

MANY LIVES IMPERILLED

By the Collapse of
a Five Story Block
in the Centre of
Winnipeg

Three Score of Occupants Went Down
in Ruins But All Will be Taken Out
Alive by Firemen.

(Canadian Press.)
Winnipeg, Feb. 15.—Nare's Block in the centre of the city collapsed at 3 a. m. today carrying down in the debris, three score of occupants. By prompt action all were rescued. Many of them were women and their screams of terror rendered the work of squads of firemen and police sent to their rescue most difficult. Mrs. McLeavy a woman of 70 was fatally hurt. Dozens were dug out of the debris and carried to safety but not severely injured. The collapse was the result of adjacent building operations and the five stories began to crumble without warning.
The men among the inmates escaped with the less serious injuries. Sixteen young women on the top floor were in a most precarious situation. They climbed to the roof of the shaking building as all exits were closed and their screams of terror were heard for blocks. The scene of the accident was at the corner of Lombard and Main Streets within the heart of the big building district.

CROCKET MAKES HIM- SELF MORE REDICULOUS

(Special to The Mail)
Ottawa, Feb. 15.—Before the Public Accounts Committee this morning, Mr. O. S. Crocket, M.P., started to clear himself from the charges made by F. B. Carvell, M.P., on the Dalhousie dredging matter. "It will be remembered that he conveyed the idea that the work had been done by the little dredge Hayward, whereas it was actually done by the powerful dredge Reliable. The inference which he wished to draw was that there had been graft, as the Hayward could not handle the quantity which the department paid for."

Mr. Crocket said today that the capacity of the Hayward had never been mentioned up to that time. Mr. Carvell replied that it made no difference whether this was so or not. The facts were that Mr. Crocket had deceived the Committee, as he had then the statement in his hand and he was the only member of the Committee who knew at the time that the work had been done by the Reliable. Crocket, he said, was not man enough to set the Committee right on the question. It remained for a Liberal to do that at the next meeting.

HON. SENATOR WOOD HAS PARALYTIC STROKE

(Special to the Mail)
Ottawa, Feb. 15.—The Hon. Josiah Wood, senator of Sackville, N. B., suffered a shock of paralysis here today. His condition is very serious and members of his family have been summoned.

CARNEGIE TO HELP BUY A CHURCH ORGAN

St. Thomas, Ont., Feb. 15.—Andrew Carnegie has promised \$1,750 toward the organ fund of Grace Methodist Church, provided the congregation raises a similar amount.

PAARDEBERG DAY DINNER

The members of the South African Veterans' Association will hold their annual dinner, to commemorate the Battle of Paardeberg, at Lindsay's Restaurant on Monday evening, Feb. 27th. A large number of guests will be invited including His Worship the Mayor, Rev. Dean Schofield, Police Magistrate Marsh and officers of local military bodies.

Congress of United States Ratifies Tariff Agreement By an Enormous Majority

The Vote on the Measure Stood 220 For and 92 Against--
Democrats Presented Almost a Solid Front in Favor of the
Bill, While a Majority of the Republicans Voted Against it
--Debate was Decidedly Lively at Times--Measure Now
in the Hands of the Senate and the Indications are That
it Will Pass That Body.

(Canadian Press.)
Washington, Feb. 15.—The McCall Reciprocity Bill adopted in the House by a vote of 221 to 92 without change from the form in which it was presented by the Ways and Means Committee, is today in the hands of its chief enemies—the "Stand-Pat" Republican Senators.
No definite forecast of the treatment which the measure will receive in the upper body can be made, although the friends of the reciprocity program are claiming a large majority when the measure comes to a vote, despite the opposition manifested by Senate leaders.

The attitude of the president is expected to have considerable influence on the Senate's action. Within the last few days he has made it clear to members of the House that the reciprocity measure must be acted upon before March 4. He has indicated without a positive announcement that he will call an extra session if the Senate postpones consideration of the bill by permitting a filibuster. It is not known whether he has spoken plainly to Senators who are identified with either the support of the bill or opposition to it, but there seems to be little doubt in the minds of those who have discussed the question with him within the last few days that the president has made up his mind to call an extra session if his reciprocity agreement is not given the chance of a vote. The measure has a majority of at least five in the upper House, and if it can be brought to a vote will pass, according to the best forecast possible. The only danger of its defeat is by a filibuster. A debate is not limited in the Senate, one of two Senators can talk the measure to death before adjournment.

It is not believed however, that this will be done, because of the overwhelming public sentiment in favor of reciprocity and the president's attitude.

ASQUITH QUESTIONED.

London, Feb. 15.—The American-Canadian reciprocity agreement came to the fore in the House of Commons again today. The government was questioned regarding the statement attributed to Henry Bourassa, Nationalist leader in the Legislature of Quebec, to the effect that the Home government had encouraged the Canadian government to conclude a reciprocal trade understanding with the United States.

Premier Asquith replied: "The statement is entirely without foundation in fact."

The Premier also denied that Ambassador Bryce had been engaged actively in helping to bring about the agreement.

PUNCH'S CARTOON

New York, Feb. 15.—A Times special cable from London says Bernard Partridge has a cutting cartoon in today's Punch. Besides a tombstone on which is carved, "Here lie the remains of Imperial Preference, killed by reciprocity within the guise of a scriptural quotation, this paraphrase of the English tariff reformers, Shilliboleth 'His food will cost him no more' stands Mr. Balfour in deep mourning, with a sly half smile nearly hidden by a black edged handkerchief."

The cartoon is entitled, "Resignation" and Mr. Balfour, who is described as "Looking on the bright side" is quoted as saying: "His food will cost him no more. Beautiful thought; so consoling."

Washington, Feb. 14.—President Taft's reciprocity agreement with Canada was ratified in the house of representatives tonight through the support of the almost solid Democratic vote. The McCall bill carrying the agreement into effect was passed 221 to 92. A majority of the Republicans present voting against the measure, the division being 78 ayes and 87 noes.

The Democratic vote was 143 ayes and only five noes. A majority of the Republican "insurgents" present voted for the bill.

The McCall bill now goes to the senate. What its fate will be in that body is problematical at this time. President Taft believes that if a filibuster can be avoided and a vote taken the bill will pass.

The passage of the bill in the house came at the end of a long debate which at times was as bitter as has been heard on the floor of that chamber in years. The fight was confined almost wholly to the Republican side. Democratic members joined in from time to time and taunted the majority members for their lack of unity.

The Democratic leaders also put in the claim that the reciprocity agreement was good Democratic doctrine and declared that they were glad to welcome President Taft and many of the house Republicans into the Democratic fold. The suggestion came from the Republican side that Mr. Taft and Champ Clark might be rivals for the next Democratic presidential nomination. Mr. Clark claimed that in a contest of that sort he would win "hands down."

CLOSURE RULE ADOPTED

A final vote was reached tonight only through the application of a closure rule which shut off all amendments and even dispensed with the reading of the bill. This procedure was decided on only after Mr. McCall in charge of the bill had failed to get an unanimous consent to do away with calendar Wednesday. If that had been secured, he said, he would have been glad to let the debate continue for another legislative day.

The Republicans opposed to the bill fought the rule to the very last, denouncing it in caustic language. They directed their fire especially against the Democrats and accused them, on the eve of going into power in the house, of enforcing a "gag" rule as drastic as anything against which they had so frequently inveighed in the past. The Democrats laughed loudly at this and seemed thoroughly to enjoy the discomfiture of some of their old-time enemies.

CHAMP CLARK EXULTS

Champ Clark took Representative Dalzell, of Pennsylvania, sharply to task for complaining of the "undue haste" with which the House was acting on the reciprocity measure. The speaker-to-be declared that the Democrats had sat for years bound and gagged while the gentleman from Pennsylvania and his associates had brought rule after rule and had rushed legislation through without giving an opportunity for amendment.

Under the closure rule, which was adopted by an overwhelming vote, the only loophole left to the opponents of the measure was a motion to recommit the bill to the committee of the whole House with instructions to report certain amendments. When the time came to do this half a dozen members were clamoring for recognition. Mr. Dalzell was recognized by Speaker Cannon. He proposed that meat and meat products, flour, prepared cereals, lumber and several other articles be put on the free list. The Democrats were not shaken by this and the motion was lost, 114 to 191.

The closure rule had been agreed to previously by a vote of 198 to 107. It has been apparent for several days that the reciprocity measure would have an overwhelming majority in the House. This, seemed to make its opponents all the more bitter.

STAND-PATTERS DIE HARD

Some of the old guard Republican leaders like Dalzell of Pennsylvania, and Fordney of Michigan, veiled but thinly their predictions that the Republican party would be defeated by reason of what they characterized a departure from the principle of protection and the espousal of free trade. Mr. Dalzell proposed to stand where he had stood for forty years and to "go down" with his party.

Mr. Fordney said he feared that Democratic times were coming and it made him "sweat blood" to contem-

plate the melancholy fact. The other speeches from the Republican opposition were in much the same vein. Speaker Cannon took no part in the debate either yesterday or today. He was in the chamber constantly, however, and followed the arguments on both sides with the keenest interest.

TAFT WAITED DINNER FOR VOTE

President Taft tonight gave a dinner to Speaker Cannon. The meal was delayed an hour while the House was voting on reciprocity. It is said the president sent word that he would change the dinner into a breakfast if it was necessary in order to pass the bill. In the course of the debate Champ Clark said he knew some of the high protection Republicans would offer free trade amendments to the bill for the purpose of trying to embarrass the Democrats in voting them down. To amend the bill, however, he said was to kill it.

"So I warn you," he continued, "that you can't bluff us out by your buncombe amendments."

Representative Gardner of Massachusetts, who has been one of the foremost opponents of the reciprocity bill because of its free fish provision, said Mr. Clark during the last session of Congress, stood in his place and said he would always fight for the right to amend a bill. So you see, gentlemen," he added, "it all depends on whose codfish gets the hook."

Mr. Gardner said a tariff board had been created to collect scientific information on which to base future tariff schedules, but that the present measure was being rushed through without a report from that body.

CANADIAN CLUB PLEASED

New York, Feb. 15.—The Canadian Club of New York was holding a meeting in the city last night when a telegram was received from Washington announcing the passage of the Canadian Reciprocity Bill by the House. The news was vigorously applauded and congratulatory messages were immediately despatched to President Taft and Sir Wilfrid Laurier, premier of Canada. Previous to the receipt of the news from Washington a number of speakers had expressed the wish that the reciprocity proposals would be realized.

NEW ANAESTHETIC FOR APPENDICITIS

(Canadian Press.)

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 15.—Luke-warm water is now being used as an anaesthetic in most of the operations for appendicitis at John Hopkins Hospital, according to the statement yesterday of a surgeon of national repute, connected with the institution.

In an operation of appendicitis, declared the surgeon, all that is necessary is to inject lukewarm water in sufficient quantities under the skin in the vicinity of the part operated on.

While the operation is in progress, the patient is said to feel no pain and is fully conscious. The use is confined to only a few surgeons who have learned the proper manner to inject it to get results.

SNOWPLOW UPSET KILLED TWO MEN

Guelph, Ont., Feb. 15.—Word was received here that two men named G.H. and Weinmarv of London, were killed by the overturning of a snowplow on the C.P.R., near Guelph Junction. Reports as to the cause of the accident are conflicting, one being that the plow struck an immense drift and toppled over, crushing the two men. Another report says that the plow ran into an open switch,

THE PLAGUE SITUATION

Chinese Government
Not Allowing the
Real Facts to be
Made Public

International Commission Invited to
Meet at Mukden--Foreign Diplo-
mats Leaving Peking.

(Canadian Press.)

Peking, Feb. 15.—China has asked that the international plague commission meet at Mukden, Manchuria, on April 3, to assist in combatting the bubonic plague. The session will last from two to five weeks and courses of instruction will be given to army surgeons and others who are fighting the spread of the pestilence. The exodus of foreign diplomats from this city has commenced. Her Von Czuzynski, the Austro-Hungarian minister to China departed today for Shanghai en route for Europe and he is expected to be followed by others who will remove their families from the city.

The government is not allowing the real facts in the plague situation in Peking to be known. The situation both here and in Manchuria is worse than has been announced. Some idea of the ravages of the scourge can be gleaned from the information that in the little community of Fuchiatien, Manchuria, 6,000 bodies have been burned. The viceroy of Manchuria is constantly asking for more soldiers and more doctors. Russia and Japan have responded whole heartedly to the appeals of China. Instead of sending scientists, Russia is sending more soldiers into the plague belt, which is causing fears of international complications. The Japanese reports fear that when the plague finally does end, Russia will have a large army in the field in Manchuria.

A JAPANESE WANTED FOR DOUBLE MURDER

(Canadian Press.)

Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 15.—A Japanese named Yashamoto is today being sought by the Royal Northwest Mounted Police for the double murder at Taber, Alberta, of John Erskine and Louise Marquise, also known as "Babe" Adams. The body of Erskine, riddled with bullets, was found in the woman's home and the body of the woman was discovered about one hundred yards away. She likewise, had been shot to death. Jealousy is supposed to have been the motive. The Japanese was infatuated with the woman, and when he learned of Erskine's attentions to her, threatened to kill her. He is supposed to be hiding somewhere in the vicinity.

SUDDEN DEATH OF A MONCTON INFANT

Moncton, Feb. 15.—Mrs. Herbert Akerley on awakening this morning was shocked to find her two months old baby dead in her arms. The cause of the infant's death is not known.

POPE PIUS ILLNESS IS CAUSING ANXIETY

Rome, Feb. 15.—Pope Pius X is ill with influenza. His temperature is considerably above normal, although his physicians state that his condition is not serious.
Because of his age reports of the Pope's sickness are causing considerable anxiety.

POLICE COURT.

Mr. W. A. Lindsay was the only witness heard this morning in the assault case which arose out of trouble at Lindsay's Restaurant last Saturday night. The defendant cross-examined Mr. Lindsay. The case will be continued tomorrow when the Williams case will also be continued.

A BIG FIGHT PENDING OVER THE NAVAL PROGRAM

Imperialists in Great Britain Demand That
Six Dreadnoughts be Built This Year---
Stress Laid on the Activity of Germany
and Austria---Rear Admiral Wilmot
Thinks Britain's Supremacy of the Sea
is Threatened---Naval Estimates Awaited
With Interest.

(Canadian Press.)

New York, Feb. 15.—A special cable from London to the Herald says: A big fight is impending in parliament over the naval building programme. The Imperialists demand six dreadnoughts this year to maintain Great Britain's supremacy on the sea. Stress is laid on the fact that Germany is building four this year and next year and each of the following years. It is pointed out that Austria also is building, seriously a fact to which, according to naval experts, England can no longer shut her eyes. Rear Admiral Sir Sidney Eadley

Wilmot in a statement prepared for the Navy League, insists that England, to maintain her status as a great world power, must build thirty eight dreadnoughts in the next six years. To force the government, which seems willing to build four dreadnoughts this year, to concede the full demands, naval experts declare that in 1914, unless England awakes to the seriousness of the situation, she will be inferior in battle ships, potential to the triple alliance. The publication of the naval estimates is awaited with feverish interest by the press, naval officers, and politicians.

CROWD CHEERED FIREMAN'S RESCUE OF TABBY CAT

(Canadian Press.)

Montreal, Que., Feb. 15.—While a crowd of several thousand people cheered widely firemen rescued Mrs. William Kenwood's pet tabby cat during the progress of a fire which destroyed the tenement in which the Kenwoods resided, last night. Dense clouds of smoke were pouring from the store and first story windows, and when a fireman appeared at a window of the fifth floor with a cat and passed it to another man on the other side the crowd below went wild and set up a vigorous cheer. From man to man, pussy was passed down the ladder while cheer after cheer rang out below. The fireman at the foot of the ladder, held the cat up by the back of the neck to the view of the crowd and then handed it to Mrs. Kenwood who was waiting anxiously during the rescue.

CHURCH BELLS DE- CLARED A NUISANCE

New York, Feb. 15.—Dr. Albert W. Farris, president of the State Lunacy Commissioners, speaking last night before the fourth annual meeting of the Society for the Suppression of Unnecessary Noise, said that church bells in a city were useless and a nuisance and should be abolished. They were no longer needed to summon people to service, he said, and were a menace to health.

Many cases of insanity were undoubtedly due to, or hastened by harsh and unnecessary noises, said Dr. Ferris.

KING'S DEFAMER WITHDREW APPEAL

London, Feb. 15.—Edward F. Mylius, London agent of the Paris Liberator, today withdrew the appeal which he entered following his conviction for seditious libel in having circulated a report that King George while a cadet had formed a morganatic alliance with a daughter of Admiral Sir Culme-Seymour.

I. C. R. CONCILIATION BOARD IN SESSION

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 15.—A session of the Board of Conciliation investigating the demand for more pay made by the telegraph operators and station agents of the Intercolonial Railway, was held at the King Edward Hotel and His Honor Judge Barron, the chairman stated last night that the board was hopeful of completing its labors today.

FOURTEEN BODIES RECOVERED FROM WRECK

(Canadian Press.)

Paris, Feb. 15.—Fourteen bodies have been recovered from the debris of the triple wreck which occurred on the western railroad near Courville last evening when the express trains for Paris and Best simultaneously crashed into a freight train. The bodies taken out were so badly burned by the flames that followed the disaster, that identification will probably be impossible. Twenty three persons are being cared for in hospitals at Courville.

BASEBALL SEASON TO BEGIN APRIL 13

(Canadian Press.)

Chicago, Feb. 15.—Playing dates for the 1911 season of the American League Baseball Clubs, as tentatively arranged in a schedule drafted by President Johnson several weeks ago were adopted without change at the meeting of the club owners and officers of the league yesterday. The season will open on April 12th with the Eastern clubs appearing on Eastern fields and the Western clubs playing in the West. Chicago will open the season at Detroit, Cleveland at St. Louis, New York at Philadelphia and Boston at Washington.

PREFERRED DEATH TO IMPRISONMENT

St. Thomas, Ont., Feb. 15.—Rather than go to jail, Daniel A. Pound, a retired farmer, formerly of the township of Malahide, drank a quantity of carbolic acid yesterday with suicidal intent and died almost immediately. He had been showing symptoms of insanity and a warrant was issued last evening for his detention in the local jail, but the police department failed to execute it. This morning, seeing an officer approaching the house, he grabbed the bottle of poison and swallowed the contents.

YOUNG NOVA SCOTIAN TO WED MISS OLIVER

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 15.—The engagement is announced of Miss Anna Oliver, fourth daughter of the Minister of the Interior, Hon. Frank Oliver, and Mrs. Oliver, to Mr. Horace A. Dickey of Edmonton, son of the late Hon. Arthur R. Dickey of Amherst, N. S., who was a member of the old Conservative government.

Mr. W. A. Gibson of St. John is in the city on business.