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Fielding To Move For Fewer Night Sessions of House

Ottawa, March 11—(Canadian Press)—Hon. W. S. Fielding, formerly minister of finance, has given notice of a resolution which, if carried, would prevent many of the long night sessions in the House of Commons. Mr. Fielding's resolution proposes that the rules of the House should be amended to provide that the House meet at three o'clock on Wednesday afternoon instead of at two o'clock, as at present, and that the House should adjourn at 11 p. m., "unless exceptional circumstances recognized by the House generally require a later sitting."

ULTIMATUM TO RED LEADERS IN PETROGRAD

Surrender is Demanded by Kronstadt Revolutionists

General Bombardment Unless Complied With by March 25 — Uprising in White Russia Near Minsk.

London, March 11—Revolutionary authorities at the fortress of Kronstadt have sent an ultimatum to the Soviet authorities in Petrograd, demanding the surrender of the city before March 25. If the city is not given up, the ultimatum declares, there will be a general bombardment, its is asserted in an Abo, Finland despatch to the London Times.

Wholesale arrests and executions of workmen are said to have occurred at Oranenbaum, Systerbak and Petrograd.

Kronstadt last night sent out a wireless despatch denying Bolsheviki statements that the fortress was without food, says a telegram from Stockholm.

"Artillery fire from Kronstadt has been extremely well directed," the wireless despatch is quoted as saying: "The fortress of Todleben and all other Soviet batteries on the Karelian peninsula have been completely demolished. Two of the four 12 inch guns at Krasnoye Gorko have been silenced by shells from the battleship Petropavlovsk.

"Krasnoye Gorko has been isolated, the railroad to it has been destroyed, and a thaw has placed the surrounding marshes in such a condition that the fortress has been cut off from the rest of the Bolsheviki forces."

A great anti-Bolshevik movement in the vicinity of Minsk, white Russia, is reported in a Reuter's despatch from Helsingfors. Soviet troops are said to have mutinied and murdered Bolshevik commissioners there.

Another despatch maintains street fighting between the Bolsheviki and anti-Soviet units in Kiev.

Red Offensive.

London, March 11—The Bolshevik General Tuchatschewski received reinforcements and commenced on Wednesday a vigorous offensive on the Petrograd front, but suffered heavy losses, says a message to the London Times, from Riga.

Gen. Avorff, the dictator in Petrograd, the despatch adds, is reported to have ordered the electric light and water power stations blown up.

It is reported from Schlisselberg, near Petrograd, that the sailors of the fleets on Lakes Ladoga and Onega have revolted and organized a revolutionary committee.

London, March 11—Trustworthy news received from the interior of Russia, says a despatch to the London Times from

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DEBATE IN THE NOVA SCOTIA HOUSE

Maiden Speeches by Farmer-Labor Members — The Highway Commission.

Halifax, N. S., Mrach 11—The debate on the speech from the throne was continued in the provincial house yesterday afternoon. Four of the farmer labor members made their maiden speeches. D. G. MacKenzie, (Cumberland), leader of the farmer labor group presented a defence of the group system of government. Criticising the government in its appointment of the royal commission to investigate highways, Mr. MacKenzie said that Premier Murray had not acceded to the request of the farmer labor party that one member be appointed by the federal government and had asked for the appointment of a member of the federal highways department.

Hon. Mr. Armstrong replied that the government had never questioned the right of farmers and labor men to organize. With reference to the appointment of the royal commission, he said it had been appointed under the Public Enquiries Act. The government reserved discussion of roads problems until its report had been brought down.

The debate was continued for the opposition by Forman Way, Sydney, who scored the government for alleged neglect of labor legislation which, he said was badly needed.

John B. Douglas of Halifax, spoke in praise of the Liberal policy and party amid loud applause from government benches.

Robert E. Smith (Colchester) and Angus MacGillivray (Antigonish) continued the debate, criticising government policies.

Canadian Railroads May Follow U. S. In Move to Cut Wages

Only Unskilled and Semi-Skilled Labor

Men Actually Operating Trams, Also Telegraphers and Station Agents Not Included — Some Lines Already Have Announced Reductions.

New York, March 11—A general move by the railroads of the United States to cut war-time scales, long forecast by railroad officials appeared to be in full swing today and there are indications that the Canadian roads may follow suit.

Several United States lines, which earlier had announced cuts the New York Central and New York, New Haven and Hartford, in the east, and virtually every railroad in the west announced wage reductions yesterday. Further statements from lines that have not yet announced cuts were predicted today.

The Long Island Railroad met unskilled employes representatives here yesterday, and failing of agreement, announced that the matter would be placed before the railroad labor board.

Union Pacific Railroad officials, it was reported, also failed yesterday to reach an agreement with maintenance of way employes at a meeting in Omaha. Neb., and decided to submit its wages problem to the labor board.

A plan to carry out proposed wage reductions announced on Wednesday by the Pennsylvania railroad was reported from Philadelphia, to be in the making by executives of the road.

The Philadelphia and Reading railroad called a conference with unskilled employes for March 15 and the Lehigh Valley and Ontario and Western railroads were expected today to issue statements in regard to proposed wage reductions.

The New York Central announced that its reductions would become effective on April 16, and the New York, New Haven and Hartford cut will be effective as of April 15. It was reported that twelve subsidiaries of the New York Central will follow its lead.

Reduction announcements were accompained in most cases throughout the United States with a statement that "changed conditions necessitate changed wage scales."

Bethlehem, Pa., March 11.—Officials of the Lehigh Valley Railway Company and representatives of more than 5,000 of its employes met here today to consider proposed wage reductions. The revised rates would affect all common labor in all departments of the road.

THE SKILLED MEN LATER?

Chicago, March 11. — Steps to bring about reductions in the wages of skilled employes probably will be taken by many railroads throughout the United States as soon as adjustments can be made in the pay of unskilled workers, according to officials of the Association of Railway Executives.

Middletown, N. Y., March 11.—Representatives of more than 500 employes of the New York, Ontario and Western Railroad met here today with road officials to consider proposed wage reductions.

Common labor throughout the entire system would be affected.

TWO ARE SEEKING TIME EXTENSION

Railways Petition Government at Ottawa Relative to Work.

(Special to Times.)

Ottawa, March 11—The Essex Terminal Railway Company asks for an extension of two years for the commencement and five years for the completion of the work on a branch of its railway from Ojibway to Pelton in the County of Essex. The time was similarly extended in 1919 on the ground of the prevailing scarcity of labor and material, and the difficulty in financing. The petition states that similar conditions have obtained since that time and have prevented work being embarked upon.

The Ottawa Northern and Western Railway Company also asks an extension of time for beginning a line from the present terminus of its Waltham branch at Waltham, Quebec, through the townships of Waltham, Chichester and Sheen and across the Ottawa River to join the C. P. R. at Chalk River, Ont.

BARON MOULTON, SINCE 1912 IN PRIVY COUNCIL, IS DEAD

London, March 11—Baron Moulton, a member of the judicial committee of the Privy Council since 1912, is dead. He served several terms in the House of Commons, and during the war was director general of explosive supplies in the ministry of munitions.

DAYLIGHT SAVING LAW IN NEW YORK REPEALED

Albany, N. Y., March 11—Governor Miller today signed the bill repealing the state daylight saving law. Municipalities will be allowed to operate under daylight saving by local ordinance under the new law, if they so desire.

CITY PAINTING.

Commissioner Thornton said this morning that the painting of fire stations throughout the city and West St. John had been practically completed with the exception of No. 6. Painting and decorating the library has been completed.

BIG WAGE CUT ON WESTERN RAILROADS

Gompers Launches Attack on the Open Shop Movement—Says "Pirates of Finance" Have Much to Answer For.

Chicago, March 11.—Wage reduction proposals affecting thousands of men were officially announced yesterday by practically every western railway with headquarters in Chicago, among them being the Santa Fe, Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, Chicago and Great Western, Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific, and the Chicago and Northwestern.

GOMPERS ON WAGE CUTS AND THE OPEN SHOP.

Cambridge, Mass., March 11.—Samuel Gompers last night voiced organized labor opposition to wage reductions and the open shop movement.

Addressing the Student Liberal Club at Harvard University, the president of the A. F. of L. warned the enemies of rational labor unionism against driving too hard the bargain of wage revision, said that labor regarded aspiration as a guarantee under the constitution and interpreted that in terms of "we want more" and asserting that the open shop was simply a subterfuge to close shops against labor unionists, added that the men of labor, having fought to protect the country and themselves against a political autocracy, were not now going to submit to an industrial autocracy.

By way of conclusion, he said that the time was one to try men's souls, and "what with the cutting of wages and profiteering still going on, the pirates of finance and of business have much to answer for."

ATTACK AND REPLY IN ONTARIO HOUSE

Dewart Says It Is Case of Extravagance Run Riot

Premier Drury Declares Much of Expenditure Was Necessary Because of Legacy of Old Government.

Toronto, March 11—The Ontario legislature started on the last leg of the debate last evening. H. H. Dewart, Liberal leader, at the end of a two hour speech moved, seconded by W. E. N. Sinclair, that

"This house condemns the extravagant expenditure of the government involving, despite an increased revenue of $5,178,322.58 for ordinary receipts for the last fiscal year, a deficit of $812,848.88 and further deplores the imprudent borrowing of large sums at excessive prices for long terms, notably the loans of $6,000,000, in December, 1920, and $10,000,000 in Febraury, 1921, without any vote of this House, appropriating the same to particular works or purposes, the last loan while the House was in session, contrary to constitutional usage and the right of the people through their representatives in the legislature assembly to control and direct the expenditure of public monies."

Mr. Dewart described the mounting expenditures in department after department as "extravagance run riot.'

Premier Drury contended that the government had not done badly last year and had not been prodigal. "Financial obligations of the preceding government had to be assumed," he said. "Last year our capital expenditure reached a total figure of $56,963,946. Of that sum, however, $22,313,208 was used to pay off maturing debts. We have, therefore, to account for the balance, which amounted to $34,846,402.

"The greater portion of this was used in what may be described as self sustaining investments. We advanced $18,076,500 to the Hydro-Electric Commission to carry on works begun before we assumed office, and which must necessarily be compelled in order that the investment already made may be productive.

"We advanced to various municipalities under the Housing Act, $4,236,780, which comes mainly from a dominion loan for housing purposes and which will be repaid with interest.

"These two sums account for $22,313,208 of our capital expenditure. Of the balance, $10,882,296, we spent $1,607,005 for Northern Ontario purposes, which included advances for permanent improvements of the T. & N. O. Railway for colonization roads and for Northern and Northwestern development."

MANITOBA BONDS.

New York, March 11—(Canadian Press)—The Province of Manitoba has sold to the National City Company $1,000,000 five year five per cent bonds with principal and interest payable in New York in United States funds. They were offered by bankers today at 90¼ to yield 7⅝ per cent.

CLYNES AND LLOYD GEORGE IN DUEL

Labor Member Criticizes Policy re Germany

Charges Premier With a Change of Attitude on Reparations—Briand and German Delegation Interested Listeners.

London, March 11—The decisions of the supreme council were lengthly discussed in the House of Commons yesterday. Main interest centered in a duel between John Clynes, Labor member and former food controller, and Lloyd George. Mr. Clynes, on behalf of the Labor party, challenged the prime minister's change of attitude in having previously declared that reparations were possible only by restoring Germany's economic position and now agreeing to military coercion, a policy which he said could only mean greater unemployment, greater debt and greater taxation.

Mr. Clynes contended that the allies acted precipitately in refusing to grant Germany delay to make fresh proposals; he thought they might have invoked the aid of the United States as arbiter in a matter of this kind.

Lloyd George defended his policy. He argued that Germany's experts to the allies represented more than half her total exports, and could not believe that she would risk the loss of that trade by refusing to pay a fifty per cent levy, especially since she had lost the whole of her eastern trade. Moreover, no German goods were essential to Britain, except aniline dyes, and of those Great Britain already had a stock sufficient for a year or fifteen months. Three-quarters of the German dye factories, said the premier, were situated in the occupied territory and Germany was bound under the treaty to supply one-quarter of her output of dyes to the allies.

"I believe that when Germany realizes the meaning of her present attitude," continued the premier, "there will be an agreement. She has everything to lose and nothing to gain by resistance. She may talk about stopping all her exports to the allied countries, but if she does she will have such unemployment in Germany as no great industrial country in the world ever witnessed."

M. Briand and the French delegation were interested listeners to the debate.

TOBACCO MEN SEEK TO HAVE THE DUTY RAISED

Special Session of Tariff Commission Hears Presentation of Three Requests.

(Special to Times)

Ottawa, March 11—Tobacco growers and manufacturers of Ontario and Quebec asked three things of the tariff commission yesterday—first, that the duty be raised to $1 a pound on unstemmed leaf and $2 a pound on stemmed leaf; should be reduced from five to two years and third, that the manufacture of detatched stems into tobacco should be prohibited whether the stems were of foreign or domestic growth.

Those who appeared before the tariff commission which was reconvened especially for the occasion, said that the present duty of 40 cents a pound on raw tobacco was incufficient, and that the protection afforded by that duty was reduced by an excise duty of five cents a pound. Canada's production of raw tobocco in 1920 was twenty eight million pounds, and in addition nine million dollars, exclusive of exchange, was paid for fifteen million pounds imported from the United States. In January, however, an inventory showed that there were in Canadian tobacco warehouses thirteen million pounds of American raw leaf and only three and a half million pounds of Canadian leaf.

EXCHANGE TODAY.

New York, March 11—Sterling exchange heavy. Demand, 389½; cables, 390¼; Canadian dollars 12⅜ per cent discount.

WEATHER REPORT

Phelix and Pherdinand

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

Synopsis—Pressure is high along the Atlantic coast and over the northwestern portion of the continent, while a shallow trough of low extends from Lake Superior to the southwest states. The weather is mild from Ontario eastward and quite cold in the western provinces.

Fair; Comparatively Mild.

Maritime—Moderate winds; fair and comparatively mild today and on Saturday.

Gulf and North Shore—Fair today. Saturday, fair and a little milder.

New England — Fair and warm tonight. Saturday, cloudy and unsettled, with moderate temperature; moderate to fresh south winds.

OPENING OF PARLIAMENT

The King and Queen of England in their ceremonial robes. This is the first time the reigning monarchs have been photographed with their pages.

NEARER PEACE IN IRELAND?

Dublin Report Says Discussion is Well Advanced.

Dublin, March 11.—In connection with Lloyd George's announcement in parliament that "the government is willing to consider any suggestion for the future of Ireland, apart from a demand for an Irish republic," it can be stated on excellent authority that the renewed discussion looking to peace, which began with the conference of Lloyd George and Sir Edward Carson before the reassembling of parliament, is now well advanced.

The government, according to this information, insists that the first step in any consideration of a settlement with south Ireland must be the cessation of attacks by the "Irish Republican army" on crown forces. The government's position to this respect, so far as can be ascertained from those authorized to speak for the Dail Eireann, offers no barrier to a peace conference provided the government likewise agrees to restrain the activities of its forces, particularly the irregular police, against the Sinn Feiners.

ATTEMPT TO SAVE WANBY ABANDONED

Holes Will Be Patched and Another Effort Made About March 23.

Kennebunkport, Maine, March 11.—Preparations to float the steamer Wandby, wrecked here, were abandoned yesterday, when it was found that the engine room was flooded at high tide. Capt. David Simpson and his crew of thirty remained on board, with the coast guard cutter Ossipee standing as near as the reefs would permit, ready to take them off if it should be decided to abandon the ship to the underwriters.

Plans were made for patching the holes in the hull, with a view to making another attempt to float the vessel during the high run of tides about March 23.

BUDGET DAY NOT IN SIGHT

Ottawa, March 11.—Hon. W. F. Fielding yesterday asked the minister of finance when the budget would be brought down.

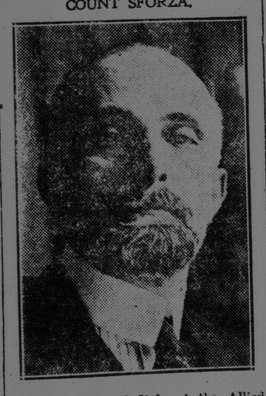
Sir Henry Drayton replied that it was difficult to say anything definite at present. Matters cropped up continually and delegations were coming to Ottawa to be heard. As soon as possible the budget would be brought before the house.

TEN AUTOS ARE BURNED IN HOULTON

Houlton, March 9—Fire early on Wednesday morning caused a loss of between $25,000 and $30,000 in Houlton, Me. It started in some straw in a shed in the rear of a stable rented by H. G. Dibblee, agent for Cole and Oldsmobile cars. The fire spread rapidly and before it was under control ten automobiles had been destroyed, valued at $15,000.

The fire spread to a large stable owned by Martin Lawlis. Several tenants were turned out of a home. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

COUNT SFORZA.



Who represented Italy at the Allied conference.

MARLBOROUGHS TO MARRY AGAIN

Duchess of Marlborough

Reports state that the Duchess of Marlborough will become the bride of Balzam, and that the Duke is to marry Miss Gladys Dacon, well known in American and European society.

SAYS KILLING WAS ACCIDENTAL

Dubord Sent Up for Trial on Murder Charge—Body Was Found Under River Ice.

Cochrane, Ont., March 11. — Patrick Dubord, charged with murdering Victor Galette, at Frederick House, last December, was committed for trial before Magistrate Dempsey, yesterday.

Galett's body was found in a water hole in the Frederick House river, with the head crushed in. Dubord had been living with him, and disappeared.

The police say that Dubord admitted killing Galette, but claimed it was an accidental blow, dealt while chopping wood. The crown produced evidence to show that all traces of blood had been concealed and that the body had been hidden beneath the ice in the river.

SIMPLE FUNERAL FOR SPANISH PREMIER

Dato Left His Fortune to His Wife and Three Daughters.

Madrid, March 11.—The funeral of Eduardo Dato, Spanish premier, which was held yesterday, was a simple one. The body was placed in a hearse drawn by two horses and conveyed to the Chamber of Deputies and later to the San Isidro cemetery. The coffin was an unpretentious one.

Senor Dato left his fortune, amounting to 2,000,000 pesetas, to his wife and three daughters.

The provisional president of the ministerial council is being guarded by police on motor cycles.

Madrid, March 11.—Count De Bugallal, acting premier, will place the resignation of the cabinet in the hands of King Alfonso today, so it is reported. Police officials continue to arrest men suspected of complicity in the assassination of the premier.

AUTHOR OF "THE ROSARY" DEAD

London, March 11.—Florence D. Barclay, the novelist, died yesterday at Limpsfield, Court Surrey, after an operation.

Florence Barclay, who was born in 1862, was the author, among other works, of "The Rosary," "The Wheels of Time," and "The Upas Tree."

What's To Happen If Premier Drury Can't Milk "Bossy?"

Toronto, March 11—The "drink more milk" campaign, which is to enlighten Toronto on the virtues of that justly famous beverage during the week of April 4th will be marked by an event of unusual interest if those in charge of it can persuade Premier Murray. Mr. Drury is to be asked to milk a real cow on a platform in front of the parliament buildings. And the promoters of the campaign feel that the head of a U. F. O. government cannot well refuse.

TRIS SPEAKER SHOWS ACTIVITY

Busiest Player on Team at Spring Training Camp

Only Two Short on St. Louis Nationals Team — White Sox Lining Up New Pitchers—Late Sport News.

Cleveland, March 11—Despatches from the Spring training camp of the Cleveland Indians at Dallas, refer to Manager Speaker at the busiest player on the team.

Yesterday Speaker took his turn at batting, fielding, worked behind the bat, and at first base. He put in a session with the medicine ball, devoted about ten minutes to basket ball, and an hour after the team left the field, Speaker was on his way to Fort Worth to parcipate in a rodeo.

Two Hold-Outs.

St. Louis, March 11—All but two of the veteran members of the St. Louis Nationals are in camp, with the arrival of Harold Janverin, advices from Orange, Texas, today said.

The absentees are Milton Stock and Jack Smith, both of whom have failed to come to terms.

Chicago, March 11—Pitching candidates were the center of Manager Gleason's interest at the White Sox training camp at Waxohachie, Texas, yesterday, according to despatches, and conditions were ideal for their workout, a hot sun burning down upon them.

O'Neill On Sick List.

Washington, March 11—Jimmy O'Neill Washington shortstop, has notified Secretary Eyon, of the local club, that he will be unable to report for several weeks, not having yet recovered from a recent attack of pneumonia, and as a result Manager McBride's team organization plans have received another setback.

Knoxville, Tenn., March 11—Hobe "Homerun" Brummett, who as catcher with a minor league club last season made 26 home runs announced today that he had signed with the Cleveland Americans.

Toney Comes To Terms.

New York, March 11—From the camp of the New York Nationals at San Antonio, comes the announcement that Fred Toney, pitcher, who has been a hold-out, has come to terms.

Villa's Daughter a Roper.

Witchita Falls, Texas, March 11—Miss Francesca Villa, daughter of Francisco Villa, former Mexican bandit chief, will appear in a roping contest at the annual rodeo here in May.

She has challenged Lucille Mulhall Barnett, a roper and horsewoman, and the challenge has been accepted. A side bet of $10,000 is said to have been proposed.

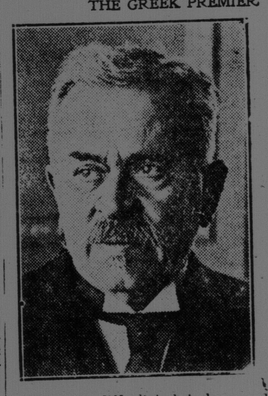
Scranton, Pa., March 11—Willie Ritchie of Scranton, won from "K. O." Chaney of Baltimore, in the eighth round of a scheduled ten-round bout here last night.

MONTREAL STOCK EXCHANGE.

Montreal, March 11—The local stock excange was quiet during the first half hour today, with prices for the most part steary around their yesterday's closing.

Abitibi strengthened a half point to 40, while Atlantic Sugar and Brompton were both unchanged at 80 and 32 1-2 respectively. Brazilian sagged a point from its closing figure to 35. Dominion Steel was steady at 39. National Breweries was fractionally stronger at 40 1-2. Other issues did not appear during the early trading.

M. CALOGEROPOULOUS, THE GREEK PREMIER.



Who has a difficult task in home and foreign politics at present. His country is fighting the Turkish Nationalists in Smyrna.