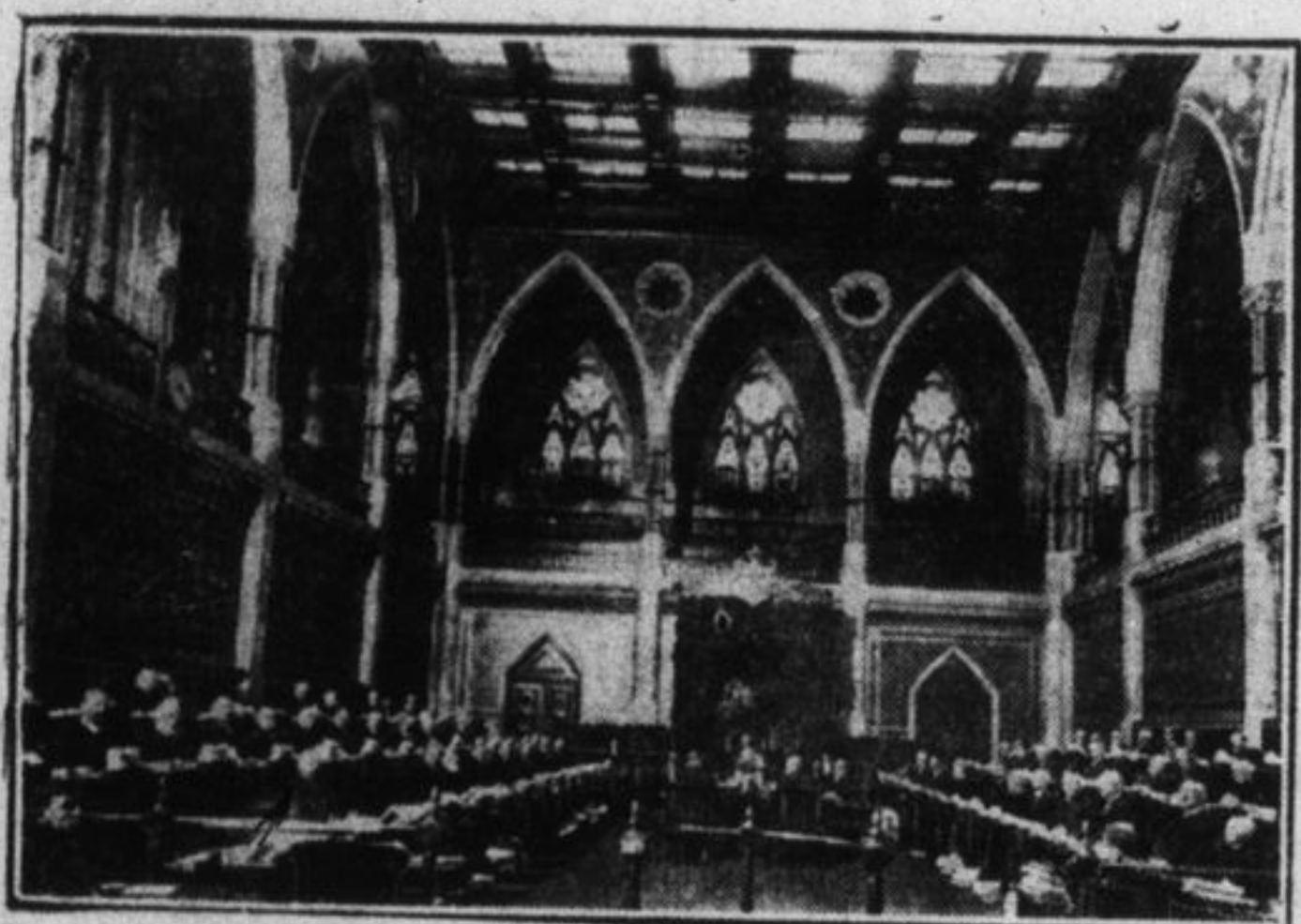


BORDEN AND LAURIER ADDRESS COMMONS

Which Meets in Victoria Museum - Condolence From King - Foreigner Arrested At Windsor on Suspicion of Being Implicated in Ottawa Fire.

Ottawa, Feb. 5.—While the ruins of the Parliament buildings smoked on the Hill, Parliament yesterday afternoon met for business in the amphitheatre of the Victoria Museum.



SENATE CHAMBER, LAST VICTIM OF OTTAWA HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT FIRE.

spoke last evening, will be heard no more in Parliament. Mr. Law, we fear, has perished in the destruction of that noble building which is now a smoking mass of ruins.

Two gentle and accomplished ladies, guests of the Speaker, have perished in the same disaster. Another victim of the fire is one of the most trusted officers of this House, Mr. Laplahte, who for twenty years served faithfully and well.

King George Sends Condolence.

Sir Robert read a cable of condolence from His Majesty the King asking that his sympathy be extended to the people of Canada.

A letter from His Royal Highness the Governor-General, a wire from the Prime Minister of Saskatchewan, and one from the Premier of Quebec, were also read. Many offers of assistance had also been received.

Sir Robert declared that they had decided to show an example of Canadian courage and determination and get down to business at once. (Loud clapping, there being no desks to pound.)

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Eloquent Words.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier paid a tribute to those who had died. "And," he said, with breaking voice, "what can we say of the loss of those two young happy wives and mothers, who, bright as the lark in the morning sky, came here to visit old friends, and now they are no more."

"I agree with my right honorable friend," he declared with emphasis, "we should go on with our business at once. We look upon the ashes of that noble building which was destroyed by accident, and they remind us of the ruins of Dinant, of the ashes of Louvain, whose destruction was not caused by accident. And we must proceed at once to the business before us, which has for its object the defeat of those who wrought it, sir destruction." (Prolonged applause.)

The House adjourned until Monday next at three o'clock. Ottawa, Feb. 5.—Intimation comes that Charles Strony, a foreigner, was taken from a train at Windsor and arrested, heading for the United States. He is suspected of being implicated in the Ottawa fire.

Out of the seven persons killed in the fire only two bodies have been recovered.

Fire Chief Graham says he heard five explosions during the fire.

Japanese Liner Sunk.

Hong Kong, Feb. 5.—A Japanese liner was sunk in collision with a British steamer and 160 Japanese were lost.

A report at Petrograd said the Turks were evacuating the Armenian fortress of Ezerum.

PAPERS AND PICTURES SAVED FROM FIRE.

Clerk's Sessional Scrolls and Senate Paintings Taken Out.

Ottawa, Feb. 5.—Among the papers saved from the Parliament buildings were the clerk's scrolls, since the beginning of session, the record of sessional papers, and minute book of printing committee and a few miscellaneous papers.

In the journal room on the gallery floor were a great number of valuable papers which are no doubt lost. There were the original sessional papers for ten or fifteen years back, the petitions presented for this session, clerk's scrolls for past years, and many other original documents. These were placed in cupboards built of wood.

Most of the pictures in the Senate portion of the building were saved, but only a few of those hanging in the House of Commons section were rescued. Great numbers of the valuable oil paintings of Canada's pioneers were lost, pictures that cannot be replaced.

In the Senate side, many were saved when the fire first started, and then the lights went out, and oil lamps were used. Albert Low, with eight others, carried out the throne from the senate chamber. The large picture of Queen Victoria as a girl was among those saved. The picture of the late King Edward and Queen Alexandra were destroyed, as were those of the present King and Queen.

THEY DID NOT HEED FIRE CHIEF'S ADVICE.

Ottawa Official Had Urged a Patrol on Parliament Hill.

Ottawa, Feb. 5.—The big fire recalled the fact that Chief Graham has repeatedly advocated the establishment of a station on Parliament Hill, also a daily inspection by his men of the interior of the various buildings. Two weeks ago he is said to have had a disagreement with the Government officials on this very point. True, there was protection inside in the form of hose and patent tubes, but the Dominion policeman, who first noticed the blaze, is said to have afterwards explained that the extinguisher had no effect whatever on the original heap of fire.

Another striking drawback arose from the absence of fire escapes. Men, trapped in the upper floors, had no means of getting down until ladders were run up by Chief Graham's men. Several were nearly suffocated while awaiting assistance from the brigade.

TRANSFERRED TO CAPE.

Henry T. Achter To Be in Fish Hatchery.

Washington, Feb. 5.—Orders issued by Commissioner of Fisheries H. M. Smith, transfer Henry T. Achter from the hatchery at Homer, Minn., to the fisheries establishment at Cape Vincent, N.Y., where a new superintendent's house has just been completed by Contractor Sobell.

India's Cotton Crop.

Washington, Feb. 5.—India's cotton crop this year, according to the third forecast, is estimated at 2,687,000 bales, of 400 lbs., a decrease of 25 per cent. from last year's crop. Department of Commerce advices indicate the planted area this year at 17,390,000 acres, compared with 23,977,000 acres last year.

Predicts Daylight Zeppelin Raid.

London, Feb. 5.—Charles Diehl, an unofficial meteorologist, writes the Daily Mail that he is convinced a day-time Zeppelin expedition to London is impending. Discussing the various types of weather suitable for such expeditions, he says they prevail in February and March.

Hughes To Revisit Front.

Ottawa, Feb. 5.—After the session of parliament General Sir Sam Hughes proposes to again visit Great Britain and the front. His business will be along the same lines as last year and will relate to problems connected with the war.

A ZEPPELIN WAS SUNK

In North Sea And Entire Crew Perished.

ONE OF THE RAIDERS

FAILED TO RETURN TO THE GERMAN BASE.

Fishermen Saw the Zeppelin in the Sea—Crew Inside Was Trying Hard to Get Out.

London, Feb. 5.—A fishing trawler reported yesterday to the naval authorities that she had seen a German Zeppelin in the North Sea in a sinking condition. It was stated in an official announcement.

The statement sent from Berlin that all the German Zeppelins had returned safely from their late raid on England is disproved by a story brought to Grimsby by the crew of the steam trawler King Stephen.

The fisherman says Captain Martin



B. R. LAW MISSING.

Bowman Brown Law, M.P. for Yarmouth, N.S., who it is feared has perished as a result of the destruction of the Parliament Buildings, Ottawa, was born at Douglas, Mass., on July 29th, 1855. His mother was an American but his father, Wm. Law, had come out from Ireland.

THE SUSPECT RELEASED.

Windsor, Feb. 5.—On order of Colonel Sherwood, Charles Strony was this morning released and sent on his way to the United States.

ROMANIAN ARMY ALMOST MOBILIZED.

Roumania Ready to Join Allies At First Opportune Moment.

Rome, Feb. 5.—The Roumanian army is nine-tenths mobilized by the decree on Thursday, calling to the colors the class of 1896, in advance of their regular schedule. More than half a million troops are now massed along the Bulgarian and Hungarian frontiers.

Private advices received here today report that Roumania is ready to intervene on the side of the Allies at the first opportune moment.

BODY OF J. B. R. LAPLAHTE

Was Found in the Deputy Speaker's Room.

Ottawa, Feb. 5.—The body of J. B. R. Laplahte, deputy clerk of the House of Commons, who perished in the fire which destroyed the Parliament buildings on Thursday night, was found this morning in the room occupied by the Deputy Speaker.

being sent afterwards, and put into Grimsby.

It is believed the Zeppelin was one of those participating in the raid of January 31st. The fishermen had been at sea several days and were not aware of the raid.

WOMEN WENT BACK TO SAVE THEIR FURS,

And Lost Their Lives, What Mme. Sevigny Says.

Ottawa, Feb. 5.—Anxiety to save their furs was the cause of the tragic death of Mme. Morip and Mme. Bray, the guests of Speaker and Mme. Sevigny.

Had they heeded the warning of their hostess they would have been saved. Mme. Sevigny said that after she had seen to the rescue of her two children she actually seized the two women by their skirts and endeavored to pull them down the small flight of steps from the private parlor where the three had been sitting when the fire broke out.

They had reached the top of the steps when one of the ladies cried: "Wait a moment; let us get our furs!"

The two started back, and that was the last seen of them.

FRONTIER CLOSED.

(Special to the Whig.) Amsterdam, Feb. 5.—The Belgian frontier has been completely closed to all travelers it was announced here today. This action is believed to indicate important German troop concentration against the Anglo-French lines preparatory to a heavy offensive.

SUSPECT RELEASED ON OTTAWA ORDER.

Strony Had a Picture of the Parliament Buildings.

(Special to the Whig.) Windsor, Feb. 5.—Local authorities were today instructed by Colonel Sherwood, chief of the Dominion Police, to continue to hold pending further developments, Charles Strony, aged twenty-eight, arrested yesterday in connection with the Parliament buildings fire. A picture of the buildings was found among his effects. It is not known what other evidence the police have in connection with him.

To Demand Registration.

In view of the intimation that there are possibilities of reprisals in Canada on the part of the enemies of the country, Col. T. D. R. Hemming, officer commanding Military District No. 3, has decided to take vigorous steps to maintain law and order in this district, and he will at once issue instructions that all German and Austrian subjects, residents in the district of Kingston will be compelled to register with the American Consul, F. S. S. Johnson, who is the accredited representative of these two countries in Canada. So that there should be no misunderstanding in connection with the matter, the posters to be issued will be in the language of the two nationalities it is desired to reach.

KEEPING CLOSE TAB ON THE GERMANS

The Public View is That All Enemies Should Be Interned—Col. Hemming is Calling on Germans And Austrians to Register With United States Consul.

The Kingston police are keeping a close tab on Germans who are in the city.

Two houses where Germans are living were searched on Friday, but nothing was found to implicate them in any plot. On Saturday morning five Germans, four men and a woman, were brought to the police station, but were not held. They will be compelled to report to the police, and a watchful eye will be kept on them.

The general feeling among citizens is that they should be taken in charge and placed in Fort Henry until the war is over. Sergt. Robert Nesbitt and Constables Samuel Arniel and Earl Jenkins visited a home on Sydenham street on Friday night, where it was stated Germans were living. The household comprised a man and his wife and two other men.

Several suit cases were found in the house, and they were searched, but all that was found was a quantity of chinaware which the woman stated she had brought from her home in the country.

The Germans state that they came here from Ardoch, where they own a farm. The woman and her husband have been working in a local factory, so they state.

Constable Jenkin took the five to the police station on Saturday morning, and after being questioned by the Chief of Police they were allowed to go.

Constable James Bateson searched a home on Market street where a German family is located, but no evidence was found to prove that members of the family were spies.

The woman who was taken to the police station on Saturday morning appeared to take the proceedings as a joke, as she smiled all the time she was in the station.

A SITUATION OF GRAVITY

Owing To The Refusal of Germany TO DISAVOW SINKING OF THE SS. LUSITANIA BY ITS SUBMARINES.

President Wilson Confers With Secretary Lansing To Determine United States' Future Policy Towards Germany.

Washington, Feb. 5.—President Wilson was scheduled to meet Secretary Lansing today in the first of a series of all-important conferences that will determine this country's future policy toward Germany.

Germany's refusal to disavow the Lusitania sinking has created a situation of the utmost gravity. But for today at least no decisive step is planned. By Tuesday the President may be ready to lay his decision before the Cabinet.

The President had before him the confidential report from Col. House, who, it is understood, cabled that German public opinion so strongly opposes any admissions that the torpedoing of the Lusitania was illegal, that the hands of the German Foreign Office are tied against such a course.

All Administration affairs today were submerged under the cloud of the Lusitania negotiations. Practically all White House engagements were cancelled. The point has been reached where there must be a "show down."

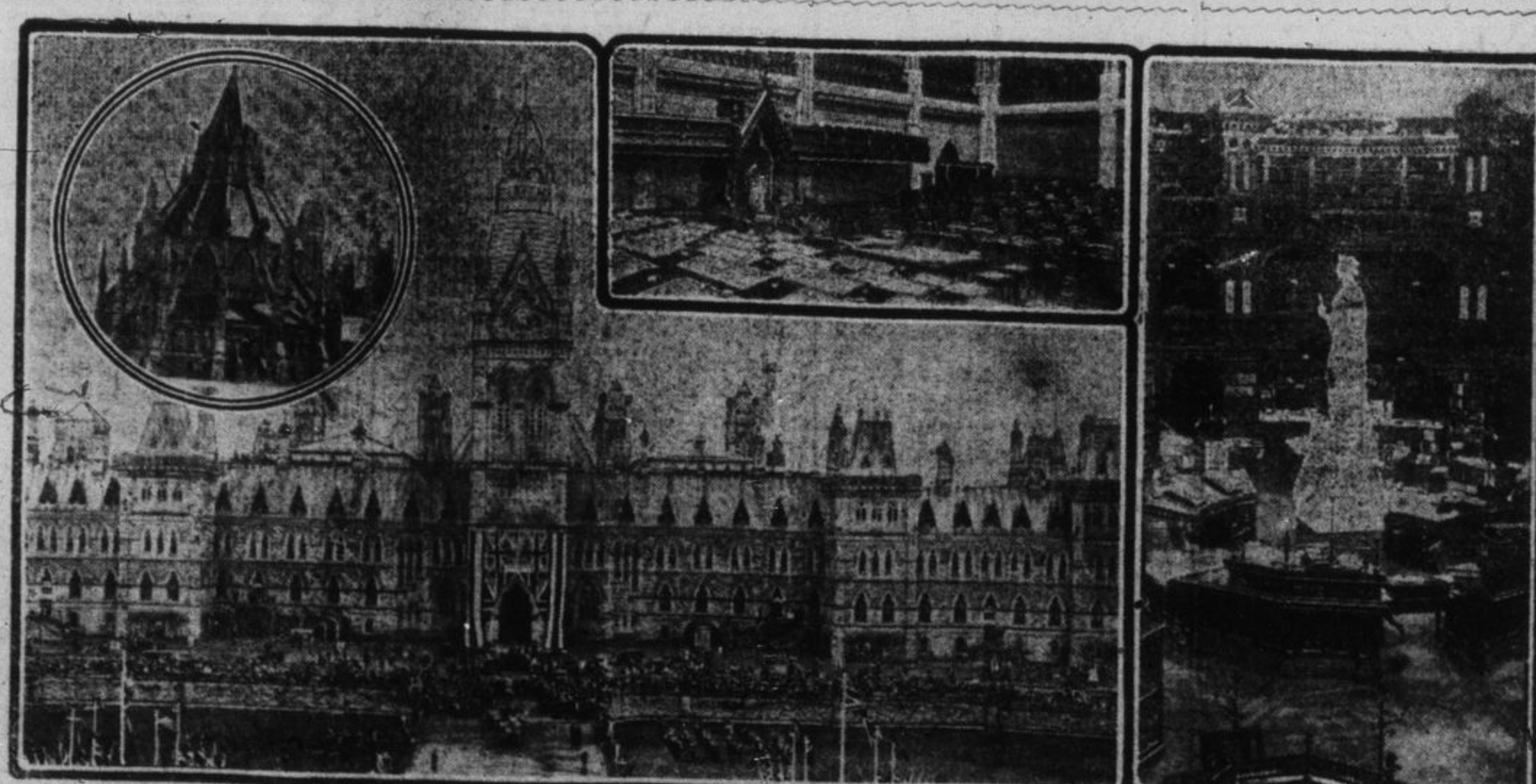
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FAMILIAR QUOTATIONS CHOSEN BY FAMOUS MEN AND WOMEN OF THE DAY.

For those who have fallen in the struggle we shall not cease to mourn. For the cause to which they have consecrated their lives we shall not cease to strive. And in that great cause we are inspired by an inflexible determination to do our part.

Sir Robert Borden. LADY MARY PAGET.



CANADIAN HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT AND INTERIOR SCENES. The large picture shows Canada's Parliament Buildings before the fire. The peculiarly shaped building in the small picture is the library, the interior of which is also shown (picture with statue). The other picture shows the Commons chamber and one of the galleries.

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