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GRIT MEMBER HAS TO APOLIGIZE FOR FALSE ACCUSATION

Dr. Neely Rebuked and Forced to Eat Humble Pie.

HON. DR. ROCHE BRINGS OUT THE REAL FACTS.

Member for Humbolt Charged Glen Campbell With Giving Half Breed Liquor and Leaving Him in Snow Where He Had Foot Frozen.

Special to The Standard

Ottawa, Ont., Mar. 19—Dr. Neely of Humboldt was at his dirty work in the house again this evening, but when Dr. Roche, minister of the interior, brought forward the truth regarding an assertion Neely had made, the Liberal muckraker had to eat humble pie and apologize. Strange to say the other two members of the Liberal brigade, E. M. MacDonald and F. B. Carvell, were not on hand tonight to help out their partner.

Some time ago Dr. Neely produced an alleged affidavit from a half breed and stated that Glen Campbell, ex-M. P. had at Qu'Appelle, Sask., had given this half breed liquor in an hotel until he was drunk and then laid him out in the snow with the result that one of his feet was frozen. Dr. Neely felt so sure that he would get away with this effort to damage the reputation of Glen Campbell, one of the best known men in the west, that he repeated the charge this evening.

Dr. Roche has a quiet method when he deals with men of the class of Neely, and he produced the facts very quietly, but so incisively that there was joyful cheering from the Conservative benches.

Dr Roche had a quiet method when Campbell in which he denied the charge made against him and characterized them as "cruel, cowardly meanness." He declared that he was not present at Q'Appelle on the night in question, had no knowledge whatever of the facts of the charge, and on the date mentioned was visiting at his home at Gilbert Springs. Dr. Roche next read affidavits from James Dillon, hardware merchant, Albert Clinch, bartender in the hotel where the incident was alleged to have occurred; F. J. Rea, proprietor of the hotel; John A. MacDonald, brother-in-law of Mr. Campbell, and Mike Poitra, the half breed himself exonerating Mr. Campbell from the charges made in the former affidavit made by the half breed. In his second affidavit Poitra declared that he was prompted to make the charges he did because a man came to him and told him that the person who gave him the liquor was Glen Campbell. There was also an affidavit from Dr. William Hall who attended Poitra's injuries. The doctor declared in this that Poitra had only sustained a slight frost bite on one toe.

Hon. Arthur Meighen demanded an apology for the low attempt to injure Mr. Campbell and finally Neely climbed down.

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ONTARIO FARMERS BAND TOGETHER

Form United Farmers Society and Will Oppose Bounties on Iron and Steel.

Toronto, March 19.—One hundred and fifty farmers met in Toronto today and took preliminary steps toward organizing the United Farmers of Ontario. This body is to an eastern unit to correspond with such western bodies as the Grain Growers' Association, and the United Farmers of Alberta. The gathering passed a resolution opposing iron and steel bounties or bonuses, and this resolution will be presented to Premier Borden, tomorrow morning, by E. C. Drury, secretary of the Canadian Council of Agriculture. A resolution approving of the principle of taxing railway property on the same basis as farm property was passed with great unanimity.

HON. HEWITT BOSTOCK IS ELECTED LIBERAL LEADER IN SENATE.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Mar. 19.—Hon. Hewitt Bostock was elected Liberal leader of the Senate at a caucus of Liberal Senators today. He succeeds the late Sir George Ross.

Senator Bostock is an Englishman, a graduate of Cambridge, and a Lincoln's Inn barrister, who came to Canada in 1893, settling in British Columbia as a rancher and fruit grower. He is 45 years of age and is possessed of considerable means.

He was only three years in the country when he was elected to parliament in 1896 for Yale-Caribou in the Liberal interests. He was appointed to the Senate in 1904. He resides on his ranch at Monte Creek, B. C.

BILL TO AMEND PAVING ACT IS AGREED TO

Opposition Has Long List of Inquiries to Submit to Legislature.

COMMITTEES ARE MAKING PROGRESS.

Law Committee Decides to Recommend the Bill from St. John to Amend Municipalities Act.

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, March 19.—Twenty minutes of the legislature sitting this afternoon was devoted to listening to Mr. Dugal, the opposition leader from Madawaska, read over a series of notices of enquiries. Lately P. J. Veniot, the opposition organizer from the North Shore, has joined Organizer Carter in the opposition's enquiry factory with the result that the output has been greater than ever. Most of the enquiries are regarding matters concerning which the government has no information or respecting information contained in the public accounts.

The house is right up to date with its routine work and the committees are getting their work cleaned up. Dr. J. V. Anglin, superintendent of the Provincial Hospital at Fairville, arrived this evening and will probably appear before the public accounts committee tomorrow. Dr. J. W. Robertson's address on technical training and industrial education will be given tomorrow afternoon at 5.30 o'clock following the afternoon adjournment.

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MONCTON MAN PUTS BULLET THROUGH HEAD

Simon Leger Kills Himself—Believed Misunderstanding With Fiance Reason for the Act.

Moncton, Mar. 19—Apparently despondent over a love affair Simon Leger, aged twenty-five years, an apprentice in the moulding department of the R. F. & M. Co., this afternoon retired to his room on the third floor of his boarding house kept by Thomas Bourque, corner of Mechanic and Main streets and put two bullets into his breast succumbing to the wounds about forty minutes later.

Deceased was engaged to be married to Exelda Bourque, daughter of the proprietor of the boarding house and just before committing the rash act gave his intended what money he had on him and gave her an order to draw his pay and also left a note willing her his effects.

It appears that Leger and his betrothed had a disagreement few days ago, and although Miss Bourque says they were to have been married next September, it is believed the falling out was the cause of the tragedy.

The victim of the tragedy was the son of Vital Leger of College Bridge, and returned to Moncton from the States a couple of years ago. An inquest is being held.

FEDERAL AID FOR HYDRO-ELECTRIC RYS.

Guelph, Ont., March 19.—A monster delegation will wait upon the Dominion government Thursday from the Great Waterways Union and the Hydro-Electric Radial Railways Union to urge upon the government these three important projects:

A waterway for ocean-going vessels via the St. Lawrence and the Great Lakes to Port Arthur and Fort William; increased power for the Hydro-Electric Power Commission; and a subsidy of $6,400 a mile from the federal government to assist in building the proposed hydro-electric railways. The usual railway subsidy is to be demanded or hydro-electric railways to be built by the power commission.

WILSON READY TO REOPEN PEACE NEGOTIATIONS WITH MEXICAN FACTIONS

Will Be Glad to Consider Proposals Tending to Draw Parties Together.

NOT ANTAGONISTIC TO HUERTA PERSONALLY.

Any Terms for Peace Must be Satisfactory to Both Constitutionalists and the Huerta Forces.

Washington, Mar. 19—The United States government will welcome a reopening of negotiations with the Huerta government or the constitutionalists and will be glad to consider any proposal that will tend to draw the various factions together into a plan for the restoration of peace in Mexico.

This is the attitude of President Wilson as it was revealed today after reports reached here saying Senor Protilio Y. Rojas, minister for foreign affairs in the Huerta cabinet, had gone to meet John Lind, Mr. Wilson's personal representative, to seek a resumption of the peace parleys. Senor Rojas has been mentioned as the man who would succeed Huerta, if he retired, and the object of the visit, to Mr. Lind, it has been reported was to acquaint the President's envoy with his personality. Incidentally the President in talking with callers today, while remarking that he had no official report of any new parleys, spoke in complimentary terms of the Mexican minister of foreign affairs as a man of high character. What the President emphasizes in his informal discussions on the Mexican situation is that he, as President of the United States, has never sought to approve or disapprove of individuals who may aspire to the presidency of Mexico, and that he has no list of men whom he holds under so-called ban, because of alleged complicity in the assassination of Madero. His refusal to recognize Huerta, it may be stated on the highest authority, was not based on any personal antagonism to Huerta, but on the ground that the Constitutionalists would never be reconciled to the man who had overthrown Madero and Juarez and that governments set up by arbitrary force and not reflecting the popular will should not be dealt with by the United States. Likewise, in the consideration of individuals who might seek recognition by the United States, the principle President Wilson has been working on is that recognition extended to anyone set up in the presidency without some popular expression or without the endorsement of all factions could not lead to peace.

In considering peace proposals from the Huerta government the United States, it is known, now will do all that it can to forward a peaceful settlement, but the conviction is as strong with the President today as it was when he sent his instructions to John Lind last summer, that peace in Mexico in the last analysis is dependent upon terms that will be acceptable alike to constitutionalists and the Huerta administration. He recognizes that the value of all proposals depends upon how far such plans seek to draw the Mexican factions together in common agreement upon a provisional president who can convoke elections or rehabilitate the government machinery in a way that would be endorsed by the Mexicans generally.

President Wilson is carefully considering the suggestion said to have been made originally by Oscar S. Straus, former ambassador to Turkey, and prominent in the cause of world peace.

The President, it is known, would be glad to send such a commission if it could assist the Mexican factions at arriving at an agreement, but it is believed that he feels that actual peace proposals must necessarily originate with the Mexican factions and that unless the commission were invited to go to Mexico its errand would be fruitless, mediation of the same sort having previously been rejected by both Mexican factions.

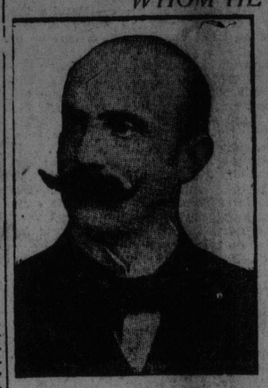
TORONTO POWER CO. ISSUE IN LONDON

London, March 20.—The Toronto Power Company has issued £523,655 four and a half per cent. consolidated guaranteed debenture stock which is offered by the British Empire Trust Company at 96. It met with the similar lack of success that has attended other recent issues and 81 per cent. was left with the underwriters.

NEW GOVERNOR OF PANAMA SAILS FOR HIS POST.

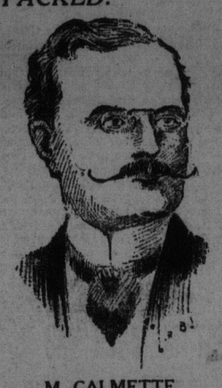
Washington, March 19.—Col. Geo. W. Goethals left Washington tonight and will sail from New York tomorrow for Colon where on April 1st he will assume his new title and office of governor of the Panama Canal zone.

SLAIN EDITOR AND FRENCH MINISTER WHOM HE ATTACKED.



M. CAILLAUX.

French Finance Minister, whose wife shot an editor to avenge him.



M. CALMETTE.

Editor of Paris Figaro, shot dead by Madame Caillaux, for attacks on her husband.

Hot Fight Over Repeal Of Clause is Certain

Democratic Opposition of Most Stubborn Brand Has Arisen—President Tells Senator He Skated on Thin Ice in His Speech on Question.

Washington, Mar. 19.—More stubborn than anything that has arisen to stir the tranquility of the Democratic majority since the party came into control of the national government is the opposition to President Wilson's plea for repeal of the toll exemption provision for American ships in the Panama Canal act.

With the time almost at hand when the question is to be decided, the unyielding opposition of the Democrats who believe it will be an economic mistake to reverse the policy of the government on the tolls question becomes more active and in Senate and House the discussion is certain to be the most vigorous that has been precipitated by any issue the Democratic Congress has had before it.

While the President and Democratic members in both houses who will support his position are confident that the repeal will pass by a comfortable majority, few have any idea that the majority will be large. Debate on the repeal will begin in the House Saturday when a rule will be enforced limiting debate to fifteen hours. In the Senate, action by the committee on Interstate Oceanic canals on a repeal bill submitted by Senator Owen may be taken tomorrow or Saturday.

Senator O'Gorman, chairman of the committee, will consider the matter of taking up the resolution tomorrow.

President Wilson today conferred with Senator Jones, informing the Senator that there was absolutely no basis for conclusions he had referred to in a Senate speech Wednesday to the effect that the tolls repeal was the price to be paid as a result of negotiations with Great Britain for non-interference by foreign powers in Mexico and for England's defence of the Monroe doctrine.

The President told the Senator that he was skating on thin ice in circulating such conclusions after reading them in some publications. Discussing the matter with callers, the President said his address to Congress on the repeal of the tolls clause was written before the visit to Washington of the British Minister to Mexico, Sir Lionel Carden, to whom Senator Jones had referred in his speech, and that the canal controversy was not mentioned during the minister's conference at the White House.

Story of an Alleged Scandal Has Exploded

Story in Montreal Paper of Scandal in Connection With Purchase of Property by Government Proved to be Absolute Absurdity.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, March 19.—The statement contained in the Montreal Herald this evening to the effect that there would be a great scandal in connection with the purchase of property by the government near Bonaventure Station, Montreal, is characterized by officials of the Public Works Department this evening as absolutely absurd on the face of it. The only property which the government is negotiating to purchase in Montreal is the Carslake Hotel, near Bonaventure Station.

The Public Works Department has served notice of expropriation and appointed three valuators to name the price which the government ought to pay for the property. The sum offered by the government as the result of the valuation is between three and four hundred thousand dollars, according to the deputy minister of public works who was speaking from memory when asked about the matter this evening by The Standard. Mr. Hunter stated that there was no possibility of any scandal, as the price which the government tenders when expropriation proceedings are ordered, has to be approved by the judge of the exchequer court. In any case, said Mr. Hunter, the price the government offers to pay is considerably under what the purchasing agent of the department suggested. The property is being purchased for a new postal station.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S BUSY DAY IN TORONTO

Toronto, March 19.—The Duke of Connaught spent a few very busy hours in Toronto today and returned to Ottawa tonight. In his brief visit he was entertained at breakfast at the York Club; visited the club of the provincial offices of the Boy Scouts in his capacity as chief scout of the Dominion; officially opened the Royal Ontario Museum and inaugurated the Howard memorial gateway in High Park, the gateway being the gift of the Daughters of the Empire.

PRESENTS COLLECTION OF ART TO THE LOUVRE

Paris, March 19.—Marchioness Arconati-Visconti has presented to the Louvre her entire collections of paintings, orcelains, furniture and other art objects, chiefly of the French and Italian renaissance periods, the minister of education announced to the cabinet council today. The value of the gift is estimated at $1,000,000.

The Marchioness in April, 1912, presented to the United States National Museum the arm-chair of the Marquis of Lafayette.

Watch for Kathlyn in Saturday's Standard
And at The Imperial Today and Saturday.

MANY CHANGES IN LIQUOR LAW RECOMMENDED

Dominion Alliance in Session Favors Standing Together In Elections.

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD IN THIS CITY.

Recommend Heavy Fines For Wholesale Dealers Sending Liquor Into Scott Act Districts Labelled "Groceries."

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, March 19.—At this afternoon's session of the New Brunswick branch of the Dominion Alliance the report of the field secretary-treasurer were first taken up.

The following officers were elected for the year:—President, C. W. Weyman, Sussex; 1st vice-president, J. Willard Smith, St. John; 2nd vice-president, Rev. Dr. W. H. Smith, Fredericton; 3rd vice-president, L. R. Hetherington, Newcastle; treasurer, A. C. M. Lawson, Fredericton; secretary, Rev. G. B. McDonald, Sussex; field secretary, Rev. R. H. Stavery, Harcourt.

Executive—S. B. Buston, St. John; C. N. Vroon, St. Stephen; W. A. Lutz, Berry's Mills; Donald Fraser, Plaster Rock; E. W. Rowley, St. John; W. G. Clark, Fredericton; G. N. Clark, Rexton; W. M. Burns, Fredericton; Rev. R. J. Colpitts, Keswick; Miss Nellie Asker, Campbellton; Dr. W. C. Keirstead, Fredericton; Mrs. J. W. Seymour, St. John; Mrs. M. L. Stevenson, Fredericton; Rev. H. E. Thomas, St. John; Rev. W. G. Schurman, Hartland; E. W. Stockford, St. John; A. G. Adams, Campbellton; Rev. W. R. Robinson, St. John; Geo. Fawcett, Sackville, and J. V. Jackson, Moncton.

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GAY PARIS CELEBRATES MI-CAREME

Interest in Murder of Editor Overshadowed by Pleasures of Fete.

DEMONSTRATION AT FUNERAL EXPECTED.

Mme. Caillaux Only Hope is to Throw Herself on the Mercy of the Court is Advice of Lawyer.

Paris, Mar. 19—French public opinion continues to be decidedly erupted with the Calmette tragedy and the resulting political agitation, although interest was less outwardly manifested today. The general interest of the pleasure-loving Parisians was centred in the Mi-Careme parade of which confetti battles in the boulevards were a feature.

A few excited students in Paris and Versailles attempted demonstrations against M. Maillaux, but the police had no difficulty in dispersing them.

The principal development of the day was the resignation of Ernest Monis from the ministry of marine, and it is understood his withdrawal from the cabinet will be permanent, not temporary as was at first expected, whatever may be the finding of the investigating committee.

Various names were mentioned in the lobbies of the chamber for the post of minister of marine, but Premier Doumergue has decided to take no action for the present.

While some kind of a demonstration by the anti-Republicans is certain to be attempted at the funeral of M. Calmette tomorrow, the police authorities do not anticipate serious trouble. Nevertheless M. Hennion, the prefect of Paris, has made extensive preparations to preserve order.

Saint Lazare prison, where Mme. Caillaux occupies a cell, was again the object of interest today by many hundreds of persons who seemed deeply interested in those who passed within its doors. Mme. Caillaux, it is said, is beginning to show the effects of her imprisonment. Her young daughter, by earlier marriage, Juliette Clareti, is allowed to visit her daily. Her husband and M. Babori called on her this afternoon and found her in a depressed and nervous state. She discussed her case with M. Labori in preparation for her first appearance before the examining magistrate next week.

M. Labori informed Mme. Caillaux it is said that she had no alternative but to throw herself on the mercy of the court and that in her defence she could not make any reflections on M. Calmette. In fact, he explained, it was only on this condition that he agreed to undertake her defence, and he made this plain to both the family of his late friend, M. Calmette and M. Caillaux. The former minister of finance said he understood M. Labori's attitude perfectly and approved of it, adding:

"I have asked you only to defend my wife; I do not wish you to attack M. Calmette."

TORPEDO BOAT RAMS STEAMER, FIFTY DROWN

Small Passenger Steamer Cut Down Near Venice—Passengers Caught in Cabins and Went Down With Wreck

Venice, Mar. 19—A torpedo boat today cut down a small passenger steamer which plies between Venice and Lido, a chain of sandy islands separating the Lagoon of Venice from the Adriatic, and fifty persons were drowned. The sharp nose of the torpedo boat went through the stern of the steamer, which sank almost immediately. The victims included many women and children.

Fifteen persons on deck at the time were saved by the crew of the torpedo boat. The others were caught in the cabin and were carried down with the wreck. The Italian sailors dived many times in an effort to rescue those who sank with the steamer, but without avail.

Intense excitement prevails here, not only because of the extent of the disaster but because the names of the victims are not yet known.

MET DEATH BY FALLING DOWN ELEVATOR SHAFT

Chicago's Best Reporter Victim of Tragedy in Press Club—Born in Prince Edward Island.

Chicago, Mar. 19—John L. Lawson, a reporter for the Chicago Tribune, and one of the best known newspaper men in the Middle West, met a tragic death this afternoon, when he fell down an elevator shaft in the Chicago Press Club building. It is believed he opened the door of the elevator shaft used for freight mistaking it for the door of the lavatory adjoining and stepped in before realizing his mistake.

Among editors and reporters Mr. Lawson generally was considered "the best reporter in Chicago."

For years his stories have been held up as models of newspaper writing.

He was born on Prince Edward Island, Canada.

YOUTH WANTS DEATH INSTEAD OF PRISON

Refuses to Plead Guilty of Second Degree Murder—Killed Toronto Milliner in New York Last August.

New York, Mar. 19.—"I would rather go to the electric chair than spend 20 years in prison," said 19 year old Harry Schaeffer to his parents, in the Supreme Court today when they urged him to plead guilty in the second degree at his trial on the charge of first degree murder for the killing of Wm. T. Martin, a Toronto, Ont., milliner, last August. Taking the stand in his own defence Schaeffer told how he and another man wrapped a towel around Martin's neck so tightly that death resulted after Martin had been lured to a West Side flat.

Schaeffer said he and his companion who is a fugitive, had not intended to kill Martin, but merely to quiet him until they could rob him. The case will go to the jury tomorrow.