

LIBERALS CANNOT DEFEAT
DECISION TO AID EMPIRE

Premier Announces Three Dreadnoughts to be Laid Down by Britain Will be Purchased by Canada and Placed at Empire's Disposal—Lively Debate Marked Parliament's Closing Day—Premier Condemns Laurier.

OPPOSITION LEADER MAKES SORRY
SPECTACLE DEFENDING HIS POLICY.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, June 6.—Parliament was prorogued this afternoon with all the pomp and ceremony that the ages prescribed. At fifteen minutes to five it was all over, the second session of this parliament had come to an end. The day was hailed down from the mausoleum of the main tower, a battery of guns roared out a last salute. A bugle call re-echoed from somewhere down the line of march.

In the absence of H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught, parliament was prorogued by the administrator, Rt. Hon. Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, Chief Justice of Canada, who read the speech from the throne.

The last day saw a thin house and the arrival of the red coats on Parliament Hill saw a rather smaller crowd than usual.

Black Rod arrived at the door of the Commons at half past four, knicked loudly at the door, was admitted, and solemnly delivered his summons, bowing three times on the way in and three times more on the way out.

The guard, which stood on Parliament Hill, was a detachment of the Governor General's Foot Guards, and an escort of the Princess Louise Dragoon Guards accompanied the administrator's carriage. These were the usual arrangements. But elsewhere there was a change. For the first time since parliament has been prorogued in Ottawa the salute was not fired from Nepean Point. The guns are ancient twenty-four pounders and are much the worse for wear. It was found necessary to fire the salute from modern shielded quick-firers outside of the armatures on Carter Square.

The ceremony in the Senate was brief. Sir Charles Fitzpatrick occupied the throne, the consuls in front of him, a knot of the officers of the headquarters staff to his right, and the members of the Commons before the bar. Premier Borden stood in front of the staff officers in his privy councillor's uniform.

The speech from the throne briefly outlined the legislation passed during the session.

Determined to Aid Empire. The determination of the government to continue its efforts to provide for Canadian co-operation in the common defence of the empire, was declared by Rt. Hon. R. L. Borden in the course of a vigorous reply to an ill-considered question by Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

The leader of the opposition attempted a gibe at the administration, because it had not succeeded in convincing parliament that there was such an emergency as was described in the speech from the throne in November last. He demanded to know what were the intentions of the government under the circumstances. He learned, and in such emphatic terms, he seemed somewhat taken aback.

Laurier Starts Trouble. Sir Wilfrid Laurier called to the attention of the Prime Minister the fact that the government had placed in the mouth of the Governor General a statement, at the beginning of the session, to the effect that there were circumstances which made it imperative that there should be help given to the naval forces of the Empire. To that end a measure had been presented and introduced, but the government did not succeed in convincing parliament that there was such an emergency as was described in the speech from the throne. He demanded to know what were the intentions of the government under the circumstances.

Premier Borden's Reply. Right Hon. R. L. Borden said the question was one which certainly deserved serious consideration and a plain answer. He appeared, he said, we have failed to obtain the consent of parliament to the measure which was brought down by the government. We obtained the consent of this House of Commons, which represents the people; we did not obtain the consent of certain gentlemen in another chamber who were merely the echo of the expressed intention of the right hon. gentleman, because it was announced by the members from the other side of the House, before the bill left this House, that it would be defeated in the Senate, and, notwithstanding the protestations of the right hon. gentleman everyone, including his own followers, admits that. He has referred to the Senate as the upholder of democratic institutions and the liberties of the people. I want to say that, according to his own expressed interpretation of the British North American Act over ten years ago he deliberately violated the constitution of this country. That is a strong statement to make, but I challenge him to deny it, and I will prove it out of his own mouth.

Laurier Condemned. The Premier then quoted the words referred to in which Sir Wilfrid Laurier said in 1896 "I charge here against him and his party (Sir Charles Tupper and his followers) that in so far as the Senate of Canada is concerned, they have all along for the last eighteen years disregarded the constitution of Canada in regard to the appointments which they have made to that branch of the legislature. It was one of the understood principles of Confederation that if the Senate was not elective, and if it was to be appointed by the Crown, then both political parties should be equally represented on the floor of the Senate. The hon. gentleman has forgotten that rule in practice although it may not have escaped his memory."

"That," said Mr. Borden, "was his

SPECIAL PRIZES TO
BE AWARDED AT
TRAINING CAMPS

Special to The Standard. Quebec, June 6.—The Minister of Militia and Defence has authorized the awarding of the following special prizes for good shooting at the annual training camps of the militia this year: To the best shot in each squadron of cavalry, company of infantry and field troops and company of engineers, three dollars. For 2nd prize in each of the same, two dollars. For these prizes officers are not eligible and the prizes will be additional to any other already given.

BULGARIA
IS WITHOUT
A CABINET

Resignation of Ministry Confirmed—Are Bulgars Preparing for Another Balkan War?—Much Anxiety.

London, June 6.—The resignation of the Bulgarian cabinet is now officially acknowledged. According to the semi-official Sofia Miru usually well informed, the resignation took place as long ago as May 30, as soon as the news was received in Sofia of the signing in London of the draft of the peace treaty.

Confirmation of the resignation of the Bulgarian cabinet has caused anxiety at Belgrade and Athens where the feeling is growing that Bulgaria is preparing to undertake a new campaign against Greece and Serbia.

If the resignation of the ministry took place before the interview at Tsaribrod, on the Bulgarian frontier between the Bulgars and Servians, the present time from undertaking a new campaign against Greece and Serbia would be without authority and the proposed meeting between the four Balkan premiers said to have been fixed for London, probably will not take place.

The Greek delegates attended the meeting today, but Mr. Curks remained stubborn. The Greeks refused to agree to the terms of the protocol. The agreement, however, reached an agreement on the following points: To grant full amnesty to all combatants in the late war for a period of three years; to allow Ottoman living in annexed territories to arrange to emigrate, if they desire to do so; to allow the Ottoman to resume postal and telegraphic communication between Turkey and Bulgaria.

and all advice given to the Senate following his counsel is intensely humiliating to the people of this Dominion. (Laurier from opposition members.) "I repeat, intensely humiliating," said the premier. "It prevents Canada at the present time from undertaking a duty which is not only vital but destructive to the stability of the people of Canada for the time being. I have no official communication on the subject—that the British government has undertaken the duty which I think ought to have been undertaken by Canada at this juncture under the provisions of the Naval Aid Act."

Hon. Mr. Pugsley—"A telegram from Windermere. Mr. Borden—"I don't know who the press correspondent is and cannot answer for the accuracy of the despatch but it seems to have been accepted generally and for the time being I assume that it is correct."

"Now the defeat of this measure by the Liberal majority in the Senate at the dictation of the right hon. gentleman, prevents us at present from arranging that the British government shall proceed with the construction of the 'Canada'." Canada, Technically the parliament of Canada has refused this aid; in reality this aid has been refused by a partisan majority in the Senate at the dictation of the right hon. gentleman without any responsibility whatever to the people of Canada.

Right the Present Wrong. "But in view of the fact that these proposals were made by the government of Canada on information received from the British government, it is not possible in the future to make right that which has been made wrong at present by the right hon. gentleman and his irresponsible friends in the other chamber."

"The construction of these ships is apparently to be proceeded with, it is quite out of the question for us to make

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MAW ROOSE
A PARTY
OUTRAGED
PAPER

U. S. Senate Committee Would Get Back at Canada.

EXPERT CALLED TO GIVE HIS OPINION.

Mr. Norris, Head of Publishers' Association, Advises Against Such an Amendment—Canada Controls Pulp Supply.

Washington, June 6.—For several hours today, the Senate finance subcommittee, of which Senator Johnson of Maine is chairman, discussed the party's schedule of the Underwood tariff bill, and it is reported tonight that an amendment to put a retaliatory duty against Canada on printing paper valued at more than two and one-half cents a pound is being seriously considered.

Because the majority of the subcommittee is opposed to this view, they summoned from New York John Norris, chairman of the paper committee of American newspaper publishers' association who, today, reiterated opposition to the imposition of any countervailing duty.

No action was reached, but it was learned from an authoritative source that the matter hangs in the balance with the leading toward putting on the countervailing duty.

In the Underwood bill, retaliatory duties are imposed on higher grade papers, valued at more than two and one-half cents a pound. The import tax is fixed at 12 per cent. ad valorem, and the countervailing duty is directed against Canada because of restrictions on their woods and pulp. The proposal of the American paper manufacturers is that the added tax be extended to all printing paper, wood pulp, or wood for use in the manufacture of wood pulp.

Print paper in the Underwood bill is on the free list, and the amendment being considered would provide that if any country, dependency, province or other subdivision of government shall impose any export duty, export license fee, or other charge of any kind whatsoever, whether in the form of additional charge or license fee or otherwise imposed on printing paper, wood pulp, or wood for use in the manufacture of wood pulp.

Mr. Norris, in his argument before the committee, contended that every measure the United States had directed against the Canadian provinces had reacted against the American paper consumer and that instead of providing wood for the American paper industry, it would not take.

"Nothing can be done," he argued, "by compulsion or tariff threats to provide wood for the American paper industry. That day has passed. Canada controls the pulp wood supply, and we must adjust to that fact with a reasonable basis."

FARMER KILLED WHILE
PLOUGHING IN FIELD

Aylmer, Ont., June 6.—Joseph Darlington, a farmer residing three miles west of this town, was killed in his field today by a runaway team. He was helping his son William in the field ploughing, the father being just ahead of the son when the whiffletrees of the son's horses broke and the team bolted. They struck Mr. Darlington in the back and threw him over the plough, the force being so great that he was killed almost instantly.

DROWNED IN THE BAY

Bayard Wilson, 21 years old, of Lorneville, was drowned on Thursday night in Bay of Fundy while fishing in company with his brother, David, who had a narrow escape, but escaped by the aid of his brother. The boat was drifting about in a boat in the bay for several hours. The boat in which the boys were when the accident occurred was a gasoline and sail boat and when they were lowering the sail the boat broke and tipped over in the bottom of the boat which filled with water. Bayard was washed overboard but David managed to cling to the boat until rescued.

WOULD LET WOMEN VOTE.

Paris, June 6.—The Women's International congress this afternoon passed a resolution declaring that the suffrage should be given to women, but beginning gradually with the municipal vote, in the exercise of which women could prove their capacity to receive the wider franchise.

ALLEGED VIOLET REID'S BABY
WAS MURDERED IN ST. JOHN

SENTIMENTAL STRONG
IN JAPAN ON LAND
OWNERSHIP BILL

Tokyo, June 6.—Interest in the Japanese land ownership legislation continues to be the paramount topic of conversation among all classes. Several mass meetings of protest are being arranged. Tatsue Yamamoto, Minister of Agriculture and Commissioner, in a statement today declared that the Japanese government was desirous of participating in the Panama-Pacific exposition at San Francisco, but owing to popular feeling on the California land question, it felt obliged to wait in order to determine public sentiment before completing its plans.

A NEW TRIBE
IN ONTARIO
POISON CASE

Wife of Man Supposed to Have Died from Overdose of Salts is Arrested on Charge of Murder.

Woodstock, Ont., June 6.—A sensational turn was given to the poisoning case of Drumbo today, when Detective Reburn, of Toronto, went to the Beemer home, near Drumbo, and arrested Mrs. Grace Beemer on a charge of poisoning her husband.

She was brought to Woodstock and was formally arraigned on the charge, being remanded until the 14th.

Frederick E. Beemer, a well known Blenheim farmer, died at his home on March 25, following what was supposed to have been an overdose of salts. He had taken several doses for an illness from which he was suffering, and these were said at the inquest to have been administered by his wife.

Dr. Andrew MacKay, coroner, and the jury, brought in a verdict of death from strychnine poisoning. The stomach had been sent to the government analyst and the analysis showed several grains of strychnine in the organ. Sensational developments are expected when the preliminary hearing comes on.

FOUND NOT GUILTY OF
STUFFING BALLOT BOX

Impersonation Had Been Practiced but Deputy Returning Officers Proved They Were Not Aware of It.

Ottawa, June 6.—Three deputy returning officers at polling subdivisions in the last municipal elections, Napoleon Boly, Joseph Remy and Eliezer Alaire, who were committed to jail in police court on charges of ballot box stuffing, yesterday were tried at the county court yesterday and today, found not guilty and honorably acquitted. In each case it was found that impersonation had been practiced to a considerable extent but it was not proved that the deputies were aware of it.

JOSEPH WATTS' CONDITION.

The improvement noticeable in the condition of Joseph Watts was given in a set back yesterday and early morning it was reported at the General Public Hospital that his condition was worse.

PUGSLEY'S BLUFF WAS
VERY QUICKLY CALLED

R. B. Bennett, of Calgary, Challenged Member for St. John City to Resign Seat With Him and Thus Test Opinion on Naval Bill—Pugsley's Courage Fled.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, June 6.—A challenge was thrown out to Hon. Mr. Pugsley in the commons today by the brilliant young member from Calgary, R. B. Bennett, who invited Mr. Pugsley to resign his seat in St. John county and Mr. Bennett would resign in Calgary, and thus test the opinion of the east and west on the Borden naval policy.

It was a good challenge badly taken. It came in the midst of a rambling speech on the naval question by Hon. Mr. Pugsley, who, with a great air of bravado, was denouncing the Borden government to go to the country, it afforded a chance for Mr. Pugsley

Sensational Developments in Case of Strangled Infant Found in Clump of Bushes at Fredericton Junction—Believe Child was Killed Here and Body Carried to Junction in Suit Case.

WOMAN CHARGED WITH MURDER
TO BE BROUGHT HERE FOR TRIAL.

That the infant baby boy born to Miss Violet Reid, of Fredericton Junction, was murdered in St. John, then carried to Fredericton Junction in a dress suit case, and thrown into the bushes in the rear of a barn, is the belief of persons who have been connected with the case since the young woman was arrested on May 17th at the home of her father, a farmer, at Fredericton Junction. The crime in itself is a heartrending one from the start to finish. The unfortunate mother is but 23 years of age, and had for some time been keeping company with a Percy Scott, a railroad fireman. The young mother claims Scott is the father of the child.

Coming to St. John on March 21st last Miss Reid was admitted to the Salvation Army Evangeline Home on St. James' street where she gave birth to a healthy and well developed baby boy. It was on the 16th that the Reid girl left the home, and on the night of that date she arrived at her home in Fredericton Junction. On her trip to the Junction Miss Reid carried a heavy dress suit case but persons who saw her on the train did not see an infant with her.

BABY'S BODY FOUND IN BUSHES.

About a week after the young woman had arrived home a youth found the body of the baby lying in a clump of bushes in the rear of a barn. Clutched in one hand is said to have been a piece of twig and around the baby's neck was a cord tightly fastened, and which is believed to have been used to suffocate the infant.

The case was immediately reported to the coroner and the infant was buried. The affair caused considerable commotion in the quiet village. The case was taken up by the Attorney General, who ordered George Rideout, the Chief of the Moncton police force to work on the case. Rideout was formerly on the Fredericton force and consequently knew the locality of the murder. He was wanted by the force before Magistrate Smith, of Burton, and charged her with the murder of the infant. The woman was remanded to the Sunbury county jail in Burton, and has since been locked up awaiting preliminary hearing.

PARLIAMENT'S
CLOSE FREES
R. C. MILLER

Canada's "State Prisoner" Technically Released Upon Prorogation—Future of His Case is as Yet Uncertain.

Ottawa, June 6.—Richard C. Miller, of Montreal, prisoner of the Canadian parliament since February 21, last, was "released" from the common jail of Carlton county at 4:45 p. m. today. Technically, he was free at 4 o'clock (m. l. m.) on the prorogation of the parliament, but on being notified decided to remain in the jail until the sun had gone down, so as to enable him to escape the battery of cameras which had been gathered in the vicinity.

At 5:45 p. m. Miller came out a side door of the jail. The light was on dim for photography, and the camera men were, perforce, unable to snap him. He would speak to no one and entering a carriage was driven rapidly away down a side street.

His counsel, R. Pringle, ex-M. P., states that Miller left on the evening train for his home in Montreal.

On leaving the jail Miller would discuss no phase of the situation arising out of his incarceration at the command of parliament for refusing to answer the question as to how he spent \$4,000 of the money of the Diamond Lighting and Heating Company of Montreal in securing government contracts. He had always declared he would tell no one else what he would not divulge to parliament, and in this, so far he has been successful.

The "state" prisoner looked somewhat pale from his long confinement, but his peristaltics were unshaken, and his attitude to those who were at the jail, on release, was one of unshaken comradery.

No special order was made for Miller's release. Automatically, with the closing of the session of parliament, his friends came. Parliament has no further power in such cases.

Chairman Middlebro, of the public accounts committee, was undecided tonight as to what further action would be taken in the case at the next session of parliament. Further action may depend on the decision in the case before the courts at Montreal.

CHIEF RIDEOUT IN CITY.

Chief George Rideout arrived in the city yesterday morning and registered at the Victoria Hotel. Later he visited the Evangeline Home where he stayed for quite a long time while interviewing those in charge, and there is no doubt but that the official was working on the murder case. After leaving the home Chief Rideout went to the police court where he is said to have laid a charge of murder against Violet Reid, and this further said that he alleges that the infant was murdered in St. John.

According to a warrant was sworn out and the next step will be the bringing of the prisoner Violet Reid from the Burton jail in Sunbury county to the County Jail on King street east. In a few days the preliminary hearing will be commenced before Magistrate Ritchie in the police court. A Standard reporter attempted to get an interview with Chief Rideout last evening but learned that he had left the city and it was not known whether he returned to Moncton or not.

SERBIA AND BULGARIA.

Sofia, June 6.—King Ferdinand already has received the leaders of the opposition party and shortly will receive Dr. Daneff, who is likely to head the new Bulgarian cabinet.