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PARLIAMENT MEETS IN TEMPORARY HOME

Impressive Addresses by Leaders of Respective Parties Under Shadow of Disaster. Mr. Law, M.P. for Yarmouth, Believed to have Perished. Speculation Still Rife as to Cause of Fire.

(Special to the Guardian.)

OTTAWA, February 4.—After one of the greatest nights of alarm and excitement in the history of the Capital, the morning dawned bright and cheerful displaying the ruins of Canada's parliamentary buildings. The fire was got under control about three o'clock, and thence gradually burned itself out, remaining a smouldering mass visited by thousands during the morning and forenoon. Surmise was rife as to the cause of the outbreak. The prevalent opinion was that of German incendiarism, but early in the day Col. Sherwood, Chief of the Dominion Police, issued a statement to the effect that there was no ground for the suspicion. It was felt, however, that what the police meant was that there was no evidence of incendiarism, as ground there was and no doubt is, though it may be difficult if not impossible to prove. The police theory is that some member or visitor carelessly threw a match, cigarette or cigar end among the newspaper files in the reading room and that this smouldered unseen till some breath of wind fanned it into a flame. This theory is accepted as plausible, but still many people content that the explosions heard and the rapid progress of the flames are inconsistent with it, and not until an official inquiry is held will they be satisfied with the explanation of an accidental outbreak.

While last night only two fatalities were definitely ascertainable, in the early hours of the morning it was learned that the following were among the missing.

- Mr. B. B. Law, Liberal member for Yarmouth, N. S. Robert Fanning, Water. Alphonsus des Jardins, Dominion Policeman. Alfred des Jardins, Plumber. Madam Bray. Madam Morin, both guests of Mrs. Sevigny in the Speakers apartments. Mr. A. A. McLean, M. P., telegraphed yesterday: I escaped from my room with Mr. W. D. McKay by the stairway and landed in the basement. The smoke travelled like lightning. In three minutes dense smoke prevailed throughout the building. The Library was saved, two women and four men were killed. The suddenness of the fire and denseness of the smoke caused grave suspicion.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) OTTAWA, February 4.—"It will stand out as a good example of the Canadian spirit of determination if we proceed at once with the public business and carry on our work without any unnecessary delay." Sir Robert Borden.

"A new and more splendid building on the site of the old historic Parliament Building."—Sir Robert Borden. "We should go on at once with the business of the country."—Sir Wilfred Laurier. These declarations uttered under the shadow of disaster and of death mark the determination of the Government and of Parliament to proceed with the business of the session in such temporary and partial accommodation as can be provided.

The House met in the auditorium of the Victoria Memorial Museum, a spacious theatre which will serve as the Commons Chamber for the rest of the session, and may be used also for the Senate, sittings in the mornings. The scene presented in the assembling of this extraordinary sitting stands probably without parallel in the history of legislatures. The auditorium had been hastily transformed by officials of the Public Works Department into the resemblance of a legislative chamber. Some few pieces of furniture had been saved from the Senate wing, including the massive chair occupied by H. R. H. the Governor General. This chair was placed upon the stage for the speaker. The stage itself was draped with flags and carpeted, and in the body of the hall seats had been arranged for the members, with desks for the Prime Minister and the leader of the Opposition. In the lobby of the Museum building the members gathered for the meeting of the House, without offices committee rooms or lockers. They stood around and waited for the customary roll.

But there was no bell. Instead the Sergeant-at-Arms shouldered the Mace saved from the Senate. (The Commons Mace is gone) and walked into the theatre followed by speaker Sevigny. The little procession which is wont to proceed in much State from the speakers apartments was made up in the lobby the speaker, instead of his customary robes of black silk and his three cornered hat, wore a borrowed suit of tweeds and no hat at all. He took his seat on the stage and opened the sitting. The members grouped themselves to the right and left of the hall and a large crowd of spectators, House attendants, etc., thronged the galleries running round the auditorium.

The sitting lasted for thirty-five minutes only but it will be remembered always by those who took part in it or witnessed it. The Leaders and members of the House labored under profound feeling. The disaster of the night was still in their minds, and before them was the empty chair of one of those who had gone.

Sir Robert Borden, whose own escape from the burning building had been narrow, spoke of the catastrophe with deep emotion, particularly in his references to the loss of life and to the destruction of a great historic monument.

Even more marked was the emotion with which the Opposition leader joined in the tribute of condolence to those who had been bereaved, and in reference to the stately building which had been, in a true sense his home for forty years. Sir Wilfred's voice wavered and broke as he spoke of the two young women whose lives had been given up in the fire.

"Young happy wives, young happy mothers, bright as the larks of the blue sky of the morning." Apart from the speeches of the two leaders, the House did no business except the formal adoption of the resolution which had been under debate at the time of the fire, a motion by Mr. Clarence Jameson of Digby for an investigation with a view to the development of a home market for fish.

The House then adjourned till Monday.

(From our Own Correspondent.) OTTAWA, Feb. 4.—In last night's disastrous fire Mr. A. A. McLean, one of the Conservative members for Prince Edward Island, had a marvelous escape. He was in his room, No. 203, in the top storey. He saw smoke pouring over the floor. Rushing to the door he opened it and was met by a dense fog of thick black smoke. He shouted, but his voice seemed to go nowhere. Mr. McLean seized the overcoats and with a friend, Mr. W. D. Mackay of Vancouver, made for the elevator, but the elevator was not running. By the time they reached the landing below, Mr. McLean says he began to feel stupefied, but he realized that he had to keep going down and down. Finally he lost his way and had no idea where he was going until he recovered his senses somewhat and discovered that a Dominion policeman had him by the arm and that he was in the cellar. He knew the policeman to find Mr. Mackay, which he did and he discovered the visitor from Vancouver standing dazed and overcome by smoke on the floor above. A few seconds more and the rescue would have been impossible. Further assistance came and the two members were taken out of the building. Mr. Mackay had lost the coat. Mr. McLean is firmly convinced that the fire was of incendiary origin. He cannot account otherwise for the kind of smoke which prevailed. He believes it was bomb smoke.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) OTTAWA, Feb. 4.—To-day only a standing ruin marks where yesterday

BRITISH GOVERNMENT NOTIFIES UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

That it would be Violation of International Law to Permit German Prize Commander of Appam to Refit Ship or Recruit his Crew. Demands that Ship be handed back to the British Owners.

(Special to the Guardian.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, British Ambassador, has presented a formal demand on behalf of the British Government for the return to its British owners of the liner Appam, taken by a German prize crew. It is expected there will be long

diplomatic correspondence between the two governments, as the United States Government is inclined to regard the Appam as a German prize. (Special to the Guardian.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—The British Government notified Washington to-day that it would be considered a

GERMANS ADMIT LOSS OF ZEPPELIN

(Special to the Guardian.)

BERLIN, Feb. 4.—An official communication issued to-day admits that the Zeppelin L-19 has not returned from its reconnoitering flight, and the inquiries concerning her have been without result.

(Special to the Guardian.)

LONDON, Feb. 4.—Search for the Zeppelin reported lost in the North Sea continued all day without result. It is now believed it has gone to the bottom with all on board.

stood the finest Gothic pile in North America. All day fire engines continued pumping water into the smouldering wreck. The fire will likely smoulder some days, but generally the wreck is covered with ice. The building was gutted completely, with the exception of offices in the extreme east and west, and these are flooded. Somewhere in the debris are the bodies of five men or more. The five are Bowman B. Law, Liberal member for Yarmouth, N. S., Bayliss La Plant, Deputy Clerk of the House of Commons; Randolph Fanning, a Post Office employee; Alphonse Desjardins, a Dominion policeman; A Desjardins, plumber in the House of Commons. Mr. Law is the only member of the House who lost his life. He spoke in yesterday's debate and left the Chamber with the intention of visiting friends. He was never seen again and it is believed he had gone to his room on the top floor occupied by the Nova Scotia Liberals and died there, his escape cut off by fire and smoke which filled corridors and elevator shafts. La Plant occupied apartments on the second floor in the Commons wing. When last seen he had his coat off and was trying to save some of his papers. The act cost him his life. The other three men were killed in the north-east section of the building and could not be reached. Effective search in the wreckage for the bodies of the missing men is a difficult matter now. The wreckage is flooded with water in parts and choked with ice in others and in others is still burning.

(From our Own Correspondent.) OTTAWA, Feb. 4.—It is now accepted as a fact that Mr. Bowman B. Law, M.P., of Yarmouth, N. S., lost his life in last night's fire in the Parliament buildings. He was known to be in the House and later in the Nova Scotia members' committee rooms. These rooms adjoin those used by the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island members and are on the top floor of the building. Mr. Law has not been seen since the fire and in his rooms at the Alexandra Hotel are all his personal belongings and baggage.

The House met to-day in the auditorium of the Victoria Memorial Museum, a spacious theatre which will accommodate (Continued on page three.)

Minard's Liniment Cures Rheumatism

HARKINS PLAYERS AGAIN FILL PRINCE EDWARD THEATRE

Mamzelle, the farcial three act comedy drama staged last night in the Prince Edward by the Harkins Players was a continuous "scream" from start to finish. The plot was simple, the central idea being the superb comedy of an elderly husband who was blessed with a young wife whom he believed he adored, but who snubbed him occasionally to prevent his affections from becoming too demonstrative. To make the wife jealous and so intensify her devotion, her brother "put up a job" with a little French modiste to pretend she had fallen in love with the elderly husband. The latter was by no means surprised that anyone should fall in love with him and he took the bait. The series of scrapes that followed in rapid succession made up a chapter of comedy that is simply indelible and that kept the house in an almost unbroken convulsion. Mr.

ARTILLERY ACTIVE ON WESTERN FRONT

(Special to the Guardian.)

LONDON, Feb. 4.—A British official communication to-day has been active against hostile trenches on the front between the river Ancre and the River Somme. Our trenches about Elverdinghe, north-west of Ypres, were heavily shelled.

PARIS, Feb. 4.—An official statement of the War Office is to the effect that the day was quiet. Our artillery shelled a column of infantry and enemy convoys entering the town of Roye. We bombarded German organizations in Champagne, in the region of Tahure and Mont Tenu, in Argonne in the sector of La Harazee and Lorraine on the front at Nomeny Morville.

THE WIRELESS MESSAGE

BOSTON, Feb. 2.—Wireless messages indicating a collision at sea between two steamers at a point near Cape Race, Newfoundland, were picked up by several stations on the New England coast late last night. The identity of the vessels was not disclosed. One was said to be sinking. The other ship, stating she was badly smashed, sent word she would stand by.

The vessel which reported itself sinking signed the message "J.D.T." According to wireless authorities this signature should belong to a Japanese vessel, other signs of the same group being identified with ships of the Osaka Mercantile Company. The messages from the second vessel were signed "W.I.A." which were not contained in available registry books. The position of the steamers was given as lat. 43.46, long. 43.57, a point in the vicinity of Cape Race, Newfoundland. It was to the wireless station at the place that the messages from the "W.I.A." were directed. The messages, which were very fragmentary, indicated that the "W.I.A." was sending lifeboats to the other ship.

Soon after there came to the listening stations on this coast a low-powered succession of signals, which spelled out, "I am sinking. Come and save me." This call was signed, "J.T.D." No response was heard, but somewhat later "W.I.A." sent a message above which said the second vessel was out of sight. Whether this was intended to record its sinking was not indicated. The steamer signing "W.I.A." believed to be the Silver Shell, 3,422 tons, in command of Captain Gibson, later reported, "We are not dangerously damaged." "J.T.D." sent out a message saying "room full of water." This was believed to refer to the dynamo room. The Silver Shell arrived in New York, January 19, from Bordeaux, and departed from Bayonne, N.J., at noon, Thursday, with a cargo of petroleum for Dunkirk.

LONDON PRESS Urges Reprisals, Three Eyes for an Eye and Three Teeth for a Tooth.

LONDON, February 3.—Several morning papers urge immediate reprisals against German towns for the damage done by the Zeppelin raiders in England.

The Chronicle says:—"The allies have the means of exacting, not merely an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth, but three eyes for each eye, and three teeth for each tooth. Such a policy of reprisals opens up a tragic perspective, but at a certain point the demand for it may be justified. 'Sometimes feet be done to safeguard human life in this country,' says the Daily Telegraph, 'and punish those who commit those barbarous acts. The British public has no desire to hear that the German women and children have been slaughtered by British bombs, but it feels that the point has been reached when vigorous steps are necessary to halt these German manifestations of frightfulness.'"

The Graphic says:—"Our business now is to crush the enemy and in carrying out that work we are entitled to use the same weapons they use, and in the same way. We must forth use our aircraft in the same ways as theirs and not permit possible consequences to German civilians to stand in our way."

The Daily Mail urges on the Government a program of building a gigantic aeroplane fleet for a defensive and offensive campaign. The newspaper declares that from 25,000 to 30,000 aeroplanes should be built immediately. It predicts that engines of from 200 to 1,000 horse power will be found practicable for aeroplanes within a short time.

RHODE ISLAND MAN POISONED THROUGH POST

PROVIDENCE R. I., Feb. 4.—Almond Vadeboncoeur, 28, is dead and Henry Cassavant, 39, seriously ill, at his home in Woonsocket as a result of eating cream puffs sent by special delivery through the mail to Cassavant at his home in that city.

Cassavant is a contracting carpenter and he far as is known, has no enemies, yet the package containing the cream puffs, addressed in a woman's handwriting, reached Cassavant recently. He was evidently the person whose death was intended by the sender. When Cassavant opened the package he offered one of the puffs to Edward Kennedy, the brought it from the Post Office but special delivery messenger, who had the latter declined it, having finished his dinner a short time before. Cassavant then ate two of the puffs and gave the third to his friend Vadeboncoeur, who quickly disposed of it. Late in the afternoon both men were taken sick. Dr. W. A. Bernard was called to Vadeboncoeur's home and after examination, told the latter's wife that her husband was suffering from cholera morbus. Later in the night Vadeboncoeur died.

36 MORE RECRUITS FOR 105th BATTALION

Successful Series of Recruiting Meetings Held in Eastern Part of Province Last Night. Enthusiastic and Sympathetic Reception Everywhere. Special Train with Party Returned at 2 a.m.

Another most successful series of recruiting meetings was held last night in the eastern part of the province, which resulted in adding thirty-six more recruits to the ranks of the 105th Battalion.

At Montague the speakers were Rev. Dr. Fullerton, Lieut. C. J. Stewart and Judge Fraser. Music was furnished by Prof. Watkins, Miss Hughes, Miss McDonald, Miss Agnew, Mr. McInnis, Mr. Bruce and Prof. Barlow. The following recruits signed the service roll:—Harry Coulson, Stanford Campbell, James Johnson, James McErvy, C. R. Martin, Hector McKelison, P. B. Murphy, Alvah Allan, James Lannon, Montague; Hugh Jackson, Sturgeon Bay; Heber Newsome, Charlottetown; Benjamin Senechaugh, Oak Valley; Alfred Griffith, Cyrus Dewar, J. R. Campbell, Montague; also for Garrison duty: Rufus Stewart, Dennis Collins and James Lambert.

At Lower Montague the speakers were Canon Simpson, Col. Campbell, Mr. R. L. Cotton, and Rev. D. Jones, with Rev. Mr. Miller presiding. The music was supplied by the choir of Lower Montague and Georgetown, Miss Campbell, Mr. Sam Campbell, Miss Barnes, Mrs. Barnes and Lower Montague Male Quartette. The following recruits were obtained:—Raymond Poole, Lower Montague; James Clarke, Howard Vatcher, Aitken's Ferry; Daniel McIntosh, Whim Road Cross.

At Cardigan the speakers were Rev.

Dr. Bennet, Major McNutt, Mr. James McLean, with Hon. J. A. Macdonald in the chair. The musicians were Miss L. Earle (pianist), Miss A. Earle, Miss P. Hunter, Miss M. Ross, Corpi Marshall, Pte. McPherson. The following three recruits signed on: Walter Sutherland, Joseph McLellan, Segnus McKenzie, Cardigan.

At New Perth the speakers were Captain Full, Rev. R. G. Fulton, and John Dewar, M.L.A., chairman. The following contributed to the musical programme:—Miss Mamie Smith, Mr. R. Messervy, Capt. Full, Pte. Muttari, Pte. Peters and Miss Helen Smith pianist. Six recruits were obtained, viz.:—George Gordon, Roseneath; Hugh Campbell, New Perth; Alex. McSwain, Joseph Gillis, Cardigan; Earl Moore, Summersville; Russel H. Campbell, New Perth.

At Lorne Valley the speakers were Judge Stewart, Rev. G. C. Taylor and Capt. Hardy. The following recruits signed the service roll:—William McSwain, Cardigan; Alex. McLeod, Lorne Valley.

At St. Teresa the speakers were Rev. Mr. Littlejohns, Mr. A. Macdonald, Captain Dorsey, with Rev. I. R. A. Macdonald in the chair. The music was supplied by Lance-Corpl. McLean, Pte. Daniel, Pte. Cheverie, Pte. Donovan. Three recruits signed on, viz.: Augustus Cairns, Baldwin Road; Chas. Keoughan, Elliotville, Lot 66; Gerald Kenny, St. Teresa.

DEPUTATION TO BELGIAN KING

(Special to the Guardian.) LONDON, Feb. 4.—An official communication to-night says Earl Curzon, Lord Privy Seal, and General Sir Douglas Haig, commander of the British forces on the Continent, are to proceed on a special mission to the King of the Belgians. Earl Curzon has already left England for that purpose.

THE WEATHER, TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC.

(Special to the Guardian.) TORONTO, February 4.—Maritime: Fresh westerly winds, fair and moderately cold.

THE WEATHER Yesterday was fair and cold. The highest temperature recorded yesterday was 17 degrees above zero; at nine o'clock yesterday morning it registered 10 degrees above zero; at nine last night 16 degrees above zero; the coldest the previous night was 9 degrees above zero. The tide will be high this afternoon at 12.22, to-morrow at 1.01 and Monday at 1.36; it will be high to-morrow morning at 12.06, Monday at 12.59 and Tuesday at 1.50. The sun sets this afternoon at 5.12; to-morrow at 5.14 and Monday at 5.16; it rises to-morrow morning at 7.16, Monday at 7.15 and Tuesday at 7.14. The moon sets to-night at 8.06 and to-morrow at 9.19. There was a new moon on Thursday, February 3rd at 12.06 p.m. The first quarter of the moon will be on Thursday, February 10th, at 6.20 p.m. The length of to-day will be nine hours and 56 minutes and of to-morrow ten hours.

COMING EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

ONE CENT per word each insertion of the advertising in this column. Cash must accompany orders. Minimum charges twenty-five cents. \*\*S.L. Peter's School room, Tuesday, February 9th, 3.30 p.m. Impressions of the Panama Exposition and the West by Mrs. Cotton. Music. Refreshments. 25c. 7149-2-4mil. \*\*A key for every character means, of course, a complete keyboard typewriter, which is the great distinctive feature of the Smith-Premier Model. No key on the Smith Premier Keyboard ever performs a double function, and no double motion is ever required in the printing of any character. A Milne Fraser, Halifax, N. S. 7159-2-5mil. Minard's Liniment cures Neuralgia. Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

ACTOR WENT OVER CLIFF TO DEATH

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., Feb. 5.—A man about 50 years of age believed to be David Clarkson, an actor of McKeesport, Pa., slid over the bank of Goat Island near the approach to Luna Island Bridge yesterday, to the rocks 180 feet below meeting his instant death. Almost every bone in his body was broken. The only eye-witness was a young man from Meadville, whose name is withheld by the authorities of the State Reservation.

The man was first noticed by the young Canadian in a crouching position on the very edge of the river bank, and when he was spoken to the man believed to be Clarkson, started to rise gave himself a shove with his hands and disappeared over the cliff.

CONDENSED AIDS, TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

ONE CENT per word each insertion for advertising in this column. Cash must accompany orders. Minimum charges, twenty-five cents. PRIME SAUSAGES ALWAYS ON HAND at Holman's, Charlottetown. FOR SALE.—NO. 8 HOME JEWEL cooking stove. Cheap. Apply at 230 Euston St. 6503-1-11Mm. WOMAN WANTS POSITION TO DO housework good cook. Apply Guardian. 7130-2-3M4pd. WANTED.—A GIRL FOR GENERAL housework. Apply 55 Hillsboro St. 7174-2-5m3l.

LOST.—A GENTLEMAN'S GUN—metal watch between Prowse Bros. and Market. Finder please leave at 95 Rochford Street. 7168-2-5m3l. FOR SALE AT A BARGAIN.—A 33 feet shafting 2 1/2 inch. Can be seen running now.—A. Duchemin & Co. 7164-2-4M2l.

FUR NOTICE—I WANT SOME GOOD muskrat, red fox and mink skins. J. D. Jenkins, fur buyer, Box 221, Charlottetown. 7174-2-5m3l. LOST.—ON FEB. 1ST BETWEEN Kony Korn and Sydney St. a tan handbag. Finder please leave at Guardian. 7133-2-3M4pd. FOUND.—A GENTLEMAN'S SILVER watch on February 4th. Owner may have same by identifying same and paying for ad; apply Guardian. 2-5ml

TO LET.—A SMALL BEDROOM suitable for nurse or gentleman, in private family with all modern improvements including phone. Apply 84 Hillsboro Street. 6341-1-7Ml. WANTED: SEVERAL FIRST CLASS Machinists, Brass Finishers and Tool Makers. Steady employment and highest wages to good workmen. T. McAvity & Sons, Ltd., St. John, N. B. 7166-2-5M2B.