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NATIONALISTS ON WARPATH

Feel Confident that They Will Force Separate Schools in Manitoba

Threaten to Form an Independent Group if Borden Fails to Comply with Their Demands

Ottawa, Feb. 28—Pressure is still being applied to the government by the church in Quebec and the Nationalists to have the right of the Manitoba minority to separate schools recognized in the bill providing for the extension of provincial boundaries.

Armand Lavergne is still here rallying the Nationalist members of parliament and representatives of the church are taking part. Last night Archbishop Bruchesi of Montreal and Canon Gauthier, rector of St. James' Church Montreal, came to Ottawa with the minister of justice, Mr. Doherty, and conferred with him throughout the trip.

The bill for the extension of the boundaries of Manitoba has been drafted and the provision for separate schools has been inserted and withdrawn a half-dozen times, as the government made up its mind one way or the other.

At present it is not certain whether the clause is in the bill or out of it, and how the measure will come before the house cannot be determined as the situation changes from day to day.

How many Nationalist members will vote against the government if the bill extending the boundaries of Manitoba contains no provision for separate schools, is the question which is the chief topic of discussion in the lobbies today.

The Nationalists are making a desperate effort to have their claim to separate schools recognized. They claim that if there is not school provision in the bill it will amount to a betrayal of pledges given to them by the Conservative leaders before the last election.

Against such a bill it is almost certain votes will be cast by Messrs. Lamarche, Seveigny, Barrette, Paquette, Achin, Lesperance, Mondou, Boulay, Felleme, Blondin and Gauthier. They feel that they might as well separate from Mr. Borden when the bill comes down, if it is without the school provision, for is they do not Mr. Bourassa will go into their constituencies and beat them at the next election.

It is not expected this dissatisfied group will join Sir Wilfrid Laurier by whom they have been disciplined in the past, and from whom they could expect nothing more than business in the future. Instead of allying themselves to any party they will constitute a group of independents in the house and seek to win their point by embarrassing the government and the opposition as occasion offers.

PERSONAL

Messrs. E. F. Powers and Thomas G. Powers of St. John are registered at the Barker House.

Mr. James B. Harley of St. John is at the Barker House.

His Honor Judge McKeown is in the city on business connected with the Divorce Court.

Dr. L. A. Currey, K. C., and Mr. Wm. L. Hurder of St. John are at the Barker House.

Mr. R. W. Boone of Presque Isle arrived in the city last night.

Mr. J. W. Graham of Montreal is registered at the Queen.

Mr. W. M. Walsh of St. John is at the Queen.

Mr. G. H. Tapley of St. John arrived in the city last night.

Supt. Evan Price of the I. C. R. was in the city yesterday. He returned home to Campbellton last evening.

Mr. H. B. Robinson of St. John is at the Queen.

Mr. H. C. Daggett of Boston arrived in the city last evening.

Mr. T. W. Rainsford went to Toronto on a business trip yesterday. All enquiries in regard to Insurance etc., can be left with his father, H. B. Rainsford, Esq., County Court House.

Miss Katherine Watson who has been engaged as nurse in Rhode Island for some time has returned to her home in St. Mary's. She expects to remain some time.

TORY MINISTER OF MILITIA ABLY DEFENDS ROSS RIFLE

Mr. E. M. MacDonald Precipitated a Nice Little Row in the Tory Camp at Ottawa --Enters Protest against the Action of the Bisley Authorities--Refers to Shabby Treatment of Private Clifford--Col. Sam Strikes out at a Brace of Tory Members

Ottawa, Feb. 16—Harmony does not haunt the government benches. This afternoon the apple of discord was munched audibly in parliament, when W. B. Northrup and Colonel Hugh Clark, Conservative members for East Hastings and North Bruce respectively, were caustically rebuked by their minister.

"There is not a tittle of fact in the statement the honorable gentleman makes," quote Hon. Col. Sam Hughes, of one of Mr. Northrup's observations.

"There were cries of 'Order,' but the militant minister of militia would not be daunted that way.

"Not a tittle of fact," he repeated. Meanwhile Mr. Northrup and Colonel Clark sat silent and ill at ease, while the government benches were shrouded in gloom.

The exchange occurred in the course of a short discussion of the administration of the British National Rifle Association and the Ross rifle, which preceded the consideration of the orders of the day.

E. M. MACDONALD'S PROTEST.

Mr. MacDonald, Pictou, moved the adjournment of the House to permit the consideration of the matter. He charged that the rules of the National Rifle Association for the Bisley meet were being manipulated to handicap the Canadian competitors and the Ross rifle. A system of "captious quibbling and pin-pricking" had gone on, which he believed was due to the influence of the British rifle-makers.

"It is a question whether Canada should send a team to Bisley at all if this kind of thing is permitted to go on," commented Mr. MacDonald.

He read affidavits from Pte. Clifford, winner of the king's prize, and of Toronto, Ottawa and Quebec officers declaring that the Canadian competitor had been repeatedly harassed by Major Silverthorne, while he was shooting.

Mr. MacDonald concluded by asking the minister of militia to see that the rights of the Canadians were safeguarded, or to take the position that the Canadian boys would not go and let it be understood why they did not go.

COL. SAM EULOGIZES THE ROSS RIFLE.

Hon. Col. Hughes concurred in the protest. The Ross rifle, which he characterized as the best in existence, had been subjected "to all this sort of obstruction and the annoyance referred to." Certain of the Canadian competitors were certainly subjected to "very objectionable treatment" last year, evidently designed to annoy the riflemen. Lord Kitchener, Lord Roberts and Lord Grey had highly commended the position of Pte. Clifford.

"The Ross rifle," said the minister, "is the very best shooting and military rifle in the world today, and it would appear that the British manufacturers were behind the conduct of the association in protection of their own obsolete Lee-Enfield."

The minister had visited Washington and had there been told all about the details of the new British rifle. He had visited Germany and been told all about it there; yet, when he visited Britain he could learn nothing of it from the war office.

"The whole secret was wrapped up in mystery in England, though six months before they knew all about it in Washington and Germany," declared the minister.

He thought it was a strange way to treat those in the colonies who were interested in the welfare of British arms.

The Canadian government had offered the British association the loan of 1,000 of the Ross rifles to demonstrate their superiority, but so far had had no acceptance.

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WILL OPPOSE GRANTING DEMANDS OF MINERS

United States Coal Operators Declare that they Cannot Stand the 20 Per Cent Increase Asked for

New York, Feb. 27—Several coal operators, it is learned, will oppose vigorously the granting of the chief demands of the miners. Were the twenty per cent. increase granted, the operators say they would have to sell coal at a loss or advance the price. The latter alternative is regarded as out of the question.

There will be no recognition of the union the operators declare. The establishment of a shorter working day may be settled by compromise but will there be collection of union dues by the operators, it is reported as this would involve the operators claim, indirect recognition of the union.

PAARDEBERG DAY.

Today is the anniversary of the Battle of Paardeberg and for that reason the flag on the City Hall is flying at the mast-head. Tonight the South African Veterans will hold a smoking concert at the Fredericton Brass Band rooms, which will be attended by a number of veterans from St. John. The Daughters of the Empire will also observe the day, the Provincial Council meeting at the residence of Mrs. G. C. VanWart, and the Sir Howard Douglas Chapter at the Denary.

CLEVER WORK OF NEW YORK DETECTIVES

Have Been Successful in Clearing up Mystery of Taxicab Robbery--The Woman in the Case led to Arrests

New York, Feb. 27—Police announced shortly before twelve o'clock today that a fourth arrest had been made in the taxi-cab robbery. They declined to give the name of the man arrested and said further that he would not be arraigned today.

The three arrested will be arraigned today. They are Edward Kinsman, alias Eddie Collins, of Boston; Jess Alberzuo, a truckman, and Gene Montanani, chauffeur of the robbed taxi-cab.

The police regard their capture as one of the finest strokes of detective work in years. The interesting story of their chase ran roughly as follows: Two of the hold-ups escaped in a street car after the robbery and later drove in a taxi to Peekskill, N. Y., taking a train to Albany with the woman known as Swedish Annie. The next day the woman returned to New York with an elaborate hat which stunned her friends in the tenderloin. Gossiping friends found detectives to confide in and for several days the woman was kept under surveillance. Some of Annie's friends got a peep at the label inside the hat and within a few hours detectives at Albany found the store where it had been bought with part of the alleged robbery loot.

B. C. HOUSE DISSOLVED

A Semi-official Announcement that Election will be Held March 28

Liberals Will Wage a Lively Fight but the Odds Appear to be against Them

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 27—Semi-official announcement of the provincial election March 28, finds the country in readiness for the contest, which like the last, November 25 1909 will be largely fought on program of Railway Construction. Of the thirty two members of the present house, thirty nine are supporters of McBride. Prior to November three years ago, the opposition numbered thirteen, but the liberals opposed the Canadian Northern proposal upon which McBride then went to the country with the result that only one liberal was elected. This is the 12th parliament the government has held, but three sessions and therefore are fitted to hold a fourth, the term not expiring until next year. But only three sessions of the eleventh parliament were held, the government deciding to submit the then policy of nearly 800 miles of new line for the endorsement of electors. The present railway policy, is slightly in excess of that mileage, being 845 miles. There will be of course, no increase in representation and the election will be held not on new, but the present voters lists. To this the liberals will object but it is explained that there is not time to complete the lists.

The Conservatives are well organized and expect a victory. In expectation of the contest the Liberals have been organizing for the past six months and expects to wage a lively fight with a candidate in each riding and in many cases, former members are expected to stand. Former liberal leader Johnson, who was a member of the house for 12 years before his defeat three years ago, has been active in Victoria during the present session and may again lead the party. Just what the liberal policy will be is not yet made known. At least 8 Socialists expect to be nominated for this contest.

Supplementary estimates for 1912 presented to the legislature yesterday call for an expenditure \$4,077,454.18 which added to the main estimate for 1912 (passed at the last session of the legislature) amounting to \$8,090,911.66, make a total expenditure authorized for the current year \$12,168,365.84. This amount will be further increased when the additional supplementaries are brought down.

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HOSPITAL CROWDED

It is reported that the accommodation at Victoria Public Hospital is taxed to the utmost and at the present time a number of patients are on the waiting list. With the railway construction expected next summer it is thought the hospital will be very much overtaxed.

HAD FOOT CRUSHED.

Mr. Frank Shortall of Nashwaakasis, will be confined to his home for some time with a badly crushed foot. He sustained the injury yesterday while storing ice in his ice-house at St. Mary's, his foot being caught between two large cakes of ice.

HEAVY STORM TODAY.

Today's snow-storm is the heaviest of the winter. In consequence of the heavy snowfall the city schools were given a half session. All trains were delayed. The C.P.R. train from the west was reported over three hours late and that on the Gibson Branch an hour late. The I.C.R. express was delayed upwards of an hour.

SETTLEMENT OF COAL STRIKE IS MORE THAN PROBABLE

Executive of Miners' Federation Agreed to Meet Representatives of the Mine Owners at the Residence of Premier Asquith on Downing Street--Conference is Taking Place this Afternoon--Every Reason to Believe that Great Industrial Strike will be Avoided

New York, Feb. 27—A London cable to the Tribune this morning says: Tremendous pressure has been brought to bear upon D. A. Thomas, the millionaire coal owner of South Wales, for a settlement of the impending strike on the basis of a minimum wage. It is currently reported that he has yielded to Mr. Lloyd-George's entreaties and that the prime minister in the address, which he is to make to the miners federation conference today, will announce a conditional acceptance of the main demand of the workmen.

Since about the entire body of coal owners outside South Wales, have already shown a willingness to make this concession, the prime minister will have plausible grounds for asking for a postponement of the strike notices, until there can be time for providing the employers with guarantees for an adequate output in return for a minimum wage. There is thus, a marked increase of confidence in Westminster that a calamitous strike will be avoided and that Socialist leaders like Hartshorn will not be allowed to carry out their threat of staggering humanity.

London, Feb. 27—From the moment when it was found that the issue of the English portion of the city of Tokio loan coincided with the acute stage of coal crisis, generally surmised in the market that a large proportion of the loan must inevitably fall into the hands of the underwriters.

No surprise was occasioned therefore, when it was found that about half the loan was covered by subscriptions. The underwriters are taking up something like 52 per cent.

London, Feb. 26—It is reported in radical circles today that Premier Asquith has determined in the event of a national coal strike the government will take over and work temporarily all the coal mines, and thus prevent a panic in prices.

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SECRETARY FOR SCOTLAND WINS BYE-ELECTION

London, Feb. 27—In the Strollox bye-election, caused by the appointment of McKinnon Wood to be secretary for Scotland, the new cabinet minister was returned. The result was 8,530 for McKinnon Wood, Liberal as against 8,061 for H. McQuistan, Unionist. No change.

WHITE STAR LINER DAMAGED

Belfast, Feb. 27—The White Star Liner Olympic which left New York on Wednesday and was due in Southampton today, struck a submerged wreck in the Atlantic early this morning, and is now on her way to this city for repairs.

According to later advices the damage was confined to her propeller. She will land her passengers at the usual points before proceeding here for repairs.

Albert H. Shaw, a wealthy lumberman of Bath has announced that he will be a candidate in the Republican primaries for governor of Maine. Ex-Governor Port of New Jersey and United States Senator Clapp of Minnesota are to address a mass meeting of Progressive Republicans of Massachusetts in Boston, March 2.

authorization had been obtained from the miners' federation, which meets tomorrow in London. As a consequence, the subsequent conferences have been with the coal owners alone.

It was announced tonight, however, that the executive of the miners' federation had decided to recommend to the conference the acceptance of the premier's invitation to meet him and his colleagues and discuss the situation. This invitation was extended to the miners' representatives on Feb. 22 by the premier, who asked that a committee be appointed from the national federation to consider the whole subject of the controversy with the cabinet ministers.

A SETTLEMENT LIKELY

London, Feb. 27—An early settlement of the dispute in the coal trade which has threatened to throw nearly a million miners out of employment on March 1st, is apparently more than probable, although it cannot yet be definitely announced.

The executive committee of the Miners' Federation has agreed to meet the representatives of the owners together with some members of the government and representatives of the board of trade, at the premier's official residence in Downing Street this afternoon. This meeting of the disputants with the mediators in an effort to smooth away the rough places, is confidently regarded as foreshadowing the avoidance of what promised to be the greatest industrial struggle of modern times in this country. This clearing of the atmosphere followed a conference between Premier Asquith and some of his colleagues, with the members of the executive committee of the miners' federation 160 of whom discussed the situation with the premier for nearly two hours this noon. Mutual concessions are to form the basis of the expected settlement of the dispute.

MINERS QUIT WORK

London, Feb. 27—Until the broad basis of an agreement has been reached by the executive committee of the coal miners' federation nothing can be done to postpone the notices to quit handed in by the miners. For this reason many thousands of miners whose notices expired today, laid down their tools. Fully twenty thousand collieries in Derbyshire ceased work this morning while another twelve thousand of the pits in Nottinghamshire ceased work.

MRS. VERMILYA'S TRIAL BEGINS THURSDAY

(Canadian Press)
Chicago, Feb. 27—Mrs. Louis Vermilya, accused of the murder of Policeman Arthur Bischoff, whose trial has been set for next Thursday, will have to be Adeled daily to the court room in an invalid's chair. Mrs. Vermilya has not fully recovered from the effects of poison which she took in an attempt at suicide after her arrest.

JAMAICA NOT REPRESENTED

New York, Feb. 27—A cable from Kingston Jamaica says Jamaica will not send a delegate to Canada for the conference of the question of closer trade relations between the Dominion and the British West Indies. The United States is the colony's natural market and the belief is that any attempt in the direction of reciprocal trade with Canada, would ensure the displeasure of the United States.

Vermont Republicans will meet in Montpelier April 10 to select delegates at large to the Chicago convention. Governor Kitchin of North Carolina is making a stumping tour of the State in his candidacy for the seat of United States Senator Simmons.

ADVANCING UPON JUAREZ

Mexican Rebels are Planning an Attack upon the City

Have Gathered on the Identical Spot where Madero Fired the First Shot a Year ago

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 27—The rebel army is advancing upon Juarez along the Rio Grande, the course taken by Madero's army last May. They spend the night in the vicinity of Old Maderó Camp, and began their advance this morning from Peace Cove, where the peace parleys were held just prior to Madero's assault on Juarez in May.

The rebels are carrying a red flag beneath the Mexican tri-color.

El Paso, Feb. 27—The rebel army stopped its progress toward Juarez at 8.20 after taking a position on a hill overlooking the city. They are now on exactly the spot from which the Madero army fired the first shots at the entrenched Juarez outposts a year ago.

El Paso, Feb. 27—At two o'clock the rebels resumed the movement towards Juarez. No shots had been fired up to that time. Simultaneously with this last movement of troops from the northwest, men were seen coming from the southeast also towards the city, seemingly closing in on two sides.

At 9 o'clock Mayor Enriquez declined to discuss any preparations for defence, but his guards were still on duty.

El Paso, Feb. 27—The investment of Juarez by the rebels appears complete. All doors of business houses are barred and the rebels are marching through the streets not firing nor being fired at.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 27—Shortly after nine o'clock, Homer Scott, a photographer reached Juarez from Trebel Camp, with a letter from the rebels for the mayor of the town, demanding its surrender by twelve o'clock, and offering not to fire until he made reply if he did so in a reasonable time. Meantime the rebel troops rested close in on Juarez. At ten o'clock, a part of the rebel forces had entered the outskirts of Juarez and opened fire. The defenders replied.

Mexican consul Llorente declared shortly after ten o'clock, that to prevent American rights being interfered with, the Juarez garrison had been ordered to offer no further resistance. After the defenders had fired a few volleys, their officers ordered them to cease firing. The police also were ordered not to fire.

THE POWERS ARE MEDITATING TO END WAR

Confirmation of Report Given out in a Semi-official Note Made Public--France Taking the Initiative

Paris, Feb. 27—Confirmation of reports that the powers are meditating intervention with the object of bringing the Turco-Italian war to an end, is given in a semi-official note published here this morning. France according to this note, is ready to associate herself in any collective action which may be taken by the powers in making representations to each of the belligerents, with the view of finding a basis for mediation and for bringing about the conclusion of peace.

Cleveland, Feb. 27—The annual convention of the Ohio Hardware Dealers' Association began at this city today with headquarters at the Hollenden Hotel. During the three days' session many topics of common interest will be discussed by prominent representatives of the hardware trade in all parts of the State. In connection with the meeting a hardware exhibition is being held in the Central Armory.