

RANEY GOES AFTER NICKLE

Hints At Bargaining With Breweries in O.T.A. Cases.

J. A. M'CAUSLAND HEARD

In Regard to the O.T.A. War Measure Passed on a Quick Ballot.

DEBATE WINDS UP ON FULL TORRY VOTE

Toronto, Feb. 19.—On a straight party vote, the Government forces in the Legislature last night carried Premier Ferguson's amendment to the Address, expressing confidence in the Ferguson administration.

Toronto, Feb. 19.—W. E. Raney before the orders of the day were called in the legislature yesterday afternoon, took Attorney-General Nickle to task for what he alleged to be a bargaining with brewers in respect of O.T.A. cases in the Toronto Police court.

He read the story of minimum fines having been imposed on O'Keefe and Labatts for selling beer, and the comments of James Haverson, K.C., defence counsel, thereon, to the effect: "Oh, dear! Oh, dear! I am sure the department wouldn't want that," whereupon fines were reduced.

Mr. Nickle, replying, explained that there were three charges against each brewery. The Crown felt they would fall on all of them, and therefore accepted pleas of guilty on one count each.

"Would you have done differently?" he asked Mr. Raney.

"Yes, I would," said the latter, vehemently. "My instructions were never to bargain with the defence."

J. W. Wildfield (Prog.) Ontario West, continued the debate on reply to the speech from the throne. He said he had perfect confidence in the O.T.A. and was sure the government would regret any determination to interfere with it.

Act Not Violated. Premier Ferguson demanded to know where the Act had been violated, but even with the prompting of W. E. Raney he was unable to point out any contravention.

Hon. W. F. Nickle stated he had never heard anyone say that the Progressive group would not be recognized if the speaker so ruled.

J. A. McCausland, Toronto S.W., carried on for the Conservative party in the debate, and pointed out that the vote at the last election had declared in favor of the two-party system, although he voiced the opinion that, perhaps he would not have gone about it in the same way as the premier had. He was glad to know that the premier was taking a great interest in educational matters.

Mr. McCausland stated that he did not need to tell the House that he was not a friend of the O.T.A. He said he would be ruled out of order if he stated what he thought of it. It was a war measure and was passed on a quick ballot.

"It was your government," said Mr. Raney.

Conditions Vile. Mr. McCausland—"I did not support Hearst, and many other Conservatives didn't." Mr. McCausland said that some government supporters had said they wanted a change in the Act, while they were in opposition, but since they had come into government, some chloroforming influence seemed to be at work on them. He said conditions in Toronto were vile, that doctors were practically bartenders and that the whole moral tone of the province had been lowered. He preferred to buy a liquor from a bootlegger rather than have a doctor lie about it as long as he was sure it was good stuff. He said he would be a good Tory for the time being, until he saw what was going to happen and if nothing happened he would like to have a day kept this session for a talk on the referendum.

PROPOSE TO TAX ALL FRENCH TITLES

Paris, Feb. 19.—Deputy Jean Loquin, Socialist, proposes a law to realize forty million francs by taxing all titles.

CHICAGO GARMENT WORKERS TO STRIKE

Chicago, Feb. 19.—Ten thousand garment workers of this city—mostly women and girls—are scheduled to go out on strike before the end of the present week, as a direct result of the failure of the members of a strike committee to reach an agreement with representatives of 200 manufacturers, relative to the demands of Dressmakers' local, number 100, which include a five-day week. The day on which the strike will go into effect was decided upon yesterday at the union's headquarters, but leaders stated the information would be kept secret, "to thwart the alleged activities of sluggers already engaged by the manufacturers."

Previous strikes of the organizations involved have been characterized by street fighting and other violence. That previous clashes may be surpassed in the coming conflict was indicated by the pledge of 3,000 male members of the Cloakmakers' Union that they will go out on a sympathetic strike and will serve as pickets for the dressmakers.

CONTINENT TOURED BY WOMAN ON HORSEBACK

Spokane, Wash., Feb. 19.—Miss Helen H. Thingstad of Iowa, Wash., recently completed a horseback circle tour of the continent that required six and seven years of intermittent traveling. She made the entire journey alone.

Her expenses for the trip were met by working along the way, and stops of three months or more were made at various cities for the purpose.

Down the Pacific coast to Los Angeles and thence along the southern border to New Orleans, Miss Thingstad and her four-footed companion made their way. They crossed the American desert in July by traveling at night. Thence they traveled north to Virginia and turned homeward through Kansas, Colorado and Wyoming.

Miss Thingstad crossed the continental divide six times during her travels, she said, and three times she encountered snow and three times it rained. She carried complete camping equipment and often relieved her horse's burden by walking considerable distances.

"A woman has nothing to fear, traveling alone," she said. "The people always were wonderfully kind to us. I usually camped near some farm house, for I had to procure food for my horse."

MURRELL ASKS NEW TRIAL, ALLEGATION OF ERRORS

Crown Did Not Produce Bullet Which Slew Russell Nor Clothing Worn.

London, Ont., Feb. 19.—Notice of an appeal against the conviction registered by the Winter Asstize Court jury trying him for the murder of Russell Campbell in Melbourne three years ago, was served yesterday by Sidney Ernest Murrell, through his counsel, J. M. Dogshue, on Crown Attorney A. M. Judd. Notice of appeal will also be served on Attorney-General Nickle.

There are three grounds upon which the appeal is based. They consist mainly of alleged errors on the part of Justice Lamson, who presided at Murrell's trial, in his instructions and charge to the jury. One of the most outstanding of the grounds is the non-production by the crown of the bullet taken from Campbell's body and the clothes he wore on the day of the shooting. The defence holds that the justice should have instructed the jury that it was the duty of the crown to offer some explanation in this regard.

Murrell desires that if a new trial is granted, it be before a jury and jointly with the others indicted with him. The convicted murderer is now under sentence of death. The execution is scheduled to take place on April 10th.

LOOKING INTO DOCK STRIKE

British Government Taking Steps Regarding Food Supply.

PREMIER BESS COMMENTS

To Refrain From Questions That Might Make a Settlement Harder.

London, Feb. 19.—Anxious to know the government's attitude toward the dockers' strike members of the House of Commons put in several private questions regarding it yesterday. Mr. Shaw, the minister of Labor, said he would appoint a court of inquiry under the terms of the Industrial Act to inquire into the causes and circumstances of the dispute and make a report thereon.

Premier Macdonald said the government would not fail to take such steps as are necessary to secure the transport of necessary food supplies and already had set up the nucleus of such an organization. "May I add," he said, "the expression of the hope that nothing will be said or asked to make difficult the only thing that really matters—a settlement of the dispute."

The question of recognition of the Mexican Government by Great Britain was raised by several members. Premier Macdonald replied that the recognition of Mexico had raised complicated issues which could not be very well dealt with in questions and answers. The government had the matter before it, he said, and would lose no time in deciding one way or the other.

Asked by Viscount Curzon whether the position was more complicated than in the case of Russia, Mr. Macdonald caused laughter by replying that, as it happened, it was very much more so.

Answering a question, Prime Minister Macdonald said that the British government had accepted the terms of the settlement of the British debt to the U.S. and therefore there could be no question about any proposals to reopen negotiations for the arrangement of other terms.

Premier Macdonald told the House there had been no formal agreement in any one document regarding the settlement of the palatine question, but as a result of correspondence between the British, French and Belgian governments, it had been decided to entrust the representatives of those three governments at Coblenz with the task of supervising reparations and the normal administration of the palatinate and the disarming of all unauthorized persons, with the object of facilitating the settlement of the whole question.

SON OF DOCTOR HELD OVER DEATH OF A BABE

The Young Man Claims He is Not the Father of the Child.

Hamilton, Feb. 18.—Eric Lawrason, of this city, son of a Toronto physician, is being held at the police station here pending an autopsy now being made on the body of a new born babe. Should the autopsy prove that the babe was alive at the time of birth, a charge of manslaughter will be laid, the police say. The mother of the child is a young girl who has been employed in the city income tax office. Lawrason, according to the police, has admitted that he took the girl to a John street apartment Sunday night and was present when the child was born. The dead body of the baby was found later yesterday wrapped up in a paper parcel. Lawrason claims that he is not the father of the child.

ALL FAIR AMERICANS.

The Outstanding Men of the Twentieth Century.

Ann Arbor, Mich., Feb. 19.—Four Americans are the outstanding men of the twentieth century, in the opinion of President M. L. Burton, of the University of Michigan. His selections are Theodore Roosevelt, Henry Ford, Thomas Edison and Orville Wright.

The men have leadership for the following reasons, Mr. Burton considers: Theodore Roosevelt for his comprehension of the social problems of his time. Henry Ford for industrial development leading to a new social order. Thomas Edison for his inventive genius. Orville Wright for his creative work in heavier than air flying.

COMPARATIVE COST OF MILLING FLOUR

Washington, Feb. 19.—The total cost of milling and marketing hard spring wheat flour, as determined by experts of the tariff commission is \$0.5803 per hundred pounds in the United States and \$0.4803 in Canada.

DENY THE CHARGES

That There Was "Frame-Up" And Collusion.

Sydney, Feb. 19.—Following charges that the recent wage conference at Montreal between the British Empire Steel Corporation and the United Mine workers was a "frame-up" and that there was collusion between President Wolvin, of the Steel Corporation and officers of the United Mine Workers, Provisional President Barrett and In. Representative Dalrymple, of United Mine Workers, have issued a lengthy statement, wherein they emphatically deny all such charges.

SMALLPOX IN COCHRANE.

The Board of Health Asks For Vaccination.

Cochrane, Feb. 19.—Because of the presence in the town of a number of smallpox cases, the board of health has notified the town council that recourse has been taken to the Ontario Vaccination Act, and asking that a proclamation be issued ordering vaccination or revaccination of all persons in the municipality not possessing recent certificates.

A DEFICIT OF 15 MILLIONS

Last Year of Drury Regime Claimed in the Budget Speech.

Toronto, Feb. 19.—Hon. W. H. Price, provincial treasurer, in making his budget speech this afternoon, claims a deficit of fifteen millions on the last year of the Drury administration. In presenting what he calls a "clear balance sheet," he will endeavor to show a total deficiency of over \$24,000,000 for the last four years or an average of \$6,000,000 annually. The deficit to be shown for this year is the largest in the history of the province.

The budget speech for the present and future promises an audit of all revenues of the Crown, which is a new departure in public policy. There will be no new taxation introduced. The retirement of the debt will receive careful attention. A strong policy of rigid economy is promised and cooperation of all is asked to that end.

The government, states the treasurer, will exercise all its energies in seeing that expenditures are cut to the bone and only necessary expenditures maintained.

Premier Macdonald names J. C. Fenton as Solicitor-General for Scotland.

It is rumored that Premier Macdonald may marry Lady Margaret Sackville.

Calvary Ladies Hold Tea. A successful Valentine tea was held by the Ladies' Aid of Calvary Congregational church at the home of Mrs. George W. Allen, Colborne, street, on Thursday last. The house was prettily decorated with Valentine favors. Mrs. Howard King poured tea and Miss Bickham and Miss Beatrice Brown served the dainty refreshments. The home made table was in charge of Mrs. Charles Walker. Mrs. Nell Gow received the guests, a neat sum was realized.

Orphans' Guild Euchre. Monday evening brought out another big crowd for the Orphans' Guild euchre, which was held at the House of Providence. Mrs. E. Roberts and Miss M. Shanahan were the convenors, and they were well repaid for their efforts in having thirty-two tables in play. Mrs. D. Guirey and Mrs. James/Tetro tied for the ladies' prize. Mrs. Tetro finally winning. G. Revell won the gentlemen's prize.

Carter was given a short time by the Egyptian government to resume operations on Tut's tomb.

THIRTEEN DIE IN TENEMENT

New York Fire Believed To Be of Incendiary Origin.

ALL ESCAPE WAS CUT OFF

As the Blaze Flared Up the Staircase—Four Men in Custody.

New York, Feb. 19.—Thirteen lives were snuffed out in a few minutes in a fire believed to have been of incendiary origin, which early today swept from a basement to the roof of a five-story tenement in the heart of New York's lower east side ghetto. Seven of those who lost their lives were children.

The blaze, fanned by a draught from the tenement's open front door, flared up the staircase, blocking the escape of eight families who occupied the building.

Families on the lower floors retreated in a panic to the windows from which they managed to reach safety. Several were badly burned and many were injured in falls.

Of the dead five were boys and two were girls, four women and two men. The charred body of a baby was found at the breast of its dead mother.

The fire was discovered by a policeman who saw Louis Choonfield, news vendor, believed to be demented, rushing from the entrance with three men at his heels. He took all four to the police station. Dr. Charles Rubenstein, of Gouverneur hospital, recognized Choonfield as a man he had treated several times for epileptic seizures, and who had come to him last night one hour before the fire was discovered.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

Address on Fourth Commandment By Conference President.

D. J. C. Barratt, president of the Ontario Conference, Seventh Day Adventists, an evangelist of long experience, who stated he was converted to the Seventh Day Adventists from the Roman Catholic, preached to a full house Monday evening on the fourth commandment.

Declaring that God had never changed; the law that was given on Sinai was therefore immutable and perfect, therefore it was eternal and was hence still binding upon mankind.

His discourse was liberally strown with scripture texts, all of which were backed by history. He was impartial in his presentation of the subject, holding as the rule of all men the Bible as the word of God.

Professor Merlin H. Davies, Montreal, who is well known in Canada and the States sang "Consider the Lilies" as only he could sing it. He will sing again tonight.

The question box will be opened tonight and all questions deposited will be answered.

The discourse will be based on prophecies which are being fulfilled in the twentieth century and point forward to the final wind-up of earth's affairs.

Collect Mail in Boxes Hour Earlier Each Night.

In order to bring about a prompt delivery of the mail at the post office for the outgoing trains, the mail in the street boxes will be collected an hour earlier than usual, commencing tonight. Owing to the heavy condition of the roads, it has been found impossible to make the rounds of the various boxes so as to get the mail at the post office in time for the trains, and as a result the post office authorities have decided to make the collection from the street boxes an hour earlier each night.

TO PREVENT INCREASE OF FOOD PRICES

London, Feb. 19.—While British business men are grumbling at the stoppage of mails through the dockers' strike, housewives are concerned over the evident manifest yesterday of the intention of tradesmen to raise food prices.

The most notable increase was for meat.

Steps will be taken by the government to prevent the exploitation of consumers owing to the present strike.

ASQUITH TO RETIRE.

His Daughter to Succeed Him as Paisley Candidate.

London, Feb. 19.—The belief is widespread in west Scotland that Mr. Asquith will not again be a candidate in Paisley. It is reported that Lady Bonham-Carter, his daughter, will succeed him in that constituency as the Liberal candidate.

The Labor forces have changed their nominee for the division, the latest candidate being H. Gulhrrie, a well known school master in the district. He will run as a joint Labor and co-operative candidate.

WILL NOT LONG DELAY THE HOME BANK TRIALS

Hon. Mr. Nickle Thinks His Appeal Should Be Argued at June Sittings.

Toronto, Feb. 19.—Hon. Mr. Nickle to-day confirmed the report that D. K. McCarthy, K.C., was on his way to England to ask the judicial committee of the privy council for leave to appeal against the decision that the Home Bank directors shall be tried by a judge without a jury.

Asked whether it was not true that the dominion government many years ago cut off appeals in criminal cases, Mr. Nickle said that was true but the present appeal is an appeal on the question of a mandamus and was a civil proceeding. He said it was also true that ordinary interlocutory decisions in civil cases could not be taken to the supreme court of Canada.

Mr. Nickle thought that the Home Bank trials would not be long delayed by the appeals to England. He said the judicial committee would either refuse or grant leave to appeal probably without reserving judgment and the case could be argued in June. Decision on the appeal should not be delayed much if any longer than a month.

ACCEPT CANADA'S OFFER TO SEND YOUNG CATTLE

To Restock Farms in Cheshire, Eng., Which Have Been Depleted.

London, Feb. 19.—Farmers of Cheshire decided at a meeting yesterday to accept an offer from the Canadian government to send between 4,000 and 5,000 calves, heifers and young steers from the dominion to restock farms in Cheshire, which have been seriously depleted as the result of foot and mouth disease. Cheshire farmers agreed to ask the home government for a special permit to allow of young Canadian cattle being landed in this country.

Forty thousand persons are expected by a strike of bank employees which closed four of the largest institutions in Vienna Monday and has spread to all banks throughout Austria.

Lord Atholstan offers half a million dollars to fight tuberculosis in Montreal if the government assists.

OFFER BOARD BANK OFFICES

In the City Buildings For School Headquarters.

A CONFERENCE IS HELD

Between City And Education Property Committees—Adopts Decision

That the Board of Education be offered the offices in the city buildings, shortly to be vacated by the Bank of Montreal, at a rental of \$850, including the heating, that the city make the necessary repairs and alterations to the said offices and that the Board of Education be given the use of the city council chamber for their meetings.

The foregoing report of the Civic property committee, presented by the chairman, Ald. McCartney, was adopted at the meeting of the City Council held on Monday night. The recommendation came before the council as a result of a conference held on Monday afternoon between the civic property committee and the property committee of the Board of Education to be held on Thursday evening.

Ald. Chown wanted to know what arrangements had been made for the domestic science classes, which are now conducted in the building at present occupied by the Board of Education.

Mayor Angrove stated that the Board of Education was looking after this matter.

The City Council was in session for exactly fifty minutes on Monday night and in that time put through a big slate of business.

WHI Support Action.

The city council of Toronto asked the local council to support a resolution calling upon the Ontario government to give municipalities a percentage of collections from amusement tax, motor vehicles and race track licenses. The matter will be taken up at a meeting to be held in Toronto on Feb. 26th, and the Kingston council was asked to give its support to the proposition. A petition will be presented to the legislature.

Ald. Price said it was a matter that should be attended to and moved, seconded by Ald. Sargent, that the council give its support.

Ald. Price remarked that Ontario was deriving enormous sums from the licenses referred to. Autos he stated were wearing out more city streets than county roads. Kingston had built and was keeping up roads outside the city. The motion to support the matter was carried.

Bringing In Outsiders.

The council received a letter from the Trades and Labor Council, through the secretary, E. Richards, which stated that in spite of the serious condition of unemployment in Kingston, the Collingwood Shipbuilding Company was engaging unskilled help from their own plant in Toronto. The Labor Council drew attention to the fact that the company was exempt from all taxes, with the exception of school taxes, and felt that in view of the agitation to "shop at home," this should also apply to the employment of local labor at this plant. The matter was sent to the finance committee.

The request of the police commissioners to increase the license of second hand and bank dealers from \$20 to \$30, for necessary legislation for the consolidation of city by-laws and the building of a new "lock-up" or placing the present one in a sanitary condition and for alterations to

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"You Said It, Marceline!" By MARCELINE DALROY. On "Welcome Talkers." ANYONE can talk To a CLEVER man— Why, one only has To LISTEN; But to talk intelligently To a FOOL—this is More DIFFICULT. Because the fool, Like the clever man, ALSO wants to be LISTENED TO. Of course a FOOL Can talk to a FOOL And NEITHER will Notice it; and A foolish MAN can talk To an intelligent WOMAN And—not be BORED, And a STUPID woman Can talk to a Clever man, but NOT FOR LONG; For WORDS, like water, Find their own LEVEL. The man who KNOWS Can talk to ANYONE, And the man who knows He DOESN'T know Is sometimes Even MORE welcome— So, ENTER MESSIEURS!



OSCAR STANTON Former star basketball of the American League, will be in harness with the Toronto team this season.