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POWERLESS TO CORRECT PHONE SYSTEMS EVIL

Matter for Dominion, Declares Hon. I. B. Lucas to the Legislature—Opposition Too Generous.

TORONTO, April 3.—The Ontario Government is powerless to remedy the provincial telephone system by legislation. This was the substance of a government announcement made by Hon. I. B. Lucas last evening in the course of a short debate on the possibilities of public ownership of this utility. The whole matter, said the minister was one which came under the jurisdiction of the Federal Government. They had granted the concessions in the first place, and any remedy, if remedy were necessary, lay in their hands.

Late on the previous evening, J. C. Elliott of Middlesex, had moved a resolution calling for a study of the whole situation by the government, and especially urging attention to the problem of trunk lines with a view to operating in connection with the Hydro Electric Commission.

An Amendment
After a short discussion, Geo. Pattinson, of South Waterloo, moved in amendment a regret that the Federal Government in 1906 had granted an extension to the Bell Company without entailing that the line must interchange with others.

Hon. Mr. Lucas gave the substance of his European investigations and explained the British system in full. Originally there had been a private company and then the government had taken hold and the two worked in rivalry. To his mind the resultant competition had worked in a great economic waste even although the two systems had interchanged their services on occasion. He emphasized the extreme undesirability of such a situation.

In comparison with Ontario the English systems did not have to struggle against a series of complicated rural telephone services. He stated that it was quite proper for the opposition to bring in an amendment expressing their views, but that had not been done, and not a single feasible suggestion had been made.

A Laurier Blunder.
Mr. Lucas agreed that the conditions at present were troublesome and had been ever since the Bell Telephone Company had been granted a 30 year franchise extension by the Federal Government in 1906. They held now a monopoly of the telephone business and when the case came before the Government for clearing up it was not helped whatever. At present they had a right to refuse the request of 10 or 12 farmers who came asking for a special line for their benefit, and there was no legislation, either federal or provincial to compel them to do it. That was the reason for things being tied up to-day.

He wished to know if the Opposition would urge the taking over of long distance lines. Such an enterprise would mean a duplication of plants and a great waste spent in years of bitter fighting.
Mr. Elliott in a brief response felt that the government should not let the matter rest. He understood that the Minister of Power had some ideas, which might be worked out into definite steps.
The amendment expressing confidence in the action of the present Government was passed in division.

WANT GOOD ROADS

Grand View Improvement Association Adopts Slogan.

Good roads was the slogan of the meeting of the Grand View Improvement Society, which met last night. President William Eastcott was in the chair. Complaints have been numerous on the hill against the indiscriminate dumping of cinders on the roads, and various vehicles have been doing somersault acts to the discomfort of drivers. The matter will be taken up at the township council meeting. The association now has a membership of 60, and arrangements were made last night to hold a booster night at the next meeting, when important committee reports will be presented.

A. M. Crombie, formerly manager of the Montreal branch of the Bank of Commerce, also connected with other banking and commercial institutions died at Montreal in his 77th year.

BRITISH LEADERS CONFER WHILE ULSTER PREPARES FOR CIVIL CONFLICT



GENERAL SIR JOHN FRENCH
ULSTER GIRLS PRACTISING FLAG-SIGNALLING
COLONEL J. E. D. SEELY
Nº 10 DOWNING STREET
LEARNING TO SHOOT IN ULSTER, FIRING FROM GRASS MOUND
LORD CHARLES BERESFORD
ULSTERMEN PRACTISING WITH WOODEN CANNON
LIEUTENANT COLONEL ARTHUR F. BAILEY

The Archbishop of Canterbury, who is deeply interested in the situation, had conferences with the Premier, Mr. Asquith, at his residence, No 10 Downing street. General Sir Arthur Paget, commanding the troops in Ireland, had them paraded and told them, according to the letter, that he had "an express order and request from the King himself to ask every officer to go as ordered; that he might never be called upon to fight, and that if they refused to go there might be mutiny in the army, which would mean a revolution in England, and in six months there would be no King and no army." In the meantime in Ulster toasts are being enthusiastically drunk to the King and to the success of Sir Edward Carson. Also the mobilization of the Ulster army goes on, and it will be quite ready for action.

Ulster is still in a state of calm, but there is no lessening of the gravity of the situation. So important does King George consider it that he has decided he should remain in touch with his ministers, and has cancelled all his engagements. Among those the King is consulting are Colonel Seely, Secretary of State for War, Sir John French, Field Marshal, and Lord Beresford, a strong advocate of the Ulster cause. Lord Beresford, in a letter to the press, says:—
"I know for a fact that many naval officers, including those of high rank and some of the best men we possess, will resign their commissions if ordered to take part in the coercion of Ulster, or even if the army alone is utilized for that purpose."
Lord Charles contends that the argument that the officers and men who refuse to coerce Ulster might refuse in the future to participate in the quelling of riots does not hold good. There being no comparison, he says, between civil war and a riot.

WELCOME ASQUITH IN FIFE

Liberals Gave Their Leader a Great Reception.

He Will Speak on Monday on Home Rule Question.

[By Special Wire to the Courier]
NEW YORK, April 14.—A cable to the New York World from London says:
Premier Asquith had triumphal progress yesterday on his way to East Fife, Scotland, for his re-election, which has been necessitated by his acceptance of the portfolio of secretary for war. When he left the King's Cross Railway station the platform was crowded. Cabinet ministers and Liberal Nationalist members of the House of Commons assembled there to give him a send-off. There was great enthusiasm.

Mr. Asquith, who appeared to be in splendid health and spirits, replying to an address from the London Liberals thanked them for the demonstration and said he was glad to be carrying with him their good will and confidence in the coming fight.
Outside the station vast crowds assembled with his arrival and long after the train departed.
Though the demonstration was almost entirely spontaneous, the event was one of the most remarkable political demonstrations seen in London for many years.
At all the railway stations on the way north the addresses to Mr. Asquith, who replied in a spirit of confidence and determination to carry the struggle to a successful issue for her efforts in the past.

At The Y. W. C. A.

Blodgett Bible Class
The last meeting of the Blodgett bible class took place yesterday in the Y. W. C. A. when the subject of an interesting discourse was "Jesus, the ever present comforter." This is the last of the series of portraits of Jesus given by Mrs. G. W. Barber, and a very large attendance was present to hear the speaker, who has gained the good will of many ladies who have attended the classes. In view of the success which has resulted from the never-tiring efforts of Mrs. G. W. Barber, a continuation of the meetings is expected next year. On behalf of the ladies, the eloquent speaker was thanked heartily for her efforts in the past.

Would Annul This Marriage

Girl of 17 Years Involved—Father Issues a Writ.

[By Special Wire to the Courier]
TORONTO, April 4.—Another action to annul a youthful marriage has been brought before the Ontario courts. A writ was issued at Osgoode Hall this morning for declaration that the marriage of Martha Broad, 602 St. Clarence Avenue to Joseph William McKee on the evening of March 25 last, was null and void ab initio. The action is brought on behalf of Miss Broad by William Broad.

Rev. T. E. Barlley, Methodist, who tied the wedding knot states that the two young people came to him two weeks before the wedding and told him that they wanted to get married. He told them it would be all right if they brought him the license, that he would make the entries in his book.

"I thought everything was all right," he said. "Because runaway couples do not as a rule give you notice." The age of the young man was given as 22 and that of the girl 19 years, whereas it is understood that the girl is 17 years of age, and the boy a little younger.
After the McKee-Broad wedding, the witnesses, a boy and girl of about the same ages also went through the wedding ceremony. There has not as yet been a second

VANCOUVER IS SHOCKED BY WOMAN'S MURDER

Traces of human flesh and blood were discovered in the furnace by the police and carefully removed for analysis. An inquest will be held to-day.

[By Special Wire to the Courier]
VANCOUVER, B. C., April 4.—"We have found enough evidence to justify us in the statement that Mrs. Millard was foully murdered," was the statement given out by the police this morning after spending forty-eight hours of constant labor upon one of the most startling crimes that has occurred in this city. For two days the police have searched the premises at 1050 Pendrill street, inside and outside, for some trace of the missing woman and it was not until last night that definite traces of the horrible crime were discovered. According to various clues discovered, Mrs. C. J. Millard, wife of the chief ticket agent of the C. P. R. station, was done to death and the police suspicion rests on her Chinese servant, Jack King.

THE FIRST READING FOR CITY BILL IN THE HOUSE TODAY

Operation of Street Railway and Other Matters Are Dealt With.

The City of Brantford's private bill received its first reading in the Ontario Legislature yesterday, Mr. W. S. Brewster, M.P.P., acting as sponsor for the measure. The bill covers various matters of civic importance. It gives the municipality the right to own and operate the Grand Valley Railway, although no details as to how the operation should be conducted are outlined in the bill. It further gives the city power to guarantee the bonds of the Industrial Realty Company, whereby buildings can be erected for rental to new industries. It also refers to an important matter in connection with civic improvement, transferring the care of the boulevards of the city to the Parks Board. The sanction of certain money by-laws is also incorporated in the measure.

Thos. A. Cox Well Known Importer of Horses Passed Away Yesterday

General regret will be felt at the death of Mr. Thos. Cox, who passed away yesterday at his home on River Road, suddenly, after a brief illness. The late gentleman was born in Hamilton fifty years ago and has resided in Brant County some twenty-six years. Happily married, he had eight children, who are Agnes, Ruth, Jean and Harry at home, Richard of Kendersley; Frank of Detroit, James of Detroit and Albert of Outlook, Sask., all of whom survive to mourn the loss of a good and faithful father with Mrs. Cox, who has lost an exemplary husband. The deceased was extensively known as a breeder of pure farm stock and he was especially prominent as an importer of the famous Hackney and Welsh ponies. He was a popular member of Brant Lodge of the Masonic Order and was a Presbyterian in religion. He was formerly the manager of the Langton Stock Farm and at one time conducted the Oak Park farm and at the time of his death he was resident upon the River Road.
The sympathy of many friends is extended to the bereaved relatives.
Premier Asquith arrived in East Fife after receiving a series of ovations en route from London.

GAS BILL MET WITH APPROVAL

Brantford Deputation Made Good Impression in Toronto.

Mr. Brewster and Others Put Up a Strong Fight.

That the Brantford deputation made a good presentation of their case before the private bills committee of the Ontario Legislature yesterday, was the opinion of all the members this morning. It is believed that Mr. Brewster's bill to force the gas company to supply pure gas, will go through, although some protective clauses may be added so as to protect the western part of the province where the interests are heavy and where, as Mayor Spence said to-day they apparently love sulphur and lots of it.

Mr. Brewster, M.P.P., put up a splendid fight for the remedial legislation which he introduced in the House, and which will virtually make the gas company either inaugurate a new order of things or go out of business. A sub-committee was appointed by the municipal committee of the Legislature to consider all the circumstances surrounding the Dominion Gas Company's failure to supply pure gas to Brantford, Paris and Galt and will try to suggest a remedy to be considered along with Mr. W. S. Brewster's bill providing that such concerns must supply a pure product or forfeit their franchise. The sub-committee will be composed of the following members: Messrs Brewster (South Brant), Atkinson (North Norfolk), Pattinson (South Waterloo), Sulman (West Kent), Westbrook (North Brant) and Dr. Anderson (South Essex).

RECOGNITION OF CARRANZA BY U. S. IS ASKED

Foreigners Owning Property in Mex. Consider Rebel Victory Should Justify Wash. in Step.

EL PASO, April 4.—The effect of the rebel victory at Torreon was felt here in a stiffening of the market for constitutionalist money, and in the beginning of a movement to organize foreigners owning property in Mexico to appeal to Washington to recognize the Carranza government.
The latter idea originated with former Governor George Curry of New Mexico, but having placed the matter in the hands of certain leading Democrats to work out as they promised to do he expressed a desire to serve only in the ranks for the success of the movement. Gen. Carranza declined to comment on the movement, but there was much favorable comment at Juarez.

No Counter Revolutions.
The movement is said to be significant of a local sentiment that if the revolution is carried to a complete success the counter revolutions which it has generally been predicted would follow, really would not materialize.
Mr. Curry said he was convinced that foreign sentiment upheld in the belief that recognition of Huerta being out of the question, the time has come for foreigners to lend such aid to the Carranza revolution as will help it to a speedy conclusion. Telegrams sounding senators and representatives at Washington on the proposed propaganda were sent last night.

Federal Loss Heavy.
EL PASO, Texas, April 3.—Federal sympathizers in this city last night claimed information to the effect that the Federals who escaped from Torreon numbered a force of 5,000. This would indicate the dead, wounded and prisoners of the Huerta forces numbered about 5,500.
The Federals believe that Velasco and the remnant of his army will attempt to join with the Monterey garrison said to number 4,000. General Pablo Gonzales, the rebel leader operating in that section, is believed to have a following of 3,000.

WHY THE COURIER IS THE PEOPLE'S PAPER

Words of Praise From Head of Live Advertising Agency.

"Send us ten more papers every day and fifty more every Saturday," was a message received this week at The Courier office from Stedman's Book Store, Limited.

Last week Pickle's stores telephoned for ten more every day at each store and a larger order for Saturdays.

Last week Ayliffe's store added to their daily order recently and a number of new agencies have been opened in the outlying districts.

"The Courier has undergone a wonderful change in the past year," said Mr. G. F. Hobart, manager of the Hamilton Advertising agency to a Courier representative recently. He said that advertising agencies are usually slow to admit great improvement in a paper or its circulation, realizing it means advanced rates.

"But we must admit the Courier is going ahead amazingly. Our agency is sending you a nice contract for the F. F. Dalley Co., manufacturers of 2-1 shoe polish, and you can look for further contracts from us."
Here are some of the features that have helped to make the Courier "the people's paper" of Brantford.

The four page comic supplement every Saturday.
"Pa's on-in-law," the comic strip that appears every day.
New York Herald's special fashion page which appears at intervals.
The International Syndicate's fashion hints and pictorials that are published on age 2 frequently.
Programme for the Week
The programme of meetings in connection with Old Home Week for next week consist of the sub-committee on sports of the Fraternal Day on Monday night. Tuesday night the parade general committee will hold a big meeting at headquarters and every member is requested to attend. Wednesday night the general fraternal committee meets in the city hall and as this is an important meeting it is hoped every member will be present.