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KING EDWARD OPENS PARLIAMENT IN STATE

Speech From the Throne Outlines the Government's Plans For Reform of the House of Lords.

London, Feb. 21.—The third parliament of King Edward's reign, which was assembled formally last Tuesday, was opened in state at 2 o'clock this afternoon with the prospect of a thrilling session.

Added to the usual brilliancy of the occasion, was the feeling of suppressed excitement due to the momentous problems, the most delicate handling of which will be required to prevent a speedy dissolution of the parliament and the calling of another general election.

Hundreds of thousands of Londoners and thousands of sightseers from the country all conspired to throng the streets around Westminster to-day when King Edward drove out in state.

Two regiments of Life Guards, in their picturesque attire, were on duty guarding the line of route. They gave a fine touch of color to the entire scene.

Preceded by mounted troops, the great officers of state were the first to be seen. They attracted little attention, for the eyes of all were waiting for a glimpse of King Edward.

Presently the state coach of the King came in sight. Hundreds of years old, clumsy, without springs, its sides are of glass and most of the rest of the coach is of gold. An uncomfortable conveyance surely, but all the same looking every inch the vehicle in which one would expect a king to ride. Even a stranger on the route would have no doubt of the popularity enjoyed by King Edward among his people. Hardly had his coach come in sight than the air was rent by salvos of cheers that seemed almost to make the houses rock. No one enjoys his popularity more than Edward VIII., and as he came in sight he was seen to be smiling broadly as he bowed repeatedly. He wore the uniform of a field marshal, carrying the cocked hat in his hand and the queen by his side wore a dress of her favorite color of mauve.

Arriving at the Victoria tower at the houses of parliament, the King was greeted by a salute of 41 guns. He entered the House by the royal entrance, and proceeded to the robing room.

From the robing room to the throne in the House of Lords there was a procession of state officials with the King and Queen last. Both had put on long robes of scarlet and ermine, and royal pages held up their trains. Everyone rose when the King entered.

Near the throne stood the representatives of foreign powers. All of them were in full uniform, and wore their full orders and decorations. Such a sight has never been seen since King Edward was crowned.

The throne in the House of Lords is really two richly carved chairs raised on a dais about three feet high. The King sat in the one on the right hand, with the Queen on the left. Chairs some distance away stood on either side for the Prince and Princess of Wales.

Amid dead silence the King sent "the black rod," Admiral Sir Henry Stephenson, to summon the Commons.

Almost immediately the members of the other House appeared, headed by the Speaker, who was preceded by the sergeant-at-arms carrying the official mace. They took up their stand behind the bar of the House. The King then stepped up and in a loud strong voice read the speech. That over he bowed to the House, then turned around and bowed to the throne, and giving the Queen his hand escorted her from the throne.

In the speech from the throne His Majesty outlined the plan of the ministerial campaign against the House of Lords as follows:

"Recent experience has disclosed serious difficulties due to recurring differences of strong opinion between the two branches of the Legislature. Proposals will be laid before you, with all convenient speed, to define the jurisdiction of the House of Commons over finance and its predominance in legislation. The measures, in the opinion of my advisers, should provide that this House should be so constituted and empowered as to exercise authority impartially in regard to proposed legislation of the functions of initiation and revision subject to proper safeguards against delay."

KING EDWARD.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA.

IN MEMORY OF PAARDEBERG—FEBRUARY, 1900.

THREE CRUISERS FOR PACIFIC SQUADRON

Annual Expenditure on Esquimalt Station, Under the New Canadian Naval Bill, Will Exceed Million Dollars.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Feb. 21.—The total estimated annual expenditure at Esquimalt for maintaining the Pacific squadron of the new Canadian navy is given as $1,098,000. Details are as follows:

For pay, allowances, victualling, etc., of 40 officers and 742 men, composing the complement of the two new Bristols, $443,000.

For the up-keep of these cruisers, $265,000.

For pay, etc., of 16 officers and 163 men of the cruiser Rainbow, $115,000.

Up-keep of cruiser, $115,000.

For the maintenance of a dockyard at Esquimalt, $160,000.

This latter figure is based on the admiral's estimate of cost.

In addition there will be an annual expenditure for contingencies, etc., aggregating probably $50,000 per year.

The cost of the cruiser will be about £50,000. The cost of construction of the proposed Bristols is $1,885,000 each, based on British prices. These cruisers will be of about 4,800 tons each, 22,000 horse-power, length 430 feet and speed 25 knots.

SUFFRAGETTES AWAIT GOVERNMENT'S ACTION

They Will Resume Militant Tactics if Claims Are Refused

(Special to the Times.)

London, Feb. 21.—Hope certainly springs eternal in the English suffragette breast, and militant ones confidently expect that their case will be settled soon. While their militant tactics are in abeyance, they are trying to arouse the interest of the entire feminine community by means of a "woman's mission." This is a series of meetings for women only, which are to be held simultaneously all over the country. They are also making preparations for another general election, which they are sure will come within a few months. Their abandonment of militant tactics, which is considered by the Liberal party as an acknowledgement of futility of such methods, they declare to be merely a temporary measure. They wish to give the government one more chance to do the right thing and are willing to wait a reasonable length of time, but at the end of this probation should the government refuse to consider their claims they state that their former militant tactics will be mere child's play to what will happen in the future.

One effective result of the suffragette invasion of Halloway jail and the constant complaint of prisoners there as to their treatment, is a new scheme which has just been framed by the home office. In future women prisoners between the ages of 16 and 23 will be separated from hardened criminals and will receive lessons in sewing and dressmaking. A committee of ladies will also assist them to obtain situations when their sentences have been served.

DIES FROM INJURIES.

Woman Who was Attacked in Her Home Near Norwood, Succumbs.

(Special to the Times.)

Norwood, Ont., Feb. 21.—Marguerite McPherson, the older of the two sisters who were so brutally assaulted by Robert Henderson at their home, two miles east of this village, at noon on Saturday, January 29th, died yesterday morning. Henderson will now have to face a charge of murder.

PREMIER INDISPOSED.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Feb. 21.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier is still confined to his house suffering from cold, but expects to be out tomorrow.

Hon. Mr. Brodeur continues to show improvement, but will not likely be able to leave for Florida until the end of next week.

ABDUL HAMID STARVING HIMSELF TO DEATH

Report That European Alienist Will Examine the Former Sultan

(Times Leased Wire.)

Constantinople, Feb. 21.—The government to-day refused to deny the report that a famous European alienist has been employed to examine the former Sultan, Abdul Hamid. Abdul is at Salonika, where it is reported he is slowly starving himself to death.

The guards about the former monarch have been instructed never to leave him alone for a moment. The Turks fear he would take his own life. Should he meet a violent death the Young Turks know they would be accused of doing away with him and the present regime would suffer.

FIGHT FOR A STONE QUARRY

HUSON ET AL VS HADDINGTON QUARRY

Trial is Proceeding To-day in Supreme Court Before Mr. Justice Morrison

(From Monday's Daily)

In the Supreme Court this morning Mr. Justice Morrison is presiding at the trial of A. W. Huson et al vs. the Haddington Island Quarry Company. Frank Higgins is appearing for the plaintiffs and W. J. Taylor, K. C., for defendant company.

In opening the case this morning Mr. Higgins outlined the features. The suit had to do with the possession of the celebrated Haddington Island Quarries, from which the stone for the parliament buildings, the Empress hotel and the Bank of Montreal in Victoria was taken. The new court house at Vancouver, under construction, is also being built from this stone. The plaintiffs included A. W. Huson, one of the original owners of the stone quarry, and the heirs of the other original owners. Under stress of circumstances the original owners of the qaurry placed a mortgage on the property in 1904. The mortgage passed into the hands of the government.

Mr. Fulton assigned the mortgage to the Haddington Island Quarry Company, Ltd.

Mr. Huson, according to his statement, was never asked to pay the principal or interest on the mortgage, nor was any notice given by Mr. Fulton that he intended to assign the mortgage. The receiver, James Forman, who had been appointed to administer the affairs of the quarry some years before under order of the courts, received no notice previous to the transaction. Mr. Huson on the contrary offered to redeem the mortgage but said he received no replies from the government.

The firm of McDonald, Wilson & Snider, contractors for the Vancouver court house, are now working the quarry.

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LABOR MEASURES WILL BE URGED

FORTY-EIGHT HOUR WORKING WEEK WANTED

Nationalization of Railways is Also in Programme of Laborites

(Times Leased Wire.)

London, Feb. 21.—The Labor party of the United Kingdom is preparing to make extensive demands on the Liberals in the present session of parliament as the price of their support of a Liberal programme, according to politicians here to-day.

One of the first demands of the Laborites will be for the early passage of a bill providing a forty-eight-hour working week. This bill is favored by the forty Laborites in parliament as being of the first importance.

The nationalization of railways and a more favorable legislation regarding industrial strikes will also be demanded by the Laborites.

It is probable that the safe engineering of these measures through parliament will be left to the party leader, George N. Barnes, who recently succeeded A. Henderson.

STRIKE RIOTS AT PHILADELPHIA

MORE THAN SCORE OF STREET CARS BURNED

Many Persons Injured in Fights Between Police and Mobs

(Times Leased Wire.)

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 21.—Every man of the regular police force was called out for strike duty, and the enrollment of three thousand special policemen to-day gave this city an appearance of a beleaguered garrison.

Rioting, in which several passengers were injured, two of them seriously, marked the attempt of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company to resume operation of its street cars manned by non-union platform crews.

A mob of workingmen and their sympathizers attacked a trolley car at Kensington avenue and Cambria, stoned its passengers until they fled, then beat its crew and a detail of police who were following in a "trailer" to protect the carmen.

Scores of working men in the outlying districts, unwilling to board the cars to reach their work, began attacking the first cars as they appeared from the barns.

Police and specials broke up scores of incipient riots. The conflicts were not serious and displays of force deterred workingmen and their sympathizers from violence. The crowds were not as large as those of yesterday, when rioting resulted in serious injury to dozens of persons among police and mob. Most of the workmen who participated in the disorders of yesterday had returned to their work except those in the outlying districts where the principal disorders of to-day occurred.

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DARING HOLDUP AT COAL CREEK

Two Highwaymen Secure Sum of $1,800 in Cash and Cheque and Escape

(Times Leased Wire.)

Coal Creek, B. C., Feb. 21.—A posse is searching to-day for the two men who held up and robbed J. W. Quinney, of Fernie, B. C., and Thomas H. Baird, head grocery clerk for the Triter-Wood Company, at their store here Saturday night, as they passed the city jail and got $1,800 in cash and cheques.

Quinney, as usual on pay nights, went to Coal Creek to get the day's collections, and Baird was accompanying him down the hill to the midnight train for Fernie. Both thought they were victims of a joke and attempted to draw their guns. Several sound raps from the highwaymen's guns silenced them, however.

CRUSHED TO DEATH IN GRAVEL PIT

(Special to the Times.)

Regina, Feb. 21.—Rudolph N. Morrison, aged 23, a Scotchman, was killed on Saturday afternoon by the cave-in of a gravel bank at which he was working near here. Morrison was laboring with a farmer named Jack Craft seven miles northwest of the city. They were taking gravel out of a pit and Craft seeing the danger of the position warned Morrison not to go in. Morrison, however, would go ahead with the work and he had barely stepped back into the pit when tons of gravel fell and completely buried him. The body was brought to town Saturday night. No inquest will be held.

STORMS SWEEP BRITISH COAST

SERIOUS LOSS OF LIFE REPORTED

Unknown Steamer Believed to Have Foundered—Heavy Property Damage

(Times Leased Wire.)

London, Feb. 21.—Reports to-day from various points along the south and east British coasts indicate that at least 100 persons lost their lives in the storms that have swept the British Isles for the last 48 hours.

The storm has been general all along the coast.

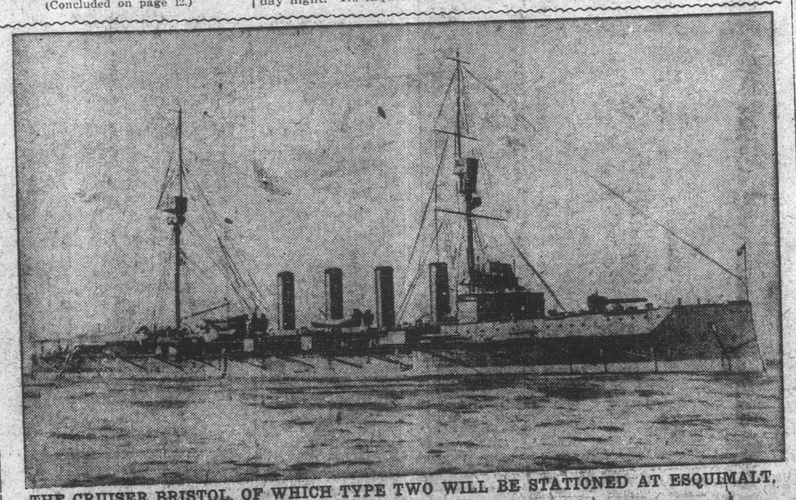
No news was received to-day of the large steamer that was sighted last night, drifting apparently helpless off the coast of Scotland. It is believed she has gone down.

Property damage on land has been heavy. It was estimated to-day that it will reach several thousand dollars.

PASTOR AVERTS PANIC.

Explosion of Magic Lantern Causes Exciting Scenes in Church.

Spokane, Wash., Feb. 21.—A pastor's cool head and nerve is believed to-day to have prevented loss of life at the Methodist church at Prosser, Wash., during an illustrated lecture Saturday night when the magic lantern exploded, throwing burning liquid over the audience. The hats of several women in the church caught fire and were burned. The rush that followed for the exits was halted by Rev. Mr. Rounds, who arose in the pulpit and quicted the excited spectators. All were taken from the church without serious injury.



THE CRUISER BRISTOL, OF WHICH TYPE TWO WILL BE STATIONED AT ESQUIMALT.

MINERS' STRIKE WILL BE AVERTED

PROSPECT OF EARLY SETTLEMENT OF TROUBLE

President of Mine Workers Says Men Will Receive an Advance in Wages

(Times Leased Wire.)

Peoria, Ills., Feb. 21.—Mine operators and miners of the middle and eastern states, who have faced the possibility of a great strike in the coal fields of the country, are assured to-day that all difficulties between employers and employed will be settled amicably.

President Thomas L. Lewis, of the United Mine Workers of America, made the following statement to the press through the United Press exclusively:

"You can say that a joint conference will be held between miners and operators, and that every miner in the districts of Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Indiana and possibly Illinois, will get an advance in wages.

"There will be no strike, not even an interruption of work pending a settlement of the matters at issue."

According to the Mine Workers' president, a preliminary conference will be held at Cincinnati, Ohio, next Wednesday between representatives of the leading operators and the mine workers for the purpose of issuing a call for a joint conference to settle the wage scale. The conference will be extensive in scope and will include a larger representation for each side than was present at the recent joint conference at Toledo, which resulted in failure of the conference to agree on the question of wages.

Representatives of both sides from the states mentioned will attend the joint conference to be held later and from the statement of President Lewis, it is apparent that both sides are willing to concede somewhat of their demands to avert a great industrial struggle.

TRANS-CHANNEL AERIAL SERVICE

Airships May Be in Operation Between England and France Within Year

(Times Leased Wire.)

London, Feb. 21.—A trans-channel aerial service, operating both dirigibles and aeroplanes, will be in operation within a year, according to an announcement to-day by officials of the Paris-London Aerial Company. The company yesterday opened negotiations for the erection of sheds at Dover which has been selected as the English terminus. These sheds will be used to house the aerial cars.

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LADY LAURIER FINED.

ttawa, Feb. 16.—Lady Laurier's ffeur was convicted in the police rt this morning of exceeding the ed limit and as owner of the autobile Lady Laurier was fined $20 and costs. She did not appear in court morning, and was not in the autoble at the time the chaffeur was ght exceeding the speed limit.

HOPE ABANDONED.

Vashington, D. C., Feb. 16.—Officials the navy department announced this ernoon that all hope had been abaned of finding the navy tug Nina and r crew of thirty-two men.

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LAND ACT.

FORM OF NOTICE.

Range 1, Coast Land District.
ake notice that Murray C. Potts, of crofft Island, occupation, rancher, inds to apply for permission to lease the owing described lands: Commencing at ost planted on the shore near the west y end of Felix Bay, Call Creek, thence nning easterly 80 chains along shore , thence to point of commencement.
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