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G.T.R. BILL'S FIRST READING

Sir Thomas White Advocates the Acquisition As a National Necessity.

CRITICISM BY FIELDING

WHO CLAIMS THERE IS NO URGENCY AT PRESENT.

And Declares It Would Be Wisdom On Part of Government To Lay the Matter Over.

Ottawa, Oct. 17.—The resolution, which is the forerunner of legislation to empower the Government to enter into an agreement for the acquisition of control of the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada and also, incidentally, of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company, was adopted in the Commons last night. It had been under discussion during two sittings, and it was finally passed "on division," that is, without a vote, but with the understanding that it was not carried unanimously, but with the Opposition as a whole dissenting. The bill based upon the resolution was then introduced, and will be before the House for second reading to-day.

Acquisition of the system by the Government became inevitable when the Grand Trunk Pacific system passed into the hands of a receiver, Sir Thomas White, ex-Minister of Finance, told the House of Commons when the debate upon the resolution to authorize the Government to take the necessary steps to secure control of the old Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada was resumed. The Grand Trunk Railway Company, Sir Thomas argued, was so involved with the Grand Trunk Pacific that it would have been exceedingly difficult for it to continue to maintain its condition and equipment and take care of its liabilities in respect of the Grand Trunk Pacific. Referring to the step which the Government now proposes to take, Sir Thomas said: "It does not appear to me that the Government could properly take any other course if it is to have regard to the railway situation in Canada and the transportation needs of the country."

Opposition View.—Hon. W. S. Fielding put forward an extended criticism of the Government's proposals. He did not definitely commit himself to absolute opposition to acquisition of the Grand Trunk system. His whole attitude was summed up in his closing sentences: "I do not ask the House to condemn public ownership," he said. "I do not even ask, apart from the particular transaction that I have been obliged to criticize, the House to pass judgment upon the merits of this scheme, but I know that the most sober minded men in this House feel that this is a grave and dangerous experiment. I submit that there is no urgency which requires us to put this thing through to-day, that there is no excuse for rail-roading it through to-day, and that it will be the part of wisdom—and it is a part of wisdom which the Government itself will recognize, if it agrees—that this matter should not be proceeded with at the present session."

CANADIAN GOODS SHOWN IN LONDON

London, Oct. 17.—The Grand Trunk London headquarters has inaugurated a new feature which is attracting much interest. A succession of window displays in the Cockspar street office are showing the diversity of Canadian manufactures. The first, drew large crowds, and showed chocolates made by a well-known Canadian firm. This is to be followed by further displays exhibiting to the English people every line of important manufactures in Canada.

300 ARE FROZEN IN ON YUKON RIVER

Four Steamers Were Marooned Owing to the Early Freeze-Up.

Forty Mile, Y.T., Oct. 17.—Many women and children are included in the 300 passengers of four Yukon River steamers, which are marooned in the river ice owing to the early freeze-up. Passengers are helping to cut wood to keep steam in the vessels' boilers. Only a moderation in the weather will possibly enable the boats to reach Dawson. Should the weather not moderate, those marooned must wait several weeks for the coming of snow and dog teams. For the present the food supply is ample.

Gratitude To Anzacs.—Melbourne, Oct. 17.—The Australian Federal Government proposed to grant a gratuity of 30s a day to soldiers from the time of enlistment to the signing of the armistice.

ROCHESTER MAN IS SAID TO BE GIVER

George Eastman, Alias "Mr. Smith"—School Gets \$7,000,000.

Rochester, N.Y., Oct. 17.—George Eastman, of the Eastman Kodak Company of this city, is the "Mysterious Mr. Smith," who has already given the Massachusetts Institute of Technology \$7,000,000 and promised it \$4,000,000 more on condition that like amount be raised from other sources before Jan. 1st. That is the substance of rumors which are current here and which no amount of denial serves to set at rest. Mr. Eastman himself is non-communicative and refers all inquiries to Dr. Richard C. Maclaurin, president of the institution.

Mr. Eastman's refusal to say either "yes" or "no" to the question whether he is "Mr. Smith" is taken here to be as good as an affirmative answer. Those who know Mr. Eastman, and are acquainted with his ways are positive that if he were not "Mr. Smith," he would say so in emphatic language. He is not the sort of man to let false impressions about himself go unchallenged. Mr. Eastman has always been a liberal giver to worthy causes and a staunch friend of higher education. Only a few months ago he made a gift of several millions to the University of Rochester here.

TORY M.P.'S MIXING IN THE ELECTIONS

Three-fourths of the Ontario Delegation Not at Posts in Ottawa.

Ottawa, Oct. 17.—The Dominion Government's bone-dry prohibition legislation is being deliberately held up. Three-fourths of the Ontario Tory members are not present at the Capital this week, though the acquisition of the Grand Trunk—the big thing before Parliament this session—is being decided. The absentees are helping in the elections at home. Before they went away last Friday they were practically promised that the prohibition bills would not be passed during their absence. There are also two anti-prohibitionists among them, but the majority are against the passing of the new "bone-dry" bills at the present time because they fear it would "hurt Hearst."

TO ABSORB SOLDIERS

Industrial Emigration to Canada Will Be Delayed.—London, Oct. 17.—Sir George MacLaren Brown, European manager of the Canadian Pacific manager gives the opinion that there can be no industrial emigration toward Canada until demobilized Canadians have been absorbed. Sir George said he was struck with the movement now appearing in Great Britain for women of superior education to adopt domestic service. If they turned their thoughts toward Western Canada, he said, they would find they would not lose caste there. He regarded the tonnage problem, which the Government has promised would adjust itself in the near future.

READY NEXT SUMMER.

Hydroplane Taxi Service Through Thousand Islands.—Brockville, Oct. 17.—The familiar cry of "Taxi, sir, taxi," will assume new meaning next summer, when the Thousand Islands' first aerial taxi service, it is expected, will be inaugurated by Lieut. Joseph H. Acton, R.C.A.F. Lieut. Acton, returned officer of the Royal Air Force, and Capt. M. J. Baskerville, of Winnipeg, formerly flight commander 117th Squadron, Royal Air Force. Plans to this end are now in progress, and Acton and Baskerville fully expect to have their aerial service in operation by the time the summer tourists arrive next summer. Brockville, Gananoque, Kingston and Alexandria Bay will be included in the service, which will be by hydroplane. Lieut. Acton is a first year medical student at McGill.

\$150,000 JEWEL THEFT.

New York Woman's Apartment Was Robbed.—New York, Oct. 17.—The theft of jewels valued at between \$100,000 and \$150,000 from the apartment of Mrs. Leyla Brandeis was reported to the police yesterday. According to the list supplied the police, the stolen gems included a large rope of pearls, a diamond necklace, several diamond pins, rings and other articles.

Leeds Merchant Dies.—Brockville, Oct. 17.—J. A. Steacy, Seeley's Bay, reeve of the Township of Rear of Leeds and Lansdowne, hardware merchant in Seeley's Bay and very well known resident of the County of Leeds, died suddenly on Tuesday night at his home at 9:30 o'clock. He had been ill for only a week.

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E. W. BEATTY, K.C. President of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, who was installed as chancellor of Queen's University on Thursday afternoon.

DO NOT CREDIT THE REPORTS

That the Fortress of Kronstadt Has Capitulated to the British.

LIGHT BRITISH CRUISERS

NOT CAPABLE OF CHALLENGING THE FORTRESS

Gen. Yudenitch Is Reinforced in His March on Petrograd by Troops of Prince Peter Lieven.—(Canadian Press Despatch) London, Oct. 17.—Confirmation of reports that British naval forces have taken the fortress of Kronstadt, on the Gulf of Finland west of Petrograd, has not been received at the Admiralty offices here. Despatches telling of the capture of Kronstadt are not credited, it being said that the British have only light cruisers in the vicinity which are incapable of challenging the fortress. Admiralty officials state there was no reason for a British attack on the place.

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C.N.R. TRAIN LEAVES TRACKS

As the Result of a Spreading Rail Near Murvale Station.

NO PASSENGERS INJURED

ALTHOUGH THE COACH TURNED OVER ON SIDE.

A New and Heavy Locomotive From the Locomotive Works Likely Caused the Rails to Spread.—As a result of a rail spreading, one dead-head locomotive, one passenger coach, one box car and the express car, on the Canadian Northern train which left Kingston on Thursday evening at six o'clock left the tracks about one mile from Murvale station. It is only a miracle that some of the passengers were not killed when the coach in which they were riding turned over on its side, but none were injured.

It is thought that the weight of the locomotive was the cause of the trouble. This locomotive was just completed at the Locomotive Works here and was being taken to the main line to be turned over.

The passengers were put on a special train and transferred at Harrowsmith onto the different trains for Toronto and Ottawa. No one was hurt. Workmen were busy all night clearing the track and the line was open at ten o'clock Friday morning.

SUGGEST GRANTING LOANS TO DOCTORS

Soldiers' Committee Will Recommend Aid for O.M.O.'s to Start Practise.

Ottawa, Oct. 17.—A sub-committee of the Soldiers' Re-establishment Committee which has gone over the evidence at the recent inquiry has submitted to the committee a number of recommendations as to the form of assistance to be given returned soldiers additional to the gratuity already allowed. The committee has not come to any final decision regarding the proposals.

As foreshadowed, the idea of a lump sum bonus or gratuity is dismissed, but machinery will be set up to assist really needy cases. The form of administration has yet to be devised. The proposals include:

- (1) Assistance to needy students who had matriculated or were ready to matriculate on enlistment. The grants not to exceed \$900 or \$1,000, and to be controlled by the universities.
- (2) Members of Imperial units resident in Canada, or Canadians who fought with such units, to get the difference between the British and Canadian gratuities.
- (3) Vocational training courses to be extended where necessary, according to the advice of instructors.
- (4) Loans to physicians who went overseas immediately after graduation, such loans to help them to establish themselves in practise.
- (5) The Insurance Department to work out an actuarial scale of insurance for those who, by reason of disability are unable to secure ordinary life policies.

Judge Shot In Hunting.

Quebec, Oct. 17.—A hunting accident occurred Monday in the woods of the Eastern Townships, when Justice G. H. Towne of Lennoxville, Que., was shot in the breast through the accidental discharge of a gun. He is in a critical condition in the Sherbrooke Hospital.

AN UNKNOWN MAN KILLED BY TRAIN AT COLLINS BAY

The body of a man was found alongside the railway tracks at Collins Bay on Thursday. He had been hit by a train, but by which one is not yet known. The remains were brought to Kingston Junction and taken from there to James Reid's undertaking parlors, where they were examined by Dr. D. E. Mundell, coroner, who found it necessary to hold an inquest which will take place to-night at 8 o'clock in Jas. Reid's parlors.

There were some identification marks on the body, being a tattoo mark "E.L." on the left forearm, and a gunshot wound, healed up, in the left side. The body had military underwear and it is thought that in view of the wound the deceased was a returned soldier.

NEWS IN BULLETIN.

The Grand Trunk bill passed the first reading in the Commons on Thursday and will come up for the second reading to-day. Lloyd-George, in an address at Sheffield Thursday night, announced that Great Britain's debt now was forty billion dollars. Only three out of forty-five amendments proposed to the peace treaty await the action of the United States Senate. The Shantung award to Japan was sustained by a vote of 55 to 35.