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How the Tories Forced the Bill Through Parliament--Liberal Minority, Working in the Interests of the People Divided the House Four Times on the Measure

Ottawa, July 28—Ever since parliament prorogued the Conservative press and orators have been busily engaged attempting to apologize for the clear gift of \$15,000,000 of public money which Mr. Borden and his government presented to Mackenzie & Mann as a subsidy for the construction of the Canadian Northern Railway. Even the spendthrift government has found that the long suffering Canadian people have been angered to the point of rebellion against this piece of Tory tactics in favor of their friends "the interests." The word has therefore gone forth that every effort must be made to show that at least the Liberals were as bad as the Tories and that they did not really oppose this donation—and if the facts disagreed with their stories, so much the worse for the facts. From Halifax to Vancouver there has been a series of editorials and articles declaring that the Liberals in Parliament favored granting the \$15,000,000 to this pair of supplicants for public help, who have not received more than \$221,000,000 in various ways out of the peoples' money bags.

Fortunately for the Canadian people, and unfortunately for Mr. Borden and his colleagues, the facts are too plain to admit of much perversion and the people are too intelligent to be fooled all the time. The Bill to confiscate \$15,000,000 of the peoples' money and hand it over to Mackenzie & Mann was passed in spite of strong Liberal opposition and at the final reading was voted against on four distinct occasions by the Liberals and unanimously supported by Mr. Borden's composite

following.

After the \$15,000,000 presentation bill had been thoroughly fought in committee, the various Liberal amendments slaughtered by the government or the speaker, it came up for third reading on June 4th, when the Liberal objections were presented one after another, and one after another killed by the brute Tory majority.

Hon. Frank Oliver moved that it be amended so that the grant should be conditional upon the Canadian Northern charging no higher rates on its Western than on its Eastern lines inless it could show the Railway Commission that the increased cost of operation justified higher rates. The government defeated this by 78-37.

Then Hon. Mr. Cochrane tried to get the third reading once more. It was met with amendment by Mr. E. M. Macdonald to the effect that the grant be conditional upon the company charging no higher rates for traffic between Western Canada and the Atlantic sea-board than is charged for similar service in the U. S.; such rates all to be subject to the Dominion Railway Commission. This amendment, aimed to secure as favorable rates for export via Canada as via the U. S., and to place the whole on the same footing as other government aided railways, that is subject to the Railway Commission was defeated by the government, 80-37.

Hon. G. P. Graham then moved that the granting of this \$15,000,000 be made conditional upon the vesting the Dominion Railway Commission with authority to give other railways running rights over the Canadian Northern through the Rocky Mountain Passes to Vancouver and that the Railway Commission should have the same control over its B. C. lines as it had over other railways. This amendment, especially designed to give relief to Western farmers and shippers and to secure a measure of popular control in return for popular support, was immediately voted down by the same majority as the previous amendment.

Finally Mr. W. M. German moved an amendment that instead of presenting Mackenzie & Mann with \$15,000,000, the government should loan them this money; as it was proposed.

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FIREBUG QUEEN TELLS PART IN ARSON TRUST

Chicago, July 28—For three hours yesterday the July grand jury listened to one of the most remarkable stories ever told before an inquisitorial body in Chicago, when Mrs. Marie Korshak, 3520 Grand boulevard, confessed "queen of the firebugs," made a full admission of her part in the operations of the "arson trust" and furnished the jurors with important information, which is expected to result in the indictment of six other members of the organization.

State's Attorney Hoynes declared that the woman had divulged the entire ramifications of the criminal organization, and that she believed it to be a conspiracy of even a wider character than at first supposed. Her story, according to the state's attorney, involves the names of men of supposedly good reputations and some standing in the business world.

Mrs. Korshak is the wife of David Korshak, the firebug who fled to China following his indictment for arrest. The latter offense is not extraditable, but it was learned yesterday that Mr. Hoynes is conducting a new investigation into the death of Leopold Dryfus, which may lead to the indictment of Korshak for murder. In that case he could be returned and placed on trial.

Dryfus, who was in the woolen business at 232-4 South Market street is said to have committed suicide following a confession that the fire which destroyed his place of business on June 3, 1911, was of incendiary origin. Korshak was implicated by the confession as "king of the firebugs," but escaped from the city. Despite the fact that detectives were stationed to guard Dryfus' home, they said that the woolen merchant committed suicide. Mr. Hoynes now believes that the man may have been shot by members of the arson combine.

Although Mrs. Korshak's confession came as a surprise to the grand jurors, it became known yesterday that she had made a voluntary confession several days ago to State's Attorney Hoynes. Ever since the arson investigation has begun the prosecutor has attempted to elicit information from the woman but without success, but finally, on the advice of friends, and when she learned that she was being watched, Mrs. Korshak went to the state's attorney's office and told her story. She is expected to receive immunity as a result.

Among those implicated by Mrs. Korshak was a member of her family.

Mr. Hoynes refused to give out any names in connection with the case, however, for fear that the men will flee the country. The "queen of the firebugs" is being guarded to prevent an attack upon her life. She will be called before the grand jury again. It is believed that true bills will be voted.

"Mrs. Korshak has given valuable evidence which will lead to getting the men higher up in the arson trust," said Mr. Hoynes. "She admitted complicity in incendiary fires and gives us the testimony needed for corroboration in connection with the implication of the other men in the conspiracy, not yet indicated.

"The facts revealed by Mrs. Korshak show that the conspiracy is of greater magnitude than we imagined. Her story involves men who have

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earned good reputations in the business world."

He said that Mrs. Korshak asserted her husband was addicted to the liquor habit and she attended to his "incendiary" business on several occasions. Korshak is reported to be conducting a saloon business in Canton, China.

Following the conviction of Edward and Paul Covitz and Joseph Clarke by a jury in Judge Burke's court, the state's attorney declared it his intention to investigate the alleged conspiracy between public fire insurance adjusters and adjusters employed by insurance companies. From the developments of yesterday it is supposed that he is directing his energy to obtaining evidence on the latter at the present time.



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PALMY DAYS FOR THE BLACK FOX

(Toronto Saturday Night.)

These are the palmy days for the fox, particularly for the animal of dusky hue. Man has learned to love him, not for any intrinsic charm of disposition, as in the case of the dog, but for the money that can be made out of him. For generations, in certain counties of England, it was deemed a crime to shoot a fox and the man who did so was as much the subject of social ostracism as a grave robber. But this was because those who rode to hounds wanted all the foxes saved in order that they might run them to earth with a hue and cry accompanied by blithesome horseback exercise. Nowadays in Eastern Canada no one would think of shooting a fox, because it might ruin his hide and destroy his monetary value. In the Maritime Provinces the fox industry is what the man on the street would call "some industry." When a year or two ago word floated up from Prince Edward Island that large capital had been invested in a black fox ranch it was treated as a subject for mirth. Nevertheless it turns out to have been serious business and the time may come when the handsome animals will be the little province's chief source of wealth. The pioneer ranch on the Island, with its entire plant, was sold some time ago for upwards of \$600,000. Not long afterwards the purchasers parted with six pairs of their precious pets to a capitalist who wished to introduce the industry into Russia, for the sum of \$100,000, or a little less than \$10,000 per fox. Indeed, it is stated that breeding foxes have been sold for sums as large as \$25,000 a pair, although the specimens in such a case would be very beautiful indeed. It is now stated that three new companies, within an aggregate capitalization of \$700,000, are being formed to carry the industry into Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and a project is on foot to establish a "breeders' stock book for the resignation of pedigree animals, as is done in the case of many other varieties of live stock. Perhaps the day will come when we shall see at our fall fairs a bench competition for black foxes and shose of any other variety. It is a stimulus to our patriotism that Canada should be the birthplace of so unique an enterprise.

CHANCE GETS TWO MORE

New York, July 28—It was announced tonight that Manager Chance of the New York Americans, had purchased Outfielder Cook of the Austin Club of the Texas League, and Pitcher Cooney of the Butte, Mont., Club of the Union Association. Cooney will join New York at once but Cook will not report until fall.

SPORTS OF ALL KINDS.

Al Palzer is after a match with the winner of the Jim Flynn-Gunboat Smith fight which is to take place in New York Aug. 4.

Jimmy Sheppard is doing nice work in the outfield in the place of Marsans who is on the sick list.

Gus Platts, the English welterweight who has been boxing in New York for several months has returned to England.

Championship races of the Canadian Canoe Association, St. Johns, Que.

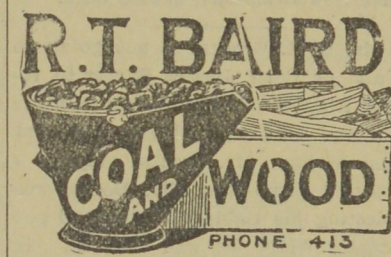
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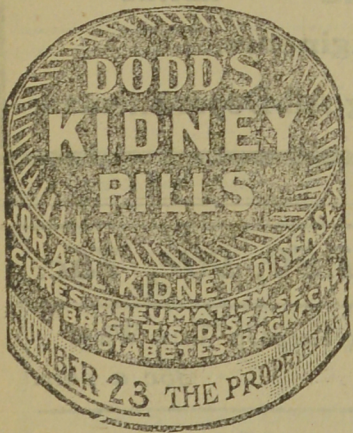
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CALENDAR OF SPORTS

WEDNESDAY

Opening of annual Long Branch Horse Show, Long Branch, N.J.

THURSDAY

Opening of New York State championship tennis tournament in Brooklyn.

Opening of annual tournament of Vermont State Golf Association at Rutland.

Annual Gold Challenge Cup motor boat races begin at Thousand Islands N.Y.

FRIDAY

Opening of annual "Canadian Henley" regatta at St. Catharines, Ont.

SATURDAY

Second day of the "Canadian Henley" Regatta at St. Catharines, Ont. Opening of Rhode Island State championship tennis tournament at Providence.

First annual track and field meet of the Minneapolis Athletic Club, Minneapolis.

Laying of corner-stone for the new home of the Minneapolis Athletic Club.