

GOVERNMENT CHALLENGED TO APPEAL TO COUNTRY

Fighting Speech in Naval Debate by Mr. German---Tory Party has Changed But Little in the Last One Hundred Years---Would Like to Get Power Out of the Hands of the People and Into the Hands of an Oligarchy---New Bank Act Introduced

Ottawa, Dec. 17—There was some frank speaking in parliament today and it was by no means confined to the opposition.

H. B. Ames, Conservative, of Montreal, had the floor and intimated in opening that there was nothing conflicting in the nature of the Borden and the Laurier naval proposals. The Liberals cheered this as an indication that the government is being rapidly forced to adopt the opposition policy.

Mr. Ames sent a chill down the backs of his Conservative friends by declaring that the "day is rapidly approaching when the overseas dominions, including Canada, will bear the same relation to the mother country that the provinces today bear to the dominion government."

He spoke strongly for the three Dreadnought contribution.

W. M. German, Liberal, of Welland, followed, declaring that every progressive step which Canada had taken to reach its present status of satisfactory autonomy and responsibility had been forced by the Liberal party against the Tory party.

The Tories under Sir John Macdonald before Confederation had fought against responsible government and for continuing administration by the executive council appointed for life by the governor-general from the permanent officials.

The Tories had fought against the franchise act and against decentralization of authority which was by the

Liberals made the basis of confederation. The government's naval bill was a measure for centralization.

GERMAN'S CHALLENGE

"You scratch a Liberal-Conservative of today," said Mr. German, "and you find a Tory of 100 years ago and disclose the same desire of the few to get power out of the hands of the people and into the hands of an oligarchy."

Amid Liberal cheering and Conservative silence, Mr. German concluded with a challenge to the government to go to the country and test the feeling of the electors on the two naval propositions which have just been presented to the parliament.

Mr. Wilson, of North Essex, spoke for the government's policy and Hon. Frank Oliver condemned it.

The bank act was introduced by Finance Minister White. He stated that the bank charters would be renewed until 1923; that shareholders would be required to have an annual audit made by independent auditors who could at any time be called upon by the finance minister to make a special report on any bank or on any question connected with the bank. The banks would be allowed to create a central gold reserve in Montreal in the custody of four men, one to be named by the government. The responsibility of directors for a bank's management would be increased by making negligence an indictable offence, where failure resulted.

NEW INVENTION FOR TELEGRAPHERS

Madrid, Dec. 18—The Telegraph department will adopt a new electric magnetic ticker, the invention of Engineer Balsera, it is capable of transmitting 1,820 letters a minute, the feature of the invention is that it gives excellent results even on bad wires.

GERMAN NON-COM PUNISHED FOR TREASON

Berlin, Dec. 18—Sergt. Wosferling, a non-commissioned officer at the fortress of Thorn, has been sentenced to fifteen years penal servitude and to pay a fine of \$4,000 for high treason. The government has confiscated the \$19,000 which it is alleged he received from Russia for spying.

TENNYSON'S GRANDSON JOINS BENEDICTS

London, Dec. 18—Alfred Tennyson, a grandson of the famous poet, was married at Westminster Abbey, yesterday, to Hon. Margaret Drummond, a descendant of the Earl of Perth.

PLAYED FOR HEAVY STAKES

A Sensational Raid on a Big Gambling House in Old London

Young Married Women Holding Good Positions in Society Among the Patrons

London, Dec. 18—Details which came out in court yesterday in regard to the sensational raid made Sunday night on a West End gambling house show, in the words of Prosecutor Musket, that the place raided was one of the largest gambling establishments in London. The raid took place at 6.30 p.m., which is supposed to be a quiet time, yet the counters before the dozen players at the tables represented \$4,065. The counters before Grosche, the acting croupier, represented \$60,000 in units of \$500, \$250, \$125, \$50, \$25, \$5 and \$2.50. The game was Chemin de Fer. The three young married women and all the men captured hold good positions in society and many of them are of independent means, but a night raid would inevitably have resulted in the capture of a dozen members of parliament and possibly one member of the cabinet. Some idea of the tremendous profits made at this house was gleaned from McKay's bank account.

In September this amounted to \$65,000, when arrested he had \$180,000 to his credit.

The police are watching a gambling house on Grosvenor Square, one of the most exclusive parts of the west, and run by a former captain in the army, where only the wealthy and most eminent people in England are admitted. The police would like to raid this place but are afraid of the scandal which would arise as it is feared that they would capture one of the biggest figures in English political life, not to mention the biggest names in Debrett and Westminster.

GAS EXPLOSION HAS FATAL RESULTS

Carlyle, Sask., Dec. 18—An explosion in the gas plant in the cellar of the Antler Hotel, owned by E. Riford, here Monday morning resulted in the death of one man and the destruction of the hotel, with \$20,000 damages.

The force of the explosion blew up the kitchen floor and part of the floor above it and hurled sleepers out of their beds. F. W. Brown, a local merchant, was sleeping on the second floor, and never awakened. His charred remains were discovered on a burned mattress eight hours later.

SANTA WILL VISIT MADISON SQUARE

New York, Dec. 18—A giant Christmas tree, declared to be the largest ever set up in this country, will be placed in Madison Square next week by the Adirondack League Club as a surprise to the children of the east-side on Christmas eve. A thousand electric bulbs will be strung through its branches from which a huge supply of toys and candy will be distributed.

Peace Plenipotentiaries Encounter Obstacles

TORIES AFTER FRIEL'S SCALP

Liberal Office Holder at Dorchester Accused of Partizanship

Bogus Affidavits Used to Support Charges Against Him---Hon. Mr. Grimmer Investigating

Dorchester, N. B., Dec. 17—The investigation of the charges of partizanship against James Friel, clerk of the peace and registrar of probates, began this morning before Attorney General Grimmer. The prosecution was conducted by Allan W. Chapman, Mr. Friel appearing in his own behalf.

John C. Landry, barrister, of Edmonton (Alta.) who is a son of Judge Landry and a former resident of Dorchester, was the seemingly important witness for the complainant. Mr. Landry, in his evidence, swore that Mr. Friel took an active part in both the elections of 1904 and 1908 which evidence was contradicted by C. S. Hickman, J. H. Hickman and Ex-Sheriff Joseph A. McQueen.

Mr. Landry seemed to be laboring under difficulties and his 'memory' in regard to certain incidents which took place on election day was very vague. He denied, when cross-examined by Mr. Friel, that he had come from Edmonton to give evidence before the commissioner, and that he was an applicant for one of the offices, at least.

ADmits AFFIDAVIT IS WRONG.

William Alexander, who is in the employ of the government at the penitentiary, took the stand at the afternoon session and explained that the allegations in his affidavit applied to 1903 before Mr. Friel was appointed to the office, and not to the election of 1908, as alleged in the statement prepared by Mr. Chapman.

Three of the complainants failed to appear. Mr. Friel asked that they

CONVICT ESCAPES FROM SING SING

Ossing, N. Y., Dec. 18—Chester Yates, serving twenty-one years' sentence in Sing Sing prison for the robbery of Aaron Brancroft, an aged New York broker, was missing from his cell this morning when guards went their rounds. No trace of the prisoner had been found up to ten o'clock.

Yates is twenty-nine years old and was involved in a deal whereby a bundle of securities was knocked from Brancroft's hands and a package of newspapers substituted. It was for receiving some of the stolen securities that Daniel O'Reilly, a former assistant district attorney, is serving a year's sentence on Blackwell's Island.

UNITED STATES GOVT. ACCEPTS THE OFFER

London, Dec. 18—The United States Government officially intimated its acceptance of the offer made by the British Government of a British war ship to convey the body of the late Ambassador Whitelaw Reid from England to the United States.

One of the members of Dan McEwen's stable, at London, Ont. is a 3-year-old stallion by The Bel out of the dam of Hal 'B. Jr., 2.03.

William G. Snell of New Bedford is owner of the sensations green trotter, Star Winter, recently sold for a reported price of \$15,000.

Turkey Wants Greece to Sign the Armistice or Withdraw From the Conference ---The Real Trouble Will Arise When The Question of the Future Possession of Adrianople Comes up for Discussion ---Believed That the Problem Can Only be Solved by Mediation

London Dec. 18—Serbia took a most important step in the direction of peace today by intimating her willingness to leave the matter of an outlet to the Adriatic Sea entirely in the hands of the great European powers. In announcing the decision of the Serbian Government to take this step the Serbian peace delegation added that Serbia's attitude was a perfectly moderate one and that relying on this moderation, the justice of her claim and the sympathies of the European governments she had decided to take the course indicated in regard to the tension between Austria-Hungary and Serbia, it is generally reported that direct negotiations between these two nations will begin immediately. This will make the honor of conference between the Austrian foreign minister and M. Jouanvitch, the newly appointed Serbian minister at Vienna and the object aimed at will be the realization of the mutual desire of the two countries for the clearing up of the situation and the removal of misunderstandings.

London, Dec. 18—The plenipotentiaries for the Balkans came together for a meeting this morning to decide on their plans of action in the eventuality of Turkey declining to raise her boycott of the Hellenic delegates unless Greece sign the armistice. The allies in the course of yesterday's meeting of the peace conference at St. James' Palace, made it quite clear that they would not enter into negotiations without Greece being allowed to participate and Mr. Danefoo, the leader of the Bulgarian delegation, is quoted as saying:

"If on Thursday the reply of the Ottoman delegates is not satisfactory we will break off negotiations and meet again at the Thessalonika lines. That will be the end of Turkey in Europe."

There is no consensus of opinion here, however, that the present obstacle will be surmounted by the delegates and that the real danger-point will be reached only when the apparently inevitable clash arises as to the future possession of the fortress of Adrianople.

As far as can be seen at present, only mediation by an outside power can solve this problem.

It is a curious coincidence that of the presiding officers of the peace under the alphabetical arrangement conference, tomorrow's chairman should be the leader of the Greek mission. It is assumed that a temporary president will be chosen pending

CHARMING WEDDING THIS AFTERNOON

Miss Winnifred F. Stevenson Becomes Bride of Sidney M. Miller of Winnipeg

Miss Winnifred F. Stevenson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Stevenson of this city will be married at 4.15 this afternoon to Mr. Sydney M. Miller of Winnipeg former ly of Tay Settlement. The ceremony is to be performed at the home of the bride's parents, George Street, by Rev. Neil McLaughlan, in the presence of only the immediate friends and relatives of the bride and groom. The latter are to be unattended except by Mrs. H. S. Campbell matron of honor.

The bride is to wear a costume of fawn with pale blue trimmings and black velvet picture hat and will carry a bouquet of cream roses. The matron-of-honor is to be gowned in pale blue with Russian trimming and gold fringe. The wedding march is to be played by Mr. Joseph Oldham organist of Christchurch Cathedral.

The present of the groom to the bride is a handsome set of mink furs.

After the ceremony a wedding luncheon is to be served and the evening the happy couple will leave for the former home of the groom where they will spend a week before leaving for Winnipeg via Boston. The bride is one of Fredericton's most popular young ladies and the best wishes of many will follow her to her new home.

TITANIC ENQUIRY WAS VERY COSTLY

London, Dec. 18—In a statement issued yesterday the president of the Board of Enquiry announced that the inquiry into the Titanic disaster had cost the government \$101,155.

Toronto, Dec. 18—About 200 red patches scattered over a blue print twelve feet square, represent John F. Hanson's purchase of \$1,400,000 worth of lakeside lots. He made his selection yesterday afternoon and this morning, the plan was handed to the agents of the Canadian Northern Railway and accepted.

BABY ALLIGATOR FOUND IN HOGSHEAD

Sugar Deposited by Molasses Has Completely Embalmed Reptile--- Strange Find of Southampton Family

Mr. Bryon Cronk of Upper Southampton recently bought some sugar in the bottom of a molasses hogshead at a bargain and took it home. His family used it for cooking and on the table, and the children made a large quantity of molasses candy, always popular with the young children, and took it to school with them and generously treated all the pupils.

Mr. Cronk one day was congratulating himself on his good luck in buying the hogshead, and the sugar it contained when his wife came to him with something black on a paddle with which she had been getting sugar out of the hogshead. The frightened look in her eyes and the command, "come see what this is!" startled her husband. He looked, and saw stretched out on the paddle a baby alligator, seven inches long. It was perfectly embalmed from its long stay in its saccharine surroundings, but mummy-like, its flesh was shrunken and was very black.

The husband and wife stood gazing at the dark object on the paddle—its head fully two and a half inches long, its claws, its long tail, when suddenly they exclaimed in one voice, "Are we poisoned?"

"Well," said the first "we've been using it now for over a fortnight, and I never felt better in my life!"

Mr. Cronk at once went to the merchant from whom the sugar had been bought and had his money returned on account of the little alligator's presence.

The fact that no ill effects followed the use of the sugar, is accounted for from the fact that none was used that was lying next the body of the reptile.

When told, the school children said, "Well, it was good candy if there was an alligator in it."

It is supposed that while the hogshead was lying open down in the West Indies, the reptile crept in.

Tom McCarey is trying to sign Kid Williams the Baltimore boatman for a twenty-round bout with Eddie Camp of San Francisco the bout to be staged at Vernon, Calif., Jan. 14.

NOTORIOUS OUTLAW MET TRAGIC DEATH

Manila, Dec. 18—The career of Arcani a notorious outlaw chief in the Philippines was brought to an end today when he was killed in a personal encounter with Lieut. E. P. Johnson of the Philippine constabulary. The outlaws belonging to the same band were also killed. A force of constabulary assisted by a detachment of Moro volunteers under the command of civil governor Georgia Helena of Seamboango came into contact with the outlaw gang on a small island near Bayla.

After a sharp encounter the band scattered leaving three of their number dead. Among these was Arcani, who had fought a fierce personal combat with Lt. Johnson. Arcani during his career is known to have murdered seven people including the Japanese traders and he with his followers have carried out a number of raids. The constabulary and the volunteers are now pursuing the rest of the band.

SUFFRAGETTE PREFERRED PRISON TO A FINE

London, Dec. 18—A militant suffragette named Kitty Marion today indignantly refused to pay \$125 fine instead of imprisonment for a month when she was brought up at Bow Street on the charge of giving false fire alarms. In reply to the magistrate she declared that if she possessed a hundred millions she would not pay a cent and thereupon was sent to prison.

London, Dec. 18—There were numerous postal outrages again last night mainly in the southeastern part of London. Three women were arrested.

There were similar outrages at Tunbridge Wells and Edinburgh. A young woman was also arrested here for breaking a fire box at Convent Gardens and sending in a false alarm.

PERSONAL

Misses Sadie E. Urquhart, Jennie L. Urquhart and Vida McCloskey of Nordin, N.B., are at the Barker House.