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TOOK IT WITH CLOSED EYES

Fielding and Patterson Jumped at American Reciprocal Offer, Without Investigation.

Information they Should have had on that Washington Trip, they do not Possess Even Now--A Sorry Situation.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, April 6.—By a vote of 98 to 64 the government today refused to furnish the Opposition and the country with official information as to comparative prices of agricultural products in Canada, the United States, and the dozen most favored nation countries which are to have entry into our home market.

The position of the government thus is:

Farmers on the whole will enjoy better prices for their goods, but it declines to give any figures which bear on the prices which obtain in the two countries.

The Opposition point blank accused the government of a deliberate design to refuse official figures so as to make it easier for Liberal orators to deceive the farmers on the platform. The reply of the government was to keep on refusing.

Mr. Fielding's defence of his refusal of information is that he and Mr. Paterson did not need statistics, might not need special information, because Canada always has wanted reciprocity.

The net result of the day is that Mr. Fielding had admitted that he and Mr. Paterson went to Washington and when the Americans, for reasons of their own, offered them reciprocity in natural products, they accepted it without investigation because they had wanted it years ago.

The resolution which Mr. Perley moved was as follows:

"The government should cause to be forthwith laid on the table of the House in respect to the products and commodities included in the proposed reciprocity agreement with the United States, full and reliable information respecting prices and cost of production, (a) in Canada; (b) in the United States, and (c) in the 12 other countries to which Canadian markets will be open under the said proposal.

"And that the government has been neglectful of the public interest in hitherto failing to prepare such information and to submit the same to Parliament."

A Forcible Presentment.

Mr. Perley's speech was a forcible putting of the case therein outlined. After a reference to the importance

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A PUBLISHER SHOT HIMSELF

Head Of Well Known J. B. Lippincott Company Of Philadelphia Committed Suicide While Insane.

Philadelphia, Pa., April 6.—Craige Lippincoot, head of the J. B. Lippincott Company, publishers, and one of the most prominent men in financial and social circles in this city, shot and killed himself early today at his palatial home in West Rittenhouse Square, the aristocratic residential section of Philadelphia.

Mr. Lippincott who was 65 years of age, was of a highly nervous temperament and always had a fear of finding burglars in the house. From this fact his friends deduce that he might have been alarmed by a noise and accidentally killed himself, while in a state of nervous excitement.

Detectives Tate and Wood, who were assigned the case after several hours' investigation, reported to Coroner Ford, at 12.30 that without doubt Mr. Lippincott committed suicide. They further report that they did not know why he took his life.

The following authorized statement by an officer of the J. B. Lippincott Co. was given out this afternoon:

"During a period of temporary aberration Craige Lippincott, president of the J. B. Lippincott Co., shot and killed himself at his residence, 218 West Rittenhouse square early this morning. The business of the publishing house will not be affected by Mr. Lippincott's death."

AMERICAN GOLD FOR OTTAWA.

Toronto, April 6.—Two million dollars worth of gold was shipped to Ottawa from the receiver general's office in Toronto today. This gold came from the United States about 5 years ago and has been in the vaults ever since.

ATTACK ON THE CZAR'S GOVERNMENT

Russian Council Of Empire Condemns The Government For Promulgating Zemstvo Bill Over Legislators' Heads.

St. Petersburg, April 6.—The council of the empire met in solemn session today and for the first time in its history, adopted an interpellation, attacking the government. The vote was 98 to 52 and followed a discussion devoted to criticism of the action of the government in promulgating the Zemstvo bill by imperial prerogative, during an artificially created recess of the legislative body.

Last month the council of the empire turned down the essential feature of Premier Stolypin's measure establishing the Zemstvo feature in the government of the western provinces. The premier thereupon decided to make an issue of the right of the emperor's nominees in the council to kill a bill which the emperor had authorized the ministers to carry and tendered his resignation. The premier's consent to reconsider his resignation is supposed to have been conditional upon having his way in the new legislation. At any rate the emperor prorogued both the council of the empire and the Duma for three days and forthwith promulgated the Zemstvo bill by imperial prerogative by virtue of paragraph 87 of the fundamental laws. Stolypin's victory amazed politicians and thoroughly angered the reactionary element of both chambers.

The galleries were crowded when the discussion of the interpellation opened today. The ministers were not present. Prince Troubetskey on behalf of the 45 signers declared that the government had violated the normal course of legislation and stability of the fundamental laws reposing in solemn imperial ukases. Senator Tagantseff, representing the influential groups of the centre, claimed that the broad interpretation of paragraph 87 which was intended for use on extraordinary occasions, establish a precedent endangering the whole structure of the state. Senator Naryshkin, spokesman for the Conservatives, said that the members of his party were not worried over the constitutional guarantees, but the government's action had shaken the trust of the people in the emperor's word. The government thoughtlessly had led the Emperor into signing a measure bearing a fictitious appearance of legality, though it was substantially illegal and without justification on any ground.

Prof. Kovalevsky, representing the left wing, declared that the council of ministers had usurped legislative functions. Its action meant that the council of ministers claimed a decisive voice in case of disagreement between the upper and lower chamber.

MINERS LEAVING THE WESTEON COAL MINES IN CROWDS

Convinced That Strike Will Be a Long One, They Are Deserting Towns In Crow's Nest Pass.

Lethbridge, Alta., April 6.—Miners are leaving the different camps in trainloads, having decided that the strike will be a long one. Lille and other small towns in the Pass are nearly deserted and the sale of tickets in Lethbridge for Europe is unprecedented.

Calgary, Alta., April 6.—The representatives of the men working in the car shops here, four in number, have returned from Winnipeg. They have not yet made their report on the negotiations with the railway company at Winnipeg in connection with the request the men made for an increase in wages. Five hundred men working in the car shops in this city will be called out if a strike is declared. The executive of the men's organization in Winnipeg, the men understand, is considering the matter and will give a decision, which will affect all the men in the railway shops of the C. P. R., in western Canada in a few days. The carmen affected, include painters, carpenters, laborers and other trades, while the blacksmiths, machinists and boilermakers are also included in the negotiations.

NOTED SUFFRAGETTE DEAD.

Rockland, Mass., April 6.—Miss Hulda D. Loud, editor an proprietor of the Rockland Independent, died today in the house where she was born, 66 years ago. She was one of the first women in Massachusetts to espouse the cause of women suffrage.

HUGE LINER STUCK FAST IN THE SAND

North German Lloyd Liner With 1,720 Passengers Aboard, Aground On Sandy Bar Near Fire Island.

New York, N. Y., April 6.—Seventeen hundred and twenty passengers within sight of the first of the big lights which marked the finish of their trans-Atlantic voyage, spent a sleepless night tonight on the great steamship Prinzess Irene of the North German Lloyd Line, fast in the sands off the seaward coast of Long Island, on the edge of "Graveyard of the Atlantic" and less than 50 miles from the harbor of New York. As night fell a high ground swell was battering the full length of the vessel's superstructure.

After running her big nose in the sand during the fog early this morning the liner lay helpless throughout the day surrounded by tugs and revenue cutters. Efforts to haul her free after noon high tide failed and because of a rough sea no transfer of passengers was attempted. The decision was then reached to leave all hands on board pending renewed attempts to drag her clear, early tomorrow morning. If these fail transfer will be made to the Prinz Friedrich Wilhelm of the same line, which will be sent to the scene from her dock here soon after daybreak.

At low water this evening the stranded liner lay with her length of 525 feet broadside to the beach on the one hand and the sea and wind. The incoming tide urged on with a wind which increased during the evening to nearly 20 miles an hour, rocks the vessel visibly as seen from the shore and every other swell rolled up her black sides and spat upon her white superstructure. The fog of the morning had blown away and a wisp of moonlight lit the scene.

As the night wore on lifeguards patrolled the beach with surf boats and breaches dories in line for any emergencies and put little faith in the sturdy efforts of the tugs to pull the liner off. They recalled the grounding of the St. Paul some years ago, and how she was stuck fast for ten days in just such a sandy bed. Two big wrecking tugs, however, kept their lines to the stern of the ship and, reinforced by the derelict destroyer Seneca, waited for the further aid of the tide after midnight.

The scene of the grounding is about ten miles east of Fire Island, approximately 46 miles from the Battery and 1,000 feet from the beach of the treacherous sand pile, which starts at the outer edge of Long Island. Creeping carefully in the murky weather, the Prinzess Irene did not strike hard.

Capt. Goddard and six veterans from the Lone Hill life saving station, who went out to the Prinzess when they sighted her in the fog this morning, decided to remain aboard all night to do what they might to reassure the more nervous passengers. On the beach, Capt. Charles W. Baker, seasoned with 25 years experience with the treacherous sand bars, remained in his oilskins all night and with six men was ready to put out a life boat or shoot a breeches buoy line if the wind assumed the proportions of a storm. He said it would be easy to cast a line to the stranded vessel in case of necessity as she was so near the beach.

FISHERMEN LOST IN ICE

Six Magdalene Islands Seal Hunters Believed To Have Lost Their Lives In Gulf Of St. Lawrence.

Halifax, April 6.—Six Magdalene Island fishermen are supposed to have lost their lives while hunting seals last Saturday, according to advices received here today.

The fishermen left West Cape on Saturday in search of seals on the ice floes in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. It is reported that the men were seen late Saturday in the ice near one of the bays, making desperate efforts to reach shore. A heavy northerly gale was raging at the time, and it is feared that all of the men have perished.

FORESTERS DECIDE TO DIVIDE QUEBEC.

Toronto, April 6.—The executive council of the Independent Order of Foresters will abolish the present high court of Quebec province and create three high courts, in the province. These will be known as Montreal, for that city and district; Quebec, for Quebec City and nearby points, and Sherbrooke, for that section of the province. The chief object of the lessening of travelling expenses of delegates.

RETURNED FROM EUROPE AND DIED ON THE PIER.

Boston, Mass., April 6.—Samuel Johnson Beswick, commissioner of deeds in Portland, Oregon, died on the White Star line pier in Charlestown shortly after disembarking from the steamer Cymric, which arrived today from Liverpool. Mr. Beswick had been treated all the way over by the ship's doctor, having been ill when he embarked. He was about 60 years old.

A STRAIGHT INSTANCE OF WHITEWASH

Lanctot Exonerated On Graft Charge in Connection with Sorel Shipyard

Fifteen Liberals Wielded "The Brush" While Ten Conservatives On Privileges And Elections Committee Fight Against It.

Ottawa, Ont., April 6.—A majority vote of the privileges and elections committee today exonerated Adelard Lanctot, M. P., for Richelieu, on the charges made by R. E. Blondin, M. P. for Champlain, involving his right to sit in parliament.

There were majority and minority reports and the former carried 15 to 10. The vote stood on the minority report: Barker, Crocket, Crothers, Doherty, Haggart (Winnipeg), Lancaster, Lennox, Monk, Northrup and Rhodes—10.

Nays—Brodeur, Bureau, Carvell, Chisholm (Antigonish), Demers, Devlin, Dubeau, Geoffrion, Gervas, Kyte, Lafortune, Major, Martin, Roy and Rivet—15.

The majority report carried on this vote reversed.

Reference to the Parliamentary Companion shows that every man of the fifteen who voted to exonerate the member accused of grafting, is entered as a Liberal in politics. The ten who opposed the "whitewashing" process are Conservatives.

NO NEGROES FOR TEXAS

Order For Negro Regiment To Patrol Mexican Border Caused a Storm Of Protest —Speedily Rescinded.

Washington, April 6.—The order transferring the Ninth Cavalry, the negro regiment of the manoeuvre division, from San Antonio, Texas, to the Mexican border for patrol duty, was rescinded late this afternoon by the war department.

The change in plans, it is understood, was the result of protests from the border towns against the assignment of the negro soldiers to duty in their vicinity. The presence of the negro troops in Texas has constituted a delicate question for the President during the past few days. When they were ordered to the border yesterday, General Carter was directed not to permit their duty to extend to Brownsville, although that point was one of the places patrolled by the Third Cavalry.

Officials here, it is generally assumed, were unwilling to run the risk of a repetition of the Brownville incident of nearly five years ago when that town was "shot up" by some of the members of the Twenty-fifth Colored Infantry. But the assignment of the Ninth Regiment to the frontier met with disfavor from other towns, and it is said that the Eleventh Cavalry at San Antonio, probably will be sent to the border later to relieve the Third.

PREPARED TO "SWAP NOTES" WITH GERMANS

London, April 6.—Replying to a question in the House of Commons today Sir Edward Grey, the Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said Imperial Chancellor Von Bethmann-Holweg in his speech in the German reichstag on disarmament expressly accepted the idea of an exchange of information between Great Britain and Germany on the subject of naval construction. Sir Edward thought such an exchange was not only practicable but desirable. He added that in so far as the exchange of information tended to allay suspicion it would have an effect on the expenditure of the two countries for armament.

ANTI-RECIPROCITY MEETING

It is understood that arrangements are being made to hold an anti-reciprocity mass meeting in St. Andrew's Rink, on April 28. H. B. Ames, M.P., and Prof. Leacock of McGill University it is said will be the speakers.

COMMISSION RULE IS VERY EXPENSIVE

Auditor Of Haverhill, Mass., Shows That Commission Experiment Of Civic Government Is Proving Very Costly.

Haverhill, April 6.—Opponents of commission form of government are deriving no little satisfaction from the developments of testimony borne out by figures taken from the auditing department of the city of Haverhill that this method of administering municipal affairs has proven thus far to be a costly experiment there. The appearance of Mayor Edwin H. Moulton before the committee on rules of the legislature in favor of a petition for authority to the municipal council of this city to issue $125,000 bonds outside the debt limit for the erection of a city hospital gave the commission critics an opportunity for which they have long been waiting.

To members of the committee, the information was submitted that the city of Haverhill is plunging headlong into debt, and in support of this contention, the following results of an analysis of the municipal finances were shown:

That the total amount of bonds issued during the past twenty-seven months, covering the period of operation of commission form of government, was $576,000; that the present borrowing capacity of the city is only approximately $35,000; that the city's bonded debt has increased from $441,264 to $1,181,314 in the past five years; that the net bonded debt has more than doubled within three years; that the assessed valuation has increased $5,000,000 and the tax rate has been raised from $17.40 to $19 in five years.

That the borrowing capacity of $341,696 on Jan. 1, 1906, has decreased to $95,000 on Jan. 1, 1911.

That if the floating debt of $160,000 were added to the bonded debt, the present municipal debt would exceed the debt limit fixed by law to the amount of $55,000.

Commission form of government went into effect in Haverhill on the first Monday in January, 1909, and in his first inaugural address Mayor Moulton made the following statement:—"To raise money by the issuance and sale of mortgage bonds and to apply the proceeds so raised to the payment of current running expenses of the city is as illogical and unbusinesslike as to mortgage one's house to obtain money to pay the grocer and provision dealer."

SUFFERING IN TURKEY

Severe Winter Weather And High Price Of Charcoal Fuel Has Combined To Bring About Much Hardship.

Boston, April 6.—Charcoal fuel is fourteen times its usual price, hundreds of thousands of sheep have perished, and the sufferings of the people of Central Turkey have been intense, according to the latest reports received from the mission stations of that region by the National Armenia and India Relief association. From time to time the association has received advices from the missionaries in Turkey regarding the sufferings occasioned by the most severe winter in the remembrance of the natives, and the latest letters indicate that the situation is daily growing worse.

The National Armenia and India Relief association, through its secretary, Miss Emily C. Wheeler, of Mansfield, Ohio, is cabling relief contributions whenever received.

HOUSE BURNED AT PARRSBORO

Special to The Standard.

Parrsboro, April 6.—Fire was discovered about 1 o'clock in the house occupied by ex-Mayor Thomas E. Henderson. An alarm was given and the firemen succeeded in putting the fire out but not until the house was completely gutted.

A portion of the furniture was saved in a badly damaged condition.

The house is owned by Jesse W. Cullerton, of Hafway river and was insured for $1,000.

The furniture was uninsured, and Mr. Henderson estimates his loss at $400.

The firemen were again called out this afternoon by a fire in J. Newton Pugsley's office which was put out before much damage was done.

JUDGE LONGLEY'S CONDITION SERIOUS.

Halifax, April 6.—Judge Longley, returned to Halifax tonight from Kentville where he sustained a second stroke of paralysis, while on his way for a rest in the south. Judge Longley was not conscious and is very seriously ill. He was conveyed to his home in a cab, his condition not being considered so grave as to require the hospital ambulance.

MANY BILLS ASSENTED TO

Lieutenant Governor Assented to Fifty-four Bills in the House Last Night.

Work of the Session is Very Well Advanced--Provincial Officials will Issue Inland Fishing Licenses.

Fredericton, April 6.—The Lieutenant Governor assented to fifty-four bills in the legislature this evening. Accompanied by Major Doull, R.C.R., acting A.D.C., and R. S. Barker, P.S., His Honor visited the assembly chamber at 8.30 o'clock and assented to 54 bills.

The House was only in session for a short time this evening. The entire day was taken up with routine business and the business of the House is so well advanced that there is very little work ahead for tomorrow.

Just before the House closed this evening Surveyor General Grimmer made an important announcement in confirmation of his previous announcement that provincial officials would hereafter issue the licenses for inland fishing and contradicting flatly the incorrect story in the St. John Telegraph this morning that the Dominion government officials were issuing the fishing licenses.

It was a strong instance of an effective management of the crown land department which is bringing about results.

Fredericton, April 6.—Hon. Mr. Hazen introduced a bill to amend the act respecting juries.

He explained that the main purpose of the bill was to make it unnecessary to summon a grand jury for the circuit court unless there was criminal business before the court.

Mr. Slipp introduced a bill to incorporate the Clair and Fort Kent Bridge Company.

Hon. Mr. Morrissy introduced a bill to authorize the Roman Catholic bishop to sell lands in Restigouche county.

Mr. Cyr presented the petition of Rev. A. Berube, M. Nadeau and 150 others against the bill to incorporate the Clair and Fort Kent Bridge Company.

Mr. Byrne presented the petition in favor of the bill to incorporate the Tracadie Boom Company.

The House went into committee with Dr. Taylor in the chair and agreed to the bills to incorporate Myrtle Lodge I. O. O. F. and amend the act incorporating the Kent Northern Railway, also the bill to amend the act incorporating the St. John and Quebec Railway Company.

The House went into committee with Mr. Upham in the chair and agreed to the bills to provide for further improvement of the water supply system of the town of Sussex, to incorporate

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A PLEASANT AFFAIR WAS THIS DINNER

King And Queen Of Italy And Crown Prince And Crown Princess Of Germany Exchange Felicitations.

Rome, April 6.—Exceedingly friendly exchanges marked the dinner given by the king and queen at the Quirinal tonight in honor of Crown Prince Frederick William and the crown princess, who came here to present the congratulations of the German emperor and empress on the occasion of the Italian jubilee. Covers were laid for 100.

In toasting the German sovereign, King Victor Emmanuel said that the visit of the crown prince and the crown princess to Rome during so important a celebration was a manifestation of the intimate friendship between Italy and Germany, which were united by many past events and by a common civilizing mission which would never fail. German and Italian unity, he said, together with the triple alliance, ensured a long period of peace in Europe.

The crown prince, in reply, recalled the first visit of William the Great to Victor the Great at Milan in 1875, when the former had said that the meeting was an historic event, as both sovereigns had been put by God at the head of two nations, each of which had become unified after a lengthy struggle.

The German people and the emperor, said the crown prince, take a most sincere interest in the destiny of the allied Italian people and earnestly hoped for long prosperity and happiness, under the glorious sceptre of the house of Savoy.

BIG BOOST FOR TAFT

If He Succeeds In Negotiating British Arbitration Treaty He Will Be Invincible As Presidential Candidate.

Washington, D. C., April 6.—If President Taft succeeds in negotiating an arbitration treaty between the United States and Great Britain he will sweep the country in 1912, according to Representative Richard Bartholdt, of Missouri.

"If that treaty goes through," said Mr. Bartholdt at the White House today, "the president will be invincible as a candidate and immortal as a benefactor of mankind."

CARNEGIE REFUSES TO PARTICIPATE IN ARBITRATION PLAN

Iron Master Believes It Is Unwise To Hurry U. S. Senate In Preparation Of Treaty With Great Britain.

New York, April 6.—Andrew Carnegie has declined to become chairman of a proposed united association of all organizations now working for arbitration treaty between this country and Great Britain. He believes that this is not the time to accelerate public opinion, but that it is wise to allow the United States Senate to deliberate on the form of a treaty unhastened and unpropelled.

Mr. Carnegie believes a treaty will pass, and he has assurances that many prominent Democrats will cooperate with the administration to that end. Among these names, whose position he believes "cannot be doubted" are Governors Dix, of New York; Woodrow Wilson, of New Jersey; Simeon Baldwin, of Connecticut; Champ Clark and last but not least, William Jennings Bryan, none of whom have hitherto, in any way, indicated their attitude. Mr. Carnegie's letter is in the simplified spelling of his preference. He says: He has of late been deluged with invitations to preside at meetings and attend banquets in various cities, "and have invariably declined."

TO PROBE LORIMER CASE.

Washington, D. C., April 6.—Senator Lafolette today introduced a resolution providing for another investigation of the Senator Lorimer case.

REFORMS IN ITALY

New Cabinet Has An Interesting Programme—Compulsory Pension Bill—Complete Independence In Religion.

Rome, April 6.—Premier Giovanni Giolitti presented his associates in the new cabinet to parliament today and outlined the policy to be pursued. Of prime importance was the matter of electoral reforms, he said, and the government would advocate the granting of the franchise to all who had seen military service or males who had reached the age of thirty years. Compulsory pensions for working men would be introduced. The financial situation of the nation was good but a stop must be put to the growth of expenses. Concerning foreign relations, the premier said that these were excellent with Italy's allies and good with her friends. Regarding the church the policy of complete independence would be continued.

LADY AMY GALT DEAD AT AGE OF 78 YEARS.

Montreal, April 6.—Lady Amy Gordon Galt widow of Sir Alexander Tilloch Galt, G. C. M. G., died today at her residence, 84 Simpson street. Lady Galt who had reached her 78th year, was the daughter of the late John Torrance. Sir Alexander Galt who died about 18 years ago, was minister of finance in the first Dominion government under Sir John Macdonald. Subsequently he was appointed Canada's first high commissioner at the court of St. James. Since the death of Sir Alexander Lady Galt lived in retired life. She was a member of St. James Methodist church. Her surviving family include two sons, Elliott, of Montreal and John, of Winnipeg.