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## MEIGHEN CABINET HEARS COMPLETION

### PERSONNEL IS LIKELY NAMED DURING September 15 Now Figured for Election Date

**LIBERALS' PLANS**  
Will Contest All Toronto Ridings; British Cabinet Discusses Impasse

**TORONTO, July 7.**—The Mail and Empire this morning publishes the following special despatch from its correspondent at Ottawa:

Right Hon. Arthur Meighen has made unusual and gratifying progress in the work of forming his government, and your correspondent learns that the task is almost completed. Unless an unexpected hitch occurs, the new Conservative cabinet will be announced before the end of the present week.

Equally reliable information is to the effect that possible election dates have been narrowed down to within a few days at the middle of September. The date, to be finally selected, will, possibly be Wednesday, the 18th of September.

**OTTAWA, July 7.**—Cabinet is meeting again today. Probabilities are that the date of the general election will be available shortly but definite action, it is intimated, has not yet been taken. The second week of September seems to be most in favor.

**TORONTO LIBERAL PLANS**  
Candidate will be entered in every one of Ontario's nine federal ridings, it was decided at a meeting here last night at which representatives of Toronto Liberal Associations drew up plans for the coming general election campaign.

**BRITISH SETTLEMENT**  
LONDON, July 7.—The political situation in Canada is still engaging the earnest consideration of the British cabinet, and has been discussed at some length at their meetings with Lord Balfour and Lord Birkbeck, who are in London on a mission to discuss the political and legal aspects of the question of Lord Balfour's actions.

The cabinet members have emphasized, and private members have intimated to newspaper friends, that it is advisable to refrain from any action which might in any way injure the susceptibilities of Canadians and position. A "sympathetic silence" is what is most needed now, is what members of the House of Commons have been told.

Lord Beaverbrook's Daily Express, however, advances the view that the issue is not so much a direct representative of the King but rather acts in Canada as an umpire.

**OHIO TOWNS HIT BY SEVERE STORM**  
Two Are Killed and Damage Totalling Thousands of Dollars is Done

**COLUMBUS, Ohio, July 7.**—Ohioans were taking stock today of the damage done by storms which swept many parts of the state yesterday, apparently with relentless fury heightening the storm extended to Central Illinois, where two persons were killed and one seriously injured by lightning.

Damage totalling thousands of dollars was caused by the storm and at least four persons were injured in Ohio. Losses in Columbus and vicinity were reported to have reached \$100,000.

After 12 hours of fighting employees of the Ohio Oil Company at Cambridge succeeded in extinguishing a fire at Merit Gas Well with the use of steam. The well was struck by lightning.

Fire started by lightning which destroyed the denaturing plant of the fuel products company at Carthage, Ohio, causing damage of \$75,000. Four tanks containing ten thousand gallons of alcohol exploded. Many trees and telephone poles were blown over at Dayton which seemingly was hardest hit by the storm.

**WANT ORDER RESCINDING**  
PARIS, July 7.—Pressure was being brought to bear on the cabinet today to rescind its order forbidding Sunday's manifestation by French war veterans against the terms of the Washington debt agreement.

The Minister of the Interior, Jean Ducloux, promised M. Rosignol, Chairman of the National Union of Veterans, that he would take up the question with the cabinet again.

### Kidnapping of Woman Evangelist Questioned By Arizona Auto Agent

**Political Sensation Caused As Premier Baldwin Stops Passage of Eight-Hour Bill**

**LONDON, July 7.**—Premier Baldwin is determined to tread the path of keeping strict faith with both sides in the coal dispute and refuses to do anything whatever that may lay himself open to the charge which comes from the Labor party of making of him being a tool of the owners, and this is why passage of the eight-hour bill has been delayed. This delay is the political sensation of the hour.

If the Yorkshire owners will not pledge themselves to play fair with the miners under the eight-hour bill, but will persist in exploiting the Government for reducing the earnings of the men, Baldwin will refuse to carry out the terms of the bill. Several members of the cabinet have openly expressed their dislike of government intervention in this fashion, but Baldwin is insisting that he must reserve the balance and keep faith with both sides, and apparently the majority of the cabinet are in agreement with him in this view.

**SYDNEY MILLS TO CONTINUE WORKING**  
Official Receiver Addresses Men of Plant Urging Co-operation With Company

**SYDNEY, N. S., July 7.**—Operation of the Sydney steel mills will continue uninterrupted, W. E. Rundel, vice-president and general manager of the National Trust, and official receiver and manager of the Dominion Iron and Steel Company, announced just before leaving for Halifax this morning.

Addressing the workers' plant council on the same subject, Tuesday afternoon, Mr. Rundel warned the men that the co-operation of the workers is necessary to successfully effect the re-organization of the capital on a sound basis.

**SPANISH CONVOY IS LOOTED BY RIFLES**  
First Serious Outbreak Since Abd-el-Krim's Capture is Reported

**FEZ, Morocco, July 7.**—The first serious outbreak of Rifian tribesmen since the capture of Abd-el-Krim, was expressed yesterday by the French and Spanish forces, is reported here by a courier who just arrived from the Spanish zone.

The courier stated that Rifians who previously had submitted to Franco-Spanish forces, had attacked a Spanish detachment at Zouket, killing nine and wounding 48. He said that a Spanish convoy had been looted by the same tribesmen.

**Apply \$1,000,000 To Debt Reduction**  
MONTREAL, July 7.—Pleasure at the fact that the Province of Quebec during the fiscal year ended June 30, last, has been able to devote \$1,000,000 of the year's revenue to debt reduction and still report a substantial surplus, was expressed yesterday by the Hon. Jacques Nicol, Provincial Treasurer, when met at the local Press conference.

The top of the car, upholstery and windshield were ruined. Mr. Perkins is at a loss to account for the fire.

**Road Divider At Fair Vale Turn Deemed Unsuitable**  
THAT the suggestion of H. V. Dickson, M. L. A., that a concrete divider be placed in the centre of the underpass at Fair Vale would not accomplish the purpose sought, elimination as far as possible of danger at this point, was the opinion expressed this morning by T. P. Regan, president of the New Brunswick Automobile Association.

Mr. Regan said he thought such a curb in the middle of the road under this bridge would be more or less of a trap for tourists, who, not knowing of it, would be apt to wreck their cars on it. He was also opposed to this proposition, as at best it was only a temporary measure and could not possibly be considered a remedy.

**HE ALSO** questioned the figures quoted by Mr. Dickson as to the cost of diverting the road at this point. He was of the opinion that \$10,000 would be an outside figure, and referred to the estimated cost of moving back the abutment over the Strait Shore road, given by the Board of Railway Commissioners as about \$3,000.

Mr. Regan also pointed out that the cost of the diversion of the road would be divided three ways, the railway, provincial government and parish each paying a portion, the share of each to be allotted by the Board of Railway Commissioners.

**WHILE** Mr. Dickson's suggestion is helpful in the consideration of accident preventative measures, it must be realized that a concrete divider would further restrict an underpass that is all too narrow for present traffic conditions. A dividing wall one foot thick would necessitate one foot clearance on either side, thus compelling a driver to turn a most awkward corner within a space of ten feet.

### COMMISSION TO PROBE THEFT OF EXAM. PAPERS

**Will Likely Summon Witnesses in Normal School Scandal**

**PREMIER MEMBER**  
Provincial Secretary and President of Executive Council Also on Board

**SPECIAL TO THE TIMES-STAR**  
FREDERICTON, July 7.—The Provincial Government is to name a commission to investigate the theft of examination papers which took place in the Provincial Normal School on the night of Tuesday, June 8.

The personnel of this commission will be Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, Premier and Attorney General; Hon. A. J. Legere, Provincial Secretary-Treasurer; Hon. L. P. D. Tilly, President of the Council.

The Board of Education, at its sessions since the incident has referred to the matter at each meeting. The inquiries Act gives power to summon witnesses and examine them under oath in matters such as this and it is under that measure that the investigation will be taken.

**ACTION LIKELY HERE**  
It is understood that the commission has not yet been formally created but that such action will be taken as the matter probably at Saint John when the next meeting of the Provincial Government is held on July 18.

The education department conducted an investigation of the same incident to quite an extent immediately after the theft of the papers was noticed. Threat of withholding of teaching licenses was made by some of the candidates, but none implicating the persons responsible for the break and the theft. It is expected that the same candidates will be summoned before the commission. It is said, however, that some are no longer in the province.

The theft of the examination papers made it necessary for new papers to be prepared for the last three days of the examinations and for one day's papers to be rewritten.

**Civilian Aviation Limited In Japan**  
TOKIO, July 7.—Under the new aviation law for Korea, to be put into force in December, no civilian planes will be permitted to cross over the Korean straits, because so much of these waters are included in the strategic zone. Only army and navy flyers will be allowed to take this short cut from Korea to Japan or vice versa.

**KING CANCELS TRIP**  
Swedish Queen's Serious Illness Causes Change in Royal Program

**STOCKHOLM, July 7.**—Because of Queen Victoria's precarious state of health, King Augustus has postponed indefinitely his accustomed trip to the coast, the seaside resort on the west coast.

The latest official bulletin from the Queen's bedside at Solledin, her summer home on the Baltic island of Oeland, says that she still is suffering from a cough and intermittent weakness of the heart.

**THUGS GET \$30,000**  
Armed Quintette Holds Up Jersey Office and Blows Safe

**PERTH AMBOY, N. J., July 7.**—Thirty thousand dollars was taken from the safe of the Castle Ice Cream Company in Gifford street yesterday by five young men, all armed and three of them masked, who held five employees and a passer-by prisoners while they opened the safe.

One of the band gained entrance through a rear door and locked four of the employees in an oil shed a short distance from the main plant. He entered the office and ordered the watchman, relieved him of his gun and let his companions in.

The combination was knocked from the safe and the inner door blown with nitro glycerine. The band escaped in an automobile.

### Spud Threatens Maccaroni In Italian Fare

**ROME, July 7.**—Spaghetti and maccaroni—long beloved of the Italian people—will face serious competition by the potato if the plans of the Fascist government work out successfully. Beginning today restrictions were temporarily lifted on the importation of seed potatoes. The government desires to increase the use of potato products in an attempt to induce the Italian people to forsake spaghetti and maccaroni which are made from wheat. The government has been anxious to cut down on wheat consumption as part of its economy campaign.

**FORMER SPEAKER OF N. B. HOUSE DIES AT MONCTON**  
Hon. O. M. Melanson, Shediac, Passes Away This Morning at Hospital

**MONCTON, July 7.**—Hon. Oliver M. Melanson, of Shediac, former Speaker of the N. B. Legislature, died in the Moncton City Hospital at 7:45 o'clock this morning, after an illness of little more than a week.

Melanson, who was 72 years of age, became ill at his home in Shediac and was brought to the hospital here on Thursday last to undergo an operation for appendicitis, from which he failed to recover. His health had not been of the best for a long time and last winter he suffered a protracted illness of pneumonia. He is survived by his wife, formerly Miss Marguerite Boudreau, of Cap-Breton, two sons, Leon and Arthur, and three daughters, Mrs. Paul Robidoux, of Shediac, Mrs. Hudson, of Toronto, and Miss Melanson, at home.

Hon. Oliver M. Melanson had long been identified with the mercantile life, and the agricultural and fishing industries of eastern Westmorland and southern Kent counties.

Born on a farm on July 5, 1854, at Abouagie, parish of Shediac, he always took an active interest in agriculture and despite his active career in the mercantile life, he was a shipper of potatoes he owned several farms and for nearly a quarter of a century he has been identified with the interests of the country districts in the parishes of Shediac and Melville, in the county of Kent. His father was the late Maximilian Melanson, of the late Melanson & Co. (LeBlanc) Melanson. He was educated in the public schools.

When a young man Hon. Melanson moved to Shediac town and established a mercantile business which day is one of the largest in eastern New Brunswick outside of the city of Moncton. For many years his firm, O. M. Melanson & Co. Ltd., conducted a mercantile business also in St. Anthony, Kent Co. and operated lobster packing plants in Kent and Westmorland.

The firm is a large buyer of potatoes and exports yearly thousands of barrels to the United States. It has also handled immense amounts of fertilizer of the Shediac district, which includes the three parishes named.

**ENTERS POLITICAL ARENA.**  
Hon. Mr. Melanson when a young man was a member of the Westmorland County Council. He first became a member of the Legislature as a Conservative in the general elections of 1889, when he led the poll. At that time H. A. Powell, K. C., of Sackville, now a resident of Saint John, was second on the ticket, Henry Thaddeus Stevens, editor of the Moncton Times, was third and Hon. Daniel L. Harrington of Dorchester, a former Premier of New Brunswick and the leader of the opposition to the Government of Hon. Andrew G. Blair, was fourth. Two Liberals, Amasa E. Killam of Moncton and Mr. Anderson of Sackville, were defeated. The election was bitterly contested with Conservative ranks. Hon. Harrington, Mr. Killam and Mr. Anderson forming a coalition ticket with Mr. Melanson as the French speaking candidate. The coalition plan was fought by other Conservative members with the result that Messrs. Powell and Stevens were elected.

A hundred miles from Baers, Cobham's plane was flying low, when a bullet crashed through the fuselage and struck Elliott in the chest. It shattered a rib and punctured the lung. Cobham rendered what aid he could and continued flight, bringing his machine down on the river Shat-Eh-Arah, not far from this city. He carried his wounded companion ashore and Elliott was transferred to a hospital where he died last night.

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Italian Government Acts in Effort to Ward Off Internal Strife

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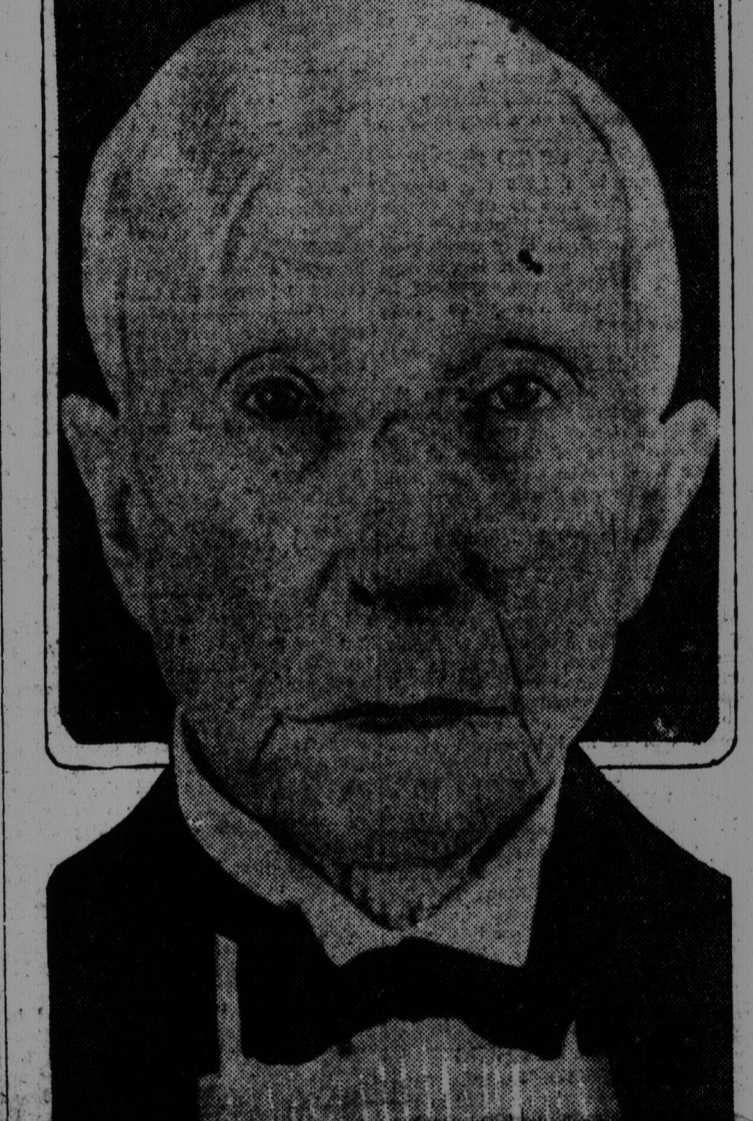
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MARITIME—Fresh west and northwest winds, showery. Thunders, fresh westerly winds, fine and moderately warm.

**NEW ENGLAND**—Fair tonight and Thursday. Slightly cooler in Connecticut tonight, moderate to fresh northwest winds, diminishing.

### John D. 87 Tomorrow



**TOMORROW, July 8th, John D. Rockefeller celebrated his 87th birthday. In celebration for the event he has broken away from his habit of staying away from formal photographers. This is his first studio portrait to be made in several years.**

### FLOODS ISOLATING MEXICAN CAPITAL

**MEXICO CITY, July 7.**—Rising flood waters today threatened Mexico City with complete isolation and fear is expressed here that the nation may face famine or a food shortage unless large quantities of food are imported to replace crops destroyed by the flood. All railway tracks within 15 or 20 kilometers of the capital were covered with water last night and prospects were that trains between here and El Paso, Laredo and many interior points would have to be suspended unless conditions improved.

**CLONDBURST REPORTED**  
Reports from the railroad station at Oriental in the State of Puebla are that a cloudburst over the Malinche Mountain caused a torrent that dug a ditch 15 feet deep and a mile wide and destroyed over a mile of track near the station.

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### MRS. M'PHERSON REPORTED SEEN IN TUCSON CAFE

**Was Identified 5 Days Before Her Public Return**

**PROBE IS BEGUN**  
First Witnesses to be Heard by Grand Jury Tomorrow

**LOS ANGELES, July 7.**—The claim of C. A. Pape, of Tucson, Ariz., that he saw Aimee Semple McPherson, pastor of Angelus Temple, at Agave Prieta, Mexico, five days before she publicly appeared there, commanded the attention of investigators here today. It was indicated by Joe Ryan, who has been representing the district attorney's office in the inquiry into the evangelist's alleged abduction by two men and a woman, that an effort would be made to obtain Pape as a witness before the county grand jury which yesterday took its first step in an investigation of the pastor's strange case.

Pape is understood to be en route to San Francisco. Despite the official attention the Tucson man's story is receiving, the "identification" of Mrs. McPherson at the border town received only a chuckle from the evangelist herself. Mrs. McPherson was not at Angelus Temple when process servers arrived. It is expected she will be served today.

**WANTS SUBPOENA.**  
If they don't come out here with it, I'll call them up and ask them to bring it out," the evangelist said of the subpoena.

First witnesses in the case will be heard tomorrow by the grand jury. Those subpoenaed included among others, Mrs. Minnie Kennedy, the pastor's mother, Miss Emma Semple, the evangelist's secretary, who was the first to report her disappearance when she vanished at Ocean Park, May 15, and Miss McPherson and Robert Semple, the religious leader's children, and H. D. Hallenback, close confidante of both the pastor and her mother.

The district attorney has asked several Douglas, Ariz., officials to testify. The Mayor and Chief of Police of Agave Prieta have also been requested to appear.

Another note threatening the destruction of Angelus Temple within two weeks was received by the evangelist yesterday. It was signed "Avengers." The note was turned over to private detectives.

**PAPES STORY.**  
TUCSON, Ariz., July 7.—A Pape of this city has identified Mrs. Aimee Semple McPherson, Los Angeles evangelist, according to Chief of Police Dyer, as the smaller of two women he saw in the International Cafe in Agave Prieta, about 4.80 or 7 o'clock on the night of June 18. Two men were with them, he said, and one of them closely resembled a picture of a Los Angeles man, who is said to have been formerly connected with the Angelus Temple.

He described one of the women as would weigh around 175 pounds. The smaller woman appeared to have red hair, he declared, and added that what particularly held his attention was her piercing eyes. The party was traveling in a blue sedan, bearing a California license, he said. What first attracted his attention, Pape told Chief Dyer, was the action of the two women in trying to hide themselves from his view as he and Dr. J. V. Cogan, also of Tucson, parked their automobile near an entrance to the cafe.

Cogan told virtually the same story to Chief Dyer. Pape is president of the Tucson Motor Trades Association and owner of an automobile agency here.

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