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A. K. MACLEAN WILL SUPPORT KING'S MOTION

From "No Man's Land" Former Unionist Minister Gave His Amendment Views.

CLAIMS 1917 FIGHT WAS WAR TIME ONLY

People Were Sure Mandate Given Then Was for Struggle Period Alone.

Ottawa, Feb. 25.—Expressing his firm belief that the people of Canada were under the impression at the time of the last election, that this parliament would exist only during the period of the war, Mr. MacLean, former minister without portfolio in the Unionist Government who recently crossed the floor of the House, today announced his intention of supporting the opposition amendment demanding dissolution and an election.

Feature of Day.
Mr. MacLean's address, involving as it did, a distinct break with his former colleagues, was the feature of a rather monotonous day. When the House assembled, the amendments to the Dominion Elections Act, providing for the taking of the prohibition referendum in Ontario were taken up, and after a somewhat stormy course, the amending bill was reported from committee and given third reading. When the Government requested that the bill be read a third time without delay, the leader of the opposition protested against the rushing of business and declared that the opposition was not prepared to do this in future.

Other speakers to the debate on the address were Dr. Blake, Winnipeg; F. S. Scott, Toronto; W. A. F. Reid, Mackenzie; H. H. Halliday, Bow River, and G. R. Gould, Assiniboia.

LABOR WANTS NO MORE NEWCOMERS FOR THREE YEARS

A. F. of L. Decides to Stand Firm for the Johnson Bill in States.

DEMANDS PROBE OF W. VIRGINIA STRIKE

Vote Down Plan to Raise Huge Fund for Propaganda Campaign.

Washington, Feb. 25.—Organized labor will endeavor to prevent the final passage of the pending bill providing for restricting immigration to three per cent. of number of aliens of each nationality in the country in 1916, as the first move under the new legislative program adopted here by representatives of the National and International Unions, affiliated in the American Federation of Labor.

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Regina Farmer To Start Seeding Today

Ground in Fine Condition and Gophers Out in Many Parts of West.

Regina, Sask., Feb. 25.—"If this weather holds, I am going to sow a piece of land in wheat Saturday," said a farmer of the Regina district today. He claims the land is dry and in shape for a crop. Men driving into the city today tell of seeing gophers. They claim it is the earliest appearance of the prairie pest in more than ten years.

WEST WANTING PLEBISCITE ON SCHOOL SYSTEM

Separate Schools and Dual Language Use Two Questions to be Decided.

ASKS GOVERNMENT TO TAKE ACTION

Favors Use of English Only as Language in Teaching There.

Saskatoon, Sask., Feb. 25.—The Saskatoon School Trustees' Association in convention here unanimously passed a resolution at this morning's session asking that two questions be submitted to a referendum of the electors of Saskatchewan at the next provincial election.

The first: "Are you in favor of the abolition of the separate school system in Saskatchewan?"

The second: "Are you in favor of appealing the bilingual clause in our School Act, which now provides for the use of the French language in the primary schools?"

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FORD SPECIAL MAKES A "HIT" IN CONTEST

Five Passenger Auto Offered for Best Three Weeks' Work—Who Will Win It?

NEW CONTESTANTS SHOULD ENROLL NOW

All Competitors Should Get Early Start for Ford—Extra Vote Ballots Also.

Which contestant in The Standard's big prize contest will win the 5-passenger Ford Touring Car which The Standard is going to give away to the one who turns in the greatest amount of subscription money turned in between the dates of Monday, Feb. 22nd, and Saturday, March 19th?

All Details.
Full details relative to the big special automobile offer appear in today's contest ad. New contestants and those low in the list have an equal chance with those topping the list to win the special prize Ford.

300,000 EXTRA votes are given for each and every \$30 worth of business turned in during the first week only of the special Ford offer.

AT THE IMPERIAL TODAY—So Long Letty (A Comedy).
AT THE UNIQUE TODAY—Wm. S. Hart in "The Testing Block."

AT THE QUEEN SQUARE TODAY—Gladys Brockwell in "The Mother of His Child."
OPERA HOUSE TODAY—Vaudeville and feature picture.

Two of the prizes to be given away in The Standard's big contest are opportunities to become Movie Stars with the Universal Film Company, Filmdom's largest and most important Moving Picture Company.

MEXICANS HAVE RAILWAY STRIKE

Over 125,000 Men Quit Work for Recognition of Their Union.

Mexico City, Feb. 25.—Trains were operated on all railroads today, despite the fact that more than 125,000 employees went on strike early this morning. Strike breakers, recruited from volunteers and soldiers who had previous experience, manned trains under military protection, and, excepting a few cases, schedules were maintained with reasonable regularity.

Government circles continued optimistic this afternoon regarding the outcome, insisting that they were sufficient forces at hand to keep traffic open although freight shipments probably would be curtailed for a certain time.

Some Trains Stopped.
Travelers arriving in Mexico City from Loreto and Guadalupe reported no disorders, although rumors of trains being stopped as they passed small stations caused orders to be issued for the closing of all windows and the drawing of blinds.

Strike headquarters has declared that the situation can be cleared immediately by Federal recognition of the men's union, as this difference is practically the only reason for the walk-out. There is no indication, however, that the government contemplates recession from its position on non-recognition.

Sudden Death of Mrs. Walter Craig

Stricken With Heart Disease During Last Evening and Died Soon Afterwards.

Sussex, Feb. 25.—The death of Mrs. Walter Craig, which occurred at her home this evening at 7 o'clock, will be learned of her deep regret by her many friends throughout the province. Her sudden and unexpected passing came as a great shock to all in this community. Mrs. Craig was 50 years of age. She was a woman of fine character and a devoted member of the Presbyterian church.

She is survived by her husband, four daughters and three sons. The daughters are Mrs. H. O. R. Beal, South Bay, N. B.; Mrs. F. G. Mahoney, East St. John, N. B.; Miss Nan, Newburyport, Mass.; Miss Nellie, Sussex. The sons are Thomas A., of Houlton, Me.; Ray and Harold, of Sussex.

TWO SENTENCED TO DIE

Camden, N. J., Feb. 25.—Frank J. James and Raymond W. Schuck, convicted of murder in the first degree as accomplices in the killing of David S. Ford, Camden bank messenger, were both sentenced to die in the electric chair during the week of April 19 here today.

WORLD NEWS TODAY

CANADA
Railways announce daylight saving for Canada beginning on May 1st to Oct. 31st.

Edmonton, Feb. 25.—School teachers want referendum on separate schools and use of language other than English in teaching.

Dalhousie, N.S., Feb. 25.—Three men killed by snow-slide in the Rocky Mountains.

United States
Crime wave breaks out in New York where jeweller is beaten and robbed; in Chicago \$772,000 in Liberty bonds is stolen.

A. F. of L. insists the United States must prohibit all immigration for the next three years.

NEWFOUNDLAND
Rains are flooding the railways now as they melt the mountains of snow that came with the recent blizzard.

THE BRITISH ISLES
Biggest battle in Ireland in many months fought between 300 rebels and Crown forces.

EUROPE
Soviet Red flag is set up in Paris in attempt to capture a factory.

Turks agree to accept finding of Allied Commission on disposal of Thrace and Smyrna.

DIVISION COMES LATE NEXT WEEK IS HOUSE VIEW

All Parties Have Long List of Orators Who Wish to Speak.

DEVOID OF MUCH FACT OR INTEREST
Growing Demand for Probe of the Activities of the Grain Companies.

Special to The Standard
Ottawa, Feb. 25.—Chief of the parliamentary press today in the stream of oratory unadvisedly and the conclusion of the debate on the address now in sight. The Agrarians, on National Progressive, late into the historical duel because of the absence of their leader, are now marshalling their speakers with the exception of the prime minister the treasury benches are not conspicuous for their debating talent; the Liberal attack has been abnormally feeble, while the Agrarians are not distinguished for their eloquence. As a consequence, it is doubtful whether any debate in recent sessions has been more barren of things worth while.

The most important contribution today was that by Mr. A. K. MacLean. It was important because Mr. MacLean was a Liberal member of the Union Government in the resigned year ago who is returning to the Opposition by way of the cross benches.

Reasons For View
He is going to vote for the amendment, and an election, and gives as his reason that those who were disfranchised by the War Time Election Act, although probably deserving of such treatment during war, are not deserving of it in peace, and that, in addition, there are indications that the country desires an election.

The demand and investigation of the fact continues to grow in volume; speaker after speaker urged such a step. They appear to suggest that in some way the grain companies, including the co-operative organization with Mr. Cramer's Company in the forefront, have been practically plundering the farmers, and that an inquiry will disclose a sensational state of affairs. If they continue to persist in their demand for an investigation, it is difficult to see how the Government can refuse one.

Two Held For Farmer's Wounds

Woman Who is Alleged to Have Been Threatened is Third Figure in the Case.

Saskatoon, Sask., Feb. 25.—With eleven knife wounds in his back and three in his head, George Simpson, a farmer of Horse Lake, Sask., is lying in a critical condition here while the police are holding Nikoie Jokorsky and his common law wife, Vera, on attempted murder charges. Jokorsky accused Simpson of assaulting the woman and pulled a knife. Simpson charged the man, but was struck down by the woman who wielded a heavy club. While he lay on the floor Simpson was stabbed fourteen times.

POPE'S PRELATE DEAD

London, Feb. 25.—The Rt. Rev. Monsignor James O'Hanlon, vicar general of Birmingham, died today. He was born in 1859 and ordained in 1885. Monsignor O'Hanlon was a domestic prelate to the Pope.

CRIME WAVE BREAKS OUT ONCE AGAIN

Jeweller Attacked in Office in New York and Robbed of \$20,000.

MESSANGER ADMITS BIG BOND THEFT

Confesses He Stole \$149,347 in Cheques and Bonds Two Months Ago.

New York, Feb. 25.—At noon two robbers crossed the "dead line for crooks," felled a jeweller in his office on the ninth floor of a Broadway office building and escaped with \$20,000 worth of his wares.

Earlier in the day, the watchman of a Bowery theatre, located a short distance from a police station, was found slain in the dressing room after evidence of having engaged in a pistol battle.

Confesses to Crime
John Mackenzie, messenger for the Chemical National Bank of this city, who attributed to a holdup the loss of \$149,347, in checks and cash entrusted to him December 29, has confessed that he was the instigator of the robbery, that three other men brought here from Chicago in connection with the crime.

Huge Theft Found
Chicago, Feb. 25.—Theft of Liberty bonds of par value of \$772,000 was announced by the National Trust Company today. The bonds were worth \$470,000 at market prices. The bank accused a clerk, William Dalton, who handles Liberty Bond transactions, with the theft.

GERMANS DRILL SOVIET'S GUARD

Active Propaganda Carried on to Prepare World for New and Bigger War.

London, Feb. 25.—A traveller who recently arrived in Warsaw from Moscow is said, in a Warsaw despatch to the London Times, to have reported that an international corps, numbering 1,000, is guarding the government buildings in the Russian capital. This corps, he says, is composed of Hungarian, Italian, French and British soldiers, the latter being mostly ex-officers.

Germans in Charge
He adds that the Germans are prominently connected with the drilling and training of troops. The Times' informant gives what he describes as confirmation of reports from other sources that the fact that the government buildings in the Russian capital, this corps, he says, is composed of Hungarian, Italian, French and British soldiers, the latter being mostly ex-officers.

ALL DAY BATTLE AGAINST REBELS

300 Men in Sinn Fein Attacking Party—Many Killed and Wounded in Fight.

Cork, Feb. 25.—The Macroom ambush today resulted in the biggest fight that has occurred since guerrilla tactics began in Ireland. The attack took place at Coolavert, on the mountainous part of the road between Macroom and Ballyvourney. The preparation for the attack was extensive. It is said the road had been mined or obstructed with fallen trees which compelled the police to dismount and take cover when the attack was launched. Three hundred men in the attacking party employed bombs and used rifles from both sides of the road.

Fought All Day.
The fighting lasted from early morning until late in the afternoon when the men in the ambulance party closing in on the police from three sides compelling them to retreat toward Macroom. The fighting continued until the ambulances were in sight of the town.

The communication with the Macroom district is difficult and it has been impossible to obtain details concerning the fight. The dead and wounded are being taken into Macroom where the inhabitants have been ordered to keep indoors. It is said there were many casualties on both sides.

YEAR FOR PREACHER

Belfast, Feb. 25.—The Rev. J. A. Irwin, Presbyterian minister, who was sentenced in January, was today convicted by court martial of having a revolver and ammunition in his possession, and was sentenced to one year in prison.

A charge of possessing seditious literature was not pressed, owing to the discovery that the suspected literature was in fact a collection of the Psalms and not Gaelic publications as at first supposed.

Daylight Saving On The Railroads

Appeal Made to All Municipalities to Change Clocks on May 1 to October 2.

Montreal, Feb. 25.—Canadian railroads will probably operate on daylight savings time from May 1 to October 2, according to an announcement of the Railway Association of Canada today. The association has issued an appeal to all Canadian municipalities to adopt daylight saving on the same dates as the railways in order to avoid the confusion which arose from the conflicting dates in the past.

Ottawa Uncertain
Ottawa, Feb. 25.—Whether or not Dominion-wide daylight saving time will be adopted this year has not so far been discussed, but it is thought probable that the Dominion Government will leave question to the municipal authorities as was done last year. Much criticism was aroused when national daylight saving time was last proclaimed and the government declined to continue the experiment, although government offices here and the Dominion Parliament itself adopted the summer time in force in the city of Ottawa.

MILITARY MUST HAVE MORE CASH GUTHRIE'S VIEW

Cannot Make Any Creditable Showing on Appropriations of Only \$12,500,000.

CAVALRY SECTION SEEKS BIG GRANT
Claim is Made That Certain Elements Make Militia in Canada Unpopular.

Ottawa, Feb. 25.—The re-organized Canadian Cavalry Association opened its first annual convention since previous years on the C.A.A.C. building this morning with all the general officers commanding cavalry brigades and units in Canada present, and a large number of other official delegates from all parts of Canada. General Sir Charles Smart, of Montreal, who is president of the association, occupied the chair.

Alternative plans were presented for division into eastern and western sections by military districts or by geographical association. These districts will be definitely outlined later.

Wants Larger Grant.
The association went on record as in favor of requesting the Dominion Government to double the present grant of \$2,000, which was received when the association became disgraced by the outbreak of the war.

Hon. Hugh Guthrie, minister of militia, asserted that the unpopularity of the Canadian militia among sections of the general public and the failure of the public to appreciate its real value had made the securing of adequate funds impossible. At the present time the militia could not be put on a proper basis with the appropriation of twelve and one half million dollars.

Must Have Militia.
The public must be educated to the fact that every self-respecting nation in the world maintains a fighting force and a creditable militia could not be secured without adequate funds.

He would do his best to secure an increase in the cavalry grant by bringing the matter to the attention of the government. Major-General J. H. McBrien, chief of the general staff, stated that the cavalry would this year train at local camps, the cost of mobilization preventing any great transportation.

Turk Nationalists Accept Allies' Terms

Commission to be Chosen to Decide on Future of Thrace and Smyrna.

London, Feb. 25.—Bakir Samy Bey, chief of the Nationalist delegation, who has definitely taken the place of head of the Turkish delegations to the Near East conference, reiterating this afternoon acceptance by the Turks of the Allies' suggestion for the appointment of a commission to determine what disposition is to be made of Thrace and Smyrna, asked for time to communicate with Ankara respecting other parts of the treaty of Sevres affecting the economic life of the country. No reply was received from the Greeks with respect to the proposal by the Allies for revision of the Sevres treaty.

Still No Clues in Baby Murder Case

Haltfax, Feb. 25.—The Canadian National Railway's police have been notified from railway headquarters at Moncton to have the infant's body found in the second class car of a Maritime Express train from Montreal this week, held together with the box, wrappings, etc., pending further instructions.

SEVEN KILLED IN LAST WEEK BY SINN FEIN

Three Trains Were Ambushed, While Seven Other Attacks Were Recorded.

MORE CONVICTIONS BY THE MILITARY

Ninety-Three Persons Were Interned and Four Barracks Were Attacked.

Dublin, Feb. 25.—The casualties to the Crown forces during the week ending February 19 were the lowest recorded in any week thus far this year, only two being killed and nine wounded, says an official review issued here today. The review records ten ambushes, of which three were on trains.

A feature of the ambushes was the absence of casualties to the forces of the Crown and the serious casualties inflicted on the attacking parties. Four attacks were made on occupied barracks, there was one assassination and one attempted assassination.

Seven are Murdered
Sinn Feiners, the review says, murdered seven persons suspected of giving information to the authorities. There were 47 raids on the mails. Seventy-one arrests were made for outrages and political offenses, and there were three trials and court martials of civilians, mostly for having arms and seditious literature in their possession. Of these 34 were convicted and nine acquitted. Ninety-three persons were interned.

SOVIETS FAILED TO SEIZE SHOPS FOR RED LABOR

Police Used Sabres Freely When Laborers Attempt to Capture Factory.

ARMED TRUCE ON BETWEEN PARTIES

Attempt of Reds to Make Rush Seizure Ends in Dismal Failure.

Paris, Feb. 25.—The first attempt at sovietizing a large plant in France, when the Red flag was raised today over a big electrical works under construction at Gennevilliers, ended in dismal failure, according to the police and military authorities. On the other hand the leaders of the Communist claim that it was a complete success. The police and military draw their conclusions from the fact that not a single man is at work on the plant. The point out that the Red flag is flying over the building as a token of victory.

How Truce Started
The trouble had its beginning when the workmen refused to quit the plant in spite of a lockout declared by the company, which had reduced wages because the employees had slackened up in their work. Louis Loucheur, the minister of liberated regions, is interested in the company.

An "armed peace" is the situation tonight with hundreds of German and republican guards under Lieut. Dubois and police Commissioner Garin patrolling the plant at Gennevilliers, which is just to the north of Paris in the Department of the Seine, while the workmen are assembled across the River Seine in the department of Seine-et-Oise at Argenteuil, singing the "Internationale," and proclaiming that they will rush the working tomorrow morning.

Police Use Sabres
At dusk this evening the workmen made a concerted attempt to cross the bridge over the Seine, shouting "down with the police." The police easily repelled the attempted invasion after they brought down a few of the manifestants with their sabres. No one was seriously injured.

Trammen Perished Under Snowslide

Three Killed When Poles Slipped and Buried Mount Resplendent and Buried Rotary Flow.

Edmonton, Alta., Feb. 25.—Three killed and one seriously injured in the result of a snow slide on the Canadian National Railway forty-six miles west of Jasper at Mounta. Resplendent Thursday night. The first slide occurred on Thursday afternoon and a rotary plow left Jasper to clear the line. The plow had only penetrated the pile of snow a short distance when a second slide occurred, burying the plow and workmen under a mass of snow and ice. The three men mentioned were dead when removed from the wreckage.