

LIBERALS CHALLENGE MINISTER OF MILITIA

To Make Good His Charge Against Fisher

UPROAR IN COMMONS

LAURIER STINGING REBUKE TO PREMIER BORDEN

Col. Sam Hughes was forced to explain, and intimated that what he had said was current talk.

Ottawa, Feb. 27.—For more than an hour yesterday the House of Commons was in a state of angry uproar, the vehemence of which has been matched only by the memorable scenes of the day-and-night naval struggle of last session. Col. the Hon. Sam Hughes was confronted with his statement, read from the pages of Hansard, that Hon. Sydney Fisher and "some of his friends in this house" had secured a "take-off" in the purchase of property near Farnham for a rifle range, and he sat silent under Sir Wilfrid Laurier's stinging challenge, while the indignant liberal members shouted "coward" and "slanderer." In turn, Speaker Sproule and Hon. Arthur Meighen, the new solicitor-general, sought to stay the vigorous arraignment of Emanuel Devlin by endeavors to stop him under various interpretations of the rules. But they reckoned without the liberal leader. Sir Wilfrid confronted the speaker with Hansard and the text of the rules, and his honor was forced, amid a roar of liberal cheering, to make a somewhat undignified capitulation, while the protest of young Mr. Meighen was brushed aside with scarce passing notice as a mere insincere bit of sophistry.

"Let us hear from the minister of militia," persisted Sir Wilfrid in stinging scorn. "Has he the manliness to speak? Will he speak now?" But Colonel the Hon. Sam Hughes, minister of militia, clung to his seat. "A brave warrior!" exclaimed Mr. Gouveau in contempt. "Coward, slanderer," came an indignant volley of liberal protest. "Is the minister afraid to speak now? Has he the manliness to make his charges or withdraw?" persisted Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

Premier Rebuked by Laurier
Premier Borden jumped to his feet, his hand extended and shaking. "The member for Wright has raised no question of privilege," he exclaimed with anger, appealing to the speaker. Sir Wilfrid's rebuke was terribly forceful. "What!" exclaimed the liberal leader, swinging round and confronting the premier. "Do I understand the prime minister right? Does he seek to maintain that a member of this house—nay, a minister—can throw taunts at the integrity of members of this house, against the honor of the house, and there is no right to call him to account on the question of privilege? The minister alleged that a distinguished ex-minister of the house, with some friends in this house, had secured a take-off in a transaction involving the expenditures of public money, and the prime minister holds that he cannot be brought to book?"

Sir Wilfrid paused, but Mr. Borden sat silent, and manifestly ill at ease. "Has the minister anything to say?" proceeded the liberal leader, turning his attention again to Colonel the Hon. Sam Hughes. "Does he persist in his statement? Is he ready to take a manly course and admit that he made a serious error, or is he ready to make his statement and stand by it?" he asked.

DAILY MEMORANDA
Civic Finance, 3 p.m.
Band at the Palace rink to-night.
Good tea.
See top of page 3, right hand corner, for probabilities.
Nat. Goodwin "Never Say Die"
Grand opera house, 2.30 p.m., Saturday.

Character Reading

Reading character from handwriting is an old endeavor. But the reading of business character from a study of advertising is far more interesting and profitable. Just glance over in this newspaper the advertisements of the merchants whose places you know. Does not the merchant write his store character into his advertising? Is it not possible to form a pretty good idea of the store from the manner in which it makes its announcements in the newspapers? Merchants are coming to realize more and more that when they write an advertisement they are painting a business portrait of themselves—indicating their business character. They are more careful in their statements, more modest in their language, and pay more attention to typography and illustration. Advertising will be prepared this year even more carefully than ever before and there will be more of it.

OPPOSES THE PROJECT

Of Constructing the Georgian Bay Canal.

St. Catharines, Feb. 27.—The Board of Trade, last night, in passing a resolution asking the Dominion government to deepen the whole St. Lawrence route so that ocean-going vessels can come right to the Central Ontario, put itself on record as being opposed to the Georgian Bay canal project. It was urged that nothing be done on the Georgian Bay canal project until the government commission reports favorably on its possibility. The board also passed a resolution urging that the proposed Hydro-Electric radial railway from the Georgian Bay to Lake Erie be extended likewise to Niagara river.

GOT OFF VERY EASY

Because He Admitted Passing Worthless Cheques

St. Catharines, Feb. 27.—One year at Guelph prison farm was the sentence to-day imposed by Judge Cannon on E. J. Thomas, who pleaded guilty to passing a worthless cheque for twenty-five dollars at the Imperial bank, Niagara-on-the-lake on February 5th. Thomas to-day admitted similar acts in Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Toronto and St. Thomas, and judge shortened his sentence for his frankness.

EVERYTHING DECLINED BUT BANK SAVINGS

Statements Shows That Banks Last Month Held Tight Grip On Credits

Ottawa, Feb. 27.—Some remarkable movements of business occurred in Canada during January, if the bank statement is a criterion. The accounts of savings depositors alone appear to have saved the statement from disgrace. Time deposits, gold reserves, call loans in Canada all declined heavily during the month, but the humble individual appears to have started the year with good resolutions and put his money in the bank for savings deposits. It is evident that the banks were holding a tight grip on credits during the month. The jump in savings deposits shows that the people are getting some money and that they are not anxious to spend it.

ST. LAWRENCE RIVER POWER

Government Commission May Begin Inquiry This Year.

Ottawa, Feb. 27.—An inquiry into all power concerns on the St. Lawrence river from the foot of Lake Ontario eastward, and quite possibly also to the head of the lakes, is again mooted. The late government appointed a commission consisting of Prof. McLeod, W. I. Gear and Arthur Surcouf, Montreal, to make the inquiry, but when the change of ministry occurred Mr. Gear resigned. L. Coulters, of the public works department, has been proposed to take his place. There is a likelihood of the investigation going ahead this year.

To Be Held Responsible

Ottawa, Feb. 27.—It is stated, this morning, that ex-Superintendent McClellan, of the Trent Valley canal, will be held responsible for the return of money diverted. The papers in this case will be laid on the table of the commons in a few days when Hon. Dr. Reid returns from Halifax, where he has gone with Hon. Frank Cochrane.

Look Out For Him

New York, Feb. 27.—"Bridge" Webster, one of the most important witnesses required for the second trial of ex-Lieut. Charles Becker, is missing. The police of all the states and Canada have been asked to watch for him.

PERNICIOUS INFLUENCE OF CORNER GROCERY

The Object Of Vigorous Attack By Col. The Hon. Sam Hughes

Ottawa, Feb. 27.—The pernicious influence of the corner grocery and the hotel lounge in providing places for young men to spend the time which they ought to spend in drilling was attacked by Col. Sam Hughes in addressing the Canadian Artillery association yesterday. The minister of militia talked about how he was wearing himself out in the service of his country, instead of wearing out hotel seats. He praised the Louis Botha doctrine that all men ought either to submit to military training or be taxed. The people who sneer at the volunteers—they are anathema unto Col. Hon. Sam. He says he would like to make them pay for the privilege. In the course of his remarks the minister mentioned a novel match between gunners and riflemen, and suggested that it should be carried out at Petawawa this year using "targets as big as a man's head."

Sat on Rail Until Killed

Vancouver, Feb. 27.—Joseph Fallon, aged fifty-two, and Hiram Bradley, aged fifty-six, were cut to pieces by a train while sitting on the track. One sat on each rail and they made no move to escape as the engine approached. A solid car load of malted milk, valued at \$10,000, came from Chicago via C.P.R. for Toronto.

DID NOT FACE

The Ontario Legislature To Make a Statement

EVANTUREL IS ADRIFT

LIBERALS DO NOT WANT HIM ANY MORE.

The Matter Again Discussed in the Legislature — The Liberal Leader Tells About the Exclusion of the Prescott Member.

Toronto, Feb. 27.—Crowded galleries in the legislature yesterday eagerly anticipated the promised explanation by Gustave Evanturel in connection with the incident involving a retainer from the liquor interests of this province. But the crowd was disappointed. Mr. Evanturel did not appear, and the expected explanation was not given. The matter, however, is not allowed to stand, and before adjournment Hon. J. J. Foy, speaking for the government, said that the whole incident is to be considered, and in default of a satisfactory explanation some action will be taken to safeguard the dignity of the house and repress the incident. In this N. W. Rowell, leader of the opposition, concurred, and promised hearty co-operation with any proper methods that might be adopted. It was evident that the counter-blast which Mr. Ferguson had planned had in his opinion proved ineffective. Following a statement by Mr. Rowell disassociating the liberal party in the house from any further connection with Mr. Evanturel, Mr. Ferguson cornered and fast on the liberal party responsibility for the whole affair, and characterized it as an attempt to secure a large campaign contribution from the liquor interests. Cries of "Oh, oh," and "rotten" greeted his remarks. The speaker interrupted to rule Mr. Ferguson out of order, and quickly made the situation worse.

EVANTUREL'S EXCLUSION

Mr. Rowell, who opened the incident in the afternoon, said: "I desire briefly to supplement the statement I made in the house yesterday in reference to the letter read in the house by the honorable member for Grenville (Mr. Ferguson). I regret to say that the explanation given me by the honorable member for Prescott have not removed the unfavorable impression created in the minds of my colleagues and myself by the reading of the letter in the house. "I am sure the honorable member for Prescott in applying for the position of organizer for special interests outside the house could not have realized what he was doing when he promised if he secured the position of the salary mentioned in that he would represent those interests in the house and carry out their desires—a position which no honorable member in this house can approve or support.

Statement to Caucus

"I desire further to say that the honorable member for Prescott had made a statement in the house to the effect that he would represent the interests in the house and carry out their desires—a position which no honorable member in this house can approve or support.

NAVY AND LABOR WARS

Admiralty's Policy to Avoid All New Regulations

London, Feb. 27.—The position of the navy in cases of industrial disputes was raised by Arthur Henderson, labor M.P., in the House of Commons. Mr. Henderson wanted to know if, during the recent trade dispute in New Zealand, the men of the Psyche and Pyramus were called into requisition and were paraded in the streets with fixed bayonets and whether it was done with the knowledge and sanction of the admiralty. Mr. Churchill, in reply, said: "I have no exact information of the measures taken. They were adopted at the express request of the responsible government of New Zealand."

LANDING OF MARINES NEVER DECIDED UPON

Invasion Mexico Without Permission Would Be Act Of War

Washington, Feb. 27.—President Wilson took the position last night that for the United States to send marines or armed forces of any kind into Mexico without the consent of the governing authorities there, would be an act of war. He declared emphatically that permission never had been sought either of General Huerta or General Carranza, and indicated clearly no general of that character would be made in the near future. The president announced too, that no change in the policy of the American government toward Mexico had been decided upon.

Refuses to Resign

Toronto, Feb. 27.—Though completely cut off from all association with the liberal party, and faced by the declaration of the acting prime minister that he would tender his resignation if the legislature from the liberal party, which he has placed upon it, Gustave Evanturel, opposition member from Prescott, stated to-day that he has absolutely no intention of resigning his seat in the house. He had an interview with Hon. J. J. Foy, during which he attempted to explain his conduct to the attorney-general.

New Celery From Florida

Also from California. Extra fancy stock for Saturday, at Carnovsky's.

Some misguided charity dispenser gave a cheque for \$1,000 to a single family in Toronto, and the police had a misère of the money.

Ex-President Taft opposes election of judges and favors the British tenure of judiciary.

DENIES CEDING LAND

American Negroes Not Likely to Prosper in Africa

London, Feb. 27.—The British government, having been informed of the claim made by Alfred Charles Sam, the reputed chief of the Akim tribe of Western Africa, that he had secured land concession in the Gold Coast Colony which he contemplated colonizing with American negroes, is making inquiries of the Washington government concerning the nature of the scheme. Officials at the colonial office said that no land in the Gold Coast Colony had been conceded to Sam. The Gold Coast authorities are anxious to have light thrown on the scheme as they say the American negroes are not likely to prosper in the African colony because there is nothing in that region for them to do.

With the Highland Cadets

St. Andrew's Highland cadets are drilling faithfully under Capt. W. H. Craig (14th Regiment). They have their khaki uniforms, but will also be provided with the Highland outfit, such as was worn by the corps a few years ago. The officers and N.C.O.'s are: Company leader, Grant Carr-Harris; high company leaders, Kirk Melbride, Hugh Nicker, color-sergeant, Presley McLeod; corporals, Lionel and Arnold O'Grady, Edgar Lockett, William Campbell.

MUST STOP CUTTING EACH OTHER'S THROAT

A Warning Given by Westminster Gazette to British Liberals and Laborites

London, Feb. 27.—The Westminster Gazette, which is the leading government organ, is out this morning with a warning note that the liberals and laborites must get together and stop cutting each other's throats if their cause is to prevail and their government stopped on its way to defeat. This warning is in the result of the liberal loss to the unionists in the Leith election. The Gazette points out that since last general election the labor party has managed six times to win a seat for the Tories by placing labor candidates in the field. "These methods," says the Gazette, "will mean not only the defeat of the liberal party but the extinction of the labor party as well."

AN ARCTIC ZONE RICH IN COAL AND COPPER

Australasian Explorer Returns To Adelaide

Adelaide, Australasia, Feb. 27.—Dr. Douglas Mawson, the Australasian explorer, returned yesterday from the Antarctic on board the Aurora. He said his expedition had been eminently successful.

NEAR DEATH IN STORM

ON THE LONELY ICY SOUTHERN WASTES

Dr. Mawson, referring to the disastrous voyage on which Lieut. Ninnis and Dr. Meaz met their deaths, said that after the loss of his companions he was alone for thirty days, during which he had a miraculous escape from starvation. He finally discovered a cache. After restoring his strength sufficiently, as he thought, to reach his base, twenty-one miles away, he left the remainder of the contents of the cache for the search party which he considered likely to be sent out. Dr. Mawson, however, was able to make only two miles, owing to the severity of the weather. He, therefore, returned, to the cache, where he was discovered by the members of the searching party.

Meteorite Destroys Houses

Warsaw, Russian Poland, Feb. 27.—A number of houses were destroyed by a huge meteorite which descended in the village of Jendkovitz in the Polish province of Kielce. The Meteorite emitted sulphurous fumes.

ANOTHER CHALLENGE FOR THE ALLAN CUP

Renfrew Club Has Forwarded Its Claims To The Trustees

Ottawa, Feb. 27.—The Renfrew club, which won the championship of the Ottawa Valley League wired to the trustees a challenge for the Allan cup. They are ready to play the interprovincial or intercollegiate winners in an elimination series. Manager Jackes points out that their team is stronger than it was last season when they were defeated in Edinburgh a hard tussle in the semi-finals. It is likely that Renfrew's challenge will be entertained and that they will be asked to stack up against one of the other Allan cup challengers. They say they withdrew from the interprovincial because of the indiscriminate importation of players into Brockville and Smith's Falls.

THE DAILY BRITISH WHIG IS ON SALE AT THE FOLLOWING CITY STORES

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- Coutler's Grocery ... 509 Princess
- Cullen's Grocery, Cor. Princess & Alfred
- Frontenac Hotel ... Ontario St.
- Gibson's Drug Store ... Market Square
- McAuliffe's Book Store ... 83 Princess
- McGill's Cigar Store, Cor. Prin. & King
- McLeod's Grocery ... 61 Union St. W.
- Medley's Drug Store 200 University Ave
- Pan's Cigar Store ... 70 Princess
- Pearson's Drug Store ... 512 Princess
- Valley Greenery ... 406 Hastings
- Low's Grocery ... Portsmouth

A WARNING TO SOCIETY

Higher Classes Must Pay More Attention to Reproduction

Princeton, N.J., Feb. 27.—Edwin Grant Conklin, head of the department of biology in Princeton university, in a lecture, declared that the time has come when society must take account of the immense importance of heredity in the development of man. "Hitherto all the attention of society has been fixed on education and environment," he said. "Hereafter more attention must be given to heredity or eugenics."

MARIED

HOWELL-JOHNSON — In Kingston, on February 21st, 1914, at Harris street, Methodist parsonage, Miss Bella, second eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson, of Goderich, Ont., to Mr. George Howell, Kingston, Ont., eldest son of Mr. Frank Howell, of Belleville, Ont. (Goderich and Belleville papers please copy.)

QUINN-FOWLER — At Caledonia, on February 24th, 1914, by Rev. Father Traylor, Mary Anna Fowler, to Bernard John Quinn, of the Point Road.

DIED.

FOLGER — Died suddenly at Kingston, Feb. 26th, 1914, Marion Calvin Folger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick A. Folger, of Cape Vincent, N.Y. Funeral Saturday, 3 p.m., from the residence of W. E. Nislock, 130 Earl street.

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