

# Liberals in Panic Over Turn of Events and Ask Laurier to Drop Treaty

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### Deal Off or Account of Reciprocity

MONTREAL, Feb. 18.—Canadian financiers have repeatedly asserted that if the reciprocity compact is made it will be a serious blow at Canada's close financial affiliations with England. The first blow has come. One of the largest investment corporations in Montreal, which has been very successful in placing large amounts of Canadian issues in England, had a deal on with a big Glasgow house for the sale of stocks to the value of \$250,000. The deal was practically closed some weeks ago; in fact, the local concern had every reason to believe that the Glasgow house intended to take the stocks. Yesterday, however, the managing director of the local firm received this cable: "DEAL OFF ON ACCOUNT OF RECIPROCIDY."

### Resistance to Absorption the Watchword

MONTREAL, Feb. 18.—L'Evenement says that since it is apparent that the Washington arrangement means annexation to the United States, the duty of every French-Canadian is plain and invincible. Resistance to Canadian absorption must be the watchword. Speaking further, the Quebec paper says: "In spite of the efforts made by the Liberal press to hide the confusion of the pretended statesmen who went to Washington and were caught in a trap, it is more than evident that the Americans see nothing in the treaty but annexation." L'Evenement says that in 1812 we had a de Salibury to defend us, but now we have Laurier.

## WHY WAS TRAVERS REMOVED?

### WARDEN OF PENITENTIARY TO GIVE HIM UP SAYS HE WAS THREATENED

Inspector Duncan Goes With Judge Winchester's Order to Bring Back Much-Wanted Witness—Travers Declares Jail Guard Told Him a 20 Year Sentence Would Follow Further Disclosure.

WERE POLICE ALSO TOLD TO LET UP?

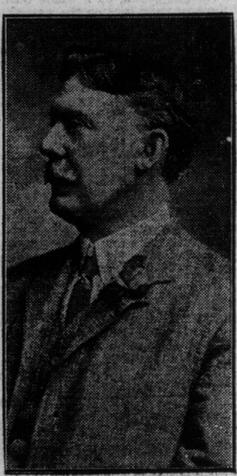
In the very midst of the deepest probe to date into the affairs of the wrecked and looted Farmers Bank, by the collapse of which more than a million dollars was lost to the farmers of Ontario, W. R. Travers, who had been left to guide the crown in its pursuit of others responsible for the wreck, has been taken from that service, and rushed off to the silence of the grey walls of Kingston penitentiary. This follows quick upon the first days of his evidence in police court, during which the names of many politically prominent had been mentioned in connection with the bank's affairs, and follows after repeated efforts to close the mouth of Travers, the one source to whom the crown could look for light in their searching out of the dark workings of this bank, which, as truly said by Liquidator Clarkson, was conceived in sin and brought forth in iniquity.

Sheriff Takes Responsibility. Sheriff Mowat says that he is responsible for the sudden removal of Travers, who had been left in the city jail much longer than usual. He says that he acted solely upon his own motion, and that no one but himself had to do with the removal of Travers. Sheriff Mowat is a delicate man, almost an invalid at times, but, despite this fact, Deputy Sheriffs John Brown and Severs, who conveyed Travers from the city, are reported as saying that they were roused by Sheriff Mowat at 4.30 in the morning, and told to remove their man. Sheriff Mowat says that this is an error, and that 4 o'clock Friday afternoon was the time of the notification of his deputies. The sheriff told the magistrate that he thought the crown was thru with Travers, while as a matter of fact Travers was at that time still giving his evidence on the stand.

A Sinister Power. Those who are cognizant of the facts as nearly as may be in their entangled state, do not hesitate to declare that they believe that some sinister force is at work to stop the mouth of Travers at any cost. It is pointed out that once inside the walls of Kingston Penitentiary "arguments" could be brought to bear upon Travers' mind which may make it very difficult to induce a return of his apparently frank willingness to tell of the affairs of the bank.

Travers Back Sunday. Travers will be back in the city this (Sunday) morning. Inspector of Detectives Walter Duncan left the city at 1.50 Saturday afternoon to bring him back, upon an order of Judge Winchester, chairman of the general sessions of the peace, demanding his return as a material witness in the case against Col. James Munro, president of the defunct bank, who is to appear before him Thursday, to answer to a charge of signing false returns regarding the bank's affairs to the government at Ottawa, and the warden of the penitentiary has said to the Toronto police that he would turn the prisoner over to Inspector Duncan Saturday night, so that he might be returned on the midnight train.

Bolt From the Blue. When Detective McKinley went to the jail shortly after 8 o'clock Saturday morning to take Travers to the city hall to give evidence in the con-



W. R. TRAVERS.

### The Spiriting Away of W. R. Travers

On Friday in the trial of the provisional directors, J. J. Warren and J. R. Stratton, M.P., Travers mentioned the name of W. S. Calvert, former Liberal whip and present member of the Dominion Railway Board, as having exercised influence with Finance Minister Fielding to secure the granting of the certificate enabling the bank to begin business, and a subsequent loan to Mr. Calvert by the bank. A discussion of the probable calling of Mr. Fielding as a witness followed. Travers is alleged to have been made to Travers, telling him to keep his mouth shut and to be careful whom he involved in his statements. Advice is said to have been given to Inspector Duncan to abate his eagerness.

### GOVERNOR CHAMBERS MUM.

Governor Chambers of the jail said to "The World" that the first absolute notification of the removal of W. R. Travers, came when the officers came with the proper order for his removal. "Did you know before that he was to be removed?" he was asked. "I will not say that I did or I didn't. If I said what I would like to say, I would say that it was nobody's business," he said.

### Senate Authorizes Long Sault Dam

Undertaking Must Be Approved by International Joint Commission Before Work is Commenced.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The senate committee on commerce to-day directed a favorable report on Senator Oliver's bill authorizing the Long Sault Development Company of New York to construct a power dam across the St. Lawrence River, south of the international boundary line, near Long Sault, N.Y. It is understood that the bill is designed to enable a manufacturing concern of Pittsburg to obtain power for their plant on the Canadian border.

The bill was amended by the committee from the original draft in a number of particulars. The life of the franchise was reduced from 99 to 50 years. It was provided that before any work shall commence, the plans must be approved by the International Joint Commission, to be approved in accordance with the treaty of 1910, or by such other tribunal as may be agreed upon by the governments of the U. S. and Canada. Actual construction of the work shall be commenced within two years and completed within fifteen years.

### Travers Now Inmate Of Penitentiary

Will Work With Prison Dormitory Gang For a While as F. 173.

KINGSTON, Feb. 18.—W. R. Travers is now on the roll at the penitentiary in Portsmouth. He arrived this afternoon. His number will be F 173. For the next few days he will do duty with the dormitory gang, and later will be assigned to regular work.

Travers arrived about 2 p.m. on a fast train in charge of Deputy Sheriff Severs and Constable Brown. He seemed on the verge of nervous collapse, his shoulders bowed and an apprehensive look in his eyes, under which were great black circles. He was not directly accompanied by officers as he left the train, the deputy sheriff preceding him a short distance and the constable following a few feet in the rear of the prisoner, who was attired in a brown suit and a light green overcoat. As the prisoner alighted from the suburban train, expectant photographers stood on the platform preparatory to taking a snap. The deputy sheriff, however, placed himself between the photographer and Travers, and the prisoner with his coat collar up and his derby hat pulled down well shading his face, escaped to a waiting cab. The deputy sheriff thru threats of instant annihilation subdued any aspirations any would-be photographer had towards taking a photo. As he drove away in the cab, a faint smile spread over the face of Travers, the first since he left Toronto for the pen.

### Will Hold Up Changes In Manitoba Grain Act

Pending the Result of the Reciprocity Negotiations, the Cartwright Amendments Will Be Held in Abeyance.

WINNIPEG, Man., Feb. 18.—As a result of Thursday's meeting, when the reciprocity issue was discussed, the Winnipeg grain exchange may send a deputation to Ottawa to request that the proposed amendments to the Manitoba Grain Act be held up until the fate of the reciprocity agreement is decided one way or another. The amendments to the act as introduced in the senate by Sir Richard Cartwright, Minister of Trade and Commerce, make the penalty for mixing grain very much heavier than the present law, and the local dealers will ask that the changes be deferred until it is definitely known whether or not reciprocity is to become an accomplished fact.

The special committee appointed by the grain exchange to take up reciprocity is said to have been considering this phase of the situation and may make a recommendation to the adjourned meeting. This meeting was scheduled to take place this afternoon, but has been postponed until Tuesday, because the special committee has not yet had time to fully consider the matter. In the meantime the committee is holding meetings and will probably have a definite recommendation ready for submission by Tuesday.

### THIS WON'T HELP FARMER MUCH

The reciprocity arrangement, we are told, was designed to benefit the farmer by giving him wider markets and better prices for his produce. Cleghorn & Co. has received the following letter from a correspondent in St. Louis: "We are buying first-class Michigan rural (potatoes), put up in two and a half bushel bags, at 47 cents per bushel, delivered in St. Louis, bags included." Cleghorn & Co. are getting today 50 to 55 cents a bushel for potatoes.

## CHANGES MAY END CAREER OF TREATY

Republicans Will Endeavor to Have Form of the Bill Changed so as to Make Its Second Adoption by the House an Impossibility.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—(Special.)—What appears to The Sunday World correspondent to be the latest development in the reciprocity situation is now seen in the plans that are being laid for offering in the senate numerous and extensive amendments to the reciprocity agreement with Canada. As yet the prospect is not altogether clear in this respect, and the alliances which will be necessary in order to carry thru the plan of amendment have not been perfected.

Certain fundamentally important questions would, however, arise in the event that the scheme now contemplated were adopted, and these might even involve difficulties which would lead to a special session after all. The situation is now so delicate that even a very slight disturbance may derange everything and necessitate an almost complete readjustment of plans.

### Would Amend the Bill.

Ever since the reciprocity bill was introduced into congress progressive Republicans have been endeavoring to get the aid of Democrats in a plan for amending the bill. The effort was made in the house, but was defeated by the action of the Democrats in standing solidly together for reciprocity on the president's basis. The line along which progressives want to work is that of putting a considerable number of manufactured articles mutually on the free list. "In order to make the treaty bear less hardly upon the farmer." It is their theory that if this could be done, the agreement would be resisted by manufacturing interests which are now supporting it, and the result would be either a defeat or more likely still, an action laying the agreement on the table.

### To Strike in the Dark.

Some of the progressives recognize that if they were to openly insist upon amendments, they would be subjected to the charge of having worked to discredit the agreement, and would have to bear the opprobrium of such action just as much as if they actually voted adversely. To meet this situation, an alternative plan is now being considered. This is to simply enlarge the list of our own concessions to Canada, without requiring anything in return. The idea, for example, would be to add packing house products, flour, and various others to the free list, on the ground that live stock, grain, etc., were already there.

No objection could be made to such action on the ground that the Canadians would not assent to it, and it is calculated by progressives that such a plan would compel the conservative Republicans to put themselves in the position of opposing the change because of their effect upon the "trusts," or, in other words, upon the manufacturing interests whose views are supposed to have been regarded in framing the agreement.

### Gain Support of Democrats.

The success of this plan would depend entirely upon the action of the Democrats, and there is more than a little reason to suppose that a considerable number of the Democrats will vote for the amendments. This is raised in distinct form the question whether there will be a different alignment on the question of amendments from that which will exist on the agreement itself. There is nothing certain as yet on this point, but every effort is

### The Winter Girl



### Investigate Plague Conditions

International Commission Goes to the East—No Fear of Dread Disease Infecting Europe.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—Dr. Reginald Farrar, medical inspector of the local government board, who will start on Monday for Harbin to join the international plague commission, which is to advise China as to the best means of stemming the outbreak of the plague, thinks there is little danger of the disease spreading into western Europe.

Dr. Farrar was selected as the British representative in this mission because of his wide experience with the plague in India. He points out that the period of incubation is so brief and deaths follow so quickly, the danger of the disease being carried long distances over the Siberian railway is materially less. The possibility of the epidemic getting a foothold in Great Britain, the physician declares to be negligible.

England has not declared a quarantine against Russia, but since the outbreak in Manchuria the usual precautions in the matter of examining the ships arriving from that quarter have been taken, resulting in the detection of two or three cases.

### Reduced Salary by \$10,000.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—A special cable from London to The Herald says: The salary of Dublin's lord mayor-elect, Mr. John J. Farrell, a news dealer, was cut by the corporation yesterday from \$18,000 to \$8,000 a year. Mr. Farrell says he will close and lock the Mansion House, will give up entertainments and will live frugally in his modest suburban home.

Misunderstanding Caused Collision. PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 18.—Eight persons were seriously injured late last night when a passenger and freight train on the Charlelot division of the Pittsburg Railway Company collided at Monongahela, Pa., near here. A misunderstanding of signals caused the accident.

### Sunday Weather Fair and Colder

## RUINOUS BARGAIN FOR CANADIAN INTERESTS

The Representatives of the Dominion Were Incapable of Meeting with United States Economic Experts, and Were Outclassed on Every Count.

OTTAWA, Feb. 18.—The longer the reciprocity agreement is before the house, the stronger becomes the opposition to it, and to judge from the storm of protests from all parts of the country, reflected by a perfect avalanche of telegrams, letters and resolutions to the members, the people are rising up in wrath against it. A good deal of the opposition to the agreement is founded upon suspicion. We have had Champ Clark's definite statement that reciprocity in food products will result in commercial union and that commercial union means the annexation of Canada.

Aims at Independence. We have had Sir Wilfrid Laurier's statement in the house, never disavowed, "the hon. gentleman (Hon. Foster) would, no doubt, prefer an English dollar, but for my part, I am differently constructed. I am ready any day, whether I am charged with annexation or not, to take a Yankee dollar in preference to an English shilling. I have again and again repeated that the goal of my ambition is the independence of Canada."

Sir Wilfrid also asked, "Is there a Canadian anywhere who would not hail with joy the day when we would be deprived of the services of British diplomacy?" The premier of Canada has never withdrawn from this position. He stands to-day as a separatist from the British Empire.

We have also the sectionist platform of Mr. Fielding. He was an enemy of confederation. What he is to-day, we do not know, for he has kept discreet silence since he became a federal minister. Then there is Mr. Paterson, the third party responsible for the reciprocity agreement. He has been out of active business life for forty years.

Incapable Representatives. It is on these things that suspicion is based. Three aged men have plunged this country into a trade revolution. One is an enemy of British connection; another is an enemy of confederation and recently suffered the most embarrassing misadventure to which flesh is heir, while the third, long ago gave up the contest of business. These three men have been pitted against the cleverest young minds of the great country to the south. They had to deal with tariff experts, authorities on economics. Probably the only men we have in Canada capable of meeting them on an equal footing are Hon. George E. Foster and Professor Shortt.

The United States did not place this business in the hands of mere politicians. Canada did. The United States employed experts; Canada did not. Therefore the Canadian people have no confidence in the arrangement. There is no fear of annexation at Ottawa, but there is grave fear that Canada may find herself one day in a compromising situation. The government has completed a bargain with the leader of the party in the United States which will command the next congress, and who, on his own statement, has designs on the independence of the Dominion.

THE C. P. R. LAKE FRONT LINE. The C. P. R.'s new line (Toronto-Montreal) along the lake front towns, will soon be under way. It will be a single-track proposition at the start, not a double-track, as published in some of the papers. The junction with the main line at this end will be somewhere near Donlands or Leaside.

## RECIPROCIDY IS DOOMED TO DEFEAT

Administration Senators Admit That Measure Cannot Be Voted on Before End of Present Session—Opposition Will Put Up Determined Fight.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The bill for the ratification of the Canadian reciprocity agreement, passed by the house, cannot be passed by the senate this session. Information disclosed to-day from inside sources—from senators who have been doing their utmost to get the agreement thru the senate—makes it clear that the compact will not be voted on before the session closes on March 1. Administration senators, who until now have kept up a stiff show of confidence, admit that they have abandoned hope. The opposition to the measure is determined.

Not the least important phase of the situation is that Senator Hale of Maine, who is a member of the finance committee, having the measure in charge, is bitterly opposed to the agreement, and is determined not to allow it to reach a vote before the end of the session. He will retire from the senate when the present congress dies, but he is bent on heading off ratification of the agreement while he is a senator. If it is ratified later the responsibility will not be his.

Not only is the reciprocity bill declared certain of failure, but the permanent tariff commission bill will probably go down with it. Supporters of the latter are much alarmed at the outlook. It is widely felt, as the prospects for a senate vote on reciprocity diminish, that the prospects for an extra session, to be called soon after March 4, increase.

## TWO MEN BADLY BURNED TALLOW CAUGHT FIRE

George Cuff and Arthur Mitchell in Hospital—Firemen's Good Work.

George Cuff and Arthur Mitchell were very seriously burned by boiling tallow in the works of the Inter-urban Electric Company, 215 Mavety street, seventh ward, at 3 p.m. Saturday. They were lifting tallow in the cellar, and were lifting the pot-out of the furnace with pliers, when it dropped, sending a shower of scalding grease over them.

The superintendent sent a hurried call for aid to the "Junction" fire hall, and Firemen William Harsham and Bert Spicer responded and effectively dressed the blistered men's injuries with bandages and oils, in accordance with the system inaugurated by Dr. Sheard last year, whereby every hose section is supplied with "first aid" appliances.

Dr. Gilmore later ordered the men removed to Englehart Hospital, where they were resting quietly, and will recover. He praised very highly the work of the firemen.

### THE FASTEST EVER

Autobots, Ordered by English Duke, Will Have Speed of 43 Miles.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—The Duke of Westminster is having a 15-metre racing autobots, the Brunhilde, built at the Saunders Company's yards in East Croyde, which he believes will surpass the world's record, with a speed of 43 miles an hour. She will compete at the Monaco International motorboat meeting in April.

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