

RANEY RESIGNS ATTORNEY-GENERALSHIP TODAY

New York State Passes Bill Making Rum Running Easier

RANEY RESIGNS AT LAST SESSION OF HOUSE TODAY

Attorney-General Will Not Run For Office in Coming Election.

COMES AS SURPRISE

Resignation Follows Within twelve Hours of Closing of House.

Special to The Advertiser. Toronto, May 5.—Hon. W. E. Raney today resigned the office of attorney-general of Ontario. His resignation, tendered within twelve hours of the winding up of the legislative session last night, came as unexpectedly as a bolt from the blue. Mr. Raney, who represented East Wellington in the last Legislature, will not be a candidate in the coming provincial election.

Mr. Raney has agreed to "carry on" with the duties of his office until after election. During the past four years he has been generally regarded as the mainstay of the provincial government, particularly in regard to prohibition and social legislation. Mr. Raney was not a candidate in the general election of 1919, but entered the cabinet at the invitation of Premier Drury, after the latter was called upon to form a government. Choice of a successor to Mr. Raney may precipitate fresh dissension between Premier Drury and J. J. Morrison, secretary of the U. F. O., the latter, it is generally expected, will urge the claims of Gordon Waldron, K.C., solicitor of the U. F. O., for the attorney-general's portfolio. Other names mentioned today are those of W. D. Gregory, K.C., now chairman of the commission investigating the Chippewa hydro project, Arthur Chelback, K.C., and J. W. Curry, K.C., who has already announced that he will not seek re-election in Southeast Toronto, the riding which he now represents in the Legislature.

CANADIAN OIL COMPANY IS DAMAGED BY BLAZE

\$15,000 Loss to Toronto Building in Spectacular Fire Today.

Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, May 5.—Fire starting in the plant of the Canadian Oil Company, Limited, Strachan avenue, early today developed into a spectacular blaze, which did \$15,000 damage to the building, a three-story frame structure sheathed with tile. The flames were discovered by a watchman. The oil tanks of the company are located nearby, but being underground, were in no great danger.

Features On Inside Pages—

Articles by David Lloyd George, Ramsay MacDonald, Lord Riddell, Gene Stratton-Porter, Henry Van Dyke, Frank G. Carpenter and Ernest Hemingway.

"Up From the Death Cell," by John W. Kane; new stories by O. Henry; "The Stranger," by John Goodwin; "Letters of a Japanese Schoolboy," by Wallace Irwin; "Our Children," by Angelo Patri; "The Children's Hour," by Thornton Burgess.

The Gumps, Barney Google, Mutt and Jeff and a host of comics; "The Doo Dads," by Arch Dale.

You will find these and many other features only in The Advertiser.

FEAR MANY DEAD WHEN HUGE QUAKE HITS NORTH CHILE

Buildings Topple From Their Foundations, Causing Great Damage.

WAVE SWEEPS CITY

Fleeing Populace Believed Caught in Inrush of Waters.

Special to The Advertiser. Santiago, Chile, May 5.—A strong earthquake shock shook the state of Atacama, in north central Chile, toppling buildings from their foundations and causing great damage. A tidal wave, which followed, swept over the city of Carrizavillo, inundating a large area. The population fled in panic from the place and sought refuge in nearby hills. Homes were destroyed and many were believed to have been caught in the sudden inrush of the sea waters. At Vallenar, a coast village, the chief buildings of the town were shaken on their foundations and lay in partial ruins. Despatches say there was great damage there, especially to irrigation ditches. No estimates were made as to the loss of life. The quake began at 5:40 p.m. last night, it was said.

E. E. TRIDER IS CHARGED WITH DEATH OF PARIS

Drumheller Constable Fatally Injured in Automobile Wreck.

Associated Press Despatch. Drumheller, May 5.—Elmo Edgar Trider was charged with murder here today, the charges being the death of Constable Charles Parks of the Drumheller town police, who was fatally injured when Trider, driving an automobile alleged to have contained liquor, crashed the car into a board fence in attempting to knock the policeman off the running board. Daniel Buchanan, who was driving with Trider, will face a charge under the Alberta liquor act, and will be held as a material witness.

SAYS TRANSPORTATION, NOT FUEL, IS PROBLEM

Howard Stutchbury Urges Use of Cars Held Up For Grain.

Ottawa, May 5.—There is no real problem in Canada, but there is a problem of securing transportation for fuel which already lies in Alberta to points throughout the Dominion.

Such was the contention advanced by E. Ward Stutchbury, trade commissioner for Alberta, who addressed the Ottawa Kiwanis Club yesterday. Mr. Stutchbury said there was enough fuel in Alberta to supply all Canada, but the question was one of transportation. Between now and next August, he asserted, there would be 40,000 box cars sidetracked in the west for the grain movement, and he said that efforts were now being made to secure the use of these cars. At present, he said, the Alberta mines were closed down, as there was no general market for the coal. He did not expect the mines to reopen until the fall.

MANITOBA HOUSE WILL BE PROROGUED TODAY

Resolutions of Premier Bracken Will Bring Session to a Close.

Canadian Press Despatch. Winnipeg, May 5.—With all business cleaned up with the exception of two resolutions to be proposed by Premier Bracken, the Manitoba legislature adjourned early this morning until 3 o'clock this afternoon, when the resolutions having been dealt with the house will be prorogued. In the first resolution the premier will urge the Dominion Government to take power at the present session of parliament to suspend the Dominion coastal regulations and take any other steps to make lake freight rates fair and equitable. In the second he will urge the Dominion Government be called upon to give immediate effect to the agreement of last November, respecting transfer of the natural resources, or in default, to transfer school lands to the province and make refunds in respect to school lands that have been sold.

The Ten Best Spellers In Grade V. From All London



Here are the ten boys and girls in London who passed most successfully in the semi-finals of The Advertiser's city-wide spelling contest, which has attracted such widespread attention. Although the list of 75 words submitted to them was selected from the most difficult in their grade work, they all made decidedly creditable marks.

Splendid Spelling Shown In the Semi-Final Tests of Advertiser's Big Match

Grade VII. and Grade VIII. Contestants Yesterday Demonstrate Remarkable General Knowledge of the King's English—Lists of Winners and the Words They Spelled.

The Champion Spellers

The twenty girls and boys listed below are London's best spellers in Grade VII. and in Grade VIII. They were picked last night in the semi-finals of The Advertiser's Spelling Match, and are the champions of over 4,000 contestants from 25 city schools entering the big match three weeks ago.

The finals, to pick the one champion of champions in each grade, will be held orally next week and will be open to the public.

GRADE VII. CHAMPIONS.

1. Helen McCormick, St. George's.
2. Marion Reynolds, Riverview.
3. Albert Bartley, Aberdeen.
4. Harold Noel, Lorne.
5. Mary Cook, Sacred Heart.
6. Marion Hooper, St. George's.
7. Rosary Clark, Sacred Heart.
8. Edward Hobbs, Ealing.
9. Marguerite Floyd, St. George's.
10. John Tamblin, Ryerson.

GRADE VIII. CHAMPIONS.

1. Madeline Dicknoether, Sacred Heart.
2. Dorothy Lowe, Wortley.
3. Robert Moore, Aberdeen.
4. Ruth Hooper, St. George's.
5. Ruth Raymond, Aberdeen.
6. Barbara Fraser, Lord Roberts.
7. Jack Holmes, Tecumseh.
8. Roland Day, St. George's.
9. Lily Fox, St. George's.
10. Vivian Pook, Chesley.

Yesterday afternoon saw the completion of the semi-finals in The Advertiser's Spelling Match.

On Thursday afternoon Grade V. and Grade VI. group champions met in the Collegiate and the ten best spellers picked in each grade were announced in The Advertiser yesterday.

PROVINCIAL FIGHT OPENS IN EARNEST THIS AFTERNOON

Premier Drury Will Speak at Milton on Nomination Meeting.

TO DINE WITH LABOR

Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, May 5.—The provincial election campaign begins in earnest today. Premier Drury speaks at Milton, at the nomination meeting there this afternoon, and there is another U. F. O. convention at Owen Sound. The Conservatives will have several conventions this afternoon, including one at London for East Middlesex, another at Guelph for South Wellington, and a third at Owen Sound for North Grey. Hon. Howard Ferguson, Conservative leader, is scheduled to speak at Welland on Tuesday, Wellington High Liberal leader, is to speak at the party convention at Woodstock this afternoon, and there are also Liberal conventions today at Dundas for North Wentworth and in East York. The Independent Labor Party is holding a "get-together" convention in St. Catharines this afternoon. Perhaps the most discussed event in Labor circles today, however, is the luncheon at Government House, when Lieutenant-Governor Harry Cockshutt will have as his guests about 50 prominent Labor leaders from Toronto and other Ontario centres. The action of the Laborites in accepting this invitation has been criticized in some quarters and commended in others. The provincial campaign so far has been more or less sporadic, because of absence from their ridings of the members of the legislature. Up to the final sitting of the legislature in Queen's Park was so strained and uncertain that each party kept almost its entire voting strength on the job, giving little opportunity for much electorizing at points any considerable distance from Toronto. However, with this off their minds, the political leaders and their lieutenants are spreading out over the province, and next week will be in the heat of the battle.

BREACH OF FOOD AND DRUG ACT.

A local grocer was fined \$25 and costs in police court today for a breach of the food and drug act. The information was laid by Dominion inspector William E. Wilson, who charged the grocer with offering for sale adulterated cider vinegar.

There Were City Libraries In the Time of Abraham

Promissory Note Was Well Known to Ancient Babylonians, Says Professor A. T. Clay of Yale.

Special to The Advertiser. Montreal, May 5.—Interesting side-lights on the history of ancient Babylonia featured a letter by Prof. A. T. Clay of Yale, in which he says sufficient material has been found in excavations to illustrate practically every page of the Old Testament, and corroborates the statement in Biblical history that the ancients had some decidedly modern ideas, was evident when a slide was thrown on the screen showing a picture of a payroll, and revealing the information that as far back as the time of Moses women were sometimes employed to do the work of men, and that in one particular case, at least, a woman received a salary equal to that paid to a man for similar work. That there were libraries in Abraham's time, and that a promissory note was well-known to the ancient Babylonians, were other statements made, a picture of a promissory note of ancient times bearing interest at 100 per cent was shown.

LITTLE WHEAT EXPORT FROM INDIA THIS YEAR

Canadian Trade Commissioner Says Price Averages \$1.15 a Bushel.

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, May 5.—That very little wheat will be exported from India, either this year or next, even though crops prove to be well above normal, unless export prices reach a higher level than at present, is the opinion of H. A. Chisholm, Canadian trade commissioner, writing from Karachi. The price of export wheat at Karachi now averages \$1.15 a bushel, the up-country farmer receiving about 95¢ a bushel. As the farmer was getting over \$1.50 a bushel a few months since, he is not disposed to sell much of his wheat at what he regards as a low level. Indian peasants who before the war could not afford to eat wheat, now show a definite taste for wheat cakes; the present low level of food prices combined with the comparatively high level of wages making it possible for them to afford this erstwhile luxury.

NAVIGATION IS OPENED WITH HURONIC'S ARRIVAL

Canadian Press Despatch. Port Arthur, Ont., May 5.—Navigation from the lower lakes to Port Arthur has opened with arrival of the steamer Huronic, of the Northern Navigation Company, from Sanrina, with passengers and freight. After getting through the ice at Whitefish, the Huronic did not experience any further difficulties. Following her are about fifteen freighters, bound for Port Arthur and Port William.

BRITISH TRADE OUTLOOK CONTINUES OPTIMISTIC

C. G. Venus States Brighter Tone Apparent Recently Is Being Maintained.

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, May 5.—Continued optimism with regard to the trade situation in Great Britain is expressed by Canadian Trade Commissioner C. G. Venus, writing from London to the department of trade and commerce. The brighter tone which has been apparent recently is maintained, he says, and is reflected in a slight increase in wholesale prices of commodities other than foodstuffs. Iron and steel are largely responsible for the increase, Mr. Venus observed, owing to the dislocation of German competition, but other metals and minerals and certain other articles also share in the rise. Lloyds register of shipping for the first quarter of the year indicates a healthier condition than for two years past in the shipbuilding industry. Overseas trade registered advances in March to the extent of \$6,000,000 in imports, and \$3,000,000 in exports over the month of February.

RISE IN FRENCH PRICES.

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, May 5.—Demand in many industries in excess of supply, and a general rise of prices, are features in the French economic situation, according to Hercules Barre, Canadian trade commissioner in Paris. The rise in prices, however, says M. Barre, is highly prejudicial to French manufacturing, since it is rendering foreign competition more easy.

NEW YORK MAKES RUM TRADE EASY FOR CANADIANS

State Places Responsibility of Enforcing Act on Federal Authorities.

'WETS' ARE REJOICING

The Repeal Bill Has Been On and Off Six Times During Session.

Associated Press Despatch. New York, May 5.—With the ending of the 146th session of the New York State Legislature early this morning, news was flashed from Albany which has brought rejoicing in the camp of the local "wets." With the ending of the legislature's session ended also legislative responsibility for state prohibition enforcement or non-enforcement. With it, too, came the prospect for wider breaches in the United States government's prohibition enforcement wall at the border, through which the rum runners from Canada may bring an increased supply of forbidden beverages to the thirsty souls of the state. The assembly in the closing hours of the session passed a bill sponsored by Representative Cuvillier of New York, repealing the Mullan Cane law. The vote in the assembly was 70 to 71. The measure was passed by the senate by a vote of 23 to 22. The bill now goes to Governor Smith for signature, and the general expectation is that it will receive his approval. Thus New York will become the first state in the union to rescind legislation supplementary to the federal Volstead act and in effect place the enforcement of the act up to the federal authorities.

Defeated Often.

Six times during the session the repeal bill has been on and off, twice yesterday it was carried out of the early morning hours in a concerted dash the wets carried the drys off their feet and the state enforcement law was wiped out of the statute books. The Mullan Cane law was a state replica of the Volstead law. It made it definitely incumbent upon all police officials of the state to enforce the federal laws. The Volstead law is still binding in the state, of course, and in theory all national officers of the law are supposed to enforce it, but, lacking a supplementary state enforcement law, the general opinion is that there will be but little activity in this direction on the part of state officials.

The Volstead law contains specific instructions to federal officers to carry out its provisions. Therefore, though all officials are bound to support the laws of the United States in practice, it will be up to the federal authorities to carry out the enforcement. The state police will no longer operate under the mandate of the state law to stop bootlegging at the border and liquor-running along the highways in the north country.

Will Not Enforce Police.

Sheriffs and municipal police will have no authority from the state to enforce the Volstead act. They will not be permitted to enter saloons or homes to gather evidence and only the handful of federal officers in this state will be available to check the traffic in liquor. It is expected federal authorities will rush all available officers to the state, but it would require many thousands of them to take the places of the municipal police.

There was widespread rejoicing in New York City this morning as a result of the vote in the legislature which the "wet" leaders say will go further, breaking down the Volstead act.

THE WEATHER

FORECAST. Today—Fresh northerly winds; fine. Sunday—Fine, stationary or a little lower temperature. Pressure is now highest over the upper lakes and northern Quebec, and lowest to the south of Nova Scotia and in the southern states. The weather continues cool and showery in the Maritime Provinces, and fine and moderate warm in other parts of the Dominion. Temperatures.

Stations	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	66	46	Clear
Vancouver	70	40	Fair
Winnipeg	60	30	Fair
Port Arthur	60	20	Clear
Krugstad	66	46	Fair
Ottawa	72	44	Fair
Montreal	61	40	Fair
Quebec	66	36	Cloudy
Father Point	42	22	Rain
St. John	40	20	Rain
Halifax	40	20	Fog

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay, Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Northeast winds, partly cloudy and somewhat cooler. Lower St. Lawrence, Gulf and North Shore—Strong northeast winds, mostly cloudy and cool. Maritime—Fresh to strong northeast winds, cloudy and cool with occasional rain. Lake Superior—Moderate winds, fair and moderately warm. Manitoba and Saskatchewan—Southerly winds, mostly fair and warm. Alberta—Northwest and north winds, partly cloudy and cooler with showers.

Watch For Announcement of Spelling Match Finals Next Week