

MACKENZIE KING UNDER THE COMPLETE DOMINATION OF QUEBEC LIBERAL POLICIES

Can be Unmade by Them and He Must Obey Orders or Get Out. KING ALREADY IN DEFEATED COLUMN He Must Obey Quebec in Campaign Against National Railways and Organized Labor.

Special to The Standard. Montreal, Oct. 18.—The Quebec political situation and contest differ materially in issues, objects and combinations from the rest of Canada. The Liberal party here is a Quebec party aiming at National control through provincial solidarity. It is more Tory than the Conservatives. It would increase protection, destroy Nationalization and public utilities of any form and would replace International Trades Association by racial, sectarian labor organizations as, in other words, labor independence would give way to corporation and sectarian paternalism. Quebec Liberals claim, and with much justification, that they control Federal Canadian Liberalism in policy, practice and leadership. They look upon Hon. Mr. King as but a megaphone and will use him or discard him just as he gives the proper tone in the expression of their ideas.

Quebec Holds Leadership The leaders of Quebec Liberals are Sir Lomer Gouin and Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux. They did not make Mr. King but they can unmake him. They may not dispose him until after the contest, but he must accept their orders or get out. In Quebec Premier Lemieux indicates the trend of political thought. Mr. King has no important English press support. Mr. Melgheon has a nominal support from this section. Lemieux is playing a neutral game, while Lapresse is divided in his opinions on French leaders. All the press, French and English, are fighting for a Quebec block to enforce corporation control of Federal Utilities, especially in transportation. Mr. King repudiated Mr. Lemieux's declaration in favor of the Shughnessy plan of handling railways, and brought down on himself the wrath of the Montreal Press. He is nominally Conservative, but opposing Mr. Melgheon and National Railways. He says of Mr. King's statement of the railway policy "one of the best returns on the stage is of course, the effort of the boy leader to convince far away audiences that he is really Commander-in-Chief of the party which permits him to carry its banner."

King Takes Orders. But conditions are against him. A real leader would never have been "ordered" by his alleged following to sacrifice himself in North York. As it is, Mr. King is already in the defeated column for the evening of December 6th. Having disposed of Mr. King's leadership and political future the Star deals with his campaign independence. "But this does not prevent him" it continues, "from still being, on occasion, an amusing 'little cuss.' For instance at St. John he undertook to lead Mr. Lemieux and the Quebec group generally out of the party." This was for declaring against Nationalization of Railways, and the Star declares that not only is this Mr. Lemieux's policy, but it is the policy of the whole Liberal Party in Quebec, "for they are all practically for the Shughnessy plan." The Star then sizes up the situation. "Who is the Liberal party?" It is Mr. King or Sir Lomer Gouin. The Quebec group made him leader," and the Star further says, "Mr. King is wholly the creature of the Quebec Liberals, and that they can unmake him as readily as they made him," concluding, "hence it is the purest farce for him to tell the Quebec Liberals that it is he and not they who speak for the Liberal party. As well might a megaphone disown the man who lifted it to his lips."

Gazette's Opinion. Nor is the Montreal Gazette more indefinite in its opinion of the Liberal leader's position in Quebec. The Gazette is an outspoken advocate of corporation control, opposed to the Government's Railway policy, and sees in the Quebec representation the possibility of the return of the National Railways to a corporation. In an article, highly eulogistic of Sir Lomer Gouin, it discusses Mr. King. "It would be grossly unfair to describe Mr. King as a political nonentity," says the Gazette, "but quite within the bounds of truth to say that he is more chip upon the political waters, moved by every passing breeze and totally devoid of initiative, courage or consistency. An accident, a bit of politeness, a nursed resentment gave Mr. King the vote of Quebec in the Liberal convention, and made him the titular leader of that party, but no one in either camp takes him very seriously as the possible head of a Government. Not so with Sir Lomer Gouin." The Gazette sees in Sir Lomer Gouin's railway policy the same as Mr. Lemieux's—a solution of our railway problem. A solution that would give the assets of the C. P. R. to the stockholders and add its liabilities to an already overburdened National system. Such is the situation in Quebec, Mr.

U. S. GOVERNMENT PREPARED TO MAN RAILROADS IN EVENT OF STRIKE

Washington, Oct. 18.—The Government is prepared to man and run the railroads if the nation-wide strike set for October 30th ties up the country's transportation system. This information was contained in a statement received from a source close to the administration. "The economic disaster that would be precipitated by such a crisis must be prevented by every power of the Government," was the statement of this authority. Congress, keenly alive to the dangers of the situation is prepared to act immediately if the impending strike becomes a fact. The use of the army and navy to protect those operating the roads in the emergency is certain to be evoked. Any molestation of the property or personnel of the railways while the strike crisis lasts will be dealt with unhesitatingly, it was learned today.

LOYD GEORGE GIVEN FREE REIN TO ADOPT ANY COURSE HE MAY WISH REGARDING ARMS PARLEY

House of Commons on Reopening Places No Obstacles in Way of Premier—Sole Obstacle to Definite Announcement of His Plans Rests in Progress of Irish Peace Making.

London, Oct. 18.—The reconvening of parliament was marked by an absence of formality and devoid of oration, either in the Premier's address or in the attitude of the House of Commons has served principally to leave Lloyd George free to adopt any course he may choose to pursue towards the Washington Conference, and to determine for himself whether the circumstances will permit his personal attendance in America. The Premier will, accordingly, "go to Washington as soon as the parliamentary situation and general conditions at home" render the trip possible. Apparently the sole obstacle to a definite announcement of his plans rests in the progress of the Irish Peace making which, if it reaches a critical stage, may cause a last minute decision to remain in England. The Premier's reference to his desire to attend the disarmament convention and his announcement of the personnel of the British delegation constituted the sole reference to America in his speech to the House of Commons. The Premier announced the British Commission will include Arthur J. Balfour, Lord Lee, First Lord of the Admiralty, and he hoped, himself. Since none of the Dominion Premiers had been invited to attend the conference as representing their countries, he said the government had nominated for places on British delegation, Paquet, of Australia, Borden of Canada, Bastril, of India, and Salmon, of New Zealand, Sir Auckland Geddes, Ambassador at Washington, will act as delegate in case any one of the appointees is unable to attend. The delegation as a whole, will represent interests of South Africa. As experts and advisers, Earl Beatty will represent the Navy, Earl Cavan, Army, and Sir Marshall Higgins, with Sir Maurice Hankey, Air Forces.

SIX FOOT OSPREY CAUGHT BY SAILOR

Bird Arrives in New York and Bronx Zoo May Have It. New York, Oct. 18.—A giant osprey, biggest of fishhawks measuring six feet from tip to tip, which is bigger than some eagles, perched exhausted on the foremast light platform of the steamship Europe of La Veloce line Wednesday evening off the Grand Banks, 500 miles from land, and Capt. Minetti offered a reward to the seaman who would capture it. Quartermaster Francisco Donato volunteered and had a battle with the big bird aloft. If the bird had not been very weary from its long enforced flight down the blast that had borne it off the coast of Newfoundland Donato might not have subdued it. As it was the bird put up a good fight, severely clawing and biting the quartermaster before he dragged it down to the bridge with the help of Chief Officer Angelo Cocca. The bird was chained to the boat deck and fed regularly with fish. The skipper says the Bronx Zoo can have it merely by sending for it.

Assailant of Wendell Slipp Stands Trial

Special to The Standard. Woodstock, N. B., Oct. 18.—In the Circuit Court this afternoon, Judge Chandler presiding, there was an address to the Grand Jury in the case against the Messrs. Hartley for doing grievous bodily harm to Harley W. Thomas. The parties are from Hartley, Settlement. The case against Byron Ross for causing the death of Mabel Green by furious auto driving, was taken up. The case against Richard Britten, charged with attempted murder of Wendell Slipp, was proceeded with before the following jury: Clement Brenon, Charles Clark, E. West, Herb Hemphill, Balleline Johnston, Stanley Carr, J. P. Maguire, J. F. Williams, Ernest Downey, Walter Hatfield, Edward Brooks and Robert Howey. The only witnesses heard were Miss Gretchen Smith, the young woman who was in the car with Mr. Slipp, and Dr. Rankin, who is treating the patient and whose evidence was similar to that appearing in the newspapers. This case will be continued tomorrow.

Grand Jury Reports. The Grand Jury disposed of the following cases, with Ald. W. M. Smith as foreman: King vs. Manner Hartley, Guy Hartley and George Hartley, assault with intent to do bodily harm on Harley W. Thomas, True Bill. King vs. Oliver Devenport, Richard Britton, John Burpee, attempted murder of Wendell Slipp, True Bill. King vs. Byron Ross, manslaughter, No Bill.

DISQUIETING ELEMENT IN THE IRISH PARLEY

News Comes from Belfast That Ulster is Reorganizing Her Volunteers. LORD CURZON REMAINS SILENT Refuses to Make Any Statement on the Irish Situation, Believing It Dangerous.

London, Oct. 18.—Sinn Fein peace delegates held an extended conference this afternoon with Winston Churchill, discussing, it is understood, military aspects of Ireland as "a member of the community of nations known as the British Empire." The maintenance of an Irish army and its limitations and England's insistence upon full facilities for development of the aerial defenses in Ireland, and the question of communications, were some of the subjects touched upon by the Conference. In addition to Churchill, Captain F. E. Guest, Sir Hugh Trenchard, Air Ministry, and Worthington, British Minister of War, took part in the conference. The main conference is to be resumed Thursday.

Lord Curzon, in the House of Lords, declared he was unable to make any statement on the Irish situation since the premature disclosures of progress made at the conference would be dangerous. Curzon praised the reticence that had been observed by both sides since the parley began. Coincident with the announcement of Sir James Craig, Premier of Ulster, that the six counties of the North will cling together, then came news from Belfast that Ulster was reorganizing her volunteers which is a disquieting element in the situation. Ulster's arguments for re-establishment of volunteer forces in protection must be afforded against Sinn Fein aggressiveness as evidenced in recent outbreaks. Charged that Republicans establishing camps drilling and importing arms and ammunition, "more than two persons" are now forbidden.

GEDDES ASKED TO HONOR U. S. UNKNOWN DEAD

London, Oct. 18.—Sir Auckland Geddes, British ambassador to the United States, will lay the wreath of South African flowers upon the tomb of America's "unknown warrior." The wreath will bear the following inscription: "America's Unknown Warrior. One with ours in the great comradeship of death, his sacrifice calls us to the great comradeship of the living." "From the government and people of the United States," the inscription reads. The date of the ceremony at the National Cemetery at Arlington, Va., has not as yet been announced.

Something More Powerful Than Law

Chicago, Oct. 18.—Municipal Judge Jacobs has found something more powerful than the law. John Bennett was before him today for "harassment" in the evidence. "Take it away," he said, "I can't stand that. Prisoner is discharged." The officers left lugging a large limberger cheese. Bennett said he had found the cheese.

United States Is At Peace With The Germans

Washington, Oct. 18.—Normal peace with Germany is being negotiated. The Senate voted tonight 65 to 29 to ratify the treaty negotiated by the present administration and substitute it for the Treaty of Versailles. The treaty declares peace to exist between the United States and Germany, recognizing certain rights granted to the United States under the Treaty of Versailles and attempts to safeguard the claims of American citizens against Germany. The Senate also ratified the Peace treaties with Austria and Hungary which are virtually the same as the German pact.

Foch To Witness Foot Ball Game

Princeton, N. J., Oct. 18.—Marshal Ferdinand Foch will witness the Princeton-Yale football game at New Haven on November 12, according to a statement issued here today. The Marshal will be a guest at the game of Colonel Franklin D'Olier, first commander of the American Legion, who is a Princeton man, class '91. The distinguished French leader will observe strictly neutrally at the game, sitting on Princeton side for first half and Yale side for second half.

PREMIER CONTEMPTUOUS OF UNSUPPORTED INSINUATIONS OF THE AGRARIAN LEADER

SECRET CONTRACTS COME TO LIGHT EMBARRASSING SHIPPING BOARD

Washington, Oct. 18.—The existence of secret contracts with British agents, made by the old Shipping Board, or Shipping Control Committee was revealed today by Sir Ernest Raeburn, British representative here to settle Great Britain's \$21,000,000 debt to the United States Shipping Board. These contracts, Sir Ernest declared, would materially alter the amount due the Shipping Board. Although Chairman A. D. Lasker refused to discuss the secret contracts, and merely announced the presence of Sir Ernest to dispose of the British debt, nevertheless, it is understood the old Shipping Control Committee made secret agreements. Therefore the final amount to be paid cannot be determined until the alleged secret documents are read. It is understood \$12,000,000 of the sum involved is in freights carried during the war for Wheat Export Company of New York, a British corporation.

THROUGH RAILROAD LABOR BOARD HARDING PROPOSES TO TAKE STEPS TO AVERT WALKOUT

Leaders of Big Five Cather at Chicago to Hear Executive's Statement—Steps Taken Which Are Expected to Lead Railroad Managers to Withdraw Application for 10 Per Cent Additional Wage Cut.

Chicago, Oct. 18.—Railroad labor, in session here tonight, is outlining the line of action intended to halt the threatened railroad strike. With the arrival of Chairman R. M. Barton, Vice Chairman Ben Hooper and G. W. W. Hangard, three public members who were called to Washington by President Harding, the Board started its executive session from which it expected there will be an announcement of the Government's plans to bring about peace between the carriers and their 2,000,000 employees—or to compel it. While the Board is meeting, Lloyd George is expected to arrive at the 13 federated shop crafts unions, and eight other "standard" railway organizations were meeting here in a preliminary star-chamber conference. On Wednesday these unions are expected to announce their decision on the proposition of joining the Big Five Train Service Brotherhoods in a walkout October 30.

Chicago Pupils To Be Remade

Chicago, Oct. 18.—Chicago pupils are to be remade. Monkey glands are alright to pop up old finks but kids need sheep glands. This is the announcement of Dr. Frank G. Brennan, director of Special Schools here today. "We intend to put new brains into the minds of pupils," he said in declaring the experiments to start next week.

Launches His Ontario Campaign With Most Militant Speech Since Dissolution

CHALLENGES CRERAR TO MAKE GOOD Accuses Him of Using Vague Cowardly Insinuation to Bolster Up Weak Policy.

Special to The Standard. Spencerville, Oct. 18.—Declaring that Mr. T. A. Crerar, Agrarian leader, was seeking to rouse passions and antagonisms, and characterizing some of the statements in his recent manifesto as "vague, cowardly insinuation," Premier Meighen launched his Ontario campaign here today with the most militant speech that he has delivered since Parliament was dissolved. The Prime Minister was highly contemptuous of the unsupported insinuations in the Agrarian leader's pronouncement, and he exhibited all his capacity for scornful invective as taking up Mr. Crerar's statements in order. He called upon the author to support them with proof or piece of evidence to cowardice and deceit. "Mr. Crerar asserts, or suggests, that the Government is improperly influenced by Big Business. I challenge him here and now to state what and how this improper influence was exercised, and by whom; I defy him to speak. I challenge him to play the part of a man. If the time ever comes when I shall feel called upon to charge improper conduct against a fellow-citizen, I trust I shall have the courage to point my hand to the act. That is all I ask of Mr. Crerar today. I ask him to stand up and say what Big Business influenced me or my Government, and where."

Where Did Crerar Stand?

"Mr. Crerar was a member of the Government. He was a member of it for two years. Ask him—farmers of Ontario—ask him if the Government was subservient to Big Business? Was he a party to the subservience? Or does he think we ceased to be victims when he departed from our midst? Mr. Crerar has no answer. He has no answer. All he seeks to achieve is the rousing of passions, the stirring of class against class. To hide the nakedness of his argument he is descending to vague, cowardly insinuation, to tactics which are little worse than downright treason itself. Again I challenge him to come out into the open and cease his demagogic cant."

Attacks Agrarian Policies

Mr. Meighen, probably for the reason that the Liberals have "not a candidate in the riding, devoted to most the whole of his speech to an attack upon Agrarian professions and policies. He was particularly caustic in his criticism of Mr. Crerar's manifesto. "Where does Mr. Crerar's manifesto get the revenue his tariff policy would abolish?" he asked. "Two years ago he told us he would get it on land and on inheritance tax, but today these policies are absent from his manifesto. In their stead we have—what? Simply the vague phrase that he will impose more direct taxation upon 'those best able to bear it.' That is the kind of talk one expects to hear from an oily, squirming politician."

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