

May Lower the Duties On Farming Implements

Persistent Reports That Borden Government Will Take Action at Present Session and Announce a Substantial Cut in the Present Rate of 17 1-2 Per Cent.

Ottawa, March 13.—While no official statement is available, as it has always been the custom to leave tariff announcements for the Budget speech, it is the general belief that there will be a reduction of the duty on agricultural implements this session.

The Telegram (Conservative) this morning advocates a reduction of the duty on agricultural implements. "There is no doubt that it will be cut to 10 per cent. Certainly the question is being given the closest consideration by the Cabinet, and the feeling of the Ministers is in favor of making a substantial cut. The only question is whether to make the reduction at once, or wait for a general revision next year."

THREE LIVES LOST IN TENEMENT FIRE

Bodies of Men Found in Small Room Where They Had Been Suffocated.

Bridgeport, Conn., March 13.—Fire in a six family tenement house here early today caused the death of three men and may result in the death of a fourth, and endangered the lives of nearly sixty others.

REDUCE THE JAP NAVY ESTIMATES

Tokio, March 13.—The appropriation for the construction of new ships for the Japanese navy was reduced by the house of peers today by \$15,000,000, bringing the figure down to \$45,000,000.

\$1,000,000 LOSS IN HONDURAS FIRE

New Orleans, La., March 13.—A sudden downpour of rain prevented a further spread of flames that burned twelve city blocks and caused a loss estimated at \$1,000,000 in Ceiba, Honduras, early Sunday, according to passengers arriving here today aboard the steamer Bluefields, which sailed from that port Sunday.

GREAT ICE PACK IS MOVING SOUTH

Washington, March 13.—The first detailed report of sighting of ice this year in the North Atlantic Ocean was received at Hydrographic office of Navy department today, from Capt. E. D. Johnson, in command of revenue cutter Seneca. Capt. Johnson saw a large field of ice and two bergs in the last days of February.

No woman has half as much trouble knowing herself as she does another woman.

TERRIFIC HURRICANE.

Great Damage Results on Morocco Coast from Awful Storm. Mellilla, Morocco, March 13.—Five steamers and 38 sailing craft lie wrecked today on the shores in the vicinity of this port, having been driven on the rocks and shoals by the terrific hurricane which started yesterday.

STRICT INQUIRY INTO CLUB FIRE

St. Louis, Mo., March 13.—The coroner's inquiry into the Missouri Athletic Club fire, in which thirty or more lives were lost last Monday, was begun here today. Miss Adelaide Mason, a dancer, has been summoned as the first witness to tell how she discovered the fire while waiting in the Club to dance for a cabaret at 2 a. m. in the morning.

One boy in school beats a dozen in a poolroom.

Legislature Will Take Up the Supply Items This Afternoon

Saturday Session of the House Not Expected and Adjournment Until Monday Evening is the Programme—St. John Bills Before the Committees Today.

The Legislature will take up the items of Supply this afternoon, and an adjournment until Monday evening is the week-end programme. The early completion of the Budget without any protracted debate is not unexpected, but there will probably be some discussion on the various items as they are taken up.

WON'T ABANDON PRESENT BUILDING.

Secretary Kelley said that he wished to correct the impression which might be created by Mr. Tilley's remarks, and would state that it was not the intention to abandon or tear down the present hospital building.

BEHIND THE TIMES, SAYS DR. WALKER.

Dr. Thomas Walker, the Chairman of the Commission, was first heard. He asserted that the present hospital was not ample, but for the past year and a half had been over-crowded, and if the City of St. John was to grow, as everybody said it was, the present hospital was soon to be totally inadequate.

INSPECTING ENGINEER HERE.

Mr. E. V. Johnston, inspecting engineer of the Department of Railways and Canals, arrived here from Ottawa yesterday afternoon and last evening took up St. John. Mr. Johnston did not register at the Queen Hotel, where he was a guest while in the city. It is said that his visit to the Province is in connection with the Southampton Railway matters.

2,000 CLERKS OUT OF EMPLOYMENT BY CLOSING OF STORES

The Siegel Concerns in New York Closed by Order of the Court.

SELL CONTENTS FOR BENEFIT OF CREDITORS

Many of the Clerks Had Deposited Their Savings in Siegel Bank.

New York, March 13.—The Fourteenth Street store and the Simpson Crawford Co. store, the management of which has resulted in the indictment of Henry Siegel and Frank E. Vogel, charging violation of the State banking laws and grand larceny, are to be closed tomorrow night by order of Judge Hough of the Federal Court.

NO HOME RULE FOR ULSTER NOW

Feeling Becoming More General That Coercion of North Will Not Be Allowed.

London, March 13.—While both sides in the Ulster controversy are maintaining a very determined front, there are evidences of a quiet movement towards compromise. At any rate, the worst has been passed and the prospect of civil war, which was at one time so threatening, has fully subsided.

GREAT CONFERENCE ON CHURCH UNION

New York, March 13.—A proclamation calling for the "Peace of God" throughout Christendom was adopted here by the American commission on the proposed conference on faith and order.

LONG PILGRIMAGE MYSTIC SHRINERS

Seattle, Wash., March 13.—One hundred and fifty nobles of the Mystic Shrine, representing most of the important temples in the United States and Canada, are here today from Manila, where they went under the auspices of Nile Temple of Seattle to install 150 novices.

PRONOUNCED DEAD WOMAN YET LIVES

London, Ont., March 13.—Four hours after she had been pronounced dead by her husband, Dr. Jos. Campbell, Mrs. Campbell, of Oil Springs, was found to be alive just as the undertaker was about to start embalming. Advertisements announcing her death had been sent to the papers and funeral notices to relatives.

GERMAN COLONY ACQUIRE HOLDINGS OUT IN ALBERTA

Secure 90,000 Acres of Irrigated Lands from Canadian Pacific.

MEMBERS OF NOBILITY AMONG THE COLONISTS

To Construct Great Packing Plant and Start Other Industries.

Calgary, Alta., March 13.—The vanguard of probably the most distinguished body of colonists to come into the west arrived in the city last night. They comprise a number of German noblemen, with their following, who have acquired 90,000 acres of irrigated land of the Canadian Pacific holdings, near the town of Hussar, ten miles north of Bassano.

GEO. WESTINGHOUSE DEAD AT NEW YORK

New York, March 13.—Geo. Westinghouse, the famous engineer and inventor, who died in his apartment here yesterday, of heart disease, from which he had long been a sufferer, provided in his will for the continuation of his large business interests under a trusteeship.

THE AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE IN SESSION THIS MORNING

Improvement of Live Stock, Stamping Out the Powdery Scab Among Potatoes and Grants to Exhibitions Discussed—Move to Cut Out Grants to Big Exhibitions.

The Committee on Agriculture in the Legislature took up the questions of improving the live stock of the Province, stamping out the powdery scab of potatoes and the granting of provincial aid to exhibitions in the Provincial.

PARIS SWORD DUEL.

Paris, March 13.—A sword duel today between Jacques Richepin, son of Jean Richepin, the "Immortal," and Pierre Frondaie, author of a play now being performed in Paris, resulted in the wounding of M. Frondaie. The quarrel arose out of an incident in the lobby of a theatre on Wednesday.

SKIN GRAFTING OPERATION

Newark, N. J., March 13.—John Broughton, of Winnipeg, played the part of the hero in a skin grafting operation performed in St. James Hospital yesterday upon Joseph Larfelt, thirty-one years old, of this city. Forty square inches of cuticle were transferred to Larfelt's abdomen, chest and neck. So far as can be learned the operation, which consumed about three hours, appears successful.

Villa's Version of Benton Murder

Latest Report That the Blame Will be Laid on the Shoulders of One of Villa's Officers, Who Has Already Been Arrested by Order of Carranza.

El Paso, Texas, March 13.—Unconfirmed reports received here from Americans arriving from Chihuahua, that the commission appointed by General Carranza, head of the Constitutionalists, had caused the arrest of Major Rodolfo Fierro, one of Gen. Villa's subordinate officers, as the slayer of William S. Benton, a British subject, were given credence today, by those interested in the case.

The report stated that Major Fierro is being held on a blind charge for the killing of two Mexican railroad men in a resort in Chihuahua. At the time of Benton's execution, it was reported Fierro was in Gen. Villa's office, said to have been the scene of the execution. It is known the Carranza commission began its investigation with information that Benton had been killed by Fierro.

Gen. Carranza's commission is said to have gathered convicting evidence that Col. Fidel Avila, commander of the rebel garrison in Juarez, ordered the execution of Gustav Bauch, a German American, who was tried as a spy, but in whose case no verdict was rendered. Denials that Bauch was killed have been made repeatedly by rebel officers at Juarez and at Chihuahua.

U. S. MUST DEPEND ON ITS OWN SPUDS

Government Warns Country It Must Raise All the Potatoes It Consumes.

Washington, March 13.—Warning that the United States hereafter must produce enough potatoes to supply the home consumption on account of most sources of foreign imports being closed by a plant disease quarantine was issued by the Department of Agriculture Thursday.

The potato in Germany, it is stated, occupies a more important place than in the United States. The area there planted in potatoes is 3,165,000 acres against 3,565,000 acres here. The average total yield is 1,633,406,000 bushels, or 202 1/2 bushels per acre against 342,587,000 bushels, or 96 1/2 bushels per acre in the United States.

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