

ORATORS FROM OTTAWA TO CONDUCT RALLY AT WOODSTOCK IN INTERESTS OF COL. MELVILLE

United Farmers Held Successful Rally Last Evening Addressed by U. F. Speakers from Ontario.

CALDWELL SLAMS PREMIER FOSTER

Talks at Random on Tariffs, Taxation and Many Minor Questions of Little Interest.

Special to The Standard.

Woodstock, Oct. 23.—Hon. Arthur Meighen, Solicitor-General, and Hon. J. S. Robertson, Minister of Labor, have arrived in town. Both will address the meeting at the theatre here tomorrow night in the interests of Colonel Melville. On Saturday evening Hon. Mr. Meighen will speak at Andover, and on the same evening Hon. Mr. Robertson will address a meeting at Plaster Rock.

U. F. Rally.

The United Farmers held a very successful meeting in the theatre last night. The building was crowded with a mixed audience, many being the supporters of Colonel Melville. The orator from Ontario, J. J. Morrison, did not appear, but he had a successful representative in the person of W. J. Irvine, one of the organizers from the West, who assisted in the campaign in Ontario. The chair was occupied by Wm. Margison, of Jacksonville. The speakers were Judson Cotter, of Red Rapids, Victoria county; T. W. Caldwell, the candidate, and W. J. Irvine, of Ontario. Mr. Corrie attacked the high tariff of Canada. He denied that the United Farmers were advocating class legislation, and claimed that both old governments gave striking evidence of class legislation in concessions made to Canadian railroads. He stated that the chief purpose to be achieved by the United Farmers was to bring the producer and consumer together and to abolish the middleman. The fact that the rural population in Canada was decreasing showed that both the old political parties were failures.

Premier Weak Man.

T. W. Caldwell discussed and explained the different planks in the platform of the United Farmers. He spoke on the high tariff, condemned the manufacturers, and was in favor of abolishing or making the Senate elective, and advanced prohibition. The duty on fertilizer was also mentioned. He said, "You can buy American fertilizer, pay the duty of 10 per cent, and then set it for the same price as the Canadian fertilizer. The manufacturer does not need to be fed on a bottle, now that they are full grown. The Canadian machinery was sold in England cheaper than in Canada, which showed that the manufacturer had been able to supply Canada and sell his surplus goods to other markets. He strongly attacked both of the old political parties, one was just as bad as the other. Judging from the results in Ontario, Canada would be governed in the near future by the United Farmers. The manufacturers are determined that the tariff shall remain high, and the people are determined that the tariff must be lowered. There was some talk of appointing a tariff commission which he was opposed to as, needless to say, no farmer would be appointed on that commission. To show that the excess duty goes into the pockets of the manufacturers and not into the treasury, he said that a Ford auto that costs \$900 in Woodstock can be bought in Houlton, 13 miles distant, \$240 less than here. He was partly in favor of the income tax, and stated that the excess profit tax was a frame-up and strongly condemned the exemption of Victory bonds from taxation. He also condemned the local government for exempting Victory bonds from taxation and said, "Premier Foster is not a strong man, in fact he is a weak, but an honest man. He should not have exempted Victory bonds from taxation."

He was pleased to state that the legitimate expenses of his election were being paid by voluntary subscriptions. If elected he would immediately resign if he found out that one vote was bought and cast for him. W. J. Irvine followed, chiefly dealing with the result of elections in Ontario.

First of Germans Arrive at Lille To Stand Trial

Paris, Oct. 23.—The first two members of the German military forces charged with crimes during the German occupation of France, and whose extradition was demanded, have arrived at Lille to stand trial. They are a non-commissioned officer named Straus, and Lieut. Von Linder, charged with theft and other offences at Hilluin and Rehalis respectively. They have been lodged in the Lille citadel pending trial.

DEWART PLACED ON DEFENSIVE IN STATEMENT

Charges Made by Him Against Lieut.-Gov. Hendrie Without Foundation.

Toronto, Oct. 23.—With reference to the Canadian Press despatch from Hamilton today quoting Controller Halifax, M. P. E. elect for East Hamilton, as saying that there was a move to bring on another provincial election, and that he had been invited by the Toronto Daily Star to come to Toronto to discuss the advisability of going to the people again, the Daily Star stated that it had never issued such an invitation. The Star stated that the only communication it had had with Controller Halifax was a long distance telephone inquiry from the Star as to his views on the question of a U. F. O-Labor alliance in the formation of a new government.

Sir William Meredith today denied the allegations of H. H. Dewart, K. C., Liberal leader, in a statement issued last night that "Sir John Hendrie's injudicious interview (relating to the possible contingency of the Lieut.-Governor calling upon some one on the outside of the legislature to form a government) bore all the earmarks of Sir William Meredith's injudicious, partisan and political and legal nature."

France Cannot Disregard Events In Russia

General Mangin Sounds Warning Note to the Allied Countries.

Paris, October 23.—"German unity is a fiction," said General Mangin, commander in chief of the French army of occupation in the Rhine province, in an interview published in the Excelsior. "Force alone was the bound of German unity. That unity ceases when force disappears. A united Germany will always be a peril for Europe. A federalist Germany is the only form compatible with the pacification of Europe."

THE CONCILIATION BOARD TO MEET IN ST. JOHN TODAY

Will Go Over Evidence Taken at Hearing of Minto Coal Co. and Workmen's Dispute Over Wages.

Fredericton, N. B., Oct. 23.—The Board of Conciliation which has been listening to evidence from both factions in the dispute between the Minto Coal Company and its workmen finished the taking of evidence today. Chief Justice McKenna, of St. John; J. A. Walker, of Halifax, and R. B. Hanson, of this city, members of the board, left here this evening for St. John where they will hold a session tomorrow. At that meeting the mass of evidence taken at the hearings here will be gone over and the board will formulate its verdict.

MACKENZIE KING MADE HIS FIRST SPEECH AS LEADER OF OPPOSITION AT OTTAWA

Launched a New Kind of Attack Upon the Government's Grand Trunk Proposal—New Leader Doesn't Like Proposition Because it Prevents Public Ownership and Claimed Gov't Was Swapping One Kind of Stock for Another—Hon. Reid Reiterates G. T. Bargain Will Not Discriminate Against St. John.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Oct. 23.—The government's bill acquiring the Grand Trunk passed second reading by a majority of thirty after Mr. D. D. MacKenzie's six months' hoist amendment was rejected by the same vote.

Three Unionists, Major Andrew of Winnipeg, Johnston of Last Mountain and General McLean of Royal voted with the opposition.

New Leader at Work. Hon. W. Lorne MacKenzie, King came down to the house today and a few hours later made his maiden speech as opposition leader by launching a new kind of attack upon the government's Grand Trunk proposal. Up to the present most of those who have assailed the agreement have done so because, as they frankly admitted, they didn't like public ownership. Mr. MacKenzie King attacked it because, in his judgment, it prevented public ownership. He made the argument that we weren't taking over the road at all; that we were merely exchanging one kind of stock for another. And (this will appear to the enemies of nationalization in Montreal) he appealed to the public ownership men who sit on the cross-benches to condemn the agreement because it put off nationalization for thirty years. It was an amazingly fallacious argument, as one or two simple questions put to Mr. King soon convinced the house, but his followers professed to be greatly pleased with his effort and cheered him to the echo.

Apart altogether from the substance of his speech, it is but fair to say that the new leader is a debater of considerable force, fervid, eloquent, possessed of a good parliamentary style, and, what is absolutely essential to success as head of an opposition, militant and aggressive in driving his arguments home. He will greatly strengthen the Liberal forces, and add to the dignity and capacity of parliament as a whole.

JURY UNANIMOUS IN FREEING HUMPHREYS OF SERIOUS CHARGE

Court and Spectators at Trial in Hampton Feel That Verdict Was Strictly in Accord With Right and Justice.

Special to The Standard. Hampton, Oct. 23.—The case of the King against Guilford Humphreys came to a somewhat dramatic ending this afternoon when the jury, after being out a short time, returned to the court room with a unanimous verdict of not guilty, and the judge expressed his hearty concurrence in the verdict, while even the spectators, who for the last few hours had seemed to consider acquittal as a foregone conclusion, did not fail to express their appreciation of the result.

Mr. Humphreys goes from the court absolutely cleared from all suspicion of wrong doing, and both he and his wife, who has stood loyally by him throughout, are receiving the hearty congratulations, not only of their old friends, but from many who were strangers to them before Mr. Humphreys was arrested on this charge. At the opening of the court this morning Mrs. Humphreys took the stand and continued her evidence. She was visibly suffering from the strain of the last few weeks, but bore up well throughout her long examination and gave her evidence in a way that carried conviction.

COMMISSIONS HEAVY BURDEN FOR BERLIN GOVT

Must Bear the Expense of All Commissions Which Will Journey to Berlin When Peace Treaty Comes Into Force.

Paris, Oct. 23.—The commissions to be sent into Berlin by the Peace Conference will be numerous, and involve the expenditure of large amounts—more than ten million francs yearly—which eventually will be reimbursed by Germany. Commissions which will make the journey to Berlin immediately by the Peace Treaty come into force October 26, are those who will deal with reparations, the Sarre Valley, Rhineland territories, rivers, Upper Silesia, Teschen and Schlegelberg. There also will be commissions charged with the limiting of boundaries of Menel, Danzig, Poland, Bulgaria, Upper Silesia, Hungary, Jugo-Slavia, Czechoslovakia, the Serbo-

ENGLAND SUDDENLY FACED BY POSSIBILITY OF CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT VERY SOON

Turn in Affairs Brought About by Quite Unexpected Defeat of Government in House of Commons.

THE ALIEN BILL CAUSE OF TURN

House Showed Lack of Confidence by Majority of 72 With Only About Half of Members Present.

London, Oct. 23.—(By The Associated Press)—The country tonight is suddenly faced by the possibility of a change of government or dissolution of parliament, owing to the quite unexpected defeat of the government in the House of Commons today by a majority of 72. Only about half the members were present, and the vote by which the government was defeated was 185 to 113.

The Alien Bill, the earlier stages of which were disposed of during the session, was in the report stage. The committee had previously inserted an amendment withholding pilotage certificates from all aliens, and today the government sought by amendment to modify this restriction in favor mainly of a number of French pilots, for whom special provision had been made in the existing pilotage act. This amendment, however, was defeated, although in charge of government whips.

Opposition Delighted. The announcement of the figures was greeted with loud cheers from the opposition quarters and caused much excitement. Andrew Bonar Law, immediately moved adjournment of the House until Monday to enable the government to consider what course it should adopt. He admitted that the defeat of an amendment with government whips was a serious matter, requiring consideration, but he declined to admit that it necessarily implied the resignation of the ministry. This he declared, would depend upon the view of the House of Commons as a whole.

Opinions on the question, as expressed in the lobbies, are conflicting, but in view of the small attendance in the House, it is thought that the government may decide not to resign.

BRITISH GOVT DEFEATED IN VOTE OF CONFIDENCE

London, Oct. 23.—The general belief in political circles is that the government will not resign, but that it is not unlikely Home Secretary Short, who is in charge of the Alien Bill, will tender his resignation.

TO INCREASE FREIGHT RATES

U. S. Railroads Appear in Need of Further Public Assistance.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 23.—Immediate steps will be taken by the railroad commission to obtain an increase in freight rates, it was announced today after a lengthy conference between Director General Hines and representatives of the Association of Railway Executives.

STATE SCHEME FOR RAILROAD CONTROL

Sir Eric Geddes is Preparing a Bill With That Plan in View. London, Oct. 23.—Sir Eric Geddes, the Minister of Transport, is reported by the Central News, to be preparing a scheme for state control of railroads and canals. This became known after the conference of delegates of the National Union of Railwaymen with Premier Lloyd George, which was resumed today. (Confidence of the railwaymen with the government regarding the future administration of the railroads had been interrupted after the settlement of the recent railway strike.)

SIR HENRY OPENS LOAN CAMPAIGN AT MONTREAL

Also Supports Acquisition of Grand Trunk by the Gov't—Pres. Beattie One of Speakers.

Montreal, Que., Oct. 23.—Sir Henry Drayton, minister of finance, tonight launched the Victory Loan campaign at the Windsor Hotel here. The outstanding feature of the speeches accompanying the opening of the campaign were speeches by Sir Henry Drayton supporting the acquisition by the government of the Grand Trunk Railway system and by E. W. Beattie, president of the C. P. R., opposing it. These and other speakers, however, all agreed in dissociating the scheme entirely from the Victory Loan and urged that Montreal, as in former years, should "go over the top."

LITTLE BIRD ON SISTER'S HAT IN BAD COMPANY

Naughty Member at Ottawa Classes it in With Booze and Tobacco.

Ottawa, Oct. 22.—Mr. J. H. Burnham, Peterboro, has given notice that on the reading of orders of the day for the first sitting of the committee of the whole on the prohibition act, he will move the following resolution: "That it is an instruction to the committee of the whole on the said bill that the committee do have power to extend the provisions of the said bill, and of the act sought to be amended thereby relating to intoxicating liquors to playing cards, the use of wild birds for dress or other ornamental purposes and to tobacco in any form."

MINTO COAL CO. CANNOT STAND THE INCREASE

Fredericton, Oct. 23.—This morning John Henderson, manager of the Minto Coal Company, read a statement showing that the company would be operating at a loss but they granted the ten per cent. increase in wages as asked by the miners. He said that about 75 per cent. of the output of the Minto mine was tied up by long contracts which prevented them from taking advantage of the market price of coal.

NEW YORK LIFE TAKES \$5,000,000 OF VICTORY LOAN

Montreal, Que., Oct. 23.—One of the first large subscriptions to the 1919 Canadian Victory Loan to be made public is that of the New York Life Insurance Company, the manager of which institution here, J. G. Pelton, stated tonight that he had been advised by the New York office that it had been advised to subscribe \$5,000,000 to the loan. The New York Life last year took \$1,000,000 of the Victory Loan.

LETISH TROOPS ARE HOLDING FIRM ON THE RIGA FRONT

With Support of Estonian Armored Trains They Are Keeping Bermond in Check.

Reval, Estonia (undated).—(By the Associated Press)—The Russian Northwestern Army under command of General Yudenitch is fighting along the railroad between Narva, Gatchina and Krasnoye Selo. Along the coast from the mouth of the Luga, the Estonians and Ingrian troops are advancing. The staffs of the two columns are working in close contact. Yudenitch's forces are concentrated around Krasnoye Selo watching the movements of strong Red forces near Krasnoye Selo, which threatens their rear.

On the Riga front the Letish troops are holding firm, with the support of Estonian armored trains, against Colonel Bermond, commander of the Russo-Germans, who is bombarding the town and other positions along the Duna.

PRESIDENT READY TO RESUME WORK

Now Devoting a Little Time Each Day to Government Duties.

Washington, Oct. 23.—President Wilson was permitted again today to transact some public business. After what his physicians described as one of the best nights he has had since his illness began, he signed the amendments to the food control act providing penalties for hoarding and profiteering in food and clothing and three other measures of minor importance. Tomorrow the prohibition enforcement bill will be returned to the White House by the department of justice with an opinion as to its constitutionality and it is expected that if the President shows no ill effects from his work yesterday and today he will be allowed to study the opinion and pass on the bill. He has until midnight of October 28 to act before the measure becomes a law without his signature.

LENOR WILL FACE FIRING SQUAD THIS MORNING

Paris, Oct. 23.—The commission on revision having reported that it found no grounds for granting a rehearing in the case of Pierre Lenor, under a sentence of death for having held intelligence with the enemy, and President Poincare having declined to accede to the prisoner's petition for a pardon, Lenor will be headed over to the firing squad shortly for the execution of the sentence of the court martial. The execution probably will take place tomorrow.