

## WILL PROCEED

With Investigation Into Coal Strike.

## IF NOTHING IS DONE

BY THOSE INVOLVED ON MONDAY NEXT.

Reciprocity Debate Was Resumed—Government Was Criticized For Not Filling Prince Edward Island Vacancies.

Special to the Whig. Ottawa, April 8.—Before the House of Commons, got into committee of ways and means, yesterday, to continue the discussion on reciprocity, Mr. Armstrong (East Lambton), asked the postmaster-general if he had decided to have the coronation stamp made with a purely Canadian design described thereon. Hon. Mr. Lemieux replied that nothing definite had as yet been decided, and the matter was still under consideration.

Maj. John Heron (Macled, Alberta) asked the minister of labor what his department had done or intended to do in regard to the coal strike now going on in Alberta.

Hon. Mackenzie King said that up to the present time neither of the parties involved had not, as yet, decided to ask for a board of conciliation to investigate, with the view of satisfactorily adjusting the difficulty.

The minister said he had sent a message to Mr. McNeven, who is on the ground representing the department, to inform the different companies that if they did not appeal to the department for such a board, the inference would be that they did not wish to have the public know the actual situation.

The answer that Mr. McNeven got from the different companies was that they had not, as yet, made up their minds whether or not they would apply for a board.

Mr. Goodvee (Kootenay) interrupted and said that it was evident from this that the companies had lost confidence in the industrial disputes act.

Mr. King said he did not think such was the case, because they would be entitled to a representative on any board that was appointed. The minister said he could do nothing until an application asking for this board was received, but if nothing was done by Monday next he had decided to go ahead with an investigation.

Dr. Reid, of Grenville, said he had obtained a copy of the Journals on Record which said that Mr. Marvey, who controls a lease of northern waters tributary and including Hudson's Bay, had stated some years ago that he was willing to have this lease cancelled, as he had never operated there in, but would expect that the government pay him back the amount he had paid them—annually, amounting to about a thousand dollars.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said he would look into the matter and supply information on Monday next.

Glen Campbell (Dauphin, Man.), took exception to the statement made by Hon. Sidney Fisher that some conservative members were afraid to record their votes either for or against reciprocity.

He declared this was not the case, because every one on his side of the house was unanimously opposed to the pact. He, himself, as a farmer, was absolutely opposed to it, not from a party standpoint, but knowing it would result unfavorably to the farmers' interests. He maintained that the big farmers' delegation to Ottawa did not ask for reciprocity; it was only a minor grievance. He claimed that if this agreement passed it would divert wheat to the United States elevators, where it would continue to be mixed and so deteriorated as to impair its value on the markets of the world, and as a consequence mean less per bushel to the producer. He added that surely Sir Wilfrid Laurier would not advocate any policy of this kind.

A. L. Fraser, King's, Prince Edward Island, brought up the matter of two vacancies from that province, one in the senate, the other as a judgeship. They have been vacant for nearly two years, and in the case of the judicial vacancy, there were many cases that had to remain unheard, owing to the non-appointment.

Dr. Reid, of Grenville, and R. L. Borden severely criticized the government for the delay in the matter.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said he had promised to do something when the matter was up before, but pleaded guilty that it had escaped his attention, but he assured Mr. Fraser that something would be done after the Easter holidays.

The house then resumed the reciprocity debate, and E. S. Cash, of Yorkton, Sask., spoke for the liberals, followed by Alexander Haggart, of Winnipeg.

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The Private Secretary. Grand Opera House, 8.15 p.m.

I need a new hat. So to-night I will go. And buy the latest. From George Mills & Co.

## CARNEGIE ON ARBITRATION.

Believes it Wiser Not to Hasten Public Opinion.

New York, April 8.—Andrew Carnegie has declined to become chairman of a proposed united association of all organizations now working for an arbitration treaty between this country and Great Britain. He believes that this is not the time to accelerate public opinion, but that it is wiser to follow the United States senate, and to deliberate on the proposed treaty unharassed and unprompted.

Mr. Carnegie believes a treaty will pass, and he had assurances that many prominent democrats will cooperate with the administration to this end. Among those he names, whose position he believes "cannot be doubted," are Govs. Dix, of New York; Woodrow Wilson, of New Jersey; Simon Baldwin, of Connecticut; Speaker Champ Clark, and "last, but not least," William Jennings Bryan, none of whom have hitherto in any way indicated their attitude. He says he has of late been deluged with invitations to preside at meetings and attend banquets in various cities "and has invariably declined."

## UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA.

Deficit of \$10,000 Announced—Honorary Degrees.

Winnipeg, April 8.—The budget of the University of Manitoba, presented at the council meeting shows a deficit of \$10,000.

The degree of honorary LL.D. will be conferred upon President B. A. Falconer, of Toronto University, and Sir Daniel MacMillan, lieutenant-governor of Manitoba, to take effect on the day of their departure from the province. Prof. Martin Clark will represent the university at the first annual congress of races in London, on July 26th to 29th.

## TO CONSERVE SNOWS

THOUSANDS OF ACRES WILL BE TREATED

In the Blue Mountains—More Water Demanded by Irrigation of Valley Lands.

Spokane, Wash., April 8.—To conserve the snows of the Blue Mountains in the Wenaha forest reserve, the government forestry bureau is planning to "treat" thousands of acres with shrubbery and trees this summer and develop dormant springs. According to an announcement that has been made in public camps, already being established where forces of government rangers and assistants will be quartered this summer to do the work. More water has been steadily demanded by irrigation of lands in the valleys through which the Walla Walla river, Milne creek, Touchet river and other streams flow, and petitions sent to the government have been promptly noticed and complied with. This will double the water supply during the summer, it is believed, when the treatment of the mountain forests and watersheds is completed. The snows of the winter, instead of melting with a rush in early spring, will be protected during that period and the water saved until midsummer, when it is really needed. Residents in the mountains will co-operate with the government in this work.

## ARTILLERY FOR HAWAII.

United States to Send Two More Companies.

Washington, April 8.—In accordance with plans laid and announced several months ago, the war department will send two more companies of coast artillery to Hawaii in about three months' time. The troops will be taken from the posts along the eastern coast of the United States. There are only two companies of coast artillery in Hawaii. The plans contemplate ultimately making the coast artillery strength in Hawaii eight companies, but this number will not be reached for some time on account of the lack of barracks accommodations.

## INVENT PROJECTILE

FOR USE IN FIGHTING AN AIRSHIP.

It Will Explode When it Touches Airship—A Description of the Invention.

Washington, D.C., April 8.—The use of airplanes and dirigible balloons in warfare is confronted, to-day, with a new menace in the shape of a device patented by Krupp, the German manufacturer of cannon, by which a projectile can be sent through the air that will instantly explode when it touches the "skin" of a balloon or the canvas covering of an airship.

Up to this time, the explosion of such projectiles in aerial warfare practice has been dependent altogether on time fuses, but the Krupp has eliminated the elements of uncertainty. The new fuse has a glass plug containing a pellet of fulminate of mercury, which, when lighted, sets off the explosive charge of projectiles.

The fulminate is ignited by a needle driven against the pellet by a spring which is controlled by two levers. When the head of the projectile strikes any surface levers are released and swing outward under centrifugal force, permitting the ignition needle to be driven by its spring into the fulminate, causing the explosion.

Pays \$18,000 for Fraud.

New York, April 8.—It is announced that Julius Gehme, a veteran Fifth avenue art dealer, has paid the United States government \$18,000 in settlement of court of a forfeiture and condemnation suit which was based on the undervaluation of paintings, which Gehme had imported.

Campbell Bros. To-night.

For new neckties, \$2, \$2.50, \$3, \$4.

Orders taken for baby wear. Miss Sutherland, 90 Princess street.

## LATEST NEWS

Despatches 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.

At Halifax, the canteen was condemned by Methodists.

A. J. Ballour discussed federal home rule in British house.

John Young Murdoch, the missing Jarvis lawyer, was arrested in Cincinnati.

The alumni of the University of Toronto held their annual dinner on Friday.

It is believed that fifty miners, employed in the coal mines at Throop, Pa., are lost.

Mrs. (President) Taft is arranging a silver wedding celebration at the White House for June 19th.

Forty-eight dusky savans from Guadeloupe have arrived at Montreal to fill positions as domestics.

Passengers of the stranded liner Irene were safely transferred to the sister ship, Prinz Wilhelm, and landed at New York.

Senator LaFollette has introduced a resolution in the United States senate providing for another investigation of the Senator Loring case.

A. C. Dinkley, president of the Carnegie Steel company, will within the next few days, retire. He is one of Andrew Carnegie's "boys."

General Henry C. Young, Paris, a veteran of the civil war and probably the most widely known American resident in Paris, died on Friday, at his home.

Low cut dress necks are a good thing, according to Dr. Claude C. Wheeler "since anything that exposes the skin is good for the general health."

Found drunk on the street in Boston, at the age of 102 years, John Golding has been sent to the state farm. He made a vigorous defence in police court.

Another batch of reciprocity memoranda were presented to the house, on Friday afternoon, by Hon. W. S. Fielding, and the result was a score for reciprocity, 88 against 3.

At Watertown, N.Y., Mrs. Anna Plank, twenty years old, in a fit of anger, swallowed carbolic acid. Prompt action of her sister-in-law in forcing alcohol down the woman's throat saved her life.

Dr. Bell has severely criticized the health department at Ottawa in connection with the smallpox epidemic, and threatened, unless improvements were made, to isolate the city from the rest of the province.

A jury in the supreme court of Brooklyn brought in a verdict of \$18,000 against Dr. Charles Walker, a dentist, in the suit of Jacob Bels, a cigar manufacturer, for the alienation of Mrs. Bels' affection.

Osceola, N.Y., horsemen of this city are deeply interested in a proposed racing league to be composed of driving clubs in this section of the state, including Fulton, Phoenix and Baldwinsville, and probably Syracuse.

The paper manufacturers of Northern New York are discussing the feasibility of an electric road from Laketon to some nearby port on Lake Ontario as a means of securing Canadian pulpwood at cheaper rates than at present paid the railroads.

Williams J. Bryan told the committee sent by the citizens of Memphis to invite him to make his home in that city that he could not accept.

Mr. Bowers said he felt sure that Memphis could easily raise \$2,000,000 if that would be any inducement to have Mr. Bryan in his city.

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## SPAIN AND THE CHURCH.

Archbishop Protests Against Bill to Banish Orders.

Madrid, April 8.—The Archbishop of Bourgois, in the name of the church, protested in the senate against the pending presentation of the measure proposing the banishment of religious orders from Spain. It is anticipated that the law will come up for the approval of the senate, and the deputies in a few days. The archbishop said that the act would expatriate Catholics and violate the agreement existing between Spain and the church. The consequences to the government of Spain would be grave, said the archbishop.

## Japan's Financial Policy.

Tokio, April 8.—Marquis Katsura, the premier and minister of finance, addressing an audience of bankers at Kyoto, said there would be no change in the government's financial policy during the coming year. Unusual expenditures must be faced in Korea, and also measures for the prevention of floods and for the development of the railroads and the navy must be undertaken. However, the necessary funds would be secured, he said, without resort to additional taxation on foreign loans.

## WOMEN HOLD OFFICES.

Result of Recent Elections in Colorado.

Denver, Colo., April 8.—Thirteen women held important municipal offices in Colorado as a result of Tuesday's elections. Pueblo, the second largest city in the state, elected a woman auditor. Leadville, Telluride, Idaho Springs, Greeley and Montrose elected women treasurers, as did also the smaller towns of Fairplay and Ridgeway. Colorado City and Las Animas elected city clerks and Durango a woman alderman.

The little town of Alma will have two women city officials, the city clerk and treasurer.

There are four women members of the Colorado legislature and one of the commissioners of the county of Denver is a woman.

## PROFESSORSHIP FOR EX-MAYOR

Friends Have Turned Over to Princeton \$50,000.

New York, April 8.—Fifty thousand dollars has been raised and turned over to the trustees of Princeton university to establish a professorship of public affairs, to be occupied by G. B. Metcalf, former mayor of New York. The Times, in making this announcement, says that the fund was raised by Mr. Metcalf's friends. It has been suggested for some time that Mr. Metcalf might assume such a chair at Princeton. He is now in Europe.

## POWER OFFER

Made to Kingston by Hon. Adam Beck

## THE RATES BETTER THAN THOSE OF THE SEYMOUR COMPANY.

Three Different Quotations Made—A Double Line Would be Constructed—Some of the Features of the Commission's Offer.

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The peak load provision of the Seymour company and the commission is the same, viz., twenty minutes in twenty-four hours. The commission has purchased power at High Falls and at Waddington, N.Y., and Kingston would be at the apex of the triangle. The commission would build the sub-station here and in thirty years it would revert to the city. The cost of the line to this city would be \$800,000.

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