

Giants of the British Silk Trade Are in a Conflict

British Celanese and Courtaulds, the World's Leading Manufacturers of Silk Engaged in a Spectacular Battle Over the Question of Patents—Challenge by British Celanese is Accepted by Courtauld's.

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London, Jan. 26—The giants of the silk trade are engaged in a spectacular conflict which is causing the greatest interest. British Celanese, which has a total capital of 9,500,000 pounds sterling valued on the market at 25,000,000 pounds, and Courtauld's the world's leading artificial silk manufacturers, which has a share capital of 25,000,000 pounds, valued at 100,000,000 pounds are battling over the question of patents. Recently the British Celanese concern issued a warning, which was a virtual challenge, that it was impossible for other companies to manufacture cellulose acetate yarns without infringing on their patents and that they intended to protect their rights.

Courtaulds accepted this challenge by issuing a statement to all their customers telling them that the firm will indemnify them against all claims made by the British Celanese for alleged infringement of patent rights.

The British Celanese organization has also been in a controversy over the noninflammable film with which Col. Grant Morden is identified on the same point. Meanwhile the shares of both the British Celanese and Courtaulds are wobbling slightly.

THE SESSION OF PARLIAMENT TO BE IMPORTANT

Report of the Tariff Advisory Board Will be a New Feature This Year.

Ottawa, Jan. 25—Parliament opens tomorrow and a session of great importance to the future of Canada is expected. The outstanding question will doubtless be that of the development of the St. Lawrence River navigation and power proposals. That it will bring on a big debate is assured. The divergent views as to the advisability of going ahead with the scheme at the present time, the large amount of money involved, the disposal of the power such a development would provide, the partnership arrangement with the United States to carry through the undertaking—all these points will be fruitful in argument.

Following the reports of the International committee of engineers on the plans to build a deep waterway from the Great Lakes to the sea, which differed in that the United States experts favored one dam in the St. Lawrence River and the Canadian engineers two, the United States intimated it was favorably disposed to going ahead with the project. The Canadian government referred the reports to an advisory board which met here last week and presented its report to the government. This report will be brought before parliament, and although no details have been made public as to its contents, it is understood to advise the going ahead with the construction of a deep water canal and the consequent power development along the rapids between Prescott and Montreal.

New Opposition Leader.

Premier Mackenzie King will have opposite him a new Conservative leader. Hon. R. B. Bennett was chosen this summer at a national party convention held in Winnipeg to take the place temporarily held by Hon. Hugh Guthrie since the retirement from the leadership of Hon. Arthur Meighen. The position Mr. Bennett and his party will take as to the St. Lawrence development will probably not be known until the report of the advisory board has been presented to the House of Commons. Whether the government forces will all be of one mind as to it will also probably not be definitely indicated until the debate starts.

No session of a Canadian parliament would be complete without a tariff debate, and the reports of the tariff advisory board will be a new feature. Last session the tariff was left alone, the government taking the stand that the then newly appointed tariff board had not been long enough in harness to give much assistance. Since then it has been at work for a year, held many inquiries, dealt with a wide variety of applications, some wanting higher duties and some wanting lower. Those best informed seem to think that there will be many alterations to the tariff in this year's budget.

Tax Cuts Seen.

The excise taxes will also probably be reduced, particularly the sales tax which was cut last year from five to four per cent. A further cut is looked for this year. The provincial governments think that the federal government puts too heavy tax on liquors. All the liquor legally sold in Canada now is through provincial government stores, and the provinces contend that the high taxes is too great an encouragement to the illegal manufacture of spirits for which no tax is paid. Whether the federal government will acquiesce in this request for a tax reduction is not known.

PARLIAMENT WAS OPENED THIS AFTERNOON

Important Matters Will be Dealt With in the Speech from Throne

NEW MEMBERS INTRODUCED

The Debate on the Address Will Begin Tomorrow Afternoon

Ottawa, Jan. 26—With all the pomp and splendour befitting the occasion the second session of Canada's sixteenth Parliament will be formally opened by His Excellency Lord Willingdon at three o'clock this afternoon. His Excellency will be escorted to the Parliament Buildings by a troop of the Governor General Body Guard, and will be received by a Guard of Honor from the Governor General's Foot Guards. The artillery will fire a salute of nineteen guns.

The members of the Commons will assemble in the green room shortly before three o'clock, when the new members, Mr. George Spotton, Conservative of North Huron and Mr. Albion R. Foster, Liberal of Carleton-Victoria, N. B., will be sworn in and escorted to their seats.

The faithful commoners will then be summoned to the Senate Chamber where His Excellency will formally open the session with the Speech from the Throne.

The debate on the address will begin on Friday afternoon with the speeches of the mover and seconder.

Throne Speech.

What the government's legislative program will be is not yet known, but the reading of the speech from the throne in the Senate chamber this afternoon will give lines along which the government proposes to proceed this session. It is believed that considerable emphasis will be laid upon the present prosperous condition of the country, its increasing trade, the bountiful harvest which in 1927 was second only to the banner year of 1923, and the return of the pioneering spirit as manifested in the gradual reaching out of Canadians towards the north country.

The prime minister, Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, has already declared the question of the St. Lawrence waterway to be the "greatest that has faced this country in many years," and the inference is taken from that that the government will not be precipitate in dealing with the matter. The legislation required to give effect to what recommendations may have been made by the Royal Customs Commission may be forecast tomorrow.

It is certain that the speech will make reference to the increasing importance of this country in international affairs, as indicated by the election of Canada to the council of the League of Nations last year and the projected interchange of ministers between this country and France. The diamond jubilee celebrations, with the presence here of the Prince of Wales and Rt. Hon. Stanley Baldwin, and the presentation by this country of a national memorial to American born soldiers who served in the Canadian Army during the War will probably have their place in the address.

Distinguished visitors to be present at the opening will include Coy. Amery British Secretary for the Dominions and President Cosgrave of the Irish Free State.

BAD FIRE AT HOLLYWOOD

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Hollywood Jan. 26—A fire which swept the Warner Bros. motion picture studio caused damage estimated at \$200,000 before it was brought under control shortly before midnight last night.

Chicago will have Milk Strike Unless the Price is Given a Boost

Dairymen of Milk Producer's Association Threaten to Destroy Their Product Rather Than Ship it to the City at \$2.50 per Hundredweight—Negotiations are Now Going on.

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Chicago, Ill., Jan. 26—Chicago today was threatened with a "milk strike" which would seriously impair the city's milk supply. The trouble arose when dairymen of the Chicago Milk Producers' Association threatened to destroy their product rather than ship it into the city at prevailing prices.

The producers are paid \$2.50 per hundredweight for their product and they have voted to strike unless the price is raised to \$3. The Association appointed a committee which was to negotiate with the dairies before the strike action crystallizes.

WILL REFLOOR FREDERICTON-DEVON BRIDGE

Hon. D. A. Stewart, Minister of Public Works is calling for tenders for material for reflooring the Fredericton Highway Bridge across the Saint John River between the city of Fredericton and the town of Devon. The material to be used is Douglas fir in single lengths 16 ft. 6 inches long, 453 pieces 8 inches x 14 inches and 132 pieces 4 inches x 14 inches being required and making a total of 80,658 ft. board measure. The Department of Public Works is also calling for tenders for 10,000 ft. board measure of 2 inch black spruce plank not less than 6 inches in width and in single lengths of 8 ft. 6 inches which is also to be used for the flooring of the Fredericton-Devon highway bridge. Tenders for both these contracts will also close on February 1st.

C. R. HAWKINS MAY SUCCEED COL. MARCH

Saint John, Jan. 26—Declaring that he was creditably informed, G. Earle Logan, on his return from Ottawa on Wednesday, stated that C. R. Hawkins, of Fredericton, would be named soldiers' advisor for New Brunswick, which post has been vacant since the death of Lieut.-Col. R. A. March, of Hampton. Mr. Logan said further that Mr. Hawkins was one of the four names recommended for the position by the Provincial Council of the British Empire Service League.

Mr. Hawkins is well and favorably known throughout the province, particularly among the returned men. He is a barrister at Fredericton and served overseas during the late war with the artillery.

A LITTLE GIRL BURNT TO DEATH

Walton, Hants County, N. S., Jan. 25—Mona, two and a half year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Bond was burned to death today when she set fire to herself with matches. Left in the care of her four year old sister, while her mother went across the street on an errand, the child was found with her clothes aflame a few minutes later. The older child was unhurt.

GOVERNMENT TO MEET HERE NEXT WEEK

Date of the Opening of the Legislature Will Then be Fixed—Luncheon to Col. Amery.

Saint John, Jan. 26—Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, premier of New Brunswick, announced Wednesday afternoon that the next session of the provincial government would open at Fredericton Wednesday evening, Feb. 1, and would continue all day Thursday, coming to Saint John Thursday evening for a meeting here at 10 o'clock Friday morning.

A complimentary luncheon will be tendered by the government to Right Hon. L. C. M. Amery Friday noon just prior to his embarking on the steamer leaving that afternoon for Europe. Hon. Dr. Baxter said, at which the principal guests will be the ministers and the council of the Saint John Board of Trade. The government will convene again Friday afternoon and the session would probably be extended into the evening.

Right Hon. Mr. Amery and Mrs. Amery are expected to arrive in Saint John Thursday afternoon, Feb. 2, at 5.30 o'clock from Moncton and that evening will be the guests of honor at a dinner given by the local Canadian Clubs. Colonel Amery will make the last public address of his Canadian tour here before his departure for England.

Opening Date.

It was expected, Hon. Dr. Baxter stated, that the date for the opening of the provincial legislature would be set during the next government meeting either at Fredericton or Saint John. It was likely that either Feb. 23 or March 1 would be the opening date, he said, depending, however, upon how far advanced the printing of the reports were.

Plans were, he said, to get through the session earlier than usual this year so as to enable the country members to get away in plenty of time to commence their farming operations. At the present time it was not considered likely that this year's legislature would be a lengthy session, unless the opposition had some special project to put through.

Wilmot Church Social.

The Wilmot United church held a congregational social last evening in the church vestry which was quite largely attended and much enjoyed by those present. A brief musical program was carried out and the social broke up at a late hour.

BOMB WARFARE BEING CARRIED ON IN CHICAGO

Drastic Methods by Big Bill Thompson to Stop Gang Warfare Bring Reprisals.

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Chicago, Jan. 26—Homes of two members of Mayor William Thompson's administration were bombed early today. No one was injured. Almost simultaneously bombs exploded at the homes of City Controller Charles C. FitzMorris who was chief of police in Thompson's former regime and Dr. William H. Reid, prominent figure in Chicago politics. Police believed the bombings were the result of the recent drastic methods used by Thompson in preventing a renewal of Chicago's gang warfare.

CONSERVATIVES WIN OUT IN FAVORSHAM

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Sittingbourne, Eng., Jan. 26—A. D. Maitland, Conservative today won the bye-election for the Faversham constituency of the House of Commons. He succeeds the late Conservative member, Sir Granville Wheler whose death necessitated the election.

NORWAY HAS A LABOR GOVT.

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Oslo, Jan. 26—Norway's first labor government was formed today with C. Hornsud, premier and Prof. Edward Ball foreign Minister.

BERT ACOSTA NOTED FLYER LANDS IN JAIL

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Naugatuck, Conn., Jan. 26—Bert Acosta, trans-Atlantic flyer was in jail here today. Acosta who was a member of the Byrd flight to Paris and for years one of the country's most noted fliers was charged with violating Connecticut's aerial traffic laws by flying too low over Naugatuck. He was arrested late last night and unable to furnish \$500 bail, held for a hearing today.

Given Five Days.

Naugatuck, Conn., Jan. 26—Bert Acosta famous aviator was sentenced to five days in jail today when he was convicted of violating the state aerial laws against loy flying. Acosta appeared before Judge Frank A. Sears without counsel. He pleaded guilty and sentence was imposed immediately. Judge Sears also ordering the filer to pay court costs.

The aviator did not appeal immediately and court officers understood he did not intend to do so.

COLORED MAN PASSES AWAY AT AGE OF 106

Yarmouth, N. S., Jan. 25—James Jarvis, colored, no doubt the oldest resident in western Nova Scotia, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Munroe, of Pearl street, Yarmouth South, yesterday afternoon. He was a native of Weymouth, Digby County, where he was born in the year 1822 and at the time of his death was 106 years and 7 months old. His funeral takes place from the Ritchie Memorial Chapel, Mountain cemetery, Friday afternoon. He is survived by several children and grandchildren.

Blessed are the peace makers for they never run out of work.