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Depends On Decision Of Sir Douglas

Understood in Government Circles That Should New Brunswick's Chief Justice Re-enter Politics the Cabinet Position is His.

Ottawa, Aug. 12.—Whether New Brunswick's next representative in Dominion re-organized cabinet will be Sir Douglas Haas, General Hugh H. McLean or Stanley E. Elkin, Liberal Unionist, M. P. for St. John and Albert, rests primarily with Sir Douglas Haas.

The Standard correspondent understands, from a source close to the government, that the position has been definitely offered to Sir Douglas, and that his acceptance will be one of the things which will be discussed with Sir Robert Borden when the premier reaches St. John to greet the Prince of Wales. The names of Mr. Elkin and General McLean were suggested in the event that Sir Douglas should decline to retire from his present position as chief justice of New Brunswick to re-enter politics. If Sir Douglas accepts there is every reason to believe that he will become minister of justice, while if the portfolio goes to Mr. Elkin he may become minister of public works.

Hon. Dr. Tolmie was today sworn in as minister of agriculture in succession to Hon. T. A. Cresser who resigned because of his opposition to certain features of the last budget. It is understood Dr. Tolmie will be re-elected in Victoria by acclamation while Sir Henry Drayton, who succeeds Sir Thomas White as finance minister, will also get an acclamation. In return for this there is a strong feeling that the government should permit Hon. W. L. MacKenzie King, the new Liberal leader, to take his seat as representative for Quebec east. Sir Wilfrid Laurier's late constituency, without the formality of a contest.

SPARTACAN PLAN TO OVERTHROW BERLIN GOVT

Revealed in a Circular Sent Out to Agents and Chiefs—To Hasten Internal Crisis by Tampering With Home Guards.

Berlin, Monday, Aug. 11.—A complete and carefully drawn plan to overthrow the present government and further world revolution is contained in a secret Spartacan circular to its agents and district chiefs.

The documents speculate on various possible developments, and then sets forth a concrete plan, the first step of which would be to hasten an internal German crisis by tampering with the home guards of Gustave Noske, minister of defense.

The postal workers are depressed, according to the circular, which goes on to say that the programme with regard to the peasants is complete.

Delay in provoking revolution is rather welcome, "as it will enable further education," it is stated.

The document doubts that the rail-roads yet aim at the Spartacan goal, their objects being economic. Therefore, it says, their movement must be supported in other than political ways at present.

GRAND LODGE OF REBEKAHS ELECT OFFICERS

Secretary's Report Shows Seventy-Five Deaths During the Year.

Moncton, August 12.—The Grand Lodge of Rebekahs held their session this morning and heard the reports of the president and secretary. The secretary reported the death of thirty-one brothers and twenty-four sisters during the year. The Rebekahs had a visitation and an address from the Grand Sire, Judge H. R. G. Jones, at the afternoon session. The Rebekahs elected officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Miss Kate Mulligan, Summerside, president.

Mrs. W. W. Wingrove, Grand Falls, New Brunswick, vice-president.

Barbara McKenzie, Westville, N. S., warden.

Mrs. A. D. McKean, North Sydney, secretary.

Mrs. P. A. MacGowan, Moncton, N. B., treasurer.

In the evening Pearl Rebekah Lodge, Moncton, exemplified the Rebekah degree on a number of candidates. More delegates are arriving tonight increasing the number in attendance at Grand Lodge to between six and seven hundred.

STRONG CRITICISMS MADE IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS ON GOVERNMENT'S EXTRAVAGANCE

Heads of Departments Placed on the Defensive and Endeavored to Answer Critics With Plausible Reasons for Expenditures—Secretary of War Intimates Government is Endeavoring to Meet Popular Demands for Greater Economy.

London, August 12. (By The A. P.)—In the House of Commons tonight the ministers had to listen to a deal of strong criticism of the extravagance of the government in the matter of armaments, but Winston Spencer Churchill, secretary for war, in a general defense of the government, said he was able to promise considerable retrenchments in this direction. His speech betrayed that the government was endeavoring as far as possible to meet the popular demands for greater economy.

Major General J. E. B. Seely, under secretary for air, in the course of his speech, made the effective point that the efficient air force had saved the country millions in money and thousands in lives this year in connection with the troubles in Afghanistan and Egypt, whose campaigns were carried out at slight cost as compared to the enormous heavy cost in money and life in similar campaigns conducted by the British in the past.

The Right Honorable Sir Frederick Banbury, Unionist, argued that the people would never economize while seeing ministers riding about in expensive automobiles at the nation's expense.

The Right Honorable George Lambert, Liberal, challenged the government to say what it considered the peace strength of the air force likely to be, and when the colossal expenditure on military adventures abroad would cease. He declared the government had lost the confidence of the country by the huge expenditure in every government department.

Mr. Churchill, defending the government, said that through its policy it was beginning to regain control over expenditures. The latter, however, was still dependent upon military commitments abroad, the Minister continued, but already it had been arranged that the large force, while the end of October the British forces on the Rhine may be reduced to a single strong brigade, including an air force of a single squadron.

The deluged peace with Turkey and Bulgaria, and the position in Mesopotamia, prevented an immediate reduction of the large force, while the Irish executive was strongly opposed to reducing the Irish garrison.

The government is making earnest inquiries whether it is not possible to free employment of the armored cars and swift tanks and a judicious use of railways and airplanes to greatly reduce our armaments in these regions," Mr. Churchill declared.

He was hopeful that it might thus be possible to reduce the cost of the armaments by half. Mr. Churchill, however, stoutly resisted the suggestion, but declared that he would not himself become responsible for any immediate reduction of the air force, or any other armaments, but that he would continue to work for a permanent, effective and independent state of existence.

HAVOC FOLLOWS PEACE DAY RIOT AT LUTON

(Manchester Guardian.)

The damage done in the rioting at Luton on Saturday is now placed by competent assessors at well over a quarter of a million. Not only was the Town Hall set on fire and practically burnt out, but when the local police were reinforced, the mob turned their attention to shops in the neighborhood.

Shortly after the Peace procession had passed, the mob attacked the Town Hall, forced an entry, and demolished the decorations and furniture and broke the windows. They were expelled by the police on duty, but returned with reinforcements at eight, and overpowered the police on duty, poured petrol from an adjacent garage upon a corner of the building, and set fire to it. When the fire brigade arrived the hose pipes were cut and the firemen hooded.

A chemist's shop was broken open, and the supply of bottles used as ammunition against the firemen and police, who were mauled, huddled, and lacerated in their work. Shortly after 2 a. m. on Sunday a detachment of the Royal Field Artillery were brought into the town, and the molestation of the firemen ceased, but by this time the Town Hall was doomed.

The crowd then broke open a piano-forte warehouse and dragged out one of the instruments, and a sort of Bacchanalian festival was held. Then a confectioner's establishment and a boot store was raided.

DENY ARRIVAL OF THE BREMEN'S CREW

Berlin, Aug. 12.—(By The Associated Press.)—Denial was made in official circles today of the statement printed in the Vossische Zeitung yesterday that the entire crew of the German submarine Bremen, which disappeared three years ago, had arrived in Bremen.

Sen. Lodge In Attack On League

Fifty Men a Distance of Forty Feet to Bottom of Concrete Floored Dry Dock.

TWO KILLED AND MANY INJURED

Pitiful Scenes a Relatives Rushed to the Spot to Enquire for the Safety of Their Kin.

Washington, Aug. 12.—Describing the League of Nations as a "deformed experiment upon a noble purpose," Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee and Republican leader in the Senate, declared in a speech today in the Senate that there were features of the league covenant which "as an American," he never could accept.

Creating not a league of peace, but an alliance embracing many "provisions for war," the covenant in its present form, he asserted, would kill the Monroe doctrine, nullify any possibility of withdrawal from membership, impair the sovereign power of deciding domestic questions, "plunge the United States into every controversy and conflict in the face of the globe."

"Let us beware," he said, "how we palter with our independence. We have not reached that great position from which we were able to come down into the world from tyranny, by being guided by others. Our vast power has all been built up and gathered together by ourselves alone."

"We forced our way upwards from the days of the revolution, through a world often hostile and always indifferent. We owe no debt to anyone except to France, in our revolution, and those policies and those rights on which our power has been founded, should never be lessened or weakened."

"If we are to serve the world to-day, it will be of intolerable injury to the United States. We will do our share. We are ready and anxious to help in all ways to preserve the world's peace. But we cannot serve the world's peace, and our sovereignty to other nations, I will go as far as anyone in world service, but the first step to world service is the maintenance of the United States as a free, independent, conservative or reactionary, but an American I was born, an American I have remained all my life."

LOYD GEORGE INVESTED WITH THE ORDER OF MERIT

London, Aug. 12.—(By The Associated Press.)—King George tonight invested David Lloyd George with the Order of Merit at Buckingham Palace. The awarding of the honor to the Premier was announced on Aug. 6.

REVOLUTION IN HONDURAS IS NEAR THE END

Revolutionists Have Been Generally Defeated by the Government Forces.

San Salvador, Aug. 21.—Honduran revolutionists, according to official reports today from Tegucigalpa, capital of Honduras, after being defeated by Government forces under Colonel Santos Fortin at Guacoran, were pursued and routed at Mount Lariglers, and later driven out of Guacora. Proposed operations against La Esperanza which the rebels are holding were said to have been delayed while the Government completes preparation for an enveloping movement.

ELECTIONS IN BULGARIA SET FOR AUGUST 17

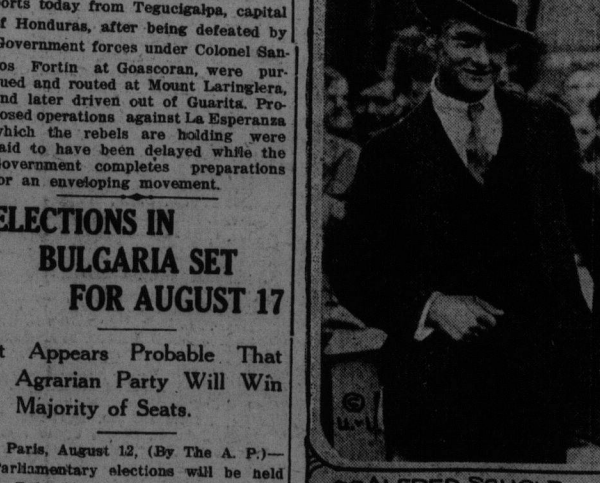
It Appears Probable That Agrarian Party Will Win Majority of Seats.

Paris, August 12. (By The A. P.)—Parliamentary elections will be held in Bulgaria, August seventeenth. It appears probable that the Agrarian party, of which M. Stambulsky, a member of the Bulgarian peace delegation, is the leader, will win a majority of seats.

The Socialists, it is expected, will elect a considerable number of members, but the Bulgarian delegation in Paris' expresses the belief that it will not be displayed as a result of the elections.

MYSTERIOUS GERMAN PRISONERS

Marked for death by a vendetta because they had betrayed the plans of the German High Command and to American Army intelligence officers just before the beginning of the great American offensive in 1918, two men listed as "two German prisoners of war" assigned to the Director of Military Intelligence, Washington, D. C., have just been landed at Hoboken, N. J., from the United States transport Aganemson. They were under heavy guard of fifteen United States soldiers, who had charge of them from the moment they left the other side of the ocean. Mystery surrounded their identity. They were listed as Alfred Scholz and Alvin Grothe, but the case may prove most interesting.



ALFRED SCHOLZ and ALVIN GROTHE, THE MYSTERIOUS GERMAN PRISONERS

ENTHUSIASTIC CROWDS GREET THE PRINCE AND HIS PARTY ON NEWFOUNDLAND VISIT

The Weather Was Ideal and Shipping and Public Buildings Were Gay With Bunting in Honor of His Royal Highness.

PRINCE PRESENTED WITH ADDRESS

It Emphasized the Colony's Effort in the World War, a Work Which the Prince in Reply Commended Warmly.

St. John's, Nfld., Aug. 12.—The Prince of Wales landed here at noon today and rode through an enthusiastic crowd lining two miles of city streets over which decorated arches had been erected.

The weather today was ideal, and shipping and public buildings were gay with bunting in honor of the Prince of Wales and the other distinguished guests.

The largest crowd in the history of the city cheered the Prince of Wales enthusiastically.

The route of the parade was decorated with spruce trees, topped by gay bunting, and the flags of the Allies. Two arches, erected by the municipality, soldiers and business houses were attractive features of the decorations. Six were of wooden frames, covered with spruce boughs, and exhibited striking designs of castles and battlements. One was of fish scales, denoting the island's staple industry and another of simple design was erected by the War Veterans' Association.

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At a prince replied.

At the Colonial building the preliminary address was read by the colonial secretary. It emphasized the colony's effort in war, a work which the Prince in reply commended warmly. Here the efforts of both houses of the legislature devolved the Prince with the electric device for the illumination tonight.

VETERAN OARSMAN SAVES LIFE BEFORE LEAVING FOR HERE

Halifax Sportsman Saves Woman from Drowning—Coming to St. John With Halifax Four Oared Crew.

Special to The Standard.

Halifax, N. S., Aug. 12.—The North West Arm Rowing Club's four-oared crew left for St. John by the express tonight. With them is W. E. Scriven, one of the veteran oarsmen of Halifax, who for thirty years has been another of simple design was erected by the War Veterans' Association.

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ST. JOHN FIRM GETS CONTRACT

Will Construct Sewer Line in the City of Moncton.

Special to The Standard.

Moncton, N. B., Aug. 12.—At tonight's meeting a sewer construction contract was awarded to Lewis Stephens & Co. of St. John, the tender being \$12,736.25.

The City Council instructed the City Engineer to propose an estimate of the cost of installing an electric light plant for the lighting of the city's streets and parks. At the present time the city is lighted by the Moncton Tramways, Electricity and Gas Company under contract.

PATRIARCHS ELECT OFFICERS FOR ENSUING YEAR

The Grand Lodge Reported Sixteen Deaths in the Encampment During the Year.

Moncton, N. B., Aug. 12.—Horton MacKay, grand patriarch, presided at the sessions of the Grand Encampment today, which marked the opening of the sixty-second annual session of Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of the Maritime Provinces and Newfoundland. The grand lodge reported sixteen deaths in the Encampment during the year. At the afternoon session the following were elected:

Grand Patriarch, D. R. Wilson, St. Stephen.

G. F. P. J. A. Bettune, Charlotte-town.

Grand Senior Warden, Robert J. Rao, Sydney.

Grand Treasurer, C. A. Simpson, Truro.

Grand Junior Warden, W. J. Urquhart, Truro.

Tonight there was a banquet to the past Grand Masters, at which the principal speakers were Judge Borst, Grand Sire, of Amsterdam, N. Y.; R. MacKay, New Glasgow, and S. I. Walker, Truro.

FALL HARVESTS WILL RELIEVE DISTRESS IN EUROPE

At Least Ninety Per Cent. of the Tillable Acreage is Planted to Crops Which Are Developing Favorably

New York, N. Y., Aug. 12.—Distress in Europe as far as food grains are concerned will disappear after the present harvests, according to John D. Shanahan, of the United States Grain Corporation, who arrived here today after an official tour of the grain producing sections of Italy, the Balkans, Poland, Russia, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Germany, Belgium, Holland and Northern France.

At least ninety per cent. of the tillable acreage of Europe is planted, Mr. Shanahan declared, and despite a lack of unfavorable season in some sections, this vast planted area will help drive away the "real distress" now existing abroad because of food shortage.

Frightful Accident At Lauzon

Gangway Collapses Dropping In a Vicious Speech in the U. S. Senate Assails the League of Nations as a "Deformed Experiment Upon a Noble Purpose."

ALLIANCE EMBRACING WAR PROVISIONS

Warns His Colleagues That Such An Alliance Would Rob the Country of Its Sovereign Rights.

Quebec, Que., Aug. 12.—Two men are dead, two are dying and eighteen others are suffering from grievous injuries, while many more received minor casualties as a result of the collapse of a gangway at the new Champoign Drydock at Lauzon at closing time last afternoon.

The name of the victims are as follows:

Killed—George Beland, 32 years, of Brookfield; Alphonse Richard, 33 years, of Montargy.

Dying—Antonio Lecours, 29 years, Bienville; Oscar Rancour, Lauzon.

Grievously injured—Joseph Gosselin, Levis; Jules Gosselin, Levis; Charles Marquis, St. Roch; Gustav Nolin, St. Roch; A. Quillet, Quebec; Wilfrid Bolduc, 16 years, Lauzon; Eliezer Langlois, 23 years, Quebec; L. P. Desjardins, 21 years, St. Philippe; De Neri; Alex Dennis, 26 years, Levis; Chas. Poirer, 22 years, St. Gregoire; Montmorency; A. Rodrigue, 16 years, Lauzon; Eugene Normand, 23 years, Levis; Claudius Godin, 19 years, Quebec; Adolphe Leblond, 23 years, Lauzon; Philippe Dupret, 23 years, St. Roch; Joseph Dumas, 29 years, Lauzon; Jules Langlois, 18 years, Bienville; Alphonse Deschamps, 22 years, Lauzon.

Rush for Gang Plank

It was just closing time at five o'clock when the accident occurred. Large gangs of men were engaged in repairing two Canadian Pacific Railway vessels, and as the whistle sounded at quitting time, there was a rush for the gangway leading from another vessel to the side of the dock. The gangway bridged a space of about thirty feet between the ship and the side of the dock, and beneath it was the floor of the dock forty feet below the surface of the water.

In their anxiety to reach the wall of the dock and get to their homes about fifty men rushed on to the gangway and as they reached the centre it snapped precipitating them to the bottom of the dock.

It was a frightful sight as the mass of struggling humanity was hurled to the yard and struck the floor with a sickening thud. shrieks and groans of the dying and injured arose above the shouting of the men who had remained on the vessels and were hastening to the rescue. Ambulances, automobiles and other vehicles were brought into service, while a number of doctors and priests were soon on the scene to administer to the dying and injured.

Women Hysterical.

The news of the accident soon spread to the town of Lauzon and the surrounding villages and frantic mothers, wives and children who had relatives working in the docks ran from their homes. The horror of the disaster was written in their drawn faces, as they swarmed pell mell to the scene of the accident. It was heart-rending to see the women struggling to reach the injured men and when they saw them amongst the doctors and first aid corps who were working, some of the women became hysterical and had to be taken in charge by friends.

In order not to impede the rescue work the crowds which gathered had to be kept back, and as the ambulances and other improvised hospital wagons emerged from the dock on their way to the Hotel Dieu Hospital they were followed by weeping groups of relatives who had recognized their own kin and were escorting them to the hospital.

The grounds of the hospital and building itself were besieged by inquiring relatives, and until a late hour tonight many lingered about hoping for cheering news about their men folk.

Only one man was instantly killed when the gangway collapsed. He was George Beland, of Brookfield, aged thirty-two years, who leaves a wife and eleven children. Alphonse Richard, aged thirty-three years of Montargy, was so badly injured that he died at the hospital two hours after the accident.

The doctors in charge of the hospital do not expect that Antonio Lecours, aged twenty-nine, of Bienville, and Oscar Rancour, of Lauzon, will survive their injuries.

The gangway which collapsed was thirty-eight feet in length, forty inches in width and was reinforced with steel supports. It was examined by experts after the accident and they pronounced it of sufficient strength for the purpose for which it was used. They attribute its collapse to the fact that the men were running when crossing it and the great pressure coming so suddenly caused it to spring and snap.