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BORDEN'S NATIONALIST ALLIES AGAIN ON THE WARPATH

Tory Members from Quebec have Issued an Ultimatum to the Prime Minister---Demand that the Naval Bill be Repealed ---They also Want Separate Schools in Manitoba when the Boundaries are Extended---Will Bolt if Their Demands are not Complied with

Ottawa, Feb. 14—The difficulties of the government with their Nationalist Conservative supporters from Quebec, over the Manitoba school question, and the repeal of the naval bill reached an acute stage late tonight. The Quebec ministerialists were in caucus for two hours every member being present with not one in the commons chamber.

It is understood that they agreed practically to a man to insist on their demand for a clause in the provincial boundaries extension bill safeguarding the rights of the Roman Catholic minority to separate schools in the district to be added to Manitoba. The government bill as now drafted does not provide for this, and an ultimatum was sent to Premier Borden declaring that the government could not count on the support of the Quebec members unless their demand was granted.

They further insisted on a "show down" on the naval question, this session. The government has not agreed as yet to allow time for Mr. Seigny's resolution now on the order paper urging the immediate repeal of the naval law to come up for discussion. The caucus tonight declared that they could not go back to their constituents without stultifying themselves unless they could show they had made an honest attempt to carry out their pre-election promises in regard to the navy.

It is stated that the discussion became decidedly warm and at times acrimonious, and the appeals of the Quebec ministers present not to embarrass the government were not very sympathetically received.

Premier Borden and Hon. Robert Rogers were summoned to the caucus and asked for a clear-cut statement as to what their Quebec supporters could expect.

The final result is of course kept secret, but the corridor talk, after the house adjourned, is that the discussions in the party ranks seem to have reached a crisis in regard to these two issues.

Premier Borden is decidedly worried over the situation and no compromise which will satisfy all the wings of his party is in sight. It would not be surprising if the coming week finds the inevitable rupture with the Nationalists openly exposed in parliament.

TRANSCONTINENTAL'S COST

The first authoritative statement as to the total cost to the country in cash expenditure for the construction of the National Transcontinental railway and in net cost on interest charges under the terms of the agreement with the Grand Trunk Pacific was given to parliament tonight by Hon. Frank Cochrane, minister of railways.

When the road is finally completed and handed over to the Grand Trunk Pacific for operation, the total capital expenditure will according to the estimate of Chief Engineer Grant of the National Transcontinental railway commission be \$187,781,128. This includes interest charges of nearly \$19,000,000.

The total interest charges taking into consideration every phase of the agreement, or in other words the net cost to the country to secure the building of the line from Moncton to Winnipeg, Mr. Cochrane estimated at \$65,000,000.

The total capital cost per mile, he estimated at \$143,015 which means at three per cent interest, an annual fixed charge of about \$4,300 per mile. The gross expenditure to complete the road and to provide for all the country's liabilities in connection therewith until under the terms of the contract with the Grand Trunk Pacific Company, the rental of three per cent per annum on the cost of construction will have to be paid beginning nine years hence is estimated at \$268,050,000.

ANSWER TO LAURIER'S QUERY.

The minister supplied the figures in response to the request of Sir Wilfrid Laurier for information as to the present state of construction, total cost to date and estimated amount to complete, as bearing on the government bill to reduce the personnel of the commission to one man, namely the present chairman, Major Leonard.

The total amount expended by the commission up to the beginning of this year, said Mr. Cochrane, has been \$113,853,300. The amount required to complete construction is estimated at \$57,872,700. Interest charges at 3 per cent up to the present have been \$7,690,128.

It would take two years yet before the road could be handed over to the Grand Trunk Pacific for operation and the additional interest charge up to the end of 1914 would be \$8,165,000.

For the first seven years after the Grand Trunk Pacific took over the road no rental could be charged, and the interest charges for that period, which the country would have to meet, were estimated at \$39,431,000. Betterments and changes in the line with interest thereon would probably cost another \$9,000,000.

Then, if the company did not earn three per cent dividend on the capital cost for the ensuing three years, this item would also have to be met from the Dominion treasury. Assuming that the road would not pay interest charges for this three-year period, Mr. Cochrane said it would be necessary to add \$22,050,000 as further interest liability.

Taking all these items into account the minister concluded that the net outlay by the country in interest charges before the Grand Trunk began to pay rental would be about \$50,000,000.

Premier Asquith Speaks of Haldane's Visit to Germany

An Earnest Desire on Both Sides for the Establishment of Better Feeling Between the Two Countries---Unionist Leaders Pledge their Support to Bring this about---Meagreness of Home Rule Announcement Disappointing to Dublin Nationalists---Bonar Law's bad Break on the Insurance Bill

New York, Feb. 15—A London cable to the New York Times says:

Premier Asquith's statement in the House of Commons yesterday, regarding Lord Haldane's visit to Germany, was received with universal cheering in the House, although Mr. Bonar Law later sought to draw a red herring across the track, by criticising it as a matter of diplomacy. The opposing leader at a still later stage of the proceedings, delivered himself in the hands of the enemy by replying in the affirmative to the premier's question, "Is the Right Honorable gentleman going to repeal the insurance act when he comes into power?"

In principle the insurance act has always been ostensibly accepted by the Unionists and the ministerialist became widely exultant over the admission of hostility, while Mr. Asquith exclaimed: "Now we know that the first plank of the platform of the Tory party under its new leader is the repeal of the insurance act we are getting on."

"Mr. Bonar Law realizing that he had overstepped the mark, when he remarked that if he were returned to power, he would repeal the insurance act, has hastened to correct himself by means of a letter sent to the press, in which he asserts that his intentions were misunderstood. He rather lamely explained that what he meant to convey was that the Unionists, if they came into power, would amend the act."

London, Feb. 15—The King's speech proved disappointing both to supporters of home rule and woman suffrage. A Times telegram from Dublin this morning regarding the former, states that the scanty references to home rule in the King's speech, greatly disappointed the Irish Nationalists who hoped for a more fervent allusion to that eminent measure of the session. An official says that the Nationalists are still more seriously perturbed by the persistent rumor that the bill would be introduced until after Easter.

To Miss Christabel Pankhurst, the speech has been more than a disappointment. She states that the union of suffragettes, will make an impressive demonstration at an early date, and that every opportunity will be taken of embarrassing the government and proving to them that

women must have to vote. Miss Pankhurst said:

"We had hoped for a distinct pronouncement in the King's speech. We always expect the best and are prepared for the worst. Now that they have given us the worst, we shall fight for a government measure until we win."

London, Feb. 15—The Daily Mail understands that the suggestion for the visit of Secretary Haldane to Berlin, was made in the first instance by the German Emperor, through Albert Bellin, director general of the Hamburg-American Steamship Company.

London, Feb. 14—The opening day of the parliamentary session, which is to deal with Home Rule, Welsh disestablishment and electoral reform, was marked by a statement by premier Asquith that the visit of Viscount Haldane, secretary of war, to Berlin was made at the invitation of Germany and that the conversations between the British war minister and the German authorities had reference to a desire on the part of both countries that the existing tension should be relieved.

Interest in this statement completely overshadowed that in the government's huge legislative programme. Since Secretary Haldane's visit to Berlin, the English people have been prepared for the announcement that it had to do with Anglo-German relations, but they hardly hoped that the conversations had proceeded as far as the prime minister's guarded speech shows. His hopeful words that he believed that the conversations may have more than negative results have caused the greatest satisfaction.

UNIONISTS PROMISE SUPPORT.

It is evident that Andrew Bonar Law and Lord Lansdowne, leaders of the opposition respectively in the house of commons and the house of lords, had been informed of the course of the discussion for although they spoke before the premier, Lord Lansdowne assured the government of Unionist support in any move to secure a better understanding with Germany.

The speeches on domestic affairs dealt only generally with the government's huge legislative programme.

MARDI GRAS WEEK IN THE ANCIENT CAPITAL

King Rex will Arrive Tomorrow and will be Officially Welcomed by Mayor Drouin---Unique Celebration

Quebec, Que., Feb. 15—When gorgeously clad heralds, with blaring trumpets, glittering in bright winter sunshine, paraded the city streets this morning, announcing in ancient phrases reminiscent of French court days the approach of King Rex, the unofficial opening of the big mardi gras week was unofficially under way.

Tomorrow will mark the real opening when King Rex in his royal yacht approaching the Gala City, will be greeted with a salute of twenty-one guns from the terrace. The King will then proceed through the main streets to the city hall, where Mayor Drouin will welcome him and extend the freedom of the city to the Mardi Gras celebrants. From then there will be a round of festivities including balls, horse races, snow shoe races, curling, sliding and all kinds of winter sports, the whole winding up with the grand Mardi Gras procession on Tuesday night. This celebration will be one of the displays which has been held in Quebec for many years, over a hundred and fifty allegorical and other cars being already entered.

ONTARIO MAY HAVE PROHIBITION PARTY

(Canadian Press.)

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 15—Whether there will be a prohibition party organized in Ontario or not, is the live question that will occupy the attention of the National Temperance Congress today. The unsatisfactory reception the Alliance deputation had at the Parliament Buildings yesterday was reported to the committee on political action last night, and a vigorous discussion followed. The meeting was by no means a unit on the proposal to form a third political party, but by dint of much manoeuvring, a report was finally adopted which will be presented today.

After re-affirming the demand of the Alliance for legislation embodying its views, recommendation is made that the executive of the Alliance take immediate steps to organize the voters in every holding sub-division and municipality throughout the province and to secure candidates for every election who will pledge themselves to support the Alliance policy.

CLOSER TRADE RELATIONS

London, Feb. 15—The Birmingham Daily Post's London correspondent understands officially that the Canadian Government has taken control of the negotiations with the West Indies for closer fiscal relations.

The imperial government thinks negotiations will be facilitated if conducted direct between the respective parties.

COFFINS WERE TOO LARGE FOR THE TOMB

Extraordinary Incident Witnessed During the Interment of the Bodies of Russian Count and Countess at Moscow

Moscow, Russia, Feb. 15—An extraordinary scene was witnessed during the interment of Count and Countess Milyutin. The Count held the rank of field marshal and was chief aide de camp of the Emperor. He was minister of war in the reign of Emperor Alexander II and was the leading champion in the cause of the liberation of the serfs. The coffins were lowered into the vaults with imposing military honors but then an awkward situation arose. Both coffins were several inches longer than the aperture in the tombs. Workmen were at once called who attempted to enlarge the openings, but the cement would not yield. The family vault is composed of five compartments separated by thick cement walls and it was necessary to blast these. The bodies were temporarily deposited in the chapel and when the tomb had been enlarged, the burial services were repeated but without repetition of the military honors.

Adrienne Augarde has arrived from London to begin rehearsals of "Rose-maid."

AGREEMENT WITH CUNARDS

Canadian Northern Railway Company in big Steamship Deal

Cunard Steamship Co. and Royal Line will have Eleven Steamers on Montreal Route Next Season

New York, Feb. 15—The New York American this morning publishes the following:

An agreement reached between the Canadian Northern Railway, has created much excitement in steamship circles here, while it has set at rest many speculations as to the future policy of one of the most aggressive railways in the Dominion. With the completion of its coast to coast system, the Canadian Northern will be in a position to wrest a large portion of the transcontinental traffic from its rival, the Canadian Pacific. The latter company, with four steamers and its working agreement with the International Mercantile Marine, which has six steamers on the Montreal run, had an advantage over the Northern, that only the acquisition of a fleet could equalize. Both Sir William MacKenzie and D. B. Hanna, president and third vice-president of the Northern, have been busy in Canada and London for the last two months. They finally reached an agreement whereby the Cunard Line with its three steamers now in the Montreal service and two larger ones building would combine with the Royal Line and the Unanum Steamship Company, the latter line being controlled by the Canadian Northern.

The new arrangement means that eleven steamers will feed the Northern as against the ten vessels that will form the connecting link between Liverpool and Antwerp and Montreal for the Canadian Pacific. Both houses adjourned. The first official glimpse at the progress of the Anglo-German negotiations was given by Premier Asquith, in the course of a debate in the House of Commons this afternoon. The prime minister said that the British government had received last month an intimation that the visit of a British minister to Berlin would not be unwelcome, and might facilitate the attainment of the common object of the two nations. Viscount Haldane, the British secretary for (Continued on page five.)

MARKEY CASE APPEALED BEFORE SUPREME COURT

Argument in the case of Hale vs. Tompkins, county appeal, was completed yesterday afternoon. Court considers.

In the case of Gunns, Limited vs. Dugay A. T. LeBlanc for defendant supported an appeal from the order of His Honor, Mr. Justice Barry. W. A. Trueman Contra. The appeal was dismissed with costs. Hearing in the case of Mann vs. St. Croix Paper Co. was set for Wednesday, February 21st.

In the case of Markey vs. Sloat et al. Mr. O. S. Crockett, K. C., for the defendants moved to set aside the verdict for the plaintiff and enter verdict for defendants or for a nonsuit, or for a new trial, or that damages be reduced. Mr. J. D. Phinney K. C., contra.

Hearing in this case was finished. Court considers.

In the case of John Ferguson, plaintiff, appellant and the Swedish Lumber Company Limited, defendant respondent Mr. M. G. Teed, K. C., for defendant supported an appeal from the verdict for the plaintiff and presented affidavits. Dr. L. A. Currie, K. C., contra.

The hearing was unfinished when court rose at 5 p. m. A case of considerable local interest was argued before the Supreme Court yesterday and today in the King's Bench Division of the Appeal Paper, that of Markey vs Sloat et al. The case arose out of the arrest of Mr. Philip Markey for non-payment of dog-tax in the Town of Marysville. Mr. Markey was imprisoned in the county jail, but was later released on a writ of habeas corpus. In a suit for damages against Town of Marysville he obtained a verdict in the county court. The defendants have appealed. Mr. J. D. Phinney, K.C., is acting for Mr. Markey.

McBRIDE WANTS ASIATICS EXCLUDED

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 15—Premier McBride advocated a policy of Asiatic exclusion for British Columbia in a speech in the provincial parliament yesterday. He said, a measure restricting immigration from the Orient should be adopted without delay.

DR. SEN'S RESIGNATION

Has been Tendered to the National Assembly of China

Has been Accepted but he will Hold Office until New President and Cabinet Take over Duties

Nanking, Feb. 15—Dr. Sun Yat Sen's resignation of the presidency of the Chinese republic has been accepted by the National Assembly here, on condition that both he and the present cabinet hold office until the new president and cabinet take over the duties. The election of ministers and of the president is to take place this afternoon. There was a touching scene in the Assembly when Dr. Sun Yat Sen handed in his resignation.

The letter in which he offers to lay down the office of chief executive, says: Yuan Shi Kai has declared that he will adhere unconditionally to the national cause. He would surely prove a loyal servant of the state. Besides this, Yuan Shi Kai is a man of constructive ability upon whom our nation looks with the hope that will bring about the consolidation of its interests. The happiness of our country depends upon your choice. Farewell.

The National Assembly afterwards passed a resolution paying great tribute to Dr. Sun Yat Sen, and was worded as follows: "Such an example of purity of purpose and self-sacrifice is unparalleled in history. It was solely due to his magnanimity and modesty that Northern China was won over."

Yuan Shi Kai's refusal to come to Nanking has caused some reaction here. A section of the members of the senate declares that it will not elect Yuan Shi Kai president of the republic. This opposition to the former imperial premier has been strengthened by a report here that Yuan Shi Kai is engaged in seeking recognition from the foreign legations in Peking and that he has received some encouragement.

HORRIBLE DEATH OVERTOOK THREE RAILWAY MEN

Burned to Death in a Wreck on the Grand Trunk Railway near North Yarmouth, Me., This Morning

Yarmouth, Me., Feb. 15—Three trainmen were burned to death in a freight wreck on the Grand Trunk Railroad near the north Yarmouth station this morning. Two freight trains collided with terrific impact, the wreckage igniting. Three men in one of the locomotives were buried beneath the mass and were scalded to death.

Those who lost their lives were Ray Jordan, Yarmouth, fireman; Harry Corliss, Island Pond, Vermont; Barnes, Island Pond, Corliss was alive when villagers reached the wreck. The wreckage was burning fiercely and it was seen that it was absolutely impossible to release him. Corliss asked that something be given to ease his sufferings and chloroform was administered by a doctor. Shortly after the villagers were driven back by the heat and the three men were incinerated in view of the helpless spectators. The financial loss to the railroad is estimated at \$50,000.

GOING ABROAD

Dr. and Mrs. B. C. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Inch, Miss Lilian McManus, Mr. J. S. Neill and Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Smith will visit the British Isles during the summer.

Florence Nash, who made a hit as the lisping girl in "The Boys of Company B" is to appear in a new playlet by William C. De Mille.

ICE BREAKER BACK FROM HAZARDOUS TRIP

(Canadian Press.)

Quebec, Que., Feb. 15—Amidst the firing of guns from the Montcalm and the whistling of the ferry steamers, the ice-breaker arrived in port yesterday from her trip to Seven Islands, Anticosti and Wayport. Hundreds of people lined the terrace and lower town wharves to witness her arrival. There were eighty-three passengers on board, including thirty-four laborers who were at Anticosti last fall to work on Mr. McNier's railway, but, according to report, they refused to do any work and were shipped back to Quebec. The trip in all respects was a rapid and most successful one, although at times much ice was encountered and while coming out of Ellis Bay the Montcalm had one of her propeller blades broken.

GOVERNMENT CONVENTION AT NEWCASTLE TODAY

(Special to The Mail)

Newcastle, Feb. 15—There is a good attendance at the Opposition Convention being held here this afternoon to nominate candidates for the Local Legislature. Several prominent Conservatives who have hitherto been active in support of the government are taking no part in the proceedings. It is likely that the choice of the convention will be Hon. John Morrissey, W. L. Allan, D. P. McLaughlin and Hon. Allan Ritchie. Newcastle, Feb. 15—At the government convention here this afternoon, Hon. John Morrissey, D. P. McLachlan, W. L. Allan and John Betts were nominated as the party candidates for the legislature. The names of J. L. Stewart, G. E. Fisher and James Beveridge were proposed, but they only received a few votes.