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ASKING QUESTIONS

Secret Information in Regard to the Ross Rifle.

No Information About Recent Japanese Arrivals---Various Motions Go Through Committee.

From Our Own Correspondent.
Ottawa, Feb. 28.—There was a better muster of members today, when the speaker took the chair, than there has been this week, though the government side of the house was not so well filled as the opposition. Mr. Lapointe, Kamouraska, was querulous about the number of experimental farms organized and worked by the federal government. Hon. Sydney Fisher informed him that there were seven, and situated in several of the provinces. Mr. McLean, Queen's, was informed by the government that the construction of a new wharf at Point Prim, Prince Edward Island, was contemplated, and that the contract had been let by tender.

A. N. Worthington, Sherbrooke, was on his pet subject, the Ross rifle, again, and inquired of Sir Frederick Borden if any department of the government had information from any source, or communication directly or indirectly, from the imperial war department, or war office, no letter, cable, message or otherwise, that while the Ross rifle would take the same ammunition as the Lee-Enfield rifle, 303, it differs so much in mechanism that the differences of the two rifles would not be interchangeable, which would be a great drawback. Sir Frederick replied that they did have a report on the subject from the war office, but it was marked "secret." He further informed Mr. Worthington that as far as he never had been a serious injury while the Ross rifle was in immediate use.

The member for Sherbrooke was on his feet again, with a further inquiry about this rifle, and wanted to know if any department of the government in or about the year 1903, or at any time since the year 1901, had been informed of any report, or had any information as to a report respecting the Ross rifle, made by officers of the school of Musketry, Hythe, or by any British officers, representing that two or other number of Ross rifles had been tried in competition with the Lee-Enfield rifle, and that the test disclosed a marked inferiority of the Ross rifle.

In regard to the first part of this question, Sir Frederick Borden informed Mr. Worthington that the communication was marked "secret," and as to the latter part, the minister declared that the Ross rifle had not been found to be inferior to the Lee-Enfield, and that the member had to be satisfied with that.

R. G. Macpherson, Vancouver, asked

DAILY MEMORANDA.

Queen's Assailant-Arms, 8 p.m.
Civic Finance Committee, 8 p.m.
Woolen Stock Co., Grand Opera House,

8.15 p.m.
General Meeting Kennel Club, City Buildings, 8 p.m.

Wonderland—Theatre—Afternoon and evening; good vaudeville.

Tenders for coal for Steamer Wolfe for Lake Ontario tomorrow.

Zinc skating to-night, and Saturday, at 8 p.m.; general hockey, 1 p.m.

Play for Sycamore St. Chor Concert, opens at Uglova, Saturday morning.

14th Band at Royal York, Saturday afternoon, 1 p.m.; Skating Saturday afternoon, Admission, 5c.

Regular meeting of Kingston Lodge, No. 39, I.O.O.F., to-night. Initiation and 2nd Degree. A good attendance is expected.

Princess—"A Wrong Righted," dramatic; "Class-Mates," showing the great Harvard-Yale Championship Football Game. Amateur Night, Friday, 7 p.m. sharp.

Bijou Theatre—"A German Railroad Through the Air." Tragedy-Drama. "An Assesman's Punishment." Miss Vera Holden and Miss Anna One. William Robert Davis sings "Sacramento." Two songs at every show.

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FEAR BRYAN IN NEW YORK.
Any Man to Beat Bryan is the Cry Now.

Boston, Feb. 28.—Fear of William Jennings Bryan was expressed, yesterday, by Col. Stewart L. Woodford, president of the National Hughes League. In an interview he said:

"To elect a republican president it will be necessary to carry New York state. Hughes carried it by 30,000 in 1906, and is 50,000 stronger now, so that New York should give him 80,000 this year."

The Hughes sympathizers are not anti-Taft, nor anti-Roosevelt. They are for the man who has the best chance to beat Bryan. It no longer will suffice to cry "wolf." The danger of Bryan's carrying New York is acute.

SLOCUM'S CAPTAIN TO JAIL.

After Long Deference, He Will Serve Sentence.

New York, Feb. 26.—Captain William Van Schieck, master of the ill-fated steamer General Slocum, in the hunting of which 1,000 persons were killed, surrendered himself to United States Marshal Benkel, and was taken to Sing Sing prison to serve his term of ten years' imprisonment for negligence and inattention to duty as master of the Slocum. Captain Van Schieck was sentenced January 27th, 1906, but appealed from the judgment which has now been sustained by the United States circuit court of appeals. On his trip to prison the aged man was accompanied by his newly-married wife.

FITTING HERSELF UNDER THE WHEELS.

New York, Feb. 28.—In the height of the rush hour last night, when thousands of New York workers were pouring into the close confines of the subway en route home, a young woman whom the police are trying to identify, entered the 18th subway station, and waiting until a north-bound train was passing, deliberately flung herself under the wheels and was instantly killed.

Mr. Stavenhagen, secretary City, identified the clothing of the dead woman as that of his wife. Stavenhagen was unable to assign any cause for his wife's act.

A circular issued by the C.P.R. announces the promotion of J. W. Leonard to the office of general manager of the company's eastern lines, in charge of matters relating to maintenance of way and operation, with office at Montreal.

MARRIAGE ANNULLED.

Harvard Sophomore and Girl Who Exchanged Names Regretted Prank.

Boston, Feb. 28.—In the divorce court Judge Fessenden annulled the "joke" marriage of Miss Helen V. Cadwell, of Cambridge, and Edwin King Adams, formerly a Harvard sophomore and son of a wealthy Philadelphia lawyer which had been arranged as a Hallowe'en prank. Both testified in court that it was really "no love affair," and that "neither admitted the seriousness of the affair."

"Mr. Adams dared me to go to a minister's house and be married," she said. "I was to take his name and he was to take mine."

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