

DEBATE ROILING
OVER NAVAL PLANS

Mr. McKenna's Programme As
Announced Monday Does
Not Satisfy Opposition--
Beresford Scores.

New York, March 15.—Although it is not expected that the navy estimates for 1910-11 will come on for discussion in the House of Commons for some little time, opportunity will be afforded earlier for a debate on the subject now that the supplementary estimates have been introduced in connection with Mr. McKenna's pledge about the four contingent Dreadnoughts.

If the opportunity is taken by the opposition to raise a debate on naval matters it is not likely to have any great interest outside political circles and will be intended to "save the face" of those who engineered the "Blotch of 1906" for electioneering purposes. Already a foretaste of the line it will take may be gathered from the questions which have been put to Mr. McKenna about the Invincible guns, the replacement of stores, and the working of the nucleus crew ships and similar matters.

Admiralty's Admission.

It must be admitted that to some extent Lord Charles Beresford made a score with his first broadside. Mr. McKenna acknowledged that the heavy guns of the Invincible has not been fired for nearly a twelvemonth, and this appears to have been due to the defects in the electrical machinery connected with two of her turrets. The guns were fired in October 1908, and again in March 1909, but no further firing took place until the present month. The First Lord maintained, however, that so far as one pair of turrets were concerned, the electrical gear had worked satisfactorily, and the guns in these turrets could be fired at any time. In the other pair of turrets, the apparatus for loading was defective, but the guns could have been fired, although at a rate considerably slower than that of the other pair. The fact is, of course, that fitting this vessel with electrical gear, which was authorized by the unionist government in 1905, was an experiment, and the turrets were fitted by two firms. It is apparently only in the gear of one firm that defects have occurred, and it is hoped that the other firm will have proved that these have been remedied.

The Public Interest.

The two main points of interest to the public which will arise on the estimates are concerned with the means of raising the money required and the shipbuilding vote. The aggregate amount required could not be much less, Mr. Lloyd-George said at Devonport in January, than £200,000,000 and it is even probable that it may be a higher figure. The two-power standard is sure to be quoted in this connection, and the aggregate estimates of Germany and the United States are expected to be somewhere in the neighborhood of forty-five millions sterling (£225,000,000). It has been suggested in more than one quarter, and in both unionist and liberal papers, that the money should be raised by a loan and a navy loan would be raised in the city. The organ of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, is however, strongly opposed to the navy expenditure coming out of anything but revenue.

Larger Programme Unlikely.

There will certainly be objections raised to a programme of only four by those who are anxious that the programmes of Italy and Austria should also be taken into account. Only about three weeks ago one newspaper in discussing the Dreadnought policy said of these two powers that they should have four Dreadnoughts in hand apiece this year. This, however, is very unlikely. Austria has not yet laid down any Dreadnoughts or voted any money for their construction. She has only two ships which might be made available for Dreadnought building and at present one of these is occupied by a smaller vessel. Italy has two ships which may be classed as Dreadnoughts in hand and two more projected. The Roman correspondent of the Herald stated, however, on January 18, that these vessels would not be completed before the end of 1912, which is certainly a very favorable estimate.

Turning to vessels of other classes.

It is anticipated that the programme will include about ten unarmored cruisers, twenty destroyers and six submarines. All these vessels can be turned out much quicker than the armored Dreadnoughts, and if these numbers were repeated year by year they would meet all the requirements that can at present be contemplated.

LITTLE FINGERS TIRED
FOR MY LADY'S DELIGHT



GIRLS MAKING LILIES OF THE VALLEY IN ONE OF NEW YORK'S BETTER CLASS FACTORIES.

Tens of thousands of tired little fingers are at work cutting and pasting millions of bright-colored petals for the beautiful artificial flowers that will make Easter time so gay and brilliant. In the sweat-shops of New York's East-side thousands of weary women and little girls have been working long hours each day since last September to make these decorations for the Easter bonnet.

In the photograph is pictured a scene in one of the better class factories, of which kind there are entirely too few. The girls are making lilies of the valley, one of the easiest to make of flowers, and for 144 of the dainty white blossoms the operator gets 3-1/2 cents, which means to her about 50 cents a day.

Many of the flowers, probably most of them, are manufactured in the wretched homes of the over-crowded tenements, where tiny children not yet at the kindergarten age toil with their older brothers and sisters to give to the charming Easter girl her violets, forget-me-nots, roses and pansies. For most of the flowers but 3 or 3-1/2 cents per gross is paid. A family or six working from early morning until way into the night can make \$1.50 a day.

HANS TAKING
TO SHIRT PIPES

Bulldog Reported To Be Sup-
planting China Store--An
Effect of the Recent War
Score.

New York, March 15.—It is not long since an American who discovered Germany brought back the intelligence that the Germans were giving up beer and going in for champagne, and now comes a German traveller who says that long stemmed pipes are going out of fashion over there, the theory being that the modern Teuton hasn't the time to wait for the smoke to reach him through the pipe of his ancestors. The same thing happened once in Nieuw Amsterdam.

A. Eckert of Nuremberg, or Nuremberg as the English and Americans call it, is at the Imperial. Mr. Eckert says that Nuremberg makes other things than the toys and lalubchen for which it is mainly famous. For one thing there are pipes. Mr. Eckert is in the pipe business and he says that his firm is one of the oldest pipe making concerns in the world. In fact they were making briar pipes scores of years before the Germans who were not interested in the business got on to it. And the briar pipe did not originate in England at all, according to Mr. Eckert, but in France. The English used to get their short pipes from France and Germany until comparatively a few years ago, when they took up the manufacture themselves.

For years the Nuremberg product was shipped to Germany and the native clung to the common wood on clay or meerschaum pipe with its long cherry wood stem. When the Germans a few years ago went to go over to England in large numbers, precipitating the scare that they were spying out the land, the travellers were astonished to discover that almost every man that rode on the top of a bus smoked a short briar pipe. Though naturally slow to take up an innovation some of the visitors invested in short pipes, decided they were easier to manage and then went home with the new pipes in their mouths only to discover that for years and years similar pipes had been manufactured in their own country and even that some of these they bought in London had been made in Germany.

MR. TWEEDDALE
BACKS DOWN

Declares Before Public Ac-
counts Committee That He
Has No Charges To Make
Against Mr. Hoar.

Fredericton, Mar. 15.—E. P. Hoar structural superintendent of Albert Co., who it was alleged was dismissed from a similar position under the late Government, appeared before the public accounts committee this morning. After some preliminary skirmishing, Mr. Tweeddale was finally asked by Mr. Prescott to make his charges against Mr. Hoar and a member of the committee, and he did not know of anything about Mr. Hoar nor about public works in Albert county. He had never heard that he had charged a few days ago that Mr. Hoar had been dismissed by the public works department for cause. Mr. Tweeddale said that he was only repeating what was current rumor.

Mr. Jones then asked Mr. Hoar if he had been dismissed from the employ of the public works department at any time.

Mr. Hoar replied: "No, never." He had worked for the department under Mr. Emerson for several years and in the same capacity as he is employed as structural superintendent of the lumber business, and in the following spring Mr. Emerson requested him to assist in the employ of the department, but he declined. He had never had any connection with any kind with Mr. Emerson nor with the department, and they were always on friendly terms and are to this day.

Asked by Mr. Labllois if he and Mr. Emerson had not had a dispute or misunderstanding over a bridge erected under his supervision in Kings Co., Mr. Hoar gave an emphatic denial, and he challenged any man to show otherwise. Asked as to why he quit the department, Mr. Hoar said because he thought he could make more money at something else.

DOINGS AT
DALHOUSIE

Mayor Montgomery Likely To
Break With Civic Politics--
Mr. John Sabin Leaves for
West.

Dalhousie, March 15.—Dalhousie has lost one of its most popular young men in the departure of Mr. John Sabin, who has been connected with the Dalhousie Lumber Company for two years as stenographer, and while in town has won for himself a host of friends by his genial disposition. On Friday evening, the Dalhousie Library and Social Club, of which Mr. Sabin was a most active member, presented him with an address and travelling case as a token of its esteem for him and its appreciation of the highly beneficial service which he had rendered while a member of the club.

On Friday evening last Miss Lena Haddow read a letter from Rev. Dr. Gordon (Ralph Conroy) to the St. John's Library and Social Club, expressing his warm appreciation of the work done by the club since its organization, and strong words of encouragement in the yearling to get it on its feet.

Civic politics are again coming into the limelight, and men are talking of civic affairs especially the local option question. It is understood that Mayor Montgomery will resign the office this year owing to the pressure of business in which he is engaged. A largely signed petition was sent last week to Mr. Charles Stewart who is on a visit to Malpeque (P. E. I.) asking him to become a candidate for mayor of the town of Dalhousie. No reply has been received yet.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Montgomery and son of New Richmond (P. E. I.) spent Sunday with Mayor Montgomery here. Mayor Montgomery returned Saturday from a business trip to New York. Miss Chamberlain of Campbellton spent Sunday with Miss Maggie Duncan. Miss G. Henderson, teacher in the public school, Campbellton, spent Sunday, the guest of Miss Annie McNeill. Miss Johanneau, of Quebec, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Gaudet, at the Quebec House. Miss Jennie McNish spent Monday in Campbellton. Mrs. Henry DiStewart of Jacques River, is the guest of Mrs. J. E. Stewart. Sheriff J. E. Stewart is on a business trip down the coast. On Sunday evening in the Roman Catholic Church, Father Phillip, who has been a missionary for ten and one-half years on Gilbert Islands, gave a most instructive and interesting lecture on his work and the native life as he saw it during his stay there.

MOVING THE
SNAKE

Rules for Transferring a Py-
thon--Be Careful He Goes
Tail First--Be Careful Any-
how.

New York, Mar. 15.—Snake lovers who hurried to the Bronx Park Zoo early yesterday forenoon to see for the first time in America a public exhibition of the Irish kingsnake (Lustiana tapica) which is rare even in the north of Ireland, its habitat, found upon arrival at the snake house that the best they could get was disappointment. The snake hadn't come.

But other things of interest in the zoo, especially around the snake house were noted yesterday. Charley Snyder, who is head keeper of the zoo and head keeper of the snake house—second only to Curator Dittmars—showed for the first time some results of the patient training which he has devoted to his snakes during the dull winter months. Also in the early morning hours it was moving day in the reptile house.

Early morning hours were chosen because when you wish to take about eight yards of reptal python from one cage to another that has just been painted and redecorated, not to mention remnants like sixteen yards of anaconda or four and a quarter yards of boa constrictor, one finds oneself hampered by Sunday crowds. A few Saturday night folks that had just awakened in "dead" subway cars on sidings near Tremont avenue did wander into the park when they finally awakened, but these avoided the snake house.

Before getting down to the tricks of housework which Charley Snyder has taught his snakes and which were not publicly shown yesterday some of the things about moving snakes from cage to cage and getting away with it should be related in the interest of science.

New Quarters. Mr. Dittmars decided some time ago that it would be a good idea to paint some new cages and give the love-ly of his snakes new and agreeable quarters. These cages are well ventilated, but the air is made to pass through them slowly so that the temperature may be kept up around 95 or 100 degrees. The painters inside the cages used on the floors some mixture that contained shellac. The fumes of the alcohol in the mixture rose upward in the 100 degree temperature. The painters got soured.

Across from where they worked were the great king cobra, the several cobra de capellos, the pythons and anacondas. One painted named Swede, who is an even moderate drinker, struck it out and finished the painting of the eleven cages, wherefore some of the occupants were moved to the new quarters yesterday. The fact that the interior of the new cages had been painted a light green has nothing to do with the present work. To pick up a python from the Congo brood record and weighing about 180 pounds is simple enough, even if he is as high as a school boy, or high temperature. All you have to do, as was noted yesterday, is to sound the alarm which brings to Charley Palmer and Johnny Palmer and Keeper Walt Thuman, the Dick Spicer of the bear den, Johnny Reilly and Frank Englehardt, the monthly house, Johnny Bayreuther of the ante-lope house, which contains all the animals not recently killed in Africa; the pheasant aviary and a few others.

The First Move. The first move was made by Charley Snyder. To begin with he ordered his little son, Charley, Jr., out of the snake house. Then from the front of the glass cage Charley, Sr., took a good look at the two royal pythons in a single cage to see where they were lying. After this all sat around for an hour and a half until one of the pythons slid into its bath at the far end of the cage.

The minute Rex decided to bathe Charley ran behind the cage and slid a wooden door almost as high as the cage between the two pythons. Then he threw open the back door—not too far—and prodded up the other sleeping python with a bamboo pole to get it close enough to remove its head from the centre of its big coils. The minute that the head rose angrily Charley took a dive at it with a blanket and slapped the head to the floor.

Whereupon Johnny Toumey fell on the right shoulder of the snake. Geo. Palmer lit on another shoulder. The three began hauling away. As yard after yard was drawn from the slit in the cage door the other keepers grabbed a section. Soon they had all the snake out in a narrow runway back of the cage and they thrudled it to the new cage looking like an eight oared crew—or more like firemen trying to aim a high pressure hose. All one has to do after this is to put the python into the new cage and then go back for its mate and start over again. The way to put a snake into a new cage, regardless of what late cookbooks or neighbors with recipes may tell you, is to do it backward. Put the python's tail into the new cage first. Then insert six or eight feet more and let that part of his rest to think it over. After a moment insert some more into the cage and so keep it up until only the last foot or two is to be thrown in. Often at this time the python loses its temper. It is a standing rule of the sport to ask Charley Snyder to put in the last length which includes the jaws that want to fasten on you to get a grip—and once a python gets a grip and swirls around you to hug your foot or two is to be thrown in. The fine point of the game, which Charley has mastered, is to chuck the head of the python into the cage hard enough to send it to the far side, but not quite hard enough to break the glass out front. Then you slam the door and run like the dooce. Hard work all of it, but any housekeeper will tell you that of moving day.

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