

FORGET GIVEN THE LIE BY SIR WILFRID LAURIER

Some Pretty Straight Talk in Parliament Yesterday Over International Bank Affairs--Sir Rodolphe Forget Makes a Labored Attempt to Explain His Connection With the Bank--Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux Promises Some Startling Revelations

Ottawa, Jan. 28.—There was a remarkable scene in the House today. Sir Rodolphe Forget, the Montreal financier, and Premier Borden's right-hand man in the Province of Quebec, attempted to show that his relations with the unfortunate Banque Internationale were quite regular and proper.

Sir Rodolphe organized this bank, capitalized it at \$10,000,000, got a charter from parliament after some difficulty, induced a number of old country French capitalists to subscribe for shares, and applied to the Laurier government for a license, but because of irregularities, Hon. Mr. Fielding refused to grant it.

It was granted by Mr. White a few days after the Borden government came in. There was a row at the annual meeting, which resulted in the French capitalists withdrawing with financial loss. A few days ago they sought to have the manager of the bank arrested. It has been found desirable to have the affairs of this bank transferred to another.

Hon. Mr. Lemieux yesterday demanded a parliamentary investigation. Sir Rodolphe was not in the House. Today he appeared and spent an hour explaining his position. He charged that the representatives of the French investors who came to Canada to investigate the operations were "conspirators."

Towards the close of his vituperation, however, the financier received a rebuke which hushed a turbulent House. For the first time in his forty-two years of public life, Sir Wilfrid Laurier found it necessary to tell a member that he was unable to accept the truth of his statement. The quickly spoken sentences of Sir Wilfrid, whose courtesy is unfeigned, whose word is unquestioned, had dramatic force. Conservative members and several ministers who had been pounding their desks in approval of the utterances of the Montreal financier, suddenly stopped and silence fell upon the whole House. Sir Rodolphe finished in comparative silence, and neither Premier Borden, who was apparently very ill at ease, nor any of his ministers made any further demonstration of approval.

Speaking of the refusal of the former treasury board to grant the license and certificate to the unfortunate Banque Internationale, Sir Rodolphe shouted:

"The principal reason was that I was running in Montmorency against the son of the president of the Transcontinental Railway Board (Mr. Parent), the bosom friend of the leader of the opposition."

SIR WILFRID GIVES THE LIE TO FORGET

Amid the echo of ministerial plaudits, Sir Wilfrid rose. There was instant quiet. "I deny that altogether. I say simply it is not true," he said in the tense silence that followed a roar of "Take it back" from the Liberal members.

Sir Rodolphe was evidently nonplussed. "You deny your bosom friend," he tried to proceed with an attempt to taunt.

"I deny that a certificate was refused on any such consideration. The certificate was refused because one of the directors had not been duly qualified when he was elected."

"Let me say," retorted Sir Rodolphe in a high pitched voice "that the Hon. Mr. Parent came to me in the Chateau Frontenac about 2 o'clock in the morning and offered that if I would resign the contest in Montmorency he would give me the license."

Sir Wilfrid again rose. "I know nothing of what Mr. Parent may have done," he observed, adding quietly: "Moreover let me be plain-spoken. I do not believe that Mr. Parent ever said anything of the kind."

Dealing with the return made to the government, in connection with the bank which showed the payment of a note to D'Oust for \$200,000 as commission on subscriptions as a current loan, Sir Rodolphe laid the

blame for signing the return on Robert Bickerdike, Liberal member for St. Lawrence division, Montreal who is now laid up with a broken leg, who was vice president. "It was said that I signed the report for April and May," declared the financier. "I was then in Paris. It was the Hon. member for St. Lawrence the vice-president of the company who signed the report. Had I been in Montreal myself I would have signed it; I am not shirking the responsibility. When I came back I signed it. I considered the transaction perfectly legal, absolutely legal, and the day when it was decided to call the further money we simply told Mr. D'Oust that the premium of \$900,000 had not come in and he would have to pay his note and he paid his note."

THE SPEAKER LENIENT

Sir Rodolphe's explanation took over an hour's time of the house, constituting a new record for allowing any member to speak on a question of privilege in reply to a previous debate. He was called to order no less than five times from the Liberal side for palpably dragging in extraneous statements, calculated to show that he was a political martyr. He got, however, only a mild rebuke from the speaker, and a gentle request each time to confine himself to personal explanation.

"Is there any limit to the privilege to be granted this gentleman?" finally asked Hon. Mr. Oliver.

"The honorable gentleman is rather reflecting on the chair," observed the speaker, while several Liberals put in "Hear, hear."

Mr. Oliver, however, gave assurance that he had no such intention. Hon. Mr. Lemieux rose to reply, when the speaker called him to order. No reply, he said, was possible.

When the papers in connection with the case are brought down Mr. Lemieux promises some startling revelations. "I have only scratched the surface," he stated. "If the government grants the investigation I have asked for the revelations will stagger the dominion."

The commons spent the greater part of today's sitting in further discussion of the bank act. The debate, which lasted until midnight, was largely a repetition of that of Tuesday last, when the bill was introduced by Hon. W. T. White.

Premier Borden, in a cautious plea for moderation in bank legislation, hinted at a compromise amendment in regard to the contentious clauses regarding external audit.

STOCK MARKET

New York, Jan. 29.—A resumption of the bullish activity was a feature of the market at opening. That overshadowed everything else, but general list showed good undertone. To make the opening in Can 7,000 shares were done simultaneously at prices from 29 to 39½, latter price representing net gain of 1½ points. The preferred in the other hand, showed a decline of a point. As Steel statement did not justify the unwarrantably high anticipation of traders the stock was slightly easier. In all conservative quarters the showing was regarded as satisfactory and it was predicted that current quarter would yield even better results.

	Open	Noon
Copper	72½	71½
Smelters	73½	72½
Atchison	105½	105½
C.P.R.	241½	239½
Brooklyn	91½	90½
Great Northern	128½	128½
Lehigh	162½	161
Northern Pacific	119½	118½
Reading	164½	163½
Union Pacific	160½	159
U.S. Steel	64½	63½
Sales to 11 o'clock	266,500	

Mr. J. R. Saunders of Toronto is at the Queen. He arrived here this morning.

A MONSTER STEAMSHIP

Imperator of Hamburg-American Line a World-Beater

Expected to Sail For New York in May--Will be 900 Feet in Length

COMPARATIVE TABLE OF ATLANTIC LINERS.		
Name	Date	F.L.
Great Western	1858	980
Britannic	1874	455
Umbria	1885	500
Campania	1893	600
K. Wilhelm Grosse	1899	625
Deutschland	1900	662
Kaiser Wilhelm II	1903	678
Adriatic	1907	725
Lusitania	1907	790
Olympic	1908	860
Imperator	1913	900

Berlin, Jan. 29.—Within less than four months the largest and most wonderful ship in the world will make her appearance in New York Harbor. The Hamburg-American Company's new liner Imperator will sail on her first trip from Hamburg on Wednesday, May 7, and should arrive at the American seaport one week later.

While nothing seems to be impossible with shipbuilders, there are many bold enough to prophesy that, as far as size and luxury are concerned, the Imperator will be the last word in the building of merchant ships. In both tonnage and size the new vessel surpasses the giant Olympic of the White Star Line and her ill-fated sister ship, the Titanic.

The Imperator has a length of 900 feet and when complete and fully laden will displace 50,000 tons. The term "floating hotel," often applied to such ships when it is desired to emphasize their bulk, would convey, in the case of the Imperator, an impression far short of the truth. The combined capacity of the largest three hotels in New York scarcely exceeds 4,000 guests while the Imperator will carry 5,000 passengers and will have nearly 1,000 persons in her crew.

Her deck will have the beam of Broadway at its widest part—5½ feet. She will have eleven decks above the water line, equal to the height of many of the largest apartment houses. With so much space available features are possible that have never before been introduced.

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DIED AS RESULT OF FALL

John Haley, an aged resident of the city, who made his home with the Misses Donaghey, St. John street, passed away yesterday afternoon at about 4.30. He was aged eighty-five years and was a highly respected citizen. Death was hastened by a severe fall which he sustained shortly before Christmas and which broke a leg. The deceased leaves no immediate relatives in this vicinity. The funeral will take place tomorrow morning, leaving the house at 8.45. Solemn High Mass of Requiem will be celebrated at St. Dunstan's Church by Rev. Father Carney. Interment will be made at the Hermitage.

L FAREWELL PRESENTATION

The Baptist Parsonage at Gibson was the scene Monday evening of a very delightful surprise party, at which members of the congregation and many friends assembled and presented the popular pastor, Rev. W. H. Jenkins and his esteemed wife with a purse of gold. Capt. Flowers made the presentation to which Rev. Mr. Jenkins made a suitable reply. Mr. Jenkins and his family expect to leave here tomorrow for Havelock, Kings County, where he has accepted a call. Their many friends in this vicinity will regret to hear of their departure. Dr. Kierstead of the U. N. B. will occupy the pulpit of the Gibson United Baptist Church until another minister is secured.

THE OUTLOOK FOR PEACE IS NOT VERY FAVORABLE

The London Conference Likely to be Broken off Today---The Allies Will Leave the Question of Armistice to Their Respective Governments to Deal With---Delegates are Expected to Leave London Before End of the Week

London, Jan. 29.—The Balkan Peace Conference will likely be broken off today. The Balkan delegates have decided to leave the question of armistice to their respective governments. The breaking off of negotiations has caused a slump in stocks on the Berlin and Paris bourses.

London, Jan. 28.—With the presentation of their note to the Turkish delegation, the date for which, however, has not yet been fixed, some of the Balkan delegates consider that their mission in London is ended. The Greek premier, Eleutherios Venizelos, announced tonight that he would leave before the end of the week and the others within the next few days. The financial advisers and the military officers attached to the Bulgarian delegation will start for home tomorrow.

Despite this, the diplomats have not given up hope and many still think that the Balkan note is another attempt to exercise pressure on Turkey and that the allies really intend to await the answer of the new Turkish cabinet to the joint note of Europe, a course which the powers have already advised.

"Another day lost," exclaimed those who believe that the only solution is to be found in the resumption of hostilities when the meeting of the delegates of the four allied nations adjourned today.

PEACE OR WAR.

"Another day gained," retorted those who believe that peace is to be reached by postponing extreme

measures. The meeting of the allies lasted five hours and the discussion was animated. The delegates reviewed the whole situation and debated both sides of the question, the resumption of the war and the policy of delay and trusting to time to solve the difficulties.

The head of each delegation reported the conversation which he had had with Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign secretary, and reference was made again to the advice of the ambassadors to observe prudence and moderation. This greatly strengthened the arguments of that section favoring procrastination. Their view being that after the powers' note to Turkey, which was in favor of the terms of the allies, if the latter continued to follow Europe's advice, Europe would continue to give its support.

The note was left with Stojan Novakovich, head of the Serbian delegation, the delegates entrusting him to "choose an opportune moment for its presentation." Some believe that he will present it tomorrow. Others are of the opinion that this particular form was adopted with the object of avoiding an immediate rupture and giving Turkey time to reply to the powers.

TURKEY'S REPLY EXPECTED TODAY.

Constantinople, Jan. 28.—Officials of the foreign office are engaged in drafting in French the text of Turkey's reply to the joint note of the powers. It is expected that the reply will be ready tomorrow.

JUDGEMENT IN LAVINE CASE TO BE GIVEN FRIDAY

Judgment in the Lavine case will be given Friday morning at eleven o'clock by Police Magistrate Marsh. Argument in the case was completed in the police court yesterday afternoon and the accused was allowed to go on the guarantee of his counsel, Mr. P. A. Guthrie. Upon the decision to be given Friday depends whether or not Lavine will be sent up for trial on the charge of obtaining money under false pretences. Mr. Guthrie's argument for the discharge of the accused stated that the evidence had shown that Lavine had ample reason for making drafts upon Arscott & Co. of St. John. The money he had obtained by the drafts had gone to pay for the hides which Arscott & Co. had taken to clear up a back debt of McLellan and Lavine. Mr. Guthrie intimated that his client was the victim of combined action on the part of financial powers.

Mr. Hughes, in his argument, stated that much that was foreign to the case had been admitted as evidence. It had clearly been shown, however, that the representations made by Lavine to Manager Thomas of the Bank of New Brunswick, were false and that Lavine knew he was lying when he told Mr. Thomas that Arscott & Co. had instructed him by telephone to draw on them. It also had been shown that it was on Lavine's representations that the drafts had been put through.

In conclusion Mr. Hughes stated: "If my learned friend (Guthrie) desires to know where the money that Lavine obtained from Arscott & Co. is now he will find some of it in the hands of Lavine's agents and the balance in hides which have been taken across the river to St. Mary's and there stored."

Mr. Guthrie objected to the statement as not borne out by evidence.

TO INVESTIGATE TELEPHONE COMPANY

Washington, Jan. 29.—Formal notice was served on the American Telephone and Telegraph Company today by the Interstate Commerce Commission that an investigation would be made of its business affairs.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 29.—Fear that foreign producers would invade and injure the American market was expressed today in the testimony on the shoe and leather schedule of the tariff before the House Committee in way and means. Representatives of the National Shoe Wholesalers' Association and other trade organizations spoke in opposition to any change in the tariff on shoes and leather.

HONORED MEMORY OF MARTYRED PRESIDENT

Washington, D. C., Jan. 29.—Pink carnations, adorning the lapels of senators, representatives and private citizens, marked the observance today of the seventieth anniversary of the birth of William McKinley. The pink carnation was the favorite flower of the late president and ever since his tragic death his friends and admirers have followed the custom of wearing one of the blooms at each recurring anniversary of his birth.

POSITION WITH C.P.R.

It is reported that Mr. K. R. Machum of the senior class at U.N.B. has been appointed to an important position in the C.P.R. forestry department. He will be graduated in forestry by U.N.B. in May.

A GOLD LACE FUNCTION

Old Guard Ball at Madison Square Garden to be well Affair

Military Organizations From all Over the Country Will be Well Represented

New York, Jan. 29.—The imagination falters when it attempts to foretell the grandeur and magnificence of gold lace, multi-colored uniforms and bubbling spirits which will be seen at the eighty-seventh anniversary ball of New York's famous Old Guard in Madison Square Garden tomorrow night. The interior of the Garden is being transformed for the occasion into a scene resembling an army camp. All the arena boxes are to be floored over and rows of tents erected upon the platforms so formed. Some of these tents are reserved for the governors of states and their military staffs, others for the commanding officers of the visiting military bodies.

Many famous military organizations are sending delegations to attend the function. Among those that will be represented by delegations of officers in rich and brilliant uniforms will be the Putnam Phalanx of Hartford, the Ancient and Honorable Artillery of Boston, the Governor's Foot Guards of New Haven, the Worcester Continentals, the Minute Men of Washington, the Richmond Blues of Richmond, Va., the Providence Light Infantry, the State Fencibles of Philadelphia, and the Second Heavy Brigade Canadian Garrison Artillery of Montreal.

PERSONAL

Mr. J. Howe Dickson, K. C., clerk of the Executive Council, is able to be out after his severe illness.

Mr. D. J. Shea went to Gagetown this morning on a business trip.

Mr. Keith Brown of the Bank of B. N. A. staff is confined to his home by illness.

Mr. H. P. Timmerman, of Montreal, Industrial Commissioner of the C. P. R. is registered at the Barker House.

Mr. A. W. Covey of St. John is in the city today.

Mr. Martin McDonald of Halifax is registered at the Barker House.

Mr. R. D. Ross of St. Stephen arrived in the city last night.

Mr. A. S. Walbridge of Montreal is registered at the Barker House.

Mr. K. F. Bonnell of St. John is registered at the Queen.

Mr. George O. Stratton of Moncton is in the city today.

Mr. R. S. Ritchie of St. John is registered at the Queen.

ADDRESSED NORMAL STUDENTS

Prof. S. B. McCurdy of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, addressed the students of the Provincial Normal School yesterday. This morning he left for St. John, accompanied by Dr. W. S. Carter, Chief Superintendent of Education. He will visit other places in the province. Prof. McCurdy was here in connection with the establishment of the new Agricultural and Technical School at Woodstock.

ANOTHER FOX COMPANY

The Riverbank Fox Company Limited of Renfrew, King's County has given notice of application for incorporation. The capital is to be \$99,000. The applicants are F. E. Williams, G. Michin Barker, E. R. Machum, F. J. Shreve and George H. Waterbury all of St. John.

The New York Sun, under the heading of "tell every one you meet," has the following: "Ethylhydrocupreinhydrochloride—a new remedy for pneumonia."

The well-kept lawns of a public square in Detroit, Mich., are said to be preserved from injury by placards bearing the single word, "Please?"

Four statues will be placed over the cornice of the new Boston city hall. They will represent Justice, Charity, Education and Industry, in the order named, from left to right.