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SOLID PARTY

Liberals Proud of Their Leaders in House.

NO SOMERSAULTING

TROUBLES IN THE CONSERVATIVE RANKS.

The Information Sought by Lennox of South Simcoe Will be Provided—Urging That More Money be Devoted to Agriculture.

Special to the Whig.

Ottawa, March 30.—The rumors circulated about the House of Commons, yesterday, that R. L. Borden, leader of his majesty's opposition, was about to resign his position as leader of the party, was denied by prominent conservatives who are close touch with him. In any case and whatever the ultimate outcome may be, it is clear to all that there is much disruption in the ranks of the conservatives and it would be absolutely ridiculous to even make the slightest prediction where it will end. Naturally, the liberal members are gloating over the somersaulting tactics so prominent in the ranks of their friends opposite and compliment themselves on the undivided and solid position their party is in at present.

In answer to Mr. Lemieux, South Simcoe, as regards the actual figures of over-classification, overbreak and other over charges on the Transcontinental railway, the minister of railways replied that details were being worked out by the district engineers and it would take some time to get the figures.

In respect to the Quebec bridge contract, had it been let, who were the contractors, and what was their tender, the minister of railways answered Mr. Lennox that the situation had changed and it had not changed. However, the information desired by the member from South Simcoe would be available at an early date.

Mr. Gilbert, nationalistic member for Drummond-Athabasca, delved into agricultural matters and moved an amendment to the effect that one-tenth of the country's estimates should be devoted to agricultural interests. The member for Drummond made a very creditable speech and declared that he would like to see a model farm in each county, where farmers might secure practical lessons in agriculture. The dairy industry might be doubled and trebled if dairymen were taught up-to-date methods. The government should also give more encouragement to co-operative agricultural societies and he advocated a subsidy to each of such societies on the basis of 85 per member. This money might be expended on abattoirs or cold storage establishments. Then he suggested that ten per cent. of the annual revenue of the dominion should be devoted to agriculture and declared that since 1867 only \$14,464,000 had been expended to improve the agricultural industry, while \$697,776,900 had been expended in railway subsidies, and \$82,193,389 for militia, \$17,000,000 in iron and steel bounties and many millions for the North-West rebellion. Mr. Gilbert was strongly supported by Dr. Edwards, of Frontenac, and Dr. Reid, of Grenville.

For the eleven months, April to February, of the current fiscal year, the number of immigrants who arrived in Canada was 271,392 as compared with 175,729 during the corresponding months of last fiscal year. The gain is fifty-four per cent. The number who arrived via ocean ports for the same period was 164,486 as against 89,241 for a like period of last fiscal year, an increase of eighty-four per cent. From the United States, for the same eleven months, there were 106,906 immigrant arrivals; during corresponding eleven months of last fiscal year there were 86,488, the gain from this revenue being twenty-four per cent.

GOOD CATCH OF SEALS.

Sir Bonaventure Arrives at St. John's With 30,000 Skins.

St. John's, Nfld., March 30.—With a broom at the masthead, indicating that her trip had been successful, the steamer Bonaventure arrived in the harbor, last night, with 30,000 seals aboard. She was the first of the fleet of nineteen sealers, which left on the annual cruise fifteen days ago, to return to port. News of the success with which the sealers were meeting had already been flashed ashore by wireless.

According to the report brought in by the Bonaventure, eleven other steamers are about to start for home with good catches, and only two of the nineteen, so far as known, appear to have missed the seal bards. Advice indicates that the catch will probably exceed half-a-million, considerably more than was secured by the sealers last year.

The average value of a seal is from \$2.50 to \$3, the total value of the catch is estimated at upwards of a million dollars.

The King Has a Kind Heart.

London, March 30.—A story of King George's kindness of heart was related last night. The king recently visited an aged couple in moderate circumstances who had resided for a long time on the royal estate at Norfolk, and, after a friendly chat, the king offered to the husband a cigar.

The aged man thanked the king, adding: "I don't often get a chance to smoke cigars."

A few days later the man received a letter in the king's handwriting, giving to him his house rent free for the rest of his life and expressing the hope that this little relief to his income would enable him to afford cigars as long as he lived.

BIG BEQUEST HELD UP.

Gift of \$12,000,000 to Princeton

Tied Up.

Grand Junction, Col., March 30.—The twelve million dollar bequest to Princeton University, of Isaac C. Wyman, who died about a year ago in Massachusetts, leaving his entire estate to Princeton, has been tied up in Colorado courts by the filing of a demand by W. S. Phillips that an administrator be appointed for the estate in Colorado.

Phillips, who is a distant relative of Wyman, claims \$103,000 is due him from the estate. He demanded that his claim be settled before the estate is turned over to Princeton.

AFTER COAL INDUSTRY;

Pennsylvania Assembly Proposes a Sweeping Inquiry.

Harrisburg, Pa., March 30.—A sweeping legislative investigation of the anthracite coal industry in Pennsylvania is proposed in a concurrent resolution introduced in the general assembly which has in view the enactment of laws for the protection of the public and the reduction of the cost of coal.

As an indication that the proposed investigation will be thorough the committee is empowered to inquire into the relations between mining and transportation companies and the great banking houses which are said to be closely affiliated with them and which usually conduct their financial operations.



PHOTO BY THOMPSON, NEW YORK

OGDEN MILLS REID.

Son of Ambassador and Mrs. Field whose engagement to Miss Helen Rogers was recently announced.

WANTS TO HAVE A GO.

Harvard Seeks Race With Oxford, Cambridge Winner.

Cambridge, Mass., March 30.—The Harvard athletic authorities are considering the advisability of sending an envoy to England to confer with the Oxford and Cambridge regarding a meeting between the Harvard Varsity oarsmen and the winning crews of the coming Oxford-Cambridge race.

The matter of having the combined track teams of Harvard and Yale meet a representative team from Cambridge and Oxford will also be discussed.

Couch James Wry, of the Harvard crew, said, to-day, that should Cambridge win an international rowing contest is assured.

WORLD PEACE PACT.

DIPLOMATS SPECULATE ON EFFECT OF AGREEMENT.

Senate to Ratify the Pact—Objections Raised by Members of Foreign Relations Committee Will be Removed.

Washington, March 30.—The general arbitration treaty with Great Britain is being so phrased by Secretary Knox and Mr. Bryce, the British ambassador, that the objections which have been raised to it by members of the foreign relations committee of the senate will be removed.

The president discussed the object and functions of the general arbitration treaty with Senator Culton, chairman, and Senator Lodge, Clark and William Alden Smith, of the foreign relations committee.

It was learned after this conference that the scope of the treaty has been heretofore correctly stated. In brief, all questions which may arise between the United States and Great Britain, including those affecting national policies and the respective national honor of the two countries, shall be submitted to arbitration.

The new essential of the treaty, however, is a declaration of the "willingness and desire" of the powers signatory to arbitrate all questions.

This, however, is as far as the proposed pact will go and in all subsequent international transactions looking to arbitration of specific matters the senate and its functions will be called into play.

That the senate was not so provided for in the celebrated Hay-Pauncefote treaty of general arbitration caused the failure of that convention. Under the Knox-Pryce treaty the senate is to have a hand in the application of the pact and will be consulted fully in the provision of the machinery which makes operative any effort at arbitration as given subject.

Government Officer Dead.

Charlottetown, P.E.I., March 30.—Charles Murphy, assistant collector of customs at Summerside, dropped dead while at work in his office, yesterday. He had apparently been in his usual good health. Heart failure was given as the cause of death. He was sixty-two years of age and leaves a family.

There are rumors of fighting in Amur province.

LATEST NEWS

Despatches From Near And Distant Places

THE WORLD'S TIDINGS

GIVEN IN THE BRIGHTEST POSSIBLE FORM.

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

London workmen have organized an accident insurance company.

H. Lefebvre, Montreal, aged fifteen, confessed to starting three fires.

The four-masted steel barque Buteshire, laden with nitrate, is roaming with sails set, but crewless, in the Bay of Biscay.

Senator Frost, Smith's Falls, seriously ill for some weeks, on Wednesday took his seat in the senate for the first time this session.

A. H. Galloway, for twenty-seven years at the Ottawa post office, is going to Saskatoon, and was presented with a gold watch by his colleagues.

George Leopold, three-year-old son of Elsear Dugay, Hull, died after falling into a pail of boiling water which a chaperone had left unguarded.

H. H. Koniash, publisher of the Chicago Record-Herald, knows that \$100,000 has been used to procure the election of William Lorimer to the United States senate.

Commander Penry is commissioned a civil engineer with the rank of rear admiral. The appointment dates from April 6th, 1909, the day he claims to have reached the North Pole.

At Cincinnati Jacob Basechang, former liquor tax collector, for having solicited bribes from a brewery to refund taxes on saloons, was sentenced to two years' imprisonment.

With a forty-five mile railway from Gaspe Bay to Inverness, Cape Breton, English mails could be delivered under five days throughout Newfoundland, Canada, and the Northern United States.

Hurled by a wave down a companionway and killed was the fate of Capt. Christen Pedersen, of the Danish steamship Brorringen Olga, which arrived at Newport, New York, from Leith.

Tinsley, the representative of the Uranian Steamship company, running from New York to Holland and controlled by the U.N.R., has been banished from Holland owing to alleged infringement of the regulations issued by the Netherlands government regarding the landing of steerage passengers bound to Eastern Europe.

BIG FIRE AT TAMWORTH.

The Barry Block Destroyed—Loss is \$7,500.

Tamworth, March 30.—A disastrous fire broke out in W. A. Yorke's hardware shop, at midnight, and spread to the T. Barry block, which was completely destroyed. Much of the household furniture belonging to T. Barry is unknown. The loss is at least \$7,500; insurance unknown.

The Barry block comprised three stores and a dwelling. One store was occupied by Walter Coulter, photographer, and T. M. Barry occupied the other two, one as a store and the other as a storehouse. T. M. Barry's insurance on stores and contents is \$2,250.

W. A. York was insured. He lost all. Floyd & Co.'s store and stock were badly damaged; covered by insurance.

It was a fierce fire, and only for the willing helpers, Tamworth would have been all burned.

WAR WITH JAPAN

Will Never Come Except Through Ignorance.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 30.—That there is danger of war between the United States and Japan was stated by Baron d'Estournelles de Constant, member of the French senate, in an address before the City Club, last night. After referring to conditions in California, he said: "But there is a storm hanging over your heads, a battle that threatens destruction of all this loveliness and it is of this I have come to warn you."

"Let me tell you that Japan does not want war with you or any other country, and never will there be a war between this country and Japan unless it is stirred up by ignorance in both nations."

ELUSIVE MR. SHELDON.

Police of Massachusetts Town Could Not Lay Hands on Him.

Brookton, Mass., March 30.—Charles D. Sheldon, the fugitive from Montreal, arrested at Pittsburgh, has been identified as Charles W. Robinson, formerly of this city. Robinson, who was prominent in business, church and social affairs, left Brookton, the police say, twenty-one years ago.

A warrant charging embezzlement and forgery, secured at that time, is still in the hands of the local officers, who since Robinson's departure have heard from the man but once. In 1903, he was located in Rhode Island, but by the time the machinery of the law could be started he had disappeared.

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READY FOR SEEDING.

Farmers in District Expect to Start This Week.

Edmonton, Alta., March 30.—Advices from the surrounding district state that farmers are all ready for seeding, and if fine weather continues some work will be done this week.

Unless there is a serious setback occasioned by storm or a cold snap, seeding will be completed by April 1st. The immense quantity of snow, which caused fear of floods, has disappeared and farmers are well pleased. The land has never been in better condition and the spring outlook generally is first-class.

There was more fall plowing than at the close of last season for many years, and with a favorable spring there will be a big increase in seeding.

MUST HELP THEM.

Chicago, March 30.—Chicagoans, under threats of death, have contributed \$100,000 or more, it is believed, for the defence of the Camerists on trial in Viterbo. A reference to records of the post office and of banks through which the money has been sent to Italy, supports the story.

PROTEST TO SIR JAMES.

Suffragettes Will Send Letter to Ontario's Premier.

Ottawa, March 30.—The Ottawa Women's Suffrage Association, has decided to send a protest to Sir James Whitney against his words—that suffrage had never done any good in the world, and to send him in the same envelope some facts of what has been accomplished in other countries where the suffrage has been granted.

MORSE GOING CRAZY.

Los Angeles, March 30.—Charles W. Morse, the former ice king, is going crazy in his cell at the federal prison at Atlanta, according to the statement of John F. Gaynor, just released from that institution after serving four years for grafting in army contracts.

Gaynor was released a few days after his associate, Greene, who reached New York on Friday. They were formerly contractors in charge of Savannah harbor improvements.

"Morse," said Gaynor, yesterday, as he paced a Pullman car which was carrying him north, "is in bad shape. He is losing his mind from imprisonment and worry. He is surely going crazy. Even now you can see his mind is failing and I feel sure, I know, he will be insane before long unless he gets out. I told Mrs. Morse about it yesterday, and she is prostrated."

According to Gaynor, Morse sits for hours at a time looking blankly at the walls of the prison. He dislikes to see visitors, eats little and is in poor physical as well as bad mental condition.

THREE GIRLS HAVE DIED.

In Chicago From Over-Skipping In Two Weeks.

HE ADMITS THEFT.

SHELDON CONFESSIONS REAL NAME IS CHARLES W. ROBINSON.

Prisoner Claims He Absconded With \$200,000 While Clerk of Court in 1900—Gave Money to Several Political Friends.

Pittsburgh, Pa., March 30.—Charles D. Sheldon, who now admits that he absconded by embezzlement and false pretense in Montreal, Canada, aggregate \$30,000,000, confessed that his right name is Charles W. Robinson, and that while clerk of court in Brooklyn, N.Y., he absconded in 1900 with \$200,000.

He said he gave the money to several of his political friends who were in financial difficulties at the time. When he tried to get the money back from them he could not, so he left in 1903. He refused to tell the names of the parties concerned, save that several of them are now dead, while others have large families, and he did not want to bring distress or disgrace on any of their children.

"No one is worried about me," he said, "so I might as well take all the blame."

Early yesterday a warrant was served on Sheldon, charging embezzlement of stocks and bonds valued at \$1,000.

The information was made by Mrs. Ethel McAdoo, with whom Sheldon boarded in this city. Mrs. McAdoo said that Sheldon got the stocks and bonds from her to make an investment. It was found that he converted the stocks and bonds to his own use.