

LIBERALS HAVE NO PLATFORM FOR ELECTION

Sir George Foster in Speech in Commons Declares Party Can Make No Definite Appeal.

AMENDMENT SPEECHES DRAGGING ALONG

D. D. MacKenzie of Cape Breton Repeats Old Arguments Against Meighen Gov't.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 16.—The House passed today to the wider arena of international affairs. There were echoes in continued debate on the address of yesterday's deal between the prime minister and the leader of the Opposition on appeal to the public. But the major portion of the sitting was devoted to an exposition by Sir George Foster of the aims and purpose of the League of Nations.

Sir George headed the Canadian delegation to the League Assembly held in Geneva in November and December last, and to the work of the assembly he referred more particularly. He spoke of the league as working perfectly, and emphasized the importance of the creation of an international court of justice.

One Pointed Question.
"Would a dispute between South Africa and Great Britain be referred to the international court of justice?" Hon. Charles Murphy pointedly queried.

But on so delicate a point Sir George declined to give an opinion. He would leave it to the minister of justice. Was it true, then, pressed Ernest Lapointe (Quebec B.), that there had been differences among the British Empire delegates?

"There were no differences among the Canadian delegates," Sir George humorously replied.

"We were a band of brothers." Differing points of view had been held by delegates from the different parts of the Empire, but relations, Sir George said, were always of the best.

The United States Attitude

Sir George spoke of the league as a reversal of the policy of six thousand years. It was the "angelina" of war, the "asthesis of peace."
The United States was outside it, but "the spirit, the prayer, the overwhelming conviction of the people of the United States ran even with the desires of the covenant of the league."
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Temperature Fell Fifty Degrees in Day

Summer Temperature of 78 Degrees is Unique February Experience of Washington.

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 16.—Temperature oscillations of from twenty to fifty degrees from yesterday's readings were experienced today in the Central Northwest States. Spring-like breezes of yesterday were succeeded today by cold gusts. From a maximum temperature of 61 degrees in St. Paul yesterday a drop of 47 degrees in eighteen hours sent the mercury down to 14 degrees today. Flurries of snow accompanied the cold wave. North Dakota and South Dakota points reported strong winds and marked drops in temperature. The centre of the storm was over Lake Superior.

Hot in Washington.
Washington, Feb. 16.—Summer weather prevailed here today. One official thermometer on Pennsylvania Avenue at 3 o'clock registered 78 degrees, the high February mark established many years ago.

Friends At Hopewell Cape Honor I. B. Fownes

Hopewell Cape, Feb. 16.—A number of friends met at the home of Mr. I. B. Fownes, Hopewell Cape, to give him a farewell party on Thursday last. Mr. Fownes recently of the B. N. S. staff at Hillsboro, has been transferred to River Hebert, N. S., where he will take a position there.

A very enjoyable evening was spent in games and dancing. A dainty lunch was served, after which Mr. Fownes was presented with a very nice fountain pen. The party broke up at a late hour everybody voting, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Fownes, Mr. Fownes' parents, a delightful host and hostess. The guests from Hillsboro were: The Misses Folkins, Thompson and Steeves.

Deny Soldiers Took Prisoner From Cells

Dublin, Feb. 16.—A story published by the London Evening News reporting that British soldiers had taken Frank Teeling from the Kilmoburne jail and shot him, was discredited by army headquarters here this afternoon.

Teeling, who was being held while awaiting sentence for the murder of an officer escaped from the prison on Monday evening accompanied by two other men.

Goes To Prison To Care For Crippled Son Under Sentence Youth, Who Sold Whiskey and Was Convicted. Unable to Take Care of Himself.

St. Thomas, Ont., Feb. 16.—Wallace Crawford, the father of Lawrence Crawford, Port Burwell, who was given six months yesterday for a breach of the O. T. A., agreed today to go to jail with his son because of the youth's infirmity and will remain there until otherwise directed by the attorney-general.

The case is unique in the annals of the local jail and harrowing for the father, who is a respectable citizen of that village.

Locked Up With Son

Mr. Crawford was reluctant to place himself behind the bars for no offence and he was compelled to associate with the inmates, but as no attendant could be secured, he would not see his son suffer and consented to be locked up so he could administer to his wants. Crawford, whose hands have been paralyzed for the past four years, was convicted of selling liquor to a village resident. The young fellow was taken to the office of the jail yesterday by Inspector Ross, but the governor declined to accept the commitment until an attendant or nurse was engaged to look after him.

FLOATING MINE SINKS SCHOONER BUT CREW SAVED

Coal Carrier from New York Sinks Quickly When Mine Explodes. CREW GOT OFF IN THE LIFEBOATS

New York, Feb. 16.—News of the blowing up at sea on the night of Feb. 9 of the four-masted schooner Charles G. Endicott, of New York, by a floating mine and the escape from death by the ten members of the crew, was brought here today by the steamer Munstar, which arrived with the survivors from Havana.

The explosion and sinking occurred 65 miles northwest of Cape May, the eastern extremity of the island of Cuba, according to her captain, James G. Cook, who related the story of the deafening detonation and the almost immediate submersion of the ship.

Sank at Once.
"At first," said Captain Cook, "I thought something had exploded within the cargo of 300 tons of coal, but the next moment I knew the explosion came from the water, as the schooner keeled over and tons of water came rushing in. All of us grabbed whatever we could and jumped into lifeboats."

Standing by the small boats until the schooner sank out of sight, they hoisted a small sail and set out for the north coast of Cuba, arriving there about midnight of the next day.

"We were pretty well played out," he continued, "when we landed at Anilla, Cuba, and went to the United States consul to make arrangements for our return on the Munstar."

Ship Burning At Sea

New York, Feb. 16.—The British tank steamer Demira is afloat at sea about twenty miles north of Havana, according to a wireless message received here tonight by the naval communications service. The United States Shipping Board steamer Devolente, which was eighteen miles north of the distressed vessel, is proceeding to her aid at full speed.

CAUGHT GREAT OWL

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Feb. 16.—An excellent horned owl was caught in a fox trap by Harrison McFarlane, of Fernwood. Mr. McFarlane, who had a number of rabbit snares out, discovered each morning that rabbits were partly eaten. Thinking that he would catch the guilty bird, he set a trap and the next morning, to his surprise, discovered in the trap the owl, which measured 1 1/2 feet. Captain Allan Sumner's bird expert, claims that this is the largest he has ever seen.

BURNED NEGRO AT STAKE

Athens, Ga., Feb. 16.—A mob of five thousand persons tonight stormed the Clarke County jail and after forcibly killing John Lee Eberhardt, a negro charged with the murder of Mrs. Walter Lee, of Oconee County, from the jail, burned him at the stake.

JAIL FOR AUTO THIEVES

Tarento, Feb. 15.—Judge Emery Woodworth, at the county criminal court here today, turned a warning that heads worth any person convicted of stealing an automobile or riding in a stolen car must go to jail.

LAST OF THE 200,000 EXTRA VOTE BALLOTS

Special Offers Will Come to End at Midnight Next Saturday.

CONTEST OFFICE TO CLOSE AT 6 O'CLOCK

Phonograph Offer Will Also End on That Same Date Promptly.

At midnight Saturday of this week, three important offers in the Standard's big Automobile will come to a close.

They are as follows: (1) The Starr Phonograph Offer; (2) The last of the 200,000 EXTRA vote ballots; (3) The biggest regular vote schedule offer.

Until Six Only.
The office of the contest department will be open until 6 o'clock only on Saturday night. Results secured from 6 P. M. to midnight may be brought or sent to the Automobile and Movie Starr Department on the Monday following the close of the three big offers.

The Starr Phonographs.
Two magnificent Starr Phonographs with each valued at \$215 each are offered as EXTRA prizes to the contest stake (one in each district), who collect the greatest amount of subscription money by midnight Saturday. Votes have nothing to do with the winning of the Phonographs. All votes and extra votes secured while working for the phonographs will count towards the big automobile and other prizes which will be given away at the end of the contest.

Last 200,000 Extras.
Probably the offer which is causing the greatest commotion among the contestants is the 200,000 EXTRA vote offer which ends Saturday night at midnight. Never again will there be a chance of securing the 200,000 EXTRA vote ballots. One of the 200,000 EXTRAS is being given for each \$30 worth of business secured in during this week.

At THE IMPERIAL TODAY—Tom Mix in "The Iron Rider."
AT THE UNIQUE TODAY—Tom Mix in "The Desert Love."
AT THE QUEEN SQUARE TODAY—David Griffith's "The Hot Dancers," starring Richard Barthelmess.

OPERA HOUSE TODAY—Vaudeville and feature picture.
Two of the prizes to be given away in the Standard's big contest are operating theatres to be given to the winners of the Universal Film Company. Film's largest and most important Moving Picture Company.

Prison Terms For Two Sydney Robbers

Sydney, N. S., Feb. 16.—George McDonald, of Sydney, was found guilty of having robbed the Canadian Bank of Commerce of the sum of \$198, and also of having facilitated the escape of prisoners from the county jail by delivering a parcel of hosiery to them with which to outfit their way out through the bars. On the former charge he was sentenced to a term of three years, and on the latter to a day in the county jail.

Blizzard Is Raging In Newfoundland Now

St. John's, Nfld., Feb. 16.—This city with no electric light or power tonight as a result of damage to the lighting plant incurred in another blizzard that pounded upon Newfoundland Tuesday night. Factories were idle all day, newspapers could not publish and theatres and churches were closed. Officials said it might take a week to repair the damage to the plant.

Crerar and Clark Speak For Farmers

Party Meets in Caucus to Decide Its Attitude on King Amendment.

CHERRAR AND CLARK—PAGE 1E.
Ottawa, Feb. 16.—The first caucus this session of the National Progressive (Farmer's) Party was held this morning when that party's stand on the amendment offered by the leader of the opposition, to the speech from the Throne was discussed. It is understood that the Progressives will not be heard from in the House until the Hon. T. A. Crerar takes his seat on Monday when both Dr. McInnes Clark (Red Deer) and Hon. Mr. Crerar are expected to speak.

WORLD-NEWS TODAY

CANADA
Detectives are being sent to Hamilton, N. B., to probe the traffic death of six people in a fire there on Tuesday morning.

Father goes to jail with his crippled son in Ontario to care for him in six months' term.

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KING REFUSES ALL PAIRS IN COMMONS VOTE

Ordinary Parliamentary Custom, Many Years Old, is Discarded for Snap Vote.

GOVERNMENT LEAD GREATLY REDUCED

Division Not Expected to Give Premier Meighen a Majority of More Than 8 or 9.

Special to The Standard
Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 16.—The Liberal Opposition today set a new precedent in Canadian and British parliamentary annals. Dr. Tolmie, minister of agriculture, has a brother dying in Victoria. He is anxious to see him before death and will leave for the coast tomorrow. Today he approached the Opposition, and after the usual custom in such cases—a custom that is as old as parliament itself—asked for a "pair" from among the Liberals in his absence.

No Pairs Granted
The requests were promptly refused. Notwithstanding the extraordinary circumstances, Dr. Tolmie will be informed that the Opposition had decided to grant no more pairs and that its decision would not be changed.

The refusal amazed old and experienced parliamentarians. It had been reported that Mr. King would grant no more pairs, but everybody believed, that this referred to the kind of "pairing" which is sometimes carried to extreme lengths and is unjustifiably used by more or less regular parliamentary truants. No one suspected that it would be used in the case of a member called away from duty by sickness or bereavement in his family.

Mr. King's new tactics have been prompted by a situation over which the Government has no control. There are ten Government supporters absent through serious illness. Three others are absent through official duties. Mr. King, whose followers happen to be marshalled in force, apparently believes that by refusing pairs, he has a chance to greatly cut down the Government's majority, thus giving the impression that it is much weaker in the Commons than it really is.

Majority Greatly Cut
Nor is there any question but that he will greatly reduce the ministry's majority. With thirteen ministerial absences, and a full Liberal and Agrarian vote, the Government majority on the 217-man amendment may not be more than eight or nine.

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Caruso Making Brave Fight Against Death

World Famous Tenor's Strong Constitution Helping Him in Severe Heart Attack.

Improvement in the condition of Enrico Caruso, tenor, critically ill in his 27th apartment here, was announced tonight in a bulletin issued by Dr. Antonio Stella, one of his physicians.

Caruso's condition is very much more favorably tonight than this morning, the bulletin said. "His pulse is better; his temperature is two degrees lower than this morning. We have great hope for his recovery, although he is still a very sick man."

Constitution Strong
"Part of his improvement is due to his strong constitution, his mental attitude and the fact that his pulse has been constant since he has been in bed since last night."

"He has been in and out of consciousness all day long. Suffering has weakened him, and has affected his heart."

Oxygen was administered as a therapeutic to ease inflammation of the lungs. What words he has spoken show a great determination to live.

THREE ARE SHOT IN GUN BATTLE WITH N. Y. NEGRO

Two Policemen and a Civilian in Hospital Before Man is Captured.

FIGHT IN HEART OF HARLEM AREA

Police Reserves Had to be Called to Beat Man Into Submission.

New York, Feb. 16.—Two policemen and a civilian were shot today in a pistol fight with a negro in the heart of the Harlem business district. Scores of shots were fired during the melee which resulted from an argument between the two negroes over the purchase of a pistol. The two policemen who were shot, slightly hurt, aided by reserves and armed marchants, finally cornered the negro, James Bond, and beat him into submission. He was armed with two pistols and did not give up until he had exhausted his supply of ammunition. Three in Hospital.

Aaron A. Ingbar, manager of a gymnasium who the police say, was hit by one of Bond's bullets in the hospital with a wound in the breast. The two wounded policemen are also in the hospital.

The shooting started, the police said, when Bond opened fire on another negro, who is alleged to have refused to pay him for a pistol bought in New Jersey. After capturing the negro, the police had a difficult time in holding in check a mob of men and boys who closed in on their prisoner, shouting for a lynching.

\$500,000 Fire
Saskatoon, Sask., Feb. 16.—Fire which destroyed the Cahill Block, a department store and other business places here today, caused damage estimated at \$500,000.

VESSEL STILL AFLOAT.
New Bedford, Mass., Feb. 16.—The combined efforts of four tugs and the coast guard cutter Acushnet late today failed to free the Portuguese steamer Sao Vincente, fast of the rocks in Buzzard's Bay, off the end of Scituate neck, Fairhaven. Many tug boat men are of the opinion that it will be impossible to float the vessel. Nearly all of the four hundred passengers have been landed at the port.

ALLEGED MURDER TRAIL
Dexter, Me., Feb. 16.—A trunk in which the authorities believe the body of Alfred Corcoran, an aged resident of this town, was removed from his tenement here, was found by Sheriff John A. Moores, of Somerset County tonight at the home of Mrs. Evans. The trunk was found in the home of Mrs. Evans, who is the mother of Eugene Knights, a youth who was held for the grand jury after a hearing in the municipal court today on a charge of larceny of Carlin's horse.

WESTERN EDITOR DEAD
Victoria, B. C., Feb. 16.—Hilton Robbins Jennings, editor and general manager of the Journal, Edmonton, died suddenly here this morning. The cause of his death was not announced. He was one of the outstanding newspaper men of the West and had been a director of the Canadian Press. He was born at Warawa, N. Y., in 1874.

MUST ASK FOR CLEMENCY
Winnipeg, Feb. 16.—"If the imprisoned strike leaders who are members of this House, do not want to ask for clemency, then the resolution which has been introduced by the Labor Party asking this assembly to petition for their release is out of order," declared W. J. Zuppert, K. C. Conservative, when the debate on the resolution was resumed at this afternoon's session.

NEW MURDER CLUE
Montreal, Feb. 16.—A new and what the police claim is an important clue has been found in the case of Adolphe Malherbe who was killed on prospect street, Westmount, Friday night, February 4.

SENATE GIVES FORDNEY BILL ITS ADOPTION

Twenty Amendments Added to Embargo Bill Since it Was Introduced.

MEMBERS BREAK FROM PARTY LINES

House May Refuse to Accept Measure as it Has Been Amended.

Washington, Feb. 16.—The Fordney emergency tariff bill with more than 20 amendments attached tonight passed the Senate. The votes was 43 to 20. The bill was sent to conference immediately for consideration of the amendments made since it passed the House.

Action on the bill, which was designed and rushed through the House as "an aid to the farmer of the United States" came after a long session and a hard fight, during which four Republican senators broke away from their party alignment. Two of them, Senators Edge of New Jersey and Moses of New Hampshire, attacked the bill bitterly. On the other hand, nine Democrats voted for the measure.

What House Do?
The bill has been so amended in the senate that it was believed tonight that the House would hesitate to accept it as it now stands.

A committee was appointed by the Senate to meet a similar one from the House on this phase of the situation, and it is expected that the combined committees will start work late tomorrow.

The Duties.
As the measure passed the senate, it carried the following import duties, among others:

Wheat, 40 cents a bushel; flaxseed, 20 cents a bushel; wheat flour and semolina, 20 per cent. ad valorem; corn and maize, 15 cents per bushel; beans 2 cents per pound; potatoes, 25 cents per bushel.

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CHINESE HONOR NEW YEAR'S DAY BY FATAL FIGHT

Tong War of Deadly Type Startles San Francisco's Chinatown.

SEVERAL DEAD IN THE BATTLE

Six Orientals in One Room Opened Fatal Fire Upon Each Other.

San Francisco, Feb. 16.—Guns of Chinese tong wars exploded in a new war of tong coincident with the Chinese new year today, leaving three dead and five wounded in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Stockton.

Two Chinese merchants were killed in Los Angeles. Another was wounded there. In San Francisco one was killed and three wounded. At Stockton one man was shot three times in the head, but it was said he will live.

In San Francisco, the feud broke loose in a room at 924 Grant Avenue. According to stories told police, six men in the room, taking advantage of the crackle of fire crackers and the roar of the celebration, drew revolvers and began firing at each other.

Three Were Wounded.
Go Fong staggered from the building and fell dead.

Police hurried to the scene and found three wounded men on the floor of the room.

Two Chinese merchants, members of the Hop Sing Tong, Chinese secret organization, were shot and killed and another merchant wounded in the Los Angeles Chinatown district last night by other Chinese who, the police declare, were members of the Sing Kong Tong.

Leung Goony Fong was shot dead before the counter of his store. So Ho Long was killed as he sat at a card game. At another resort Low Hain was shot through the leg.

Three Chinese were held by the Los Angeles police for questioning. One was arrested here.

Barricade Their Doors.
Where last night the Chinese inhabitants of San Francisco, Los Angeles and Stockton were celebrating Chinese new year, today finds them entrenched behind closed doors, shuttered windows and hidden deep from possible enemy attacks.

Police departments of the three cities sent many additional armed men into Chinese districts to guard against new attacks.

When the Tong has threatened for months, but recently it was believed averted through a truce entered into by the Tong through police activity. Police are taking every precaution to prevent spread of the war along the coast.