

PREMIER ASQUITH SENDS CALL FOR EPOCHAL SESSION

London, Feb. 10.—The prime minister has issued the customary letter to his followers, asking their attendance at the opening of parliament, "as matters of urgent importance will immediately arise."

Mr. Asquith's letter disposes of the rumor current recently that the question of the Lords' veto might be proceeded with even before the address in reply to the King's speech was moved, by explicitly stating that the address will be moved immediately the King's speech is delivered.

In influential quarters it is stated that the King's speech will refer to no legislative proposals whatever except those for limiting the veto of the House of Lords; that the veto bill will be largely based on Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's resolution, and that no separation will be made between the financial and legislative veto.

MUST FIRST LIMIT LORDS' VETO SAYS REDMOND TO ASQUITH

In Speech at Dublin the Nationalist Leader Declares That Must Be First Work of New Parliament and Believes That It Will Be Carried Out.

Dublin, Feb. 11.—At a banquet in his honor last night John Redmond declared that he was celebrating the successful campaign for home rule. He was prepared to subordinate every question to home rule.

The question of the House of Lords was for Ireland a question of home rule, and there is now a majority of 120 against the Lords and in favor of home rule. The Liberal party had now repudiated the standard of Gladstonian home rule, but that was not enough. Everybody knew that if Premier Asquith brought in a home rule bill it would be rejected by the House of Lords, and the pledge that had decided the Irish to support the Liberals was the Premier's pledge never to renege or retain office unless he was able to limit the Lords' veto.

If Mr. Asquith is not in a position

to say he has such guarantees as will enable him to pass a veto bill this year, and proposes to pass the budget and adjust the veto bill, that was a policy that Ireland cannot and will not approve.

To pass the budget, Mr. Redmond added, and to send it back again to the Lords, leaving the veto bill for some convenient time, would give the whole case against the Lords away, disgust every real democrat in Great Britain, and break openly and unashamedly an explicit pledge, on the faith of which Ireland gave support to the Government.

He, however, believed that Mr. Asquith was a man of his word. He would not insult him by suggesting that he was likely to abandon his pledges.

FIRST GOLD WATCH OWNED BY DICKENS

Londoners Saw the Memento at Interesting Lecture in Dundas Centre Church Last Night.

For nearly two hours last night, a large audience that gathered in Dundas Centre Church to hear Mr. E. S. Williamson, of Toronto, lecture on Charles Dickens, forgot all about present surroundings and went with the lecturer into the Dickens world with its never-ending host of always interesting and intensely human people.

The first part of the lecture was devoted to Dickens' early and unhappy childhood, and the scenes showing him working in the blacking shop pasting on labels, stirred up sympathetic feelings among the audience.

Other scenes of his early life were shown and then the views and narrative changed to the works of England's greatest novelist and humorist. A splendid variety of illustrations showed a great number of the most famous characters, while Mr. Williamson, in a way all his own, related their little eccentricities and also anecdotes about them, that have made them known and loved wherever Dickens is read.

Sairey Gamp, Micawber, Pickwick, Paul Dombey and hosts of others were depicted and always appealed to the audience. Mr. Williamson has in his possession a watch formerly owned by Dickens. The watch is the first gold one that the novelist owned, and some time ago when the case was opened a lock of hair was found in it. It has never been known to whom the hair belonged.

The watch was brought to Canada by a son of Dickens, who was for a time an inspector in the Northwest Mounted Police, with headquarters at Winnipeg. He was compelled to sell it, and it became the property of a family named Midford in Toronto. Later it came into Mr. Williamson's possession.

Mr. Williamson was introduced by Rev. Dr. Manning, and during the evening solo, "Glorious Devon," was sung by Mr. J. Parnell Morris, and Messrs. Leslie Roberts and E. Johnston rendered a duet.

TEMPERANCE PEOPLE WILL DECIDE SHORTLY

Question of Local Option in London Is Still Being Discussed.

A well-known brewer is said to have made the statement recently that even if local option were to carry in London and throughout Western Ontario, it will not materially affect brewers of beer and ale. The bulk of the output, he argued, of beer, ale, porter, and other similar beverages, is sold to people who keep it in their homes. The distillers of whiskey, he contended, would be most materially affected by the closing of the bars.

Local temperance people are most strongly of the opinion that a vote on local option should be taken under present conditions. The policy to be pursued by the temperance people will shortly be decided upon at a general convention to be held in Toronto.

EDUCATE THE MINISTERS ALONG PRACTICAL LINES

Rev. Dr. Ross Returns From an Important Conference at Chicago.

Rev. Dr. Ross, of St. Andrew's Church, arrived home from Chicago, where he has been attending the meeting of the executive committee of the Alliance of the Reformed Churches. Only five delegates from all Canada were present at the meeting.

Education of the Ministry. "One of the most important matters we took up was the question of the education of the ministry," Dr. Ross told The Advertiser this afternoon.

"We discussed at some length the modern demand for radical changes in the training of ministers. The general opinion was that there was a need of strengthening the education of ministers along practical lines—of training ministers to preach the Gospel rather than to be critical scholars. The tendency today, it was thought, is too much along the line of turning out pastors learned in historical criticisms or dead languages."

Missionary Conditions. A general review of the missionary conditions was also gone into at length, and recommendations made along many lines, and also suggestions in connection with evangelistic work.

LEGISLATURE WILL DEAL WITH BREAD QUESTION

Government Will Set a Standard Weight for the Loaf.

The Government will deal with the bread question at this session of the Legislature.

This is another matter brought to the attention of the Government by the Ontario Municipalities Association. The deputation that visited the Parliament Buildings the other day insisted that all bread legislation powers be centred with the municipalities, not with the Government, as at present. "We did not get our desire in this matter," said his worship. "The members of the Government did not like the idea, but some amendments were suggested and they will probably be carried out this session. For instance, the Government will set the standard weight for the loaf. Every loaf of bread, whether fancy or otherwise, must weigh so much. The price, of course, will be regulated by the dealers in the cities, but the size of the loaf will be regulated by the Government."

One of the latest ideas for killing rats is a trap into which the animal walks, attracted by an electric light and a display of food. Once in he cannot get out and an electric current kills him in 50 or 60 seconds.

WILLIAM McNEIL A LIFE MEMBER

London Poultry and Pet Stock Club Honor Popular Officer and Exhibitor.

NEW OFFICERS NAMED

Mr. James McCormick Chosen President—Division of the Prize Money Was Discussed.

The Poultry and Pet Stock Association held a special meeting in the Western Fair offices last night with the president, Wm. McNeil, in the chair. The meeting was held for the purpose of electing officers for the year and to hear the annual report.

Mr. McNeil was strongly urged to let his name stand for re-election to the presidency of the association, and it was pointed out that Mr. McNeil's services had been to the association. Mr. McNeil, in reply to the words of appreciation, stated that in 21 years he had only missed two meetings. He stated that his work as long as he lived, but he thought that the responsibility of chief executive officer should pass to other hands.

A Life Member.

On the motion of Mr. A. J. Morgan and Mr. S. F. Glass, Mr. McNeil was unanimously elected an honorary life member and honorary past president of the association. Mr. S. F. Glass, second vice-president, and Mr. McNeil were then elected, as follows:

President—Mr. Jas. McCormick (acclamation).

Vice-President—Mr. A. J. Morgan.

Second Vice-President—Albert George, Directors—Messrs. John W. Jarvis, C. McNeil, A. J. Morgan, L. C. Sage, T. A. Finkels and H. Oke.

Secretary—Mr. W. A. Garney.

Treasurer—A. H. Hocking.

Representatives to the Western Fair board—Wm. McNeil and W. A. Garney.

Auditors—Frank Glass, C. McNeil.

Press representative—S. F. Glass.

Superintendent—W. J. Slescer.

Dr. Dingell was unanimously elected to membership in the association.

The Prize Money.

A spirited discussion arose concerning the inequality of the apportionment of prize money at the Western Fair.

The poultry exhibitors paid entry money within \$20 of that paid in the horse class, yet they received only one-third as much in prizes. It was strongly urged that this department should be given a fair deal in this respect and a proportionate grant made.

A committee was appointed for the annual banquet, as arranged, as follows: Messrs. S. F. Glass, W. A. Garney, R. A. Kemp and P. H. Westing.

MOCHA TEMPLE SHRINERS PREPARING FOR TRIP

Big Crowd Will Take in the Excursion to New Orleans in April.

Preparations are being made for the Shriners' excursion to New Orleans on April 5.

The Illustrations Potentate of Mocha Temple, Nelsa A. Milne Pike, of Chicago, has issued circulars calling the faithful to the conclave, and from the indications there will be many parties going south in April.

Already a number have signified their intention to take in the trip, and it was stated by Recorder W. H. Abbott that many more will go.

The delegates to the council from Mocha Temple, Illustrations Potentate A. L. Davis, and Noble A. E. Somerville, captain of the Arab Patrol.

The official route of the C. P. R. to Detroit, then on the Pere Marquette and C. H. and D. to Cincinnati, and on the Queen and Crescent road to New Orleans. The convention is from April 10 to 15, but later of the visitors will remain in the South some time longer.

LADY CLARE WAS WHERE?

Witnesses and Documents Disagree in Matrimonial Suit.

Paris, Feb. 11.—During the trial yesterday of the old suit brought by Mlle. Wilhelmina Kemper, who claims that she was victimized out of \$97,000, which sum was to have been used to finance the matrimonial projects of Prince Victor of Thurn and Taxis, Count Beurn testified that at one time negotiations were in progress for the hand of Miss Vanderbilt, but that the suit for the return of the prince and Mlle. Kemper, as the woman who once kept a perfumery shop in the Rue Paix, and failed, in 1900, for \$150,000. Countess Clara, a princess, an alibi, produced a notarial document showing her presence in Maitland, Fla., in the year in which she is alleged to have gone into bankruptcy.

Every Meal Brought Agony

But Since Taking "Little Digesters" He Can Eat Heartily

From Osgoode Station, Ont., comes a story of five years of suffering from Indigestion and Dyspepsia—five years of doctoring in vain—then "Little Digesters" and a complete cure. Mr. R. H. Ralph tells the story—his own story—thus:

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"I can hardly describe how much I suffered at times. Every meal brought with it more or less agony and I seemed to have a complete distaste for food. I had almost begun to think my case incurable when I came across an advertisement in the papers about 'Little Digesters.' I decided to give them a trial. I am very thankful that I did so for I had not been taking them long when I found them helping me. I can now eat heartily and no longer feel pain and discomfort after eating."

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FREIGHT SHEDS WILL BE MOVED

Government Engineer Orders L and P. S. Buildings Off the Docks at Port Stanley.

NIAGARA POWER SWITCH

Is Asked for by the Commission at St. Thomas—Meeting of L. and P. S. R. Board.

The hydro-electric commission made a request this morning to place a couple of sides on the London and Port Stanley Railway at St. Thomas. The reasons quoted for so doing was that there was a considerable volume of business in connection with the operation of the transfer station, and it would be a great convenience to the commission if a switch was put in.

Ald. Stevenson suggested that the present May Beattie, and City Engineer Graydon inspect and report back to the board.

"The document is not clear as to whether the commission will lay the line, or whether we will be expected to do so," said his worship. "I presume they will lay it, but that point is not clear. However, we can find out definitely while Mr. Graydon is preparing his report on this matter also."

Ald. Stevenson's motion carried.

Must Remove Sheds.

Mr. J. S. Pyatt, superintendent of the Pere Marquette Railway, wrote saying that the Government engineer, Mr. H. J. Lambie, of London, had notified him to remove the L and P. S. freight sheds at Port Stanley, as the Government intended extending the dockage. Mr. Pyatt also stated that the building was badly in need of repair. He offered to expend \$250 in repairs, provided the city would move the building, as required by the Government, to a better site.

Ald. Jeffries suggested that the engineer remove the shed on this matter also.

Question of Ownership.

"I had a chat with Mr. Pyatt not long ago," said his worship, "and he stated that there was a question as to whether the city owned the freight shed or not. This question should also be considered by the engineer."

Ald. Asplund seconded the motion, and it carried.

Those present were Mayor Beattie, Ald. Richter, Ald. Jeffries, Ald. Stevenson, Ald. Asplund, Ald. Morgan, Samuel Stevely, and Secretary Baker.

LATE LOCAL NEWS

—Mrs. Alice Henderson has been engaged to sing, and Mr. Hugh Galbraith to dance at a concert in Emboro this evening.

A four-day meeting will be held on the 15th inst. There will be two services each day, at 2:30 and 7:30.

Next Sunday will be missionary day on St. John's circuit. Rev. R. I. Warner, D. D., principal of Alma College, will be the preacher. The public are cordially invited to hear Dr. Warner.

Police Court.

Magistrate Love had a brief session at the court this morning. Two young men were charged with drinking, were discharged and the other was fined \$5.

No Word as Yet.

No word has yet been received at the palace as to when Bishop Fallon, the newly-appointed Bishop of London, will be expected in the city. It is the general opinion, however, that he will not arrive for a fortnight or more.

A Bad Fall.

This morning a lady who was walking along King street at the rear of the Intercolonial Hotel, fell heavily on her back. She was very badly shaken up and for some time it was thought that she had seriously injured herself. She was taken to a friend's house in the vicinity, where she quickly recovered. No serious results followed the fall, other than severe shaking up.

Special Session.

The board of health will hold a special meeting on Monday evening next to consider the question of fining the contractors for not living up to their agreement and other business.

The council will also meet on Monday night, it is expected, to deal with the bylaw appointing Engineer Sifton of London as tree trimmer.

Lecture at University.

Rev. Dr. Sage, of St. George's Church, West London, will deliver a lecture in the university extension series at the Western University to-night. Dr. Sage's subject will be "The Humanists," and as he is a very lucid and interesting speaker it is expected that there will be a large number of people anxious to take advantage of the opportunity of hearing him.

Ladies' Aid Society.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Wellington Street Methodist Church was held yesterday afternoon. The society was shown to be in a most flourishing state. \$450 having been raised during the year, \$200 of which amount will be given to decrease the church debt. The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Mrs. R. W. Scott; vice-president, Mrs. B. Noble; secretary, Mrs. T. Knowles; treasurer, Mrs. Weir.

Choir Entertained.

Last night, at the home of Mrs. McLeod, 123 Waterloo street, the choir of Chalmers Presbyterian Church, numbering about 25, were entertained by Mrs. A. G. Light and Miss McLeod. The time was spent in games, singing, etc., after which the company sat

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HANDSOME SOUTHERNER PAYS MURDER PENALTY

Electrocuted for the Butchery of Seven in a Virginia Homestead.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 11.—Howard Little, who murdered Mrs. Betty Justice, her son-in-law, George Meadows, and his wife and three children in their home near Hurley, Buchanan County, last September, was put to death by electrocution in the penitentiary here at dawn today, without unusual incident.

Most murderers are executed for single murders. Howard Little has seven to his account. There were six at once in the whole sale history for which he was sentenced to die in the electric chair here today—a man, two women and three children. The victims were Mrs. Betty Justice, George Meadows, Mrs. Meadows and three children of the latter couple, all killed together in Buchanan County one night last fall.

Little was no ordinary "low-down" criminal. He bore an excellent reputation in the community in which he lived, and a number of his friends still believe in his innocence. He was described as one of the handsomest men in the state, stood six feet and weighed 250 pounds.

Except for his association with women, he carried himself generally without reproach.

There is a report current in state circles that the corporations of the state are planning to attack the assessment of their properties under the ad valorem system on the ground that the rate is too high because general properties are assessed too low, the valuation of general property being used in determining the rate of taxation for corporation properties.

Attorneys made by corporation representatives during the hearing of the state board of assessors have included a declaration against the high rate, and the court decisions have been cited which it has been asserted indicate the assessment is not beyond attack. Some state officers expect that the rate will be better if he had opposed the assessment. The board will be asked to make a general review of the valuation of general properties.

SCOTT DEFENDS PEARY

Says the Latter Did Right in Sending Bartlett Back.

London, Feb. 11.—Captain Robert F. Scott, commander of the British antarctic expedition of 1900-04 and of a new antarctic expedition soon to set out in a lecture at York, defended Commander Peary's action in sending Captain Bartlett back. He said that some injustice had been done Peary in this respect, and while it would have been better if he had opposed the party so that he could have had another white man accompany him to the pole under the circumstances, he had no choice because he was being considered too high.

Figures were produced showing that the value of the additions in property tax was not up to the expectations. The taxes are \$204,000 higher than they were last year, and the increase in valuation is \$3,025,000. On one branch alone, they claim, the Detroit and Bay City branch, the valuation is \$400,000 too high.

The matter of the Detroit River tunnel was also brought before the board. This was assessed at \$1,000,000, which, the M. C. R. officials claim, was much too high, considering that the project is yet an experiment and that the tunnel has not yet been completed. They state that they would have been willing to have been assessed \$500,000.

The taxation figures show that the road is assessed about \$140 per mile for its holdings in the state.

NO SWITCHMEN'S STRIKE

Buffalo, Feb. 11.—There will be no strike of the switchmen in the Buffalo yard who are members of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, according to Thomas E. Cosson, president of Lodge No. 817. "Buffalo is in the eastern territory, and its representatives for more money will be settled amicably," says Mr. Cosson.

KILLED IN HIS CAB.

Utica, Feb. 11.—Albert Winne, of Rensselaer, engineer on the Adirondack and Montreal Express, was killed in his cab at Little Falls early this morning. Engineer Winne was looking out of the window on the fireman's side of the cab, when a hot journal had attracted his attention, and he did not note the approach of the Buffalo Special, east bound, which train struck him on the head, knocking him from the cab and killing him instantly. The fireman stopped the train, and another engineer was secured at Little Falls. The train reached Utica an hour late.

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