

MAY PASS PROHIBITION

Commons Appears To Be Very Favorable.

AN ALL-DAY DEBATE

ON PRACTICAL PROPOSAL OF H. H. STEVENS.

It is Reported That a Far-reaching Prohibitory Amendment Will Have Government Support.

Ottawa, March 6.—It looks as if Parliament will pass some strongly prohibitive measure at its present session. That seemed to be the feeling at midnight when the House rose after an all-day debate on the resolution of H. H. Stevens and Hon. Charles Marcell calling for the Dominion-wide total prohibition of the importation, manufacture and sale of all intoxicating beverages until the end of the war.

The Cabinet, like the membership, is evidently divided. Sir George Foster frequently led the applause which time and again greeted the pleadings of Messrs. Stevens and Marcell in their telling speeches. Equally pronounced was the manner in which Hon. T. W. Crothers repeatedly and repeatedly applauded W. G. Wetche, who stingingly attacked the proposal. But the vast majority of the membership on both sides left room for no doubt as to its position. The cheers which greeted the advocacy of war-time prohibition overwhelmed the moderate applause which was accorded its opponents.

Parliament adjourned at midnight, on the understanding secured by Chief Liberal Whip Pardee that the debate should be resumed and brought to a vote on a day to be fixed, probably next Monday. An Amendment Probable. In the meantime it is probable that R. B. Bennett will submit an amendment embodying the view of the majority of the Cabinet. This amendment, it is understood, will have Government backing, and make a bid for support in those members who to-night seem strongly inclined to support the full text of the sweeping Stevens-Marcell measure. It will provide that where any Province has adopted prohibition to the full extent of its constitutional power and asks that it be supplemented by the Federal authority, the Dominion shall take such steps as are necessary to make that prohibition absolute. In other words, the Dominion will, in such case, prohibit the importation into and possibly the manufacture in the Province.

Its Support Probable. Whether the Government will be able to muster sufficient support to carry this amendment, is to-night problematical. Nevertheless, although the issue is not a party one, party lines are tightly drawn, and the party which is in the majority. Considerable opposition was expressed during the day by men on both sides to the idea of avoiding the issue by referring it to the Provinces, on the ground that they would be handicapped in enforcement while the manufacture and importation was permitted, and objection will probably be taken to the proposed amendment, on the ground that it will leave open the importation from Province to Province, and also possibly the whole question of manufacture.

AUSTRALIANS AT VERDUN

And Did Great Execution With Their Heavy Guns.

(Special to the Whig.) London, March 7.—A Melbourne despatch says the Australian siege brigade was fighting at Verdun. This is the first intimation that British troops were co-operating with the French there. It had been reported that British artillery moved to Verdun had done great execution, but it was not known that the transferred guns were manned by British gunners.

The British Brewers' Society has decided to curtail the manufacture of beer in compliance with the intimation of the Government that consumption by the trade of malt, sugar and hops should be reduced one-eighth.

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COMPLETE INVESTIGATING

Saskatchewan Government Agrees To Facilitate Probe.

Regina, Sask., March 7.—When the House met yesterday, Acting Premier Calder, replying to Bradshaw charges of Friday, said that everything would be referred to a Royal Commission, and fullest investigation invited. All the facilities of the Government would be placed at the disposal of the judiciary in the matter. For the Ministry, he entered a complete denial of wrongdoing. The Royal Commission on this phase will probably start Wednesday, and the Bribery Commission by Friday.

A GRAND MINISTER.

Death Has Called The Rev. E. B. Ryckman.



LATE REV. DR. RYCKMAN. Rev. Edward Bradshaw Ryckman, who had been in Toronto during the past two months on a visit to his son, E. B. Ryckman, K. C., died on Monday at the home of the latter, 50 Elm avenue. The late Rev. Mr. Ryckman, who was in his 86th year, had attended the Metropolitan Methodist Church during his stay in Toronto.

Deceased spent many years in Kingston and was most highly regarded. Last spring he removed to Toronto after his daughter's death.

DREADNOUGHTS MOVE.

(Special to the Whig.) Rome, March 7.—Twenty German dreadnaughts have left Kiel, according to information received here to-day. The foregoing despatch was held up by the British censor for two days.

CYCLONIC DEBATE IN U. S. CONGRESS.

But the House, It is Felt, Will Stand Behind the President's Course.

(Special to the Whig.) Washington, March 7.—President Wilson is awaiting the completion by the House of the congress' verdict on the armed merchantmen question. Meeting at eleven o'clock, the House was prepared to vote before adjournment on the administration's request to table Representative McOmors' resolution to warn Americans off armed ships. A day of cyclonic debate, seldom equalled except when the nation has been on the verge of war, was expected.

The final vote to-day was not due until tonight. With all other business swept aside, the House prepared to write its history in a tumultuous all-day session. A change in votes of a dozen members, it is admitted even by the administration, would swing the pendulum for or against the President. Both sides say the McOmors resolution will be given its death blow by an overwhelming majority.

TUMULTUOUS SESSION.

(Special to the Whig.) Washington, March 7.—The House to-day in tumultuous session went on record in the armed merchantmen issue with the President.

The first test vote in the House resulted 256 to 169 in favor of the administration. Why this vote the house refused to permit amendment of the McOmors warning resolution. Representative Fitzgerald said: "I do not believe we should jeopardize the nation because a few foolhardy persons take passage on armed ships."

Representative Farr, Pennsylvania, Republican, said he would vote to table the resolution. "This will prevent war with Germany," he said.

SHOT AND KILLED

Niagara Falls, N.Y., Young Woman in Doorway of Home.

(Special to the Whig.) Niagara Falls, N.Y., March 7.—The police are searching for two unidentified men who shot and instantly killed Mrs. Rosamund Benn, aged twenty-eight, in the doorway of her brother-in-law's home last night.

FRESNES CAPTURED

By The Germans, Berlin War Office Reports.

(Special to the Whig.) Berlin, March 7.—German troops have captured the town of Fresnes, twelve miles southeast of Verdun, it was officially announced this afternoon. They captured 300 prisoners.

FIFTY YEARS IN MINISTRY

Four Members of the Kingston Presbytery

HAVE SERVED CHURCH

FOR THAT PERIOD AND ARE REMEMBERED.

Principal Gordon, Principal Ross, Rev. Dr. Henry Gracey and Rev. W. T. Wilkins received Warm Congratulations of their Fellow Members of Presbytery.

At the meeting of the Kingston Presbytery in Convocation Hall on Tuesday, reference was made to the fact that Principal Gordon of Queen's University would on Aug. 8th next complete fifty years in the ministry. It was also stated that the veteran clerk of the Presbytery, Rev. W. T. Wilkins, of Trenton, would on November 7th next complete half a century in the ministry.

The moderator, Rev. A. S. Kerr, of Belleville, on occasion to congratulate the four members of the Presbytery, who have given such long and faithful service to the church, and following his remarks hearty applause was given by the members. The four veteran ministers were present.

GOVERNMENT FULLY ALIVE TO POSITION.

Canada Does Nothing Without Entire Endorsation of Kitchener and War Office.

Toronto, Ont., March 7.—At a crowded recruiting meeting in Massey Hall, Hon. Robert Rogers said: "I want to say to you that the Government are fully alive to the necessities of the situation and the Canadian people can rest assured that we are in the closest possible touch with Lord Kitchener and the War Office. No step has been taken and no policy has been adopted which does not carry with it the entire approval and endorsement of Lord Kitchener and of the War Office. In other words, the Government have felt that the best service which can be rendered by us is that service which we perform upon the advice and counsel of those who are responsible for the carrying on of this great struggle. And, as that has been our policy in the past, so will it be in the future, and if occasionally you do not seem to be able to understand just what is being done, let me assure you that we are being guided by the wisdom of those who are responsible for the work for the time being."

LIFE IMPRISONMENT GIVEN TO RESPA.

For Dynamiting the Peabody Overall Factory in Walkerville.

(Special to the Whig.) Sandwich, March 7.—Life imprisonment is the penalty that Charles Respa, of Detroit, must pay for dynamiting the Peabody overall factory in Walkerville last June and for attempting to destroy the Windsor armories. Respa was convicted in the Ontario High Court at noon to-day after the case had been suddenly given to the jury only a few minutes previously. Life sentence was immediately imposed.

U. S. Secretary of War.

Washington, March 7.—Newton D. Baker, former Mayor of Cleveland, has been selected by President Wilson for secretary of war.

Million Dollar Grain Fire.

Peoria, Ill., March 7.—Fire destroyed the Iowa elevator, containing 750,000 bushels of wheat, causing a \$1,000,000 loss.

A CALL FOR SOCKS IS AGAIN MADE

At the request of the mother of one of the officers of the 21st Battalion, now serving in the trenches in Belgium, the Whig is asking the residents of the city of Kingston and County of Frontenac to donate socks for the Kingston men serving in that unit. The need is very great, as one pair of socks lasts only about four days.

The idea is to receive contributions of socks or money and send each Kingstonian an Easter gift of a pair of socks. These socks will be sent direct to one of the Kingston officers for distribution, arrangements having been made to this effect by the Whig.

Contributions will be received at the business office of the British Whig. Be sure and leave your name with the gift, as the recipients will likely send you a card of thanks. The list of contributors will be published at a later date.

THE EASIEST MONEY.



Canadian Forestry Association.

Father Bull: "We'll have to stop every financial leak if we want to win this war." Jack Canuck: "Leave it to me. I'll put another million acres under wheat." Father Bull: "That is mere patchwork, my boy. Why not stop your forests from burning down? These acres of splendid timber at your door represent the easiest money you can ever lay your hands on."

Newspaper Note:—"The Canadian Forestry Association makes the statement that if Canada would take simple measures to stop the plague of forest fires, the timber saved would pay the annual interest on the last Dominion loan of \$100,000,000."

TO RESTORE CANADA TO PEACE CONDITIONS.

Hon. Robert Rogers Urges Manufacturers to Take Up Lines Formerly Imported.

Toronto, March 7.—Hon. Robert Rogers, Minister of Public Works for Canada, who was the guest of honor at a luncheon tendered by the Mayor and City Council of Toronto urged the establishment of industrial museums in various parts of Canada, with a view to the production by Canadians of articles for domestic and industrial use that are now imported from other countries. Canada had suffered on account of unpreparedness for war and it was up to Canadians to prepare now for peace. The Canadian Government was responsible for diverting the industrial machinery of the country from the arts of peace to the work of war, and preparations would have to be made to swing back the machinery when peace was declared.

He thought Toronto would be a convenient place for the establishment of an industrial museum for Eastern Canada, where all masses of the community might see what products are imported. The speaker added that "our Canadian people are just as capable of manufacturing the things they need as are the people of other countries, and this is the problem the future holds in store for us. But, of course, we must recognize that the present business is war first."

NORTH SEA BATTLE IS THOUGHT NEAR.

(Special to the Whig.) London, March 8.—It is believed that a great North Sea battle is near. Several German warships were sighted on Monday.

Sir John Gibson's Offer.

Hamilton, March 7.—Brigadier-General Sir John M. Gibson has offered his services to the Minister of Militia, Sir Sam Hughes, in any capacity whatever without pay, and has been promised an appointment.

WILL NOT HANG.

Ottawa, March 7.—The sentence of death passed upon Lieut. Codrere of the Canadian overseas forces in England, has been commuted. Instead of hanging Lieut. Codrere will spend the remainder of his days in a British prison. He was convicted to killing a sergeant as a means of settling an account. A plea of insanity failed to move a British judge and jury. News of the commutation of the sentence reached Ottawa yesterday.

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TUPPER'S STRONG LETTER.

Telling Victoria Electors to Defeat Government.

Victoria, B.C., March 7.—Unlike the Vancouver campaign of a week ago, when Hon. C. E. Tisdall was defeated, personalities figured in lurid language in Victoria. A feature of the last day of the campaign was the publication in the Times Saturday evening of a message from Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper. His language was even more striking than that contained in his Vancouver speech. He wrote: "I ask Conservatives to drive from power this Government which has disgraced and which has been the servile tool of adventurers. I ask Conservatives to defeat every minister of Mr. Bowser who shows his head. The relative state of party representation in the Legislature in this province is nothing short of disgraceful. An opposition—His Majesty's loyal opposition—is essential where British parliamentary government prevails. "There are mile posts on the trail of this corrupt combination. An opposition, had it existed on the floor of the House, would long ago have exposed their iniquities. "What about Sir Richard McBride and the Judas Iscariot who sold him? "Who is his little Kaiser who attempts to reap the fruit of the party Conservatives who dared to have opinions of their own?"

"KINGDOM COME OR TEN DAYS' LEAVE."

Fate in Store For Sailors, Whose Singing Makes Orders Inaudible.

London, March 8.—An order for silence on board British warships during battle is expected to be given, even if already it has not been given, by the Admiralty. Filson Young, the novelist, who has been attached to the staff of Sir David Beatty, abroad the battleship Lion, since the beginning of the war, revealed the cause of the departure in a lecture at His Majesty's Theatre to-day. Young said that after the Heligoland action, in which the armored cruiser Blucher was sunk, and after the Lion had been safely towed to the Engineer-Lieutenant to lodge a complaint. "I want you to issue an order for absolute silence among the stokers during the action. During yesterday's fight my men were singing so loud all the time that it was impossible for me to give orders. "Young also recalled the remark of a young lieutenant, half stunned who with a shell bursting below the water-line, casually remarked to a comrade: "This means either 'Kingdom come' or ten days' leave."

REVOLUTION IN TURKEY.

(Special to the Whig.) London, March 7.—The latest news from Rome reports a revolution in Turkey. Mobs have set fires in the capital. Most of the Turkish officers sympathize with the move.

CAUSE OF GREAT WAR.

Rejection of Christianity, Says Cardinal Bourne.

London, March 7.—Cardinal Francis Bourne, Archbishop of Westminster, in a Lenten pastoral letter, declares: "The world-wide war is the direct outcome, not of the failure but of the rejection of Christianity. There is, he says, no non-guiltless in this respect. "England, indeed," the Cardinal states, "will be preserved from such forgetfulness of the teachings of Christ as to proclaim as part of non-existent where the interests of the state are concerned, and that all means, right or wrong, honorable or dishonorable, may be employed when the needs of the country demand them. But England has had her part, and a great and leading part, in the revolt against the fundamental tenets of Christianity in the sixteenth century, and the subsequent logical rationalization of religion which in so many nations has destroyed Christianity altogether."

HUGO RECEIVED DRAFT.

It Was For \$800 And For "State Conscience Fund."

Albany, N.Y., March 7.—A draft for \$800 was received by Secretary of State Hugo with the request that it be added to the state's "conscience fund." This is believed to be the largest contribution of this nature ever received by state officials. No one here had any idea of the identity of the sender. The draft was drawn by a Utica bank upon a New York bank. The letter accompanying it, written on stationery of a Utica hotel, was signed "A Citizen."

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CAPTURED HILL 265

The Germans Made Advance Under Awful Bombardment.

SMASHING FORWARD

THE ADMISSION OF THE FRENCH WAR OFFICE.

The Fortress at Metz and the German Ammunition Trains En Route To the Verdun Front Have Been Attacked by the French Air Squadrons.

German troops occupy Forest, get a village on the Meuse, near an mile from Verdun. Furious fighting continues in the Champagne district.

Captured Hill 265.

(Special to the Whig.) Paris, March 7.—Continuing their smash against Verdun from the north-west, the Germans have captured Hill 265, near Regneviller, the War Office admitted this afternoon. "The Teutons advanced under cover of an intense bombardment, the War Office stated. "The Germans took Hill 265 in the face of a terrific artillery fire and without regard for losses, east of the Meuse on the northern front of Verdun. Lively artillery fighting occurred in the region of Bras, near Haumont, in Woeyvre region around Fresnes and elsewhere near the villages of the Meuse foothills, east and south-east of Verdun. "The hill was stormed and taken by the right wing of the German force that yesterday occupied the village of Forges, on the west bank of the Meuse, eight miles north-west of Verdun. The Germans are bombarding the French positions of Goose Hill, a mile south of the newly won ground, preparatory to renewed infantry assaults. The Germans are attacking with the greatest violence, but the French still hold the summit of Goose Hill, the village of Bellancourt, and the wooded regions in the eastern part of Corbeaux forest and also Comiers wood, it was officially announced.

Attacked by Air Machines.

The Hague, March 7.—French air squadrons have bombarded the German forts and German ammunition trains en route to the Verdun front.

War Tidings.

Bugarian newspapers at Athens report Rumania fortifying the Hungarian frontier and withdrawing all troops from the Russian border except a patrol to guard its neutrality. The Washington State Department on Monday received from Berlin copies and photos of the alleged British Admiralty secret orders to merchantmen to sink German submarines. The American Consulate at Trebizond was struck by a shell during the recent bombardment of the town by Russian destroyers.

DAILY MEMORANDUM

Board of Works, 4 p.m., Wednesday. Queen's Battery Concert, Grant Hall, 8.15 p.m. See top page 4, right hand corner, for probabilities.

MARRIED.

WILGAR-LOW—On Monday, March 6th, 1916, at St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, by the Rev. Dr. Herridge, Gertrude Ross Low, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Low, to Major A. E. Wilgar, of the Canadian Engineers.

DIED.

ALLEN—In Toronto, on March 6th, 1916, Margaret Jane Darley, relict of the late Louis Allen, aged 75 years. Funeral on arrival of G.T.R. train Thursday noon at Kingston Junction to Cataract cemetery.

BRYANT—In Kingston, on March 7th, 1916, Annie Johnson, beloved wife of Robert Bryant, aged 55 years. Funeral (private) from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Thomas Turnbull, 33 Johnson street, Wednesday afternoon at 2.30, to Cataract cemetery. Please omit flowers.

ROCHESTER, N.Y., papers please copy.

RICHMOND—In Kingston, on March 6th, 1916, at the residence of his father-in-law, Abraham Shaw, 190 University Ave., David Wellington Richmond, of Ottawa.

Funeral Wednesday afternoon at 3.30; service at the house at 5 o'clock. Ottawa papers please copy.

IN MEMORIAM.

In loving memory of our dear mother, Mrs. Alice White, who passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. M. Hawley, on March 7th, 1915.

Off we think of you, dear mother, and our hearts are sad with pain; Oh, this earth would be a heaven could we but hear your voice again. Just one year ago you left us, How we miss your loving face, But you left us to remember, None on earth can fill your place. —Daughters.

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FAMILIAR QUOTATIONS

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM MANY THINKERS.

He can who thinks he can. —Carlyle.