

SET DATE FOR EXTRA SESSION

Believing That Present Senate Will Not Vote on Measure Taft Fixes April 4, After Conference.

No Use for Aldrich to Come to Rescue—Western Farmers Not Altogether Pleased.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 25.—So probable is it that an extra session of Congress will be necessary in order to get action on the Canadian reciprocity agreement, that President Taft has fixed April 4 as the date on which such a session may be called.

The president had intended to convene the extra session at an earlier date, but Representative Clark and Underwood told him that they would like to have a month's time after the present Congress adjourned, in which to map out the Democratic plans for the next session.

There was no change in the situation in the Senate today regarding the Canadian reciprocity agreement, and the leaders see no hope of bringing a vote to the agreement into effect.

Many rumors were circulated of moves to remedy the situation, but apparently they were all without foundation.

The most persistent of all was one that Senator Aldrich, famed for winning legislative battles which his colleagues thought lost, was speeding to Washington to vote in favor of the McCall bill.

The Aldrich rumor, apparently, was a distortion of a telegram which Senator Aldrich sent from Jacksonville, Georgia, where he has been for several weeks, in search of health, saying that if he were here he would vote for the Canadian agreement.

The telegram was to one of the senate leaders asking that a pair be arranged for him in favor of the McCall bill if it comes to a vote this session.

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MANY CURIOUS IN MONTREAL

Requires Three Policemen to Handle Crowds Which Collected at Hearing of Report of Body with Goat's Horns.

Montreal, Feb. 26.—Some person started a story last week that a baby had been born to Mrs. Alfred Plante, 411 Joliette street, Hochelaga ward, with horns resembling a goat.

The family at first paid little attention to the report, and their neighbors were aware that nothing of the kind had happened.

STEAMER MEN UNDER ARREST

Federal Officers Raid Grecian Liner and Round up Every Officer on Charge of Violating Immigration Laws.

New York, Feb. 25.—Federal officers swept aboard a trans-Atlantic liner when she made her pier this afternoon, and arrested every man in authority from the captain down. All were charged with conspiracy to violate the United States immigration laws.

The steamship is the Athina, of the Hellenic Trans-Atlantic Steamship Company whose general agent, here also, was placed under arrest.

The government charges that the company has been smuggling in aliens for more than a year, some of them disreputable members of the crew, some of them hidden about the ship, in coal bunkers, and elsewhere, until there was no danger of search.

Nikolas A. Galanos, was released in \$10,000 bonds, and his confidential secretary in \$15,000. Captain Gekas Kolouras, was released in \$10,000, as were his first officer, the chief engineer and Dr. Germainos Diakofos, the ship's surgeon.

Three other officers were held in \$10,000 bail each, and all the crew in \$5,000 each. In all, the government required \$195,000 bail.

Judge Chatfield set trial for March 1. The penalty for conspiracy is \$10,000 and two years imprisonment, either or both, and for violating section 8 of the immigration laws, \$5,000 and two years, either or both.

16 WHEAT CARS ARE DESTROYED

Toronto, Feb. 26.—Sixteen box cars loaded with wheat were smashed to matchwood in a wreck on the main line of the Grand Trunk at the lumber, this morning.

The front truck on a car broke and struck a switch frog, piling up the cars behind. No one was injured.

5,000 bushels of wheat will be lost. Freight was diverted over the C.P.R.'s freight cutters to West Toronto, and trains reached Toronto 30 minutes late.

COURT ORDER UNDER TRUST LEGISLATION

Application for Investigation of United Shoes Machinery Co. of Quebec Granted by Judge Cannon.

REVIEWING HIS SONS



THE COUNTRY—Which one of you boys will sacrifice your brothers' and my interests for your own?

CANAL WILL BE FORTIFIED

\$3,000,000 Provided by U. S. House for Section of Panama Batteries—Sure to go Through Senate.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 25.—After nearly five hours of debate, the house of representatives shortly before 10 o'clock tonight, voted overwhelmingly in favor of the policy of fortifying the Panama canal, and appropriated \$3,000,000 to begin the work.

The action of the house practically settles the question of fortification for the sentiment in the senate is said to be more than 2 to 1 in favor of protecting the isthmian waterway by seacoast batteries.

The real test in the house came on an amendment proposed by Representative Tawney, of Minnesota, chairman of the committee on appropriations.

It is provided that no part of the money set aside for fortification should be used until the president of the United States had attempted to negotiate treaties with all of the leading maritime nations guaranteeing the neutrality and international protection of the canal.

This was defeated by a vote of 161 to 63 after a slashing speech against the amendment by Representative Sherley, of Kentucky, a democrat.

The appropriation was finally carried by a vote of 123 to 81.

MEMORIAL SERVICE TO LATE DR. MOWATT

Many Pay Tribute to Memory of Former Pastor at St. Paul's, Fredericton—Two Deaths Reported.

Fredericton, Feb. 26.—At St. Paul's Presbyterian church this morning, a memorial service to the late Rev. Dr. A. J. Mowatt, whose tragic death occurred at Montreal last Sunday, was attended by a large congregation.

\$130,000 JEWEL THEFT ON BOARD ATLANTIC LINER

Mrs. Drummond, Widow of Marshal Fields, Jr., Victim of Clever Thief on Board Amerika—Stolen From Room

New York, N. Y., Feb. 26.—Mrs. Malcolm Drummond, formerly Mrs. Marshal Field, Jr., of Chicago, was robbed of a fortune in jewels last night aboard a trans-Atlantic steamer.

The Hamburg-American line steamer, the Amerika, was docked at Hoboken this afternoon and the police of Hoboken and New York are working on the case.

Mrs. Drummond hurried to the hotel Plaza declining to discuss her loss. The Hamburg-American line disclaims all responsibility on the ground that passengers leave jewels in their staterooms at their own risk.

To the police Mrs. Drummond described the missing jewels as follows: Two strings of pearls, of 273 pearls each.

One string of 283 pearls. One large black pearl set with diamonds.

One pair large pearl earrings, set with diamonds.

One black large pearl brooch, set with diamonds with a black heart, pea shaped pendant.

A wireless message sent from the Amerika as she neared port, summoned detectives down the bay in a tug.

They learned from Mrs. Drummond details of the theft and began a combing of the ship and a search of the staterooms.

Mrs. Drummond explained that except at night, she had worn the jewels almost constantly on her person, but had kept them under her waist and had not displayed them at any time, even while dining.

CORSICAN HAD ROUGH PASSAGE

Arrives at Halifax After Weathering Worst Storm Ever Experienced by Officers—Manchester Trader in

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 26.—Twenty-four hours overdue, with one of the crew suffering from a fractured arm, the Allan line steamer Corsican arrived yesterday after the roughest passage since she was launched.

The Corsican left Liverpool on Friday, February 17, and encountered heavy westerly gales and high seas the first day out.

The storm did not let up completely till Saturday, when the steamer was off the Nova Scotia coast.

Captain Cook and all the officers say the storm was one of the severest they ever experienced.

The Manchester Trader, three days overdue, arrived from Manchester today also reporting terrific storms, with several plates started.

The White Star line Megantic arrived today.

BRAZIL ENCOURAGES HOME INDUSTRIES

Government Grants Concessions on Big Steel Plant and Agrees to Boycott Foreign Material

Rio Janeiro, Feb. 25.—President Fonseca today signed a decree granting to two Brazilian capitalists, a 25-year concession on a 150,000 ton steel plant in the state of Minas Gerais, with a subvention of \$3 a ton ingots, \$4 a ton on rails, plates and structural materials, and \$10 a ton on certain other material.

The government is pledged to take 50,000 tons annually, and it is restricted from buying foreign made material, unless the inspectors prove that the material made at the new plant is inferior.

PREMIER BRIAND

THINK ROTTEN TIES CAUSE

Jury in Nova Scotia Railway Disaster Makes Far-reaching Recommendations—New Ties and More Section Men.

Halifax, Feb. 26.—A coroner's inquest was held on the death of L. Sargent and O'McLaughlin, victims of Friday night's accident on the H. and S. W. Railway, near New Germany.

The witnesses were all railway men. They testified that the rottenness of the whole was good.

The jury rendered the following verdict: "We, the jury formed to inquire into the cause of the death of the victims in the disaster on the Halifax and Southwestern Railroad, near New Germany Junction, find the bodies are those of Leithard Sargent and Oron McLaughlin and that they came to their death between the hours of 8 and 9 o'clock on the night of Feb. 24, 1911, by derailed cars falling upon them, and the cause of the derailment being unknown to us."

"But we are of the opinion that it was caused by rotten railway ties. We would urge that the force of section men should be strengthened and further we strongly protest against the company attaching passenger coaches to log trains and heavy freight trains."

"We would further suggest that the occasional rotten ties mentioned in the evidence, should be removed and replaced by new ones."

Driver Deveau, at the time of the accident, when he found something wrong ran back and flagged the Caladonia train which was coming on behind. In doing this he was accompanied by Conductor Allen, but for this precaution there might have been another and a worse accident.

LEARNED IT IN U.S. NAVY

Ingersoll, Ont., Feb. 25.—After expressing willingness to "take his medicine right away," Wm. Bradshaw, who was arrested in London this morning, by local detectives, on a charge of raising Canadian Express Company money orders, received a sentence of five years in Kingston penitentiary from Police Magistrate Patterson at Ingersoll at 6:30 this evening.

Before Bradshaw received sentence he signed his name to a statement, in which he confessed that under the guise of being an agent for a Bible firm, he effectively raised money orders at a score of places in Ontario and at a number in New York state and Michigan.

So fully did the young man make clear his guilt that the officers of court officials present he made a complete demonstration of methods he employed in erasing the so-called indelible ink of an original money order and increasing its face value to the limit of the marginal guaranty.

The neatness and despatch of his work amazed the officials.

The navy of the United States was blamed by him as the cause of his downfall. Against the petty officers of Uncle Sam's ships of war the prisoner laid his education in ways that are dark. He made the statement that it was common practice in the navy to raise vouchers and pay orders and to put it in his own words the entire department was "rotten with graft."

40 FISHERMEN LAND SAFELY

St. Petersburg, Feb. 26.—Despatches from Helsinki and Narva report that a portion of the ice floe on which 40 fishermen went adrift in the Gulf of Finland, several days ago has been driven ashore at Helsinki Island.

Forty of the fishermen had found safety on this floe. Another portion with many men grounded near Koiwisto in Bjorko sound.

Leader of French Government Sick of Intrigues Among Followers to Retire with Ministry.

Conservative Press Voices Fear that Nation is Drifting Toward Advanced Radicalism.

Paris, Feb. 25.—Premier Briand and the members of the cabinet will resign on Monday. They reached this decision this afternoon at a conference in the Premier's office, when the political situation was thoroughly canvassed from beginning to end.

The bare majority of sixteen, which the government received last night, in a vote of confidence in the Chamber of Deputies, following the Premier's arraignment by the Radical Socialists, Louis Malvy and Paul Meunier, was a sore blow to the Premier and his associates, who had



been sustained many times in previous crises by much larger votes. In the end, M. Briand declared that he was "sick of it all."

The only reason for waiting until Monday to present their resignations to the President is that the ministers wish to show their respect for the memory of their late colleague, Gen. Brun, whose funeral will take place Monday morning.

There is much uncertainty tonight as to what will happen, whether President Fallieres, after taking counsel with the leaders of the parliamentary groups will ask M. Briand to stay in power, or whom he will invite to form a new ministry.

Leon Bourgeois, former premier and ex-minister of foreign affairs, Raymond Poincare, ex-minister of finance, Theophile Delcasse, ex-foreign minister and former Premier Emile Combes are among the names that the President states that it is understood that M. Delcasse is not liked personally by the President of the Republic.

CONTRACTORS RESPONSIBLE

Montreal, Feb. 26.—Mr. Justice Moncton delivered judgment in the heavy litigation which followed the disaster at Bolvin and Wilson's warehouse in 1907, when the big water tank broke through the building, killing a young girl and ruining much property.

Several actions followed this accident between various interests, in order to fix the responsibility.

Judge Moncton found that the Vogel Company which had erected the water tank, was responsible for the accident, and that the collapse was caused by weakness of the walls, which the contractors should have guarded against.

He accordingly gave judgment to Messrs. Bolvin, Wilson & Company in the sum of \$9,500 with costs. The subsidiary actions were dismissed.

NOBILITY CONGRESS PILLORIES JEWS

St. Petersburg, Feb. 26.—The "All-Russian nobility" congress, now sitting here, has prepared a report charging the Jews with being the leaders in a "liberation" movement, and advocating their exclusion from state service in any capacity, even if they change their religion, together with deprivation of all electoral, legislative and administrative privileges.

CLANS FIGHT AT AMOY. Amoy, China, Feb. 26.—Troops were called out today to quell a fight in the city between rival clans. None of the clansmen are reported to have been killed, though several were wounded.

NORWAY WOMEN TO HOLD OFFICE

Christians, Feb. 25.—The Norwegian cabinet has adopted a resolution providing for the admission of women to all state offices, except those having to do with the cabinet and the military, diplomatic and consular services and the church.

FORMER HUNGARIAN PREMIER. Budapest, Feb. 26.—Baron Desiderus Banffy, former premier of Hungary, and a leader of the new party, died today.

\$1,220,000 WILLED TO FRENCH SCIENTISTS

Paris, Feb. 26.—Auguste Loutreuil, who was born a peasant and became one of the richest French financiers in Russia, died recently. He had been impressed by the mesage endowment of science in France in comparison with the United States, and determined to set an example for his countrymen.

His will, which has just been made public, discloses that he bequeathed \$500,000 to the University of Paris, and \$20,000 to the Pasteur Institute for research work.

TREAT FOR PEACE. Washington, D. C., Feb. 26.—Dr. Vasquez Gomez, head of the confidential agency here of the Mexican revolutionists, tonight announced that he indirectly had received overtures for peace from the federal government.

GOV. PELLETIER SERIOUSLY ILL

Atlantic City, N. J., Feb. 26.—Sir Alphonse Pelletier, Governor of Quebec, is seriously ill at the Chelsea Hotel here. Governor Pelletier came on the shore about two weeks ago.

He has been unable to leave his hotel for nearly a week. Captain Victor Pelletier, his nephew, and aide de camp, is here with Sir Alphonse. He would not discuss the nature of the governor's illness.

FASTING DISPENSATION. Ottawa, Feb. 26.—Owing to the amount of sickness in Ottawa during the typhoid outbreak, Archbishop Gauthier has announced that Roman Catholics will not be under the usual obligation to fast during the Lenten season.

MOVING AND SECONDER. Fredericton, Feb. 25.—The Provincial Legislature will open on Thursday, March 2nd. It is understood that the reply to the speech from the Throne will be moved by T. A. Harri, of St. Andrews, Charlotte County, and seconded by D. P. MacLaughlin, of Chatham.

SIR WILFRID ILL. Ottawa, Feb. 26.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier was confined to his house on Saturday and today as the result of a cold. He expects however, to be out tomorrow.

SWIMMING RECORD. Sydney, N. S. W., Feb. 26.—The Australian swimmer Longworth, today covered 121 yards in one minute and 5 seconds. This a new world's record.