

## "GAG" IN LEGISLATURE OVER G. H. FERGUSON

### Bill Rushed Through By The Government

### OPPOSITION FOUGHT

### TO SECURE FREE DISCUSSION BUT FAILED

The Bill Was Rushed Through at One Sitting Which Lasted Until 4.45 O'clock on Wednesday Morning.

Toronto, March 18.—The Ontario legislature passed through a session yesterday afternoon and all last night that will linger in the memories of both participants and spectators as one of the most unique, one of the most extraordinary, and certainly one of the most farcical that the house has ever witnessed. An effort on the part of the government to jam through, without opportunity for discussion, a bill indemnifying G. Howard Ferguson, member for Grenville, from forfeiting his seat for services that he performed for the dominion government in investigating conditions on the Trent Valley canal, was resisted with remarkable spirit by the opposition. The proceedings were characterized by Mr. Rowell as "gag," "closure," and an invasion of the rights of the members of the house. For over two hours and a half the government struggled to have the bill introduced and read a first time. For over two hours and a half Mr. Rowell and his colleagues successfully blocked all progress. For over two hours and a half the house was practically without a leader. The speaker seemed to have lost control, and points of order were raised to add to the confusion. In vain Mr. Foy protested that it was a case of reasonable urgency, but, objecting to his method of procedure, the opposition clung tenaciously until six o'clock.

### Cause of the Rush

Mr. Ferguson was an offender against the law of the province. The public accounts committee, of which he is chairman, was to meet this morning, and his services could not be spared. It was accordingly decided to rush a bill through at one sitting. A bill to bring in a general amendment to the act was brought in. When approached by the attorney-general, just before the house met, Mr. Rowell said he was prepared to waive the customary two-days' notice on introducing a bill, but he could not consent to the matter going through without discussion. It was the attempt to accomplish this that precipitated the acrimony.

### A Compromise Offered

Mr. Rowell made it clear as the debate proceeded that he was not opposed to an indemnification in the case of Mr. Ferguson alone, provided he admitted his offence had been committed in ignorance of the law, but he would not agree to a general law being rushed through to that effect. He asserted that newspapers had repeatedly pointed out that members of parliament had appeared before committees of the house in support of special legislation, which is a felony under the act, and inimical to the right of parliament.

Mr. McGarry, on behalf of the government, however, rejected the offer of compromise, declaring the government would not be a "suppliant" to the opposition. Then the light went on again.

### DAILY MEMORANDA

See top of page 2, right hand corner, for probabilities.  
The Kellogg-Haines Singing Party City Hall, Thursday, March 19th, Aid of Public Library.  
City Hockey League Championship games, City Hall, to-night. Good free admission 25c.

### The Clock Without Hands

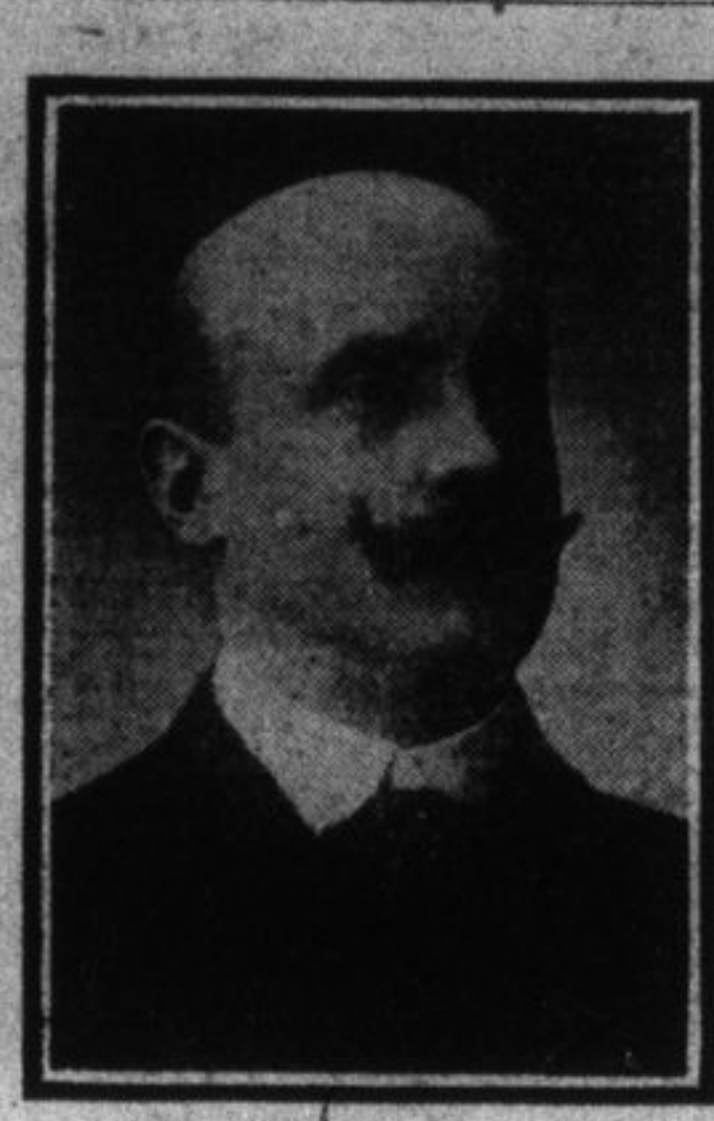
The business that attempts to grow without advertising is about as successful as the clock without hands.

All the movements it makes amount to little, for people don't know about them.

Yours may be a splendid business; but people are too busy to find it out unless you tell them about it by advertising.

They do know about the business of the fellow who keeps them posted through the columns of this and other newspapers. He invites their trade and tells them why he wants it; or rather why it is to their advantage to give it to him. Being a live business man he knows how to treat customers after he gets them. He knows he can make his advertising pay only by living up to his promise.

Don't let your business be like a clock without hands. Advertise. Begin now.



JOSEPH CAILLAUX  
French finance minister, whose wife shot and killed editor of Paris Figaro to avenge him for attacks editor had made upon him.

from Hamilton, who during the afternoon voted with the government, spoke early this morning, making a vigorous attack on the principle involved. During the afternoon the disorder became so great at times that the sergeant-at-arms was almost forced to interfere. This is the first time this has occurred since confederation.

Passed at 4.45 A.M.  
It was 4.45 o'clock this morning when the deadlock was broken by a forced division, which resulted in a government majority of 61 to 17. Thus the bill was carried through its three stages in one sitting and provided not only for Mr. Ferguson but other members who might be in a similar position in the future.

Leader Rowell's compromise offer, that the bill apply to Ferguson alone, was lost. Just before the division Alan Stoddhorne, labor member, declared that the government's tactics were a deliberate attempt to whitewash Mr. Ferguson.

## THE MEXICAN REBELS ARE HARD PRESSED

### Villa's Army Encounters Federals At Escalon And Fights--Huerta's Strategy Seen

Juarez, Mexico, March 18.—Heavy fighting, with the rebels hard pressed, was reported here last night.

A force of federals is said to have met Villa's army at Escalon, an important railroad town 100 miles north of Torreon, and both sides have been reinforced.

The battle is said to have raged fiercely all day to-day.

The railroad from Torreon runs north through Escalon to Jimenez, Chihuahua, and beyond. On each side of the road are mountains. These for ten miles are marked with rifle pits, dug in previous revolutions.

It is reported that the federals, whose number are unknown, moved out of Torreon in two detachments, pursuant to orders from Provisional President Huerta.

One detachment is said to have moved over the plains west of the railroad, with the mountains between it and the road, while the main body went directly by rail to Escalon.

The eastern detachment evidently was trying to surprise Villa's rear guard as it was moving in the direction of Jimenez, which is fifty-five miles north of Escalon.

General Urbana of the constitutionists, however, had been posted at Rosario to guard against just such a strategy, and last Saturday he is said to have encountered the advance guard of the federals at or near that city, which is about 110 miles west of Jimenez. He is said to have been outnumbered and to have telegraphed for more men and artillery.

The main battle at Escalon, apparently, ended by General Velasco, the federal commander, to occur after reinforcements had been detached to assist Urbana, is believed to have begun last night or early to-day. No details are available.

### NOVEL TELEPHONE SERVICE

### Paris Subscribers Get Record of All Calling Them.

Paris, March 18.—The Telephone Bureau established an interesting innovation this week, called "Service rappele."

For an annual subscription of \$6 subscribers get a guarantee that "Central" will take the numbers of all persons calling them while they are absent from their homes or offices. When the subscriber returns he merely asks "Central" to give him the list. If he leaves a deposit with the company "Central" will also take any message for him, if he fails to answer his call, and will read it to him on his return. This service costs 3c. a message.

"Central" also informs all persons calling that they are calling a "Napoleons" subscriber, so that they may leave their message or numbers with the operator if the person called happens to be out.

"Spring tonics," Gibson's.

### TO ENLARGE WESLEYAN

### Will Erect Five Buildings at a Cost of \$1,000,000

Middletown, Conn., March 18.—At Wesleyan university it was announced that the board of trustees, at its mid-winter meeting, held in New York yesterday, decided to erect a \$75,000 observatory, a new dormitory, a new library, a new chemical laboratory and a fraternity house. The buildings will call for an expenditure of about \$1,000,000. A part of this money is now available.

The endowment fund of \$1,000,000, opened last year, has been two-thirds subscribed, and a second million fund has been started, the specific object of the latter being new buildings and improvements to the university grounds.

### THE KAISER'S DAUGHTER

### Gave Birth to a Son on Wednesday Morning

Berlin, Germany, March 18.—Kaiser Wilhelm was to-day presented with his sixth grandson when his only daughter, who married the Duke of Brunswick on May 24th last, was safely confined. All the Kaiser's grandchildren are boys so far.

### Bigamy Charge Enlarged

Bellevue, March 18.—William Lindsay, senec, was placed on trial before Judge Bevan on a charge of bigamy. On July 14th, 1909, Lindsay was married, it is stated, to Ethel Switzer at Wed. After some years there was a deed of separation agreed upon for certain reasons. On August 23rd last Lindsay married Mary Canniff. Slight Morrison was unable to find Ethel Switzer for Ethel Lindsay to serve a subpoena to attend court. Crown Attorney Anderson asked for an enlargement and a warrant for Ethel Lindsay. His honor adjourned the case.

### AN OTTAWA TRUSTEE BLAMES BISHOP FALLON

### Declared He Has a Separate School Pact With Hon. Mr. Hanna

Ottawa, March 18.—"I am willing to go before any ecclesiastical court and discuss the separate school trouble with Bishop Fallon or Rev. Father O'Gorman, because I know the stand I take is the right one," said Mr. Genest, chairman of the separate school board. "Some of the trustees remarked at the board meeting several days ago that I would not have said what I did if Father O'Gorman had been present. I would have spoken just as I did, and am willing to discuss the matter at any time."

"The going to the legislature at Toronto of the English trustees' department appears to me like a political ruse, as there cause is totally illegal," continued Mr. Genest.

"At the Ecumenical congress at Quebec in 1910 it was agreed that all Catholics should support the separate schools, and Bishop Fallon would probably have signed an agreement to that effect if he had been present."

"Bishop Fallon, vehemently shaking his fist in the face of Mr. Hanna at Sarnia in 1910, said that he would attend to the clerical agitators, though he could not influence the political agitators, and he practically asked the help of Mr. Hanna so that the French would be deprived of their schools."

### Buried in Debris

St. Louis, Mo., March 18.—At least two persons were killed, fifteen were buried under debris, and ten were injured when the west wall of the Missouri Athletic Club building, which was destroyed by a fire in which thirty persons lost their lives a week ago, collapsed under a high wind here on Tuesday afternoon and crashed through a four-story building occupied by the St. Louis Seed company.

### Insurance Charter Withdrawn

Ottawa, March 18.—It is announced by the insurance department that the license of the Rimouski Fire Insurance company of Rimouski, Que., which has been receiving the close attention of the department for some time, has been withdrawn.

### IT WAS FOUND THAT NEEDLES WERE USED

### A Four Year Old Child At Edmonton Dead; Step-Parents Arrested

Edmonton, March 18.—The death occurred a few days ago of a four year old girl named Lowe, who lived with her step-parents at 449 Gallagher street.

Yesterday, Dr. Campbell was called in and as he was not satisfied with the circumstances attending her death, he called in Coroner Fortin, who made an examination and found that there were five needles thrust into the brain through the skull.

The child carried heavy life insurance. The step-father, William Lowe, and his wife have been taken into custody by the police pending an investigation which is now proceeding. All the parties are negroes.

### A Splendid Concert

Alexandria Bay, N. Y., March 18.—When Hutchinson Bros. new building is completed, Alexandria Bay will have the distinction of having the largest and most up to date motor boat works on the St. Lawrence. This new building is 120 feet long, 38 feet wide and two stories high.

## GREAT TRIUMPH

### Of Winston Churchill Over Naval Speech

### ALL ENGLAND TALKING

### ABOUT WHAT CANADA IS LIKELY TO DO

Churchill converted to the idea of Local Fleets, from the Dominions as Australia has already provided.

London, March 18.—Canada and Canada's part in the imperial defence is the one great factor of comment in Greater British newspapers this morning concerning Churchill's naval speech in the commons.

The question is asked what will happen to the Mediterranean squadron if Canada's offer of dreadnoughts is not received? The London Times says he only postpones facing this real emergency. The Manchester Guardian says: "So far as we can see this year's estimates may commit the house next year to replace these lapsed Canadian ships at our own cost."

The Daily Chronicle welcomes Churchill's speech as showing he is converted to the idea of local fleets units from dominions like that which Australia has already provided.

In the meantime Winston Churchill's star seems to be in the ascendant, and his speech is regarded as a great personal triumph. The younger ministerialists are to-day discussing him as the next liberal leader.

### SHOT 148 MUTINEERS

Mexico, March 18.—With the acquiescence of President Huerta, 148 mutineers were taken from jail, lined up against a wall and shot.

### PITH OF THE NEWS

### Things Told in Terse Measure For Busy Readers

The condition of health of King Gustave of Sweden is causing anxiety.

Canadian Pacific railway earnings for week ended March 14th, \$2,168,000; decrease, \$373,000.

Sir Edward Grey, British secretary of state for foreign affairs, is slated to be the next liberal prime minister.

Two are dead and others are seriously injured in the burning of the Woodbine Hotel, Toronto. Loss \$200,000.

It is rumored that the British government will promptly arrest Usher leaders if there is further soldiering.

A disastrous fire at Magrath, Alta., reduced to ashes the 300,000 bushel elevator of the Pioneer Grain company.

It is ascertained by United States consul, that William Benton was stabbed to death in a quarrel in Villa's office.

In presenting the naval estimates in the British commons Winston Churchill said Canada would do her share.

John Larsen, mayor of Troutdale, Ore., caused the arrest of her husband on a charge of selling liquor to minors.

Justice Middleton has been offered the position of chairman of the commission on the workmen's compensation bill at a high salary.

There was an all-night discussion in the Ontario legislature on a special bill to permit G. Howard Ferguson to act as Trent Valley canal investigator.

The amendment of the bill which went through the Quebec legislature states that the bars in the city of Hull will not open until 7.30 in the morning after May 1st.

McBride, the new divisional point with the B. C. premier's name, on the Grand Trunk Pacific between Jasper, Alta., and Prince George, B. C., is to be incorporated as a town.

Votes under the Canada temperance act would be taken in the districts of Algoma, Sudbury, Parry Sound and Muskoka and the city of Niagara Falls, as soon as the voters' lists were ready.

Archbishop Langevin, Winnipeg, has issued instructions forbidding his clergy from attending theatres and moving picture shows and urging them to warn their people from attending such places.

Ex-Mayor Gordon May, Oshawa, pleaded guilty at Brantford to a charge of bigamy. He married Ruby Lane, of Oshawa, in 1908; and in 1912 married Leta Anderson, of Uxbridge. He was overtaken at Brantford, and now awaits sentence.

After a vigorous defence of woman suffrage in the United States senate, Senator Borah, of Idaho, shocked suffrage advocates on the floor and in the galleries by declaring that it was impractical and impossible to obtain the vote for women by a constitutional amendment.

### Canadian Club Dinner

Hon. T. W. Crothers, minister of labor, will address the members of the Canadian Club on Friday evening, in the Frontenac hotel. Dinner at 7.30 o'clock; tickets, 75c.

"Ice cream bricks," Gibson's.

T. E. Fletcher, for the past six years, local manager of the Sterling bank, Cornwall, has received word that he has been transferred to Regina.

"Spring tonics," Gibson's.

### ECHO OF ST. PATRICK'S DAY

### Father McNeill Takes a Kingston Clergyman to Task.

In his sermon on Tuesday, at St. Mary's cathedral, Rev. Father McNeill expressed himself as being amused at having read in the local papers the evening before that a certain preacher had attempted to prove to his hearers on Sunday last that St. Patrick was the son of an English clergyman and that the faith brought to Ireland by St. Patrick was identical with that professed there to-day by the English church.

The speaker said the only other who could find to apply to such a line of reasoning was "asinine." He could readily understand how a man could be sincere, and yet make some very wild assertions with regard to matters of dogma. But how any man, with even an ordinary preparatory school education, could have the nerve to stand up and deliberately make such pronouncements in the face of the stacks of historical evidence to the contrary was, to him, incredible. And what he found still more inconceivable was that an ordinarily well-read man could sit by and swallow such historical falsehoods. But, he said, here, as elsewhere, the old proverb held true, that "it was an ill wind that didn't blow somebody good." And this latest exhibition of frailty on the part of the aforementioned cleric should be, in the contrary, to him, incredible. And what he found still more inconceivable was that an ordinarily well-read man could sit by and swallow such historical falsehoods. 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