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U. S. CONGRESS MET TODAY

Special Session Called by President Wilson to Revise Tariff

Business Today Was Largely of a Preliminary Nature---Many Notable Absentees

Washington, D. C., April 7.—The extraordinary session of the sixty-third Congress, called by President Wilson primarily for the purpose of revising the tariff so that it will be in accordance with the views of the Democratic administration and with the majority sentiment of the nation as expressed by the voting at the November election, convened promptly at noon today. The initial proceedings in both houses were confined to preliminary business incident to the organization of a new Congress.

In the Senate the routine program was followed. Vice President Marshall called the Senate to order, and the President's proclamation calling the session was read. A committee was appointed to call upon the President and inform him that the Senate was in session, and another committee was named to similarly advise the House.

Busier scenes were witnessed in the House, where the calling of the roll, the swearing in of the new members, the assignment of seats and other routine business occupied considerable time.

There was a large attendance in the galleries of the House. The members gathered early, chatting and discussing prospective legislation and commenting on the absence of "Uncle Joe" Cannon, "Nick" Longworth, "Sam" McCall and others prominently identified with legislation in recent years and who were among those overwhelmed by the November tidal wave.

The personality of the new President also formed a leading subject of discussion. Keen interest was manifested in what he would have to say in his first message. Many of the Democratic leaders, particularly the close personal and political friends of President Wilson and Secretary Bryan, were already familiar with the principal features of the message.

The tariff bill brought down today proposes to place on the free list lumber, meats of all kinds, boots and shoes, potatoes, agricultural implements and a number of other articles on the free list.

STOCK MARKET

New York, N.Y., April 7.—The market opening was fairly active with declines running from moderate fractions to a full point in active issues. Support was met at lower levels. Room traders thought reaction should go considerably further. The support rendered at the opening sufficed to check selling movement and produced a little rally, but buying did not follow prices up and trading soon relapsed into dullness. This seemed natural in view of uncertainty regarding possibility of a decision in Minnesota rate case and lack of definite information of the character of the President's message.

	Open	Noon
Copper	76 1/2	76 1/2
Smelters	71	71 1/2
C.P.R.	236 1/2	237 1/2
Great Northern	129 1/2	130 1/2
Lehigh	161 1/2	161 1/2
Northern Pacific	118 1/2	118 1/2
Northern Pacific	118 1/2	118 1/2
Pennsylvania	119	119
Reading	164 1/2	165 1/2
Union Pacific	154 1/2	155 1/2
U. S. Steel	62 1/2	63 1/2

MONTREAL MORNING SALES.

Wolsons Bank, 5 @ 198, 6 @ 236 1/2.
Bank of Commerce, 10 @ 214.
Bell Phone, 47 @ 148.
Brazilian, 15 @ 97, 120 @ 96 1/2, 10 @ 96 1/2.
C.P.R., 100 @ 236 1/2, 50 @ 236, 50 @ 236 1/2.
Cement Com., 100 @ 28 1/2.
Iron Com., 42 @ 53 1/2.
Laurentide, 25 @ 220, 150 @ 227 1/2.
100 @ 228, 10 @ 228 1/2.
R. & O., 25 @ 116 1/2.

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MONETARY SITUATION IS IMPROVING

New York, April 7.—Supreme Court may hand down decision in Minnesota rate case today.

Congress assembled at noon, the president's message will be delivered tomorrow.

A Berlin cable says the monetary situation has improved more rapidly than expected and the outlook is regarded better than for weeks.

Wage demands of trainmen and conductors on Eastern Railroads to be arbitrated soon.

Public service commission authorized New York, West Chester and Boston Railway to issue \$6,044,000 in bonds.

President Wilson to permit of no compromise in tariff on sugar.

Montenegro's defiance of peremptory orders of powers regarded in Europe in diplomatic circles as the most serious phase yet reached in the Balkan trouble.

12 Industrials declined 0.51; 20 active railroads declined 0.43.

American stocks in London generally weak, up to 1/2 off.

EPISCOPAL COUNCIL MEETS

Hattiesburg, Miss., April 7.—One hundred and fifty clerical and lay delegates are attending the annual meeting of the Episcopal diocesan council of Mississippi, which met here today for a three days' session. Bishop Theodore DuBose Bratton is presiding. A notable feature of the gathering will be the dedication of the new Episcopal church here, one of the finest edifices of its kind in the State.

FREDERICK FRADSHAM LAID TO REST SUNDAY

Member of Carleton Battery Which Served in First Fenian Raid of 1866---Three Survivors

The funeral of the late Frederick Fradsham took place Sunday afternoon from the home of Mr. John Parsons, Brunswick street, and was largely attended. Rev. J. E. Wilson conducted the service. Interment was made at the Rural Cemetery. The choir of the George Street Baptist Church was present at the service and sang appropriate hymns. The deceased was a veteran of the Fenian Raid of 1866, having served with the Carleton Battery of the St. John Artillery. Mr. Robert Cochrane of Gibson, who served in the same battery, attended the funeral. Mr. Harry Fradsham, son of the deceased, is a veteran of the South African War. He was unable to reach the city to attend the funeral. Of the Carleton Battery in which the deceased served in the First Fenian Raid, but three members survive. They are A. J. Ring of St. John, who was captain, Elijah Ross of St. John, the famous oarsman and member of the Paris crew, which held the world's four-oar championship at one time, who was sergeant, and Robert Cochrane of Gibson, who was a gunner. The deceased was sergeant in the battery.

CANADIAN PACIFIC MAY RAISE DIVIDEND

Toronto, April 7.—With the advance to 240 in New York, last week, Canadian Pacific has recovered over twenty points from the low mark touched about a month ago. Even now, however, it is still seventeen points below the price at which it was selling at the beginning of 1913, just three months ago.

Just as before the last dividend declaration there were rumors going around suggesting the possibility of an increase in the dividend, so now immediately after the payment of the April dividend talk of an increased distribution is again heard. This time the rumors are more persistent that the dividend from earnings will be ten per cent, which, with three per cent from land sales will make thirteen per cent. At the present level the yield on the stock is 4.15 per cent while at the beginning of the year it was 3.88 per cent.

LIBERALS STAND FIRM ON THE NAVAL QUESTION

Confident That the People of Canada Are Overwhelmingly Behind Them in the Stand They Have Taken---Tories are in a Quandry and May Drop the Bill---Afraid to Trust the People on the Question---Lively Times Expected This Week

Ottawa, April 6.—The coming week in parliament promises to reproduce some sensational developments. After an interlude of a little over three weeks, the government will again turn from its policy of "drift" and "emergency" will again be staged.

The government realizes the fact that it can no longer postpone a further attempt to make progress with the naval bill, and that further delay will be but playing into the hands of the opposition. For some days past Premier Borden has been casting about for some course to steer through the shoals which beset him on every side. The government realizes that "something must be done," but just what this something is not yet clear to their minds.

There was a long meeting of the cabinet council yesterday with a view to laying out a plan of campaign for the coming week. It is understood that no definite decision was reached. It had been hoped that as a result of two or three conferences between the prime minister and Sir Wilfrid Laurier during the end of the week some compromise might be reached by which the government could finally make progress with the naval bill and again proceed with the debate with some prospect of getting it through the last two stages in the commons and of then leaving it to the tender mercies of the senate.

NO COMPROMISE

But the result of these conferences leaves the premier in as great quandary as ever. Liberalism will consent to no compromise. The bill must either be dropped or else it will be fought to the utmost of the constitutional rights of the opposition to force the issue to the final verdict of the people.

There was not the slightest sign of weakening from the leader of the opposition whose determination is backed with enthusiasm and confidence by every one of his followers. They believe that the people of Canada are overwhelmingly with them and they see no reason for departing one iota from the stand they have maintained from the first.

The debate was to have been resumed on Thursday last. The uncertainty of the government as to what course to pursue led to a further postponement of two days, while the Japanese treaty was substituted as a less embarrassing subject of debate. When the house of commons adjourned on Friday night Premier Borden promised to let the leader of the opposition know what business could be taken up on Monday. It was generally understood among his followers that the naval bill would be the first order of business for the whole week or until some progress was made.

Mr. Borden, however, has not yet notified Sir Wilfrid to this effect, and it is possible that the West Indies trade agreement will be first considered and put through its final stage while the government still gropes for a solution to its main problem. In any case however, if the naval bill does not come up tomorrow it is practically certain to come up on Tuesday, since any further delays will but emphasize the government's embarrassment.

TORIES IN DILEMMA

As far as can be learned tonight the government has in view four or five courses as a way out of their present difficulties with regard to the bill. They are sure of none and will probably be obliged to try them all. In the first place, they will endeavor to

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ALBERTA PREMIER CONFIDENT OF VICTORY

Calgary, April 5.—As the outcome of the political fight there is a possibility that Alberta will lead all of the other provinces in the confederation in giving equal political rights to women. Following the lead of Clifford C. Jones, Liberal candidate for South Calgary, Rev. John MacDougall, Centre Calgary, and Geo. Ross, North Calgary, have committed themselves to the cause of votes for women. As the three Calgary ridings are considered Conservative, it is believed that in the event of election of any one of the three Liberal candidates the victor will be invited into the cabinet.

Premier Sifton left for the south yesterday. Before his departure he expressed himself as confident of the outcome, and he said he believed the Liberals would be returned to power with over a larger majority than now obtained.

Edward Michener, leader of the Conservatives, takes the view that the Conservatives will win.

DIED IN ST. JOHN

The death took place at St. John yesterday of Mrs. Queenie L. wife of Mr. Harry R. Laurier. She had been ill only a short time and her death came as a great shock to her relatives and friends. The deceased was a daughter of Capt. Martin Currier of Oromocto and was married only last fall. She was about twenty-five years of age. Capt. Currier went to St. John yesterday in his tug and will convey the body home for burial.

SUPREME COURT

The Easter term of the Supreme Court is to open tomorrow. An interesting matter which will come before the court will be the argument in quo warranto proceedings against the mayor of Moncton, who has been alleged to be illegible to hold office.

AN EXCITING ELECTION IN MICHIGAN

Detroit, Mich., April 7.—The most notable spring election ever held in Michigan took place today. Only minor State offices, including places on the supreme bench and the board of regents of the State University, were to be filled, but in addition the fate of five proposed amendments to Michigan's constitution were up for decision. These amendments involved principles of such importance as the granting of full suffrage rights to women and the adoption of the initiative, the referendum and the recall.

Because separate ballots were used for each of the proposed amendments, the voting was slow. Moreover, a new law permits the polls in certain localities to be kept open until 8 p. m., so that the result of the election are not likely to be known definitely until tomorrow. Early voting in the large cities of the State was fairly heavy. Suffrage advocates were out in force in Detroit, and in many precincts they completely replaced the crowds of men workers seen in former years. A suffrage amendment was voted on in the regular election in Michigan last November and was defeated by a narrow majority. Since then the suffragists have waged a persistent and aggressive campaign in every part of the State, and at the headquarters today the leaders of the movement appeared confident of victory.

In Detroit the election was given added importance by the voting on a charter amendment to give the city the power to own and manage the public utilities. The proposed amendment is aimed directly at the corporation controlling the street railways.

CAPT. WHITE AND WIFE LEAVE FOR ST. JOHN

Farewell Services at Salvation Army Citadel Sunday Largely Attended ---Successor to be Installed Thursday

Capt. White and Mrs. White of the Salvation Army, who have been stationed here for a year will leave tonight for St. John to attend an officers' congress at which they will be assigned to another station. They will be given a farewell tea this evening. On Thursday Staff Captain Coombs of the Salvation Army will come here to install the new officer, who is to succeed Capt. White.

Captain and Mrs. White held their farewell services at the Salvation Army Citadel yesterday. Large audiences attended all services. During their term in Fredericton both the Captain and his wife have been very popular and the Army has made marked progress. At yesterday's services both expressed great regret because of leaving Fredericton where they have made many friends. Capt. White while here has enabled the Salvation Army to strengthen its financial position considerably.

At yesterday's services thirty-five local officers were appointed.

ACCUSED OF MURDERING HUSBAND

Denton, Texas, April 7.—Mrs. Fannie Flannery, accused of the murder of her husband, was placed on trial here today, and the task of procuring a jury was commenced. The case was brought here on change of venue from Dallas, where the alleged murder occurred some months ago. Mrs. Flannery shot and killed her husband in a hotel where he was employed as a clerk. The tragedy is said to have resulted from the husband's alleged attentions to other women.

MARYSVILLE ELECTIONS

The election for Mayor and eight aldermen is going on at Marysville today, the final result is being looked forward to with a great deal of interest, especially in the contest for mayor. Messrs W. H. Gray and C. A. Smith are putting up a stiff fight for that office.

Harris and Selwyn will produce a new play by Upton Sinclair shortly.

COLLISION ON THE I. C. R.

Two Men Were Killed in a Smashup on the North Shore

Two Freight Trains in a Rear End Collision---Van and Freight Car Destroyed by Fire

Bathurst, N. B., April 6.—A disastrous rear-end collision between two freight trains, causing the loss of two lives and injuring another badly, and two or three others slightly, occurred at the depot here at 9.30 Saturday night.

A boy named Eddie Bateman and a man whose name is believed to be Hachey, who were in the van of the train ran into, were instantly killed. The car took fire and Hachey's charred remains were found in the ruins when the debris was cleared away.

The blaze from the cars set fire to the station house which was also burned to the ground.

A way freight from Campbellton, in charge of Conductor David Haines en route to Moncton, was standing in front of the station unloading freight when a freight special, in charge of Conductor Cal McDougall and Driver A. Woods, which was following, crashed into the way freight van with disastrous results, as above noted.

In the way freight van at the time were three passengers, namely, the boy Bateman and Hachey, who were killed, and a section man named Bruno Chamberlain of Red Pine. Chamberlain was sitting in the seat next to Hachey and they were discussing black foxes when the collision occurred. Hachey was killed, while Chamberlain had three ribs broken and was severely shaken up. Chamberlain is in the Bathurst hospital, but his injuries are not considered dangerous.

The van and freight car on Haines' freight took fire and were destroyed. The blaze set fire to the station and this was also destroyed.

Several of the trainmen were slightly shaken up but their injuries are not serious. The engine on McDougall's special was badly smashed but the track was very little damaged and there was very little delay to traffic as passenger trains were able to pass through the siding.

The cause of the wreck will be the subject of a rigid investigation. It is claimed by one crew that the semaphore was turned against the train's approach from the west but the other crew, it is stated, claim the semaphore was down.

In addition to the loss of life, the property loss is considerable. Bathurst station, which was of brick, was one of the best on the northern division. It will probably take \$15,000 or \$20,000 to replace it. Bateman, the boy killed, belongs to Gloucester Junction.

INSURANCE COMMISSION TO HOLD MEETING

Chicago, Ill., April 7.—Insurance commissioners from many states are arriving in Chicago for the annual meeting of their national association which will convene at the Hotel Sherman tomorrow for a session of two days. The convention was to have been held in Oklahoma City but the meeting place was changed because of the impeachment charges recently brought against Insurance Commissioner Ballard of Oklahoma.

NEW PRIEST FOR ST. JOHN

Rev. Joseph Hayes of St. Mary's, has been appointed by His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc as one of the assistant priests at the Cathedral. Father Hayes entered upon his new duties this week. He was born at St. Mary's and received his classical education at St. Joseph's and was ordained for the diocese of Halifax in 1900. He was for some time pastor of St. Agnes Church, Halifax, and was also parish priest at Annapolis a few years ago. Father Hayes resigned on account of ill health, which by a complete rest, has been almost re-established. The new priest is well known throughout the Maritime Provinces.