

MOST BITTER DEBATE FOLLOWS WAKE OF MILITIA ESTIMATES

The Inconsistency and Weakness of the King Government Amply Characterized by Meighen.

CAPT. POWER LED INSURGENTS

Who Assailed Government's Flank by Not Reducing Estimates More Than \$400,000.

Ottawa, May 9.—The King Government's surrender to the anti-defence men within its ranks, represented by a motion of the Minister of Militia, for a reduction of \$400,000 in the vote for annual drill, produced the most bitter debate that the Commons has seen this year. The opposition, who see in the Government's action a humiliating blow at the Militia, directed to the Government by an insurgent Quebec wing and by the Progressives, fought the proposal all day with an organized ability and a sincerity that kept House and galleries crowded until the early hours of the morning.

Mr. Meighen, who spoke shortly before midnight, made a speech of great brilliance. His apt characterizations of the Government's inconsistency and weakness bringing down the house time and time again. "This is not Government by conviction," he declared. "It is Government by listening. Honorable Gentlemen come to this House and say 'This is our policy, but if you don't like it we'll give you something else.' I say to the House that this is not democracy. It is not responsible Government. It is the Government of irresponsibility, of cowardice, of disregard for principle or conviction."

The Opposition Leader rebuffed Mr. Graham from blame for what had been done. It was not the fault of his heart or of his intelligence, but the fault of his lack of courage. He had not had the stomach to stand in caucus and fight against the rebels in his party. He preferred office to what his mind told him was for the good of his country.

Insurgents Active

While the Conservatives drove into the ministry's centre for reducing estimates, the insurgents under Captain Power, assailed its flank for not reducing them more. Captain Power, who refused to accept the Minister's proposals as a concession, insisted on the amendment which he moved a week ago, and which would cut a million instead of four hundred thousand dollars from annual drill, small group of Quebec Liberals stood by him, but the Progressives swung over to the Government.

Mr. Power argued that the country was sick of war and of military and believed that large military expenditure was unnecessary, and he warned the Ministry that further concessions would have to be made next year.

The Government's amendment passed without division, shortly before midnight. Mr. Power's amendment being negatived accordingly.

MOTHER AND PAL HELD FOR SON'S MURDER

Body of Ernest Edwards Found in Clump of Bushes Back of Home.

Peterboro, Ont., May 9.—Abraham Filion and Mrs. William Edwards are being held in the county jail here charged with the murder of Ernest Edwards. This is today's latest development in the series of incidents that began on Wednesday, April 12 by the finding of the lifeless body of Ernest Edwards in the backyard of the premises which the family was occupying on the ninth line of Dunsmuir, by John Williamson, of Newwood.

Succeeding episodes were the several sittings of the inquest under Mr. T. N. (Coroner) Greer. The first published statement of Mrs. Edwards, mother of the deceased, was of a suspicion that her son might have taken strychnine although she could ascribe no reason for such an act, and also her announcement that a bottle containing a quantity of the poison that had been kept in a trunk in her son's room was missing.

The coroner's jury will continue its hearing on Thursday night, chief interest attaching to the expected report of the analysis of the contents of Edward's stomach.

16 FREE STATERS GIVEN FREEDOM

Were Made Prisoners in Connection With Attack on Annacarty Barracks.

Belfast, May 9.—Eighteen free state men recently made prisoners in connection with an attack on the Annacarty barracks were released from the Clonmel barracks today.

The market branch of the Northern Banking Company, in Belfast, was raided today by four armed men who got away with £200 in cash.

LADY ASTOR HAS PASSED UP THE CHALLENGE

Declines to Enter Into Debate on Question of Prohibition.

New York, May 9.—(Canadian Press)—Lady Astor said tonight, by telephone from her home in Virginia, that she would decline a challenge from Miss Elizabeth Marbury, National Democratic Chairman of the Women of the State of New York, to a public debate on Prohibition. The challenge was telegraphed her yesterday by Stuyvesant Fish, Vice-President and Treasurer of the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment.

STABLE OF COAL COMPANY BLOWN UP

Company's Magazine Broken Into Night Before and Dynamite Stolen.

Pittsburgh, Pa., May 9.—A stable owned by the Warwick Coal Company, near Fredericktown, Greene County, was blown up early today and one horse killed and five others so badly hurt it was necessary to shoot them. The magazine of the Fredericktown Coal Company, was broken into during the night, and a box of dynamite containing 150 sticks stolen from the store of twenty tons. The mines of the Warwick Company were closed by the coal strike, but an effort was to be made today to resume operations. Only four of the 120 miners reported for work.

WEST INDIES FIND READY MARKET HERE

Preferential Tariff Has Increased Trade Between the Two Countries.

Kingston, Jamaica, May 9.—The Canadian Pacific steamship Montserrat sailed for Montreal today with 6,000 tons of sugar, the largest cargo of sugar ever shipped from this island. To date Canada has purchased over 75 per cent. of the recent sugar crop of Jamaica.

About a year ago Canada extended to Jamaica a customs preference, similar to that granted to other portions of the British West Indies some years ago. On sugar imports from Jamaica, the Canadian customs preference is now equivalent to about 50 per cent. ad valorem. During the first nine months of the operation of the Canadian preference imports of Jamaica coffee and cocoa trebled, grape fruit quadrupled, spices, hides and skins doubled, with vegetable oils increased fourteen fold, and raw sugar went up 4,000,000 pounds. These gains were made in a depressed year.

About six weeks ago the Jamaica Legislature ratified a measure granting a customs preference on Canadian products, but the preference is, in most cases, only five per cent.

MAYOR CALLS FOR BEST MARBLE SHOOTER

Newark Executive Wants Boy to Shoot in Philadelphia Tournament.

Newark, May 9.—Mayor Bridenbach today sent out a call for the best marble shooter in Newark. When that youngster appears the Mayor will hand him a challenge he received today from Philadelphia where a marble tournament is to be held the last day of boy's week, May 30.

The Newark boy, when selected, will shoot against the Philadelphia champion.

"CONNIE" TALMADGE SUES FOR DIVORCE

Motion Picture Actress No Longer Loves Her Cigarette Manufacturer.

Los Angeles, May 9.—Constance Talmadge, motion picture actress, filed in the Superior Court a suit of divorce from John Talmadge, a native of Turkey, a subject of Greece and a cigarette manufacturer of New York, according to the complaint, she charges "cruel and inhuman treatment."

They were married September 26, 1920, at Greenwich, Conn., and separated April 5, 1921, the complaint states.

ANOTHER WAR IS PROBABLE SAY AVIATOR

Count De Lesseps Thinks Germans and Russians Might Get Too Thick.

ARMISTICE, HE SAYS, PREMATURE

Germans Should Have Been Humbled on the Field of Battle.

Toronto, May 9.—Both Sir William Mackenzie and his son-in-law, Count Jacques De Lesseps, the distinguished French aviator, reached the city today from Montreal. "I will be staying some months," the count said "if there is not another war."

"You don't seriously expect another war?" the Count was asked. "If the Germans get thicker with the Russians, and if the Allies don't stick together and keep on making concessions, that will be simply making a new war." Count De Lesseps replied.

The Count said that the armistice had been premature. It had been a serious mistake that Germany had not been humbled on the field of battle. "France does not want another war but she is prepared," he said. "France is firmly decided that she will enforce the peace and indemnity terms this time."

Genoa Conference Mistake

Both Sir William and the Count were of the opinion that the Genoa conference was a mistake. There should have been no negotiations with the Soviet Government. "Conditions are distinctly better in England and on the continent," Sir William said decidedly. "Money from day to day can be obtained now, he said for two per cent, while this money was easily borrowed at three per cent. Sir William opened out about the Government railways. "Let the people back them up," he said. Their ultimate cost, he declared, is not going to count in 15 to 20 years. Speaking from his experience and the conditions of the present time, Sir William said that he would make the Government roads finance themselves. "Don't go to the Parliament to meet the deficit," he said.

"How would I finance them? by selling securities." All the governments had to do was to finance them by a first and refunding bond mortgage that would take care of all the maturities of all the other securities. "They would drop under the first mortgage," Sir William said. "Each of the subsequent issues when passed by the legislature would become automatically guaranteed by the government of Canada." "Surely the government of Canada is in a position," he declared, "to back up their own property."

JAMES WILLIAMS SOME PERFORMER

Must Now Serve Five Years in Penitentiary for Various Offences.

Montreal, May 9.—By posing as a liquor inspector, James Williams, terrorized Victor Fortier, 3141 Berri St., last December, at the point of a revolver, into handing over \$5,000 worth of liquor. He used similar tactics in the case of Eugene Bisson, when he obtained \$500 worth of liquor on February 6, and obtained \$50 by threats and false pretenses from Pierre Outmet, a street car conductor, by handcuffing one of the latter's children, a boy of 13, and by kidnapping a reporter in Quebec last year.

For these acts he was today sentenced to five years in the penitentiary by Judge Decarie.

WHITE STAR LINE ENTERTAINED GUESTS

Three Hundred Friends and Agents at Luncheon Aboard "Regina."

Montreal, May 9.—Nearly three hundred agents and friends of the White Star Dominion Line were entertained by the company at luncheon today on board the new passenger liner Regina, which arrived here on Monday on her first visit to this port.

Among those present were the Mayor of Regina, Sask.; Mr. James Grassick, who presented the steamer with a replica of the city's arms.

MURDERS WOMAN, THEN SUICIDES

Woman Found With Throat Slashed, and Man Asphyxiated by Illuminating Gas.

Boston, May 9.—A man and woman, who had registered as Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Fowler, of Brockton, were found dead tonight in a room in a Back Bay lodging house. The gas had been turned on and the woman's throat was cut. The police believed the man had murdered the woman and then committed suicide by gas.

FLOOD WATERS ENDANGERING WHEAT LANDS

Thousands of Acres in Manitoba Inundated by Waters of Assiniboine River.

FLOOD SIX MILES WIDE AT ST. EUSTACHE

Farm Houses Surrounded and Families Driven to the Upper Storeys.

Winnipeg, Man., May 9.—Seventy-five thousand acres of Manitoba's finest wheat land is threatened by flood waters of the Assiniboine River between this city and Portage La Prairie, and already thousands of acres have been inundated. Farmers are busy trying to protect their land with protecting dykes. At Poplar Point, about 20 miles west of this city, where the river is fifteen feet above normal, the low lands are flooded for an area of fifty square miles, four feet deep. Farm houses are surrounded with families living in the upper storeys and 2,000 acres are under water. This area will be a total crop failure, it is said. In this district, Sir James Alkenson, Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba, is directing the operations of fifty men who are fighting the flood waters. Sir James has a farm located in the district.

The flood is six miles wide and three feet deep at St. Eustache, where both sides of the river have given away. Thousand of dollars damage already has been done to the Portage La Prairie highway, and the road is impassable at many points. Reports early this afternoon indicate the river has not risen since six o'clock this morning, although during the night its level was increased four and one-half inches. It is declared there is no danger of the river overflowing its bank in the Winnipeg district.

JURY UNABLE TO PLACE RESPONSIBILITY

Infant, Found in Sand Pit, Murdered by Some Person or Persons Unknown.

Marysville, May 9.—An inquest, resulting from the discovery of the dead body of a male infant in a sand pit near the eastern part of the town, April 22, was held here tonight before Coroner D. W. Ross of Frederickton. There was a large attendance and much interest in the case. Nine witnesses were heard, and the jury, after fifteen minutes deliberation brought in a verdict to the effect that the child had come to its death at the hands of some person or persons unknown to the jury, death being due to a fractured skull, also that an offense had been committed in the concealment of birth.

STARTLING EVIDENCE IN HUSTON ENQUIRY

Probing Into Charges Made by Major Lewis in Ontario's Assembly.

Toronto, May 9.—Under cross-examination for 2 1/2 hours in the witness box at the Commission of Enquiry regarding the Attorney General's investigation into the death of Captain Orville Huston, at Fort Frances, on December 19, last, Major A. C. Lewis, M. L. A. for Northwest Toronto, today witnessed his assertions made in the Ontario Legislature recently, that the Attorney General and his department of the province who, at the time, was Major General Elliott, since resigned on account of ill-health, the witness adhered to this opinion despite the fact that the coroner had reported that it was a case of suicide.

Major Lewis admitted that his charges against the Attorney General and his Department were based on the reports of newspaper correspondents, and that he had not considered the reports of the Department before making these charges in the House. A new and rather startling development in the reading from one of Inspector Jeffrey's reports of his theory that Captain Orville Huston meant to kill E. W. Backus and would have done so could he have found him.

PHILADELPHIA COMPANY LEAVES THAT CITY MAY 25 TO BEGIN WORK

For the Salvaging of the Lusitania and Other Wrecked Vessels.

Philadelphia, May 9.—An expedition for the salvaging of the Lusitania and other wrecked vessels, which has been in the bottom of the ocean in the last few years, will start from this city May 25. The steamship Blakeley has been chartered for the purpose by the Lusitania Salvaging Company.

No great difficulty is anticipated in salvaging the Lusitania, it was said by the medical director of the Lusitania, while Mme. Antoine Depage, wife of the medical director of the Belgian Red Cross, was reported to have carried more than \$100,000.

BUILDING TOPPLES INTO THE STREET

As Result of Blasting Old La Patrie Structure, Montreal, Gives Way.

Montreal, May 9.—As a result of blasting a short distance away, the roof and the front of the top floor of the old La Patrie Building, on St. Gabriel Street, collapsed and fell into the street early this afternoon without a second warning. One passenger alone was said to have deposited \$75,000 with the purser of the Lusitania, while Mme. Antoine Depage, wife of the medical director of the Belgian Red Cross, was reported to have carried more than \$100,000.

FIRE DESTROYED TOWN OF DENSLI

Small Town of Densli, West of this City, Destroyed by Fire.

Saskatoon, Sask., May 9.—Fire of unknown origin partly destroyed the small town of Densli, west of this city early today. Several business establishments, the post office and a lumber yard suffered losses. The damage is estimated at \$25,000.

GENOA PASSED UNEASY DAY SPECULATING ON OUTCOME OF RUSSIAN REPLY TO THE ALLIES

PATERNITY OF GUY STILLMAN THE ONLY QUESTION NOW IN ISSUE

THE IRISH PEACE COMMITTEE HAS ENDED ITS LABORS

Feeling in Dublin Not Optimistic Regarding Settlement of the Trouble.

Dublin, May 9.—The Peace Committee which has been engaged for some days in an endeavor to find a way by which to settle the discordant situation in Ireland, concluded deliberations at a late hour tonight and will make a report to the Dail tomorrow. The feeling in Dublin tonight was not optimistic regarding a settlement of the trouble.

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SENATOR DAVID'S RESOLUTION LOST

Proposed Unmarried Women Must Be at Least Thirty Years of Age to Vote.

Ottawa, May 9.—Senator David's resolution to restrict women's franchise was defeated in the Senate, tonight, by 33 to 19. Senator David proposed that unmarried women must be at least 30 years of age before being entitled to vote. Girls between 20 and 30 were not mature in judgment, he declared.

PRINCE SAILED FOR MANILA

Kagoshima, Japan, May 9.—The Prince of Wales today completed his official visit to Japan and sailed for Manila on board the battle cruiser Renown. The heir apparent had been in Japan four weeks.

Final Hearing in Famous Divorce Case Opens in Poughkeepsie Today.

WIFE TO COMBAT BANKER'S CHARGES

To Produce Witnesses to Prove She Did Not Misconduct Herself.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., May 9.—The final hearing of testimony in the suit of James A. Stillman, New York banker, to divorce Mrs. Anne U. Stillman and disown baby Guy Stillman will open here tomorrow before Referee Daniel J. Gleason. The defense expects to call four or five witnesses to combat the banker's charges that Mrs. Stillman miscondacted herself with Fred Beauvais, Indian guide, alleged by Mr. Stillman to be the father of little Guy.

CONCILIATION BOARD RECEIVES POINTERS

President Baxter, U. M. W., Makes Important Suggestions to Board.

Sydney, N. S., May 9.—That some less cumbersome method of adjusting local disputes than that at present employed, might lead to steadier employment in the coal industry of Cape Breton, was the suggestion thrown out by District President Robert Baxter, of the United Mine Workers, at the Scott Conciliation Board session in New Waterford this afternoon. Mr. Baxter pointed out that, owing to the great number of mine ratings and different conditions in different localities, it is next to impossible to make a schedule covering every rating, and consequently, after a new contract is signed by the U. M. W. and the coal companies, local difficulties arise and sporadic strikes and loss of time frequently occur before these can be adjusted. He suggested that the board incorporate in its findings a recommendation as to some speedy method of settling such disputes as they arise. Chairman D'Arcy Scott approved the idea and promised to give the matter consideration.

B. R. T. CONVENTION ENDORSES CONGRESSMAN

Show Appreciation of Work of Congressman Burke from Pennsylvania.

Toronto, May 9.—With the exception of the election of standing committee and the endorsement of a candidate for the United States Senate from Pennsylvania, the opening day of the triennial convention of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen was devoted to a scrutiny of credentials and the roll call.

KING ALBERT HOST TO BRITAIN'S KING

Belgium's Struggles to Recover From War's Devastation Referred to at Banquet

Brussels, May 9.—King Albert tonight gave a banquet in the Palais to King George and Queen Mary. In toasting his Royal visitors, King Albert said Belgium still was suffering from the destruction and the economic troubles caused here by the war. The efforts she had made up to the present, towards reconstruction had been with her own resources, but now her finances were exhausted. The King added that Belgian needs, at the same time, repairs, peace, work and security, a complex necessity which had determined the policy Belgium had resolved to pursue in full agreement with her Allies.

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HAMILTON MILLS HAVE REOPENED

Lowell, Mass., May 9.—The Hamilton mills re-opened after being closed by a strike for thirteen weeks, were operated with partial forces today. The strikers claimed only 600 were at work. Officers of the mill placed the number at 1,200 or 75 per cent. of normal. The company, which makes cotton goods, cut wages 20 per cent.

Delegates Doubtful as to What Effect It May Have on Future of Conference.

RUSSIANS SAY IT WILL BE CONCILIATORY

Dealing With Two Economic Systems in Vogue in Russia and Capitalistic Countries.

Genoa, May 9.—The Economic Conference passed an uneasy day speculating on the affect the Russian reply would have on the future of the Conference. The Russians were busy engaged tonight in completing their reply, which it is expected will be presented tomorrow. M. Chicherin was in Genoa for only a short time; then he and the principal members of the Russian delegation gathered at Santa Margherita and began putting the finishing touches on the reply, which it is believed will be highly conciliatory and will open the way for a continuation of the negotiations.

The differences between Premier Lloyd George and M. Barthou have apparently been softened somewhat and there are many indications that the Belgians are less irreconcilable in their attitude and may be persuaded to approve the memorandum of the Russian proposals on condition it be made clear that Belgian property in Russia must be restored to the former owners if possible and cannot in any case be transferred to others.

Lloyd George passed almost the entire day in conference with Sir Laming Worthington Evans, Sir P. Lloyd George and other advisers. The row between the Prime Minister and the Northcliffe press over statements published in London has simmered down but the conference atmosphere is more pacific, although extremely foggy.

The German delegation and many neutral delegates joined in the efforts of Signor Schanzer, the Italian Foreign Minister, to have the Russian temper their response in such a way as to bring about a meeting of the gathering, a contingency which seems far less likely tonight than 24 hours earlier. There is less electricity in the air as the general feeling of confidence that the Russians will modify their response so as to make it impossible for France and Belgium to bolt without further negotiations.

Reply Conciliatory

The Reuter correspondent here informed by the Russian delegation that the Russian reply to the Allied memorandum is conciliatory, and goes to the utmost lengths in the matter of concessions. It deals with the principles of the two economic systems in vogue in Russia and capitalistic countries and suggests that matters of detail should be settled by a special commission.

The reply proposes the exclusion of the political features introduced in the memorandum, and the hope is expressed that this will present no difficulty, as the Russians have tried to build a bridge between the two social and economic systems. The Russian delegates, the reply adds, are animated by the utmost desire to prevent rupture of the negotiations and by the wish to arrive at a common understanding, so far as possible, and leave it to evolution and common sense to bring about a rapprochement in the course of time.

With respect to clause seven, the Russians hold that the world will have to accustom itself to the fact of the existence in Europe of a state whose life is based, essentially, on a system of State property. In Russia, they argue, two conceptions of life exist—individualistic and collectivist—and these social and economic tendencies have both their own sphere. This goes to prove that the dual system can exist in international relations, also, and still leave plenty of room for private enterprise.

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Replying, King George said if there was one thing certain in the uncertain epoch which the world was passing, it was that the difficulties of Belgium would rapidly be surmounted, thanks to the wisdom of Belgian statesmen and the indomitable vitality of the Belgian people. He stated that in her progress towards the great future ahead of her, Belgium always would have the sympathies of the British Empire which fought beside her in the world war.