

Principal W. L. Grant Surprised at the Montreal Prophets of Gloom

BELAND DENIES THE STATEMENT OVER ELECTION

Budget Debate Almost Counted Out For Lack of Quorum.

CANADA OVERBURDENED

With Branch Banks, According to H. E. Spencer, Progressive of Battle River.

Ottawa, April 18.—The debate on the budget was almost counted out in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon.

Hon. H. S. Beland, minister of health, and D.S.C.R., denied in the House an article appearing in several newspapers to the effect that he had stated a general election would take place in October.

Premier King stated that the question of revaluation of soldier settlement holdings was under consideration.

H. E. Spencer, Progressive, Battle River, continuing the debate in the House of Commons on the budget, referred to the difficulties which confronted the government in reducing taxation in Canada under present conditions.

TO FIGHT BRITISH RUBBER MONOPOLY

Henry Ford Has Purchased Extensive Tracts in Georgia and Florida.

Detroit, April 18.—In spite of the non-committal attitude taken by Henry Ford, it is believed here an attempt to grow rubber trees will be made on the tract of land he recently purchased near Savannah, Ga.

The Ford office at Dearborn would neither affirm nor deny the rubber experiment reports. Requests for information were answered by a statement that the purchase of the land was in line with Mr. Ford's policy of acquiring tracts of land in various states for experimental work in fax and food production.

"Mr. Ford does not care to make a further statement at this time," was the answer to a direct question as to whether rubber tree cultivation would be included in the experimental work. Another fact tending to confirm the rubber report is the recent announcement that Mr. Ford also has purchased a considerable tract of land in Florida for experimental purposes.

CANADA GETS SEVEN MINIMUM RATINGS

Ottawa, April 18.—Under the new South African tariff, Canada is granted the following preferential rebates: Wheat flour, tinned fish, timber, unchanged; binder twine, five per cent. ad valorem; white lead, one shilling per hundred pounds; tires, two shillings; tubes, three halfpence per pound; newsprint, one pound ten shillings per ton of 2,000 pounds.

Should Jail Prisoners Get Day Off Month?

Ottawa, April 18.—At the instance of T. L. Church, M.P., the minister of justice has ordered his officers to make a report on Toronto's jail farm and jail, with the idea of including them in the list of institutions that grant prisoners one day per month off their sentence for good conduct.

W. L. GRANT DEPLORES MONTREAL'S WAILING

The Former Queen's Professor Does Not Like the Cries of Despair.



Toronto, April 18.—Surprise that "cries of despair" should come from Montreal, which city took the lead in building of the Canadian Pacific Railway, "the biggest and most spiritual thing Canada had then done," was expressed by Principal W. L. Grant, of Upper Canada College, speaking on "The United Empire Loyalists and Some Lessons from Them," before the Rotary Club at its weekly luncheon yesterday.

"The two attitudes to be condemned are those of the partisan who says all will be well if the right party is put in power, and that of the man who talks secession and despair."

Mary Pickford Loses Bracelet. Hollywood, Calif., April 18.—Police and private detectives were searching today for a platinum bracelet reported lost by Mary Pickford. The screen star said she believed the ornament, which was set with 36 diamonds and valued at about \$5,000, or was taken from her wrist at a recent banquet. Souvenir hunting film fans are suspected.



TO FLY TO POLE Grettir Alagarsson, young British Columbian, is organizing an expedition to start from the Mersey in May on an expedition to the north pole. The last stage of the trip will be by plane.

AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN C.N.R. AND WHITESTAR

Alleged By Shipping Counsel Before Committee of Commons.

WANTS IT PRODUCED

Accountants to go Into Steamship Companies' Books and Arrive at Net Profits.

Ottawa, April 18.—The special committee investigating ocean freight rates got down to business yesterday with the production of masses of information about ocean conferences. A point emphasized by counsel for the special commission was that there was nothing secret about these conferences.

There was a flutter toward the close of the hearing over a reference by shipping counsel to an agreement between the National Railways and one of the steamship companies belonging to the North Atlantic conference. This steamship company, he explained, when asked for an agreement had preferred that the Canadian National produce it.

Finally, on motion of Sir Harry Drayton, seconded by E. J. McMurray, Chairman A. M. MacMaster was authorized to engage accountants to go into the books of the steamship companies to arrive at their net profits, "and the like."

WOMEN DID NOT KNOW HE WAS THE PRINCE

H.R.H. Talked With Them at the Jebba Station in Nigeria.

Jebba, Nigeria, April 18.—The train of the Prince of Wales, on route to Kano, stopped at the Jebba South Station, where the prince alighted for a bit of exercise. Clad in a khaki suit and shirt he walked about the station grounds unconvictionally. There are only two European women in this out of the way place. They were at the station and the prince struck up a conversation with them—but neither of them recognized the royal visitor until after they had been talking with him for five minutes.

LORD JELICOE SPOKE

Discussed Migration Problem in the Antipodes. London, April 18.—Viscount Jellicoe, former Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Dominion of New Zealand, speaking at a luncheon here yesterday said that 90 per cent. of the population of New Zealand were of British descent and this was more than could be said for England herself.

Both New Zealand and Australia were making great efforts to assist Great Britain in preserving the freedom of the seas, Lord Jellicoe said. Touching on the subject of emigration, Lord Jellicoe said the best scheme for overseas settlement consisted of sending out youthful migrants. If all the youths who emigrated from Great Britain were similar to those he had seen in New Zealand, he added, they would prove a credit to Britain and the Dominions.

The two white women with whom the Prince of Wales conversed at Jebba, West Africa, were Miss N. Hollenbeck, Windsor, Ont., and Miss M. Finlay, Edmonton, Alta., in charge of the Jebba branch of the United Missionary Society.

LOOKING AROUND

Those Ernestown buildings that were struck by lightning and not set afire suggest to Bible readers the story of the "Burning Bush" which was not consumed.

In the rear of Chalmers Presbyterian church, under the gallery, there is a large white marble carving of the "Burning Bush." It used to be over the entrance door of old Chalmers on Earl street, just below the residence of Mrs. J. B. Carruthers. It is said that one of the last wishes of the late John Carruthers, one of the early members, and who was known as the merchant prince of Kingston, was that the marble slab should be placed in the new church and his wish was fulfilled.

Now that Canada and Spain have made a trade treaty it might be argued that Spanish should be taught in the high schools. However, Prof. John Macgillivray does not think much of what he terms the "Spanish Drive." The veteran Queen's educationalist announced his views in no uncertain terms in Toronto and made his hearers sit up and take notice. As a linguist of long standing, Prof. Macgillivray's views on the subject are worth a good deal of consideration by the Ontario department of education.

Peter Lee has expressed the Chinese view on the new laundry-by-law and it appears to be a reasonable one. The unfortunate thing is that the Kingston council did not make by-laws thirty years ago to regulate laundries, instead of at this late date. It was inevitable that Chinese laundries would increase and an area should have been defined. It was quite simple to do so in a place like Kingston.

Have you seen George Stockbridge's robin Bob at the Canadian Pacific Railway station garden? Bob and his mate, who have been here for several seasons, returned from the south lately and resumed their abode opposite the city hall. Mr. Stockbridge makes it a practice to collect stray strings for Bob's nest and puts them in his work basket as he goes along. Bob hops up, picks the strings from the basket and carries them off to the nesting place.

Evidently those petty thieves think that places in the vicinity of the police station are the safest to rob, since three stores a block from the cops' quarters have been entered within a week. Next time we may hear about it that the Ontario Government dispensary, which is close to the side door of the police headquarters, has been entered. Such a thing would be almost sacrilege and would probably bring the attorney-general with all haste to Kingston to ferret out the culprits. Ontario's bonds and booze must not be tampered with.

The story of the cockfight raid at Chesterwags, N.Y., recalls the rooster scraps that used to be held around Kingston years ago. King had some winning birds in the eighties and nineties and there was quite a local following of the cockpit. The contests here were generally carried on without police interference. A prominent politician was one of the leading enthusiasts, and whenever he appeared on the city hall platform to speak he was greeted with the crow of the rooster from some in the audience and a great laugh would follow, in which the popular politician would join heartily himself.

Ontario teachers criticize W. L. Grant's history of Canada because they say it is badly arranged and planned and is unsuitable for immature high school students. That is a matter of opinion of course. As W. L. Grant studied colonial history at Oxford university in England, was professor of the subject in Queen's for several years and has been a teacher in Upper Canada College, Toronto, a secondary school, his opinion is likely to be accepted in preference to that of other teachers who have neither his scholarship nor experience.

Premier Vinlot, New Brunswick, purpose retiring soon. He names his successor as Mr. Ivan Rand, at Gorney-general. Ottawa Municipal Association is to give the city manager plan a close survey.

PRINCE IS NOW AT KANO TOWN IN WEST AFRICA

Visits the Aged Emir Who Rules Over Two Million People.

SLEEP IS IMPOSSIBLE

As the Natives Pour into the Town All Night Long Blowing Their Horns.

Kano, East Africa, April 18.—After a memorable journey by train from Lagos near the northern frontier of Nigeria, the Prince of Wales reached this town yesterday afternoon. The distance from Lagos to Kano is 705 miles, and all along the line, at all stations, vast crowds, stirred with intense enthusiasm, gathered to do honor to the royal traveller. The prince was greeted ceremoniously by the assembled chiefs of Kano. Large groups gathered at points of vantage to see the prince drive through the city later in the afternoon to visit the aged emir of Kano who rules over two million souls.

Crowds of natives poured into Kano all night long to get a view of the Prince of Wales. New comers made such a noise by blowing horns that sleep was impossible. Emirs have already congregated for the durbar (formal reception to native princes). Most of them travelled hundreds of miles accompanied by hosts of retainers.

A Striking Scene

A striking scene awaited the Prince when he arrived at 3 o'clock this morning for the durbar. There were 20,000 horsemen ranging in horse shoe formation all flaunting their colors, mounted British officers commanding native troops hurried about, completing their arrangements for the event. Press dispatches were taken from the durbar to Kano post office by mounted police who galloped across the fields to get the news of the event to wires.

As the prince arrived complete silence fell on the big arena, this being the Nigerians' manner of showing their respect. Then the Nigerian regimental band, the members of which play by ear, burst into a stirring march and hundreds of native drums were vigorously beaten. The parade of the Nigerian infantry and artillery men, the latter carrying gun parts on their heads, was executed with beautiful precision. Troops of the Emir's cavalry charged into the field almost to the prince's feet, with their lances at the point and their swords waving in the air.

DEATH BY ASPHYXIATION, But Not Willful, Verdict Over An Infant.

Lindsay, April 18.—Death by asphyxiation, due to a lack of proper medical attention, but not willful, was the verdict brought in last night by the coroner's jury at Oakwood, which investigated the death of the infant baby of Mrs. Beardon. The evidence showed that the woman, a widow, lived alone on the side of a lonely road with three small children. The babe was born in the middle of the night while the youngsters slept, and was placed by the distracted woman in a pall and buried on the following day by a neighbor woman in a small box in a grave dug by the children a few feet away from the front door steps.

A DREDGE SINKS

And Seven Men and Woman Cook Believed Drowned. Detroit, Mich., April 18.—The news of the sinking of dredge No. 1 of the Beechill Dredging Company of Detroit, in St. Clair state ship canal, was brought to Detroit by a member of the lighthouse service last night. An unidentified woman cook is known to have been drowned, and it is believed the crew of seven men also lost their lives.

Faces Murder Charge

Timmins, April 18.—As the result of investigations into the death of Annie Soulik, found dead outside the Hollinger mine fence last Monday morning, Feta Stapanuk faces a charge of murder. Stapanuk has been remanded until next Thursday, when he will appear before Macistrate Atherton.

TO ABSORB THE BONUS INTO REGULAR SALARY

Ottawa, April 18.—The government has done away with the cost-of-living bonus which has been received by lower-paid postal employees, and it is intended to absorb it into permanent salaries as recommended by the civil service commission. It will not be available, however, until the money is voted by parliament. This is not yet done.

GIVE ANOTHER HOUR FOR SALE OF BEER

The Yearly Quebec License Fee Has Been Reduced by \$100.

Montreal, April 18.—Grocers in Montreal will in future be allowed to sell beer from 8 o'clock in the morning till 10 o'clock at night instead of 9 o'clock as in the past. Also the yearly license fee has been reduced from \$500 to \$400. In announcing the change the Hon. L. A. Taschereau, prime minister of the province, said: "The change is due to the grocers section of the retail merchants association who by their hard work and the tenacity of their efforts obtained the concession."

A DARING ROBBERY BY DETROIT BANDIT

Bankers to Discuss With Police Commissioner Protection of Financial Institutions.

Detroit, Mich., April 18.—While three traffic policemen stood at their post within fifty yards of the Peninsular bank building late yesterday afternoon, a lone robber entered the building and held up the offices of the Interstate Loan Company on the fourth floor and escaped with \$554. The robber thrust his gun in the face of Mrs. Norm Bentley, cashier, who was alone in the office and commanding her to be quiet, threw her to the floor and bound her securely to the leg of the heavy office table. Then after threatening the woman with his revolver, the robber walked into the front office, leisurely searched the safe and cash drawer, and with his loot jammed in his pockets, walked out.

Members of the Detroit clearing house association will meet with police commissioner Crowl to discuss the protection of the city's financial institutions against bandits.

Son Follows His Father To Same Electric Chair

Raleigh, N.C., April 18.—Father and son, Charles W. Stewart, fifty-one, and Elmer Stewart, twenty-three, were electrocuted at the state's prison here yesterday for a double murder committed last year in Brunswick county. The father was first led to the chair and the son followed immediately after his lifeless body had been removed. As he walked to the chair, the son leaned heavily on the arm of the two guards. He smiled faintly as he took his seat.

HEIRESS TO WED.

Miss Muriel Vanderbilt Soon To Become a Bride. New York, April 18.—Announcement of the engagement of Miss Muriel Vanderbilt, one of the country's richest young women, to Frederick Cameron Church, insurance broker, of Boston, was announced today by Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, Sr. Miss Muriel is a great granddaughter of Commodore Vanderbilt, and a granddaughter of Senator James Fair, and is thus heir to two large fortunes. Mr. Church is the twenty-seven-year-old son of Fred. C. Church, Lowell, Mass., businessman.

Food Prices Drop. Ottawa, April 18.—Canadian retail food prices, due chiefly to seasonal declines, showed a decrease during the past month.

TO PROTEST RETURN OF CAILLAUX TO POWER

Paris, April 18.—It was announced this afternoon that the Association of French War Veterans was organizing a demonstration for six o'clock this evening at the tomb of the unknown soldier in protest against the "return of Caillaux to power."

CLAIMS SOVIET IS RESPONSIBLE FOR EXPLOSION

Of Infernal Machine Which Killed 150 People in Sofia.

ACCUSATION IS MADE

By Bulgarian Minister to Germany—Says Attempt to Kill King Boris of Soviet Origin.

Berlin, April 18.—The Bulgarian minister to Germany, Dr. Popoff, yesterday accused the Bolshevik regime in Moscow of direct responsibility for the explosion of the infernal machine which killed more than one hundred people in Sofia and for the recent attempt upon the life of King Boris.

Sofia, April 18.—The Bulgarian government is taking extraordinary measures to prevent any further development of the terrorist campaign marked by the attempt against King Boris and the bombing of the Sveti Kral cathedral with a loss of 150 lives. A large number of communists and agrarian extremists have been arrested. It is reported that a number of communists were killed during the night, this resulting from the feeling against them engendered by the cathedral outrage.

Death List Reaches 160.

London, April 18.—The death list from the bomb outrage in the cathedral at Sofia on Thursday has reached 160, including five members of the Bulgarian parliament, according to official despatches. Many of the wounded are expected to die.

A PLATFORM FALLS WITH 200 ROTARIANS

Temporary Structure at London Went Down When Picture Was Being Taken.

London, April 18.—A huge platform, erected by the Rotary Club, in front of the Patricia Theatre, with the 18th district Rotary conference, which opened here yesterday, collapsed when some 200 visiting delegates were posed for a panoramic picture. The picture had just been taken when the big structure fell without warning, throwing the delegates to the ground.

Owing to the fact the nine planks, which formed the floor of the platform, fell together, no one was crushed beneath the planks and but one casualty was reported—Robert Bower, of Marine City, suffering an injured foot.

An Impressive Installation In Holy Trinity, Quebec

Quebec, April 18.—The Cathedral of Holy Trinity was the scene last night of a most impressive service, which was held for the purpose of installing Rev. Canon F. G. Scott, rector of St. Matthew's church, Quebec, as archdeacon of Quebec, and Rev. Canon R. W. E. Wright, rector of St. George's church, Lennoxville, as archdeacon of St. Francis district, in the diocese of Quebec. The lord bishop of Quebec presided.

NEW FRENCH CABINET

Meets To Grapple With Formidable Tasks Before It. Paris, April 18.—The new cabinet met this morning for its first real grapple with the details of the formidable tasks before it, the first of which is to reconcile Foreign Minister Briand's advocacy of the maintenance of a French ambassador at the Vatican with the opposition to this course by a majority of the chamber of deputies; and second to overcome the eventual opposition of the socialists to a financial policy that excludes a capital levy.

TROTSKY MAY RETURN

And Take Important Post in the Soviet Cabinet. Moscow, April 18.—Leon Trotsky may soon return to political life. It is believed that the deposed war minister within a few weeks will be reappointed to an important post in the Soviet cabinet, probably to the council of labor and defence, the supreme economic council, or the commissariat of foreign trade.