

TO RECOGNIZE THE LIBERALS

As the Official Opposition in Ontario Legislature.

PREMIER IS DETERMINED

May Change Enactment Passed to Give Him Stipend As Group Head.

Toronto, Feb. 7.—The sixteenth legislature of Ontario opened yesterday with a strange political situation. Premier Ferguson declaring the Liberal party as the opposition, and the Progressives claim, that according to an enactment of the former government, they should be the recognized opposition. Premier Ferguson is determined the Liberals shall be the opposition even if he has to, as he declared "change the legislation."

The enactment of the Drury regime states that a party of fifteen members or more shall be an opposition group.

The Liberal party has less than fifteen while the Progressives claim to be seventeen strong.

When interviewed on the matter, Premier Ferguson said that he did not know the exact nature of the Progressive group. He understood that the Farmer members were strictly agriculturalists who would not oppose any enactment in the interest of agriculture and therefore could not logically oppose any such business brought in by the government.

May Change Law. "Absolutely no," was his reply when asked if he contemplated any change of attitude towards the Progressives. He went on to reassert the Liberals constitute the only real opposition group which can be considered an opposition. As to the matter of legislation he declared that if it did not cover the situation as he considered it "we will most certainly change it."

Members of the Progressive group said that the enactment gave them a definite claim for recognition and predicted that this would be brought up in the house. They expressed the opinion that Premier Ferguson should consider the fact that the legislation was brought in by the Drury government particularly to his benefit.

BISHOP FALLON SCORES MODERNISTS IN THEOLOGY

And Also Scientists Who Claim Infallibility in Christian Religious Matters.

Montreal, Feb. 7.—Addressing the Catholic Women's League of Montreal here last night, Bishop Fallon, London, Ont., scored the modernists in theology and a certain type of scientists, who, he said, claimed infallibility not only in their particular branch of learning but also in matters connected with the Christian religion. Of the modernists, he said that it was with them not a question of doubt or denial, so much as utter loss of faith; it is rationalism run mad against superstition. They are all infallible, but the misery of it is that they are not unanimous, and infallibility without unanimity is a pretty bad thing.

THE HAREM MUST GO.

Or Turkey Will Face a Scarcity of Women.

Angora, Feb. 7.—Polygamy and the harem may disappear from Turkey, if the recommendations made by the Turkish parliamentary commission are adopted by the national assembly. On the grounds of economy, and because of the growing scarcity of marriageable women, members of the commission believe that the modern Turk should be content with one wife. They believe that if each man were to avail himself of the four wives permitted by the Koran there would not be sufficient women in Turkey to make possible one wife for every man.

PLAY THE GAME RUSSIANS ARE TOLD

London, Feb. 7.—Sir Arthur Balfour, noted steel manufacturer of Sheffield, president of the associated chambers of commerce, who has many Canadian business connections, says he told the soviet trade delegation, on its way to Canada, that no matter what political recognition the soviet government of Russia received, Russians could be assured, that until they paid their pre-war debts, and generally "played the game" with the British people, they would obtain no credit here.

TAPT ILL AND COULD NOT ATTEND FUNERAL.

Washington, Feb. 7.—William Howard Taft, chief justice of the U.S., was taken ill with acute indigestion yesterday and unable to act as an honorary pallbearer for former President Woodrow Wilson. The chief justice's attack is yielding to treatment.

VISIT TO NEW ZEALAND.

The Japanese Warship—Display of Reawakened Friendship.

Wellington, Feb. 7.—The visit of the Japanese warships to New Zealand waters has been the occasion for a marked display of good feeling. As Premier Massey said at the banquet to welcome the guests, the visit was a renewal of friendship with loyal and faithful allies. Vice-Admiral Saito recalled New Zealand's assistance in the distresses of Japan, and said the feelings of the Japanese towards their old allies were unchanged. The alliance was now replaced by the four-power treaty, which, he felt, would become a step towards a real league of nations, working for the advancement of humanity.

BELIEVES CHURCH UNION IS YET A LONG WAY OFF

The Latest View Expressed by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

London, Feb. 7.—Certain bishops and clergymen of the Church of England are steadily conferring with certain prominent representatives of the non-episcopal churches at Lambeth palace, the London residence of the Archbishop of Canterbury, on the question of reunion, so the Archbishop of Canterbury stated today while addressing a convocation at Canterbury church house, Westminster. The archbishop said he hoped the results of these conferences would be published soon.

Referring to the recent private conferences at Malines, which were initiated by Cardinal Mercier with a view of making some advance towards the reunion of the Anglican and Catholic churches, the Archbishop of Canterbury said these conferences had not attained such a character as to admit of publication with regard thereto. He intimated that the Malines conferences were not within measurable distance of negotiations.

These conferences, the archbishop continued, were private conversations about the respective history and doctrines of the churches and nothing more.

The archbishop expressed the opinion that the uniting of the forces of Christian men on earth was a long way off, but he said they must continuously and prayerfully strive toward that end.

High Cost of Living Will Be Big Issue in French Elections

Paris, Feb. 7.—The high cost of living in France promises to be one of the principal issues, injected by the opposition to the present government, during the campaign for the forthcoming general election. Posters are being prepared for placarding in all the municipalities of France, emphasizing the increase in the price of necessities of life under the present rule. In the lists prepared it is noted that bread and wine, which the average Frenchman regards as first in the necessities of life, have been subjected to the smallest relative increase.

CANADA'S DEBT WILL NOT BE GREATLY INCREASED

Return Issued by Finance Department Covers Ten-month Period of Fiscal Year.

Ottawa, Feb. 7.—A return issued by the finance department yesterday afternoon indicates that the present fiscal year is not likely to show any considerable increase to the net debt of Canada. The return covers the ten months' period of the fiscal year up to the end of January. The net debt as it stood on January 31st is given as \$2,411,388,604, a decrease of \$8,591,389 from the figure of Jan. 31st of the previous year. Dominion ordinary revenues for the ten months are up nearly nine millions as compared with the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year; ordinary expenditures are down \$378,000; capital expenditures are lower by about half a million. The above figures are merely preliminary. They are subject to revision and cover receipts and payments which have passed through the books of the Finance Department.

According to revised figures issued recently the net debt of the dominion increased nearly \$32,000,000 during the fiscal year 1922-23.

GERMAN FLAG HALF-MASTED

Washington Embassy Paid Respect to Woodrow Wilson.

BODY IS LAID TO REST

In Nation's Shrine—Many Kneelt in Prayer As Cortege Passed By.

Washington, Feb. 7.—The flag over the German embassy floated at half-mast yesterday afternoon out of respect to Woodrow Wilson.

It was run up two hours before the Wilson funeral services began, and remained at half-mast until midnight.

A little group of men gathered near the embassy shortly after noon to see whether the flag would be half-masted. During the morning no flag flew from the staff over the embassy building.

A servant ran up the German ensign half way. The little crowd in the street cheered. Among the group was Paul Maloney, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., who, Tuesday night, with the aid of several taxi drivers, fastened an American flag over the front door of the embassy, where it remained until the police took it down yesterday morning.

It was stated on behalf of Ambassador Weldfield that instructions had come from Berlin to half-mast the flag, as it was not the intention to show disrespect to Mr. Wilson's memory.

The Simple Burial. Washington, Feb. 7.—The capital which he loved so well has said farewell to Woodrow Wilson.

Through a section of the city now to ceremonial action, his mortal remains were carried to their final resting place. The broad reaches of Pennsylvania avenue, which saw the passing of Harding, McKinley, Garfield, Lincoln, Taylor and Harrison, played no part in this last journey. Instead the funeral cortege passed slowly and solemnly through massed ranks of sorrowing fellow-citizens from the home on S street, exclusively a residential section, along Massachusetts avenue, likewise a roadway of homes, to the entrance to the cathedral grounds on the latter thoroughfare. From there the body was carried into Bethlehem chapel through the door on the south of the crypt, over which is inscribed: "The Way of Peace."

The private services at the home consisted simply of the reading of the 23rd Psalm, a passage from a devotional book and recitation of a prayer.

Crowds Kneelt. As the procession wound from the S street house and up the incline to the cathedral the crowds stood in hushed reverence. Many knelt in prayer as the cortege passed.

Amplifiers carried the service in the chapel to the crowds without and radio waves carried the solemn words and singing of the choir throughout the country. The actual entombment was witnessed by only the immediate members of the family. The president and members of the cabinet, generals and admirals and diplomats left the chapel with the pronouncement of the benediction.

Only the members of the family remained to witness the entombment. The church bells of Washington tolled while the service was in progress.

Hotels to Remain Open.

London, Feb. 7.—Hotels and restaurants in London that are licensed for public music and dancing will be permitted to remain open after midnight every Monday during the British Empire Exhibition, which will be inaugurated on April 23rd. A decision to this effect was arrived at by the London county council, on the recommendation of the theatres committee of the council.

Ireland Helps Home Builders.

Dublin, Feb. 7.—The Free State government will advance \$1,500,000 as a subsidy to relieve the housing shortage in Ireland. Private builders will benefit as well as municipalities. The purpose is, if possible, to bring down the cost of a three-room house to \$1,300; four rooms, \$1,800, and five rooms, \$2,300.

Turks Must Serve Their Country.

Constantinople, Feb. 7.—The military service bill has been approved by the national assembly. It establishes compulsory military service for all men. One and a half years is required for the infantry; two years for the artillery, cavalry, air force and engineers, and four-years for the navy.

Mexican war department officials declared on Wednesday that with the flight from Vera Cruz of De la Huerta to the back bone of the insurrection is broken.

The Home Bank Case Goes Before the Privy Council

Toronto, Feb. 7.—D. L. McCarthy, K.C., special crown prosecutor in the Home Bank case, announced in the county judges' criminal court this morning that Hon. W. F. Nickle, attorney-general, would appeal to the privy council against the decision of the first divisional appellate court of Ontario which directed that the charges laid under the bank act against ten directors and officials of the institution be tried before a county judge without a jury.

News off the Wires In Condensed Form

Rt. Hon. W. S. Fielding is able to sit up for a while each day.

Huerta in his flight took members of the rebel cabinet. The revolt is virtually ended.

Italian recognition of the Soviet government probably will come within a few days.

Standard hotels are to be held strictly accountable for breaches of the Ontario Temperance Act.

The gold mines of northern Ontario broke all previous records in the month of January, when they produced approximately \$2,100,000.

John R. Booth, veteran lumberman, is ill on the eve of his granddaughter's wedding. He will not attend the ceremony.

Prime Minister Macdonald would welcome the convocation of another conference, similar to the Washington conference, having as its object the further diminution of naval and military equipments.

Discovery of particular value in the use of a newly discovered drug from Germany in epileptic cases may revolutionize the treatment of that disease and ultimately lead to its absolute cure.

PREMIER MACDONALD EXPRESSES REGRET

For Statement of Lloyd George Over Occupation of Ruhr Agreement.

Paris, Feb. 7.—Prime Minister Macdonald of Great Britain has written Premier Poincare expressing regret for the statement of Lloyd George in the New York World recently, asserting the discovery of an agreement at the Paris peace conference between Woodrow Wilson and Premier Clemenceau regarding the occupation of Rhineland, says a despatch to the semi-official Havas Agency from London this afternoon. The letter points out that the fault is not Mr. Macdonald's.

CANADIANS CHARGED WITH RUM-SMUGGLING

Claim That Evidence is Obtained Against International Rings.

Buffalo, Feb. 7.—For indictment sought against members of two distinct smuggling rings the presentation of evidence against at least twenty Toronto and Belleville men, charging them with being principals in an international smuggling scheme, was started yesterday before a federal grand jury here by Assistant U.S. Attorney John McGovern.

Federal Attorney McGovern has exposed the methods and routes employed by international rum runners in smuggling contraband booze from Toronto into this country.

The first of the two rings, it is charged, employs a Toronto-owned gasoline cruiser in running huge shipments of ale from that city to Montreal and Payne beaches near Rochester. A second ring employs a Lockport-owned cruiser and other vessels plying between Toronto and Lockport. Cargoes of both vessels, officials charge, have been huge shipments of Toronto-made ale and porter. Other boats have been carrying ale from Belleville to Rochester in large consignments.

In connection with the ale-running scandal, Assistant Federal Attorney McGovern charged that several known Canadian customs officials were acting in connivance with the ale smugglers. He also said that ale runners were abetted by the methods of Canadian customs men in allowing small gasoline cruisers to clear from Toronto, Belleville and other ports laden with ale for Cuba, Mexico and other countries which it would be impossible to reach in these vessels.

The Prince of Wales will give a great reception in South Africa, and his visit to this Dominion, on which he will start from England on May 2nd, will be a memorable one. A twenty-five per cent. reduction in all personal income taxes payable this year was approved by the United States Republicans of the House ways and means committee.

Justice Lennox is to decide if Clarence Topping, charged with murder at the assizes at London, Ont., should first be tried as his sanity.

A Big Fire Breaks Out in Tamworth; Two Stores Burned And Others Damaged

The village of Tamworth suffered a very heavy loss by fire early on Thursday morning, when two stores were gutted two others very badly damaged along with the Masonic hall. The cause of the fire is unknown. The buildings destroyed were: L. B. Wells' harness shop. Walter Redden's ware rooms, agent for autos and separators. Badly damaged: Redden's drug store, A. B. Carscallen's general store and the Masonic hall.

The fire broke out about one o'clock and there was great excitement in the village. Church bells were sounded to alarm the people and they turned out and did what they could to stay the flames. It was feared for a time that the entire business block in the village would fall a prey to the flames. At the time the fire broke out

there was a very heavy wind, but in an hour's time it abated and this, no doubt, was the means of saving many other stores.

Many of the shopkeepers carried out their stock, fearing that their shop would be wiped out by the fire. It was one of the worst fires the village has had in many years.

It is stated that the fire originated in the shop of Walter Redden, who is agent for the Chevrolet and McLaughlin cars and all kinds of separators.

Tamworth has no fire brigade and it was a case of everyone turning in and fighting the fire.

The Whig was in communication with Tamworth by telephone Thursday forenoon but it was stated that as yet no estimate could be given of the damage, although it was thought that it might reach \$50,000. It is understood that the property was well insured.

WILLIAMS IS FOUND GUILTY

Of Complicity in the Murder of Melbourne Man.

MURRELL IS CALLED UPON

By Crown Prosecuting Attorney Rigney to Testify Against His Pal.

London, Ont., Feb. 7.—Henry J. Williams, also known as "Slim," and a member of the Murrell gang, which terrorized Western Ontario three years ago, was, last evening, found guilty by an assize jury of murder in connection with the killing of Russell Campbell at Melbourne on April 11th, 1921. The verdict carried with it a recommendation to mercy. Sydney Murrell, who was on Tuesday convicted of the same murder, and Williams, will both be sentenced by Judge Lennox before the close of the court, and the plea for mercy will be forwarded to the department of justice at Ottawa.

Thus has the majesty of the law been vindicated three years after the murder and bank raid at Melbourne, twenty miles from London. Two of the Murrell gang, William Murrell, elder brother of Sydney, and George E. Norton, known as "Pat," are still at large, but rewards are offered for their arrest, and the crown is confident that it is only a matter of time until they are brought to justice also.

The judge's charge was strongly against Williams, and his lordship pointed out to the jury that where one or more take part in a felonious enterprise in which murder occurs all are equally guilty in the eyes of the law. Williams, said the judge, had not fired a shot, but he had taken part in the conspiracy, which resulted in the killing of a man.

At seven o'clock the court adjourned until eight, when the jury announced it had reached a verdict. At fifteen minutes past eight the court reassembled, and Williams was led back to hear his fate. He seemed pleased when he heard the recommendation to mercy.

Murrell Testifies.

The case against Williams was handled most expeditiously by the crown, and it went to the jury at 5.15 o'clock. The only surprise of the day came when T. J. Rigney, K.C., Kingston, for the crown, asked that Sydney Murrell, who was convicted of murder, be brought into court and asked to testify. When Murrell was led into court, heavily manacled and between two officers, he addressed the bench:

"Your lordship," he said, "I understand the crown is using me as a witness?"

When informed that this was the fact, Murrell leaned against the witness box and declared: "Then I refuse to testify." Asked by the judge what he meant by such conduct, the prisoner stated "that the day before the crown had refused to believe his story, and he could not expect the court would believe it now."

However, he thought better of the matter, and when Mr. Rigney questioned him, he replied freely enough. He covered much of the ground gone over yesterday. His brother, Bill, Pat Norton and himself, he said, had planned the night before the Melbourne robbery to rob an exchange office in Windsor. In the morning Williams, who had been at Murrell's house all night, but who, he claimed, had not been let into the secret, left London via the Pipe line road for Byron, where they stole a car and then drove out on the road to Windsor, intending to pull off the job there. As they passed through Melbourne, they

WOULD CURB THE AGENTS

Of the Industrial Workers of the World.

PROSPERITY OF CANADA

Declared Is In Danger Through Activities of This Communistic Organization.

Calgary, Alta., Feb. 7.—Declaring that the government should immediately take steps to stop the agents of the Industrial Workers of the World from endeavoring to disrupt and destroy the industrial life, welfare and prosperity of Canada, the council of the Calgary Board of Trade yesterday passed a resolution pointing out these facts and requesting the government to declare the I.W.W. an illegal organization.

The resolution went on to state that in the opinion of the council the present agitation in the Eastern British Columbia lumber camps was not for the purpose of adjusting any difficulties between employees and employers, but was simply part of the declared objective of the I.W.W., namely, to break down the present government of the country and establish a communistic regime.

STILL SEEKING BRYANS OVER ST. PAUL ROBBERY

Scouring the Twin Cities—Description of Hold-Up Man Fits Him.

Minneapolis, Feb. 7.—Thomas Bryans, who escaped with "Red" Ryan from Portsmouth penitentiary is still sought in the Twin Cities as one of six bandits who held up three employees of Finkelstein and Ruba, theatrical magnates, in St. Paul Monday and escaped with \$10,000. Frank W. Brunsell, superintendent of police, co-operating with the St. Paul police, printed a description of Bryans in the Police Bulletin and urged the force to be on the lookout for him.

Bryans' description fits one of the hold-up men, Chief Brunsell said. "The Canadian convict is small in stature and so is the man we are looking for."

Threatened to Shoot Ryan.

Toronto, Feb. 7.—While in Toronto "Red" Ryan stated Bryans and Simpson left Ryan and Sullivan here, the day after they held up the Bank of Nova Scotia.

Bryans wanted to go with Ryan but Ryan decided Sullivan and himself would travel alone, and they went away via Windsor. There was a quarrel over the division of the money stolen from the bank and Ryan stated Bryans and he had a quarrel and Bryans threatened to shoot him.

Smallpox in Montreal.

Montreal, Feb. 7.—After a lapse of two years, smallpox has appeared in Montreal and Dr. Boucher, director of public health, stated that three cases had been reported, each patient, however, coming from outside. One is from British Columbia and two from Ontario.

When the British parliament re-assembles on Tuesday next Premier Macdonald will speak on a motion for adjournment to afford time for a comprehensive survey of the plans of the government.

Rev. T. Crawford Brown has sold No. 225 St. George street, Toronto, to G. E. Watson, secretary-treasurer of the E. & S. Currie Neckwear Co., the sale price being \$35,000.

"You Said It, Marceline!"

By MARCELINE DALROY

On "Careless Women."

It seems that GIRLS are Always DROPPING THINGS— If a MAN takes a GIRL To the THEATRE, often DURING the PERFORMANCE she will DROP her VANITY CASE, Or her HANDBAG, Or her NECKPIECE, At least TWICE! . . . The FIRST time he thinks: "How FEMINE!" But the second time: "Well, that's FOOLISH!" Whilst the THIRD time, If the girl is His OWN wife, His language is FORCIBLE. Some men never know If they are going to have A pleasant evening Till it's OVER— At the theatre he thinks She will be nice to him AFTERWARDS, But it sometimes happens, As they step from the taxi, She DROPS HIM . . . then He doesn't even ENJOY HIMSELF!