

PARTY WANTS CONVENTION IN THE PROVINCE

From All Parts of New Brunswick There is Demand for Speedy Organization.

MANY QUESTIONS TO BE DECIDED

Get Ready for Battle is Slogan of Provincial Conservatives.

From all over the province comes the demand for a party convention and thorough re-organization, in view of the fact that within a few months there must come an election and also to discuss political events of recent date and to outline plans for waging a successful campaign in all parts of New Brunswick. Every section of the country is up in arms over the manner in which the provincial representative in the cabinet appointed a Nova Scotian to represent New Brunswick in the Senate.

J. B. Hickey of Bathurst, a staunch supporter of the principles of the Conservative party, when asked for his opinion, expressed himself in no uncertain manner as being in favor of that as the only course to pursue. He was inclined to think this step had been put off too long already for the party's good but "better late than never" and a determined effort might yet undo the harm which had been done. "They were yet good Conservatives but had become disheartened by the usage received at the hands of some party leaders."

Supports The Call. T. M. Burns of Bathurst, said the views advanced by Senator Thorne had his hearty endorsement. There was a good deal of dissatisfaction all over the North Shore over the way appointments had been made and he for one was in favor of a convention re-organization.

John L. Peck, M. L. A. J. L. Peck, M. L. A., of Hillsboro was of the opinion that a convention could not be held too soon. There were many things to be done and some more time to be taken. "If the party was to win in the coming election it was high time to be busy. These were at the present time a measure of dissatisfaction in the party ranks and they should get together and talk matters over, re-organize on a solid basis and go in the fight with united ranks."

J. W. Y. Smith of Moncton was emphatic on his declaration that a convention should be held at once and the leaders told they must pay a more attentive attention to the wishes of the workers in the ranks if they desired to keep the party together. He referred particularly to the recent senatorial appointment which had been made without consulting any of the workers in the province and said Hon. Mr. Wignmore must bear the responsibility for this, probably the most unpopular appointment of recent years. It was things like this, he claimed, that were developing the party organization and there should be a convention and re-organization at once for the party could be saved in no other way.

H. V. Dickson, M. L. A. of Hammond River said the calling of a party convention at once had his unqualified endorsement. There had been many mistakes made, the last one the most glaring, the appointment to the Senate of a Nova Scotian, and if things went on that way much longer there was no looking ahead. The Conservative party had always stood for loyalty and imperialism and it would be a pity to see it wrecked by the injudicious acts of a few men who seemed to be out of touch with affairs in the province.

F. L. Potts was of the opinion that a convention was most desirable at this time in view of the circumstances which had arisen and the important issues at stake. The time had come when the party needed the strongest men in-sight to take hold if the ship was to weather the gale. He had no hesitation in saying he believed the time had come to get back to the two party system which had given the country good government. It was time to get back to the principle laid down by Sir John MacDonald and his National Policy, which was responsible for the prosperity of Canada today. This was a critical time in the Empire and her best and strongest men were needed in part to bring the ship of state safe through the storm. By all means have a convention and clear the air and decks for action.

Dr. Campbell favored the immediate calling of a convention and the perfecting of an organization. The sooner the forces were lined up the better. Nothing could be done without proper organization and the rank and file of the party should be asked to get together and map out a plan of campaign by all means have a

By-Election in York-Sunbury On May 2

Writ Will be Issued at Ottawa Within a Day or Two It is Expected.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, March 14.—The writ for the by-election in York and Sunbury, N. B., made necessary by the death of Col. H. F. McLeod, will, it is understood, be issued in a day or two and the date for polling set for Monday, May 2. Writs for the other vacant constituencies—Medicine Hat, Yamaska and West York—may not be issued for some time yet, although it is not likely that they will be delayed longer than is necessary.

McADOO AWARD IS SCORED BY HON. F. B. CARVELL

"Most Iniquitous Legislation Ever Foisted on United States" He Says.

WORKING CONDITIONS ARE IMPOSSIBLE

Railway Employee Honest But Method of Service is a Peculiar One.

Ottawa, March 14.—That the McAdoo award to the railway men was one of the most iniquitous pieces of legislation ever foisted on the United States, was asserted by Hon. F. B. Carvell, K.C., chairman of the Board of Railway Commissioners, addressing the members of the Railway Club at their weekly luncheon here today. Mr. Carvell said that the award was never based upon business or sound economic, but simply to get votes, and even in that failed. To it, the chairman of the Railway Commission attributed most of the ills from which the railways of Canada were suffering at the present time, and no longer as it obtained. Mr. Carvell did not hold out any hope of redemption in traffic, either on freight or passenger traffic.

Mr. Carvell made it clear that the scale of wages in the schedule was not one in his judgment but the whole trouble lay in the working conditions by which it was possible for workers, or many of them, to draw the amount scheduled, and in many instances more than that. The extra payment was due to the time and a half allowance for overtime under the award, which meant that if a train was late and the agent was called upon to work at other than the recognized hours, for that time the agent had to be paid under the McAdoo award, time and a half.

Must Have Change

"I take off my hat to the gentlemen who have manipulated these working conditions," said the Railway Commissioner. He maintained the railways of Canada could not go on under these conditions. It was no time to get panic-stricken, he said, for the railway employee was a straight and honest fellow; but the railway companies and business people of the country should calmly sit down and discuss the situation. They have got to fix a fair rate of wages and proper working conditions so that men should give value for the money they were paid. He had not much faith in government ownership, he said, and caused much laughter when he opined that "a gravity water works system was about the only business a government could efficiently work."

U. S. Favors Anti-Dumping Laws

Congress Will Rush Through Legislation to Protect Its Industries at Once.

Washington, March 14.—Anti-dumping legislation to protect United States industries from European competition will be rushed through at the special session of Congress under a decision reached at a conference today of Republican members of the Senate Finance and the House, Ways and Means committee, with Secretary of the Treasury Mellon. Whether tariff or international tax revision shall be accorded second place on the fiscal programme was left for final determination at a conference which will be held at the White House today. This was a critical time in the Empire and her best and strongest men were needed in part to bring the ship of state safe through the storm. By all means have a convention and clear the air and decks for action.

Dr. O. B. Price of Moncton said: "Senator Thorne's suggestion that a party convention should be called at an early date will carry weight with all Government supporters. New Brunswick must regain her former standing and this calling of a convention is the first step towards that end."

CONTESTANTS GIVEN SOME GOOD ADVICE

Every One Should Make Every Minute Count in Last Chance for the Extra Club Votes.

TOURING CAR OFFER TO END SATURDAY

All Contestants Given Until Midnight Saturday to Work on Both Offers.

This should be a big week in every Standard's contestant's campaign for one of the automobiles and other free prizes offered in connection with the big \$16,000 prize contest. It is the last week of the special Ford Touring Car offer. The regular vote schedule takes a decline of 10 per cent at the end of the week. No More Clubs.

The extra clubbing offers which have proved so popular in the contest, will soon be events of the past. This week sees the last of them. For each \$35 worth of subscriptions secured by midnight Saturday, an extra vote ballot good for 300,000 EXTRA votes will be given. Equality for All.

The three big offers end at midnight of Saturday of this week. All contestants, whether residing in St. John, or in the most remote parts of the province of New Brunswick, can work up to the last minute of the offer, and then send or bring in their subscriptions on Monday, March 21st. The winner of the Ford Special prize will be announced the following Thursday, March 24th, and the Ford will be given away on that day.

AT THE IMPERIAL TODAY—Lon Chaney in "The Penalty."

AT THE UNIQUE TODAY—Alice Calhoun in "Queen Jones."

AT THE QUEEN SQUARE TODAY—Harry Carey in "West is West" (a Universal Special).

AT THE OPERA HOUSE TODAY—High class vaudeville and feature pictures.

Two of the prizes to be given away in the Standard's big contest are opportunities to become Movie Stars with the Universal Film Company, Filmland's largest and most progressive Moving Picture Company.

ONTARIO BILL PROVIDES FOR RENTAL COURTS

Only Hotels and Boarding Houses Are Not Affected By It.

ATTEMPT TO STOP RENT PROFITTEERS

Only Rentals of \$60 Per Month in Cities Under 200,000 Are Involved.

Toronto, March 14.—Hon. Mr. Rolfe, minister of labor, brought in a bill in the legislature today, providing for the establishment of fair rent courts. He said the bill was the result of agitation throughout the province for the establishment of rent courts of some other efficient method, to prohibit exorbitant rents, such as have been charged in the last year or two. His purpose is to prevent profiteering and to provide reasonable rental rates. It will be in effect only where municipal councils make it so by passing by-laws to this end. Only dwellings shall be affected by it for which a rental is charged exceeding \$100 a month in cities of over 200,000 and over \$60 in smaller cities. Hotel rooms and boarding houses are the only dwelling quarters not affected by it. The act allows landlords to increase of ten per cent over what they received on January 1, 1918, and an additional 10 per cent over what they received, or less for any structural improvements, other than ordinary repairs. The assumption by the tenants of liabilities formerly borne by the landlord shall be regarded as increased rent, but an increase due to the landlord taking over certain liabilities, is allowable.

Negro Confesses He Killed Amboy Lady

Perth Amboy, N. J., March 14.—George Washington Knight, negro, 23 today confessed he had attacked Mrs. Edith Wilson, church organist, who was murdered near her home Saturday night, according to the police. Knight was arrested this morning at Keyport, N. J., brought here and closely questioned. His alleged confession was given out after several hours of grilling. The fact that his clothing was bloodstained, the police declared, led to his arrest.

WORLD NEWS TODAY

CANADA

By-election in York-Sunbury, N. B., is expected to be held on May 2. (Mysterious strangers are brought into the Edmundston murder trial. Children of Esquil Berry are likely to be called as witnesses in hearing for murder of their father at Moncton, N. B. Ontario introduces a fair rental law into the Legislature.

UNITED STATES

Special session of the Congress summoned to enact anti-dumping legislation. THE BRITISH ISLES Six Irishmen are executed for war crimes in Monrovia prison. British naval estimates show reduction in navy for the next year. House of Commons passes the second reading of the reparations measure.

McDONALD FOR NOVA SCOTIA'S SENATE PLACE?

Moncton Suggestion That His Representation Be Changed to Fill Crosby Vacancy.

CLEAR SITUATION IN NEW BRUNSWICK

Premier Meighen and Hon. Mr. Wignmore Urged to Make Change.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, March 14.—A solution of the difficult position in which the Government of Canada has been placed by the appointment of J. A. McDonald, Amherst, N. B., to a seat in the Senate as a representative of New Brunswick has been offered by Premier Meighen and Hon. Mr. Wignmore, the Nova Scotian representative in the cabinet, by Dr. O. B. Price, of this place.

As soon as the death of Senator Crosby, of Halifax, was announced he was in the bedroom sitting up by her side. He heard somebody come into the kitchen of the house. He went to see what was going on in her room upstairs, and she was recognized as that of the accused. He testified he was in the room at the time that the bullet through his head, which he had a very high fever. He said he had his watch in one hand and was counting the pulse. Just after proceeding to count the pulse the accused entered the kitchen. The watch said the witness was showing 9:33 or 9:34. He says the watch keeps exceptionally good time.

Time He Noted. On cross-examination by the attorney-general, he was carried over a very rough and hard course. In reply to the attorney-general, witness said there was no lamp in the room, but by the aid of "algebraic energy" he was able to note the figures on the watch dial. He said the only persons on the house at the time were his wife and the accused, his mother and himself. He said he counted his wife's pulse beats for thirty seconds, she commenced to count the pulsations at exactly 23 or 24 minutes past nine. Shortly after proceeding he heard the voice which he recognized as St. Pierre's.

Remembers No Other. The attorney-general then questioned the witness very closely as to other times he had taken his wife's pulse. He said he had taken them several times before. Pressed as to some definite time that he had taken them before or since the 11th of October, he was unable to specify any morning, week, day or hour. He did not, he said, take her pulse again that night or the next day. He testified that his wife took ill on the afternoon of the 11th, but was well the next day. He stated there was no particular reason for fixing that time in his mind, but he had done so. He retired, according to his evidence, in the vicinity of 10 o'clock. He heard no noises or any screaming that night.

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WIRE FLASHES

Telegraphic News Condensed for Quick Reading.

Uprising in Caucasus. Constantinople, March 14.—An uprising is reported to have occurred in the Kuban region of the Caucasus, the Bolsheviks having withdrawn the Ninth Soviet army which was sent to Georgia, and the 8th army which is busy suppressing revolts in the Ukraine.

To Blockade Kronstadt. London, March 14.—Leon Trotsky, the Russian Soviet war minister, according to advices received here today has decided to blockade Kronstadt despite the fact that this will entail great suffering to 8,000 women and children in the town. The reason for Trotsky's unwillingness to bombard the town is the presence of the warship Pustopolovsk which he is anxious to retain intact, the advices stated.

Lord Sterndale Coming

Ottawa, Mar. 14.—The annual meeting of the Canadian Bar Association is to be held in Ottawa this year, thus making it the second convention of its kind, to be held in the capital by the same association within two years. Lord Sterndale, one of the best known members of the judicial committee of the Privy Council, and a member of the House of Lords is expected to be the chief guest.

ROBBED A RESTAURANT

New York, March 14.—Entering a restaurant in Columbus Avenue during the noon hour today, two bandits held up the girl cashier, threw her to the floor and escaped with \$400 which she was preparing for deposit in a bank.

MYSTERY TWO IN ST. PIERRE MURDER TRIAL

Defence Attempts to Prove Connection of Vanished Strangers With Crime.

ALIBI EVIDENCE OFFERED IN COURT

Several Witnesses Claim That St. Pierre Was in Other Place at Time of Murder.

Special to The Standard. Edmundston, N. B., March 14.—The trial of William St. Pierre, charged with the murder of Minnie Stevens on the night of October 11, here, continues in the circuit court today. It was a slow day in court. There was nothing sensational in the way of developments. Only three witnesses were called to the stand today. They were called by the defence, two for the purpose of establishing an alibi which has been set up, and the third to stir up some mysterious cloud around two strangers who were in the city the night of the murder and left the next day after the body was discovered.

Cross-Examination Long

The direct testimony was brief, but several hours were consumed by the attorney-general in his cross-examination of the three witnesses. Probably the most remarkable piece of testimony of the day was that given by Mr. Hood Hay, brother-in-law of the accused, in which the time that goes a long way to sustaining the contention of the defence that St. Pierre could not have been at the scene of the murder at the time claimed. Hood Hay, who is an employee in the C. N. R. office here, said that he lived in the house with the accused and was married to the sister of St. Pierre. His well-remembered, he said, the night of October 11, when the tragedy occurred. He said he and his wife occupied two rooms on the ground floor of the St. Pierre home.

Heard St. Pierre Speak. His wife was sick that evening and he was in the bedroom sitting up by her side. He heard somebody come into the kitchen of the house. He went to see what was going on in her room upstairs, and she was recognized as that of the accused. He testified he was in the room at the time that the bullet through his head, which he had a very high fever. He said he had his watch in one hand and was counting the pulse. Just after proceeding to count the pulse the accused entered the kitchen. The watch said the witness was showing 9:33 or 9:34. He says the watch keeps exceptionally good time.

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Russian Memoirs Contradict Ex-Kaiser

New York, March 14.—The former German Emperor's proposal for a league of nations described in his book written with the object of showing that Great Britain was responsible for the war, excerpts of which have been called from The Hague, is definitely challenged and contradicted in the forthcoming memoirs of Count Witte, the noted Russian statesman. The former German Emperor asserts that he proposed a league of nations consisting of the triple alliance, and the French and Russian alliance, and that this proposal was accepted by the Russian Emperor and Count Witte. This statement is contradicted.

EXPECTS RAIL ORDERS

Sydney, N. S., Mar. 14.—Sydney Steel plant will see large government rail orders as soon as the government considers that prices quoted are right, according to J. C. Watterson, secretary of the Steel Workers' Union.

Expect Something in Perry Murder

Detective Kennedy from Halifax Reported Back on the Case.

Yarmouth, N. S., March 14.—Interest in the Perry murder case was revived today, when it was reported that Detective Kennedy was on his way here from Halifax, and that he would arrive tonight. Crowds of people were at the station when the train pulled in but Detective Kennedy was not in sight. It is known that the detective was along the D. A. R. line during the day, and there is a possibility that he may have left the train at one of the stations a short distance from Yarmouth, so as to avoid the curious crowd. Some important developments are expected to follow the resumption of the officer's investigation of the crime.

Miss Florence Perry, eldest daughter of the late Captain Perry, who came to Yarmouth to attend the funeral of her murdered father, left for Toronto today. Miss Perry was accompanied to the station by Mansfield Ross and by her uncle, L. A. Rogers, of Yarmouth.

MURDERER AND VICTIM TO BE BURIED TODAY

Violent Quarrels Frequent in Fort Fairfield Family Where Tragedy Occurred.

JEALOUSY SUPPOSED TO BE THE CAUSE

Victim of Husband's Bullets Left Eight Children by First Husband.

Special to The Standard. Fort Fairfield, N. B., March 14.—James Emerson, who shot and killed his wife, the mother of her son, Cecil Flannery, near Fort Fairfield, Maine, on Saturday and later on ended his own life by a bullet through his head, with his wife will be buried tomorrow. Emerson married the widow Flannery about four years ago but she had never lived with him at his home. He was married before and leaves two sons by his first wife who has been dead twelve years. Neither he or his wife made any statement as to the cause of the tragedy. Jealousy is supposed to be the motive of the tragedy as they had had frequent violent quarrels. Mrs. Emerson was formerly Miss Sherry and leaves by her first husband eight children, six boys and two girls.

C. P. R. Earnings On Lake And Rail

Gross Were \$216,641,349 But Working Expenses for Year Were \$183,488,305.

Montreal, March 14.—The results of the past year's operations to the 31st December, 1920, of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, Limited, by reported as follows: Gross earnings from railway and lake steamers: \$216,641,349. Working expenses, including all taxes: \$183,488,305. Net earnings from railway and lake steamers: \$33,153,044. Deduct fixed charges: \$13,773,499. Surplus: \$22,379,545. Deduct contribution to pension fund, \$500,000. Net revenue from earnings of railway and lake steamers available for dividends: \$21,879,545. After payments of all dividends declared for the year the surplus from earnings of railway and lake steamers is \$450,259. Special income for the year after making allowances for contingent reserve, \$10,956,448.

Adopts Reparations

London, Mar. 14.—The House of Commons today passed the second reading of the reparations bill, without division. The reparations bill provides for a fifty per cent levy on the purchase price of imported German goods, to be applied to reparations. It was formally introduced in the House on Friday. Replying to questions Sir Robert Stevens Horns, president of the Board of Trade in formed the House that British exports to Germany in 1920 were valued at £21,000,000 and imports from Germany at £31,000,000 the amount of the latter in the last quarter of the year being double that of the first quarter.

Congress To Meet

Washington, March 14.—The United States Congress will be called into special session Monday, April 11, Senator Lodge announced at the White House today, after a conference with President Harding.

CHILDREN TO BE CALLED IN BERRY DEATH

Preliminary Hearing May Continue Until End of the Week.

SEVERAL SWEAR THEY SAW BRUISES

Foreman of Coroner's Jury Tells Why He Was Not Satisfied With Probe.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, March 14.—The principal witness at the preliminary examination of Esquil Berry, charged with the murder of his wife Minnie Berry, this afternoon was Robert Snowball Colpitts, who was foreman of the coroner's jury at the inquest held on December 18. Colpitts swore today that he had not been satisfied with the way the inquest was conducted. He was not allowed to get out information he thought the jury should have. That was the principal reason he as well as other jurors considered that further investigation was necessary. The other witnesses heard this afternoon were Geo. Geldart of Parkinville and Mrs. Margaret Bannister, of Forest Hill. With the exception of the statement of George Geldart that George Prosser had told him he had assisted in taking the body out of the pool and carrying it through the barbed wire fence, the evidence this afternoon was largely corroborative of the evidence given by previous witnesses. The examination will be continued tomorrow afternoon.

Children Not Called.

It is not expected that the Berry children will give evidence before the latter part of the week. George W. Geldart, of Parkinville, who lives about a mile past the Berry home, said he was called to the Berry home on Sunday morning, December 19th last. He noticed a man's tracks between this place and the brook; they had been made sometime during the night. After he crossed the current he saw what he took to be a woman's tracks coming from Berry's house. At the Berry home he saw the body of Minnie Berry and noticed the right ear was swollen and a little purple. He also noticed a slight mark under the jaw. Accused told him that he had gone to bed the night before about ten o'clock. Later he heard the door open and saw what he thought was his wife. He thought nothing of it and knew nothing of his wife being gone until next morning when he got up.

Never in House.

Witness said that morning was the only time he had ever been in the main part of the Berry home. But he had always been friendly with the accused. The new feature brought out in Geldart's evidence was his statement that George Prosser in showing him where the body was found in the pool told him he (Prosser) had helped to take the body out of the water and helped to carry it through the barbed wire fence.

Arrest Two in Sewer Tragedy

Still No Trace of Body of Little Victim of Terrible Montreal Fatality.

Montreal, March 14.—Thomas Grace, 180 Shannon Street, foreman of the city of Montreal road department, was arrested this evening and Thomas Lyng, 150 Prince Street watchman in charge of the manhole, was arrested this morning in connection with the death of 8 year old Lilly Manning who fell into an open sewer Thursday afternoon and whose body has not yet been recovered. Lyng pleaded not guilty to the charge of manslaughter. Grace was arrested on a warrant sworn out by Joseph Manning, 176 Versailles Street, father of the little girl. He is foreman of the district in which the accident occurred.

Commission Values All G. T. R. Stock

Montreal, March 14.—It was decided at today's session of the Grand Trunk board of arbitration which is sitting here to ascertain the value of the Grand Trunk Railroad prior to its acquisition by the Dominion Government, to appoint a commission in England to take evidence as to the value of the Grand Trunk preferred and common stock sold on the London stock exchange from 1882 to 1920. The commission will be appointed as soon as the formalities can be prepared and its evidence is regarded as a valuable guide in fixing the worth of these stocks.

Arrest Red Committee.

Constantinople, March 14.—Allied police have arrested the Bolshevik executive committee here.