

LIBERALS FACE TORY MAJORITY OF 30 IN SENATE

Progressives Have But One Lone Member, Senator J. G. Turrieff.

SITUATION INTERESTING

Senators Watson and Thompson Mentioned For the Speakership.

OTTAWA, Dec. 11.—(By Canadian Press.)—With a majority of over 30 members against the government of the day, the situation is the next senate will be interesting.

Of the 96 members of the senate there remain only some 30 appointed by the Laurier government, while the rest of the red chamber membership is composed of men who received their appointments through the Borden and Meighen governments, in addition to four of the seniors appointed by the Macdonald government previous to 1896.

From their 30 the Liberals will choose a speaker, and if custom is followed the choice will probably fall on one of the English-speaking senators, since the House of Commons in all probability will be presided over by a French-speaking speaker.

Senators Watson and F. P. Thompson are both being mentioned in connection with this office. It is presumed that Senator Bostock, who has been opposition leader in the senate, will in the next session lead the government forces, and also will probably be the senatorial representative in the cabinet.

The Progressives, with their lone representative, Senator J. G. Turrieff, he has been mentioned in the upper chamber, but their difficulty will hardly be as great under the circumstances as it would have been had the Progressives won a majority of the common seats, since Senator Turrieff could hardly have been both speaker and leader of the government and at the same time move and second the reply to the speech from the throne, all of which duties, by custom, fall on the shoulders of senators who are on the side of the prevailing government.

LONDON BLAMES UNREST.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—(Canadian Press Cable.)—The Sunday Observer prints a special article on the Canadian elections, attributing the result not so much to principles as to the fact that Canadians had grown weary of the government elected for the prosecution of the war, to the resignation of some of its most prominent members, to the general feeling of unrest which Canada shares, though in less degree, with other countries.

"Now that the war is over," the writer says, "the Canadians are once more turning their attention to economic and financial affairs, which for a comparatively new and only partially developed country has special significance."

The writer describes the Liberal party as possibly the most conservative in Canada, and by sweeping the province of Quebec it has the support of most of the conservative element in the Canadian population, which is Liberal only because it follows the footsteps of Laurier and seeks vengeance on the party which introduced conscription.

The writer concludes that Mr. King cannot be considered a great opposition leader, but holds that he possesses qualities which will fit him to rank beside Canada's distinguished line of prime ministers, uprightness of character, a firm loyalty to the British commonwealth, great knowledge of labor questions and powers of hard work as great as Meighen's.

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Unity, Prime Requisite of Art, in "Wallington" Film



Doris Kenyon and Sam Hardy, who head a splendid cast in the film version of "Get-Rich-Quick Wallington."

BY JAMES W. DEAN.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Any true work of art, regardless of its form, must possess unity. That is the element most overlooked by photoplay directors. They tell their story and overlook character delineation. They sketch their characters with realism and overlook continuity.

Only at rare intervals is there a picture produced with flawless continuity and true character delineation, a picture possessing unity.

"Get-Rich-Quick Wallington" is one of these rare pictures. Frank Borzage is the director. He proved his talent at developing character in "Humoresque," although the continuity of the last reel or two of that was sadly bedeviled.

The film is based on the George M. Cohan stage version of the George Randolph Chester stories and adheres closely to the stage pattern. In fact, there is not one exterior scene in the

and admiration" that is the lot of honest capitalists.

Sam Hardy, although a bit camera conscious, was excellent as swaggering, poised J. Rufus Wallington.

Doris Kenyon, as the stenographer who fell in love with Wallington, gives one of the best exhibitions of self-control shown by any actress of the screen this year. She did not try to make a Queen of Sheba role out of a stenographer's life.

Others of the cast did much to add to the comedy of a very comic picture.

A Film Stenographer.

Doris Kenyon quit her job as a stenographer in "Get-Rich-Quick Wallington." Al she had to do was to get her hat and cloak and walk out.

That was quite surprising. One would expect a stenographer to delve into the recesses of her desk and bring forth a number of personal, even intimate, belongings before quitting an office.

However, the girls of Battlesburg, Iowa, may not use rouge, lipstick and powder puff except in the privacy of their boudoirs.

CONTROLLER OF CURRENCY ENDS LIFE BY POISON

J. E. Rourke, of Finance Department, Ottawa, Slays Self Saturday.

POLICE WORKING ON CASE

Officials Believe Discrepancies Found Tended To Unbalance Mind.

OTTAWA, Dec. 11.—(By Canadian Press.)—J. E. Rourke, controller of currency in the finance department, committed suicide by poisoning late Saturday. The circumstances surrounding his death are particularly distressing.

For several months Mr. Rourke, who was one of the senior officials in the finance department, had been acting for the deputy minister in connection with the general independent audit of the Victory loans, which a firm of commercial auditors had been making.

Through this audit discrepancies in connection with interest coupons were brought to light.

Sir Henry Drayton, minister of finance, immediately placed the matter in the hands of the police and it is understood that investigations have resulted in the identification of an official who is now in the hands of the police.

The result of the inquiry had proved especially upsetting to Mr. Rourke, who had lately been continuously engaged on the matter. Since early in the war he had been working without respite and his health had not been of the best.

Police officials and officials of the department believe that the strain of the last month had proved too great for him and that his mind had become temporarily unbalanced.

SHOWED DEPRESSION.

At times recently, and especially Saturday, he state, he showed signs of unreasonable depression, but otherwise seemed to have full control of himself and no one for a moment thought it anything more than a slight nervous condition due to strain and overwork.

Mr. Rourke is described as a most devoted official. As controller of currency his duties were largely increased by the war, and in addition to purely Canadian work, he was largely concerned in the handling of gold for the British government, over a billion dollars of which passed through the department.

During the last two Victory loan campaigns Mr. Rourke was at the head of the departmental administration. The task was an onerous one. The work of the auditors on the loans had been completed and everything found to be in order.

OFFICIALS RETICENT.

Officials of the department are reticent as to the exact cause of the discrepancies, although it is rumored that they amount of around \$3,000. But none of Mr. Rourke's own work or that of anyone under his charge, it is authorizedly stated, has been called in question in the slightest.

The discrepancies found, it is asserted, were not even associated with this period, but related to that of 1916 to 1919.

Mr. Rourke was 45 years of age, and leaves a wife and two children. He first joined the civil service in the department of the recorder-general, St. John, N. B., in 1894. He first came to Ottawa on April 1, 1911, on his appointment to the post of controller of currency. He was born in St. Martin, N. B.

Canadian Boys Built Bridges

Mrs. Spender Tells Press Club at Luncheon in Her Honor.

"The Canadian men said they came over to fight. What they really did was build bridges so strong as to bind together in closest bonds the English (and by that I mean all the people of the British Isles) and the Canadians, to bind us so closely together that we do not now feel Canada is a Dominion. We feel we are all one. It is because of the Canadian boys who came over and built bridges to Canada that Mr. Spender and I have paid this visit to London."

In the foregoing words Mrs. J. A. Spender expressed her feeling of oneness with Canadian people at the close of the luncheon given in her honor at the De Luxe Cafe Saturday afternoon by Mrs. R. M. Graham, president of the Women's Press Club, in order to afford the members an opportunity of meeting the distinguished English visitor.

There was one reason especially why Mrs. Spender was coaxed to speak, apart from her connection with the paper, by reason of the fact that her husband is editor of the Westminster Gazette. During the war at her own private hospital of 250 beds in Kent County, England, she had nursed hundreds of Canadian boys, as well as those of other dominions and countries.

"The Canadians were wonderful," she continued. "What appealed to us so much was their idealism. Hear them talk once of their mothers and you would never forget it. And we felt so kindly when one of these boys so far from home was to undergo a serious operation—Canada was so far away for him."

The chivalrous attitude of the Canadians towards women was manifested in such practical ways. One boy in my hospital had his arm badly shattered and was to undergo an operation which might cost him his life. The situation would be very critical for a few days. I told him I would go with him to the operating theatre and be with him when he awakened. As I sat beside his bed I looked up and saw in the doorway a lad in kilts, one of the most beautiful boys I have ever seen. He looked so anxious towards me and he asked me if he was the patient's brother. He was; on a few hours' leave. Owing to the critical nature of the case, I managed to arrange with the general for him to do the crisis with me. There wasn't a place to put him up in the hospital, so I offered him a lounge in my house. The next morning he was up at 5.30 o'clock and had scrubbed the front steps, polished the brasses, cleaned up the kitchen and built the fire before my old housekeeper, over 70 years old, got down. There was no one to do these things at that time. Every day during his stay he insisted upon doing these services, even to blackening my boots.

"When I would say to a Canadian 'Sister says you are all up tomorrow,' I invariably got the answer, 'Sister says I can polish the brasses tomorrow.'"

"People talk of forgetting the war, putting it out of their minds. I do not know that I want to put it out of my mind. I lived so close to realities in those years." And the kind brown eyes of the motherly-looking speaker seemed to be looking into great distances through their veil of tears.

A warm tribute was also paid to the resourcefulness and efficiency of the Canadian medical officers. "I got to know them so well," she said, "because

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Mrs. Spender expressed her delight with what she had seen of Canada in London. "I have been amazed," she said, "at your schools, the completeness of your school system, provision for everyone from the kindergarten to the higher education. And I have been delighted with the glimpses afforded of your big factories, the efficiency and fine knowledge of economics revealed. The only regret of myself and Mr. Spender is that our time is so short. He came over to Washington on a mission, and felt he could not take a holiday. I have enjoyed one of almost a week in Canada. And we are coming back to see the country from coast to coast, to know it all, prairies and mountains, the Maritime Provinces and Quebec, as well as Ontario."

Chrysanthemums brightened the long table, laid for fourteen, Mrs. E. B. Smith, honorary president of the Women's Press Club, presenting the guest of honor with a cluster of roses and saying a few gracious words of greeting on behalf of the Local Council of Women, of which she is president.

Special guests for the occasion were Mrs. Johnston of Toronto and Mrs. Charlton, sisters of Col. Reason, the host of Mr. and Mrs. Spender during their stay in London, and Mrs. H. T. Reason. Members of the club present were Mrs. E. C. Bowker, Mrs. Gordon

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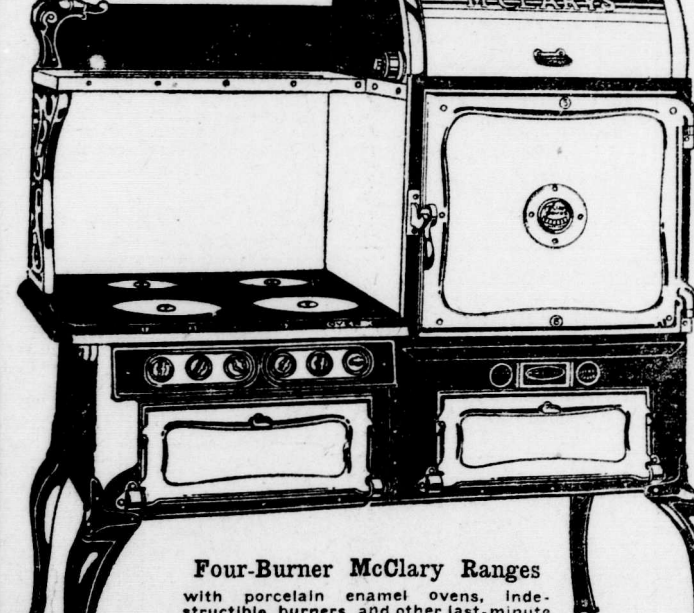
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