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Progressive Leader Takes Part in the Debate on Address

MADE A GOOD IMPRESSION

Action of Government in Near East Crisis Warmly Commended.

Ottawa, Feb. 2—Increase trade by removing tariff barriers and by increasing the British preference; reduce unemployment by encouraging industries where unemployed does not exist; give Sir Henry Thornton and the Canadian Railways a fair chance and turn government business to the government railways; bring only such immigrants to Canada as there are jobs waiting for; reduce the tariff on necessities of life and also reduce governmental expenditures and taxes; and leave the civil service act alone, thus avoiding any return to patronage. These were among the recommendations placed before Parliament today by Robert Forke, member for Brandon and Hon. T. A. Cresser's successor as leader of the Progressive party. Further Mr. Forke urged that in the redistribution bill to be brought down this session, proportional representation should be adopted; that the Bank Act should be carefully studied from the interests of the common people; that better trade relations with United States should be sought and that the among shippers on the Great Lakes investigation into the alleged combine should be speeded up and made thorough.

Western members made a day of it in the Commons today. Mr. Forke led, to be followed in turn by J. S. Woodsworth, Labor member for Centre Winnipeg; J. L. Brown, Progressive from Lisgar, and John Miller also a Progressive of Qu'Appelle. George W. Pyte, chief government whip moved adjournment of the debate when the House rose at 5:35 p.m. and a Liberal speaker will open the proceedings on Monday afternoon.

Mr. Forke's first real effort since his attainment of the leadership has been awaited with considerable interest. The new Progressive leader had spoken but infrequently in the House during last session and on those occasions had lived up to his reputation of "canniness." So today the members sat back after the formalities of the day had been dispensed with, to perhaps compare the old and the new leaders. "It is borne in upon me in all of these congratulations that I have received I am referred to as 'canny'," said the Progressive leader. "I hope that it is true, and that if I am not going to shine as a brilliant light in this position, at any rate I will not make any serious mistakes."

The Same Policy.

He did not think the change in leadership would alter the policy of the Progressive party. They were not there to oppose the government. They were there to propagate principles which they believed in the best interests of the country and to endeavor to have them enacted into law.

In his speech Mr. Forke was optimistic. Canada, he said occupied a very important position in the world affairs. It had not yet surmounted its difficulties. Times had been bad but he believed that they were going to improve. There had been a good crop last year and the country was as good as ever.

Mr. Forke deplored that the speech from the throne had not mentioned that important matter—tariff reduction. The government last year had turned its face in the right direction. He hoped it was still there and that with a little encouragement the government might take another step

Scotland Yard Holds A Poison Candy Suspect

LONDON, Feb. 3—Scotland Yard has arrested a man suspected of having sent poisoned candy to Sir William Horwood, head of the criminal investigation department, who is recovering from its effects. The suspect is Walter Frank Tatham, 42, florist, of Balham, London, from which suburb the candy was mailed. The police say he employed a little girl to mail the packages, which were also sent to other officials.

ARMY CAPTAIN AND GUARD LOSE PAYROLL

THE SUM OF \$42000 WAS STOLEN

Officer and Aids Tied to Trees—Two Civilians are Among the Missing.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 3—Two bandits held up and robbed Capt. Norman D. Cota paymaster of Langley Field, and his military guard of four men to-day tied Capt. Cota and one of his men to trees in the woods and then fled with \$42,000 in cash the payroll of the field.

Two of the military guard are still missing. The Government automobile also is gone.

Airplanes for the first time in the history of aviation solved the mystery of the disappearance of Capt. Cota and his military guard within a few hours. When they failed to return on scheduled time from Norfolk with the payroll, the camp officials called out scores of aviators stationed here.

A fleet of airplanes was turned loose with instructions to cover in systematic fashion every bit of territory for miles around.

Aviators Solve Problem.

Within a few hours, aviators, flying low in the wide hunt, spotted Capt. Cota and Sergt. Ira B. Goff, his clerk tied to trees near Big Bethel, about nine miles from Hampton, Va.

The planes landed in a nearby field, the officers quickly freed the paymaster and his clerk and the story of how two civilians had held up the automobile and got away with the \$42,000 was soon relayed back to the Langley Field offices.

The chase by airplane while the telegraph and Langley Field telephone wires flashed the alarm to nearby towns and cities was pressed all afternoon. Not a trace of the two missing guards, the Government automobile and the two civilian bandits had been reported late today.

Capt. Cota and his guard left the Langley Field at 8 o'clock this morning and drove in the automobile to the Hampton National Bank. They were scheduled to return about 9:30 o'clock to the field.

When they failed to arrive about 10 o'clock Capt. J. Esterbrook post adjutant, began an investigation. He was taking no chances of any kind on the paymaster being held up with such a sum of money because every one at the camp and civilians hereabouts all knew that to-day was the camp's pay-day and that the money would be as usual be drawn from the Hampton bank.

The bank by telephone, explained that Capt. Cota had drawn the \$42,000 and left with the guard about 9:15 o'clock.

At 10:30 o'clock the airplane pursuit was on. Shortly after noon the paymaster and clerk were found tied to the trees.

Capt. Cota said he had been held up as he started from Hampton. The civilian bandits got the "drop" on him and the bodyguard and forced the driver to speed away with all of them in the car.

Revolvers were taken from the bodyguard and Capt. Cota by the bandits, and the paymaster and clerk were relieved of the big sum of money, all in bills of small denominations.

CALIFORNIA TRIP FOR HON. MR. ROBINSON

Hon. C. W. Robinson Minister of Lands and Mines who recently returned from Montreal to attend the ceremony of swearing in the cabinet after the change in the provincial premiership, will leave shortly for California. He will be absent four weeks but will return in time for the opening of the Legislature, Thursday, March 8th.

Arrangements have been made for his ministerial duties to be taken over by Hon. J. E. Hetherington, Provincial Secretary, who will be Acting Minister of Lands and Mines during his absence.

The Rev. Percy Stickney Grant asks no odds of any press agent.

HUNS PAYING INCOME TAX WITH STAMPS

COME IN SMALL DENOMINATIONS

It Often Takes Many Weeks to Fill Out the Required Blanks.

Berlin, Feb. 3—Aside from talking about the situation in the Ruhr, the German workmen have been spending the entire month of January in paying their income tax by the most bothersome and yet most effective system that could be devised.

Office boys, clerks, stenographers and everybody up to magnates sit daily at desks piled high with stamps which they must paste neatly into books furnished by the tax collectors and, as the stamps come only in small denominations, some of the better paid employees put in their spare time at this two weeks longer than the rest, while the average office boy is unable to finish his book in the first twenty days of January.

According to the system, printed tables of the tax rates are furnished by which the worker figures out for himself what his tax will be, and instead of handing a check or cash to a collector thereby causing a rush to the Government offices, he is obliged to buy his own stamps and paste hundreds and sometimes thousands of these into a book. So much time of the employees is used in this way that some of the bigger firms have established "stamp-licking" departments where the process goes on eight hours a day.

Some idea of the size of this task throughout the country can be gained from the report of the postal authorities who are asking for appropriations for printing stamps of a higher value every few days. They explain that the recent advance in postage rate has made it impossible to put enough stamps of the present denominations on an ordinary sized envelope, front and back, while the stamps required on checks, bills of exchange and other legal papers make it necessary to attach a blank paper of extraordinary size for this purpose.

Officials cite the case of a £5,000 English draft which had attached to it a string of stamps three yards in length. In discussing a bill in the Reichstag a member said he had seen a draft for £20,000 which had eight yards of stamps attached to it.

The cancellation of this flood of stamps alone requires the work of scores of extra clerks in the Government departments since the irregular shapes of the stamp-bearing slips prevent the use of the ordinary cancelling machines.

EPSOM SALTS MISSING, MILL IS CLOSED

Epsom salts are not usually associated in the public mind with manufacturing life and industrial activity but it appears that they have an important and direct connection. A carload of the chemical intended for the cotton mill of Canadian Cottons Limited at Marysville has gone astray and until it arrives the operation of the mill is held up. Epsom salts are used in the process of finishing cotton. The Marysville mill uses huge quantities. A tracer is said to have located the car at a small Quebec station.

WILL DINE THE NEW PREMIER

St. John, Feb. 3—Premier Veniot who arrived here yesterday noon from Fredericton where he was sworn in as premier on Thursday, expects to leave here this morning for Bathurst. He addressed the insurance convention yesterday afternoon. On Monday night the citizens of Bathurst will tender Hon. Mr. Veniot a banquet. The retiring premier, Hon. W. E. Foster and Hon. Dr. W. F. Roberts, Minister of Health, also returned from Fredericton yesterday.

France to Germany: "We saw you coming in 1914; now look at us!"

Actresses of Paris Give Their Opinion Of Corpulent Men

BERLIN FEARS REVOLT HEADED BY COMMUNES

Radicals Say Army Sold Equipment to Body That is a Menace.

Berlin, Feb. 3—The government has addressed very earnest admonitions to Moscow to keep the Bolsheviks from butting into Germany's troubles with undesired and embarrassing offers of assistance to Germany and threats to Germany's opponents.

Baron Rosenberg believes he will be successful in putting the brakes on Russia for the present and is less anxious about complications from that source but he is convinced that the Bolsheviks are sure to start something in case Poland moves.

Moscow's German forepost—the German Communist party which acts under Moscow orders—continues its efforts to embarrass the government and to promote a proletarian revolution. It has submitted to the reichstag and is printing in its Berlin organ a mass of documentary material tending to show direct connection between the reicnswehr and the illegal, armed organizations disbanded and supposedly suppressed months ago in response to the entente demands and as a danger to the republic.

Army representatives say the documents have turned over to an organization, called for home defense and acting for these illegal military formations large quantities of arms and military equipment at low and apparently false prices. The material was ordered destroyed by the entente but, the secret military formations include army boots, articles of uniform, field glasses, etc., in thousands.

It is these formations which, as recently reported completed the military organization in East Prussia which are expected to defend the province against Polish attack but which it is feared may be equally zealous against the republic.

NATIVE OF THIS CITY DIES IN NEBRASKA

(The Scribner Rustler, Scribner, Neb., Jan. 15.)

Funeral services were held for Dr. Charles Inches last Saturday afternoon at the family home conducted by his pastor Rev. G. R. Birch who delivered a beautiful sermon and paid a touching tribute to one with whom he had worked for several years in pleasant associations. Mrs. Clarence Ranslem sang a solo, "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" and she and Rev. Mr. Birch sang a duet. Many old friends attended the services to one who had sacrificed many hours of his life in their service, and beautiful flowers his greatest pleasures in late life were banked about his casket. Just as beautifully as he had lived was he laid to rest, his devoted family and loyal friends gathered about him.

Dr. Inches was born in Fredericton New Brunswick, Canada, Dec. 7, 1846 he was educated in the University of New York, graduating in 1868. After serving on the staff of Bellevue Hospital, New York he began practicing in St. John, New Brunswick, later in Prince Edward Island. He came to Scribner in 1880, where

THE ANSWERS ARE SOMEWHAT VARIED

One Says Stout Man Can be a Friend But Not a Sweet-heart.

Paris, Feb. 3—Since Henri Beraud obtained the honor and the handsome award in money of the prix de Goncourt for his book "Le Martyre de l'Obese," which depicts the life of a stout Frenchman and his various love affairs, campaigns have been started in French newspapers to find whether fat men really suffer the indifference of women. Questionnaires have been the first to reply, and the answers show great divergence in opinion.

One of the most commented upon of the replies is that of Mlle. Parlyss among the wittiest of French comedienne. "The stout man," she says often is the friend of a woman, but he never becomes her amant du coeur.

Why Slender Men Appeal.

"This is probably due to the fact that women look for the poetic and romantic in the slender man, while higher moral qualities are the property of the stout. Women never fall in love at first sight with a fat man but he probably will prove to be the most affectionate and understanding husband."

A complete contrary reply was received from Theresa Dorry, another comedienne: "Your questions cause us to look at the men as they look at us. As soon as they see us in their minds they unrobe us. We must either be pretty or shapely, else man is indifferent. We were satisfied to know you were either intelligent or rich. In love stoutness plays a secondary role. I consider stout men awkward and indiscreet."

Paulette Pax, a big success in Russia before the war and until the advent of Bolshevism, from which she had an adventurous escape, believes "a woman can easily fall in love with a stout man, on condition that he possesses a kind heart and shows devotion, which till now we had always sought in slender men."

A point in favor of the fat man is given by Marcelle Carpentier, wife of the review writer: "All the stout men I know have charming wives. I prefer the stout because they usually have frank faces, clear skin and a happy disposition. Because they are strong they are gentle; because they are gentle they are polite, and because they are polite they are good. Gay they may be with such qualities but they are usually fortunate in love."

The corner on the heavy end of the purse is the one Mr. Dempsey is sitting in.

he practised his profession continuously until a few years ago, when he retired. At one time he was president of the Nebraska Medical Association.

He was a faithful church worker and helped to build up the home institution. He was always interested in all good things to build up home interests, and very active in all civic affairs of the city as long as his health permitted. He was a charter member of the local Masonic order and held a Jordan medal, being the oldest member of the Scribner Lodge and was a prominent worker in the organization for years.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters, Jessie and Helen, and two sons, William and Fred, and one brother, Dr. J. W. Inches, of Detroit, and three sisters.

The late Dr. Charles Inches was a son of the late Andrew Inches of Fredericton, and his wife is a daughter of the late James Reed, of St. John.

Can't Buy Ford as He Must Use Money to Get Divorce

BRATTLEBORO, VT., Feb. 3—T. T. Brittan of this town recently sold a Ford car to a farmer, who made one or two small monthly payments. After a while the payments ceased. Mr. Brittan today received a letter from the farmer reading: "I cannot take the Ford that I was going to buy, for my wife left me, so now I have to take the money for a divorce."