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## BORDEN IS WEAKENING ON THE NAVAL QUESTION

**Tory Leader Issues a Second Manifesto---Hints That the Three Dreadnoughts Can be Returned to Canada if the People Decide for a Canadian Navy---Declares That the Liberals are Obstructing the Public Business**

Ottawa, March 24—Premier Borden's second "closure manifesto" was handed out this evening. It contains one new and significant feature. Mr. Borden is now nibbling at the Canadian navy idea he has taken a long step backward towards the safe ground he held in 1909. Instead of saying, as he did in December last, that a Canadian navy was impracticable and would take fifty or seventy-five years to build up, he now discreetly holds out the suggestion that the three Dreadnoughts to be immediately contributed to the imperial navy may, if the people of Canada so desire, become later on part of a Canadian navy force.

That is one of the first fruits of the Liberal fight in the Commons, and of the resulting pressure of public opinion on the government. It is a big back-down from the original no-Canadian navy stand.

The "emergency" is all Premier Borden now stands by. The premier Borden now stands by. The premier again maintains that the Liberals have already voted for Clause 2 of the bill, providing for the appropriation of the \$35,000,000, and are now determinedly obstructing its passage in the committee stage. He deliberately ignores the fact that the Liberals voted for the clause only as it was qualified by Sir Wilfrid Laurier's amendment that the \$35,000,000 be spent in Canada towards the organization of a Canadian naval force in co-operation with the imperial fleet.

His other main point is that the Liberals are now blocking all public business by refusing to pass the naval bill. The Liberals have not blocked any other public business. The government has done the blocking by refusing to ask the commons to consider any other public business.

As to the statement that the Laurier government had itself intended to amend the rules of debate it is sufficient to note that Sir Wilfrid's reply to the Conservative's obstruction of 1911 on the reciprocity issue was not a closure bill but an appeal to the country.

The premier's statement says in part:

### BORDEN'S STATEMENT

"It cannot be too strongly emphasized that the clause that Sir

Wilfrid Laurier and his followers have been obstructing during the past two weeks in the first clause of the resolution which Sir Wilfrid Laurier proposed by way of amendment on Dec. 12 last. Every member of the opposition, including Sir Wilfrid Laurier himself, voted for that clause on Feb. 13 last as part of his amendment.

"There has been no display of brute force in the debate except on the part of those who first voted for this clause and then obstructed its passage. The clause in question which thus forms part of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's resolution proposed on Dec. 12 last, is as follows:

"From and out of consolidated revenue fund of Canada there may be paid and applied a sum not exceeding \$35,000,000 for the purpose of immediately increasing the effective naval forces of the empire."

"If Sir Wilfrid desires to recede from this declaration set forth in his resolution, then at most his question between the parties is whether this sum shall be devoted to the provision of three battleships for immediate and effective aid to the naval forces of the empire, or whether it shall be employed in establishing a Canadian naval service. If the contracts are let with the utmost despatch for the construction of three battleships they would not be ready to be placed in commission before the next general election. In case it should then be the wish of the Canadian people to recall these ships and make them part of a proposed Canadian naval service, it would be perfectly feasible to follow that course. There seems, therefore, no ground for opposition and certainly none for obstruction.

"It is absurd to assert that there has been any attempt to gag discussion inasmuch as the clause in question has been almost continually under debate from Dec. 12 last and has not yet been passed. Every possible facility for debate has been afforded to the opposition, and they have taken full advantage of it. Not only have they done this but they have accompanied the discussion with unworthy threats and taunts which have gone unrebuked by any leading man of their party."

## BILL RICE TALKS OFF OLD TIMES HERE

**Once Famous Trapper and Guide Now  
Prospering in New Hampshire**

Mr. William Rice of Berlin, N. H., who has been visiting his old home at Barker's Point, returns to New Hampshire this evening. Mr. Rice, before removing to Uncle Sam's domain about eighteen years ago, was famous as a hunter and trapper. The great woodland country, extending from the Nashwaak to Little River, was to him like an open book. He was a splendid woodsman and in his day had many exciting adventures. Talking to a representative of The Mail, Mr. Rice expressed astonishment to learn that Guide Harry Braithwaite was still in harness.

"I worked with him fifty years ago," he said, "and if he is half as good today as he was then he is easily the best in his line of business. I used to know Frank Risteen, Harry McLeod and a lot of the boys in the old days. When I hear of so many moose being shot in New Brunswick I feel as if I would like to come back and have another go at them. The boys tell me I would get lost in the woods but I believe it would bother any of them to follow me. I have done well in New Hampshire, and don't care now whether school keeps or not. Tell my old friends for

## NONAGENARIAN OBSERVES NINETY-FOURTH BIRTHDAY

**Robert C. Anderson of Kingsclear And  
Friends Celebrated His Ninety-  
Fourth Birthday**

Mr. Robert C. Anderson of Kingsclear, who resides with his son, Mr. Robert A. Anderson, on the Woodstock Road, two miles from the city, on Monday reached the ripe old age of ninety-four years. His household celebrated the occasion by giving the old gentleman a birthday party. Those who attended were the Earl and Countess of Ashburnham of Fredericton, Mrs. Martha Jarvis, Fredericton, Robert Gay and wife, Kingsclear, Miss Edna McClure Kingsclear, B. Thompson, Wexford, England, Henry B. Rainsford, Fredericton, Miss Ethel M. Rainsford, Fredericton, T. W. Rainsford, Fredericton.

Rev. Mansel Shewin, rector of Springhill, and several others who were invited could not attend on account of the bad roads.

A sumptuous repast having been served, a very pleasant evening was spent, Mr. Anderson entertaining his guests in a genial way and they all

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me that I am sorry I haven't got time to go around and look them all up."

## WILL INVOKE UNWRITTEN LAW

**College Professor on  
Trial for Murder  
at St. Paul,  
Minn.**

**Shot and Killed Man Whom He  
Accused of Breaking up His  
Home**

St. Paul, Minn., March 25—The work of impanelling a jury was commenced in the District Court today for the trial of Professor Oscar A. Olson, the University of Minnesota professor recently indicted on a charge of murder. Professor Olson is accused of shooting and killing Clyde N. Darling, who met his death while passing or attempting to enter the Olson home on the night of March 5. Several hours after the tragedy Olson surrendered to the police and, according to them, professed he waited for his chance and deliberately shot Darling, whom he intimated had broken up the Olson home. Beyond his first statement that it was a case of the unwritten law the accused professor has declined to discuss his case except with counsel.

Professor Olson has been connected with the agricultural college of the state university ever since his youth, either as a student or instructor, with the exception of one year spent at Pullman, Ill. He has always been well thought of by his associates at the university. At the time of the tragedy Mrs. Olson was visiting her parents at their home near Montevideo, Minn. Darling, the victim of the shooting, was a married man.

## DAVIDSON-HODGE NUPTIALS AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH TODAY

A very pretty wedding was solemnized this afternoon at 3.30, when Miss Kathleen Hodge, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Hodge of this city became the bride of Mr. Duncan Cameron Davidson, formerly of Rothesay, but now manager of the branch of the Royal Bank of Canada at Didsbury, Alberta. The ceremony was performed at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church by the pastor, Rev. W. H. Smith and in spite of the inclement weather was witnessed by a large gathering of people.

A large number of out-of-town guests, chiefly from Rothesay and St. John are here today for the wedding. Included in the number are Mrs. Davidson of Rothesay, mother of the groom, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Davidson of Rothesay, Miss Brock of Rothesay, Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Turnbull of Rothesay, Miss Cordes of Halifax, Miss Gillis of St. John and Miss Muriel Massy and Miss Barbara Dobson of St. John. About sixty guests were invited to attend the ceremony.

Mr. John Brock of Rothesay was groomsmen and the bridesmaids were Miss Marjorie Massey and Miss Jean Hodge, sister of the bride. The interior of St. Paul's was beautifully decorated with Easter flowers. Miss Bessie Everett was organist.

The bride was gowned in ivory crepe charmeuse with Brussels lace garfure and wore orange blossoms. The bridal veil was of carrick-macross net. The bridesmaids were gowned in pink and blue brocade with large black lace hats.

### BEAUTIFUL PRESENTS

The bride is the recipient of many very beautiful and costly gifts from friends in Fredericton and elsewhere. These are chiefly of cut-glass, gold, silver and Dresden China. From her father she received a substantial cheque. Her grandmother's silver tea-service passes on to her from her mother. The groom's gift to the bride was a beautiful peridot and pearl pendant and to the bridesmaids he gave solid gold beads. His gift to the groomsmen was a topaz pin. To the ushers the bride's gifts were pearl and gold pins.

## MILL HAND IS IN LUCK

**He is Said to Have  
Won Large Sum  
in a French  
Lottery**

**Bought the Ticket From the Original  
Holder For a Trifling Sum---  
Lucky Man**

Rockland, March 25—While piling lumber at the Edwards mill yard here today, Leon Henley, a well known resident of the town is figuring up instead of the superficial feet in the deals he is carrying some of the few nice things he can do with \$300,000. For Mr. Henley is in luck if the story told by his friends is true. He holds a ticket which is declared to be the original of the successful number in an official lottery conducted by the French Government. The drawing was held more than a year ago and the result was extensively advertised but as no one appeared it was thought the winner had gone down on the Titanic.

Only a few days ago Henley saw one of the advertisements and gasped to find that his ticket carried the winning number, he having bought the ticket from the original holder for a small sum.

Henley at once placed his case in the hands of Manager Marchand, of the Bank of Ottawa at Rockland and the ticket, and other data have been forwarded to Paris. An answer is now being awaited and meanwhile Henley is still keeping his job.

R. J. Reynolds' Tobacco Company declares extra dividend of 3 per cent.

## GREAT DAMAGE RESULTS FROM WESTERN TORNADO

**Believed Now That the Number of Lives  
Lost Will be Close to 150---A Large  
Section of Omaha is in Ruins---Property  
Loss Will Total Many Millions of Dollars  
---Telegraph Companies are Hard Hit  
---Many Injured are in Hospital**

Omaha, Neb., March 24—With the death list fluctuating around 150 and injured apparently 400 Omaha and the surrounding territory in Nebraska and Iowa tonight faced the problem of housing the thousands rendered homeless by last night's tornado.

The number of buildings destroyed was said to be in the neighborhood of \$1200 and the property damage loss is said to be in the vicinity of several million dollars.

Belated reports coming to Omaha tend to increase the enormity of the tornado's destruction and indicated that a much wider territory had been in the path of the storm than was first shown.

Next to Omaha where the dead will probably remain around 100, Yutan and Ralston, Neb., reported sixteen and fourteen deaths respectively and Council Bluffs, twelve.

### OMAHA HOSPITALS FULL

The hospitals in Omaha tonight are full of injured, many of whom have not yet been identified, apparently because their friends are either dead or among the injured.

Tonight the stricken section of Omaha are patrolled by government troops from Fort Omaha, and the state militia. Governor Morehead has taken personal charge of the State troops. There has been little or no looting. The business men are co-operating in every way. The Omaha hotels have thrown open their doors for the injured. Every train into Omaha tonight brought scores of physicians from nearby towns who have friends and relatives and they made up one continual stream of visitors to the morgues and the hospitals.

The storm appeared to have started at Fifty-fourth and Centre streets from there it traveled north, veering slightly to the east. Then it took a northeasterly course to Fortieth and Farnham streets, sweeping its way through everything. Still travelling a little east of north, it covered a course from Fortieth street east to Thirty-fourth street, a distance of six blocks.

Striking Bemis Park where the homes of the well-to-do Omahans are located the storm turned sharply to the east and passed along Parker and Blonde streets to Twenty-fourth street, where its path was six blocks wide. In the latter section the damage is complete.

Finally at Fourteenth and Spencer streets the storm swept over the bluffs high above the Missouri River demolished the Missouri Pacific roundhouse, levelled the big trestle of the Illinois Central Railway over Carter Lake, wrecked a number of buildings near the Rod and Gun Club, a fashionable outing place, and disappeared to the north.

### TELEGRAPH COMPANIES HIT HARD

New York, March 24—The telegraph companies were harder hit by the storm in the middle west than by any other storm since 1909, it was said at the local office of the Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies today. Many miles of wire, their number not to be estimated, were blown down. Gangs of men were thrown into the stricken district laying emergency weatherproof cables along the ground and with those to replace the fallen wires one fourth of the service of the Western Union between New York and Chicago had been restored tonight. Thirteen circuits of about fifty had been recovered and reports from intermediate points indicated a gradual improvement in the situation.

Omaha was reached early today by the Western Union from Chicago with a single wire after communication to Chicago through Memphis and St. Louis. Tonight Omaha is reached from practically all surrounding cities, it was said.

The Postal Telegraph Company was in communication with Omaha tonight by way of Chicago and Kansas City. The service between here and Chicago was nearly normal. Omaha, Sioux City and Council Bluffs were the only cities of

importance which the Postal was was stated.

Telegraph officials said that the area of the storm, as indicated by the effect on their wires, extended for a radius of 600 miles south and west of Chicago and 200 miles east of Chicago. The eastern and southern divisions were in "practically good shape" they declared. It will be several days before the telegraph service will be normal, but by noon tomorrow emergency service will have been established.

### SEVEN DEAD AT LINCOLN

Lincoln, Neb., March 24—Seven persons were killed and seventeen injured at Berlin (Neb.) by the tornado which struck that village last night. The village was almost completely wrecked, every one of the buildings being either totally or partially destroyed.

Terre Haute, Ind., March 24—Eighteen persons known to have been killed, 250 more or less seriously injured, 275 homes destroyed and other property damage estimated at nearly \$1,000,000, was the toll of the tornado that devastated Terre Haute and vicinity last night. To night the officials in charge of the rescue work say the list of dead will be increased as the searchers clear away the debris of wrecked buildings.

Hundreds of homeless tonight are being cared for by charitable institutions and citizens while the wrecked district is being patrolled by Company B, First Regiment, Indiana National Guard, and local police force. The militia was ordered out early today by Governor Ralston, who directed the relief measures from Indianapolis.

## BARKER'S POINT

**Notes of Personal Interest---The  
Steel Bridge Over the Nashwaak  
Finished--Piles of Ice on Islands**

Barker's Point, March 25—The many friends of Mrs. John Hughes Sr. will be sorry to hear that she is confined to her bed, suffering from a general breakdown.

Miss Kathleen Rideout, who is on the teaching staff of the school board at Peel, Carleton county, was home to spend Easter with her father and other relatives.

Miss Mary Estabrooks, who has been in Quebec all winter, is home for Easter. She is visiting her friend Miss Susie Dunbar.

Mr. George Rideout, chief of police of Moncton, spent Easter at his old home here.

The numerous friends of Mrs. John Smith will be sorry to hear that she is confined to her bed through illness.

Miss Mabel Dickson and Mr. Frank Rickard left by last night's I.C.R. express for Renou, Northumberland county, to visit Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Milton.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rice Sr., and child of New Hampshire, who have been visiting their old home, leave today for their home at Bristol, N.H.

The new steel bridge of the Fredericton & Grand Lake Railway across the Nashwaak River, has been completed and a crew of men are now busy laying the sleepers and rails.

The ice from the length of the Nashwaak River from Cross Creek down is piled on the islands near the mouth of the river to a great extent. If the rains continue it is feared that a great deal of damage will be done as the ice is very heavy. The Covered Bridge as well as the new railway bridge, is in danger of being carried away.

No changes expected in Anaconda dividend rate when directors meet today.