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### ROYAL ASSENT TO MANY BILLS

#### Various Incorporation Measures Get Through Final Stage

### ORDER PAPER THINNED OUT

#### Justice Mabee of Ontario Declines Railway Commission Chair

Ottawa, March 18.—The deputy governor-general, Chief Justice Fitzpatrick, has given assent to the following acts: Respecting the Canadian Pacific railway, the Macleod, Cardston and Montana railway; Kamloops and Yellowhead Pass railway; Edmonton, Dunvegan and the Columbia railway; Boundary, Kamloops and Cariboo Central railway; Calgary and Fernie railway; Ashcroft, Barkerville and Fort George railway; an act to incorporate the women's auxiliary of the missionary society of the Church of England in Canada; to amend the copyright act; respecting surveys of public lands and surveys entitled to make such surveys; respecting the ministers' widows' and orphans fund; to incorporate the Presbyterian church in Canada; to incorporate the Alberta and British River railway company; respecting the British Yukon railway.

Today was the last Wednesday of the session to be devoted to private members, but notwithstanding the fact that there were so many members absent from the house, the house went through for the first time in the session adjourning, with the result that Mr. Blain's anti-cigarette resolution, which was discussed on Monday and Tuesday, and which was carried to the foot of the notices of motion, being therefore then considered as dead for the session, suddenly came to life again. The notice of motion, which was an unexpected stroke of good luck, and desired to press the resolution to a vote. Sir Wilfrid Laurier suggested that when the matter was up on Monday night there appeared to be an acute division of opinion, and he thought the matter should be thoroughly considered. This Messrs. Black, of Hants; Gordon, of Kent; and Mr. G. H. St. Laurent, of Quebec, proceeded to do with the result that the resolution was carried on Monday night.

Mr. Blain's resolution is now thought to be finally and irrevocably buried for the session. V. F. McLean had an opportunity presented of having his two cents a mile railway resolution considered, as he was absent from the house, but he was absent from the house, and they were passed over in silence. Justice Mabee, of the High Court of Ontario, has just refused to consider the order of the railway commissioners, in succession to the late Hon. Mr. Killam.

#### Gold Fever Runs High

Edmonton, March 18.—Hudson's Bay officials confirm the story of the great gold strike in the Finlay River district. Hundreds of people are gathering here for the spring rush. Stories of fabulous strikes are reported.

#### One Wounded, Two Captured.

Toronto, March 18.—James Sullivan, 34 years old, was shot in the chest in Grace hospital with a bullet wound in his thigh as the result of an encounter with Toronto Junction police, and two men were arrested. Toronto Junction, and Mich. Riley, of Toronto, are under arrest charged with burglary. Sgt. Peters, of the junction force, shot Sullivan as he was running away to escape arrest.

### LONGBOAT AFTER BIG GAME

#### Intention to Enter Indian in Several Short Distance Runs at Olympic Games

Toronto, March 18.—President Flanagan of the Irish Athletic club says that the committee is willing to have Tom Longboat enter in the mile and five-mile races as well as in the 10-mile and 15-mile races. The shorter distances will be held earlier than the March 20th, and he thinks the shorter distances will be the Indian on edge for the 25-mile race.

#### Miss Saunders Dead.

New Westminster, March 18.—The death occurred in the city yesterday of Miss Pearl Saunders the thirteen-year-old daughter of Charles Saunders of Third avenue.

#### Three Months for Stealing.

New Westminster, March 18.—Ah Lee, the Chilliwack Chinaman, who shot and seriously wounded Richard Davis on New Year's night, was yesterday sentenced to three months in jail.

#### House-Mover's Troubles.

Vancouver, March 18.—It has already cost F. Fenton over \$40 in medical fees and in other ways to move a house across the street. Mount Pleasant. The structure stood on the side of the street over Sunday with the result that Mr. Fenton was in court to answer to an alleged infringement of the street by-law. He produced a permit to move the building and explained to the court the circumstances with the result that only a nominal fine of \$1 was ordered. Mr. Fenton was struck by a street car while arranging the lights on the structure as it occupied a place on the side of the street, and suffered painful injuries to his head. The court concluded that he had been sufficiently punished.

#### Mr. Carnegie Has Promised \$15,000 towards new library buildings for Middlesborough.

A bonus of \$25 per head on all children between 12 and 14 years of age has been promised to the Welsh school.

### GOVERNMENT AND NANAIMO UNEMPLOYED

#### Basis Upon Which Work Will Be Supplied Has Been Decided Upon

Nanaimo, March 18.—A decision as to the basis upon which the unemployed at Nanaimo will be given work has been arrived at by Hon. F. J. Fulton, chief commissioner of lands and works, in accordance with William Manson, formerly of Nanaimo, has recently reported upon conditions there, and the present decision has no doubt been inspired by his report.

The work undertaken is of a special nature and would not have been undertaken for the present but for the purpose of assisting the unemployed. The question had as a consequence to be dealt with as a matter of special nature, and the decision was taken of statutory declarations were taken from the men, and a specified number of days work has been apportioned to each man according to his need and taking into consideration the family or relatives dependent upon him, as well as the other features as disclosed by his statement.

Instructions have been forwarded to B. Marshall Bray, government agent at Nanaimo, in detail, showing the number of days' work to be given to each man. The men who have been working on the cemetery site, who struck, were allowed to continue work this week after Saturday of last week. The maximum number of days allowed is 25, which will conclude the work in one month. A large number of men working at Oyster district refused to give any statement or make declarations as to their circumstances. On this account they cannot be continued on the work after Saturday of last week, owing to the fact that it is impossible to tell, comparatively speaking, how much work these men should be given to do, so that they will be considered on the same basis as those who made statements in the first place.

It is hoped that this will carry the men over their tight place, and will conclude the responsibility of the government in respect to the unemployed situation in the vicinity of Nanaimo.

### GRAND TRUNK ROAD PUSHING ON RAPIDLY

#### Another 200 Mile Contract in B. C. to Be Let—Work on Prairies

Montreal, March 18.—An interesting announcement has been made by Wm. Wainwright, vice-president of the Grand Trunk, to the effect that tenders for the construction of another 200 miles of the Grand Trunk Pacific; connecting the hundred miles eastward from Prince Rupert for which the contract has already been let. This step, Mr. Wainwright says, is made possible by the arrangement reached with the British Columbia government. With these two mountain sections in hand, half of the transcontinental road from ocean to ocean will be in process of building.

Regarding Prince Rupert townsite, he stated that two thousand acres would most likely be laid out in lots and ready for sale next September. He further stated that every body felt that the rush for townsites in our principal city will be far greater than in any other city in the west, and that he is informed by persons who are considered competent to form an opinion that Prince Rupert will start with a population of 20,000, and not believe that the estimate will be too high. The financial difficulties and considerable activity there now. There are two hotels and a number of places of temporary housing will be permanent before September.

Winnipeg, March 18.—Frank W. Morse, vice-president of the Grand Trunk Pacific, arrived here this morning. He says tenders have been invited for the new Winnipeg terminal structure. Work will be started on the construction of the new terminal, the whole should be under roof by fall. It will be of such proportions that all the equipment will be proud of it. The through line from Winnipeg to Saskatoon should be in operation within two months after spring opens, and the construction work is being rapidly extended westward.

#### Killed by Explosion

Montreal, March 18.—Polycarp Cole, of Malachi, has been killed by an explosion of dynamite on the Transcontinental railway at St. Malachi.

#### Iowa For Taft

Des Moines, Ia., March 18.—The Republican State convention today elected four delegates at large to the National convention, instructing them to vote for Wm. H. Taft for presidential nominee, for Senator Wm. B. Allison for re-election, and approval of the adopted platform. The platform adopted affirmed allegiance to the principles of the Republican party.

#### Tunnel Under East River

New York, March 18.—The last of the four miles of the Pennsylvania railroad under the East river was completed tonight, when the two shields which for months have approached each other from opposite sides touched under the Mount Pleasant river, and the tunnel gangs broke down the thin intervening wall of earth and shook hands. The work of lining and concreting the steel tubes will be expedited.

#### Runaway Girls

Calgary, March 18.—T. Digon, a 15-year-old girl, was arrested in search of his 15-year-old daughter Virginia, who ran away from home on Sunday night last with Mabel Cay, a 16-year-old girl, whose parents reside in Medicine Hat. The police have made a thorough search for them, having been supplied with a full description and photos of the Digon girl, but she has not been located. No reason can be given for the girls leaving their homes, and their parents are frantic with anxiety.

#### Fought to a Draw.

Glenfalls, N. Y., March 18.—Jimmy Briggs of Boston and George Golden of Albany, fought six rounds before the Casino Athletic club, here tonight. Briggs had a shade the better of the encounter.

#### Musicalian Named Gilmore.

A musicalian named Gilmore, a resident of Boston, jumped overboard from the steamer Castle while temporarily insane on account of the death of his wife.

### GREAT BRITAIN'S MASTERY OF SEA

#### Completion of Present Programme Will Keep Her Far in Lead

### LORD TWEEDMOUTH'S VIEW

#### Temeraire Superior to Dreadnaught, and St. Vincent Still Better

London, March 18.—Speaking in the House of Lords this evening, Lord Tweedmouth, First Lord of the Admiralty, defended the policy of the government in refraining temporarily from laying down large numbers of battleships, and said that the construction of battleships just now parroted largely of the nature of an experiment.

Great Britain's three vessels of the Temeraire type, he declared, were infinitely superior to the Dreadnaught type, and the vessels of the Vincent type would be an improvement on the Temeraire type. In the spring of 1911, Great Britain would have three squadrons of ships of the St. Vincent type. No power in the world would be able to assemble such a fleet of first class battleships, Lord Tweedmouth declared, and he could almost say that a combination of all the powers of the world would not be able to put an equal squadron on the sea.

The Temeraire, first-class battleship, was built at Devonport. She is of 13,000 tons and 23,000 horsepower, indicated. Her speed is to be 21 knots.

### PREMIER IMPROVES

#### Bulletin Issued Yesterday Speaks More Favorably of Sir Henry's Condition

London, March 18.—The bulletin issued today regarding the condition of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the British Premier, says that yesterday the patient was more comfortable. The chief symptoms are no worse, and Sir Henry's strength has improved slightly.

### CARIBOO ROAD

#### Walter Moberly Lectures on the Construction of a Portion of the Famous Highway

Vancouver, March 18.—A very instructive lecture was delivered last evening at the Aberdeen school, Burrard street, by Walter Moberly on the history of the Cariboo wagon road. F. C. Wade, K.C., presided. The spacious assembly hall at the top of the building was packed with a distinguished and interested audience who punctuated the lecturer's remarks with frequent plaudits.

Commencing with his explorations of the formidable canyons of the Fraser river between Yale and Lytton the speaker outlined the privations and hardships endured whilst the great scheme for the construction of the westerly section of the transcontinental railway were maturing. Difficulties which threatened to seriously interfere with the work, but the indomitable pluck which was displayed by those in charge of the work, sufficed to overcome these. The financial difficulties were caused by the unfaithfulness of the Imperial government in not forwarding the money according to contract when the business exchange of the country had gained a large and most expensive portion of the Cariboo wagon road, which cost it nothing but Mr. Moberly's own pocket.

The local representative of the eastern men are Messrs. R. D. Rolison & Son, the junior partner of the firm having recently taken a trip to personally investigate the plant now in operation in Ontario.

#### Bank of England's Rate

Montreal, March 18.—A London cable received on the 18th, exchangeable today says there is a likelihood that the Bank of England will again reduce the rate of discount tomorrow.

#### Royal City Wedding.

New Westminster, March 18.—The marriage of H. C. Gillard and Miss Florence Gathery took place yesterday evening at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Rev. J. S. Henderson officiating. The newly-wedded couple will reside in this city.

#### North German Lloyd Dividend

Bremen, March 18.—The North German Lloyd Steamship company declared an annual dividend of 4 1/2 per cent against 4 1/2 per cent last year. The report shows net earnings of \$8,174,250, as against \$8,228,500 for last year. Only \$461,500 is carried for reserve.

#### Railway Dividends

New York, March 18.—The directors of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad company today declared a quarterly dividend of 1 per cent. This is a reduction of 1/4 and 1 per cent from the quarterly of three months ago.

#### Philadelphia, March 18.

The directors of the Reading company today declared the regular semi-annual dividend of 1 per cent on the second preferred stock.

#### Canadian Teams Play Stellar Hockey.

New York, March 18.—The Wanderers of Boston and the Stanley Cup, and the Shamrocks of Montreal last night played the finest game of hockey in New York this year, the former winning by a score of 4 to 1. The game was fast and clean throughout, and put up a hard fight. The team work of the Shamrocks was much better than that of the winners but the latter won the contest on the strength of their individual work, getting many more shots at the goal than their opponents.

### OFFICER WAS PLUCKY

#### Constable Munro, of Vancouver, Makes Difficult Stop of Runaway Dray Team

Vancouver, March 18.—Through the heroic efforts of Police Constable Munro what would undoubtedly have proved a serious accident was averted on Granville street, near Pender, yesterday.

A heavy draught team attached to a big dray of the Merchants' Cartage company was standing outside of the post office when the dray came off on the horses and the animal taking fright started to run. With increasing speed the animals dashed down Granville street toward Hastings.

It was evident that a serious smash would occur, as the horses were plunging toward the crowded sidewalk with no apparent hope of their being directed. The plucky officer was dragged from point to point of safety, and there was considerable commotion when the police officer ran into the street and jumping on the neck of one of the horses attempted to stop the runaway team.

Grabbing one of the horses by the nostrils so tightly that blood was drawn, the plucky officer was dragged for many yards. He clung grimly to the animal's head however, and the result was that they were brought to a standstill. Spectators who witnessed the accident praise most highly the work of the policeman, and attribute the absence of any serious harm to the person or damage to property alone to the officer's pluck and daring.

### VISIT FROM FLEET

#### A Definite Announcement Received From the Department at Washington

Vancouver, March 18.—It is now an assured fact that a portion of the fleet of the United States Navy, which is to visit Vancouver, will be in the city and municipalities on the coast in the month of April. The Secretary of the Navy, Secretary Allen, of the American navy, yesterday received a telegram from Washington, stating that Secretary Daniels had announced that a part of the fleet of the United States Navy, which is to visit Vancouver, but that the date was uncertain.

Following up promptly on the assurance given by the Secretary of the cities and municipalities on the coast in the month of April, the Secretary of the Navy, Secretary Allen, of the American navy, yesterday received a telegram from Washington, stating that Secretary Daniels had announced that a part of the fleet of the United States Navy, which is to visit Vancouver, but that the date was uncertain.

### TURPENTINE PROJECT

#### Eastern Capitalists Contemplate Establishment of Plant on Fraser North Arm of Fraser

Vancouver, March 18.—Eastern capitalists have recently been in communication with local parties concerning the erection of a plant for the manufacture of turpentine and the by-products of the forest in the vicinity of this city.

The project has been well received by persons to whom it has been presented, and it is very probable that during the present season steps for the installation of the plant will be taken. The location of the plant being considered is on the north arm of the Fraser just below the bridge from Sea Island, where are located the Estabrook flour mill and other industries.

The eastern backers of the project are men who have already made a success of the business. The process of the manufacture of turpentine is well understood by the men who are in charge of the work, and it is probable that the waste product from the local mills will also be used.

### ATTEMPT TO WRECK LOADED TRAMCAR

#### Many Passengers' Lives Endangered on Vancouver-Steveston Line

Vancouver, March 18.—What was undoubtedly an attempt to wreck the British Columbia Electric Railway company's car on the Steveston line was discovered by Police Constable McLeod last night in time to avert an accident.

A heavy tin had been thrown across the track in the vicinity of the Steveston line, and in such a place that motion on the car would not see it in time to stop.

The car carried a large number of passengers, and the plot being discovered they might have been seriously injured. The police officer did not have the obstruction removed more than a few moments when the car came thundering along. When this is the third time that an attempt has been made to wreck the cars on this line, and the police are working on the line, no effort will be spared to run the offenders to earth.

#### Victim of a Scoundrel

Kingston, Ont., March 18.—That she was kept a prisoner in a house, is the statement of a 19-year-old English girl who has just found her way to the home of her mother in Kingston, Ont. In her loneliness she was kept company with a man who wooed her and finally, under promise of marriage, got her to go to his house. There she was kept a prisoner. She was kept by beating and kicking her. Recently after her baby was born she decided to escape, and succeeded. The man cannot be found, as he fears prosecution. He is married.

### PREMIER'S LIFE DESPAIRED OF

#### Sir Henry's Illness More Serious Than Was Formerly Supposed

### QUEEN ALEXANDRA CALLS

#### Constant Stream of Inquiries From Public as to His Condition

London, March 17.—The general anxiety aroused by news filtering from the sick room of Premier Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman is evidenced by the constant stream of inquiries at his house in Downing street.

The fact that Queen Alexandra and the Dowager Empress of Russia called personally this afternoon at the premier's residence and inquired as to his condition shows that his illness is more critical than the bulletins given to the public indicate.

Up to the present the queen has sent inquiries as to his condition.

### HAYTI QUIETER

#### Government Allows Refugees to Constitute to Be Taken From the Country

Port Au Prince, March 18.—Following the decision of the French government to permit the participants in the late insurrection who have been seeking protection in the various consulates to leave the country unmolested, the French cruiser Estrees is making preparations to take on board all the refugees in the French, German and Spanish consulates at Gonaives, St. Marie and Port Au Prince. The cruiser will take the revolutionists to St. Thomas.

President Nord Alexis has issued instructions in the case of six military officers of whom Major Larague, commander of the crack cavalry corps, is one, now under arrest on suspicion of being implicated in the recent conspiracy; that if the facts warrant it, they may be taken before a regularly constituted military court for examination.

On Friday next a court martial will decide the case of Major Aurel Masdou, charged with making an attempt against the security of the state and conspiring to assassinate the president. The court will also decide the case of the officers of the French army who were in the harbor allying the fears of the foreign residents.

### PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONS

#### Committee Finds Deficit Less Than Was Expected—Western Appropriations

Toronto, March 18.—The total expenditure of the Presbyterian home mission committee (western section) for the past year, as reported before the annual meeting held yesterday was \$169,077.

Contributions for the year, including a balance of \$1,908 from the previous year, amounted to \$182,854, which was eighteen or nineteen thousand dollars in advance of the previous year's earnings, leaving a deficit of only a little more than \$6,000, instead as feared, of between \$20,000 and \$25,000.

The following lump sums were granted to western synods: Manitoba and Saskatchewan, \$55,000; Alberta, \$32,500; British Columbia, \$40,000.

An overflow of the general assembly by the Presbytery of Calgary regarding the work of the church at Banff, and the organization of a new congregation with a view to placing it on a more satisfactory basis, was endorsed by the committee.

#### Forestry Organization

Toronto, March 18.—A society which intends to unite in one body all interested in the science of forestry through Canada has been formed. It will meet for the discussion of technical subjects pertaining to the profession of forestry and for the advancement of high standards of work. It will be known as the Canadian Society of Forest Engineers. E. Fernow of Toronto has been elected president.

#### Guelph Firm Fails

Toronto, March 18.—E. H. Bollert & Co., drygoods merchants, Guelph, have assigned to Henry Barber, with liabilities over \$60,000 and stock and assets valued at \$50,000. The firm has been in business for forty years, and is one of the largest of its kind in western Canada. The failure is attributed to the poor trade of winter and spring.

#### Royal Templars of Temperance

Hamilton, Ont., March 18.—The sixteenth biennial convention of the Dominion Council, Royal Templars of Temperance, is being held here. The important matter to be dealt with will be the consideration of insurance rates. With a view to popularizing that branch of the order, it is proposed to create a fund for members who have reached the age of 65 or 70 years. The finances of the order are in good shape.

#### Cigar Manufacturers Object.

Montreal, March 18.—Local cigar manufacturers are not pleased with the changes made in the excise duty on cigars, as announced in the Budget. "It leaves us in the position of not knowing what we are up against," one of them last night, after having made a study of the proposition. Mr. Fielding desires to foster the industry of Canadian tobacco in cigars. We do not object to that, but we do object to the manner in which this is done."

### PIPE CONTRACT AWARDED

#### Montreal Firm Gets Contract for Iron Piping For the Waterworks System

The contract for the supply of the cast-iron pipes to be used in the system of distribution for the new waterworks, and which is the first contract to be let under the new bylaw to raise \$245,000 for waterworks purposes, has been awarded. There were a number of tenders which had been referred to the city purchasing agent and the waterworks department. The contract was awarded to the Montreal firm of J. B. Wood, who is the supervising agent of the Canadian Inspection company, who will be appointed to see that the specifications are lived up to. The cost to the city of this inspection will be about \$900.

### HARRY ORCHARD

#### Judge Wood Recommends Commutation of Death Sentence Pronounced Yesterday

Caldwell, Idaho, March 18.—Saying that he believed that Harry Orchard in his testimony in the trials of William D. Haywood and George Pettibone for the murder of Governor Steunenberg told the exact truth, attempting to conceal nothing, Judge Fremont Wood in the district court today recommended that the state board of pardons commute Orchard's sentence of death to imprisonment in the state penitentiary. Judge Wood presided at both the Haywood and Pettibone trials.

President Nord Alexis has issued instructions in the case of six military officers of whom Major Larague, commander of the crack cavalry corps, is one, now under arrest on suspicion of being implicated in the recent conspiracy; that if the facts warrant it, they may be taken before a regularly constituted military court for examination.

### GREAT STRUCTURE SPANS EAST RIVER

#### Official Party Takes Promenade on Blackwell's Island Bridge

New York, March 18.—The great structure over East River known as Blackwell's island bridge, which was constructed at a cost of nearly \$2,000,000 was traversed for its entire length by pedestrians today for the first time.

Alderman Timothy P. Sullivan was the first man to cross the bridge, acting as the personal representative of Mayor McClellan, who was prevented by illness from participating in the event. Alderman Sullivan headed a delegation of city officials and representatives of the various companies who have taken part in the erection of the structure across a narrow foot bridge which has been built on top of the shingle steel girder which now links the New York and Long Island ends of the bridge. This great girder is 100 feet in length, and weighing twenty tons, was fitted in place today, and was bolted and fixed in the presence of the official delegation which was on the bridge.

Work on the bridge was commenced in 1904 and has been carried on constantly since then. There have been many fatalities among the workmen employed in the construction of the bridge, and the bridge will be a double-decked and 8.84 feet in length. The main span is 1,182 feet between the towers. On the lower deck, projecting beyond the trusses, there will be a roadway wide enough for about four three-foot wide sidewalks abreast. On each side of and apart from this roadway, there will be two rows of tracks.

In the middle of the upper deck, between the trusses, there are to be two elevated railroad tracks, and there will also be two promenades, each eleven feet wide. The six tracks across the bridge are estimated to have a capacity of 150,000 passengers a year, under ordinary conditions of traffic.

#### Plague at Guayaquil

Guayaquil, Ecuador, March 18.—The bubonic plague here is increasing, and the unsanitary condition of this and other towns is causing great alarm. There are 51 cases of the plague in the lazareto, besides several cases of smallpox and yellow fever.

#### Died From Blood Poisoning

Toronto, March 18.—James McBridge, 23 years old, driver for the Naimsmith company, died from blood poisoning caused by running a needle in his arm. The needle broke off and remained in the arm despite efforts to remove it. McBridge was taken to the hospital, but too late, blood poisoning having developed.

#### Train Wreckers at Work

London, Ont., March 18.—The police are endeavoring to discover the identity of the person or persons responsible for two attempts to wreck the fast east-bound C. P. R. express No. eleven which goes through at 4 o'clock in the morning. In the first a chain was tied across the road and in the second a large iron bar. The chain cracked before the wheels, and the bar was knocked off the track by a slow freight.

#### Decreased Railway Earnings.

Montreal, March 18.—Canadian Pacific railway earnings for the week ending March 14, show a decrease of \$14,000, the figures being \$1,820,000, compared with \$1,835,000 for the same period last year. Grand Trunk earnings for the same period decreased by \$53,597, the figures being \$557,111 for 1908 and \$767,700 for 1907.

#### Mutual Reserve Policyholders.

Toronto, March 18.—The Canadian policyholders of the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance company are being warned by the permanent liquidator, E. R. C. Clarkson, that he will assume no responsibility for any premiums paid to the company in the United States, either insofar as protection of their policies or repayment of premiums so paid is concerned. Mr. Clarkson points out that the Canadian liquidation was undertaken voluntarily for the protection of holders of Canadian policies and is quite apart from the United States.

### DEADLOCK OVER LAWS FOR LABOR

#### American Federation Unable to Endorse Civic Federation Plan

### WOULD STICK TO BOYCOTT

#### Labor Conference to Protest Against Inaction of Congress

Washington, March 18.—Details of the conference held yesterday between Seth Low, of New York, president of the Civic Federation, and Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, which slowly coming to light, indicate that labor is not yet committed to legislation about to be urged by President Roosevelt along the lines of the programme of the Civic Federation. That there is a difference of opinion that threatens to overthrow the programme was learned from an authoritative source.

Mr. Low is said to have returned to New York much discouraged. He had expected to be able to harmonize the points, but the labor interests, represented by Mr. Gompers, failed to conform with the programme of the Civic Federation. The officials of the American Federation of Labor are said to be withholding their support from the programme because the president would not endorse legislation which would legalize trade by labor unions. The provision of the proposed bill exempting labor organizations from the operations of the Sherman anti-trust law, medium through which it was intended to secure full endorsement by the American Federation of Labor.

At the conference at the White House which Mr. Gompers attended, it appears that organized labor was in complete accord with the programme of the Civic Federation. Later, however, Mr. Gompers conferred with some of his associates in the American Federation, and the opinion was that the president in his message would should recognize the right of organized labor to withhold trade from a concern whose management was conducting its business in inimical to organized labor. It was said that the president would agree to this and in fact he was disposed to urge that boycotts should be suppressed by legislation which otherwise was fair to the labor unions. It was Mr. Gompers' mission in calling on Mr. Gompers yesterday to show him that the president's message, if it was to have force, must be couched in language which would allow continued application of the Sherman law to the Supreme Court on this question.

No agreement