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A QUIET EVENING IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

Debate Temporarily Suspended for Lack of Quorum. Opposition Still at Sea on Question of Tariff Amendment. Western Members Instead of Being a Disturbing Element Have Proved Conciliators and the Feeling Grows That Unionism Should be Perpetuated

(From our own Correspondent)
OTTAWA, Mar. 12.—For the second time in two years, also the second time in the history of Canada it was necessary today to put the subject of debate back on the order paper by special motion, the debate having lapsed by reason of there being such a small attendance in the House that a quorum was not present the previous night.

Tuesday night Mr. Foster, East York, not Sir George, had the floor. His address was decidedly weary. Some members gradually drifted out until the attention of the Speaker was called to the fact that no quorum was present. The debate consequently lapsed automatically.

This afternoon, before it could be resumed, it was necessary to present a formal motion pointing out that owing to the fact that there was not a quorum the special order under which the debate was proceeding lapsed. This motion was to the effect that it should be restored to the order paper and it was necessary for the motion to be accepted by unanimous consent, so if any member opposed the plan the debate would have lapsed.

Mr. MacKenzie, leader of the opposition, did not oppose the motion but said Sir Thomas White should first have secured leave of the House to present further debate on the address at the foot of the order paper, and the rule establishing prior positions should first be suspended.

The speaker basing his resting on the previous decision held it competent for the House to consider the motion. In regard to Mr. MacKenzie's second point he remarked that on the opening day of the present session a motion had been passed giving the debate on the address precedence over other business except the presentation of bills. Mr. Foster then rose and continued. He was speaking Tuesday night when a count of the members failed to produce a quorum.

The speaker interpreted that under a ruling in the British House, Mr. Foster having spoken once could not speak again. However if the House gave its unanimous consent he would permit Mr. Foster to proceed. This was done and Mr. Foster resumed. He discussed the gov't's highway bill finding fault with it. He also objected to any proposal to engage in building houses at a time when labor and

material were higher than normal. He announced his support of prohibition measures, expressed the opinion that the charges made by Mr. Hocken should be investigated. In closing he referred to the presence of three important members of the cabinet in the senate, Mr. Loughheed Minister of Soldiers Civil reestablishment, Mr. Robertson, Labor Minister, Mr. Blondin, Postmaster General. All the departments of the gov't. should be represented directly in the House. He urged that the incumbents in these offices should resign their senatorships, secure constituencies, and run elections like any other member. Mr. Foster was followed by Mr. Fontaine of Hull.

This being Wednesday there is no evening session. The general impression tonight is that the debate may end tomorrow. It is now practically assured the opposition will not introduce an amendment dealing with the tariff though they may challenge the government on some other point.

Opposition caucuses held in the past few days considered various plans for some last-minute surprise in the debate, and it is possible something will be pulled off. On the other hand a strong faction of the opposition still believe in the policy of waiting developments before forcing a test of strength and they may prevail. This opinion is buttressed by the fact that, outwardly at least, the Unionist party is more strongly united than ever.

Sir Thomas White is showing himself to be a most skilful pilot and while admittedly there are rocks ahead, yet there is now no doubt he will be able to bring the Union ship safely to port.

It had been figured in advance that the Western group of members might cause trouble but facts are that instead of being a disturbing element they have acted as conciliators. Some of the hottest Liberals in the West are among them.

Mr. Richardson, Manitoba, is now firm in the opinion that unionism should be perpetuated. Mr. Richardson, wants the Unionists to become a permanent party, just as the British Radicals and Tories merged into a permanent organization. Even the ginger group, Conservatives from Ontario, which was expected to cause trouble for the government has been strangely tractable. Col. John Currie, has not been heard from while Sir Sam Hughes is in the position of a general without an army.

Bolsheviks Inaugurate Incendiary Campaign

THE HAUGE, Mar. 11.—The fact that a fire at the Hauge Barracks was simultaneous with fires at other barracks in the country which were set afire on the same day, has increased the fear of Bolshevism here. According to reliable information the Bolshevists had planned to take the barracks by storm two weeks ago but when they found that the authorities had discovered their plot and that troops armed with machine guns were ready for them they gave up this plan and decided on a campaign of incendiarism.

Further Restrictions.

LONDON, March 12.—The personnel of the German fleet is to be restricted to 15,000. The Supreme Council has decided, according to press despatches from Paris, that the military conditions to be imposed on Germany include guarantees that no tanks are to be built and no more poison gas manufactured and that all German war material must be handed over and destroyed. It is stated that Allied commissions will supervise the carrying out of these conditions.

SPLENDID PROSPECTS FOR CANADIAN TRADE

British Dominions to Have Preference in British Market. Outlook Bright for Canadian Trade with Balkans. Lloyd Harris May be Next High Commissioner.

(Special to the Guardian.)

LONDON, March 12.—Sir George Foster and Mr. Lloyd George were present at Canadian Day at the Lyons Fair Wednesday last.

Mr. Harris has received many congratulatory cables on the success of his efforts for the removal of British import licenses from colonial goods. Following this comes the announcement that Australia will grant preference to imperial goods. The opportunities for Canadian trade within the empire are of the brightest. For the first time in history Canada and the other overseas dominions will have a real preference in the British market, and it is expected that Canadian will supplant American goods here to a great extent.

The outlook for Canadian trade with the Balkans is very bright. With the prospect of the hundred and fifty million dollars worth of business with Roumania, Greece and Serbia, prominent Canadian contractors in the army are pooling their interests and will undertake large contracts with these countries. The work required will be chiefly on railways, viaducts and irrigation canals. Mr. Lloyd Harris' success has given strong impetus to the movement here to make him High Commissioner on the retirement of Sir George Parley. It is believed the position will be offered to him.

OLYMPIC AGAIN BRINGS CANADIANS

5,000 CanadianS Sail for Halifax March 15 and 30,000 by End of Month.

(Special to the Guardian.)

LONDON, Mar. 12.—The White Star liner Olympie has again been placed at the disposal of the Canadian government and with 5,000 Canadians on board sails for Halifax March 15. An additional 30,000 Canadian soldiers should sail before the end of March.

Aeroplanes For Forest Protection

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, March, 10.—Canadian Air Force Headquarters at Argyle House, London has sent to the Ontario Government an outline of a plan for the Aerial Patrol of the vast forests of Northern Ontario in order to provide a greatly improved fire protection service for that territory. In brief the scheme that is suggested means the patrolling of 3000 times more area than the present fire rangers cover in the day time and it promises for much greater efficiency and saving of life and property.

Washington Removes Trade Restrictions

WASHINGTON, March 11.—Individual Import and Export Licenses for the Colonies, possessions and protectorates of Great Britain and France, Italy, Belgium and Japan will no longer be required, it was announced today by the War Trade Board. It also removes restrictions on the importation of peanuts when shipped from the country of origin. This ruling does not apply to shipments of peanuts stored in Canada, unless they were purchased and paid for prior to April 14 1918.

Soldiers Repatriated Since the Armistice

LONDON, Mar. 11.—The number of Dominion soldiers repatriated between November, 11, 1918 and March, 1, 1919 was as follows:
Australians 65,154; New Zealand, 26,205; Canadian, 127,100; South Africans, 6,196; This information was announced today in the House of Commons by the Under Secretary of State for War.

ANNOUNCEMENTS COMING EVENTS MEETINGS, ETC

*Don't forget the Auction Sale at F. Connolly's, Monaghan Road, Monday March 17th, if day is stormy sale will take place on following Wednesday. 4465-3-13M21pd.

Bolsheviks Are Again Defeated

(Special to The Guardian.)
ARCHANGEL, March 12.—Operating ten guns the Bolshevik forces yesterday shelled the village of Vistavka, on the Vagag, almost completely destroying it. Repeated heavy infantry attacks followed, but these were repulsed with heavy losses by the British, Americans and Russians. The Allies were greatly outnumbered, but fought bravely in the snow. The Allied troops this morning still occupied the ruins of Vistavka and were ready for new attacks.

BERLIN, March 12.—German troops have recaptured the towns of Laiden and Schrudend, northwest of Libau and, according to reports received here, the Bolsheviks, were driven back with heavy losses.

Empress of Japan Arrives at Vladivostok

(Special to the Guardian)
VLADIVOSTOK, March 12.—The steamship Empress of Japan has arrived here with details of signallers and army service corps for Canadian contingents.

Mr. Brathwaite, Financial Expert of the Economic Mission in Siberia, was a passenger.

Australia Finds Work For Returned Soldiers

(Special to the Guardian.)
MELBOURNE, March 12.—In order to take care of unemployed returned soldiers, the Federal Government of Australia has appropriated \$2,500,000 for the construction of public works, pending completion of a large loan scheme to provide work for the home-coming Anzacs along more permanent lines.

Serious Conditions In Starving Russia

(Special to the Guardian.)
WASHINGTON, March 12.—Chaotic conditions in Russia, particularly in Petrograd and Moscow, were described in reports received today by the state department. The depth to which the country has been plunged by Bolshevik rule was said by the advices to be indicated in a report from Moscow, saying that human flesh had been sold to the famine-stricken population by Chinese soldiers who later were arrested.

Queen of Roumania To Visit U. S.

(Special to the Guardian.)
PARIS, Mar. 12.—Queen Marie of Roumania may soon visit the United States, but whether before or after the conclusion of the peace conference has not been decided. The Queen is leaving for London today.

Chaplain Almond's Advice to Soldiers

LONDON, Mar. 11.—Addressing a meeting of Canadian soldiers in London on Sunday Chaplain Colonel J. Almond said the men might think they had grievances on the matter of demobilization but they must remember how mighty was the task before the government of getting 300,000 men back to Canada. Everything possible was being done and the Canadian authorities were even more anxious to get the men back than the men themselves. They would all be back in Canada within the next three months. When they were back they must take care of the widows and orphans and graves of those who had fallen their first care. They must make no mistake about seeing that their crippled soldiers were not relegated to homes, but were honored by the nation.

TROUBLE ON BOARD STEAMER AT HALIFAX

One Hundred British Reservists on Way to New York Threaten to Sink Ship Unless Given Rail Transport to N. Y. Which Authorities Refuse.

(Special to the Guardian.)

HALIFAX, Mar. 12.—Conditions aboard the troopship Tolosa are in a critical state today owing to the refusal of military authorities at Ottawa to furnish transportations to their homes for the hundred British reservists who were proceeding to New York on the steamer when she was ordered back, to Halifax to coal owing to the strike in that port.

Capt. Jackson came ashore this morning to receive the decision of the Canadian authorities, after he had been informed by a delegation that the men would sink the ship unless they were allowed to come ashore and proceed to their destinations by rail. Captain Jackson states that he has no guns aboard and that the ship is at the mercy of the men.

He claims that his ship is an admiralty transport, that he has written instructions to the admiralty that make no mention of New York and that his voyage is from Barry to Halifax and return. In the light of the decision reached at Ottawa, he disclaims all responsibility for anything that may happen when the decision becomes known.

German Ships in Chile To be Given to U. S.

(Special to the Guardian.)
SANTIAGO, CHILE, Mar. 12.—The Chilean government has received a report to the effect that the Allied War Council in Paris has decided that the German ships interned in Chile should be delivered to the United States. The government is awaiting a demand from the United States for the delivery of the vessels.

Ban Removed Off All Imports

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, Mar. 12.—It is officially announced that all raw materials are now exempted from the operation of the import. The ban included all kinds of wood and timber, hewn, sawn, planed and dressed.

902,000 Men in Army of Occupation

(Special to the Guardian.)
LONDON, Mar. 12.—The government announced in the House of Commons today that the total strength of effective and non-effective British troops in the armies of occupation in all theatres of the war amounts to 902,000 men including officers.

The strength of the British army in France, Belgium and Germany, including Dominion troops, on Feb. 15, was 1,324,106. It was estimated that 197,000 German prisoners are being fed by the British Commissary Department.

Interesting Rumor In Ontario Politics

TORONTO, Mar. 11.—Rumor has it that one of the latest political ideas is to bring Donald Sutherland, M.P. for South Oxford, back into the provincial house and make him leader of the Conservative party in place of Premier Hearst. Mr. Sutherland was elected member of the Legislature in 1902, re-elected 1905, defeated 1908. He was appointed Director of Colonization for Ontario in 1909, resigned in 1911 to accept the nomination and was elected. He was the first Conservative ever elected in Oxford to either house.

THE WEATHER TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC.

TORONTO, March, 12.—Not much change in temperature. The lowest temperature recorded Wednesday night was 24 degrees. The highest yesterday was 35 and at 9 o'clock last night it was 28 degrees. The tide will be high this morning at 8.46, and tomorrow at 9.34; it will be high tonight at 8.19 and tomorrow at 9.19. First quarter moon Saturday, Mar. 8th. Full moon Sunday, March 15th.

South African Delegates Leave for Paris

(Special to the Guardian.)
CAPETOWN, Mar. 12.—The Nationalist delegates who will proceed to Paris to lay before the Peace Conference the demands for a South African republic are travelling by the Dutch steamer Bawean which sailed for New York on March, 2nd. The head of the delegation was to have sailed on the Durham Castle but the Seamen's Union refused to give its consent. Admiral Fitzherbert then offered accommodations aboard the cruiser Minerva but the delegates declined because the ship lacked baths and other conveniences.

Ex-Kaiser Not Satisfied With Holland Climate

GENEVA, March 12.—It is reported from Basil that the former German Emperor has complained against his residence in Holland. It is asserted that he has declared that the climate is disagreeable and that he wishes to go to the Riviera or to Egypt on account of his health, and that he has requested Matthias Erzberger, head of the German armistice commission, to make representations to the Allies to this effect.

Rush of Aliens From U. S. Continues

NEW YORK, March 11.—The rush of alien emigration continues unabated. The Customs Intelligence Bureau is thronged all day and hundreds stand in line waiting to get their passports stamped. They are mostly Italians with a percentage of Poles, Greeks, Spaniards, Serbs and Roumanians, Slavs and Albanians. These aliens who come from all parts of the United States with them from \$4,000 to \$5,000 each, the savings they have drawn from their banks to take back to their own country.

Three German Steamers Interned for Violation

(Special to the Guardian.)
DUNKIRK, Mar. 12.—Three German steamers captured by Allied warships for violation of the armistice terms have arrived here for internment. The steamers are the Inalla, Mercur and Pluto.

Burial of Victims Of Wales Riot

LONDON, Mar. 11.—The burial took place on Saturday in Bolewyddan Churchyard of the three rioters killed in Kinnel camp. It was a very simple ceremony and few soldiers were present. The other two victims were buried yesterday with full military honors. All the wounded are doing well.

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