

INTERVENTION IN MEXICO AS A TEST CASE FOR THE U.S.

Senator Lewis Says Japan Would Promptly Seize Philippines and Hawaii.

WILSON REPUDIATES CHARGE OF A "DEAL."

President Calls Allegation of Frame-up With Great Britain Over Repeal, "Crowning Insult of All."

Washington, March 30.—On the eve of the vote in the House of Representatives on the repeal of American toll exemption in the Panama Canal, congress today was completely absorbed in the controversy, verbal artillery thundering throughout the day in both house and senate.

Discussing the all-engrossing situation with callers President Wilson characterized as a "crowning insult" a number of "insults" in the debate the declaration of Representative Knowland of California that the administration had made a deal to repeal the toll exemption with Sir William Terrell, secretary to Sir Edward Grey, British secretary for foreign affairs.

Little doubt as to the result of the vote on the bill is entertained by anyone, the majority for the repeal being variously estimated at from thirty to seventy-five votes.

Invest Power to Suspend in President. Discussion of the issue in the senate today was enlivened by Senator Lewis of Illinois, who pleaded for the President's cause, urging, however, a compromise giving the President authority to suspend tolls.

Senator Lewis aroused mingled astonishment and curiosity among his colleagues by discussing the foreign relations of the United States and explaining what he thought the President might have intended to do in messages on the toll issue asking congress to grant the repeal. He drew a vivid picture of dire things that would happen should the United States intervene in Mexico.

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NOTE ON HYDRO-ELECTRIC BILL TAKEN TODAY

Lobbyists Busy in the Corridors Last Night—Not Likely the House Will Be Ready to Pro-rogue this Week.

Fredericton, March 30.—The St. John River Hydro-Electric Co.'s bill is to go before the corporations committee of the legislature tomorrow morning for a decision.

The committee will meet in private session and the members will thrash out the questions involved and will probably reach a vote by the noon hour, the committee being called for 10 o'clock.

This evening the lobbyists for and against the bill were about the corridors in force, half a dozen St. John lawyers being here.

The House met only a short session this evening, but when adjournment was reached the routine business before it was entirely completed.

There is still a good deal of government legislation to be brought down and indications now point to prorogation being reached this week.

The house met at 8.55 p. m. Mr. Stewart (Northumberland) presented the petition of J. P. Bruchich and others praying that no legislation be passed disqualifying veterinary surgeons from practicing for two years.

Hon. Mr. Clark introduced bills to amend the towns incorporation act in so far as it relates to the town of Sussex civil court, respecting the discovery and conservation of radium, to amend the act respecting King's Counsel.

Mr. Baxter moved for the suspension of rules in favor of a bill to enable the city of St. John to enter into an agreement with T. McAvity & Sons, Ltd., respecting the use of radium. He also presented a petition of the said city in favor of this bill.

Mr. Alan gave notice of intention to move for suspension of rules in favor of Hotel Dieu Hospital, Chatham.

Hon. Dr. Landry submitted the annual report of the Boys' Index, He Home, St. John; also a statement of the bonded debt of the town of Chatham.

The house went into committee with Mr. Melanson in the chair and agreed to the bills relating to the provincial hospital; to authorize the issue of a grant to James A. Crawford, to vest the title of certain wharf sites in the government; and to amend the parish of Sackville sewers act.

BILL TO CUT DOWN RAILWAY MEN'S HOURS

Bill Introduced Yesterday Limits Time of Continuous Service to Fourteen Hours.

MR. PROULX BOTHERED OVER ULSTER TELEGRAM

Col. Hughes Tells Member for Prescott that Alleged Message to Ulster Was Not Sent by Capt. Wallace as an Officer.

Ottawa, March 30.—There was another echo of home rule and Ulster in the house today. The telegram sent last week by Captain Tom Wallace, of Centre York, to Sir Edward Carson, furnished the subject matter for a question on the order paper addressed to the Minister of Militia by Mr. Edmund Proulx, of Prescott and Col. Sam Hughes made one of his usual emphatic replies thereto. The substance of his reply was that Capt. Wallace's telegram had nothing to do with his duties as a member of the reserve of officers.

When Mr. Proulx asked his question, verbally during a stormy time, Mr. Wallace, who was in the house, was ruled out of order by the Speaker, so placed it on the order paper.

Col. Sam Hughes stated that he did not know whether Captain Wallace had sent the telegram; that Captain Wallace was a member of the reserve of officers. In answer to the third section of the question which asked whether the minister approved of Captain Wallace sending a cablegram of sympathy to Sir Edward Carson and whether he would be disciplined for doing so, Col. Hughes replied: "The alleged telegram does not in any way relate to the duties of Mr. Wallace as an officer of the reserve; and the minister is not called upon to express any opinion in regard thereto. Any attempt to discipline Captain Wallace in the case suggested, would not only be improper but illegal."

The participation of Canadian troops in religious processions was referred to in a question by Mr. Edwards of Frontenac, which directed the attention of the Minister of Militia to an editorial in the Canadian Baptist dealing with this matter. The article stated that troops in such processions "were regarded as a guard of honor."

In reply Col. Hughes said the allegation that troops were a guard of honor or in such circumstances was unfounded. He pointed out that it was customary in the British Empire and Canada for the militia to attend church parades wearing side arms only. Misunderstanding had arisen as to the regulations on this point and therefore in May, 1913, a special order had been issued that rifles must not be carried at church parades.

Mr. Emmerson was told by Hon. Dr. Reid that C. B. Brown was appointed chief engineer of the Intercolonial, July 1, 1913, at \$8,000 per annum. He was in the employment of the C. P. R. prior to his appointment as chief engineer. The department has no information as to the date of his naturalization as a British subject.

Mr. Emmerson was also informed by the acting minister of railways that F. H. Harris had been employed by the I. C. R., as an inspector on September 1, 1913. Previously there had been "no special officer for such work; he was 58 years old, was a retired employee of the C. P. R., and the department had no information as to the amount of his pension from the C. P. R. The department had no information as to whether or not he was a British subject. He was paid \$100 a month by the I. C. R., and had retired from its service January 1, 1914 because of poor health.

Mr. W. F. Carroll, of Cape Breton, introduced a bill to limit the hours of service of railway employees. It provided that they must not be continuously employed longer than fourteen hours and fixes rest periods in between their times of employment. Penalties are fixed for infractions of the act.

COST MONTREAL CITY HALF MILLION TO REMOVE THE SNOW

Montreal, March 30.—For removing the snow from the streets during the winter the City of Montreal has spent \$400,000, and the account still open in New York nearly \$2,000,000 has

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Columbus, O., Judge Grants Writ Ordering Attorney General to Start Proceedings Against the Company.

Field Marshal Sir John French and General Sir John Ewart Decline to Withdraw Resignations.

London, March 30.—After all the many solutions of the government crisis which had been proposed and discussed, Premier Asquith announced a decision to the House of Commons today which none of the prophets had expected or even suggested. The prime minister himself will assume the burden of the War Office in addition to his other and almost crushing duties. He will resign from the house at this critical stage, when the second reading of the home rule bill is about to be taken up, and will appeal for reelection to his constituents in East Fife, Scotland, within a few days.

Went Withdraw Resignations.

Field Marshal Sir John French, chief of the Imperial General Staff, and General Sir John Ewart, adjutant general, declined to withdraw their resignations in spite of the army order issued on Friday which Vicecount Haldane cleverly framed as a platform on which generals might stand with consistency and honor.

It thus became impossible for Col. Seely, who was co-singer with them of the assurances to Brig-General Gough that the army would not be used to suppress the Ulster opposition to home rule, to retain the secretaryship of war. His resignation, therefore, was accepted after he had spoken for some days under fire from the newspapers of his own party, which insisted that he must go.

Viscount Morley of Blackburn, Lord President of the council, who was partner with Col. Seely in drafting the offending paragraph of the document, stands in the same position; his withdrawal from office is expected tomorrow.

These were the events in today's chapter of the continued story which is keeping the country at the highest pitch of excitement and suspense.

The present situation is remarkable in that the government nominally will be without a prime minister and without a leader in the House of Commons and the by-elections held in East Fife. The writ for the election must be issued tomorrow.

The party meantime will be the withdrawal of Mr. Asquith's voice from the debates. He will preside over the cabinet meetings and direct manoeuvres in the House of Commons from an unofficial seat, while Reginald McKenna, the Home Secretary, and Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, will understand him as house leader.

"Oh, I will be handy if I wanted," Mr. Asquith remarked to Andrew Bonar Law, the opposition leader, who thought that the Home Rule bill could not be proceeded with in the absence of the Prime Minister.

Surprise to Colleagues.

Mr. Asquith apparently consulted no one except the King before his bold decision. His colleagues in the cabinet seemed surprised as the other members of the house when he revealed his plans.

Mr. Asquith is already First Lord of the Treasury, which office he will continue to hold if he had merely shifted from one office to another the resignation of his seat in the House of Commons would not have been necessary, but he said he had been legally advised that the acceptance of "an office of profit under the crown" in the words of the statute necessitated a new election, although he will take only one salary, \$25,000. Gladstone took two offices under similar circumstances, accepting the salary of one and half the salary of the other, amounting to \$37,500 and did not consider a re-election necessary.

The political seers gather that Mr. Asquith is in fighting mood. They have been saying recently that he has shown the effects in his physical appearance the heavy strain of his long labor in office and would gladly give the government defeated. But it looks at the present moment as though he had taken a new lease of life and proposes to make the re-organization of the army a fighting issue.

General Hamilton Mentioned as Sir John French's Successor.

"The whole army system may have to be recast," Col. Seely remarked significantly today. The first business will be to find a successor for Sir John French, whose withdrawal leaves a great void at the War Office. The name of General Sir Ian Hamilton is the one discussed by General Hamilton holds the position of inspector of the Overseas forces at a salary of \$30,000 and the government would be glad to abolish the office if it had been seen. The largest item here was \$201,143 for keeping the street car tracks clear, for which expenditure the Montreal Tramways Company contributes one-half.

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Columbus, Ohio, March 30.—Judge Dillon of the Common Pleas Court today granted an alternative writ ordering Attorney General Hogan to institute proceedings to oust the Standard Oil Company and its subsidiaries, including the Imperial Oil Company of Canada, from doing business in Ohio. The case is set for hearing April 20.

LIFE CRUSHED OUT BY A LOCOMOTIVE

Everett Lamb, of Parrsboro, Struck by Pilot of Engine While Walking Alongside of Track.

Parrsboro, N. S., Mar. 30.—Everett Lamb, a coal trimmer, in the employ of the Dominion Coal Company, was run over and instantly killed this afternoon by the engine of No. 2 train.

The train had just arrived from Springfield Junction and the engine was going to the coal wharf as usual to turn, when the engine rounded a sharp curve near the coal wharf.

He was nearly seventy years old, was seen walking close beside the track before the engine could be stopped. He was struck by the pilot of the engine and an inquest will be held tomorrow morning.

Mr. Lamb was a good citizen and much sympathy is felt for his bereaved family.

MR. TWEEDIE TO REENTER POLITICS?

Interviewed in Montreal Says His Party Wants Him to Lead Them.

Montreal, Mar. 30.—It is more than probable that Hon. J. Tweedie, former prime minister of New Brunswick and later lieutenant-governor of that province, will re-enter public life and lead the Liberal opposition forces at the coming provincial elections in that province.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie, who was in Montreal today on his way home from Hamilton, accompanied by Mrs. Tweedie, was asked if he did not intend to re-enter active public life. He replied that the party wanted him to do so, but that the way things were going in New Brunswick, it might be hard for a man to take charge of affairs and conduct them on economical and conservative lines, as he would constantly be confronted with the cry, "look what the other fellows have done."

"But being in opposition, your responsibility will be lessened," said the interviewer.

"I will not be in opposition, as we would win," said Mr. Tweedie. "There would be no manner of doubt on that score."

Further than this Mr. Tweedie would say nothing, but the indications are that he will again become a leading factor in the public life of New Brunswick.

UNIONISTS MAY NOT CONTEST ASQUITH'S SEAT

Large Section Favor No Opposition, so that he May be Back in House Sooner.

London, March 31.—It has not yet been decided whether the Unionists will contest Mr. Asquith's seat. A large section of the Unionists favor allowing the premier's re-election without opposition, which would permit him returning to the House of Commons a week earlier than if he were opposed.

THOUSANDS OF OTHERS TO LOSE JOBS

Retrenchment Policy of Pennsylvania Railroad Due to Higher Wages, Taxes and New Laws, President Says.

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Nearly a Million Less Than in the Preceding Year.

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AGENT GENERAL FOR WEST AUSTRALIA COMING TO CANADA

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ON LAURIER MUST BE PLACED BLAME

Spanish Steamer With 900,000 Pesos to Pay Federal Garrison Captured by Constitutionalists.

Douglas, Arizona, March 30.—The Spanish steamer Bonita, carrying 900,000 pesos with which the federal garrison at Guaymas, was captured Saturday by constitutionalists of Topolobampo, according to official despatches received here today.

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Plunged Country Into Gigantic Work Without Regard for Committee's Findings.

MR. BOYCE SCORES GRITS ON N. F. R. DEAL

Member for West Algoma Says Ignorance, Misrepresentation and Graft Marked the Whole Transaction.

Ottawa, Mar. 30.—Mr. A. G. Boyce of West Algoma, resumed the debate on the N. T. R. report this afternoon. He said the amendment proposed by Hon. G. P. Graham did not attempt to state that the evidence upon which the Gutelius-Staunter report had been based had been perjured or unfounded. The country would demand some tangible objection to the report than its alleged partisanship. The commission had been appointed two years ago, but it was a notable fact that not "till now had the ex-minister of railways protested against its personnel." He had voted, in fact to appoint one member of the commission to a most prominent position in the government service with a large salary.

Mr. Boyce then went into the history of the N. T. R. project and stated that Sir Wilfrid Laurier "had launched the project into so pitiable a world as the slightest conception of what the cost was going to be." He had told the country it would cost only \$13,000,000. His finance minister, Hon. W. S. Fielding, after consulting Mr. Collingwood Schrieber had estimated it would cost \$31,250 per mile for a road of high standard, or \$61,514,000 altogether.

Mr. Boyce said that upon Sir Wilfrid Laurier must be placed the blame for plunging into so pitiable a world without consideration and for the findings of the investigating committee.

"If my Right Hon. friend had brought this scheme down saying that it would cost \$100,000,000," said Mr. Boyce, "he would not have got the support of the people in 1904." He had said it would cost \$150,000,000 and the people would have thought him insane.

The Liberal party which needed an issue and those who required a "grasped" could not wait in 1904. Consequently the country now had a road which would not serve to reduce freight rates and part of which paralleled the Intercolonial and was overgrown with weeds and trees.

Misrepresentation and Graft.

Mr. Boyce said that the existing situation with regard to the N. T. R. was due to misrepresentation from the beginning, to gross ignorance, to extravagance and incompetence, to dishonesty and fraud, conceived at, conceived in and concealed by the Laurier administration. He contrasted the success of the Conservative party in bringing about the construction of the C. P. R. with the failure of the Liberal party in building another transcontinental. The C. P. R. had made Canada a nation; the other road, begun in haste and recklessness, resulted in a loss to Canada of \$75,000,000.

The longer the debate continues, began Mr. Oliver, the more it is apparent that a government and a party are being condemned for doing their work well."

Hon. Dr. Reid—"That's not a fact. Mr. Oliver said that the case had been fully discussed in the house and he hoped it would be the subject of an inquiry."

Dr. Reid replied that he had promised to investigate the allegations of Mr. F. B. Carvell in the house and that Mr. A. Frigie, ex-M.P. had been appointed to make the inquiry.

Mr. Oliver—"I am glad that the hon. gentleman has taken this action."

Dr. Reid—"It contrasts very strongly with the action of the late government in refusing to appoint a commission to investigate the expenditure on the N. T. R."

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ONTARIO CUT LESS TIMBER THIS YEAR

Nearly Hundred Million Feet Than in 1913—Pine and Hemlock Cheaper.

Toronto, Mar. 20.—The total quantity of timber cut in the Ontario woods this year, according to the figures of the deputy minister of lands, forests and mines, was 472,500,000 feet, as against 552,525,858 feet last year. Pine will be one to two dollars less per thousand feet this year than last, so a member of a prominent Toronto lumber firm states, and he says the price of hemlock will be \$16.50 as compared with \$18.50 last year.