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MEMBERS WERE PEEVED AT THE IDEA!

Misinterpretation of a Remarks by Junior Member for Charlottetown Causes Much Ado in the Legislature.

The panic into which the members and supporters of the Saunders Government were thrown by a casual statement by Mr. W. C. S. McLure in the Budget debate, was evident at yesterday morning's session of the legislature, when a concerted attack was made upon him by Messrs. Saunders, LePage, McIntyre, Sinden, Wright, Cox, MacPhee and others.

Premier Saunders launched the attack immediately after the House had opened. Rising on a question of privilege, he maintained that Mr. McLure had made an insinuation, which might be construed by himself or any member as a personal insinuation, when he stated in his speech on the budget Thursday evening that he had seen two members of the House go into a rum shop in Charlottetown and come out with some bottles.

Hon. Mr. McIntyre declared that he would refuse to go home under the implication that he had frequented a bootlegger's establishment. The Speaker also accused Mr. McLure of charging members with patronizing bootleggers.

Mr. McLure denied the statement. The Premier suggested that the matter be left over for consideration, but other members of the Government insisted on "cleaning it up", and Mr. McIntyre, taking the command out of the Premier's hand, led the attack.

Hon. Mr. Stewart pointed out that if the House desired an investigation, they could appoint a special committee of enquiry. With this suggestion Hon. Mr. McIntyre vigorously disagreed.

The Speaker asked Mr. McLure to name the individuals he had referred to, or retract. On request of Mr. Stewart he cited as authority a Rule of the House which was handed to him by the Premier and which provided that no member shall speak disrespectfully of the Sovereign or his representatives or of any member of the Legislature.

Hon. Mr. Stewart pointed out that

Trade Delegation Being Used For Political Ends

(Special to The Guardian) LONDON, April 12.—The Association of British Chambers of Commerce by a majority resolution, refused tonight to discuss a proposal asking the government to try to restore trade with Russia. President G. A. Mitchell said the association had supported the government in its refusal to recognize the Soviet unless liability for pre-war debts was accepted. It is clear, he said, that the British trade delegation now in Russia is being used there for political purposes, and it is not desirable that the association should mix in political matters.

STRICT ORDERS ISSUED U. S. BORDER PATROL

(Canadian Press) TORONTO, April 12.—A special dispatch to the Star from Buffalo says: "Strict orders to keep out of Canadian waters this season in the war against the Canadian rum fleet has just been issued to the augmented U. S. border patrol." "Only when it is apparent that a boat trying to escape search is faster than ours is gunfire to be used," an official said today. "Even then, under no circumstances are boats to be followed into Canadian waters."

this Rule did not apply, and that there was absolutely no authority in any parliament for such a ruling.

Mr. McLure said he could not retract a statement which was correct. It was barely possible that he was mistaken in the identity of the individuals he had seen, and in any case as he had made no charges of illegal conduct, and as it was, after all, a private matter, he did not feel called upon to divulge any names on the floor of the House. He had already offered to give the Premier the information in private. He regretted that so many hon. members seemed to think the reflection was a personal one. He had no such intention in making the statement; but if everyone felt guilty that was a different matter.

The following is a verbatim report of Mr. McLure's statement in the Legislature, Thursday evening to which yesterday's heated objections were taken:— Mr. W. C. S. McLure: It was rather amusing yesterday to listen to one of the hon. members in condemning Government Control. He made the statement that over at Port Elgin, or Bale Verte, or perhaps in both places, he had seen, or someone had told him of having seen, a man going into a place under Government Control, and in ten minutes he was able to get three bottles of booze.

Hon. Mr. LePage: Correct. Mr. McLure: Well, if he had worked rapidly, and if he had enough cash, he should have been able to bring out more than that in that time.

Hon. Mr. LePage: I guess that is all the money he had. Mr. McLure: That may be. However, the hon. member from Rustico need not go to the neighboring province of New Brunswick to get information of that kind, if he would take up a watchful position on some of the streets of Charlottetown he would be able to see some men go into a rum shop and in less than three minutes he could see more than three bottles of booze come out of that place. Why travel so far afield for information, when you can get it at your own door? I was rather surprised at the hon. member from Rustico going so far to bring out a fact that he could see every day right in the city of Charlottetown.

Hon. Mr. LePage: Question! Mr. McLure: Question, he says! The other day I was an eye-witness myself to three men going into a rum shop and in less than two minutes, by the tick of the clock, those men came out, each apparently with a bottle,—how many more, you couldn't tell, because their grips were full. It may have been one or it may have been a dozen. And I am sorry to say that two of them were

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY PROCEEDINGS

Resolution re Harris Memorial Gallery Shortly to be Considered by House—Three Acts of Incorporation Were Treated With in Committee.

The House met at 10.25 a. m. A discussion on a question of privilege dealt with elsewhere in this issue occupied the attention of the House for some time, at yesterday forenoon's session.

THE HARRIS MEMORIAL GALLERY

Notice of motion of the following resolution appeared on the Order Paper: Resolved that it is expedient to erect a building in part of the Market Square in the City of Charlottetown to house the Legislative and Public Library and a picture gallery to be known as "The Robert Harris Memorial Gallery."

That a board of seven trustees shall become a body corporate to manage, regulate and control the Library and Picture Gallery. That such Board may acquire by purchase, gift, devise, bequest, real and personal estates.

members of this Legislature,—not on this side of the House. I had no intention, Mr. Speaker, of saying anything about anybody going in for a bottle of booze, but I want to show that we didn't have to go to New Brunswick or Ontario for a few little illustrations with reference to this matter.

Premier Saunders: I think my hon. friend, since he has made that statement, should clear up the matter and give us the names of those parties.

Mr. McLure: Well, Mr. Speaker, I do not have to give those names on the floor of this House. Hon. Mr. LePage: You can't insinuate.

Mr. McLure: I am not insinuating anything, but I can give the Premier the information privately. We all know the conditions. The Premier himself is aware of them. I am not holding it against any man, myself; neither does he. I would not have mentioned this matter, but why go to the other provinces looking for a little information that we can always find right at home.

Hon. Mr. LePage: A point of order, Mr. Speaker. The statement has been made that certain members around this House were seen coming out with two or three bottles. We are all here and this should be cleared up, or the member that made the statement should take it back. I for one deny that I was in the party. (Laughter.) I demand that he should mention the names or retract his words.

Mr. Angus MacPhee: Or whether this liquor was bought at the Vendor's? Because we can buy liquor today in town legally or illegally, and Mr. McLure should explain. Because if you buy it legally I don't think it is any man's business. (Laughter.) They might buy it for a sick person. Mr. McLure: The hon. member from New Haven has reason to come to the support of his colleague from Rustico. I just want to say this. When I was citing this instance I did not say what rum shop or how they had bought it. It can easily be found out by going over and looking at the records in the vendor's shop within the last ten days. Then you will find whether it is legal or illegal. The hon. member from New Haven says that it would be all right if it was legal. I say the same with reference to the remarks of the hon. member from Rustico. It was quite all right, in New Brunswick, to go into a liquor shop and buy some liquor from the liquor store. Both are legal, though under different forms of administration and different acts.

Naval Conference May Be Called

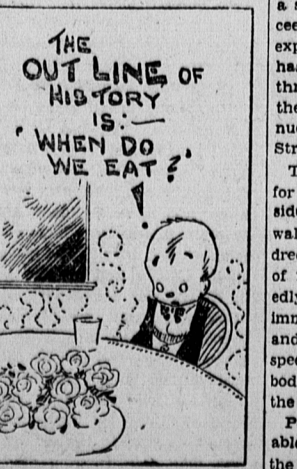
(Special to The Guardian) LONDON, April 12.—London has given hospitable reception to messages bearing marks of White House inspiration that President Hoover thinks Great Britain should make the first move and also that "Admirals should be left out" of the conference. Hoover favors a political, instead of a technical approach to the problem. The view in well informed British quarters is that Hugh Gibson, the principal United States delegate to the Geneva disarmament commission next week, will have something interesting to say to Lord Cushendun, the British delegate. There is no doubt that the British government would be willing to take the formal initiative in calling a new naval conference if it is assured of prospects of success.

PLANE FOUND IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

(Special to The Guardian) SYDNEY, Australia, April 12.—The aeroplane Southern Cross was reported found today; with its crew of four men alive and well. The aeroplane Canberra sent a message saying: "Have found Southern Cross. All alive and well. Have dropped food."

The Canberra was one of the several aeroplanes that had searched the wild northwestern Australian bush for days. Relief expeditions composed of aeroplanes, launches and native runners have been searching for the Southern Cross since Capt. Charles Kingsford-Smith sent out a radio message in the wild Australian bush "about 100 miles east of Wyndham." Wyndham, Western Australia, was their destination on the first lap of a Sydney-to-London flight in the plane which made the first successful crossing of the Pacific Ocean from California to Australia. Besides Captain Kingsford-Smith, the plane carried pilot Charles T. O. Uim, who shared honors in the trans-pacific flight with him; a navigator named Litchfield and a radio operator named McWilliams.

The Southern Cross was said to have been located about thirty miles from the Port George mission. Another mission in the Timbrey district of western Australia had reported that an aeroplane passed over it towards the southwest on March 31, and with this as the only clue, the search was centred in that district for the past twelve days.



TORONTO, April 12.—Maritime strong easterly winds or moderate gales, partly cloudy and cold with snow or rain in western districts. Toronto, rain 40-38 Montreal, snow 46-32 Quebec, cloudy 36-28 Charlottetown, clear 34-23 Halifax, fair 44-29 St. John, 42-25 Boston, rain 44-36 New York, rain 52-40 High tide this afternoon at 12.52 and tomorrow morning at 2.12. Sun sets this evening at 6.44 and rises tomorrow morning at 5.14. First quarter moon Tuesday April 16th 9.45 a. m. Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

Officer Killed



Capt. John W. Abray, secretary of the St. Catharines Flying Club, was killed at Camp Borden Saturday, April 6.

ASSISTED BOOTLEGGERS

(Special to The Guardian) DETROIT, April 12.—Following the conclusion of an investigation which it is said began two years ago, Captain Joseph A. Burkheiser, Detroit harbormaster for more than a decade, and commandant of the Belle Isle police station, was today suspended from office on orders from police Commissioner William T. Rutledge. Burkheiser is definitely accused of conniving with bootleggers to bring Canadian liquor into Detroit through Belle Isle, over which he has absolute control. Commissioner Rutledge declared the scandal to be "the worst in the history of the Detroit police department." Specifically it is charged that Burkheiser, on at least two occasions conveyed a police department boat to contain liquor cargoes safely across the river.

EIGHT KILLED BY EXPLOSION

(Special to The Guardian) DETROIT, April 12.—Eight persons are believed to have been killed, a score injured, and damage to exceed \$500,000 was caused when an unexplained explosion, the worst Detroit has ever experienced in years, levelled three three-story brick buildings on the south side of East Jefferson Avenue, between Randolph and Bates Streets, at 6.23 o'clock tonight.

The explosion shattered windows for three or four blocks on every side, piled tons of debris on the sidewalks and pavement, and sent hundreds of pedestrians and occupants of nearby buildings scurrying frenziedly about the streets. Fire broke out immediately in the heap of ruins and smoke and flames prevented speedy digging into the wreck for bodies, feared to have been buried in the ruins.

Police and firemen have been unable even to form a conjecture as to the cause of the explosion. The persons believed killed were clerks employed in a wholesale drygoods store, housed in the buildings. They were believed still to have been at work when the explosion occurred. One man, unidentified, was blown through a window and 100 feet diagonally across Jefferson Avenue. He was dead when his torn and bleeding body was picked up a few moments later.

(Canadian Press) DETROIT, Mich., April 12.—Two Detroit racketeers started out apparently unarmed to "get" the man who hijacked their blind pig at 4 a. m. today and were slain by the hijacker two hours later.

FIRST PUBLIC APPEARANCE

(Canadian Press) TORONTO, April 12.—His Majesty's first public appearance since his illness was signaled by cheering of intense fervor from those of his subjects who saw their sovereign standing in the ground of Craigwell House at Bogner. Cries of "God bless your Majesty" and "Hurry up and get well, sire" were heard above the cheers. With the king was Her Majesty.

TARIFF BOARD IS SUBJECTED TO CRITICISM

(From Our Own Correspondent) OTTAWA, April 12.—The bill making provision for the harnessing of the tides in Passamaquoddy Bay was before the private bills committee again this morning and the fisherman's side of the case was presented by several experts as to the manner in which the damming would affect the fishing industry. The evidence was unalterably opposed to the fatal destruction of the industry involved. It is understood the Fisheries Department will strongly oppose as well.

There is an additional objection raised and in very strong terms, that as New Brunswick requires no power than it already possesses in other forms, the object is to supply Maine exclusively and that too would be at the expense of Canada's fishing industry. The committee will meet again on Tuesday.

This afternoon the House in committee of ways and means proceeded with the tariff resolutions and the tariff board came in for a further wigging, otherwise the proceedings were quite normal and routine. But immediately after the House opened there were "wigs on the green." In anticipation of something unusual every seat was occupied and the press gallery was crowded.

Some days ago the Speaker issued two orders, one forbidding messengers to go out for liquor for members and another for special polling of floors 4, 5 and 6, on which practically all members' rooms are located. In the Liberal caucus yesterday there was a merry row over it, the members regarding this espionage as a reflection on Parliament and the Speaker was asked to rescind.

This afternoon Mr. Adshad, (East Calgary), brought it up on account of reports in the newspapers, as a matter of privilege, and it became a topic of discussion in which the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition participated. It really hinged upon how the matter could be best brought before the speaker whether behind closed or open doors.

The Speaker justified the orders on the ground of preserving the dignity of Parliament and intimated that on Tuesday next he would be glad to take it up with members of the House. Proceedings will be behind closed doors.

Last evening, Mr. Foulton, Temiscouata, continued his rambling references to the Opposition and other things unrelated and good-natured interruptions continued as well until his time was up. The vote on the main motion was taken immediately after and the budget was adopted by a majority of 24. All the Liberals, Liberal-Progressives and two Independents, A. W. Nell of Comox-Alberni and Henri Bourassa, of La-belle, H. D. Adshad, Labor member for East Calgary, and L. H. Jellif, U. F. A. member for Lethbridge supported the government's motion.

In opposition were all the Conservatives, all members of the U. F. A. group with the exception of Mr. Jellif, all the Progressive members and J. S. Woodsworth, labor for Winnipeg North Central. A. A. Heaps, Labor member for Winnipeg North, was not in his seat when the final division took place. The House then resolved itself into a committee of ways and means to consider the tariff resolutions, whereupon the Government was deluged with questions in respect of the tariff board, its functions and operations. It was supposed to be a fact-finding agency only, but Mr. Robb explained that when the tariff schedule was being

Amendments To Prohibition Act

Price Of Scripts To Be Reduced To Fifty Cents, Illegal Drunks To Be Penalized, And Inspectors To Be Given Increased Powers Where A Person Is Being "Freshly Pursued."

In the Legislature yesterday Premier Saunders gave notice of motion of the following resolution: RESOLVED that it is expedient to amend the Prohibition Act by making any person who drinks liquor in contravention of the Act liable to a penalty; also rendering any person seen in a state of intoxication liable to be convicted for an offence under the Act; also simplifying ejection proceedings under the provisions of said act; also designating the place of imprisonment of offenders under the Act; and the place where, and the Judge or Magistrate before whom any prosecution may be brought.

That a certificate of the Chairman and Secretary of the Commission that they have ordered an appeal must be filed by the appellant along with the notice of appeal. That a charge for each prescription issued by a Medical Doctor under the Act shall not exceed fifty cents. That where any person who is freshly pursued by a Prohibition Inspector enters any building such Inspector may without obtaining a search warrant perform such acts as he might do by the virtue of a search warrant. That a Bill be introduced embodying the foregoing principles.

RADICALS EXECUTED BY MACHINE GUNS

(Canadian Press) CANTON, China, April 12.—More than a thousand alleged radical agitators are estimated to have been executed by machine guns during the past week in a campaign by the Canton authorities to stamp out radicalism. Accused in instigating Communist agitation 30 students of the naturalist Sun Yat Sen University were arrested, court martialled and shot. The Sun Yat Sen University, a co-educational institution, has long been declared a hot-bed of radicalism by the local authorities.

(Canadian Press) COCHRANE, Ont., April 12.—Perillirinta Konno charged with the murder of Julius Neimi at South Porcupine on November 11 was found not guilty by a jury at Cochrane late this afternoon.

considered the chairman and other members were called in, but as the Minister of Finance was not bound to accept any recommendations made, the leader of the opposition ridiculed such a use of an expensive and supposedly important body.

If the tariff board made reports and recommendations Parliament and the public were entitled to know what they were, either that or nothing at all. Then somebody asked as to who and what was the Consumers League which figured so largely in the published proceedings to which Mr. Robb replied: "You know as much as I do."

Mr. Bothwell, Liberal, Swift Current, was good enough to solve the riddle by stating that it was an incorporated body and represented all parts of Canada. And who is Mr. Deachman? someone else queried, and Mr. Bothwell replied: "He is there to oppose foolish representations that are often made to the board."

The Hon. H. H. Stevens supplemented this by stating that 95 per cent of the proceedings of the tariff board printed at the public expense, was "propaganda" of this same Mr. Deachman. Small progress had been made when the House adjourned.

During the evening the Hon. Mr. Dunning submitted the estimates of the Canadian National Railways for 1929. They amounted to \$33,750,000, of which \$35,750,000 are for general additions and improvements and \$6,313,000 for equipment. It is the intention to standardize the system from Halifax to Vancouver with a 100 lb. rail. On Prince Edward Island, work will proceed towards the completion of standardization of gauge. The last section, the Murray Harbour subdivision, will be changed from narrow to standard gauge.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

- Dr. Cliff, M. D.—Start now home prevention cure, Purdy Station, Westchester Co. N. Y., U. S. A. 5079-6-12-3 mos.
Buying live hogs, Hunter River Station, Tuesday, April 16. James Andrews. 3187
Cub loading hogs at Hunter River, Thursday forenoon, April 18th. List an once.
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