapped in small parcels was picked up on Yonge street at 10 o'clock last night by a man who said his name was Jim Smith and that his address was Podunk. When Smith saw the parcels he nearly threw a fit, but Yonge street was not a fit place to do it, so he refrained until a little later in the evening. Fifteen thousand dollars in five-cent pieces is just \$300,000 nickels, and you can probably imagine how long it would take him to count them all. If you can't imagine, just sit down this morning and figure it out.

Anyway, after he came to, Smith took the eighteen thousand dollars and went down a side street where he sat under one of the hydro lights to count it. As he was half way thru his task several friends came along and suggested that they all go out and have a good time. They filled their pockets with the five-cent pieces and proceeded on their way. First they went to a restaurant and ate thirty-six dollars' worth of cold chicken each, not to mention six or eight thousand dollars' worth of wine they drank to wash it down. It took the cashier at the counter an hour and a half to count the money.

Then they went to a cigar store and bought everything in the place. None of them smoked, but their wives were saving the coupons.

In Trouble Again.
That loaded them up with a lot of cigars, cigarettes and tobacco for which they had no use, so they stood on a street corner and sold them at half the usual rates. This gave them as much money as they had before they went to the restaurant, and they again were faced with the problem of getting rid of the change.

Each of the friends by this time had made several more, and the money again was divided, so that every one had eight thousand six hundred and thirty-four dollars and fifteen cents. They simply had to get rid of the money before some one clipped it, or before half a dozen "fly cops" were put on their trail to make them disgorge. One young man, who seemed to know all about spending money, thought the best way to get rid of it all was to take a taxicab and ride around the city for an hour or so, but the others insisted on some speedier way of getting rid of the nickels. Taxi drivers don't like nickels anyway.

More Eats.
By this time they all were hungry again, so went to another restaurant and spent about three thousand dollars. They tipped the waitress to six hundred, and she hasn't revived yet.

The taxicab enthusiast insisted on riding in motor cars, so the whole bunch went to a garage and bought a car for four thousand dollars. They tore thru the streets of Toronto at a speed averaging sixty miles an hour, till two of the tires blew out and they were forced to buy new ones. While they were waiting for the new equipment a traffic policeman happened to catch up to them and insisted on taking them to the police station. There they were fined a thousand for speeding, which they paid. Not having any further use for the motor car they presented it to one of the policemen.

One of the party remembered that some of his friends were celebrating at a silver wedding. Fine business. The whole bunch went to the house and showered the happy couple with nickels.

But their supply seemed never to grow smaller. If anyone wants to sit down and figure out any other ways by which they could have spent more money, go to it, but remember this is April Fool.

Superior Acting in "Tants."
The company presenting C. Haddon Chambers' comedy "Tants" at the Princess Theatre this week, with Miss Barrymore at the head, is of a very superior character. There will be a matinee this afternoon.

