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The Passing of Earl Oxford Is Mourned by the Nation

The Funeral Service Will be Private in Keeping With the Wishes of the Deceased Statesman—Memorial Service to be Held in Westminster Abbey on Tuesday—Parliament Will Also Honor His Memory.

(Special to the Daily Mail by the British United Press)

London, Feb. 16—The British nation today mourned the passing of one of its great statesmen the beloved Earl of Oxford and Asquith who died Wednesday.

For two score years he had stood out prominently in affairs of the nation and the nation today—from the ruling family to the humblest commoner—paid a tribute of deep mourning.

Lord Oxford's body will be removed tomorrow to the simple parish church at Suffton Courtney where the former Prime Minister lived and where he died and simple funeral services will be held on Saturday.

This is in keeping with one of Earl Asquith's desires—that his funeral be private. Only a few will be in attendance. However, the nation will honor the memory of the Prime Minister who decided on England's entrance into the war on the side of the allies, with a memorial service at Westminster Abbey on Tuesday. Parliament also will honor the memory of Lord Oxford.

TORONTO M.P. HAS ASKED FOR INFORMATION

Wants Correspondence Relating to the Mexican Consul at Toronto.

Ottawa, Feb. 15—Storm clouds threatened to appear on the horizon several times in the House of Commons this afternoon on a notice of motion by T. L. Church (Conservative, Toronto Northwest) for production of all correspondence between the government and persons objecting to recent utterances by the Mexican consul at Toronto, L. Medina Barron. Mr. Church's motion further asked for correspondence respecting the visit of Sir Henry Thornton to Mexico. The situation was finally smoothed out by the House adopting a suggestion of Speaker Lemieux to divide the motion into separate ones with the understanding that a notice respecting correspondence regarding the Mexican consul would again be made.

Premier King took objection to the notice of motion. He had no objection to the notice being approved by the House in regard to the visit of Sir Henry Thornton to Mexico but he did not think it would be in the public interest to bring down the consul correspondence. The tabling of such correspondence would only have the effect of provoking a controversy and would probably do harm not only in Canada but in the Dominion's international relations.

Public Interest

Mr. Church thought the government should produce the correspondence in both matters. A member of the Liberal side of the House had placed a resolution on the order paper, he said, referring to the Marcell resolution had been withdrawn; but the people of Canada were entitled to know the nature of the correspondence.

Hon. R. B. Bennett agreed with Speaker Lemieux that the motion was a double one. That part of the motion referring to the visit of Sir Henry Thornton only was carried.

BILL TO ABOLISH THE COUNCIL IS INTRODUCED

Halifax, Feb. 15—"An act abolishing the legislative council and amending the constitution of the province," was introduced in the legislative Assembly this afternoon by Premier Rhodes, in pursuance of his announced intention of doing away with the bi-cameral system of government in Nova Scotia. This bill is identical with the abolition measure introduced last year, except that it is to become effective May 31, instead of May 1. It provides that the second chamber shall be abolished and the constitution of the province so amended that henceforth "all powers, jurisdiction, authority and functions which immediately before the enactment of this act were vested or exercisable by the legislature of the Province of Nova Scotia, are hereby vested in and shall be exercisable by the Lieutenant-Governor and the said House of Assembly."

In the course of the debate on the address which followed later, Hon. William Chisholm, leader of the opposition, declared that he and his followers would not set up any objection to the speedy passage of the measure. The abolition bill will take its place as the first measure introduced at the present session.

PUTTING UP STIFF FIGHT FOR HICKMAN

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 15—A stubborn fight to save William Edward Hickman from a second death sentence was begun by defense attorneys in Superior Court here today with the selection of a jury to try the youth and former pal, Welby Hunt, 16, for the murder of C. Ivy Thomas, druggist, in an attempted hold-up.

Hickman went to trial 24 hours after he had been sentenced to death for the kidnapping and slaying of Marion Parker.

There is no such animal as invulnerable politics.

MAY BRING ABOUT UNION OF LIBERALS

The Passing of Lord Oxford is Likely to Strengthen the Position of Lloyd George.

(Special to The Daily Mail.)

By HERBERT BAILEY

London, Feb. 16—The death of the Earl of Oxford and Asquith is expected to make Liberal unity easier to attain in the future and also to strengthen the position of Mr. Lloyd George. So long as the great statesman was alive, malcontents with Lloyd George's leadership had a rallying point, but now the bitter memories of the past are expected slowly to fade and although men like Sir John Simon are still critical of Lloyd George, there is high hopes of the Liberals regaining much lost ground in the next election and enforcing unity.

RECOGNIZED AUTHORITY ON BIRD LIFE

(Telegraph-Journal.)

W. H. Moore, of Scotch Lake, author of Moore's bird list, and a recognized authority on natural history lore in New Brunswick, was an interesting visitor at the National History Society Museum, Union street, this week and spent much time conferring with Dr. William MacIntosh, curator of the museum, and gleaned information of his favorite studies. He made a careful inspection of many of the museum collections, and was specially interested in the extensive collection of mounted birds. Mr. Moore presented a most welcome gift to the society in a handsome specimen of mink which he had mounted very carefully and effectively. The mink is seen with a grosbeak that it has killed, lying under its forepaw.

DEMERCHANT IS REMANDED FOR A WEEK

Perth, Feb. 15—Arthur DeMerchant, charged with the murder of Edward C. Armstrong, Perth farmer, again appeared before Magistrate Hanson this morning and the Crown was granted a further remand until Thursday next. DeMerchant has been ill for the last few days and Dr. Earle is attending him at the jail. It was necessary to provide sufficient wearing apparel for the prisoner, who seems to feel his position severely.

It is rumored that Stephen Mooney would defend DeMerchant but Mr. Mooney will neither confirm nor deny this. Investigator Stewart is being given credit for bringing the case to a definite issue. DeMerchant is married and has six young children.

PLANE FELL INTO THE SEA

Miami, Fla., Feb. 15—A Cuba-American Air Line seaplane, carrying 19 persons, plunged into Biscayne Bay, two miles from shore, late today, seriously injuring Ray Jackson, 38, of Miami. Members of the crew, a government inspector and 12 other passengers suffered only minor bruises and shock when the plane fell to the water from an altitude of 200 feet.

RENEWAL OF WAR WITH CHINA IS REPORTED

Big Battle Said to Have Occurred Below Shashi.

ANOTHER IS IMMINENT

Hong Kong Dispatch Tells of Evacuation of Twenty Reds

(Special to the Daily Mail by the British United Press)

London, Feb. 16—Reports of renewal of warfare in China were made in dispatches to London today. The Exchange Telegraph from Shashi said that after considerable quiet the second army in command of Loh-Ti-Ping had assisted the navy in battling the 35th army, fifty miles below Shashi.

Reports from Ichang said that operations had been started in that region and that a battle was imminent.

The Daily Mail's Hong Kong correspondent reported that twenty reds have been executed, including two women who were planning to risk the lines about Swatow after the recent outbreak in Canton.

PAYMENT IS MADE ON ANTIMONY PROPERTY

\$10,000 Deposited in the Bank of Commerce Here Under Terms of the Option—Development Assured.

The first payment by the Canadian International Corporation, Limited of Montreal in connection with taking over the antimony mines at Lake George, York County was made yesterday when Brigadier General Charles A. Smart, C. M. G. of Westmount, deposited \$10,000 at the Canadian Bank of Commerce here under the terms of the option held on the property which is said to be the most extensive and valuable known antimony deposit in the world outside of China.

Terms for purchase called for the deposit to be made yesterday but it will not be paid over to the North America Antimony & Smelting Company who have been the owners until they give the new owners a good title to the property when it will be applied to the main purchase price. The new owners are prepared, they state to commence immediate development upon an extensive scale and will establish a concentrating plant to be followed by a smelter.

To Be Incorporated.

General Smart said yesterday that application is being made for the incorporation of Antimony Smelting and Refining Company Limited which will be the name of the new holding and operating company of the mines under the laws of New Brunswick. This company will have an authorized capitalization of \$2,000,000. The company have carried on sufficient exploration and development work during the past few months to assure them of a sufficient supply of the ore for the profitable operation of the mines for a much longer period than necessary to warrant proceedings with their plans and will inaugurate new methods never before introduced in connection with the production of antimony and its by-products.

Disastrous Floods Reported in Many Sections of Europe

Followed in the Wake of Sudden Thaws and Torrential Rains—Rivers in Great Britain Have Overflowed Their Banks—Eight Lives Lost When Trawler Was Wrecked.

(Special to the Daily Mail by the British United Press)

London, Feb. 16—Disastrous floods in European countries from Great Britain to Russia and avalanches in Switzerland that threatened to become serious were reported today after sudden thaws and torrential rains.

Floods were reported at various places in Great Britain. The rivers Wye and Derwent have overflowed, causing extensive inundations in Derbyshire.

Lake Bala, in Merionethshire, has overflowed and submerged surrounding farms and live stock were drowned in many places, and streets and some houses at Bala were flooded. Eight of a crew of twelve were drowned off the Hebrides when the fishing trawler Briarlynn was wrecked.

DOG DERBY AT QUEBEC TO STARTS MONDAY

Chateau Frontenac, Que., Feb. 16—Many prominent guests are already gathered at the Chateau-Frontenac in anticipation of the Eastern International Dog Derby which starts Monday and continues for three days. The Chateau-Frontenac Bal Masque to be given on the second night promises to be unusually brilliant this year, and many of the beautiful costumes worn at the recent Historical Ball will aid special color and interest.

The ski jumping and cross country championships which were run off over the week end have been unusually interesting and accompanied by perfect weather, while crowds have taken advantage of the Dufferin Terrace rink and slide. The Curling Bonspiel is now in full swing and the bonnets and brooms are everywhere.

Among guests noted were:

Halifax, N. S.—Lt. Col. W. E. Beeman.

Bathurst, N. B.—Mr. and Mrs. Angus McLean, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. McLean.

Fredricton, N. B.—Miss Ethel Van Wart, Miss Lena Fenwick.

Sydney, N. S.—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Masse.

FARMERS WIFE MURDERED

Edmonston, Alta., Feb. 15—Mrs. Nellie Pendleton, wife of a farmer at Waskatenau, north of here, was found in a dying condition when her husband returned from his chores today. She had been attacked with an axe, and died a few hours later. A charge of murder has been laid against George E. Jackson, a hired hand on the Pendleton farm, and police are searching for him. It is alleged a sum of money is missing.

SPUD PRICES IN AROOSTOOK

Presque Isle, Me., Feb. 15—The Aroostook potato market was dull today, the price holding around \$8, with demand reported light. Growers with stock on hand are showing no interest as yet and haulings to shipping points are scattered.

Shipments from storage hold at 175 to 200 cars daily.

SOME TARIFF CHANGES ARE LOOKED FOR

Cut in Duty on Liquors and Cigarettes is Forecasted—The Budget Speech Today.

Ottawa, Feb. 15—Heavy reductions in the sales tax, reduction in the customs tariff on imported liquors, cuts in the excise duties on cigarettes and on liquor manufactured in Canada, reduction in the income tax on business corporations and revision in the tariff schedules on cotton goods are among the taxation changes anticipated in the budget which will be presented to Parliament Thursday afternoon by Hon. James A. Robb, Minister of Finance. In view of the recommendations of the advisory board on tariff and taxation, it is expected that the Minister will ask parliament to make tariff changes affecting a lengthy list of commodities.

With the proposed alterations being guarded with all the usual care, it is impossible to reach any definite conclusion as to the exact extent of the changes. However, it is believed that the reduction in the sales tax may run as high as 50 per cent, while the cut in the excise duty on cigarettes will be of a material nature.

Tariff Cuts.

There is some talk of a reduction in the tariff on enamelled and aluminum kitchen ware, but little is heard as to whether the duty on automobile and machinery will be altered.

In his budget tomorrow Mr. Robb will announce a surplus and available figures indicate that it will amount to between forty and fifty million dollars.

The minister will also, it is anticipated, announce an increase in one grand total of Dominion trade although not as large as had been mentioned in some quarters, for while the value of goods imported have increased there has been a decrease in the value of domestic exports.

The suggestion has been made that Mr. Robb may announce the restoration of penny postage between Canada and the rest of the Empire.

This year first criticism of the Minister's statements will come from C. H. Cahan, of Montreal. He will probably speak briefly and adjourn the debate until next week.

Disappointed women frequently charge that all men are alike. But men are not all alike. Some of them never marry.