

RANEY AGAIN HAS A CLASH

With Premier Ferguson Over O.T.A. Enforcement Dispute.

SINCLAIR IS NOT HOLDING

Big Stick Over Liberals As Tory Leaders Do Over Their Followers.

Toronto, March 13.—Premier Ferguson and Hon. W. E. Raney got into such a heated argument in the legislature yesterday afternoon that the speaker intervened and declared the incident closed. Mr. Raney, who was absent from the house Tuesday night when the premier spoke on the O.T.A. bill, objected strenuously to the remarks of the premier at that time, as reported in the papers. He objected to the premier stating that he had inflamed public opinion in the temperance question and that he had "communicated with the constituencies" to get them to oppose the bill. The premier denied making the latter statement. Mr. Raney denied that he had sent out any messages or had taken any part in sending out telegrams. He also objected to the premier describing him as fanatic. Mr. Ferguson: "I repeat there was a deliberate attempt to mislead public opinion. I say my honorable friend deliberately tried to convince the public that I was opposed to the O.T.A. If my honorable friend did not send out the telegrams throughout the province last Saturday, those with whom he is associated did. There was a telegram sent out during the week-end by the friends of the cause."

RUSSIA PERSECUTING ROMAN CATHOLICS

Rome, March 13.—Pope Plus has issued an appeal in behalf of Catholics in Russia to all the Governments which have entered into relations with the Soviet. He asks these nations, which include Great Britain, Italy, Spain and Greece, to bring all possible pressure to bear to build up public opinion and induce the Soviet Government to relax the persecutions from which Catholics in Russia are suffering.

LIVELY SCENE IN HOUSE.

Government Not Backing Rent Restriction Bill. London, March 13.—There were lively scenes in the House of Commons yesterday in the committee stage of the rent restrictions bill, the object of which is to continue rent control until 1928, instead of 1925, the time set originally for the decontrol of rentals, and to provide for a period of modified control after 1928. That the Government did not intend to back the measure was indicated by the withdrawal of John Wheatley, minister of health, and Patrick Hastings, K.C., attorney-general, from membership on the committee. This evoked a protest from the Conservatives, who demanded an adjournment, but were ruled out of order. Labor members interrupted the Conservatives' speeches, which they described as dilatory and obstructive, and they noisily defied the chairman's ruling that the committee should adjourn. The Labor members continued the uproar after the chairman had left the chair.

BACK CLERKS INTO ROOM AND LOOT AN OPEN SAFE

Robbers Bind Them With Telephone Wires While They Make Clean-up.

New York, March 13.—Seven armed bandits yesterday entered the offices of the Security Loan Company, bound with telephone wires, four clerks, one of them a woman, looted an open safe and escaped in a motor car with jewelry valued at more than \$50,000. The seven men entered the store, in the well-populated section of the east side, drew their revolvers and backed the clerks into a rear room, where three of the bandits bound them and stood guard over them while the four others hastily swept the contents of the open safe into valises. From the back room, the helpless clerks then saw the bandits slip their revolvers into their holsters and hurry to a large black automobile which had been standing at the curb.

THREE FOUND SLAIN IN BURNING HOUSE

Two Women and Man Victims at Linden, N.Y.—Slayer Escapes.

Batavia, March 13.—Three persons were found murdered in a burning house at Linden yesterday. The dead are: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Whaley, and Mrs. Mabel Morse. Whaley and Morse are employees of the Erie railroad. About 8 o'clock neighbors saw flames coming from the windows of the Whaley home. They succeeded in extinguishing the blaze. A search of the house disclosed the murdered persons.

THE CUNARDER ORDUNA SEIZED AT NEW YORK

Charge is Violation of the National Prohibition, Narcotic Laws.

Washington, March 13.—Government agents late yesterday seized the Cunarder Orduna in New York harbor, charging violation of the customs, national prohibition and narcotic laws. Eight persons were arrested, including the chief steward of the steamer. \$10,000 in Whiskey. New York, March 13.—Seizure by customs authorities on order of Secretary of the Treasury Mellon of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company liner Orduna was the direct result of a raid made on the vessel Tuesday night when eight members of the crew were arrested and \$10,000 in whiskey and narcotics were seized, it was announced. The raid was carried out after four government agents, it was stated, had entered into an agreement with members of the crew whereby the alleged whiskey and narcotics would be delivered at an appointed place.

OBJECTS TO DRASTIC CUT

In the Tariff—Euler Wants Careful Enquiry First.

WARNS THE GOVERNMENT

To Go Slow in the Proposed Changes—Views of the Leeds Member.

Ottawa, March 13.—In the House of Commons yesterday Mr. W. D. Euler, Liberal member for North Waterloo, following the lead set him by Herbert Marler, Liberal member for St. Lawrence-St. George, last week, warned the Government to go slow in its proposed tariff changes. Mr. Euler is generally regarded as the representative of German people of Ontario in the House of Commons. He was born in Canada, though his forebears came from Germany. He is the proprietor of the Kitchener Daily Record, a newspaper of prominence in Western Ontario. He has in his constituency from 150 to 175 manufacturing establishments of different kinds. He has also a large factory manufacturing farm implements in his own town of Kitchener. Mr. Euler stated he believed that the whole tariff structure of the Dominion ought to be overhauled, and believed that a permanent tariff commission ought to be appointed to advise governments on tariff matters. Without any hesitation he stated that he believed in the tariff for revenue and in a tariff that would maintain a legitimate industry. He stated that he was in agreement with the pledges of the Liberal party as made in 1921, when, during the election campaign, it was stated that were the Liberal party returned to power no legitimate industry would be injured. He was very emphatic in stating that no drastic or serious readjustment should be made without the most careful investigation as to the probable results of such readjustment.

TO ENQUIRE INTO SCHOOL PROBLEM

Quebec, March 13.—The appointment of a committee to enquire into the Protestant Jewish school problem in Montreal was promised in the legislature last night by Premier Taschereau. The premier said the legislation based on its report would be introduced in the house next year.

FEELING OF OPTIMISM.

Business in Western Canada is Surely Improving. Montreal, March 13.—J. E. Dalrymple, vice-president in charge of traffic of the Canadian National Railways, returned to Montreal this morning after an extended trip to Western Canada. He visited the principal western agencies of the National Railways, particularly for securing first hand knowledge of existing business conditions throughout the country, and he has returned convinced that from the point of general business, trade and transportation the year is one of genuine promise. Mr. Dalrymple's impression of conditions in the three prairie provinces are most heartening. He found there a feeling of real optimism, and business is slowly but surely improving.

MARRIAGE MORE POPULAR

1921 Statistics Showed Increase Over 1911 and 1901. Ottawa, March 13.—Marriage seems to be increasing in popularity. According to a census bulletin issued today, the proportion of married persons in each sex was greater in 1921 (when the last census was taken) than in either 1911 or 1901. In 1921, the percentage of married males was 37.49 and of married females, 38.32. In 1911, the percentages were: Married males, 34.85; married females, 36.97.

CONSTANT PERSONAL CONTACT IS NECESSARY

By the Various Governments of the Empire to Maintain Harmony.

London, March 13.—"I suppose the British Empire was one of the fabrics which in some people's opinion would be first to fall asunder on the advent of the Labor government," declared Premier Ramsay MacDonald at the annual meeting of the Empire Parliamentary Association. "The real fact is," he continued, "we are anxious to make this country so big and influential in the best sense of the term that the great dominions will feel proud of being associated with us."

WHEAT AND FLOUR.

Canada Not Dependent on United States as Market. Ottawa, March 13.—A statement of wheat and wheat flour exports for the six months ending February, issued today, shows the very slight extent to which Canada is dependent on the United States as a market for either. Of the total 180,036,000 bushels of wheat exported during the six months, only 17,916,393 went to the United States, or 3,300,000 bushels more than during the same months last year. Britain took 126,549,000 bushels. Flour exports were 6,503,506 barrels, or about 500,000 more than for the same months a year ago. Of this the United States took only 109,000 barrels, as against 326,000 for the same months last year.

HAD BEEN DESTITUTE.

Eskimo Woman Survivor of Wrangel Arctic Expedition. Seattle, Wash., March 13.—Ada Blackjack, the twenty-five-year-old Eskimo woman, who was the sole survivor of the Wrangel Arctic expedition, rescued by Harold Noyce, last summer, is in a city hospital with her seven-year-old son, Bennett, suffering from tonsillitis. She has been living with her boy in rooms in destitute circumstances.

Asks 250,000,000 Pounds For Empire Migration

London, March 13.—Fourteen organizations interested in the promotion of emigration have united to support a letter addressed to the London Times by the chairman of the council of the Royal Colonial Institute urging the government to devote to empire settlement a capital sum of 250,000,000. It is claimed that the interest on the sum would be only a small fraction of the expenditure on unemployment.

THE BRITISH NAVY FIGURES

A Reduction of 2,200,000 Pounds Is Indicated.

A SETBACK IS RECEIVED

By MacDonald Government on Motion to Discuss the Army Estimates.

London, March 13.—Great Britain's navy estimates for 1924-25, as given out in a statement today by the first lord of the admiralty, Viscount Chelmsford, amount to £55,800,000 or a reduction of £2,200,000 as compared with the estimates for the present year. This figure includes the cost entailed in starting five new cruisers and two new destroyers, plans for which were announced in parliament recently. The total strength of the personnel in all ranks will be 109,500, as against 99,500, in 1923-24. This is exclusive of coastguard and marine police which will remain virtually unaltered.

CITY PLEASED OVER GIRLS' CAMP LOCATION

"Camp Frontenac" Should Be Very Great Asset to the City.

Great satisfaction was expressed in civic circles on Thursday over the announcement that "Camp Frontenac," a recreation camp for girls, would be established this summer on the St. Lawrence, five miles from Kingston.

TWO MONTHS IS ENOUGH FOR WORK OF PARLIAMENT

According to President Moore, of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress.

Ottawa, March 13.—"We got through as much work in one week at the Dominion Trades Congress as the federal house of parliament does in six weeks," declared Tom Moore, president of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress, in addressing a meeting of civic employees here last night. From an efficiency standpoint he suggested that instead of long-winded debates and speeches being allowed on the floor of the house, that they be confined from ten to twenty minutes. If this reform were brought into actually he believed that members of the house could complete their work in two months instead of four, with the consequent saving of money to the country.

Smallpox Situation Better.

Toronto, March 13.—Dr. J. W. S. McCullough, medical officer of health, stated this morning that the smallpox situation throughout the province was showing a general improvement this morning according to the latest advice received by his department. "The situation is improving both in Windsor and in Northern Ontario," stated Dr. McCullough. "Outside of that we have heard nothing new on the subject."

Demand Confiscation.

New York, March 13.—Government confiscation of the Royal Mail steam packet company's passenger ship Orduna was demanded today in a libel suit filed in the federal court by the United States district attorney's staff as the result of the narcotic and liquor raid aboard the vessel yesterday morning.

Dissolves Reichstag.

Berlin, March 13.—President Ebert dissolved the Reichstag today. His action is in consequence of the determination of the socialists to insist on the revision of the special emergency ordinances promulgated by the government, notably the tax regulations.

At Ogdensburg, N.Y., plans are completed for taking over the Ogdensburg Yacht club property and converting it into a public park as a memorial to the world war veterans.

COUEISM PRACTISED AGAINST GRIPPE

Paris, March 13.—The practice of Coueism, but with a sort of reverse English, is being applied to spread among the Parisian population. In one of the numerous cabarets in Montmartre a sign has been posted prominently, reading: "All conversation about the grippe is strictly forbidden."

News off the Wires In Condensed Form

Two million lire were donated by the Pope to aid needy German children. Sir William Duff Reid, builder of the Newfoundland railway, is dead at Montreal. Mrs. Mae Roach, aged forty-six was burned to death in her home at Toronto.

A hundred million dollar loan for France has been arranged by a group headed by Pierpont Morgan. Approximately 10,000 Finlanders will emigrate from their native land this summer to settle in Canada. The Woodstock Board of Trade has started a drive with an objective of three hundred new members. The establishment of Great Britain and Australia of a common navy was advocated by Vice-Admiral Sir Frederick Field at Adelaide.

At Warsaw an edict against the wearing of silk stockings and other finery by women employees of the war department, has been issued. The British House of Lords, by a vote of 57 to 15, carried a motion to the effect that the taxation of betting was desirable and practicable. As a result of financial difficulties, the affairs of the Telfer Biscuit Company, Toronto, have passed into the hands of an interim receiver. General Tobin and Col. Dalton, who demanded a discussion of the Anglo-Irish treaty, have withdrawn their demands and apologized to President Cosgrave.

John Jacob Astor, who lost seat in the British Commons by voting before taking the oath was returned unopposed on Wednesday for the Dover division of Kent. The railway commissioners report 1,096 fires, due to all causes, originated within 300 feet of railway lines in forest sections subject to the board's jurisdiction throughout Canada in 1923.

British iron and steel interests have not participated in any Ruhr concessions, which, notwithstanding the fact that exceedingly attractive inducements were offered, are not considered good investments.

It was a strange story Mrs. Gaertner told of a night of drinking that culminated in tragedy after a bizarre wager between her and her admirer that either could shoot the other in a one-gun duel, with the flip of a coin to determine who should have the first shot. Two policemen found the body of Mrs. Gaertner's car a short distance from her home, and a short time later, through the license number, found the woman in her apartment. Although raving, and stating that she was drunk she admitted ownership of the revolver found in the car. The former show girl was ordered held for grand jury action.

The President of France, Alexander Millerand, has become the patron in France of the recently formed Canadian History Society in England. The Portuguese government has decided to withdraw all duties on imported meats, for the purpose of reducing the cost of living. The seventh anniversary of the overthrow of the Russian Emperor Nicholas is being observed throughout Russia. Princess Mary, it is reliably stated, will be a mother again in August. The Welland Canal will open early in April.

EXPECT MUCH FROM PROBE

By Committee of Drury Government Bond Activities.

DUMMY COPY OF REPORT

Of Gregory Power Commission Filed in Legislature By Premier Ferguson.

Toronto, March 13.—While the opening meeting of the public accounts committee of the legislature was not productive of anything of a startling nature, members of the legislature who are supporters of the government are united in the opinion this morning that much essential ground work was covered. Evidence of Deputy Provincial Treasurer Mathews relative to the insurance of treasury bills by the department and the activities of Douglas K. Ridout and Thomas M. Roadhouse in this connection is, it is claimed by those interested in the probe, is merely the beginning of a series of disclosures of activities of bond houses in Toronto.

The Gregory Report. Toronto, March 13.—The long waited report of the Gregory investigating commission that since April 1923, has been engaged in probing the Hydro-Electric administration and development in the province, will be tabled in the legislature this afternoon, Premier Ferguson will file with the clerk of the house a "dummy" copy of the report owing to the fact that the voluminous nature of the actual findings of the commission would necessitate the use of a motor truck to bring them to the chambers.

FORMER SHOW GIRL KILLS MALE COMPANION

After Tour of Chicago Night Dance Restaurants—A Bizarre Wager.

Chicago, March 13.—Mrs. Belva Overbeck Gaertner, Ohio divorcee, sobbed out a story to the police yesterday of a gin-engendered hiccup in her memory, during which, the police say, she shot and killed Walter R. Law, an automobile salesman, as they were returning early this morning in her automobile from a round of the cabarets.

"You Said It, Marceline!" By MARCELINE DALROY

On "Learning to Live!" Some MEN SPEND Two-thirds of their LIFE WORKING— Well, if this is All the BRAINS they have They should certainly Keep RIGHT ON, For, in TIME, They will do their JOB Well, and EVERYTHING ELSE—INDIFFERENTLY; Yes, even their LOVE Will be FLAVORLESS. A MAN should be A man of AFFAIRS From 9 TILL 5; And THEN he should be A man of "AFFAIRES" From 5 TILL— Well, he should TAKE time, And MAKE time for Everything worth while— For the man who, after work, Steps out and LEARNS How the OTHER HALF Of the world LIVES (THE BETTER HALF!) May have LESS money in later years, but He'll be RICH in MEMORIES. Copyright, 1924, Famous Publishers, Inc.