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KING GEORGE CALLS MEETING OF THE BRITISH PRIVY COUNCIL DISCUSS LIBERAL GUARANTEES

London Papers Say His Majesty Has Refused the Assurance Sought by the Asquith Government in Regard to the Upper Chamber.

HOUSE OF LORDS PLAYS A TRUMP ASKS FOR PARLIAMENT REFORM BILL

Move Is Considered Good Political Strategy—The Cabinet Also Held Sessions Today—Liberals Will Send the Bill to the Lords at Once.

[Associated Press.]

London, Nov. 16.—King George summoned the Privy Council to meet today, presumably for the purpose of obtaining the advice of the privy councillors regarding his course in the matter of giving Premier Asquith guarantees to increase the number of peers sufficient to support the Government in its policy of reforming the House of Lords.

This summons brought together the leaders of both parties. The cabinet also held sessions today.

King George arrived in London from Sandringham today, and received Premier Asquith soon after reaching the palace.

The postponement of the Government's announcement of its programme and the frequent communications between the King and the Cabinet have given the impression that his majesty may have refused to give guarantees of the creation of new peers under the present circumstances.

The resignation of the cabinet appears more probable than the dissolution of Parliament.

Already the action of the King is being discussed in the newspapers. It appears difficult for the throne to avoid being involved in the political crisis, an outcome to escape which the conference between the Government and the Opposition was arranged.

The extreme Liberal papers hint that King George has taken sides with the House of Lords.

The Daily News says that the resignation of the cabinet would mean that a monarchical revolution had been added to the revolution of the peers.

BILL GOES TO LORDS.

The Earl of Crewe, secretary of state for India, and Government leader in the House of Lords, announced to the Lords this evening that the Government would introduce the Lords' veto bill in the Upper House later tonight.

The impression is widespread that at the meeting with Premier Asquith, and with the privy councillors, the King suggested that the veto bill be sent in due course to the upper chamber for consideration.

This probably coincided with Mr. Asquith's personal wishes.

DEBATE ON THE MEASURE.

The Earl of Crewe did not place any specific limit as to the length of the debate on the veto bill, but said that the Government would consider when the second reading of the measure was taken.

Lord Lansdowne, the Opposition leader, then scored the first point in the political game, and disorganized the Government's original plans for the immediate dissolution of parliament, though there is nothing tangible to show how long the day may be deferred.

The Earl of Crewe declared that he did not agree with the belief expressed by Lord Lansdowne yesterday that future conferences might be more successful, saying:

"This conference has conclusively shown that it is impossible to settle this question by an agreement."

By an agreement the earl added that the Government would accept no amendments to the veto bill.

The veto bill passed the first reading tonight.

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CITY CANDIDATES ARE VERY SHY

Very Few Have Definitely Decided to Run for Office.

ACCLAMATION FOR MAYOR

Several Ex-Aldermen Have Announced Intention of Running Once More.

Candidates are rather slow in making their appearance in the municipal field, and so far very few have definitely decided to run for any office. The impression prevails, however, that when election day comes around, the citizens will have quite a variety of candidates from which to select an aldermanic board.

Aldermen Rose, Saunders, Tancock, Pocock, Morgan, Fitzgerald, Jeffries, Aspland, Stevenson, and Underwood are usually to run again.

Ald. Kitcher and Ald. Eckert have not decided, but it is expected that both will be out.

In addition to these ex-Ald. Neil Cooper, C. G. Moorhead and Mr. W. H. Ward have definitely announced their candidature. The latest to offer is Mr. W. A. Wilson, who ran last year.

The board of trade has been approached by a number of citizens with a proposition to put a slate in the field, but nothing has been done so far. It is possible that the members will help to bring out a good lot of men.

There will probably be a Labor slate. A canvass for Manitoia, Thomas W. Crothers of Ontario, becomes chief inside whip. Mr. Stanfield becomes whip for the Maritime Provinces in place of Edward Rhodes. C. A. McGrath is named permanent chairman of the Conservative caucus in place of George Perley. There will be no change in the seating arrangements on the Conservative side. Mr. Foster will occupy his place at the right hand of the Opposition leader.

Mr. S. Screamton will retire from the hospital trust, and it is possible that Mr. J. C. Judd will also retire. However, they may submit to pressure, and devote a couple of years more to Victoria Hospital.

CAN'T RAISE RATES. Washington, Nov. 16.—The attempt of about fourteen railroads, operating between the Mississippi and Missouri rivers, to resume advances in rates already condemned from Washington, was thwarted by a suspension order announced by the interstate commerce commission today, in which what is known as the Burnham-Hannah-Munger case of Kansas City.



PREMIER ASQUITH.

PRICES FALLING ALL OVER COUNTRY

Marked Reduction Already Will Be Followed By Still Lower Figures.

WILL REACH THE LEVEL

In a Few Months, According to View of J. Ogden Armour

[Associated Press.]

New York, Nov. 16.—Reports from all parts of the United States show a marked decline in the price of meats and other foodstuffs. Not only has there been a reduction from the Atlantic to the Pacific, but prominent packers say that prices will go yet lower.

J. Ogden Armour, head of Armour & Co., declared yesterday in Chicago, that the prevailing price tendency was now toward a lower level. By gradual stages, the bottom will be reached in a few months, Mr. Armour predicts.

Mr. Edward Cudahy, head of the Cudahy Packing Company in Omaha, says prices must go still lower. He attributes the decrease already made, and those still to come, to the enormous corn crop and the sharp drop in corn prices.

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LICENSE FEES

Five Thousand Dollars Turned Over by Inspector Galpin.

Five thousand dollars was yesterday turned over to the city treasurer by License Inspector A. R. Galpin. This sum being the fees paid by hotelkeepers of the city for the half year. London annually draws about \$10,000 from this source.

Mr. A. R. Galpin has received a copy of a recent amendment to the license act, which enacts that all barrooms must be closed on Christmas Day.

However, as Christmas falls on Sunday this year, it will not take effect until 1911. The holiday will be observed on Monday, Dec. 26, and Christmas, Dec. 25, the holiday can enjoy the juggling of the calendar.

THE WEATHER

Tomorrow—Fair.

FORECASTS.

Today—Fresh to strong west to north-west winds; partly cloudy, with local snow flurries.

Thursday—Northwest winds; fair.

Stations. Max. Min. Weather.

Calgary 42 20 Clear

Winnipeg 32 20 Cloudy

Port Arthur 32 20 Cloudy

Perry Sound 32 24 Fair

Toronto 32 20 Cloudy

Ottawa 30 20 Fair

Montreal 30 26 Fair

Quebec 32 24 Fair

Father Point 30 20 Snow

WEATHER NOTES.

The pressure continues to fall over the Great Lakes, and low over the Gulf and Maritime Provinces.

The temperature is lower in the West—corn Provinces, and has remained stationary in Ontario and Quebec.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER.

Light falls of sleet or snow flurries occurred yesterday from the great lakes to Newfoundland, while in the west fair weather prevailed. In Alberta temperatures were higher, and in Manitoba lower.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: London, 36—48; Dawson, 10 high—34; Victoria, 34—48; Kamloops, 14—40; Edmonton, 20—42; Calgary, 20—42; Battleford, 22—36; Prince Albert, 18—34; Moose Jaw, 12—30; Qu'Appelle, 14—30; Winnipeg, 14—18; Port Arthur, 18—32; Perry Sound, 22—32; Toronto, 26—38; Ottawa, 24—30; St. John, 20—34; Halifax, 32—40.

TODAY'S PROBS.

Fair—Fresh winds; local sleet or snow flurries.

Lake Superior—Moderate variable winds; fair and moderately cold.

The West—Fair; not much change in temperature; local snow flurries in Alberta.

MAN WANTED IN MANITOBA CAPTURED BY LOCAL POLICE

Clever work on the part of the local detectives culminated in the arrest yesterday afternoon of James Wallace Seeley, wanted Sydney, Man., on a charge of stealing a large sum of money from a firm with whom he held a responsible position.

A telegram from a Manitoba provincial detective containing a description of Seeley, who is about 35 years of age, and very respectably dressed, was received by the local police, who immediately spread over the city in a search for the man. He was located by Detective Down late in the day at a north end residence, where he was stopping.

He will appear in the local police court and be remanded until taken back to Manitoba.

BATTLES WITH DEADLY FUMES; EAST LONDONER'S GREAT PERIL

Mr. Bert Howey, of 697 King street, a prominent East Londoner, had a very narrow escape from asphyxiation at his home early this morning, when he awoke in a very weakened condition to find his residence filled with coal gas fumes.

Mr. Howey returned yesterday from Aylmer, where his wife lies critically ill, and last evening started fire for the first time this season. Before retiring, noticing a strong odor of gas, he opened the doors and windows. Despite this, however, about 4 o'clock this morning he awoke, struggling against suffocation.

He managed to make his way to the door, where he fell exhausted, remaining there in his night clothing for several hours. He has not yet fully recovered from the effects of the gas and the exposure.

80 PEOPLE PROBABLY PERISHED WHEN STEAMER FOUNDERED

Steamer Wolverine Has Been Missing for Three Weeks in Lake Winnipeg—Carried Sixty-Six Passengers Besides Crew of Fourteen—No Trace Whatever of Missing Boat

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Saskatoon, Man., Nov. 16.—From information received here it appears that the steamer Wolverine, which has been missing for over three weeks, has been foundered in Lake Winnipeg with her crew of fourteen and a passenger list of sixty.

There is a chance, though a small one, that the passengers and crew have been captured, but they have been marooned on some island and will have to stay there until they can get out by dog sled when the lake has frozen over solidly.

Story by Native Runner. [G. N. W. Dispatch.]

Saskatoon, Nov. 16.—A native runner brought here today a report that the ship had foundered and that possibly all on board had perished. The runner declared it was possible for some of the survivors to have taken refuge on some of the small islands in the lake.

Woodmen from the lake region declare that if the ship foundered any of those on board who escaped to the islands in the neighborhood of the disaster would die of starvation before they could make their way to the mainland.

SAYS THAT BATES DESERTED WIFE

Mother-in-Law Testifies That She Found Girl-Wife and Babe Hungry.

KEPT THEM FIVE WEEKS

Declares That the Infant Had Greatly Improved When Brought to London.

Mrs. Mary Miller, of 183 Hess street north, Hamilton, mother of Mrs. Ida Bates, gave evidence in the police court this morning against her son-in-law, James Bates, who is charged with criminal neglect in not providing proper food and medical attendance for his wife and child.

During the time Bates kept the child dying, it is alleged, as a result of this neglect.

Mrs. Miller testified that Bates remained at home for three weeks after the child was born here. Mrs. Miller stated that she found the child and her wife in a state of starvation.

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RADIAL LINE ASKS LONDON TO GUARANTEE \$150,000 BONDS

London and Northwestern Company Will Petition Council to Submit By-law to the Ratepayers at the January Election.

The city council will be asked on Monday night to submit a by-law to the people in January next guaranteeing \$150,000 worth of bonds for ten years for the London and Northwestern Radial Railway.

Similar bylaws will be submitted at Sarnia, Windsor, Toronto, and other towns. The sums will, of course, vary with the importance of the municipalities through which the road will run. Sarnia will be asked to vote on \$100,000.

The necessary documents are being prepared, and they will be ready, it is expected, by Monday night, when ex-Ald. D. A. Stewart, and several others interested in the concern will be present to explain the scheme.

Some of the aldermen have already been interviewed, and they favor having the people express their opinion on the value of traction roads into the city of London, and concerning this one in particular.

"There will be quite a discussion on this subject," said one alderman. "London's future lies to a great extent with the extension of traction systems throughout the peninsula, and it would not be a bad stroke of business if the city did guarantee these bonds. However, that is a matter for the citizens themselves to settle, and if they vote favorably I will be only too glad to support the by-law in the council."

The company will purchase Niagara power if the road goes through, and this will be one of the arguments used by its promoters.

DROP IN PRICE OF ALL MEATS

And a Week's Time May See Another Big Cut.

SUGAR ALSO SLUMPING

But Canned Meats and Dried Fruits Show a Considerable Advance.

All fresh and cured meats are falling in price, and according to a large local firm there will be another heavy drop in beef and pork in a week's time. The following schedule shows the difference between local meat prices today and two months ago:

Porterhouse steak	Today	Sixty Days Ago
Sirloin steak	18c	18c
Round steak	16c	17c
Pot roast	11-12 1/2c	13-14c
Loaf roast of pork	18c	20c
Loaf pork chops	18c	20c
Shoulder roast of pork	12 1/2c	14-15c
Hams	18c	20c

Sugar Drops, Too.

In the same time sugar has dropped from \$5.39 and \$5.49 per cwt., to \$4.39 per cwt., for extra granulated in barrels. Canned meats, on the other hand, have advanced 25 per cent, and dried fruits also show a considerable increase.

There has been very little change in the price of poultry in the last two months, and the local figures appear fairly firm, although prices have dropped two cents per pound in the last week as close as Detroit. The price of flour shows little change in the last 60 days, but is about 10 cents per cwt. lower than three months ago.

The price of the first grade is \$2.75. Three months ago it was \$2.85 per cwt.

CHESTNUT COAL GOING UP IN PRICE

Will Likely Advance 25c Per Ton on the First of December.

The first of December will likely see a rise in the price of chestnut coal, as the rate at the mines has been raised 25 cents per ton, owing to the scarcity of this grade, and the increasing demand.

This is the first rise in any grade of coal since the prices agreed upon after the great coal strike eight years ago. Whether the prices of any of the other kinds of coal will change it is hard to say. The local merchants received advices from Buffalo yesterday announcing the advance, and one merchant stated this morning that the local rate would be affected about Dec. 1. What the increase will be locally has not been decided upon yet, but it will likely be 25 cents on the ton.

AGREED TO SETTLE

Receivership Proceedings in French-Canadian Society Will Not Go On.

Providence, R. I., Nov. 15.—The receivership proceedings against L'Union St. Jean Baptiste D'Amérique were brought to an unexpected termination in the superior court this afternoon, when the attorneys for both agreed to settle the case out of court. A commissioner will be appointed to supervise the affairs of the society until a convention can be held.

The organization, which is the largest French-Canadian society in the country, and which does a large insurance business, was recently criticized by the insurance commissioners of New York and Massachusetts for irregularities in its business, and the appointment of a temporary receiver followed. Today's hearing was on the petition for the appointment of a permanent receiver.

ASSAULTER SENTENCED.

Montreal, Nov. 15.—Alessandro Scriverio, an Italian, was sentenced to the penitentiary for five years today for assaulting a country woman named Bambino. It was the second time he had ill-used the same person.

Considered the Call.

Rev. Richard Whiting, B. A., pastor of the First Methodist Church, has not yet decided whether he will accept the recent call extended to him by the Central Methodist Church of Calgary.

FOUND NOT GUILTY.

Asheville, Tenn., Nov. 15.—Robin Cooper, charged with the murder of Senator E. W. Carmack, was today awarded a verdict of not guilty.

ANOTHER VICTIM.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Kalamazoo, Mich., Nov. 16.—Bringing the deaths to seven in the railway crash of Saturday evening, Miss Clara Crawford, aged 18, a paper sorter, died at Bronson Hospital. She suffered a fractured skull and internal injuries in the collision.