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PRESENT WEEK DECISIVE ONE POLITICALLY

...ing in of Cabinet, Political Appointments and Preliminary Bombardments.

ON. DR. BAXTER FOR NEW BRUNSWICK

...ew Cabinet All in Readiness for Presentation to the Governor-General.

...ecial to The Standard.

Ottawa, Sept. 18—The coming week ...ll be a decisive one politically. It ...ll see the swearing in of the new ...ighen ministry, the issue of ad...esses to the electors by the three ...rties, several important political ap...intments and the preliminary bom...rdments of the election campaign. ...ith the exception of a single port...lio being allotted to the Province ... Quebec, and regarding which the ...rime Minister spent a portion of ...e week end in Montreal, the new ...abinet is all in readiness for pre...entation to the Governor-General. ...he Prime Minister, adhering to con...titutional precedent, has kept its ...mposition secret, but there is rea...n for surmising that it will be along ...e following lines:

Probable Line Up

...Ontario—Sir Henry Drayton, Mr. J. ... Stewart, (Lanark), Mr. Edmund ...ristol, (Toronto), Hon. C. S. Mew...rn, Hon. Gideon Robertson, and Sir ...dward Kemp, (Without portfolio). ...dwards, of Frontenac, is also a ...bility.

...bec—Hon. Arthur C. Ballantyne, ... C. J. ...and the rule with French-...lian representation. ...decided.

...va Scotia—...in his statement ...cCurdy, ...E. K. Spinney, in part: ...portfolio and Mr. He...ow. I was sworn as Solicitor ...st round and ...w Brunswick—I not know where-...low once or twice ...anitoba—Rt. Hon. ... all the way through ...and Mr. R. C. Hen...as different from ...askatchewan—Mr. ... with Downey, who ...katoon). ...me. Here he kept ...berta—Sir James L...ouched and you ...ish Columbia—Mr. ...Vancouver) and Hon. ...hit him. I lived ...contract with ...Members of the present ...ic Club. No...ertain to retire are: Sir George ...one ...er, Minister Trade and Commerce; ...Hon. J. A. Calder, Minister of Immi...ration and Colonization; Hon. Dr. ...eid, Minister of Railways; Hon. R. ...W. Wigmore, Minister of Customs and ...E. Blondin Post Master General.

New Portfolios:

In the new ministry portfolios will not improbably be as follows:

Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs—Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen.

...inister of Finance—Sir Henry ...yton.

...inister of Justice—Rt. Hon. C. J. ...herty.

...inister of Naval Affairs—Hon. C. ... Ballantyne.

...inister of Railways—Hon. J. A. ...wart.

...inister of Trade and Commerce—...n. H. H. Stevens.

...Minister of Customs—Hon. J. B. M. ...xter.

...Minister of Defence—Hon. C. S. ...ewburn.

...Minister of Public Works—Hon. F. ... McCurdy.

...inister of Immigration and Col...ization—J. A. Wilson.

...Minister of The Interior—Sir James ...ouchead.

...Postmaster General—French Cana...ian (undecided).

...Secretary of State—French Cana...ian (undecided).

...Minister of Agricultural—Hon. Dr. ...olmie.

...Minister of Labor—Hon. Gideon ...Robertson.

Solicitor General—Hon. Hector Mc...nnes.

Without portfolio—Sir Edward ...Kemp, Hon. E. K. Spinney, Joseph ...Rainville, Mrs. R. C. Henders and ...Dr. J. W. Edwards.

Polling December 5th.

Immediately the new Government is sworn in, the Prime Minister will announce a list pending appointments. (These will include senatorships for Sir George Foster, Mr. Calder and Dr. Reid). Issue a manifesto to the country, dissolve parliament and launch into the campaign. His first big speech, as already announced, will be delivered in his own riding of Portage La Prairie on Sept 26th. The Campaign will be lengthened out as far as possible, the Prime Minister feeling, not without justificaton, that his cause will be vastly improved by a thorough public hearing of the Government's record and of the issues of the campaign. Polling is not likely to take place before December 5.

Liberals' First Gun

The Liberals will this week display their first sign of activity outside the Province of Quebec, Mr. King opening up with a speech in Toronto. He will be accompanied by Mr. Fielding, who, quite appropriate for the economic views of the audience, is the leader of the protectionist wing of the party, and the open repudiator of the 1919 low tariff platform.

As for Mr. Crerar, he has thus far made no sign. He is believed to be having his own difficulties, chiefly with Mr. Wood, the Alberta radical ...d ...Populist, whose extreme class ...are driven by Clark in gre... ... of the party, and who, for ... the time being, unquestionably con...rols the Progressive organization.

Groom Wished To Take No Chances On The Weather

Hartford, Conn., Sept. 18.—An insurance risk of $500 against unfavorable weather on his marriage day taken out by the bridegroom, a Boston man, was recently issued by a local insurance company, it was stated today. The bridegroom declared his intention of being married on the date set but he wished to avoid extra expense should rain have altered the carrying out of he arrangements. The company found the risk a good one as the sun shone on the bridal couple and the stars twinkled as they left on their honeymoon.

CHINESE HAVE GREAT FAITH IN CONFERENCE

See in Forthcoming Washington Gathering Panacea For All.

PLACES DELEGATION IN HARD POSITION

Pekin Deluged With Suggestions or Plans to be Brought Before Conference.

Shanghai, Sept. 17.—The popular attitude of the Chinese towards the Disarmament Conference, while extremely interesting as a psycho-analysis study, can lead only to making the position of their delegation difficult and to eventual disappointment and disillusionment for the Chinese people.

President Harding's call ...ve hailed and regarded ...on as a panacea for the ...all of China's claims and ...ent of all their aspirations. ...vils, actual or imaginery, ...the result of foreign aggression, ...due to Chinese official corruption, whether committed recently or in past generations, are to be wiped out. Gentry, merchants, students and politicians, some as individuals, but mostly as societies and guilds, have been deluging Pekin with suggestions or demands to be brought up in the Conference.

Thirty-six of these requests have been formulated, including the abolition of ex-territoriality, tariff autonomy, return of all concessions granted foreigners, return of leased territories, cancellation of the Japanese treaties that were the outgrowth of the "21 demands," Japanese military loans be repudiated, return of the Boxer indemnity, the unconditional return of Shantung and the denunciation of the Anglo-Japanese Alliances. Not content with settling all China's troubles, requests have been formulated to include the independence of the Philippines under an international mandate, the evacuation of the Japanese from Siberia and Korea and the punishment of Japan for the Chientao occupation.

Unfortunate Situation.

Unfortunately there is no indication that China appreciates her own situation, and the necessity to put her own house in order. There is apparently no realization that China is more disrupted into numerous political factions under military leadership than at any previous time. The Pekin government does not even control this province, the province of Chihli or the city of Pekin today, both of which are under the control of the military Tuchun Chang Tso Lin. The Chinese expect the United States to support all her claims.

China deserves the sympathy and support of the powers, and "the open door" equal opportunities and territorial integrity of China must be transformed from mere political phrases, derided because abused, into practical realities not only for the sake of China but for the maintenance of peace in the Far East, under existing conditions while other powers have agreed to America's pronouncements on these principles, when violated, has been up to the United States to maintain them to keep the door open, etc. With an international agreement in which all the powers join they should not find it difficult to transform them into realities in operation.

John C. Ferguson and B. Lennox Simpson, better known as Putnam Weale Bean, have been appointed as advisers to the Chinese delegation.

Rich Discovery of Copper Made

London, Sept. 18.—An important and rich discovery of copper has been made in Shetland. The lodes thus far proved give a high percentage and already half a million tons of copper ore are in sight.

Experts and engineers are laying down mining plant and its expected mining will commence next month.

WATER FRONT WORKERS TAKE BIG WAGE CUT

Settlement Near in Long Standing Controversy With New York Ship Owners.

VICTORY SCORED FOR MEDIATION

Former President of Longshoremen's Assn. Played Leading Part in Conference

New York, Sept. 17—Representatives of 40,000 'longshoremen in the port of New York met today with spokesmen for the shipping interests to discuss a proposal for a reduction of about 22 per cent., in the wages of the 'longshore workers. The meeting adjourned without agreement. Although the 'longshoremen are said to be ready to accept the wage cuts proposed, they are holding out for a year's agreement, while the shipping men are unwilling to have the agreement run for more than six months, because of the possibility of the necessity for further cuts.

T. V. O'Connor, one of the directors of the United States Shipping Board, and formerly president of the International 'Longshoremen's Association, is playing a leading part in the conferences. Mr. O'Connor said that he hoped that a settlement would be effected by Monday.

"The 'longshoremen ask a year's agreement,' he said. "To conciliate this difference with the steamship owners' proposal, it is now proposed to have wage scales arbitrated at the end of six months. This has been submitted to the steamship companies."

"Acceptance of the arbitration proposal, Mr. O'Connor said, probably would avert a strike. There is much opposition among the 'longshoremen, it was said, to the plan of a six mnth's agreement but it was believed that they would agree to the arrangement with the arbitration clause added.

Joseph Ryan, vice-president of the 'longshoremen's organization, said that the proposed wage cut probably would be accepted by the men, but that the vote on the proposal was not yet complete. It calls for a reduction from 80 cents an hour to 65 cents and from overtime of $1.20 an hour to $1 an hour.

Good Swing To Fredericton Fair

Opened Saturday Under Most Favorable Conditions — Better Than Ever Before.

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, Sept. 18.—Favorable weather for the next six days will make the Fredericton exhibition of 1921 one of the best on record. The formal opening Saturday night in which Hon. D. W. Mersereau, minister of agriculture, declared the fair open to the public, passed off most successfully. The light rain did not keep spectators away and attendance at a formal opening Saturday night is never expected to be heavy.

Never has a fair in this city been so far advanced at this stage as is the 1921 exhibition tonight. Practically everything is in place and Monday will see the fair in full operation. Even on Saturday night business was done by many outside booths and the main building was ready for the public. The cabaret, which is a new feature, opened then. The declaration by Hon. Mr. Mersereau that the Fredericton fair should be an annual provincial event was well received.

Mayor Reid, who was the chairman, introduced the speakers. The first was the Earl of Ashburnham, who outlined the aims and objects of the St. John Ambulance Association. The presentation of fourteen certificates of that association by the Countess of Ashburnham followed. Hon. Mr. Mersereau was then introduced.

Has Arm Torn From Shoulder

Sandy Cove Man Meets With Frightful Accident While Working About Thresher.

Digby, Sept. 17—A serious accident took place at Sandy Cove, yesterday, when Reginald Sypher, a hard working young man, had his right arm torn from his body. He was assisting in the operation of a thresher when a belt flew off and in some way tangled itself around him. He was pulled towards the engine, but his arm gave way about six inches from the shoulder and was thrown twenty-five feet away from him. After the accident he picked himself up and walked a distance of about 400 feet to his home before collapsing. Doctors were called and the stump was amputated further up. He is standing the shock surprisingly well.

Guarding Public Property At Roubaix

Roubaix, Sept. 18—The public utilities, public buildings, water works and gas and electrical power houses of this city were placed under control of heavy military guards today as a result of the textile workers' strike which has been joined in by the municipal employees, street cleaners, metal and other workers. The strikers now number 75,000.

Soviets Shoot 830 Involved In Plot Against Gov't

Copenhagen, Sept. 17.—A telegram from Riga reports that 830 persons involved in a plot against the Soviet Government have been shot at Kiev. It says that the national movement in the Ukraine is growing daily and that the Soviet press is uneasy. The movement is said to aim at the overthrow of the Government.

NEED FOR SPEED IN RELIEF FOR STARVING TOTS

Disheartening Delays Being Met With in Efforts to Rush Food to Russians.

RELIEF ALREADY TOO LATE FOR MANY

Soviets Now Feeding About 300,000 Children—Food in Sight Will Last Month.

Moscow, Sept. 18.—The American relief administration have been encountering disheartening delays when reports from the American field commissioner show that speed is essential in rushing food to localities in Kazan and Samara provinces where children are dying daily from starvation. The railway wreck between Riga and Moscow scattered the contents of 17 carloads over the Russian countryside and other cars have been held up four and five days by pettish customs formalities. Mr. Carroll, the acting director, now has received word that the supply of cars at Riga will be held up for five days to give priority shipment to seed grain which the Government is trying to forward to the famine area in time for fall planting.

In partial compensation, the central government officials here have awakened to the fact that the Americans mean business and are commencing to cut red tape and get action on Mr. Carroll's remarks. It may seem commonplace to the American reader, but it is astonishing and unprecedented to the relief workers who have been struggling for a fortnight here with preliminary details, find a force of workmen, asked for the night before, promptly at the railroad yards in the morning at the hour set to unload the cars from Riga and tranship their contents to a train now making up for Kazan. The shipment in the wrecked train was reloaded in new cars with almost American expedition.

To cap this, the Russian representative brought to American headquarters a message that all the higher officials now believed in the reality and sincerity of America's promise to help the hungering population—a fact which apparently had only been brought home to some of them by the steady stream of arriving cars loaded with American flour, rice, milk, fats, etc. This word of appreciation I believe is sincere and betokens a change in the Soviet attitude toward the United States, hitherto classed with other capitalistic countries as an enemy of Russia.

The necessity for speed in starting relief work in Samara and Kazan is reinforced by a report from Miss Anna Haines of Philadelphia, attached to the Quaker Child Feeding Mission, who has returned here after three weeks work in that secion. She brought word that the children in several institutions established in 1917 in Samara province by the Quakers and later turned over to the Soviet authorities, now were dying by the wholesale from undernutrition. For instance, 50 to 80 children in one home in Buzuluk, a town in Samar province, have perished. She described conditions in Buzuluk and Pugachew, another Samara town, as even worse than in Samara City. She said children outside the institutions were in an even sadder plight han those in the above mentioned.

The Quaker Mission, upon Miss Haines' report, has decided to send seven carloads of rice, which are all available supplies, immediately to Samara for distribution. To the north of Samara lies the Tartar Republic of Kazan. The report of the American relief representatives who already have visited that region indicates that the child relief requirements in that republic alone are enough to exhaust the entire American Relief program of feeding 1,000,000 children.

The Soviet government now is feeding about 300,000 children, but the supplies in sight will last only until the end of the month. About 900,000 more, almost half of whom are infants up to four years have received no relief. With their emaciated limbs and hunger-bloated stomachs they are seen everywhere and have caused the Hoover representatives to report that relief is already too late for many and only the quick arrival of American relief will save thousands more from a speedy death.

FOCH, HAIG AND DIAZ WILL BE AT THE PARLEY

To Act as Military Experts for Respective Nations at Washington Conference.

EACH WILL HAVE STAFF OF OFFICERS

Naval Advisers of Various Nations Have Not Yet Been Decided Upon.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 17.—Semi-official advices from France, received here today, indicate that Marshal Foch will be the chief military adviser of the French delegation at the approaching arms conference.

Gen. Pershing, it has already been made known, will be the chief military adviser for the American delegation. Intimations have come from Great Britain that Earl Haig will act in the same capacity for Great Britain, while Gen. Diaz, commander-in-chief of the Italian forces, is expected to come in the same capacity for Italy.

Each of the leading military advisers will be accompanied by a corps of experts, including high commanding officers and responsible staff officers, including technical experts of various kinds.

Naval Advisers in Doubt.

The naval advisers of the various delegations have not been decided upon. It is expected, however, that Admiral Beatty of the British fleet will be present for Great Britain. The American naval advisers have not been determined. It would be natural that Admiral Sims, who commanded the American fleet in the late war, would be included among the Americans, although there is some curiosity to know what effect his indiscretion in England may have upon his inclusion in the list.

It became known today that the proposed agenda submitted by the United States to the Powers does not suggest any decision that shall be reached, either as to the inclusion in the agenda or action to be taken in the conference. It is considered possible that only a tentative agreement as to the programme may be reached prior to the conference, and that the conference itself shall decide upon the matters that will properly come before it for discussion. From authoritative sources it became known today that there has been no indication on the part of any Power that the proposals made by the United States are unacceptable. It became known also that the United States submitted no formula as to the limitation of armaments, merely suggesting that as one of the subjects to be discussed.

Fisherman Loses Life By Drowning

Boat Capsized by Hitting Rock in Digby Passage—Companion Saved.

Special to The Standard.

Digby, N. S., Sept. 17.—Fred Prime, a well known fisherman of Freeport, was drowned last night. In company with Garfield Thurber he started in a sailboat for St. Mary's Bay on a squidding expedition. When going through the passage the boat struck a rock and capsized. Prime went over board but Thurber managed to get on the rock. The accident was seen by Lightkeeper Peters, who went to the rescue. The water was comparatively shallow and clear and Prime's body could be plainly seen. They got him ashore, still alive, but he was too far gone and died shortly afterwards. He was 56 years of age, and leaves a wife, three sons and one daughter, also one brother, Howard in St. John.

Rats Cost Penna. $10,000,000 Yearly

State Officials Urge Extermination Campaign Against Carriers of Disease.

Harrisburg, Pa., Sept. 18—It costs the people of Pennsylvania $10,000,000 a year to board an army of undesirable rats, according to the state agriculture department, which urges extermination. Each man and woman contributes $1.40 a year toward defraying the loss caused by rats to stored grain and cereals in addition to the annual toll of human life which the rat exacts as a transmitter of dreaded diseases.

"The rat is a live, economic problem," says the department, 'and when tackled in a businesslike manner the state will feel the wholesome benefits of immunity from such staggering annual losses."

The department offers to furnish free information on the best way to get rid of the rats.

Doorn, Holland, Sept. 18. — The strong feeling against the ultra-conservatives in Germany which has manifested itself since the recent murder of Mathias Erzberger, is believed here to be the cause of several members of the Hohenzollern family leaving Germany and coming to Doorn where they are expected to remain with their former Emperor.

If He Has Sons They Will All Become Brothers of Uncle

Georgetown, Del., Sept. 18.—When Miss Sarah Elaine Atkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Atkins, of Millsboro, and David Brittingham, of Lewes, were married, the family ties were bound more closely than at first thought. It develops that he becomes the step-father of his daughter-in-law, a brother-in-law to his son and his stepdaughter and daughter-in-law is his sister-in-law.

Mrs. Brittingham becomes the step-mother of her brother-in-law, the step-mother of her sister and sister-in-law by marriage to her husband. The family mix-up is due to the bridegroom and his son, marrying sisters. The senior Brittingham's wife is younger than the son.

STORM BREWING OVER HEAD OF FRENCH LEADER

Announcement That Briand Will Attend Conference Causes Speculation.

MEETING OF CHAMBER ABOUT OCTOBER 25TH

Opponents of Premier Think It His Duty to be There—Clemenceau Critical.

Paris, Sept. 17.—The official announcement that Premier Briand intends personally to represent France at the Washington Conference is causing keen political speculation in Paris as to whether the premier will stand or fall under the storm of opposition which is brewing for the reopening of the French Chamber about Oct. 25. Two main questions that are developing a score of interpellations are the financial agreement on the partition of Germany's first payment of 1,000,000,000 marks and the still unsettled, interminable problem of the Polish-German boundary in Upper Silesia, which for the time being has been entrusted to the care of the League of Nations, M. Briand's opponents cynically observing that it is "left in the care of England."

Two Political Events.

Between now and the time when the Chamber meets, the French are looking forward to two political events which will have the greatest importance on the subsequent political regime of the republic. The long heralded defense of M. Clemenceau by himself, which may or may not occur according to his mood, is awaited, Oct. 2, when the "tiger" will be present at the unveiling of his monument in his birthplace, Saint Hermine, in La Vendee. This is the only monument which M. Clemenceau will accept, not entirely because of its artistic value, but because it shows him in the midst of a group of poilus. Another bust executed by Rodin had the distinction of being the official portrait of the former premier until Clemenceau saw it and exclaimed. "Now I believe."

"You believe what," he was asked.

"I now believe men came from apes," said the Tiger.

The Vendee monument which recalls the war, seems to be a fitting symbol at which M. Clemenceau will flay his enemies in his own inimitable style, and at the same time give a few points of advice to present day statesmen who complain of the heritage of the Versailles treaty.

The other events before the Chamber opens is a defense by Premier Briand. The return of Minister of Finance Doumer from his conference with Sir Robert Horne, Chancellor of the Exchequer may have resulted so favorably for France that M. Briand will feel qualified to speak before M. Clemenceau. If M. Briand prefers to wait until just before the Chamber opens it is likely he also will wait for Clemenceau's "sensational" outburst. M. Briand is booked for a speech early in October at Saint Nazaire which is in the region adjacent to Clemenceau's retreat in Vendee.

It is considered in any event that M. Briand will have about a week after the Chamber debate commences in which to answer his critics. This will bring him near to the date of the Washington conference and it is proposed that he sail for America as soon as it is deemed certain the Chamber will vote confidence in his ministry.

Greek Prince Had Narrow Escape

Brusa, Asia Minor, September 18—Crown Prince George of Greece, narrowly escaped capture by a band of mounted Turkish irregulars while en route to this city from the battlefront early this week. A band of Turks opened fire on his automobile from a hillside, but the driver speeded up the car and the party escaped.

BRITISH LACK MEN TO SEND TO CONFERENCE

Not Likely That Lloyd George Will Attend Big Disarmament Convention.

IRISH QUESTION STOPS PREMIER

Wishes Personally to Guide Through Commons Laws to Enforce Peace Terms.

London, Sept. 18—The British government is having difficulty in trying to select four delegates to represent it at the Washington conference. Every day the meeting draws nearer seems to eliminate the chances of Premier Lloyd George going at least for the entire session and a good many officials believe that Lord Curzon, who first was mentioned, can ill be spared from London with Europe in a turmoil, particularly in the near East, regarding which Lord Curzon considers himself an expert.

Unless the Irish negotiations are completed quickly, which is not likely, they probably will keep the premier at home. It is said he wishes personally to guide through the Commons the laws that may be necessary to enforce the peace terms if the conference is able to agree. And then the Irish question might easily result in a general election, first to get a mandate from the people on the terms agreed upon, or if this conference breaks down to put the next move up to the electors. In any of these contingencies, the premier necessarily must be in London.

Lord Lee, First Lord of the Admiralty and the civilian head of that branch of the service frequently has been mentioned as plenipotentiary, but he is recuperating from an operation and it is doubtful whether he will be physically able to go. Physical disability may also affect Sir William Tyrrell, who has just returned to active duties from a long enforced rest. If not a delegate he would be one of the leading advisers because of his wide knowledge of world affairs and intimate insight into American opinion.

Arthur J. Balfour also is being mentioned but his friends are asking how his activities in the League of Nations would coincide with his work at the Washington Conference. In some quarters the selection of Sir Worthington-Evans, Secretary for War, would not cause surprise, particularly if limitation of land forces is given a prominent place in the discussions. His ability as a negotiator is respected by the other members of the cabinet. The government hardly has begun to think about this lesser personnel of the huge staff, which will be sent. Officials take the view that it is useless to select these people until more is known of what is going to be discussed and what experts are needed.

First Fatality of Hunting Season

St. Martins Man, Mistaken for Moose, Shot and Killed —Inquest Being Held.

Special to The Standard.

St. Martins, Sept. 18.—The first fatality of the hunting season in New Brunswick occurred Friday night at St. Martins, when a young man, Haliburton Brown, was mistaken for a moose and his life snuffed out without a moment's notice, just one day after the season opened.

On that night two hunting parties left the village to look for moose. In one party was Crayden Gilchrist and John Holland, and in the other Haliburton Brown, Clinton McDonough and Fred Ross. They proceeded about two miles along the post road to Salmon River and entered the woods.

Gilchrist and Holland saw what they supposed was a moose and both fired. One of the bullets, it is not known which, struck young Brown and killed him almost instantly. An outcry was made by Brown's companions and the other party realized that instead of a moose they had shot a man and offered their assistance to bring the wounded one to the village, but he died before they had gone any distance. The body was conveyed to his home and the sad occurrence reported to Coroner Gilmour.

Yesterday a jury was impanelled and an inquest begun. One session was held Saturday evening and adjournment was made until Monday evening.

The victim of the accident was only twenty years of age and was the son of Wilfred Brown. The family of the young man have the sympathy of the entire community in their bereavement.

Australia Defers Question of Arms

Melbourne, Australia, Sept. 17—The Federal Government will take no decision on the question of Australian representation at the arms conference at Washington until after the return of Premier Hughes.

Lord Northcliffe's utterances on disarmament and pacific problems are declared to be having a profound effect here.