

Wounded Italian Premier Starts on a Battleship for Trip to Tripoli

MOST OF LEGISLATION PASSED WAS TO SIMPLIFY THE LAW

The Ontario Legislature Formally Closed--No Announcement of General Election--Steps Taken to Increase the Resources of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission--132 Bills Passed.

Toronto, April 8.—The third session of the sixteenth legislature of Ontario was formally closed this afternoon by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor. The session lasted eight weeks.

There have been prophecies that it will be the last session of this Legislature and that the Government will go to the electors during the year, but there has been no official word of a general election. In the meantime, there are seven vacant seats in the House, which will be filled by elections if there is no general election.

In his address closing the House today, His Honor observed that most of the legislation passed at this session has been to clarify and simpli-

fy the law. The speech mentioned cream grading, protection of sheep and control of the corn borer as being useful measures for farmers.

"Timely steps have been taken to increase the resources of the hydro-electric power commission," His Honor said. "The construction of a new transmission line will bring to central parts of the province power generated in the Ottawa river, North-western Ontario will experience advantages from increased development of the Nipigon river and in the rural districts the extension of electrical services continues to make headway."

During the session 132 bills were passed.

WILD GEESE

By MARTHA OSTENSO

This magnificent novel, *The Whig's* new serial, winner of what is probably the largest prize (\$12,500) ever offered on the continent for a first novel, was unanimously chosen from among 1,389 competing manuscripts because of its universal appeal, its unflinching picture of life, and its compelling story.

"Wild Geese" is a story of life in the bleak farm lands on the northern fringe of cultivation. Here in the last frontier of the New World, a harsh, unyielding soil claims desperate allegiance from the man who would coax from it a harvest. Caleb Gare is the most prosperous farmer of Oeland, but that is because the bitter soil has imbued him with all its harshness. His one passion is a lust for black acres, and the endless yearly nursing of them. His wife, unprospering for the sake of her first son—who is not Caleb's—and his children, held in thrall to the power of his single-minded personality, are to him merely servants in the service of his one great mistress, the soil. Over the whole story broods the portentous immensity of the gentle-spoken, implacable Caleb Gare. One small, bright flame of revolt flickers always—Judith, the impetuous, magnificent daughter who knows, and dares to say, that Caleb is a fool and a tyrant. She has seen the wild geese flying free—and southward.

"Wild Geese" is not merely the story of the Gare's. It is an epic of the whole northern frontier. The life of a whole community is re-created in its pages. It is packed with living characters, moving over a living earth, against a background whose wild, stark beauty is made to be seen and felt with that rare power that makes literature.

The serial rights have been secured by The British Whig. The opening chapters will be published Wednesday, April 14th.

EARL OF CAVAN MAY SUCCEED LORD BYNG

As Governor-General of Canada--Lately Chief of British General Staff.



THE EARL OF CAVAN.

London, April 8.—The Daily Graphic, independent, says it has excellent reasons for believing that the Earl of Cavan, former Chief of the Imperial General Staff, will succeed Lord Byng as Governor-General of Canada upon the expiration of Lord Byng's term of office at Ottawa in August.

The Earl of Cavan recently resigned the position of Chief of the Imperial General Staff, which he had occupied since 1922. He was A.D.C. to Lord Stanley of Preston when the latter was Governor-General of Canada, 1888-93. He is in his sixty-second year.

DESERTER OF FAMILY FOUND DEAD IN BED

St. Catharines Man Died of Heart Disease in Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Niagara Falls, N.Y., April 8.—When the police went to an hotel room to arrest William Smid of St. Catharines, Ont., early today they found him dead in bed. The police held a warrant for the man's arrest on a charge of abandoning his wife and family in the Canadian city. A coroner was called, and said death was due to heart disease.

Storm prevented surgeons from coming and H. Kaiser died of appendicitis at Liawood, Ont. Chicago professor claims success for invention by means of which deaf hear through finger. Two planes from Spanish air squadron en route from Madrid to Manila landed at Tripoli.

IRISH TITLED WOMAN FIRED AT MUSSOLINI

She Tried to Kill Herself in Rome One Year Ago.

THE WOUNDED PREMIER

Attended Meeting of Fascist Party in Afternoon--Has Held Firm Grip on Italy.

London, April 8.—Reports from Rome this morning leave hardly a doubt that Mussolini's assailant was the Honourable Violet Albi Gibson, Baroness Ashbourne's middle-aged sister, who is described as "of eccentric habits."

Neither the president baron, who married a Frenchwoman and lives habitually in France, nor any other member of the family, resides in Ireland, the ancestral home of the family.

Violet Albi Gibson was born in 1876 at Dalkey, County Dublin, and a little over a year ago was the central figure of a dramatic incident in Rome. Some time previously, her friends say, her life had been spent in mystic contemplation. She remarked that fitness had filled her with one great desire—to leave a mundane world, inspired possibly by the motto on the family coat of arms—"Celestes pandite portas" (Open, O Heavens, your gates). She was devoutly religious and went to Rome in December, 1924, for the papal jubilee ceremonies and stayed at a convent.

One day the mother superior, alarmed at hearing a shot-like sound, knocked at Violet's door. Apparently the woman had shot herself, but she was able to open the door. She asked for a priest, to whom she stoically told of her action, explaining that she had tried to die for the "glory of God." She was sent to a hospital and recovered. Her friends say that she never took a prominent part in Irish politics. Her mother died in England about a month ago.

Mussolini is about. Despite the attempt on his life Premier Mussolini went yesterday afternoon to the Palais Littorio to preside at the ceremony of the presentation of the provincial secretaries to the new directorate of the Fascist party.

While Mussolini and his Fascist regime have a firm grip on all Italy, the opposition has been active, especially since the kidnapping and assassination of the anti-Fascist deputy Matteotti in June, 1924.

Mussolini organized the Fascist party at Milan in March, 1919, with a group of young war veterans as the nucleus. He entered Rome at the head of the Fascist forces on October 31st, 1922, and has been in power since. He was in the midst of preparations for a voyage to Tripoli, the largest Italian colony. He was to start to-day on the dreadnaught Conte di Cavour, accompanied by a formidable naval squadron. The trip was hailed by the Fascist press as a sign of the naval and colonial resurrection of Italy.

Are Troops Mobilized?

Paris, April 8.—Reports from the Italian frontier say that Italian troops have been mobilized and a censorship established on wire communications.

Maul Foreign Students.

Vienna, April 8.—A despatch from Padua, Italy, says that Fascist students in Padua university this morning attacked and badly mauled their foreign fellow students, demanding their immediate expulsion from the university and from Italy.

M. Palmatier, New York State man missing for 20 years, was located in Alaska by means of radio messages.

Baron Nobushigo Muzumi, president of the Privy Council, died from pneumonia at Tokio, Japan.

J. Macaskill of Kentville, N.S., consumed 40 eggs on wager, but failed to finish eight dozen.

QUEEN'S PROFESSORS TO ATTEND HARVARD

Professor H. R. MacCallum of the Department of Philosophy and Mr. M. D. C. Tait of the Department of Latin have obtained leave of absence from Queen's University for a year's graduate work at Harvard at the end of which they expect to obtain the degree of Ph.D. Each has been awarded an Austin Scholarship for teachers worth \$400.

INDIANA MAN POSED AS AMBROSE SMALL

Charles Edgar Morris Has Polio Record and Was in Insane Hospital.

Albion, Ind., April 8.—The man under arrest here, who wired a Toronto bank signing "Ambrose J. Small," and requesting \$5,000, has been identified as Charles Edgar Morris. According to C. A. Lincoln, prosecuting attorney of Noble county, he has a criminal record dating back to 1896, when he was sentenced to Joliet, Ill., penitentiary for horse stealing.

Morris is five feet ten and seven-eighths inches tall, and weighs about 200 pounds. Small was five feet seven inches tall and weighed 140 when he disappeared more than six years ago. Morris is athletic in stature, has light-brown hair, turning grey, and a grey beard. He has a number of bad teeth. Small had brown hair and moustache, streaked with grey, and was 53 years old.

Morris escaped from an asylum for the criminal insane in Wisconsin, it is stated.

MARITIME RIGHTS.

Commission Is Appointed by Order-in-Council.

Ottawa, April 8.—Sir Andrew Rae Duncan, who headed the provincial commission on the Nova Scotia mining industry, will head the commission which will investigate maritime rights.

Other members of the commission are:

Hon. W. E. Wallace, judge of the County Court, District No. 1, Nova Scotia.

Professor Cyrus Macmillan, McGill University, Montreal.

The order-in-council creating it was passed on the recommendation of Premier King.

ADVISORY BOARD ON TARIFF APPOINTED

Alfred Lambert, Manufacturer, of Montreal, Replaces Joseph Daoust.

Ottawa, April 8.—Premier King announced in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon the composition of the advisory board on the tariff. Rt. Hon. G. P. Graham is chairman. The other two members are Alfred Lambert, manufacturer, Montreal; D. G. MacKinnon, farmer, Winnipeg.

Mr. Lambert replaces Joseph Daoust, whose name was originally included in the board. Hector MacKinnon, of Toronto, will be secretary of the board.

The order-in-council appointing the board prescribes that:

(1) The duties of the board shall be to inquire into and hear representations on all matters pertaining to the tariff and other forms of taxation, as may be directed by the Minister of Finance, and to advise the Minister in regard thereto.

(2) The said board shall be under the jurisdiction of the Minister of Finance, who may make such regulations and give such instructions as he deems expedient or necessary to carry out the purpose and intention thereof.

(3) The board shall hold meetings whenever it appears to the board to be necessary or desirable, and also whenever required by the Minister of Finance to hold meetings.

(4) The board shall avail themselves of information and advice from such officers of the Department of Agriculture, Customs and Excise, External Affairs, Finance, Labor, Trade and Commerce, or other departments of public service, as may be able to be of assistance to the board.

(5) The Minister of Finance, on the recommendation of the chairman of the board, may engage competent persons possessing special knowledge to assist the board and may similarly engage such clerical assistants as may be necessary and such persons and clerical assistants may be paid for their services at a rate to be determined by the Minister of Finance.

John Bybyk was jailed at Winnipeg for passing as employment agent and selling jobs to immigrants.

MORRISBURG POWER PROJECT APPROVED BY THE COMMONS

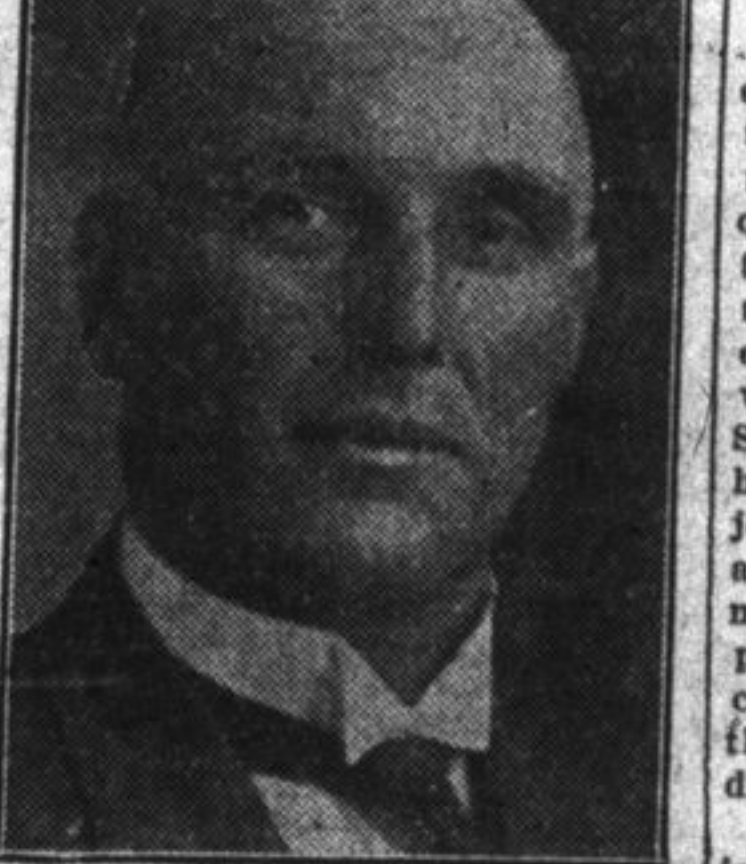
Favors Granting of Permits for Development--Hon. Charles Stewart Says the Government Will Do Its Share in Helping the Scheme--International Engineers' Report Awaited.

Ottawa, April 8.—The House of Commons went on record yesterday as approving of the granting of permits by the Dominion Government to the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission for the development of electric power on the St. Lawrence River at the Morrisburg dam and also for using an increased flow of water from the Niagara River. No action will be taken by the Government in the way of granting such permits, however, before it has received the report of the international board of engineers

doubtedly there was a demand for increased development, especially in the eastern part of this province.

Mr. Stewart said he had discussed the matter with a number of people, and had had considerable correspondence with Premier Ferguson of Ontario. He had made no move without the knowledge of the Ontario Government and the Hydro Commission. So far as the federal government was concerned, there was no dispute in respect to the ownership of the water "nor had the government raised any question with respect to the right of the province of Ontario to develop power along the international reach."

HON. CHARLES STEWART



acting in behalf of Canada and the United States and now investigating the question of St. Lawrence developments.

The Ontario Government and the Hydro-Electric Commission have been making annual application for such permits since 1923, but the Government has withheld them on the ground that the development of power on the St. Lawrence at the point in question had an international aspect, the international boundary cutting the river in two. It was held to be desirable that there should be an understanding between the United States and Canada as to the best means of developing the water power on an equitable basis. For the purpose of arriving at such an understanding the Governments of Canada and the United States appointed a joint board of engineers to examine into and report upon the matter.

This board, consisting of three Canadian and three American engineers, has been at work for a year and a half or two years, and its report is expected in June.

Minister in Sympathy.

Hon. Charles Stewart, Minister of the Interior, assured the House that once this report was received action would be taken by the Government on the Ontario applications and there would be no holding up of the development.

The Government, the Minister declared, was in sympathy with the proposals for increasing the power supply of Ontario, but he was persuaded that there should be a policy in the matter acceptable to both Canada and the United States.

There was a difference of opinion between engineers as to whether there should be one or two developments at Morrisburg, and this would be reported upon by the international board. Mr. Stewart was himself of the view that two developments would be best. The Government, said the Minister, was as anxious as the province of Ontario to limit delay.

The text of Mr. Church's resolution was as follows: "That, in the opinion of this House, the Government of Ontario and the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario should be given leave forthwith to develop and generate power on the St. Lawrence River at what is known as the Morrisburg dam, and should also be given power to use an increased flow of water from the Niagara River and so relieve the acute shortage of power in Ontario, and that this House will support the government in taking such immediate action as herein proposed without further delay in accordance with the application of the Ontario Government and Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario filed in 1922, 1924 and 1925 with the Government of Canada."

Hon. Charles Stewart, Minister of the Interior, stated he was replying for the government partly because he had been associated with Right Hon. George F. Graham in regard to this matter, "I agree with everything that has been said with respect to hydro development in Ontario," said Mr. Stewart. Un-

While not desiring to express an opinion on an engineering question, Mr. Stewart added, "I honestly think that two developments would be the proper course to pursue."

The Dominion Government was just as anxious as the Ontario authorities in dealing with the whole question of the application. Mr. Stewart concluded by reiterating his declaration that as soon as the report of the board was received in June, there would be no "hold-up" insofar as the Government was concerned, in taking action on the application.

Mr. Stewart said that the Government was perfectly willing to issue permits for the development of power on the St. Lawrence, after the report of the joint engineering board was received. He did not think that Dr. Ross (Kingston) needed to do any worrying on account of delay because of the proposed canal development. The Kingston member had expressed the opinion that the scheme might be long delayed.

Mr. Stewart suggested that the resolution should be amended for the reason that negotiations were really still under way with the United States.

Mr. Church agreed to delete the word "forthwith" with respect to the time for granting leave to proceed with the development.

The resolution as amended then carried without division.

THE LEGISLATURE
BUSINESS FINISHED

Resolutions Passed Protesting Against diverting of Water by Chicago.

Toronto, April 8.—The business of the third session of the sixteenth Legislature of Ontario was concluded at 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Formal closing will be this afternoon.

Before adjournment the Legislature unanimously passed a resolution protesting against the diverting of water into the Chicago drainage canal from the Great Lakes. The motion was moved by the Premier and seconded by W. E. N. Sinclair, leader of the Opposition. F. H. Keefer, secretary for Northern Ontario, spoke briefly in support of the motion.

The House yesterday heard several members speak on agricultural affairs in the province and Hon. Charles Stewart, Minister of Mines, and James Lyons, former Minister of Lands and Forests, took occasion to review the work of their departments. J. E. Jamieson, Conservative, West Simcoe, said Ontario should try to direct her young men to Northern Ontario.

Billy Sunday Would Run.

Cincinnati, Ohio, April 8.—Rev. W. A. (Billy) Sunday says he will be a candidate for president of the United States if both major parties name "wet" candidates. He will run on a platform of "To Hell with Boose."

BURNING OIL TANK FARM IS ABANDONED

Loss Estimated at Over \$15,000,000 to Union Oil Company.

San Luis Obispo, Calif., April 8.—The 300-acre tank farm of the Union Oil Company, at which was stored some 6,000,000 barrels of oil, was abandoned today to a fire which had threatened its destruction since yesterday morning, when two underground tanks were struck by lightning.

Four huge underground reservoirs, to which the blaze had been confined all day yesterday and last night, boiled over early this morning, and flaming oil, sweeping over the dyke that had been thrown up, carried the fire to the two other reservoirs and ten surface tanks. Other surface tanks were rapidly ignited.

As the fire spread from tank to tank it created a flame a mile long. The loss is estimated at more than fifteen million dollars.

Clares between Hindus and Mohammedans continue in Calcutta and more deaths are recorded.

Sir John MacLeavy Brown, British authority on Far East, is dead at London aged 90.

The present year will see the biggest British emigration to Canada since the war.

THE HULL ELECTRIC RAILWAY IS SOLD

By C.P.R. to International Pulp and Paper Company, It Is Reported.

Ottawa, April 8.—The Journal this morning says: "One of the biggest deals in the history of Hull has been consummated, according to a reliable local report, whereby the Hull electric railway, which is owned by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, has been sold in its entirety to the International Pulp and Paper Company for the sum of \$4,750,000."

Teachers Are Opposed to "Payment by Merit" Plan

Toronto, April 8.—There seems to be no doubt as to the attitude of the teaching body on the "payment by merit" plan.

There was general assent yesterday in the public school section of the O.E.A. when Dr. W. E. Hume, one of the Toronto inspectors, declared that he was emphatically opposed to such a system if it were to be based on the grading of the teacher by a visit of two or three hours from an inspector.

Return of Liquor Ordered.

Bellefonte, April 8.—Magistrate Mason yesterday ordered returned to the consignee, Frank Parker, of Detroit, one carload of liquor seized in the Canadian National yards here some time ago for alleged breach of the O.T.A. The liquor had been shipped from the Dominion Distillery, and ordered returned for carriage billing.