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but some light local snow falls
or flurries. Tuesday, northerly
winds, cold with local snow
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APRIL 4 FIXED AS THE DATE FOR EXTRA SESSION

Senate Failed to Ratify Tariff Agreement and President Taft Has Called Another Congressional Session--Democrats Will be in Control of Both Houses--Exciting Scenes in the Dying Hours of the Session--Champ Clark Led in Cheers for Speaker Cannon--Democrats Will Support Reciprocity.

(Canadian Press.)

Washington, March 6.—The Congress which will assemble on April 4, will be considerably changed, the Senate just expired numbering 43 regular Republicans, 11 insurgent Republicans and 32 Democrats. The new Senate so far as can be judged, with a few elections still undecided, will have 41 Democrats, 38 regular Republicans and 13 insurgents.

The House of Representatives will have a Democrat majority of about fifty, who, by the utterances of Clark and Underwood, are already committed to support the reciprocity bill. They have notified the President, however, that their tariff labors will not end there. They will bring one or two other tariff bills, as well.

These will doubtless include a big cut in the woolen and perhaps the cotton schedules.

Washington, March 4.—President Taft today fixed April 4 as the date for the convening of the sixty-second Congress in extra session.

The proclamation follows:
“Whereas, by the special message dated Jan. 26, 1911, there was transmitted to the Senate and House of Representatives an agreement between the Department of State and the Canadian government, in regard to reciprocal tariff legislation, together with an earnest recommendation that the necessary legislation be promptly adopted, and

“Whereas, a bill to carry into effect said agreement has passed the House of Representatives, but has failed to reach a vote in the Senate; and

“Whereas, the agreement stipulates not only that the President of the United States will communicate to Congress the conclusions now reached and recommends the adoption of such legislation as may be necessary on the part of the United States to give effect to the proposed agreement but also that the government of the two countries will use their utmost efforts to bring about such changes by concurrent legislation at Washington and at Ottawa;

“Now, therefore, I, William Howard Taft, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the power vested in me by the constitution, do hereby proclaim and declare that an extraordinary situation requires the convening of both Houses of Congress of the United States at their respective chambers in the City of Washington on the fourth day of April, 1911, at 12 o'clock noon, to the end that they may consider and determine whether the Congress shall by the necessary legislation, make operative the agreement.”

LIVELY SCENES

The close of the session was exciting in both houses. A filibuster in the house was successful in killing the tariff board bill. The Canadian reciprocity agreement died in the senate, the McCall bill embodying its provisions having passed the house only.

Filibusters in both houses lasted until within a bare half hour of adjournment. Much bitterness of feeling was exhibited, but finally the blockade gave way and the session on both sides ended with the usual congratulations, though the certainty of an extra session hung cloud-like over the final moments.

In the house the venerable speaker, Mr. Cannon, laid down his gavel after complimentary remarks by his successor-to-be, Champ Clark of Missouri, who led the unanimous cheers of the house for “Uncle Joe.”

The bill to create a permanent tariff board passed the senate this morning amid turbulent scenes. Senator Gore of Oklahoma, sought to offer the Canadian reciprocity agreement as a rider, but the tariff board bill was passed a third reading and he was shut out. The vote was Ayes, 55; noes 23. It was later killed in the house.

Senator Bailey of Texas has resigned from the senate. He had made no explanation as to his reasons therefor. He first presented the resignation to Vice-President Sherman who refused to accept it. Bailey then wired his resignation to Governor Campbell of Texas.

Mr. Bailey's term would not have expired until March 3, 1913.

Washington, D. C., Mar. 6.—Democrat leaders in the House have agreed upon a tentative plan for the special session to be convened on April 4th. The house democrats probably will pass the Canadian reciprocity agreement revise the wool and possibly part of the cotton schedule of the Paine-Aldrich tariff law and then pass a bill reducing duties on about one hundred items all necessities of life including certain articles of wearing apparel. This accomplished, the democrats according to present plans will postpone a general revision of the tariff until later, after they had an opportunity to make a more complete investigation. This would make the extra session a short one probably thirty days. There is probability that the proposition of amending the constitution so as to permit of the direct election of senators also will be taken up in the coming session. The only other legislation that is likely to be touched by the democrats in the special session is a re-apportionment bill. The bill increasing the house membership to 433, failed in the senate in the closing hours chiefly through the efforts of Senators Root and Dewey.

BILL WILL PASS

Ottawa, Ont., Mar. 6.—“Everything I heard while in Washington seemed to indicate that the reciprocity bill will pass at the special session of the United States Congress called for April 4th, by President Taft,” said John G. Foster, United States Consul General this morning. Mr. Foster got back today from Washington, while there he had been summoned by the United States government on an important matter, which, however, he said, had no direct bearing on reciprocity.

“The new trade agreement is very live question in the states just now,” continued the consul general, and the American government seems as anxious to bring the matter to a vote as it is the government of Canada. It seems to be generally agreed in Washington that had the vote been taken there would have been a substantial majority in favor of the bill.” Mr. Foster declined to discuss the object of his visit to the American capital.

MANY INJURED IN TENEMENT HOUSE FIRE

(Canadian Press.)

Cleveland, Ohio, March 6.—Six persons were fatally hurt and twenty others badly injured in a fire that destroyed a tenement house here early today. One man is missing and it is believed that he lost his life. The flames spread so rapidly through the building, which was occupied by foreigners, that sixty leaped from the windows to escape death in the fire. The six who were fatally injured missed the life-nets that the firemen were holding in the street beneath. The struggling mass of humanity fighting upon the third floor to get near the windows pushed those clinging to the sills from their perilous positions.

Mr. Fred Rowan of Edmundston, is spending a few days at his home in Lincoln.

Mr. Ohas. D. Fulton leaves for St. John's, P.Q., this evening.

WILL ATTEMPT TRANS-ATLANTIC FLIGHT

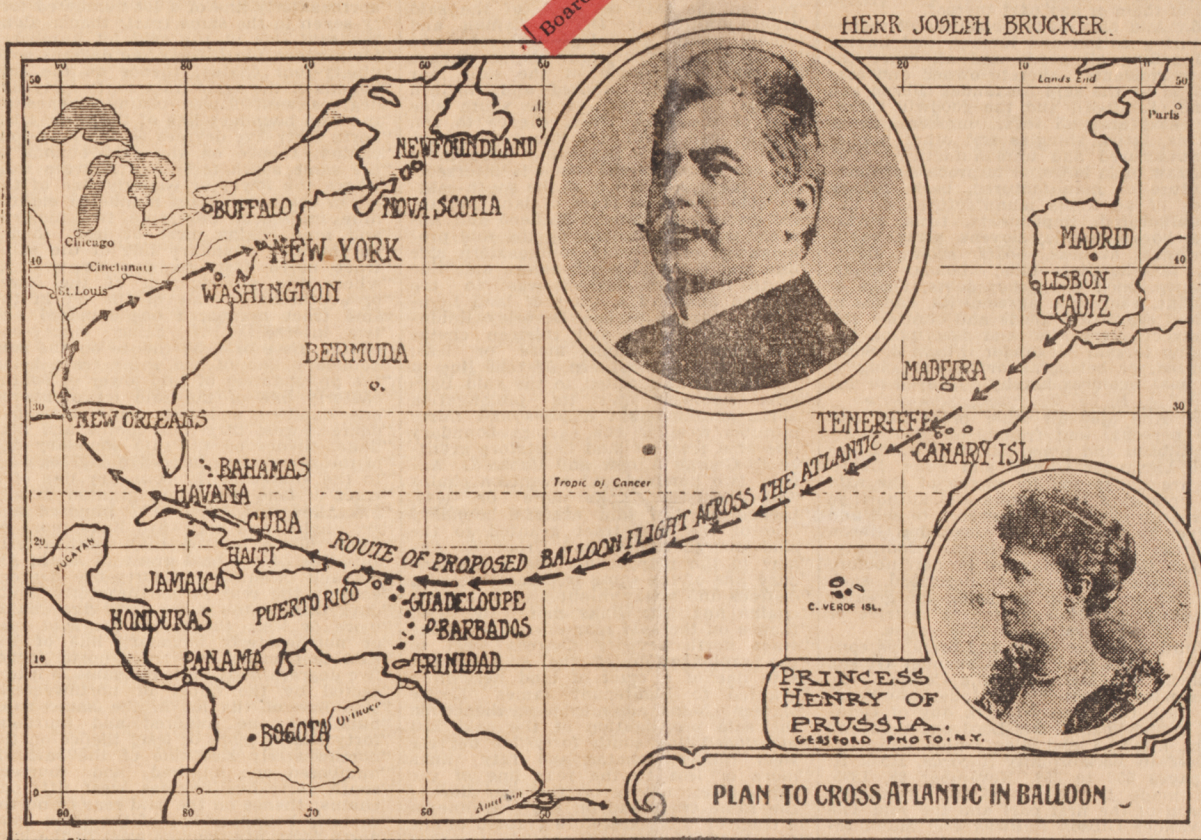


CHART SHOWING PROPOSED COURSE ACROSS THE ATLANTIC.

Kail, Germany, Mar. 6.—The new dirigible balloon Suchard, in which Herr Joseph Brucker will attempt a transatlantic voyage, was christened by Princess Henry of Prussia. A bottle of liquid air was broken. The ceremony was witnessed by a notable gathering, which included Prince Henry.

Herr Brucker plans to cross the ocean from the Cape Verde Islands to Barbados on Trinidad some time in March or April.

The balloon Suchard is sixty metres long and seventeen metres at its largest diameter and will contain more than nine thousand cubic metres of hydrogen. The autoboat which will be suspended from the gas bag is ten metres long, three metres wide and about two metres in depth. Two 100-horse power motors will drive two fifty-horse power propellers.

MR. THOS. ROBISON M. P. P. PASSES AWAY AT HARVEY

Had Represented York in the Legislature for Three Years and Was Generally Esteemed--Had Also Served in the York Municipal Council.

Mr. Thomas Robison, M.P.P., for York, died at his home at Harvey Station on Sunday evening, after an illness extending over a period of nine days. He was attended by Dr. Atherton of this city, and Dr. Dugan of Harvey, who did all that medical skill could for him, while his daughter, Elizabeth, a trained nurse, was also in attendance. Mr. Robison, though ever active, had been in failing health for some months. He was stricken with this severe illness while looking after his lumber operations at Acton, N.B., being so overcome with weakness he had to be conveyed to his residence. His death is believed to be due to a complication of liver and internal troubles.

The news of Mr. Robison's death was received with great regret in this city, particularly by the members of the Legislature, among whom he was deservedly popular. His death makes the first break in the ranks of the House elected in March, 1908.

Mr. Robison had been a supporter of the Hazen government since 1908, and had been a life-long Conservative in politics. He was not a rabid partizan and his friends were not confined to one side of politics by any means. He had been a prominent man in his district, being proprietor of the well-known Robison Hotel. He had also been active in lumber operations and gave employment to large numbers of men. He leaves to mourn his death a wife, who was formerly Miss Elkton, also five sons and five daughters. The sons are James of St. John, Benjamin of Eholt Junction, B.C.; and Paul, Howard and David, at home. The daughters are Mrs. William Hunter of Harvey, Mrs. James Patterson of Eholt Junction, B.C.; and Miss Elizabeth of Lawrence, Mass., also Annie and Maud at home. They have the deepest sympathy of a wide circle of relatives and friends, who will hear with regret of his death. Mr. Robison was in his 54th year.

Mr. Robison for a number of years represented the Parish of Manners-Sutton in the York Municipal Council and served one term as warden. Upon his retirement in 1909, his fellow members of the Council presented him with a fob-chain as a mark of appreciation.

Mr. Robison was a candidate for the Local Legislature at the general election of 1903, but was defeated. At the election of March, 1908, he was returned, along with his whole ticket.

Mr. Robison was a man of kindly and genial disposition who readily made friends. York, his county, suffers a loss by his death.

St. Stephen, March 5.—The fire department this forenoon fought the most stubborn fire that they have encountered for many months, when the cottage residence on Elm street occupied by J. Edwin Ganong and owned by Mrs. H. B. McAllister, was totally destroyed. A strong wind was blowing and the mercury was not much above zero. The sheds and barn were saved.

Mr. Ganong's furniture on the lower floor was mostly saved, but very little was saved from the upper floor. A defective furnace flue is believed to have caused the fire. The house was insured for \$2,500 which will nearly cover the original cost, and Mr. Ganong's loss is covered by insurance.

CHURCHILL TO PROBE MORMON ACTIVITY

London, Mar. 6.—Home Secretary Churchill stated in the House of Commons today that the attention of the government had been attracted to recent allegations of Mormon activity among the women of this country and had begun an investigation. While he had no official information to support the assertions that young girls were being induced to emigrate to Utah, there was no doubt, the secretary said, that the matter was causing deep concern and he proposed to probe it exhaustively.

London, March 6.—His Majesty King George sent a message of sympathy yesterday to the Earl of Crewe, who is recovering from the effects of a fall which caused concussion of the brain.

NERVY WOODMAN CUT OFF HIS LEG TO SAVE HIS LIFE

Prescott, Ont., Mar. 6.—Daniel Snyder, saved his life by cutting off his leg with an axe himself. He was felling a tree near his home assisted by his brother. The tree fell across his left leg crushing it to a jelly between the ankle and the knee. Knowing he would bleed to death before the tree could be removed, he severed the leg with a couple of blows with the axe. He and his brother bound a strap around the leg sufficiently tight to stop the flow of blood. The man will live.

RUN DOWN AND KILLED BY UNKNOWN AUTOIST

Toronto, March 6.—Edward Jacobs run down by an automobile Friday night and left unconscious in the road by the reckless motorists, is dead. The police have been working hard to identify the occupants of the automobile but have only learned that the automobile was of the tourist car type, dark in color and contained two men. The automobile was going so fast that its number could not be caught.

The fatality is the first of the kind in Toronto and no efforts will be spared to trace the guilty parties. The police will ask the Toronto Motor League to assist them, and claim that the apprehension of the men will be to the interests of all motorists.

SIFTON MAY BE ASKED TO RESIGN

Brandon, Man. March 6.—An executive meeting of the Liberal association will be held to consider the question of asking Hon. Clifford Sifton's resignation as a result of his attitude on reciprocity. It is also proposed to adopt resolutions at this meeting setting forth the feeling in this constituency with regard to reciprocity.

TWO TRAINMEN LOST THEIR LIVES

Binghamton, Mar. 6.—Engineer Dyman and Fireman Frank Morris, both of Binghamton, were killed this morning when a Delaware and Hudson Railway extra freight crashed into the rear of another Delaware and Hudson train three miles west of Oneonta.

TERRIBLE FIRE IN A THEATRE

Moving Picture House in Russia Destroyed and Many Perished

Fury of the Flames Drove Back Refugees and Victims Fought Desperately Among Themselves

(Canadian Press)

St. Petersburg, March 6.—Ninety persons, many of whom were burned to death and forty others injured in a fire that destroyed a moving picture theatre at Bologoe Sunday, reports of which were received here today. The fire caught while the show was in progress and quickly enveloped the building cutting off every avenue to escape.

Futile attempts at rescue were made by those who happened to be close by the exits when the fire started and by others from the outside but the fury of the flames drove them back before they could reach the shrieking victims who in their efforts to get out of the building fought desperately among themselves.

PHYSICIANS ARE USERS OF MORPHINE

Boston, Mass., March 6.—“Ten per cent of the physicians of the United States are users of morphine through the hypodermic syringe,” said Dr. William F. Boos an expert toxicologist of the Massachusetts General Hospital, speaking before the Watch and Ward Society at its 33rd annual meeting last night. He continued: “I know of one hospital where all the physicians, nurses and attendants are users of the drug.”

“There is more smoking than eating of opium and a great number of young women are smoking opium in this city.”

THE TYPHOID OUTBREAK AT THE CAPITAL

Ottawa, March 5.—Dr. Hodgetts, chief health officer of the conservation commission, acting in co-operation with the provincial and the local boards of health, is to conduct an inquiry with the object of ascertaining the source of the typhoid fever outbreak in Ottawa.

His plan is for a collective investigation which will start with an inquiry into every case, beginning with more recent ones, and working back to try and trace their history to a common source.

As it is not now so certain that the Ottawa water supply is to blame for the thousand or more typhoid cases and twenty-five deaths, the milk supply will also be investigated.

Dr. Hodgetts will be assisted by Dr. Bell, chief inspector for the Provincial Board of Health; Major Drum, of the Army Medical Service, and as many men as are required from the conservation commission.

On Saturday afternoon the medical health department was scored for its inactivity at a mass meeting addressed by Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, Prof. Adam Shortt, Dr. Montizambert and other prominent citizens.

In the evening a citizens' league was formed for the purpose of drilling the civic officials and aldermen into their duties and responsibilities in the matter of the people's health.

WAGNER'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY TO BE MADE PUBLIC

London, Mar. 6.—After nearly forty years of secret existence the autobiography of Richard Wagner is to be given to the world this spring. The book promises to be one of the most remarkable of modern times. The constable have all the English speaking rights exclusively, and will publish the book in May.

CAMMORISTS ON TRIAL

The Judge Experiencing Great Difficulty in the Selection of a Jury

Fear of Revenge From Mafia Has Struck Terror in The Hearts of the Talesmen.

(Canadian Press)

Viterbo, Italy March 6 The work of drawing the second and probably the final panel of talesmen for the trial of the forty one Cammorrists including the Mafia leader Enrico Alfano alias “Erriccone” begun today in the civil court. The judge of the civil court is experiencing the utmost difficulty in securing a quota from which the twelve jurors who will sit in the criminal assize court can be selected. Fear of the revenge meted out by the Mafia in the past has struck terror into the hearts of the talesmen and the majority of those drawn pleaded illness or prejudice as cause for exemption. Secret agents of the foreign governments have begun to arrive in Viterbo, for other countries. They are interested in the revelations which are expected in the coming trial. King Victor Emmanuel who is largely responsible for the long investigation which resulted in the arrest of forty one men, is taking keen interest in the proceedings and given orders that a troop of Italian soldiers be placed at the disposal of the Viterbo authorities to assist in the protection of witnesses and especially of Marshall Capuzzuti, the brave carabiniere who disguised as a laborer secured confessions which will be of great use to the state.

I. C. R. TO REMAIN IN CONTROL OF GOVERNMENT

(Canadian Press)

Toronto, March 6.—“No negotiations have been going on for acquisition or lease of the Intercolonial Railway by any private company, and the line will remain a government railway for some time.”

This statement was made by Hon. Geo. P. Graham last night in Toronto.

OLD STORY REVIVED ABOUT HIGHLAND GENERAL

San Francisco, March 6.—According to a report brought in by the Oriental Express, General Sir Hector MacDonald, former commander of the Black Watch, who was supposed to have committed suicide in Paris in a lodging house in 1893, is engaged in drilling troops of the Chinese army. Officers of the Asia learned the story, they say, from officers of the British Cruiser Kent, now at Honolulu, who got word of General MacDonald's whereabouts while on the Oriental station recently.

General MacDonald was a soldier who has seen service under the British flag in many lands. At the height of his career, he was recalled from India to answer a grave charge. He got as far as Paris and then the world was startled with a report that he had committed suicide. The charges however, were investigated, and the board a few months ago announced that they had not been substantiated, and that a brave man had been the victim of a scandal.

At various other times General MacDonald has been reported in Australia, Tibet and Siberia. These reports however, never were verified.

MANY AUTOS SOLD AT TORONTO SHOW

Toronto, March, 6.—At the automobile show which closed on Saturday sales aggregating a million dollars were made, according to a moderate estimate.