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A BIG DEFICIT

Democrats May Have a Financial Elephant

UPON THEIR HANDS

THEY ARE ANXIOUS OVER THE SITUATION.

When They Assume Control They May Have to Face Some Problems That Will Make Government Harder Than They Had Expected.

Washington, D.C., Jan. 17.—Democratic members of congress are becoming alarmed over the prospect of having to shoulder a big treasury deficit as their legacy from the republic party. It now appears as if the treasury deficit in the ordinary course of affairs, would be about \$30,000,000 at the end of the present fiscal year, June 30th.

The republican congress is recklessly appropriating money. As an instance may be cited the \$15,000,000 old age pension bill, sent through the house with a rush a few days ago. Then there's another grave possibility. The corporation tax law has yet to be tested in the courts. Should the supreme court decide that it is unconstitutional more than \$25,000,000 already collected will have to be returned. There are still \$33,000,000 to be expended on account of public buildings authorized last winter. Altogether the deficit promises to run over \$100,000,000.

THE POTATO BARREL

A Bill Has Been Passed for its Standardization.

Ottawa, Jan. 17.—Not the least among the important measures that were brought before parliament during the past week was Hon. Frank Carvell's bill for the standardization of the potato barrel. Speaking on the bill, Mr. Carvell (M.P. for Carleton County, N.B.), said: "As I explained on the first and second readings, this bill provides that if potatoes are sold and handled by the barrel, the standard shall be 160 pounds. There is no standard barrel to-day. There is a standard for a bushel and a bag in Quebec, but in the maritime provinces potatoes are sold nearly altogether by the barrel and the absence of a standard leads to a great grievance. In some localities farmers are asked to furnish 160 pounds, in others, 165 pounds, and in Western New Brunswick 150 pounds to the barrel. To-day the farmer is being compelled by custom to deliver 150 pounds of potatoes to the merchant, and the merchant turns about and sells the same potatoes to the United States and Cuba, where many Canadian potatoes go, at 160 pounds to the barrel. This is felt to be a great injustice and undoubtedly there should be a standard barrel."

The bill passed without discussion. Many members, from the east and west alike, took occasion to express their approval of the measure and to emphasize the importance of such a law to guarantee the rights of the farming classes generally.

Harrison for President.

Washington, Jan. 17.—A new possibility for the democratic nomination for president in 1912 is being discussed about the capital. Former Mayor Carter Harrison, of Chicago, is the man mentioned.

J. H. Marks, ticket agent for the P. M. railway, at London, was convicted of misappropriation of the company's funds.

DAILY MEMORANDA.

Garbage committee, 4 p.m. Wednesday.

LYNCHING IN KENTUCKY.

First Case of Triple Lynching Since Close of Civil War.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 15.—The first triple lynching in Kentucky since the close of the civil war occurred at Shelbyville at an early hour Sunday morning, when three negroes were taken from the county jail by a mob composed of but twenty men, who broke down the jail doors and secured the prisoners. The identity of those who took part will probably never be known.

The lynched negroes were Eugene Marshall, convicted of the murder of an aged negro; Wade Patterson, charged with detaining a young white girl, and James West, who, it is alleged, had attempted to detain another young white girl.

The mob dragged the negroes to the railroad bridge just outside the city limits, where Marshall was hung. The ropes around West's and Patterson's necks broke, and the two men tried to escape. Both were riddled with bullets before getting far, and are dead.

FORESTRY COMMISSION

Opened at Quebec—Sir Wilfrid Laurier Presiding.

Ottawa, Jan. 17.—Earl Grey, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Senator Edwards, Hon. C. Sifton and others have left for Quebec to attend the Dominion Forestry convention, opening there on Wednesday. In the list of those who have indicated their intention of attending appears the name of G. Y. Chown, registrar of Queen's University, Kingston. Sir Wilfrid Laurier will preside.

Amongst the many who will give addresses will be Premier Gouin, of Quebec; Bishop Dunn, of Quebec; Hon. Clifford Sifton, Ottawa; Senator Edwards, Ottawa; Hon. Jules Allard, minister of lands and forests, of Quebec; United States Forester H. S. Graves, Washington; Commissioner of Lands Maclean, Nova Scotia; Hon. Sydney Fisher, Hon. E. H. Bronson, Ottawa; Dr. B. E. Fernow, of Toronto University; Dr. Jones, chancellor of the University of New Brunswick; Prof. Zavit, Guelph; A. Amos, Quebec, and many others.

ALL MADE AT HOME.

British Dressmakers Making Queen Mary's Coronation Robes.

London, Jan. 17.—Queen Mary is following the example set by her mother, the Duchess of Teck, who at the time of her daughter's wedding with the present king, declared that for the trousseau "not a yard of cambric or linen, or flannel, or tulle, or lace or ribbon should be bought outside the kingdom," and who kept to her word. Queen Mary is having her coronation robes and gowns for court functions as well as the opening of parliament gowns made by a British firm of all British material. She has ordered eight dresses so far and work on them has commenced.

The Eight Hour Day Bill.

Ottawa, Jan. 17.—The time of the house yesterday was mostly occupied by a prolonged discussion on the eight-hour day bill to which the premier, Hon. Mr. King, Mr. Nerville and many others spoke. The liberal side of the house were in favor of the bill but advocated certain amendments, which the opposition strongly opposed.

The Conservation Commission.

Ottawa, Jan. 17.—C. C. James, Toronto, deputy minister of agriculture, this afternoon, at the second annual meeting of the Canadian conservation commission, gave an address on "What Ontario is Doing for the Improvement of Agriculture, and Dr. C. A. Hodgetts, formerly of Toronto, spoke on "Unsanitary Housing." Hon. Clifford Sifton gave a review of the year's work.

LATEST NEWS

Dispatches From Near And Distant Places

THE WORLD'S TIDINGS

GIVEN IN THE BRIEFEST POSSIBLE FORM.

Matters That Interest Everybody—Notes From All Over—Little of Everything Easily Read and Remembered.

A whole family has been arrested in Toronto on a counterfeiting charge.

An important forestry conservation commission opened in Quebec to-day.

Robert A. McKim, sheriff's officer, Toronto, died of ptomaine poisoning.

At Washington gratifying progress has been made on the trade question.

Provincial Secretary Hanna says farm prison methods at Guelph are a great success.

An Italian warship sails from Rome for Lisbon where the situation is said to be serious.

The new terminal elevator act provides prison sentence for officials if grain is mixed.

Postmaster O'Neill has been arrested at Halifax and will be prosecuted for theft at New Waterford, N.S.

James O. Lewis, for many years Indian agent at Selkirk, has sent in his resignation to the superintendent of Indian affairs.

Bourassa surprises people by an article to the effect that the Duke of Cornwall would suit admirably as governor-general.

It is thought that an appropriation of three million for deepening rivers means the commencement of the Georgian Bay canal scheme.

The marriage engagement is announced of Zena Bare, the actress, and the Hon. Maurice Voyer Baker, Brett, the second son of Viscount Essex.

The messengers at the parliament buildings are agitating for increases. The regular messengers received \$700 per year, and the seasonal messengers \$2 per day.

Warrants are out for the two other men whose names are not announced, and summons for four provincial directors, in connection with the Farmers' Bank.

A big seizure of contraband furs was made at Ottawa by Game Warden Lovelock, at the C.P.R. baggage-room.

The furs came from New Ontario and were in trunks as personal baggage.

Rev. W. E. Gilroy, pastor of the Congregational church, Brantford, has received a call to succeed Rev. E. H. Tippet, as pastor of the First Congregational church, Hamilton.

The hospitals in New York are overloaded with pneumonia and grippe patients. No let up in the epidemic is expected while the humid weather which has prevailed for the last week continues.

Definite plans for the German South Pole expedition are announced. One hundred thousand dollars has already been raised by a public lottery and private subscriptions. It is necessary to find another \$450,000 before the expedition starts next spring.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has called Premier Fisher, of Australia, regretting that the commonwealth had declined to renew the Vancouver and Australia mail service. Canada has decided, therefore, to enter into a contract with the Union Steamship company, of New Zealand for a five years' service.

INVALIDITY INSURANCE.

Vast Importance of British Scheme is Discussed.

New York, Jan. 17.—A special cable to the Tribune from London says: "It is doubtful whether the British nation has yet recognized the vast importance of the government's scheme of invalidity insurance. Before many weeks are over it is likely, says the Daily News, to be the chief subject of criticism and discussion throughout the country." Invalidity insurance must be carefully distinguished, first from old age pension, and, second, from unemployment insurance. There is no idea of changing the basis of old age pensions as they are at present administered.

Invalidity insurance is an extension only of old age pensions. Five shillings a week will still be granted on a contributory basis to qualified persons over the age of seventy. For this reason the insurance scheme will come to an end at the age of seventy, and there will be no overlapping contributions to invalidity insurance, which will begin at an age not lower than sixteen and not higher than eighteen.

Again, invalidity insurance is quite distinct from unemployment insurance, as outlined by the board of trade. Unemployment insurance is intended for men and women who are able and willing to work, but cannot find jobs. Invalidity insurance is meant for men and women who are debarred from working through continued ill-health. Invalidity insurance will be compulsory and universal for all persons between the ages of sixteen or eighteen and seventy, whose income is less than £160 a year, and will involve, roughly, ten millions of people.

David Lloyd-George's scheme is still a cabinet secret, but it is understood that contributions to it will, as in the case of unemployment insurance, be derived from the worker, the state and the employer.

Five Children Drowned.

Vologna, Germany, Jan. 17.—A group of children broke through the ice while skating on the Rhine, last night. Five of the number were drowned, and four others were resuscitated only with difficulty.

UNCLE SAM'S TRADE.

The Balance in Favor of United States Beats Record.

Washington, Jan. 17.—With the enormous total of almost \$3,500,000,000, the total value of the foreign trade of the United States during the year which ended December 31st, 1910, was greater than that of any year ever before, and left a balance in favor of the country of over \$300,000,000. They exceeded the former high record of 1907 by about \$80,000,000. Imports from abroad amounted to \$1,562,807,622, compared with \$1,475,520,724 in 1909; \$1,116,374,087 in 1908 and \$1,423,169,820 in 1907. The exports during the year were larger than in any year except those of 1907, the total being \$1,864,411,370, compared with \$1,728,195,645, in 1909, and \$1,923,426,892 in 1907.

RECEIVED A WARNING

DR. BEATTIE NESBITT MADE A HASTY FLIGHT.

The Detective Arrived Twelve Hours Too Late—He Had Made Preparations for a Long Stay on a Muskoka Island.

Toronto, Jan. 17.—Dr. Beattie Nesbitt, who is wanted in connection with the Farmers' Bank affairs, left Toronto in the early part of last week with his wife and servants and went direct to a small island in Muskoka lake, known as Island F. This is about twelve miles from Gravenhurst, and the only way in which it can be reached is by crossing the ice.

Dr. Nesbitt had evidently been warned about the detectives coming for he had left some time on Saturday night, making his way on foot across the ice and through the woods to a place where a man with a team awaited him. They drove across country over small lakes and through the bush to Bala, where he caught the Canadian Northern train for Sudbury. Trace was had of him in Sudbury, but he had left twelve hours before the detectives arrived.

Inspector Duncan found that Dr. Nesbitt had made elaborate preparations for a long stay on the island, as he had laid in a stock of provisions sufficient for several months. The party at present in the cottage consists of Mrs. Nesbitt, a man named Crompton, and two servants.

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CROWN MOVES

With Marked Celerity Farmer's Bank Case.

NESBITT INDEBTED

TO THE BANK FOR A LARGE AMOUNT.

Travers Advanced Him Money Without Security—To Reimburse the Bank, Nesbitt Relinquished His Keeley Mine Stock.

Toronto, Jan. 17.—With Travers headed for a year-term in the Kingston penitentiary, Dr. Beattie Nesbitt, the first president, a fugitive from justice, summons issued for the appearance of the provisional directors, and several warrants prepared to issue for the apprehension of men associated with the ex-manager in the wrecking of the institution, the crown has moved with considerable celerity in the Farmers' Bank case.

The following provisional directors will be summoned in court—Dr. John Ferguson, Alexander Fraser, provincial archivist, Alexander S. Low, barrister and John Watson, ex-mayor of Listowel.

The charge reads as follows—

"That being members of the Board of Provisional Directors of the Farmers' Bank of Canada did conspire, confederate and agree to unlawfully obtain from the funds of Farmers' Bank of Canada the sum of \$10,000."

It is admitted that Dr. Nesbitt was heavily indebted to the Farmers' Bank when the negotiations for the Keeley Mine were in progress. This money had been advanced to Nesbitt by Travers without security, and it was to reimburse the bank that Nesbitt finally relinquished the stock held by him in the Keeley mine.

From time to time Dr. Nesbitt had secured advances from Travers through the Farmers' Bank to carry him along. During Dr. Nesbitt's tenure as president the Keeley mine had not appeared on the horizon. Travers, however, had mapped out a plan for the obtaining of capital in the Old Country, and it was to this end that the doctor resigned his position as Registrar of East Toronto, which had yielded him an income at the rate of \$9,000 per year, to contest the mayoralty of Toronto.

Following his defeat the doctor resigned his position as president of the Farmers' Bank, being succeeded by Col. Munro, of Embro. George Wishart, who was associated with Nesbitt and Travers in the promotion of the Keeley mine, is an American residing a short way out of New York. Wishart had been identified with Travers in other interests before the mine matter came up.

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