

MANY SEEKING THE LIBERAL NOMINATION

No Death of Candidates in St. John Seeking Honors in Federal Constituency.

IMPOSSIBLE TO SATISFY THEM ALL

Several Threaten to Run Independently if Not Placed on Party Ticket.

If there is any credence to be placed in the "rumbling of rumor," then one is justified in the conclusion that this city has an abundance of aspirants for political glory in the Liberal ranks of the St. John-Albert Federal constituency. If further credence is to be given rumor one must readily admit there are several logical candidates for a place on the Federal ticket in the forthcoming elections. There are no less than five men in St. John, to say nothing of Albert county, who are anxious to go to Ottawa and assume Mackenzie King in doing things. They cannot have a place on the ticket unless named at a future date, and some, it is said, have put up a notice that if they are not named they will become Independent Liberal candidates.

Would be Independent.

Mr. Edward Sears, recently superannuated from the berth of postmaster after the nomination. He says he has been retired as postmaster on a very small superannuation allowance, while men as old as he have been retained in the service. Mr. Sears says he has always been a consistent worker for the party in the years gone by and believes he is entitled to political recognition now. It is claimed by "rumor" that Mr. Sears is one who will become an independent candidate if he fails to secure the party nomination.

Physicians Loop Up.

Dr. A. F. Emery, who stepped into the breach in 1917 and sacrificed himself for the principles of Laurier Liberalism, thinks he is entitled to a place on the ticket as the logical candidate. On two occasions he played a losing game for his party's sake, working against tremendous odds. With the outlook apparently a little brighter than it was in 1917 he feels his sacrifice should be recognized. He is considered and he is honored with a place on the Liberal ticket.

Our friend Dr. Broderick is much in the same position as Dr. Emery. He is not active in a campaign for the nomination, but his friends are quietly carrying on a canvass in his behalf. He has strong support from the Catholic element of the party and they are reported to be unanimous for him.

Dr. Curran, who in the last local election practically ran a tie race with the Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, has had a taste of politics and it is to his liking. He is reported to be anxious to go higher up and a seat in Parliament looks mighty good to him. By strict application to the arduous duties of his profession, Dr. Curran has stored up a comfortable competency and is now in a position to devote time and energy to matters outside of his profession.

The Lieut. Governor

Then, again, there is the Hon. W. P. Pugsley, the lieutenant-governor, who is placing on the Liberal ticket. He terms as Lieut. Governor expires next year. There is a feeling prevailing that if the Honorable Gentleman could be assured of a re-appointment he would not re-enter the Federal field. The assurance cannot be given and it is questionable able to assume he will head the Liberal ticket. He has always been a fighter and cannot now consider retiring to private life.

The Energetic Fighter

H. R. McElhan, the energetic, tireless worker, is also one of the big possibilities in the Liberal field and a bet that must not be overlooked. His fighting ability is known to all classes and what he goes after is hard to keep from him. His friends say that if he really wants the nomination some of the other possibilities will travel some if they beat him to it. It is also said that Mr. McElhan may show up as an independent candidate if he is denied a place on the regular ticket.

Albert County Liberals have not been heard from yet, but there is a rumor current they are seeking Hon. C. W. Robinson, of Moncton, as a candidate.

There will certainly be a rather same time for Liberal leaders to satisfy all who wish to carry the Liberal flag.

Warning Issued To Intending Hunters

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, Sept. 14.—The dept. of lands and mines is issuing cards to intending hunters warning them against danger from fires during the coming game season, which opens tomorrow, and emphasizing the need for unusual caution in the handling of small fires and while smoking in the woods owing to the unusually dry and drought of the summer.

Unsafe Even To Look Pickled In Zion City

Clarence Eel's Cucumbers Get Him Into Trouble.

Zion City, Ill., Sept. 14.—You can't even look at you are going to be pickled to Zion City and get away with it. And the cucumbers Clarence Eel carried yesterday were no exception to the rule. "What have you got there?" Police man Isaac Parry queried. "Cucumbers," returned Eel. "Pickled?" "Nope, but they probably will be when Henry O. Carter gets them." "Visions of swanking, reeling, pillaring vegetables probably flooded the policeman's vision. He took the cucumbers and Eel before a Justice of the Peace. The charge was—well, technically, delivering cucumbers on Sunday. But the magistrate was still suspicious, after demanding a \$50 bond, he later found the cucumbers on the sidewalk before the police station.

TROUBLES OF ALIENS LAID TO SHIP AGENTS

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BROUGHT INNOCENT IMMIGRANTS TO U. S.

Distressed, He Says, at Specific Instances to Which Attention Was Called.

New York, Sept. 14.—Dishonest steamship agents are responsible for who come to this country only to find themselves barred by the restrictive immigration law, President Harding declared in a letter received yesterday by Representative Isaac Siegel of New York.

Mr. Siegel, a member of the House Committee on Immigration and Naturalization, wrote to the president asking his intervention in the enforcement of immigration laws. He said that parents were being admitted to this country and children were being sent back and that many other hardships were being put upon immigrants.

In his reply Mr. Harding said: "I haven't any doubt in the world but the enforcement of the immigration laws is working many hardships. My own distress has been very great over some of the specific instances which have been reported to me.

"If I have the situation correctly presented, the difficulty must be charged to the dishonest steamship agents who have brought to this country innocent immigrants in spite of our continuing warnings, during a period of great leniency. I know how very persistent have been the impositions which have been made on the government agents who have been disposed to be sympathetic and more than generous in carrying out the law.

"However, I am sending your letter to the Department of Labor for further information on the subject, and have great confidence in the Commissioner of Immigration and I know that the Secretary of Labor is one of the most human and sympathetic men in all the land. If there are conditions such as you suggest I feel pretty confident that they are absolutely unavoidable under the law.

Relief Work To Stop in Constantinople

U. S. Red Cross Finds Task Far Beyond Its Capacity to Carry Out.

Washington, Sept. 14.—Assistance rendered by the American Red Cross to war refugees at Constantinople must be discontinued after October 1, officials of the organization said today, despite reports of the hopeless situation which will result for thousands of unfortunates in and near the Turkish capital.

The American Red Cross has expended upward of \$700,000 at Constantinople, officials announced, \$300,000 representing special contributions and the balance appropriations from the association treasury. It has been decided that the work was entirely beyond the capacity of the single agency. Officials of the Red Cross understood that Constantinople relief work had been presented to the League of Nations council for consideration, as it had become an international problem.

KICKED V. C. IN CHEST.

Toronto, Sept. 12.—Michael O'Leary V. C. figured in a Police Court case this morning over an occurrence at Dufferin Park. As a result, Herbert Deas, colored, was fined \$30 or thirty days for kicking the V. C. in the chest when the latter ordered him to get off the fence.

ARBUCKLE CASE WITNESS DISAPPEARS

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SINISTER PRESSURE INFLUENCES WITNESSES

Says No Efforts Will Be Spared Despite Attempts to Thwart Ends of Justice.

San Francisco, Sept. 14.—A statement expressing the conviction that perjury had been committed by one of the chief witnesses for the prosecution at the grand jury investigation last night of the death of Miss Virginia Rappe, film actress, for whose alleged murder Roscoe "Fatty" Arbuckle is under arrest, was issued here early today by District Attorney Matthew Brady.

District Attorney Brady in the statement also charged that he "believed undue influence and pressure of a sinister character has been brought to bear" upon certain witnesses. Whether or not an arrest would be made in connection with his charge of perjury, he said, would depend on further developments.

In his statement District Attorney Brady charged that Miss Zey Froynt, also known as Zey Fyvron, had changed her testimony before the grand jury from that she had given previously to the police and officials of the district attorney's office that Miss Rappe had told her Arbuckle had caused her injuries. Earlier last night it was reported Miss Fyvron refused to sign a statement that Miss Rappe had told her this and later it was said she denied that she had ever made the assertion concerning Miss Rappe, Brady said.

Witness Missing.

District Attorney Brady also charged in his statement that Miss Alice Blake, another prosecution witness, was missing.

"We have sent Miss Fyvron home under surveillance. The girl changed her story completely before the grand jury. Whether or not we shall arrest her and charge her with perjury will depend on further developments. I am convinced, however, that perjury has been committed by her.

"It is a conviction that undue influence and pressure of a sinister character has been brought to bear on her and other witnesses, one of whom, Alice Blake, has mysteriously disappeared from her home in Berkeley. We have been unable to find her.

"In spite of these efforts to thwart, the ends of justice the investigation will proceed and no effort will be spared to bring the guilty ones to their just deserts.

"Whenever wealth and influence are brought to the bar of justice, every sinister and corrupt practice is used in an effort to free the accused. It is always easy to convict a poor man. The wealthy malefactor are the ones who find means of using their wealth to their advantage. Wealth and influence should not count in favor of a defendant, neither should they count against him."

Rum Running Case At Capital

St. John Man Accused of Operating Automobile While Under Influence of Liquor.

Fredericton, Sept. 14.—The charge of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, which was preferred against the driver of the Woodstock car, who was one of the quartet of rum-runners arrested at Springhill on Monday night in connection with the seizure of \$20,000 worth of Black and White whiskey, which was being transferred to his car, was dismissed this morning by Judge Limerick with costs. Judge Limerick said he had given the prisoner the benefit of the doubt in the case. The accused, who had been released on \$500 bail, yesterday afternoon after the sentence had been taken, is still out on \$200 bail awaiting trial on a charge of having liquor in his possession.

Evidence was heard this morning in the case against the driver of the St. John car on a similar charge. The testimony of the officers who made the arrests and seizures were heard, while Chief Findley, also gave evidence, in which he stated that the accused was under the influence of liquor when interviewed between 12 and 1 o'clock in the police station. The accused was placed upon his own defence prior to the case being adjourned until this afternoon.

ROBBER AND BEATEN.

A colored man was found badly beaten near Taylor's general store at East St. John at an early hour this morning. He was brought to the central police station in a Hiney and taken to the hospital from there in the patrol. The man was badly bruised about the face, neck and head. He claimed to have been robbed of \$100, but still dashed a roll of several hundred. The colored man's hands from one of the robbers in the harbor. Detective Saunders is working on the case.

Carleton-Victoria Farmers' Convention

Woodstock, Sept. 14.—The United Farmers of Carleton-Victoria will hold a convention at Andover on Monday, September 20th at 2.30 p. m. for the purpose of nominating a candidate to contest the coming Federal election. W. Caldwell, M. P. of Florenceville, the present member, will likely be renominated. There is no movement as yet in the ranks of either the Conservative or Liberal party to call conventions.

MARITIME BOARD TRADE CONVENTION

Fifty Delegates Representing Various Boards of Province Gathered at Charlottetown.

Demand Better Rates from C. N. R.

Special to The Standard. Charlottetown, Sept. 14.—Fifty delegates from the Maritime Provinces met here today for the annual meeting of the Maritime Board of Trade, St. John, Moncton, Amherst, Sydney, Kentville, Chatham and various parts of Prince Edward Island being represented, with the president, H. J. Logan K.C., of Amherst, in the chair and R. H. Armstrong, of St. John, acting secretary. After addresses of welcome from the Governor, Premier and acting Mayor, the president making a fitting reply, the business was taken up. President Logan, in his annual address, strongly emphasized the need of greater co-operation in the Maritime Provinces. Up against the high tariff walls of the United States, the prohibitive freight barriers of the C. N. R., the rate of exchange, the rate of interest, he said, to trade away ourselves. Reduction in freight rates is essential to our business success. Mr. Logan also urged unity in demanding a return of the I. C. R. to former status with Maritime management at Moncton, instead of Toronto. He also suggested employment of a paid Secretary for the Maritime Board, a suggestion approved of during discussion following his address.

SHACKLETON'S SHIP BELIEVED UNSINKABLE

Antarctic Explorer is Expected to Set Out from London This Week.

EXPEDITION HAS PERFECT EQUIPMENT

Movie Machine and Phonograph Only Non Essentials on Board the "Quest."

London, Sept. 14.—When Sir Ernest Shackleton and nineteen other "cold weather" scientists and two Boy Scouts set out from London probably this week for a two-years' study of the geography, bird and plant life of the Antarctic, they will have the satisfaction of knowing that never has a polar expedition begun with such perfect equipment. The little 110 foot Norwegian auxiliary bark, refitted and renamed the Quest, will carry instruments that will enable the expedition to determine with accuracy the altitude than man has yet flown, ocean currents at 6,000 fathoms and make surface records that the long experience of Shackleton and his crew consider necessary.

In the first place Shackleton has a boat that he believes cannot be crushed in the ice and this is partially substantiated by the fact that it lived one winter in the ice which was used by his former Norwegian owners as a whaling craft. To gain this, some seaworthiness has been sacrificed. The double wooden sides two feet thick seem to be built at a dangerously abrupt angle from the gunwales to the keel, but they are constructed with the idea that if the ship is crushed by the ice, the raised rather than crushed. While uncomfortable in rough weather the vessel is unsinkable, owing to the heavy sides and unusually heavy timber used in all construction. In fact if she were filled with water she still would float.

As regards personnel, everything seems to be done for protection and nourishment but very little for comfort. The largest cabin on the boat is the wardroom, 14 by 10 feet and surrounded by bunks. In this small place will be the companionship of the long cruise. Here the 20 men will eat, play games, listen to a phonograph which has been presented to the ship and view motion pictures thrown on a wall. Probably they will see the same pictures many times until the photographer makes some new ones and then they will see in pictures given which they have lived through already in the past.

The needs of such an expedition are being greatly misinterpreted, and it is being looked for by the public. Some instruments have been gratefully received as gifts but aside from them, the only successful donors of instruments have been the phonograph people and an American manufacturer of a fire extinguisher, who has handed one up in almost every pipe given with the "wishes for success" by the captain at Hyde Park Corner, which Shackleton frequents when in London.

There will be five wireless sets aboard, four for telegraphic work and one for telephone. The most powerful set will have a radius of 3,000 miles and with it Shackleton expects to send news of his progress from time to time. Another set will have a radius of 900 miles and the other two will be portable apparatus, one for use on the airplane and another for parties that may leave the ship for exploration. The telephone set will also be used by such parties on the airplane.

Much is expected of the miniature plane. It is a specially constructed craft of less than 100 horsepower and with a wing breadth of only 25 feet. Its pontoons are so constructed that it can alight on water or ice. All except the wings will be stowed away in a sling on deck and it will be put together on the small deck house in the bow.

Shackleton thinks he can eliminate dogs which always have been troublesome by use of the airplane for reconnoitering. He will take three sledges with him. Probably he will depend on manpower to get them about.

G. T. R. STOCKHOLDERS MET.

London, Sept. 14.—A meeting of the Grand Trunk stockholders committee was held today but no statement was given out. It is understood the committee is still waiting for the opinion of counsel.

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Series of Resolutions Adopted Looking to Furtherance of Maritime Interests.

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Resolution Passed.

A resolution, moved by J. E. Masters, of Moncton, urging appointment of a commission to investigate the best method of securing for the Maritime Provinces traffic originating in C. N. R. destined for Europe and Near East, and by tariff concessions, to faster freight and passenger inward traffic through Canadian ports and over Canadian roads, was referred to a special committee for amendment.

Officers Elected.

Officers elected were: President, J. Loyd Holman, Summerside; 1st Vice-Pres., Capt. J. E. Masters, Moncton, N. B.; 2nd Vice-Pres., R. R. Chappelle, Sydney, N. S.; Secy-Treas., G. H. J. Logan, Amherst; Executives, H. J. Logan, Amherst, W. F. Burdett, St. John, E. A. Saunders, Halifax, A. A. Pomeroy, W. L. Higgins, Charlottetown, H. Berman, Kentville, E. F. Jarvis, Chatham. The meeting will close tomorrow at noon, afternoon and evening will be spent in entertainment winding up with a banquet at Beach Grove Inn in the afternoon. H. J. Logan addressed the Rotary Club on Maritime problems.

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Giant Mine Clue To Mystery Sinkings

Explosive Washed Into Virginia Coast at Portsmouth.

Portsmouth, Va., Sept. 14.—A giant mine three feet in diameter, coated with barnacles and oysters and provided with an electrical firing device, was washed ashore at Ocean View, near here, and has given rise in mine circles to the theory that ships reported lost off this coast recently might have met their end by striking one of these explosive devices.

Identification of the nationality of the mine had not been made today. A party from the supply station at the naval base began an investigation.

The mine, it was said, is the first to be washed ashore in this section. It had the appearance of having been in the water a long time and bore the marks of a hurricane bolt, under it is believed, for mooring, projected from the bottom, the electrical firing apparatus from the top, while a flange an inch and a half wide by an inch thick encircled it. There were no firing points other than at the top.

MOVE GAINS TO DROP ARBUCKLE IN THE MOVIES

Theatres in All Parts of Country Stop Films Which Featured Comedian.

PROCTOR HOUSES CLOSE DOORS TO FATTY

N. Y. State Board of Censors Without Power to Act on Individual Actions.

New York, Sept. 14.—With the arrest and imprisonment of Roscoe (Fatty) Arbuckle on a charge of murder came news from all over America of the withdrawal from motion picture houses of films in which the accused comedian is featured.

In many cases the owners of theatres stopped pictures being shown or cancelled orders for Arbuckle films, while in others the authorities issued orders to the police to prohibit exhibitions in which the first actor appeared.

In New York the State Board of Motion Picture Censors announced that the New York State law does not permit interference with the exhibition of Arbuckle films. At least one string of theatres in this city—E. F. Proctor, Yonkers and Picture Theatre circuit—will not show any Arbuckle productions while the charges are pending against him in San Francisco. The directing heads of these theatres announced that they were a general postponement of all programmes in which Arbuckle films were to be featured.

Commissioner Joseph Levenson of the censorship bureau explained there is no action the board can take, as under the law it has nothing to do with what the actors may do in public.

"The State censorship law does not empower us to bar a picture because of any personal act of a member of the cast, as I understand it," he said. "Consequently if Arbuckle's pictures are satisfactory in all other respects we have no authority to prevent their being shown."

Dr. Hask Rensfeldt, managing director of the Rialto and Rivolt theatres, said last night that he had not taken a position in the matter of "refusing Arbuckle films, principally because he did not have to, as he had none booked for the next six weeks."

Labor Men To Contest Elections

Farmers Endeavor to Have Fusion Ticket in Brockville.

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MUST ACCEPT IS STATEMENT BY DE VALERA

Chief Speaks at Dinner—Remarks Were Supposed to Be in Secret.

SAYS IRELAND MUST ACCEPT PROPOSALS

Statement Fits the Great Confidence in Ireland Daily in Evidence.

London, Sept. 14.—"We ultimately must accept the British proposals," is the statement accredited to Eamon De Valera, at one of the numerous private dinner parties given by the Sinn Fein leaders after the first open meeting of the Dail Eireann and before he had sent his second note to the British government.

Of course, what was said at that dinner was expected to be kept secret, but there were women present and that important sentence has been bandied about in quarters in London that are supposed to know what is going on in the high councils of the Irish parliament. The statement was made after the Sinn Fein had been surprised to ascertain that Premier Lloyd George had laid "all his cards upon the table," when, at first, they had believed he still held back some negotiating points.

The statement also fits the great confidence in Ireland, as expressed in dispatches that the Sinn Fein envoys will meet the British cabinet, ministers in far off Scotland and other more practical leaders may result in a greater advance towards peace than did Mr. De Valera's conversations with Mr. Lloyd George.

In this connection, all reports from Ireland indicate that Griffith will be the dominating influence in the Sinn Fein delegation which will be received in London where he has been credited, rightly or wrongly, with being the brains of the Sinn Fein. Mr. De Valera's reported statement may be deprived of much of its importance, however, if reports that he is absolutely dominated by other members of the Irish cabinet may be accepted as true. Keen observers of the situation do not accept them wholeheartedly and profess to see the Sinn Fein answers to Great Britain little bit of every trend of thought in the Irish cabinet, covering the entire ground of ideas from Mr. De Valera to the irreconcilability of Erskine Childers, who joined the Irish rebels after resigning from the British Air Force in the war.

It is also significant that after Mr. De Valera is supposed to have made this important statement that the word "republic" was dropped from his correspondence and in the Dail Eireann itself. It was supposed that the word "freedom" and later by the phrase "government by consent of the governed" and it is those rather obscure signs on the guide posts that are leading the Irish people to believe they are being directed towards peace.

Much has been written in the English press recently on the history of the American revolution and the Civil War in the United States, since they would be brought into the exchange of notes between England and Ireland, and writers favoring each side profess to see there is something to substantiate their points on the Irish question. One writer came forward with the suggestion that the relations between Denmark and Iceland were ideal for those between Great Britain and Ireland, but without explaining the difference in temperament between the snow-capped Iceland and the warm blooded imaginative Celt.

Washington Managers Bar Arbuckle Films

Washington Motion Picture Theatre Owners Took the Position Today That They Would Refuse to Show Films of Roscoe (Fatty) Arbuckle until the Chain of Evidence against the Comedian in San Francisco is Cleared Away.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 14.—Washington motion picture theatre owners took the position today that they would refuse to show films of Roscoe (Fatty) Arbuckle until the chain of evidence against the comedian in San Francisco is cleared away. While they explained they did not wish to prejudice the case in any way, they said so much of a case of improper conduct has been built up that they feared the sense of public morals might be offended if Arbuckle pictures were exhibited.

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