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MONTREALERS HEAR PREMIER SCATHINGLY DENOUNCE THE PETTY POLITICS OF LIBERALS

Answers in Most Positive Way Criticisms Levelled by Liberal Opposition at Course Pursued by Him When Attending Empire Conference—Takes Up King's Wobbling on Platform of His Party—Clearly Defines Railroad Policy and Course Government Will Pursue.

(By Canadian Press Correspondent.)
Montreal, Nov. 4.—Criticisms levelled by Liberal opposition supporters at the course pursued by him when attending the conference of Empire Prime Ministers in London, drew from Sir Arthur Meighen, Prime Minister of Canada, an answer of the most positive nature tonight. Referring to remarks reported to have been made by Hon. Charles Murphy, Liberal member for Russell, at St. Thomas recently, the Prime Minister, in the course of his address at Windsor Hall this evening, made a declaration embodying his attitude toward Empire and world affairs in their relation to the political campaign.

Believed Course Right.

He had thought that the course he pursued as representative of the Canadian people in London was with their approval, he said. Nothing of consequence which the people of Canada should know regarding the proceedings at the conference had been withheld from their knowledge. "Now, after the conference has been concluded for two months," said the Premier, a case arises to say that I have committed a mistake in some naval policy; that I have made a mistake of judgment given parliament of Canada, and that I have lowered the status of Dominion as a nation. It would be well that matters which appertain to our relations with the world and the Empire should be treated by Canadians as a whole nation, and should not be made the subject of divisions. Such was the desire of my heart as I strove to serve Canada at that conference.

Dominion Committed to Nothing.

At the conference this country was committed to nothing whatever beyond what it has always stood committed to, nor was there anything said or done which went a hair's breadth beyond the pale of what I said to Parliament. Not even the "controversy of Mr. Murphy" was he to be drawn into making the proceedings at the Prime Ministers' Conference a subject of political discussion, the Premier said.

Railway Question.

The Premier devoted a short time to a discussion of the railway situation. "This is the issue that Sir Lomer Gouin and others are trying to create," he said. Sir Lomer Gouin had charged that everyone from the president to the businessmen on the Canadian National system must be a supporter of the Government, said the Premier, in view of this statement, the Premier intended to read the names of legal firms which were retained now and had been before the system was taken over by the Government. He read these as follows: "In Montreal, Gouin, Lemieux and Perrault; Ferrin, Taschereau, Rinfret and Genest; in Quebec, Taschereau, Roy, Ouellet, Perrault and Taschereau. In Three Rivers, Bureau and Beique." This list was received with great amusement by the audience. The Premier quoted figures to show that the number of employees in the Canadian National system was being decreased. He then turned to a discussion of the tariff.

Various Platforms for King.

"If you name me the constituency in this Dominion, I will tell what platform the Liberal candidate is standing on, and I will name you a Liberal candidate within a thousand miles at least, who is running on a platform directly opposite."

Protection for Fruit in British Columbia; free trade in the three Prairie provinces; lower tariff on implements of production in certain sections of Ontario; lower tariff on implements of production in others; anti-conspiration in Quebec; and lumber in the Maritime Provinces. . . . This, said the Premier, was the platform of the Liberals. "The Liberals have an issue in every city. Name me the city and I'll name you the issue. Down in the city of Quebec the issue is the size of the ammunition boxes landing at Lévis. There's a lot to be revealed about those boxes," the Premier remarked with sarcasm, "and we'll all wait in terror for disclosure."

Mr. Meighen remarked that last night Hon. Charles Murphy, speaking in St. Thomas, Ont., discovered that he (the Premier) had betrayed the

Canadian people at the Prime Minister's Conference. Two months had elapsed since the Conference closed. "I have purposely refrained from discussing the proceedings at the Imperial Conference in this campaign," said Premier Meighen. "It would be well that the relations of this country with the Empire and the world should not become the subject of political content." Not even after the "outbursts" of Hon. Mr. Murphy would he allow the Imperial Conference to become an issue in the campaign.

Addresses Women

Windsor Hall was crowded to capacity this afternoon when Premier Meighen made the first of two addresses in this city. The great majority of those in the audience were women. The Premier in opening referred to the fact that women had been granted the franchise. He had never felt that any great credit was due the government for this. "It was done not as an act of generosity but of justice." He remarked that all the opposition to granting women voters in the House of Commons came from the followers of Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King. "There's been a very hurried scramble all over Canada, but especially in Quebec, to get away from the issue on which Mr. King and Mr. Ouellet challenged the government," declared the Premier turning to a discussion of tariff. The Liberals and Progressives were "hunting for emergency exits" to get away from it.

Sir Lomer Gouin discovered a grave railway issue. Mr. King was "frightened" out of his skin by high explosive "shots" and last but not least, Hon. Charles Murphy, three months since my return from England is thunder-struck by the course I pursued there, and calls upon Canada to condemn me for sacrificing the nationhood of this country.

"That is the way it goes," declared the Premier. "Nail one of these imaginary issues and another springs up in the night."

Gault Bros. Company Ltd. Absorbed By Greenshields Ltd.

Completing What is Stated to be Most Important Sale of Dry Goods in Canada.

Montreal, Nov. 4.—By a transaction involving a consideration of \$1,000,000 Greenshields Limited, have purchased the merchandise of Gault Bros. Company, Limited, thus completing what is stated to be the most important sale of dry goods stock recorded in Canada. When the warehouse of Gault Bros. Company, Limited, 240 Craig Street, West closed tomorrow at one, for the usual Saturday half-holiday, there will terminate the business activities of a firm which has been continuously engaged in business in Montreal for a period of 67 years.

The sale of the firm's merchandise followed as a result of the determination of the directors to close up the business, a decision which coincided with the desire of Greenshields Limited to augment their stock. Gault Bros. Company, Limited, will continue in existence until all the details of the business are completed, but will no longer engage directly in trade.

PREM. MEIGHEN'S THANKSGIVING DAY MESSAGE



RT. HON. ARTHUR MEIGHEN

Delivers Thanksgiving Message to The People of Canada.

Montreal, Nov. 4.—Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, Prime Minister, gave out the following Thanksgiving Day message here today:

"Thanksgiving Day has now been fixed so that it falls on the week in which the anniversary of the armistice occurs. This gives us an opportunity to acknowledge our manifold National blessings, and will recall the cessation of the great struggle and our obligation to those who strove to secure the blessings of peace. To the Conference at Washington our minds at this time will turn with thankfulness that the nations are to meet in a spirit of concord to seek the removal of causes and means of dispute and conflict."

UNION MINERS SEE VICTORY IN COURT'S DECREE

Suspends Injunction Ordered by Judge Anderson; Check Off to Continue.

Chicago, Nov. 4.—Action of the United States court of appeals here today, in suspending that part of the injunction issued by Judge Anderson, of Indianapolis, applying to the check-off system until further order of the court, was acclaimed tonight by officials of the United Mine Workers of America as a decided victory.

The court's action allows the holding out union dues and assessments from the coal miners' pay to be continued by the operators temporarily. An appeal hearing was granted the union for Wednesday, November 16. Union leaders profess to see in the action today a re-opening of the entire case and attorneys of the mine workers said tonight they would prove that the case had not been handled thoroughly.

Clear Up Situation.

The action today, union leaders said, would do much to clear up the labor situation in the mine and would help to hold in line men who had been doing work without authority.

The writ of injunction issued by Judge Anderson, forbade the operators to withhold from the miners pay union dues and assessments as the operators had agreed with the unions to do. Union officials asserted that compliance by the operators with the decision of court would precipitate a strike, and in states where the operators have decided to follow the court's decree, there have already been walk outs and mines in other states have had sporadic strikes.

BRITISH PLACE GREAT STAKES ON CONFERENCE

Washington Parley of Such Importance Gov't Anxious That Lloyd George be Present.

REGET HIS INABILITY TO ATTEND OPENING

Want Peace Ensured and Join With World in Prayer for Conference Success.

London, Nov. 4.—In the course of the debate on the Washington Conference in the House of Commons today, Austen Chamberlain, leader of the Government, said with reference to the Premier's inability to attend the opening sessions:

"The Government sets so great importance upon the Conference that, although the absence of the Prime Minister presented many difficulties, we unanimously requested him to be the principal delegate of our country. We profoundly regret that circumstances known to every member of the House made it impossible for him to carry out that intention, but we still hope it may be possible here long to carry out that intention, and for him to take the leadership of the British delegation."

"Tribute to Balfour."

"In his absence we are fortunate in having as leader of the delegation Mr. Balfour, a statesman of untried experience and one who, as the principal representative of this country on the League of Nations, it may be said, will link, or help to link, the proceedings of that body with the deliberations of the Conference in Washington."

"The policy of the British Government is to seek peace and ensure it, and we join with the country at large in prayers for the success of this Conference and in the earnest hope that it may bring relief to the overburdened nations of the world."

May Go in Two Weeks.

Two weeks from the present is the earliest date now considered possible for Prime Minister Lloyd George to go to Washington for the Armaments Conference, according to his secretary.

"Our bags are not packed in anticipation of momentary departure," the secretary stated this afternoon, "but almost every other preparation except the actual booking of passages, have been made, and should the Prime Minister will make quick work of his leave taking."

Violence Marked Fourth Day of New York Milk Strike

Two Policemen Injured, Wagons Upset and Milk Poured into the Gutters.

New York, Nov. 4.—More violence marked the fourth day of New York's milk strike, in which the deadlock showed no signs of weakening. From various parts of the city, reports of attacks on wagons of milk sympathizers and the spilling of milk into the gutters. The sharpest of these disorders occurred in Brooklyn, where three wagons leaving a milk station were attacked. More than a score of shots were fired, 3 policemen were injured and nearly a score of men rounded up for questioning.

Bricks Fly From Beard Plaza.

The wagon, which had been driven to the driver's seat, had been sent out to peddle milk through the Bedford section. Alleged strike sympathizers, taking refuge behind lumber piles, opened with a volley of bricks. The drivers hid under seats. The policemen, with drawn pistols, stood on the running boards. They warned that they would shoot if the barrage of bricks did not stop. "Go ahead and shoot," the entrepreneur replied. "Then the shooting began and the crowd scattered. No one was hit. Soon reserves arrived and the attacking party was routed. Two men, arrested for rioting, were held without bail.

PREMIER HARA OF JAPAN VICTIM OF ASSASSIN'S HAND

Delegates to Washington Conference Thrown Into Confusion by News of Tragedy.

HARDING EXPRESSES SORROW AT OUTRAGE

Event Sounds Discordant Note Among Those Gathered to Settle Peace of the World.

Tokio, Nov. 4.—Premier Hara was fatally stabbed in the breast today at the railroad station in Tokio.

Washington, November 4.—The message to the State Department which was filed at 11 a. m. Tokio time, gave no details other than the Premier had been stabbed. An hour later another message, filed by the U. S. Embassy at Tokio at 10 p. m., was received at the State Department, announcing the death of the Premier.

Admiral Baron Kato, the ranking member of the Japanese delegation, and Mr. Hara's most intimate friend, was so affected by the announcement that he burst into tears—something most unusual for a Japanese who is trained from childhood to conceal his emotions.

President Harding, expressed his sorrow at the outrage. It was an unhappy, discordant note, he said, in a formal statement, at a time when all were seeking to come together around the Conference table and add to the good understanding and good will throughout the world. Secretary Hughes went immediately to the Japanese Embassy and expressed his condolences to Baron Shidehara, the Japanese Ambassador. Later he telegraphed to Ambassador Warren, at Tokio, to express to Count Takino, the Foreign Minister, his profound distress, and to say how much the news had caused a feeling of deep sorrow throughout the United States.

Mr. Hara frequently referred in public addresses to the dangers of a too rapid absorption of Western social ideas into Japanese life, believing that his country could not quickly digest successfully western concepts of society. Gradually his influence began to grow until the Japanese began to look on him as a popular leader at a rather critical moment of their history.

Senjuro Yokota, Chief of the Legislative Bureau of the Japanese Cabinet, and a personal representative of Premier Hara at the Conference, decided to return to Japan immediately before the Japanese delegation left. Japan threatening letters were received by the members, including Prince Tokugawa, to whom were forwarded telegraphic and sinister drawings of the assassination of Minister Mori in 1919 and the recent murder of Yasuda, a millionaire banker.

Gov't Not To Have Candidate In Inverness Co., N. S.

Post Hood, N. S., Nov. 4.—No candidate will be put forward in Inverness County by the National Liberal and Conservative Party for the Dominion elections, it was decided at the party's convention here. The contest will be between Dr. A. W. Chisholm, Liberal candidate and member of the last House and Isaac McDougall, nominee of the Farmer-Labor party.

Release of Sinn Fein Prisoners Erroneous Report

London, Nov. 4.—It developed today that the report made public yesterday from Belfast to the effect that all Sinn Fein prisoners in the Ballycotton internment camp numbering about 1700, had been released, was erroneous. The giving out of the report, it seems, was based on the release of a number of prisoners from this camp, owing to the completion there, but no general freeing of the interned men occurred.

ULSTER IS NOW ONLY OBSTACLE TO SETTLEMENT

Developments in Negotiations Towards Irish Settlement Hinge on Position of Ulster Premier.

TO CONFER WITH LLOYD GEORGE

Sinn Fein and British Have Reached Understanding That Promises Solution of Issues.

London, Nov. 4.—Developments in the negotiations toward an Irish settlement now are understood to hinge on the conference which Sir James Craig, the Ulster Premier will have in the next few days with Mr. Lloyd George and Sir Edward Carson. An special meeting was held by the Ulster Cabinet in Belfast today prior to the departure of Sir James Craig for London. He will spend the week end with his son at Eton, meeting the Prime Minister, it is expected on Monday.

Reass Working Basis.

At Sinn Fein headquarters, today, it was stated that the British representatives and the Sinn Feiners had reached a measure of accord that promised a solution of all issues and that Ulster now was at great a stumbling block in the path of the negotiations from the Government's point of view as from that of the Sinn Fein. Desmond Fitzgerald, of the Sinn Fein party, in a statement this afternoon definitely denied a number of reports published in London newspapers relative to points on which an agreement is said to have been reached by the conference. He declared untrue reports that the Sinn Feiners had accepted the principle of Dominion status and British control of Irish ports and had agreed to contribute from the Irish treasury to the imperial treasury. He refused to discuss any points which have been agreed upon thus far, but it is stated, in other Irish quarters, that the determination of the Sinn Feiners not to associate the principle of allegiance to the British Crown remains unshaken.

Associate Nation

It is intimated in these quarters, however, that a formal agreement, once agreed upon, bridging that difficulty, whereby Ireland would not be designated as a British Dominion but as an "associate nation." It is further stated that a solution of the Ulster problem must come, if it comes at all, through Ulster's recognition of the principle of unity in Ireland.

Bank Robbers Sent To Trial

Alleged to Have Attempted to Rob Branch of Canadian Bank of Commerce.

Montreal, Nov. 4.—Albert Blah, alias Norman Ryan; and Patrick O'Hara, were this afternoon committed by Judge Lanctot to stand trial on charges of attempting to rob the Park Avenue branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce here on October 25th last, and, at the same time, in pursuance of their object, attempting to murder H. F. Carnegie and George Drew, managers and tellers respectively of the branch. Another charge read against the men in court was to the effect that they had held up and robbed the sum of \$2,544 a branch of the Montreal Bank at the corner of Mount Royal Avenue and Boulevard Street on August 12th last.

War Would Follow Breakdown of Irish Peace Conference

Postmaster General Says 50,000 Lives Would Probably Have to be Sacrificed.

London, Nov. 4.—The sequence to a breakdown in the Irish Conference would be a war which would cost £250,000,000, declared Frederick G. Kellaway, Postmaster-General, addressing a political meeting at Rushden today. He believed it probable that 50,000 lives would have to be sacrificed to conquer Sinn Fein Irish should such a war be started.

The Standard will not be issued Monday morning—Thanksgiving Day.

Berlin Tax Proposals Constitute Greatest Burden People Ever Carried

Berlin, Nov. 4.—Andreas Hermes, Minister of Finance, explaining the new taxation bill in the Reichstag today, admitted that the new proposals constituted the greatest burdens that any people ever had been called upon to bear. He expressed confidence however, that they could be borne, provided that all the forces in the nation were united and exerted to the utmost. "It is estimated," said the minister, "that we can reckon on an increased yield of from forty billion to forty-two billion marks from the proposed new taxation. I must, however, declare that our obligations under the allied ultimatum cannot be met by this great burdening of the taxpayer."

Baker Says Charges of Senator Watson Are Preposterous

Cleveland, Nov. 4.—Charges of Senator Thomas Watson that American soldiers in France were hanged without trial and were subjected to barbarous treatment were declared to be "preposterous and incredible" by Newton D. Baker, former Secretary of War, tonight.

"France was not a howling wilderness, but a civilized country," Mr. Baker said. "It was pretty well crowded with American men and women who would have been quick to report anything of this kind. If a single American soldier had been hanged without trial or it would have come to this country and proper measures would have been taken. The Senator's entire charges are preposterous and incredible."

Sir George Foster At Kentville

Lady Foster Addressed Local Conservative Women's Organization.

Kentville, N. S., Nov. 4.—Sir George Foster, addressed a political meeting here tonight in the constituency of Kings where H. W. Phinney is offering as National Liberal and Conservative candidate. Following the meeting Lady Foster addressed the local Conservative Women's Organization.



Who has conducted successful campaigns in Nova Scotia and P. E. I. for the Government.

Chicago Entertains Heroes of World War

Bede Farewell to Lord Beatty Yesterday, and Today Welcomes Foch.

Chicago, Nov. 4.—Chicago today bade farewell to Admiral Lord Beatty, First Sea Lord of the British Admiralty, formally entertained Lieutenant General Baron Alfonso Jacques, Commander-in-Chief of the Belgian Army, and prepared to extend a rousing welcome to Marshal Foch tomorrow.

The tri-color of France tonight vied with the Stars and Stripes in lending gale attire to "the loop," Chicago's business and financial district, where the most stirring demonstration since the close of the war is expected tomorrow when the French Generalissimo is escorted through the district.

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