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MAY BE JOINT CHAIRMANSHIP AT CONVENTION

Names of Premiers Gouin and Murray Mentioned

Eight Out of Nine Provincial Premiers to Be Present, Now That Liberals Have Swept Prince Edward Island

Ottawa, July 25.—Defeat of the Conservative government in Prince Edward Island is expected to result in eight out of nine provincial premiers attending the National Liberal Convention in Ottawa on August 5, 6 and 7. Credentials had already been extended to John H. Bell, as leader of the Liberal opposition in Prince Edward Island. Mr. Bell, it is expected, will now be called upon to form a government for the island and will attend the convention as one of the provincial premiers. Ontario is at present the only province in the dominion with a Conservative administration. The selection of a chairman for the convention is arousing considerable discussion. It is probable that joint chairmanship—one French and one English—will be chosen. The names of Sir Lomer Gouin, premier of Quebec, and Premier Murray of Nova Scotia, are suggested. Nothing, however, will be determined until the national committee meets toward the end of the month. D. D. McKenna, leader of the opposition in the House of Commons, has arrived in Ottawa. He will remain till after the convention.

POLICE COURT

In the police court this morning a case against George Galbraith, charged with resisting the police, was resumed. Night Deskman Thomas said that Policeman Arbo brought the accused to the police station a little after one o'clock, and when he took the handcuffs off of him, he pulled some money out of his pocket and said he would bet the amount that he could beat the policeman. The case was again postponed until Policeman Arbo could appear for cross-examination.

William M. Ryan appeared for the defendant and asked that a deposit of \$200 be accepted, that being the amount asked for by the magistrate. The latter said he would consider, but could not consent now as information was being obtained whether this man was fazed before, if so, he would have to go to jail.

The magistrate in remarking about hoodlums, and the localities where they sold bad liquor, said, "If they only paid me for detective work."

Joseph Carr, who was before the court on a charge of vagrancy was again given a further hearing. Night Deskman Thomas said that the accused came to the police station several times for protection, and on one occasion asked to be sent to the Alms house; he was taken out, but came back again. He was sent for three months to the Alms house.

James Ryan, chef in the Royal Hotel, and metals were the matter was postponed till this afternoon.

Five youths were in court over the case of J. Humphrey, who was in a motor car, which was recovered in St. Stephen. It came out that Town Marshal E. C. Hill was in his boarding house in St. Stephen when he noticed a car going along the streets very slowly, as the streets were very dark. Having been advised of the number of the missing car, he noticed that the number of this car corresponded. He hurried out and caught up to it and arrested the occupants.

Information received by the detectives is that the lady left her getting a short distance below Musquash, when they had a blow out. They slept in the car all night. In the morning another car happened along and gave them a patch, and in a short time they were on their way again. Outside of St. George they ran out of gasoline, and an American car loaned them some, which took them to St. Stephen. From there they went to Calais, Me., and about midnight returned to St. Stephen.

Detective Bidcombe and Policeman Saunders brought the lady back last night, some of them in George Parlee's car, which he was bringing home from St. Andrews, and the rest were driven back by Mr. Sheehan, who went with the detectives to drive his car back.

Some evidence was taken in the matter of a charge against the Brayley Drug Co. in connection with some Wilson's invalid port wine, said to have been sent in a shipment of goods to Bathurst and not marked just as required. The case was adjourned until August 10. J. Starr Tait is for the prosecution; L. A. Conlon for the defence.

HALIFAX HAS SEVERE ELECTRIC STORM

Halifax, N. S., July 25.—A heavy electrical storm passed over Halifax this morning. Reports from western parts of the province indicate that the storm was severe there last night and early this morning.

At Annapolis Royal a large barn was struck and destroyed by fire and some stock and produce being lost. Several houses in Halifax and Dartmouth were struck this morning and slightly damaged.

Winners At Bixley

London, July 25.—(C. A. P.)—Canadian winners at Bixley include Major A. McArthur of New Glasgow, N. S., and Sgt. Faulkner, Dartmouth, N. S., both of whom won £5 each. McArthur also won the bronze badge in the Graphic cup competition.

Croatian Troops Revolt; Proclaim a Republic

Begin Fraternizing With Hungarian Soldiers

Separation From Serbia Cry of the Men—Violent Combats in Vicinity of Gratz—French Troops Sent to Luxemburg

Paris, July 25.—(Havas)—The Croatian troops have proclaimed an independent Croatian republic, according to a despatch from Agram, the capital. At several points the Croats are fraternizing with Hungarian soldiers. Paris, July 25.—Despatches from Agram and Gratz report a serious military revolt in Croatia. It is taking the form of a movement for separation from Serbia and the formation of a republic. Advice says that troops are leaving their units, officers and subalterns are leading off their insignia and the army is in a state of dissolution. The railroads and telegraphs are tied up from Cankorty southward. The Serbians are trying to suppress the revolution by the use of troops both Serbian and Croatian.

Gratz, Syria, July 25, via Basle.—Violent combats occurred Tuesday evening at Marburg, thirty-six miles south-south-east of Gratz, where a large part of the garrison revolted as a result of dissatisfaction over demobilization. Thirty persons were killed and many wounded. The movement started at a Socialist meeting where speakers advocated the formation of a republic of Jugo-Slavic-Slovenian and Croatian soldiers who were present in considerable numbers. "Let us separate from Serbia." Frankfurt, July 25.—(Havas)—French troops have been sent to each Luxemburg on the demand of the communal council to protect the frontiers. This action was taken because of the presence of American troops from Luxemburg.

U. S. SENATE AND THE DEFENSIVE TREATY

Washington, July 25.—President Wilson does not now plan to present the defensive treaty with France to the senate until his return after his tour of the country. This statement was made today at the White House. A resolution requiring the president to submit this treaty to the senate was offered in the senate yesterday by Chairman Lodge of the foreign relations committee. Unanimous consent for its immediate consideration was refused by Senator Robertson, Democrat, Arkansas.

W. E. BALL, PROMINENT IN WINNIPEG, DEAD

Winnipeg, July 25.—W. E. Ball, for many years prominent in financial circles of this city, died today, aged sixty-two, after a long illness. He was manager of the Eastern Townships Bank. Mr. Ball had lately been the income tax consultant for the dominion government. He was survived by his wife, one son and one daughter. The body will be taken to St. Stanislas, Que., for interment.

DEMobilIZATION OF THE FRENCH ARMY

Paris, July 25.—All reserves of the French army, including the class of 1917, will be demobilized by the middle of October, according to plans completed by the government and published today. There would remain on service members of the classes of 1918, 1919 and 1920.

HEALTH MATTERS

Dr. J. A. Wade, of St. Andrews, district medical health officer for the western district, attended a meeting of the sub-district board of health for Carleton county in Woodstock today, in connection with the medical inspection of stock. Dr. Wade will make a sanitation inspection of the new Exhibition buildings there.

ON HIGH LEVELS? THEN DRAW SUPPLY OF WATER TOMORROW

There will be a drought on the higher levels of the city beginning on Saturday afternoon about 2.30 o'clock. This is a plain statement of what is going to happen. The drought will be the result of the city's water supply from Lake Latimer being shut off at that hour the new section which has been laid around Lake Fitzgerald. When the main supply is cut off, the city will be wholly dependent on the supply from Little River and while this may be sufficient to supply the lower levels there will be little if any water for the heights. In announcing the plans for this work today, Commissioner Jones said they hoped to have the full supply from Loch Lomond available again by Sunday evening but this could not be promised definitely. It will be necessary for all householders living in the more elevated parts of the city to lay up a generous supply of water for their needs over the dry period. While this will be an inconvenience to many citizens it is but part of a price of a better and more dependable water service for the future.

As Hiram Sees It

"Well," said Mr. Hiram Hornbeam to the "Times," "if the thing's gonto fix up Prince William street for the Prince, 'Don't you s'pose he'll want to see any other part of the town? If I was him I'd want to see a good look at the hull place, an' let the people see 'im." "Perhaps he would like to do that," said the reporter, "but it would never do. Our reverend leaders would never stand for it. Do you suppose for some moment they would go into the gump—even with the Prince?" "A cat," said Hiram, "ain't look at a king."

THREE SISTERS DROWN; YOUNGEST FOUND IN ARMS OF ELDEST

Owen Sound, Ont., July 25.—Three little daughters of W. E. Foster, a farmer of Rockford, three miles from this town, were drowned in the Sydenham River yesterday. The children were aged nine, eleven and twelve. When the bodies were found the youngest girl was clasped in the arms of the eldest.

SAYS AUSTRIA CANNOT DO IT

Vienna, July 25.—(By the Associated Press)—The new terms of the Austrian peace treaty are making no special impression on the general public. The newspapers, however, remark that the world is still attempting to treat Austria as a great state, instead of one which has lost five-sixths of her territory and been reduced from a great empire of 55,000,000 persons to 6,000,000 who are facing a winter in which hundreds of thousands are sure to die of famine or cold.

Bank Director Declares Country Unable to Meet the Terms of Peace Treaty

Dr. Karl Renner, German-Austrian chancellor and head of the peace delegation which visited St. Germain, in an interview published here, says: "We are invited to an 'American duel'—that is, we have the option of shooting ourselves or of being shot. Within the limits of her possessions, until she must furnish proofs that Austria is willing to pay, with assets which are non-existent."

Bank Director Declares Country Unable to Meet the Terms of Peace Treaty

Dr. Alfred Fried, managing director of the Anglo-Austrian Bank, said today: "Since the war Austria has been stripped gradually of her possessions, until she is now deprived of what other countries consider necessities of life, as she is without food and free to demobilize. The only solution for our people is emigration."

DOMINION PLANS FOR MILITIA RE-ORGANIZATION

Ottawa, Ont., July 25.—The policy of the dominion government in regard to the re-organization of the militia forces of the dominion is likely to be definitely decided upon this autumn in time to be announced at the special sitting of the house to be convened in October to ratify the peace treaty. A special committee will consider the question of the after-the-war militia establishment is now at work.

FIRE ON THE CEDAR

New York, July 25.—Seventeen coal passers and firemen on the White Star liner Cedric were overcome by smoke last night when a small fire broke out in one of her after holds as she lay at the foot of West Twentieth street. All recovered on being brought into the open air, and city fire fighters quickly extinguished the blaze.

WEATHER REPORT

Synopsis—The barometer is now high over the Great Lakes and relatively low over the western and the maritime provinces. The weather is fine and warm throughout the dominion. Mostly Fair and Warm. Maritime—Moderate southwest to northwest winds, mostly fair and warm today and on Saturday. Ottawa Valley, Upper St. Lawrence, Lower St. Lawrence, Gulf and North Shore—Light winds, fine and warm today and Saturday. New England—Fair tonight and probably Saturday; light variable winds.

Former St. John Man Murdered

James Sproul Is Shot And Succumbs At Orono, Me.

Was on His Way to Work in Mill at Night—Only Clue so Far Box Which Had Been Shot Over Before

The Bangor Commercial gives prominence to a despatch from Orono, Me., reporting the murder of James Sproul of Orono, said to be of St. John, son of Joseph Sproul and brother of Mrs. Ethel Harton, both of this city. He was a laboring man employed at the Bangor mill of the Orono Pulp & Paper Co. He was shot and fatally wounded just after he had left his little home on the Bangor road a little before 10.30 o'clock Wednesday night, July 23. James Sproul was the son of Joseph Sproul, 125 Adelaide street, and was born in Upper Sussex. He left home about twenty years ago for Maine. He is survived by his father, three sisters, Mrs. Jennie Routson, and Mrs. Ethel Harton, of St. Patrick street, and Mrs. Bertha Sharp, of Providence, Rhode Island; two brothers, Robert H. Sproul, of Brewer, Me., and Joseph Alexander Sproul, of Orono. Since his departure twenty years ago he has visited here on several occasions. The last visit being when he attended the funeral of one of his sisters. His father, accompanied by Mrs. Routson and Mrs. Harton, left last evening for Orono, Me. Mr. Sproul had been living in Maine about twenty years, was about 33 years old. He lived in a little cottage house a comparatively short walk from the mill where he was employed. His family consists of his wife, Mrs. Emma Sproul and four children. They emigrated to Orono about ten years ago. The eldest child is Kenneth, aged five, after whom comes Eileen, aged four, Caroline, aged two, and Stanley who will be a year old on August 6.

SAD JOKE THIS

Coffins Ordered to Montreal Home. Whence Three Children Had Been Sent to Hospital

Montreal, July 25.—A practical joke yesterday, instructed two undertakers to order three coffins for the children of Ovide Bourdon, Bordeaux street. When the first casket arrived Mrs. Bourdon fell insensible. It so happened that her three children are in St. Paul's Hospital suffering from scarlet fever. Mrs. Bourdon, suffering from the same ailment, rushed to the hospital. There she was assured that her children were all alive and getting well. It was not allowed to see them. When he notified his wife that the youngsters were all right Mrs. Bourdon refused to believe it, and herself went to the hospital. She insisted on seeing the children and despite hospital regulations, she was dressed like a nurse and admitted to the wards where they were. Upon her return home the casket was returned to the undertaker. The police are now looking for the joker.

PROBABLY DIED IN FIRE

Manchester, N. H., July 25.—Two unidentified persons are believed to have lost their lives in a fire which raged today in two four-story tenement buildings in Lake avenue, a congested district, early today. When fire broke out, some rescuers of occupants who had been driven from their beds by the flames they saw two persons on the piazza of an upper tenement signalling for help. Smoke immediately concealed the piazza from view and when a ladder was raised to it no one was found. It was believed the two, despairing of help from the street, re-entered the house and were overcome by the flames. The fire originated apparently in the kitchen of a restaurant which had closed at midnight. An explosion occurred soon after the alarm was given.

OBJECT TO INTERFERENCE BY AMERICANS IN HOME AFFAIRS OF CUBA

Havana, July 25.—A new political party was formed in Cuba today with "non-interference of other nations in Cuba's affairs," as its principal platform. The sponsors are prominent men of the liberal and conservative parties who have been outspoken in their opposition to the Platt amendment, and have endeavored unsuccessfully to persuade their parties that they should not permit Americans to interfere in any way with Cuba's internal matters.

REPORT ON OPERATIONS OF CANADIAN CANNERS

Ottawa, Ont., July 25.—The cost of living commissioner, it is understood, will soon submit to the minister of labor an interesting report dealing with the operations of the principal canners of the dominion. A special committee of the House of Commons which inquired into the matter of the high cost of living planned to investigate the canners, but did not have time to do so before the prorogation of parliament. This phase of the inquiry has since been dealt with by the cost of living commissioner. It is likely that the report will be in the hands of the government within a few days.

LARGE FOREST FIRE NEAR BIG MAGAGUADAVIC

Believed in Fredericton To Be On The Fraser Lands

Report Made to Department of Lands and Mines—Rev. A. D. McLeod, Operated on, Shows Little Improvement

Fredericton, July 25.—A serious forest fire near Big Magaguadavic Lake was reported to the department of lands and mines last night. Assistant Chief Scaler G. W. Burden and Ranger C. V. Pickard went to the scene this morning. It is believed the fire is on lands of Fraser Companies Limited. In connection with the Kedgewick forest fire settler, William Michaud, voluntarily acknowledged an offense against the fire laws before Magistrate Somers and was fined. Game Warden Irving Russell recently caught a man in the act of killing a moose out of season. The condition of Rev. A. D. McLeod, pastor of the Devon Methodist church, who was operated upon in the Victoria hospital yesterday for appendicitis shows little improvement today. Rev. G. M. Young, pastor of the Fredericton Methodist church, left last evening for the Pacific coast on a two months' vacation. Hartley A. Tull and Miss Clara B. Carr, both of Geary, were united in marriage on Wednesday by Rev. J. S. Sutherland at St. Paul's manse in this city. Whitfield C. Munroe of Hawkeston and Miss Lottie Eloise Ball of Woodstock were married here by Rev. J. S. Sutherland on Wednesday. Thomas N. Harris and Miss Greta H. McLaughlin, both of Fredericton, were united in marriage here on Thursday by Rev. J. S. Sutherland.

TODAY IN THE MARKETS

New York, July 25.—Rallies of one to three points from yesterday's late depression were recorded at the opening of today's stock market, the strongest issues embracing oils, motors, equipments and shippings. Royal Dutch, Pan-American, Mediana, Petroleum, Standard, General Motors, Baldwin, and Motive, American International and Marine common were the central features. Food shares were active, tobacco and leather, and utilities strengthened under lead of People's Gas. Bethlehem Steel was the most backward issue reacting almost two points.

MONCTON TRANSCRIPT ON THE P. E. I. ELECTIONS

Moncton, N. B., July 25.—The Prince Edward Island elections naturally caused much interest in Moncton. The Moncton Times (Conservative), has no editorial comment. The Moncton Transcript (Liberal) in part will say: "Dominion politics always to a greater or lesser extent enter into provincial elections here in the maritime provinces, and this is especially true of Prince Edward Island. In that province the parties take themselves as the case may be, as Conservatives or Liberals, as the case may be, and it was a Conservative versus a Liberal election which was conducted on Thursday. The local Conservative party found the burdens of its own commission and obligations supplemented by those of the dominion Conservative party so great that it fell by the wayside."

AGAINST BOLSHEVISM AND ONE BIG UNION

Montreal, July 25.—A resolution condemning Bolshevism and the one big union idea in Canada was passed by the Army and Navy War Veterans this morning. The resolution favors a commission with national power, appointed by the dominion government, fully to investigate the Bolshevick campaign in Canada. The convention also demanded governmental action with regard to war profiteering and food prices.

HUNDREDS OF DEPENDENTS HELD AT LIVERPOOL BY THE DOCK WORKERS' STRIKE

London, July 25.—(C. A. P.)—The strike of the dock workers at Liverpool caused a great deal of inconvenience and irritation to Canadians homeward bound, whose cases have evoked much sympathy. Fifteen hundred soldiers' wives and dependents, who were on the Scotian and who were held up for several days, were cared for by the authorities, and 500 other passengers were billeted in hotels and boarding houses. The Empress of Britain was sent to Glasgow. The officer commanding the waiting Canadian troops interviewed the dockers' union officials in an attempt to get the steamer released, but without avail.

BIG SALE OF PLATINUM

New York, July 25.—It was announced here today that thirteen thousand ounces of platinum have been sold by the ordnance department of the army. The mineral was withdrawn from the assay office and sold at \$100 an ounce.

ACCIDENT

John Kelly was injured yesterday afternoon when he was thrown from a horse in Missis. He was taken to the General Public Hospital in an automobile. It was found that his injuries were only slight. It was reported today from the hospital that he was improving.

SOLDIERS' FAIR

In addition to the other festivities connected with the celebrations on August 14 and 15, a fair is to be held in the city by the Great War Veterans in St. Andrew's Park, which has been engaged for the whole week. Committees are now going ahead to make the required arrangements.