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Commons Votes 101 to 0 on Insurance Bill

Unemployed Bill is Unanimous. Premier R. B. Bennett Springs a Surprise in the House.

According to a despatch from Ottawa on Tuesday a surprise move by Premier Bennett showed that the whole House is in favour of the unemployment insurance measure introduced by the premier.

In a bizarre vote of 101 to 0—forced after a surprise manoeuvre by Premier R. B. Bennett himself—the House of Commons gave second reading to the unemployment insurance bill.

One of the rare occasions on which the chamber has ever achieved unanimity of opinion amongst all its parties, the vote was, paradoxically, a thing of turbulence and—so far as the Government benches were concerned—of jubilation.

It came unexpectedly, the Liberals having decided to avoid any open expression of opinion on the measure and the Government supporters not knowing that a poll of the House was to be forced. With this situation existing, Mr. Bennett, in closing the debate on the bill, declared:

"The right honourable gentleman (Mr. King) has said that this legislation was intended to deceive and delude those for whose benefit it is being enacted. He says that they are being asked for bread and they are being offered a stone. I propose, Mr. Speaker, to ask this parliament to vote whether or not those who allege that this is a stone are prepared to stand by their view, or to associate with us on this side of the House and declare that this is bread, and very solid bread, too."

The challenge threw the Opposition groups into a turmoil, but when the clerk commenced to poll the House they swallowed both their words and the measure and voted to a man with the Government.

One Liberal only retained the courage of his Opposition, and he did not vote because he was paired with an absent Conservative member. He was Jean Francois Pouliot of Temiscouata, who announced in accordance with practice after the House had been polled, that if he had voted he would have voted against the bill. Henri Bourassa, the other uncompromising opponent of the bill, was absent from the chamber.

Mr. Bennett manoeuvred the Liberals into the position of having to vote upon the measure as the climax to a speech defending the constitutionality of the bill in strong legal argument. The essence of his contention was that the measure was a taxation measure, that it required inter-provincial administration, and that it had an important bearing upon conditions of competition for international trade—all of which features brought it within the scope of Federal jurisdiction.

Gold Clause Ruling Saves Canada \$100,000,000 a Year

William Marchington writing from Ottawa to The Toronto Globe this week says:

"Canada shares with the United States the benefits of the Supreme Court decision sweeping away any Government or private obligation to pay gold bonds in the precious yellow metal."

"The victory for the United States Government is acclaimed in official circles here, since Canada, according to estimates made by the Prime Minister, had to pay creditors in the United States \$1,000,000 every working day in the year. If the United States Supreme Court had ruled the other way it would require \$1.66 in Canadian funds to pay off every \$1 of debt owing in the United States to which the gold clause applied."

"Finance Department officials have estimated that between 30 and 40 per cent. contained gold clauses, so that restoration of the gold clause would have added roughly \$100,000,000 to Canada's annual payment on account of debts owed in the United States."

"Before making a formal statement about the momentous Washington decision, Hon. Edgar N. Rhodes, Minister of Finance, said he would like to study the full text of the judgment. The news from the United States Capital was said to be "first class from our point of view."

"The Washington decision was interpreted to mean that any obligation of a Canadian debtor is a private contract, and therefore falls within the sense of the majority decision. "We can go along paying Canadian obligations in United States currency at par," a high official declared. "The Canadian dollar is virtually on a parity with the United States dollar."

Wichita Eagle:—Borah says that he would swing toward Jefferson. But if a swing were made Borah would probably jump out of it.

Reports from Detroit say that Mr. and Mrs. Oliva Dionne will make about \$6,000.00 from their recent trip.

Rev. J. D. Byrnes Reported Very Ill

United Church at Timmins. Then Presbyterian, named in His Honour Years ago.

From information given here by Rev. J. C. Cochrane, superintendent of missions of the United Church, who was here this week attending the meeting of Presbytery of Cochrane District, Rev. J. D. Byrnes, formerly of the North, but now living at Tilsonburg, is critically ill. Rev. Mr. Byrnes had a paralytic stroke some time ago and has been ill since. His condition at present is very serious.

Rev. Mr. Byrnes was formerly superintendent of missions for the Presbyterian church. He occupied that position at the time the Timmins church was built and it was named the Byrnes church in his honour.

Important Admission by Critics of Abitibi Deal

Those who followed the terms of the purchase of the Abitibi Canyon power deal and the criticism given of the arrangement will be interested in the following editorial in The Toronto Telegram of recent date:—

"Settlement of some \$800,000 of contractors claims in connection with the construction of the Abitibi power plant has been negotiated by the Ontario Hydro on a basis of seventy per cent. This is described as the same basis of settlement on which compensation was made to the bondholders when the plant was acquired by the Henry Government."

"The purchase of the property at that price was made on recommendation of the then Hydro Commission, under the chairmanship of Hon. J. R. Cooke."

"Orders-in-Council have been passed by the Hepburn Government for payment of the contractors on the seventy per cent. basis on recommendation of the Hydro Commission under the chairmanship of T. Stewart Lyon."

"The Lyon-Hepburn settlement terms confirm the equity of the price at which the Abitibi was taken over. Mr. Lyon's statement and the government's acceptance of his recommendation constitute the first admission by critics that the plant was actually acquired at seventy per cent. of the bond issue. Both before and after the provincial election Mr. Hepburn and his fellow-attackers disputed this figure and contended that the price was greater than the value of the asset."

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Opening of Ontario House on Wednesday

Far-reaching List of Legislation Expected. Also a Lively Opposition in the House.

The Ontario Legislature opened yesterday with about the usual procedure in essentials though lacking some inconsequential details.

There is considerable interest in the session as a great deal of new legislation is expected—some of it very contentious in nature.

Although the new Government has a very large majority it is expected to be a lively, fighting session as the Conservative opposition has an experienced group of fighters left in the house.

The new Government in Ontario has a majority of 70 in the Legislature. The Hepburn forces include 66 Liberals, four Liberal-Progressives, and one United Farmer of Ontario. The Opposition is made up of 17 Conservatives, one C.F. and one Independent.

The small band of Conservatives promise a fighting session. Hon. George S. Henry will lead the Opposition and criticize the Hepburn policy on agriculture and education. Col. W. H. Price will be chief financial critic and Leopold Macaulay will devote his attention to administration of the Departments of Highways and Public Works.

George H. Challies will examine the administration of the Department of Provincial Secretary with its branch of Game and Fisheries.

Upon the shoulders of Arthur Ellis, K.C., of South Ottawa, will fall the task of hammering the Hepburn Government's Hydro policy.

Wilfred Heighington, K.C., is to be critic of the Department of Lands and Forests and Northern Development.

Russell Nesbitt, K.C., will examine administration of Welfare and Labour and voice opposition to matters pertaining to Separate Schools. In the latter he will be assisted by Lieut.-Col. T. A. Kidd, of Kingston.

Accidental Death Verdict of the Jury

No Blame Attached to Anyone by Coroner's Jury in Inquest into the Death of Chester Paterick.

Investigating the death of Chester Paterick of the Hollinger mine, a coroner's jury in session at the town hall yesterday afternoon returned a verdict of accidental death, attaching no blame to the mine.

Paterick was a mucker and was almost instantly killed by a fall of loose rock just after beginning work on Sunday. The usual thorough investigation of circumstances was made by Mining Inspector Weir. Coroner H. E. Montgomery conducted the inquest.

Two Young Ladies Jump from Airship

Join Hands and Leap to Death from London-Paris Aeroplane Yesterday.

Uppminster, England, Feb. 21—Two young women threw themselves to their death from a London-Paris aeroplane while 4,000 feet in the air over Uppminster to-day. The move was apparently premeditated for they joined hands and calmly leaped overboard.

Reports from Naples, Italy, state that the sisters daughters of C. DuBois, U.S. consul at Naples, were in love with two Royal Air Force officers killed in the crash on the island of Sicily last week. The officers were DeBeatty and Forbes.

Jane and Elizabeth DuBois were highly nervous when they entered the plane en route to Paris. They were killed instantly when they struck the earth.

(From New York Life)
It's just eleven more months until George M. Cohan writes the song hit of prosperity: "Perfect '36, I Love You."

Sudbury Star:—Tim Buck opposes the economic reform measures introduced by Premier R. B. Bennett. Which goes to show there must be some merit to them, after all.

London Free Press:—Great Britain is still taking the moral leadership of Europe. It is Britain's steady influence always for peace which keeps Europe on an even keel.

Semi-Weekly Review of News in General

Items of Interest from Far and Near. Special Notes on Happenings of the Day

The Spanish capital Madrid, high up on the central plateau of the Iberian peninsula, is visited by the scourge of influenza. Reports state that the epidemic is the worst since the one that swept Europe during the Great War.

The Ontario Good Roads Association now meeting in Toronto has recorded disapproval of the government's announced intention of removing from the counties any burden of payment for provincial highways.

Late Wednesday it was considered possible that Reichfuhrer Adolf Hitler might stay the execution order made against two alleged spies. Two have already been beheaded but petitions asking mercy were presented for the other two.

Thousands of Italian soldiers are on their way across the Mediterranean to Africa where they will protect, on Premier Benito Mussolini's orders, the Italian colony's Ethiopian frontier. It was announced on Wednesday that Italy is well supplied with arms and ammunition.

Reports from Trenton, New Jersey, are that Hauptman has dropped Reilly as his counsel, taking C. L. Fisher as his chief legal adviser to conduct the appeal.

Important new legislation regarding the policing of the province is forecast by the Ontario Attorney-General.

While 18 desperate escaped prisoners from the Oklahoma State reformatory were being hunted on Monday night, the governor of the state replaced the woman warden, Mrs. Geo. A. Walters, a man being appointed to her place.

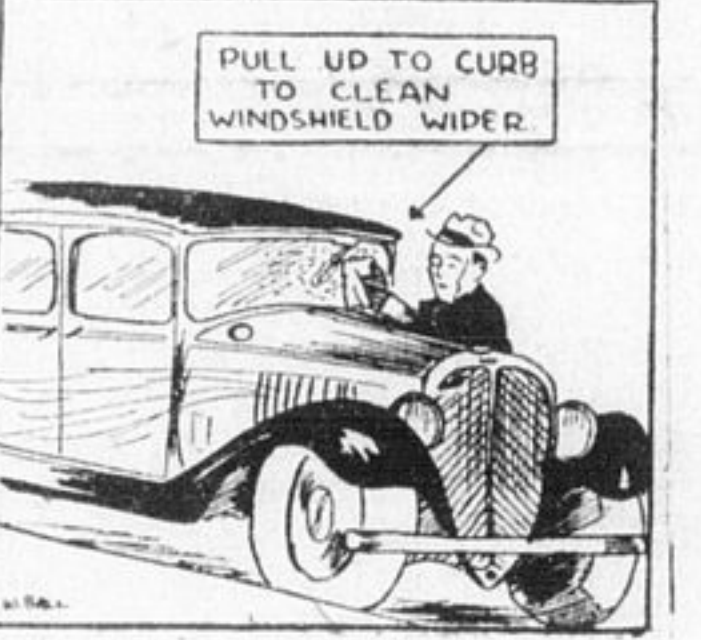
Soviet officials deny any famine in Russia, but international relief associations say that the explanations in the denials prove the truth of the announcements that there is a famine.

The civilized world appears shocked at the beheading of two women in Germany in peace time as spies.

The trial of H. Vermilyea, brought to Belleville from Ontario, California, on the charge of the murder of his mother, with an axe last October has been delayed for a few days owing to the illness of some of the jurors.

Rev. S. H. Smith, of Vancouver, charges that there has been racketeering and political trickery in the Oxford Movement.

Huey P. Long reports receiving another supposed "bomb." It was opened at the Senator's office without damage.



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