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INSURGENTS CONTINUE FIGHT AGAINST NEW SCHEDULE THAT MEANS LIFE TO THE A.O.U.W.

Members in Favor of Increased Assessment Stand Three to One—Attempt of Dissenters to Elect New Officers a Failure—Present Rates Will Be Doubled.

More than four hundred delegates to the thirty-fifth annual convention of the Ancient Order of United Workmen at the Temple Building yesterday spent the day in a discussion of the rate question, on which the future of order depends.

Three hundred of these gentlemen are in favor of the schedule of increased rates proposed by the grand lodge last year, which would make it possible to carry on the affairs of the order in a sound commercial manner.

About one hundred of the representatives attending the convention are insurgents fighting this schedule, and these delegates are obstructing the readjustment as far as they can.

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The insurgents were unanimously in favor of turning out of office all the officers of the grand lodge at the election of officers and of adopting the rates recommended by the Guelph lodge.

Insurgents Failed. The insurgents are of course greatly in the minority, and at yesterday morning's session of the convention their agitation to force an election of grand lodge officers at the afternoon session fell to the ground, but the insurgents have not weakened. They are employing their obstructive tactics as effectively as possible, and last night at a late hour the adoption of the grand lodge schedule had not been voted upon.

The discussion yesterday was not of the gentle and placid nature which usually characterizes a meeting of the Bible class in the old red school house. The insurgents have been most active in the debate and have fought hard and loudly. But the coming event that threw its shadow over yesterday's meeting to show that it was coming was the grand lodge's safe and sane schedule of increased rates, which will probably be adopted.

The grand master Workman, James McEwing of Drayton, presided over yesterday's sessions. Rev. Dugald McArthur, convention chaplain, of Iroquois offered up the opening prayer. Harry Fisher of York district was appointed outside watchman for the session and M. A. James, Bowmanville, was for the thirtieth year appointed official press reporter.

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SOUTH LANARK RETURNS EBBS

Conservative's Majority Exceeds Six Hundred—Interest Keen and Large Vote Polled.

OTTAWA, March 19.—(Can. Press.)—With one poll to hear from, John C. Ebbs, Conservative, had a majority of 607 over David McLean, Liberal, in the contest for the vacancy in the legislature caused by the death of Hon. Col. Matheson, who represented South Lanark for many years.

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KING CONSTANCE AT ATHENS TODAY READY TO TAKE OATH OF HELLENICS

ATHENS, March 19.—(Can. Press.)—Constantine will take the oath of the Hellenics on Friday. He will arrive in Athens to-morrow.

The hope is expressed that the king will be proclaimed as Constantine XII, the last Byzantine emperor having been Constantine XI. The chamber of deputies will be summoned to take the oath of fealty to the new king, after which the ministry will resign.

Messages of condolence and sympathy for the royal family, the Greek Government and the Greek nation poured into the capital all day. The first message from the head of a nation received by Queen Olga came from President Wilson.

All Greece mourns the death of a sovereign who had done so much, particularly during the past year, to advance the prestige of the nation. Emblems of sorrow are displayed on all sides, and manifestations of grief are even more marked among the poor and lowly than among those of the higher classes.

Premier Venizelos after eulogizing King George today for his great services during his long reign, asked the chamber of deputies to acclaim Constantine king, to which the deputies responded with cheers.

MANY ACCIDENTS IN TORONTO YESTERDAY

Boy Run Down by Motor Car and Died Later—Farmer Struck by Street Car—Foreigner Injured When Sewer Caved in—Bicyclist Run Over by Delivery Truck.

George McCormack, who was struck by a motor car, died shortly after 2 o'clock this morning. Motor cars were responsible for two accidents in Toronto yesterday, and in one case the result may prove fatal.

George McCormack, aged eight, of 85 River street, who was run down by an auto yesterday afternoon, was removed to the hospital in an unconscious condition. At an early hour this morning he had not regained consciousness.

His recovery is very doubtful. Frank Hunt of 103 Spadina ave., a messenger boy, had a motor truck pass over his body last night, and escaped without serious injury.

George McCormack was run down only a short distance from his home. The motor car of Richard C. Dancy, contractor of 103 Spadina road, which was in charge of his chauffeur, Edward Pagen, had been standing in front of 140 River street, and had just started.

McCormack evidently did not know the car was about to start and walked out in front of it, being knocked down before the driver had a chance to see him.

He was picked up unconscious and rushed in Mr. Dancy's car to the General Hospital, where it was found that he was suffering from concussion of the brain and in addition internal injuries are feared.

The escape of Frank Hunt from the motor car was a little short of marvelous. He was crossing Bay street on his bicycle at the corner of Temperance street, at about 6 o'clock last night, when he was knocked down by a loaded delivery truck of The News.

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RULES OF HOUSE TO BE AMENDED UNLESS OPPOSITION SURRENDERS BORDEN MAKES ANNOUNCEMENT

Official Statement Says if Obstructionists Persist, It Will Be Clear Course of Government to Change Antiquated Rules so as to Prevent Indefinite Delay, "While Securing All Reasonable and Necessary Freedom of Debate," and Notice Will Be Given Next Week—Liberals Oppose Clause for Which They Twice Voted.

CLOSURE MEANS WILD SCENES IN HOUSE

Previous Disturbances Will Appear Mild if Opposition Maintain Present Spirit and Grave Disorders Are Seemingly Inevitable—Manifesto Came as a Surprise.

OTTAWA, March 19.—(Special.)—The authorized announcement from the office of the prime minister, given tonight to the Canadian press, came as a surprise to those who have been closely following the contest over the naval bill.

When the house adjourned at 6.30 tonight, a statement was made by Hon. Robert Rogers that the house would be moved into committee of supply to consider the main estimates for 1912-14, upon the reassembling of parliament.

This was in accordance with the statement made to The World last week by a member of the government. Tonight's manifesto attributed to the prime minister indicates to some extent a change of front, not that the government has ever weakened in its determination to pass the naval bill and by closure if necessary, but it has been generally understood that after Easter recess the energies of the government would be bent toward organizing the supply necessary for carrying on the business of the country.

Could Not Make Pact. Last night the prime minister was closeted for an hour with Sir Wilfrid Laurier, presumably to discuss the content of the latter to an interim supply vote. It is surmised that his failure to obtain this consent stirred the prime minister to drastic action.

Will the government be able to put a closure rule thru the house? Those who witnessed the adroit manoeuvres of Hon. William Pugsley and his followers in the struggle of the last fortnight not unnaturally anticipate that Mr. Borden is undertaking a Herculean task. It will not be as in the case of the English precedent, a matter of both political parties crushing a handful of mutineers, but an attempt of the government party to impose its will upon the opposition, representing substantially half the people of Canada.

It will be a contest severe, drastic, and with possibilities which last Saturday night's riotous scenes only faintly foreshadow. It will mean in the end, if the Liberals maintain their present spirit, something like physical violence and the gravest disorder.

Repugnant to Borden. From this kind of a contest Mr. Borden shrinks, being by temperament, education and tradition a stickler for orderly procedure, and by nature kindly, courteous and fair-minded.

Pressure is being brought on both parties undoubtedly to end the deadlock, but the deadlock can best be ended by some reasonable compromise. Many think, and the government supporters believe, that the Liberals will cave in at the sight of the mailed fist, but those uninfluenced by party bias, viewing the situation clearly, are of the opinion that the Liberals will fight with a liberality, ferocity, and no man can foretell where the impending contest is to end.

If both sides stand firm it is most likely to result in an appeal to the country.

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WHERE PARTIES AGREE

"The first clause of the resolution was, therefore, common to the policy proposed by the government and to that proposed by the opposition. That clause is as follows: "From and out of the consolidated revenue fund of Canada there may be paid and applied a sum not exceeding \$35,000,000 for the purpose of immediately increasing the effective naval forces of the Empire."

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's amendment was voted down on February 13, after a long debate of nearly four weeks. The second reading was passed on the 27th of February after a further protracted debate of nearly two weeks, and the house went into committee on the bill on the 28th of February. After a lengthy discussion the first clause of the bill, which merely relates to its title, was adopted.

OPPOSITION'S INCONSISTENCIES "Since Monday, the 3rd of March, the committee has been continuously engaged in the discussion of the second clause, which is in the same terms as the first clause of the resolution and which forms part of the avowed policy of the opposition as well as that of the government. This clause has not yet been passed, altho from March 3 to midnight on March 15, there had been 232 hours of actual discussion upon it, nine-tenths of which had been occupied by the opposition. The perverse attitude of the opposition is demonstrated by the fact that for two solid weeks they have been obstructing a clause for which they twice voted.

Up to the present the bill has occupied all the available time of parliament for more than three months. The debate thereon has filled four thousand columns of Hansard, and if the proceedings in committee had been reported with the usual fulness, the debate would have extended to more than 5,000 columns.

DISCUSSED SINCE DEC. 12 "It has been claimed that on Monday night, March 3, when the prime minister declared to adjourn unless some progress were made, clause two had been under discussion for only three hours. This is a complete misstatement. That particular clause embodied the principle of the bill and nothing more. It had been under discussion ever since Dec. 12 last, and its adoption had been sanctioned and decided by the vote upon the second reading of the bill.

Further lengthy discussion on that clause was manifestly obstructive as the opposition tactics during the past two weeks have established beyond any possible question. "There can be no doubt that the opposition has been engaged in a deliberate and determined attempt to obstruct the bill and to prevent the passage of its provisions for effective aid to the common defence of the Empire. That attempt is evidenced not only by the length of the discussion, but by the defiant and insulting avowals of opposition members that obstruction would be persisted in, that the majority of the house were helpless and that the minority were determined to prevent parliament from exercising its usual normal functions.

The present rules of the house, being antiquated and out of date readily lend themselves to the tactics which have been adopted by the opposition during the past two weeks.

AMEND RULES IF NECESSARY "Under these conditions, if the opposition should persist in its determination to prevent the house from reaching a vote upon this bill, it will be the clear course of the government to press for amendment to the rules, which, while securing all reasonable and necessary freedom of debate, will prevent persistent obstruction and will permit parliament to provide for the public necessities and to proceed with the business of the country.

Notice of such amendments permitting debate to be brought to a conclusion after full but reasonable discussion will be placed upon the order paper next week. It is not the desire or intention of the government to press these amendments thru the house at present, if the opposition will give any evidence or assurance of their willingness to permit the vote upon the bill to be taken within a reasonable time. If, however, they persist in defiant obstruction, the rules must be so amended that the proceedings of the house will not be reduced to a farce and that the work of parliament and the business of the country can be carried on and brought to a conclusion within a reasonable time and under reasonable conditions."

IS CANADIAN NAVY PLAN KILLED? GOVERNMENT'S STAND IS NOT CLEAR OTTAWA, March 19.—(Special.)—The situation in regard to the naval bill becomes more interesting. The above statement from Mr. Borden declares the program of the government in case obstruction should be continued after Easter recess. Then it is to be some kind of closure. If the Liberals let the bill thru, there will be no attempt to change the rules—not this session anyway.

As to Closure. The Conservatives have a plan to this end and Mr. Borden has declared that the government will undertake to change "the antiquated rules" which facilitate obstruction. The Liberals declare that they will fight the passage of such changes in the rules to the bitter ditch if attempted in connection with the naval bill. Their determination to fight on this issue has been greatly strengthened since last Saturday night.

The Real Grounds of Divergence. The World correspondents have been busy today trying to get from the Liberals what they consider to be their real reason for obstructing or whatever they like to call it and it can be put in the following succinct statement: "What About a Canadian Navy? "The one thing before the house and the country is the resolution of Mr. Borden to vote 35 millions of dollars for three dreadnoughts toward increasing the effective naval forces of the Empire."

POLITICAL HIGH ART



CRUSHED UNDER PILE OF DEBRIS

MEDICINE HAT, Alta., March 19.—(Can. Press.)—The three-story main building of Malcolm's Canneries, was totally destroyed by fire this afternoon shortly before 6 o'clock, and with the falling of the walls, five or more people were killed and ten injured.

The bodies of Foreman Wm. Stewart and Jonathan Brier, and a boy named Harry Green, have been recovered from the ruins, and nine others have been taken to hospitals suffering from painful injuries. Fully a thousand men are working on the ruins tonight in the expectation of finding more bodies. Fireman Rimmer is among the missing.

BUILD NEW CHURCH AT COST OF \$36,000

Kew Beach Presbyterians Decided to Proceed With Handsome Building.

At a meeting of the congregation of Kew Beach Presbyterian Church last evening it was decided to proceed with the erection of a new church of cost \$36,000, with a seating capacity of a thousand. The present building is a simple structure of wood.

Two Stars in One Play. When "The Girl From Montmartre" is presented here next week at the Princess, the unusual spectacle of two stars in one play will be witnessed.

Silk Hats for Easter. Dimeens are the sole agents in Toronto for the Health (English) and the Dunsby (American) silk hats.

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