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OPPOSITION BEGINS TO RECRUIT
STAND ON VALLEY RAILWAY BILL

Object to Votes Against Construction of Line Being Recorded

COPP'S AUTHORITY IS REPUDIATED

Attempt to Prevent Government From Executing Project Proves Dismal Failure - Munro Disproves Statements of Opposition Speakers.

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, Mar. 25.—Although many of the members of the House did not return in time for the afternoon session a large amount of routine business was disposed of. The St. John commission government bill received its third reading and will be assented to by the Governor tomorrow. Changes made in the bill do not in any way alter its principal provisions and are confined almost exclusively to sections concerning the appointment of the recorder and the chief of police and that referring to the Board of Health. In these matters it was considered advisable to allow the existing order of things to continue for the time at least. The electors of St. John will therefore be called upon to vote for men to carry out the law brought before the legislature by a committee of citizens authorized to do so by a majority vote of the electors a year ago.

There was quite a breeze when the minutes of the proceedings of Friday last were read concerning the vote on the St. John Valley Railway Bill. Mr. Tweeddale moved an amendment to this bill and a vote was taken on it. Mr. Copp then rose in his place and in plain hearing of the House made a request that the vote on the bill itself be reversed and recorded. This meant that every member of the opposition voted against the construction of the St. John Valley Railway. There can be no mistake that Mr. Copp made this request and there were no dissenting voices among his followers when he made it. It would have been quite surprising if any of them to have stated their objections at the time and to have been recorded as voting for the bill, but this was not the game they were playing.

Thought Better of It.

When the minutes were read today it was discovered that the vote on the main question had not been recorded as Mr. Copp had wished it and Mr. Flemming very properly called the attention of the clerk to the omission of the vote on the main question from the Journals. This caused Mr. Upham, who represents Carleton County, sufficient uneasiness to object to having his name recorded as having assented to the bill. He repudiated the authority of Mr. Copp to act for him and stated that he was ready to vote for the bill.

Mr. Tweeddale, mover of that remarkable vote which was recorded down on Friday, said he had not voted against the passage of the bill and wanted to be recorded as voting for it. This was the second repudiation of Mr. Copp's authority in asking to have the vote recorded against the bill.

It is not improbable that more will be heard of this question during the next election campaign. Mr. Copp may have one policy for the river counties and another for the North Shore. Mr. Tweeddale, however, will have great difficulty and so will Mr. Upham in explaining away the resolution of the latter requiring the construction of a railway of the length and importance of the St. John Valley line in twenty months. To have passed such a resolution would have compelled the contractors to throw up the job as with the money at their disposal it would be absolutely impossible to build the railway and its bridges in such a short space of time.

The opposition has completely failed in its purpose, which has been from the start to prevent the present government from building this important railway which will furnish transportation facilities to the oldest settled section of New Brunswick. They played the political game from first to last and they have lost not only what they sought to gain but the confidence of the people as well.

The amendment of the Workmen's Compensation Act, another important government measure, was considered in committee today. Under this amendment the compensation for the death of a workman is increased from \$1,500 to \$2,000, and what is a permanent disability is defined. Other classes of wage earners that are provided for in the original act to receive compensation for injuries are added. The measure has already been found to work well in securing better protection for the working people generally.

GOVERNMENT IS READY FOR THE SENATE

Upper and Lower House May Cross Swords This Session.

If Former Persists in Pressing Amendments Government's Policy Will Be Carried Out by Other Means.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, March 25.—If there is to be a trial of strength between the conservative majority in the House of Commons and the liberal majority in the Senate, the upper house will not find the government shirking the encounter.

The upper house has gone gunning after all the more important legislation involving new features of ministerial policy, sent up from the Commons. The bill authorizing federal aid to the provinces for the building of good roads has been amended. The same sort of treatment seems to be in store for the bill to assist the provinces in the encouragement of agriculture. The idea of the liberal Senate appears to be that in the desire to close the session the government may be willing to accept these amendments, coming from the Senate, although the same amendments were refused when proposed by the opposition in the House of Commons.

The attitude of the Senate majority is understood to have been dictated by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who has been paying rather frequent visits to the precincts of the upper house recently for the purpose of coaching his followers there.

What will the government do? It is officially stated tonight that the government will not yield an inch on either the highways bill or the measure in regard to agriculture. If the liberal Senate at the bidding of Sir Wilfrid Laurier is looking for a fight, they will be able to find it. The government will refuse the amendments.

If then the Senate insists on amending, even to the holding up of these bills for a year the responsibility will be theirs and their tutors'. In the meantime the government is prepared with supplementary votes in the estimates to carry out at once the policy involved in these measures if they are permitted to pass. These will allot the grants to the provinces in proportion to population.

LENGTHY SENTENCE FOR PARTICIPANT IN TAXI HOLD-UP

Eugene Splane Gets Term in State Prison—Confessed to Assaulting Bank Messengers in Taxi Robberies.

New York, N. Y., Mar. 25.—Eugene Splane, one of the leaders in the recent \$2,000 taxicab robbery, was sentenced today to serve not less than seven years and six months nor more than fourteen years and six months in the state prison. He had pleaded guilty and had confessed that it was he who blackjacked the bank messenger inside the taxicab.

and the amendments made add to its efficiency.

Budget Debate.

The budget debate was continued this evening by Mr. Munro who was followed by Messrs. Burchill and Hatheway, the latter moving adjournment of the debate. Mr. Munro made an excellent speech dealing in general with the affairs of the province in a comprehensive manner, particularly those pertaining to revenue and expenditure. He compared the methods of the old government in handling the provincial money with those of the present administration and explained the great improvement that had taken place under the audit act. Under the old order of things the members of the government had formerly obtained large sums from the provincial treasury apparently without authority. The audit act rendered such payments impossible. The present administration had given school books to the people at 40 per cent. less than their former cost and at very small annual expense to the province. They had converted an inefficient agricultural department into one that was doing splendid work in Continued on page seven.

DEADLOCK IN FIFTY RAILWAYS

Managers and Engineers Disagree Over Question of Increased Wages.

Matter Will Be Referred Back Before Definite Action is Taken—Want Minimum Scale Fixed.

Special to The Standard.

New York, March 25.—The conference committee of managers of fifty railroads east of Chicago and north of the Norfolk and Western railroad and their locomotive engineers are deadlocked tonight over the question of an increase in, and standardization of wages. The managers today refused to accede to the demands of the men and the engineers tonight declined to accept the decision and reaffirmed their demands.

As matters now stand it appears that the question will have to be placed before the rank and file of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers employed by the railroads for a referendum vote as to what the policy of the engineers shall be. W. S. Stone, grand chief engineer of the brotherhood, in a letter written tonight to J. S. Stuart of the Erie Railroad, chairman of the managers' committee, said the engineers could not accept the decision and it would be given into the hands of the engineers for decision.

Mr. Stuart replied that the managers could do nothing to their detriment and that he hoped the members of the Brotherhood of Engineers would give it full consideration when submitted to them.

The engineers had requested a minimum wage of \$4.40 for passenger service, \$5.25 per day for freight service and substantial increase for overtime. They also asked increases for switch, belt line and special engines and specified that all electrical trams should be manned by engineers at steam railroad pay. The managers in their reply said that to acquiesce in the demands of the engineers would mean an increase in their already heavy expenses.

COMMITTEE HEARS "IMPARTIAL" VIEWS ON RECIPROCITY

Liberal Workers Testify Before Senate of Benefits They Would Have Derived if Pact Had Been Carried.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Mar. 25.—A special senate committee started work today on the hunt for economic results of the defeat of reciprocity.

Senator Edwards is chairman of the committee. The first effort at securing weighty and impartial information was the examination of Roderick McKenzie, the Manitoba grain grower, who was the man most prominently identified with the pro-liberal movement of the organized grain growers last year and who worked hardest for the success of the programme of the westerners, including reciprocity.

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The committee was not started to hear from Mr. McKenzie that wheat prices were lower in Canada than in the United States.

The witness said he spoke for the west. Reciprocity would have helped; he could not see how it would have hurt.

President Geo. Lane of the Alberta Horse Breeders' Association, told the committee that access to the United States would have helped the cattle industry which was on the decline in Alberta.

Mr. Lane was willing to abolish the tariff on horses.

FREIGHT STRIKES ROCK SLIDE, THREE OF CREW ARE KILLED

Stand Point, Idaho, Mar. 25.—Three of the train crew were killed today when the westbound fast freight on the Great Northern ran into a rock slide 8 miles west of here. The engine and three cars rolled over an embankment and into the Pend O'Rrill river.

SETTLEMENT IS NOT IN VIEW

Government Again Resorts to Secrecy But Little Hope Entertained.

Futile Conferences Yesterday Held Out Small Chance of Improvement of Conditions—Continued Today.

London, Mar. 25.—The fifth day of the national coal strike ends with nearly 3,000,000 workers idle, many thousands dependent upon charity to keep them from starvation, every manufacturing industry at a standstill and a throttling of the settlement apparently as remote as ever. The sanguine expectations at the beginning of the day that the joint conference of coal owners and miners dramatically summoned by the premier, would reach an agreement that would end the struggle were replaced by the gloomiest forebodings when it was learned that no joint conference had been held.

For two and a half hours the prime minister and his colleagues labored with the committee representing the coal owners, and for four hours and a half with the miners' executive committee, but they failed so completely to secure concessions from either which would afford a basis for agreement between them, that it was found inadvisable to bring the disputants together again. As in previous crises in the situation, the government resorts to mystifying secrecy, the only information volunteered in the official statement issued this evening being that the conference adjourned until tomorrow.

With everybody concerned in the negotiations pledged to silence what changes tomorrow will bring cannot be predicted. The one fact that stands out prominently is that the government intervention thus far has proved entirely futile. What expectations are now entertained that the miners are now holding out hope that they will break away from the leaders and resume work. Their funds are rapidly dwindling and the men are likely to take this step if assured that recognition of the principle of the minimum wage is conceded. A majority of them have nothing to gain by a prolongation of the strike. It is practically certain that if a settlement is not reached by the end of this week all the passenger trains on every branch line in the United Kingdom will be suspended.

The general managers of the railroads held a meeting in London today, and after taking stock of the fuel on hand, reached the conclusion that this step would be necessary. Everywhere the working classes, particularly those dependent upon the mines, are undergoing unspeakable sufferings.

No such situation has faced the government, and the people themselves, in many years. It is recognized that some measures must be speedily taken to put an end to conditions, which, if not remedied within a few days, must result in disaster to the whole nation.

TO EXPLORE NORTHWEST

American Expedition Will Visit Territory Supposedly Sighted by Peary Actually Belonging to Canada.

Ottawa, Mar. 25.—With the primary object of discovering land supposed to be northeast of Grant Land, and within 350 miles of the north pole, according to information received at the geological survey here, a large expedition will this summer be sent into the Arctic circle by the American Museum of Natural History and the American Geological Society. Its leaders will be George Borup, assistant curator of geology in the American Museum of Natural History, and Donald MacMillan, another distinguished American scientist, both of whom were with Peary on his triumphant polar expedition.

The proposed tour of exploration which has received the endorsement of Peary will sail from Sydney, N. S., on July 20, 1912, the party returning sometime during 1914. An interesting feature in connection with this American expedition is that although Grant Island and the others to be zone over by the scientists, who will take part as legally the possessions of Canada, no scientific survey of most of them has ever been made by the Dominion. Another feature is that through its agency may be established the existence of a large tract of land lying closer to the pole than had on a few years ago been suspected. Peary reported having seen from Grant Land the faint sunsets of what he took for a distant land and to which he gave the name of Crocker Land, but made no attempt at exploration as it was not in line with his route to the farthest north.

CONTRACT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF COURTENAY BAY IS SIGNED

STRIKE FEAR BOTH ARE TO HEART OF CONFIDENT OF RESULT

Gentlemen of the Road Successful in Escape After Desperate Exploits.

Police Baffled by Mysterious Road Pirates Who Purloin Automobile and Then Rob a Bank.

Special to The Standard.

Paris, Mar. 26.—The most recent exploit of the band of anarchist road pirates who have put rural France in a state of terror by the swiftness and relentlessness of execution, has created a tremendous impression upon the quick imagination of Parisians. It is safe to say that no crime for years has had such an effect on the French capital.

Apparently the police, as at present equipped, are powerless against this organization of the enemies of society and a certain section of the press is beginning to criticize strongly Louis Lefevre, the prefect of police, who is charged with allowing his administration to get out of date.

The feature of today's series of crimes is the startling rapidity with which they were committed. The automobile was stolen by bandits as it was passing through the historical forest of Senart, about 20 miles from Paris, at a quarter past eight o'clock this morning.

From that place it was traced to Paris and Chantilly where it arrived at half past ten. Its occupants had stormed the bank at Chantilly, twenty miles to the northeast of Paris, and returned to the suburb of Asnières, which is to the west, to good their escape by half past eleven after which all trace of them was lost.

The employee of the bank at Chantilly, who escaped in a miraculous manner, relates the story of the bandits' attack as follows:

Four assassins entered the bank and lined up before the counter with military precision. At the word of command, which was given by one of the robbers, the cashier dropped dead, while another victim was mortally wounded in the shoulder, a fourth happened to be stooping to open a drawer when two bullets passed close to his head without hitting him and he dropped and escaped in the yard.

CHINESE FEAR A MONOPOLY BY THE SIX GREAT POWERS

National Assembly Opposed to Granting of Exclusive Control to Great Financial Interests of Various Nations.

Shanghai, China, Mar. 25.—Premier Tang Shao Yi and Dr. Sun Yat Sen, have today conferred lengthily on the subject of the adjustment of the new treaty representing the six powers, Great Britain, the United States, Germany, France, Russia and Japan. It insists that the recent agreement for the advance of a specified amount left China free to contract loans on any security other than that to which the "sexter" had agreed. The Kaigun Railway did not form part of this security. The government had contracted on the surety of the Kaigun Railway with the Anglo-Belgian syndicate only because the "sexter" had failed to advance the promised instalments at a critical moment, when money was an essential factor in maintaining order.

The members of the assembly insist that China is willing to support Premier Tang Shao Yi and President Yan Shi Kai, but they now suspect that the "sexter" is seeking to establish an official monopoly and obtain control of all China's resources. Dr. Sun Yat Sen's family left Shanghai for Canton today, and Dr. Sun Yat Sen expects to leave in a few days.

MIXED MARRIAGES BECOMING COMMON

Toronto, Mar. 25.—Mixed marriages were numerous in Ontario in 1910, according to the report of the registrar general, issued today. Of 2586 Roman Catholic brides, 665 married Protestant gentlemen; of 2785 Roman Catholic brides, 544 married Protestants.

Roosevelt Busy Addressing Followers in East Side of New York.

Taft is Also Sure of Victory in Local Primaries for Election of the Delegates to the Convention.

New York, N. Y., Mar. 25.—On the eve of the primaries for the election of delegates to the Chicago convention Col. Roosevelt travelled through the entire length of Manhattan Island tonight and into the Bronx to make an appeal for support in his campaign for the presidential nomination. He spoke at six meetings.

Col. Roosevelt did not go into the silk stocking wards. He spent most of his time on the east side, in which section of the city he hopes to receive the largest body of supporters.

The fact that the colonel was going into the lower east side, which is the congested tenement district, prompted George Fenny Payne, of the Roosevelt committee, to make a particular request of the mayor for a police escort from one meeting to another. Mayor Gaynor responded with, "It has never been the custom to assign police escorts to spell binders as they go about making their speeches. I do not say that Mr. Roosevelt is a spell binder, but will you please ask Mr. Payne whether Mr. Roosevelt wants to bring in the innovation of assigning escorts to spell binders?"

Both the Taft and Roosevelt forces claim to be sure of a victory in tomorrow's contest in the local primaries.

DECIDE TO RENEW TRIPLE ALLIANCE FOR SIX YEAR TERM

Conference of Sovereigns Complete Success from German Standpoint—Emperor Makes Touching Reference

Venice, March 25.—It is reported that Emperor William and King Victor Emmanuel have practically agreed upon a renewal of the Triple Alliance extending it from 1914 to 1920.

The German Emperor alluding to the war, today, said that Italy was offering a touching spectacle of union and loyalty to the dynasty.

This evening the Emperor gave a dinner in honor of the King aboard the imperial yacht Hohenzollern. The whole basin was brilliantly illuminated. Emperor William, King Victor Emmanuel and King Victor Emmanuel embraced repeatedly; the King left for Rome. The Hohenzollern will sail tomorrow morning. It is understood, from the British press in the Adriatic where the Emperor will meet the Austrian Crown Prince before proceeding for Corfu.

TELLS OF DECLINE IN INDUSTRIES OF SISTER PROVINCE

Hon. A. K. MacLean Speaking Before Toronto Canadian Club Attributes Conditions to Decline in Shipbuilding.

Toronto, March 25.—Hon. A. K. MacLean addressing the Canadian club today explained why Nova Scotia, since confederation, has not developed farther than is the fact, or kept pace with the development of the other provinces of the Dominion. "Pre-confederation conditions and a large shipping business," said Mr. MacLean, "developed a trade rather than a commercial and industrial people. Our Nova Scotia tariff being then of our own making, was easily adjusted to encourage such trade. But confederation, a change from the provincial to a national tariff and a consequent decline of trading carried on by wooden ships, the building of which was a prime Nova Scotia industry, contributed to a displacement of the existing trade channels, and a diminution of the volume as well as the nature of Nova Scotia's trade."

Nothing But Commencement of The Work Now Remains

AGREEMENT REACHED YESTERDAY

Harbor Improvements Will Contribute to Growth and Prosperity of St. John, Says Minister of Public Works.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, March 25.—The agreement with the Dominion government for the development of Courtenay Bay was signed here today by W. Burton Stewart, managing director of Norton Griffiths Ltd.

A final understanding on all details connected with the big contract involving an expenditure of upwards of \$1,000,000 has been reached between the government and the contractors. Nothing now remains but to start the work.

The news that the contract had been signed was given to The Standard's correspondent tonight by the Minister of Public Works. A few days ago speaking of the progress of the negotiations Mr. Monk gave The Standard the assurance that as soon as the contract was signed he would see that St. John received the information. He was as good as his word. "I am glad to be able to tell you," he said tonight, "that Burton Stewart signed the contract today. I would like to extend to the citizens of St. John my sincere congratulations. The development of the harbor of St. John will contribute to the growth and prosperity of their city."

St. John is fortunate in receiving a first instalment of the government's policy to build up all the great ports of Canada.

Burton Stewart when interviewed expressed his great satisfaction at the outcome of the negotiations. There was an understanding, he said, with the government that some changes might be made in the direction of the breakwater and in the site for the dry dock, but these would not affect the general programme. The alterations, if carried out, would modify the original plans and be a decided improvement.

Mr. Stewart goes to St. John this week, accompanied by P. R. Warren, the chief engineer, to make arrangements for beginning work on the site for the breakwater. Norton Griffiths, M. P., will arrive on Friday on the Empress from England, and will probably remain in St. John for some days.

From now on no time will be lost in starting operations. It is probable that an early date a railway line will be laid around the head of the Bay for the transportation of machines, materials and coal to be used in constructing the breakwater. Mr. Stewart returned to Montreal tonight.

MURDERER OF HER CHILD DECLARED INSANE BY JURY

Special to The Standard.

Hullfax, March 25.—After being out for one hour the jury brought in a verdict this afternoon of "not guilty" in the murder case of Mrs. Ada McCarron. The woman had six weeks ago put her five weeks' old child into a hot blast stove in her kitchen and burned it alive. The act was not deemed.

The jury coupled with their verdict the explanation that the woman was insane at the time the act was committed. They asked that she be remanded to the jail until the pleasure of the Lieutenant-governor be made known concerning her.

The woman is 28 years old, and has had several other children beside the one which suffered such a terrible fate. It is likely that Mrs. McCarron will be sent to insane asylum, but it is noteworthy that the jury specifically state that she was insane "at the time" the offence charged was committed.

BEAT OFF WOLVES SINGLE HANDED AND STARTS SHOW

Fort William, Ont., March 25.—Just outside Nipigon on Saturday night John Pannanen, a Finlander, was attacked by a pack of wolves and, armed with only a club, beat them off, killing one and maiming another. Later he captured and muzzled a animal and the man is exhibiting it now in two cities.