

# PREMIER MEIGHEN FIRES FIRST GUN OF GOVT. PARTY IN THE MARITIME CAMPAIGN

### Thousands Gathered at Amherst and Heard Canada's Premier Blast Away the Platforms of Liberal and Agricultural Parties—Left Opposition Parties Without Plank to Stand on—Pleads for the Unity and Stability of Canada—Solicitor General and Minister of Public Works Speakers.

#### Special to The Standard.

Amherst, N. S., Oct. 3.—Firing the first gun of the maritime campaign before twenty-five hundred electors in the armories this afternoon, Right Honorable Arthur Meighen literally blasted away the platforms of the Liberal and agricultural parties, leaving them without a solid plank in the individual platforms on which they could appeal to the people of Canada.

In his assemblage of straight forward facts upon the main issues of the election, the Protective tariff for Canada, Premier Meighen made a vivid and remarkable impression. His words were educational and threw a new light upon the tariff need of the people of Canada, which desired more growth, unity and stability. His reply to the Agriculture and Liberal party cries concerning a lack of economy in administration was swept aside by giving an indication of the Wood-Crerar idea of purchasing the C. P. R. and buying outright all the coal mines of Canada. Likewise he pointed out the "economic" methods that had been adopted by the United Farmer regime in Ontario.

In answer to the whims of MacKenzie King, he referred the people to the construction of the Transcontinental Railway, a part of the Liberal railway policy in the years 1903 and 1904, two of the factors responsible for the railway deficit of Canada today. His arguments and answers to the vilification of the two opposing parties were irrefutable while the denunciation delivered against the group system of government was complete in all detail.

Prior to addressing the mass meeting, Premier Meighen was in attendance at the convention of the National Liberal Conservative party, presided over by Dr. J. B. Gilroy, of Amherst. At this convention Lieut. Col. Charles E. Bent, D. S. O., C. M. G., late of the 13th Battalion, and Premier Meighen, with Hon. F. B. McCurdy, Minister of Public Works, and Hon. Mr. Fautaux, Solicitor General, were given a rousing reception. The citizens of Amherst, and from every section of the country, were out en masse to meet the Prime Minister of Canada in his first visit of prominence to the Maritime Provinces.

#### Cheers Great Meighen

Amid rousing cheers Premier Arthur Meighen and his two ministers took a place on the platform in the Armories. After a brief introduction had been made by R. K. Smith, president of the Amherst Association of the National Liberal and Conservative party Lieut. Col. Chas. E. Bent pledged himself to the support of the party declaring that he had surveyed both sides of the question and could not see how any man, with the good of Canada at heart, could do other than support the Meighen Government and the issues at stake.

Hon. F. B. McCurdy, Minister of Public Works, Colchester, paid a tribute to the former political student of Cumberland, the late Hon. Sir Charles Tupper Bart and Hon. A. R. Dickie, and eulogized Lieut. Col. Bent for his acceptance of the nomination. He also referred to the flattery and cordiality that MacKenzie King was conducting with the Wood-Crerar combination. He wondered what the hybrid and unnatural offspring of the Liberal-Agriculture marriage of tariff for revenue and free trade would resemble.

Hon. Andre Fautaux, the newly appointed Solicitor-General, from Terrebonne, addressed the ensemble in French, and reassured Premier Meighen as to the steadfast backing of the Quebec Ministers. He asked the French Canadian citizens of Amherst to join with Premier Meighen in the determination to write a new and glorious page of Canadian history, a page of peace and progress, of concord and good will and unity. He emphasized the importance of the tariff question to the country in general and urged the support of the Meighen Administration and its well founded fiscal policies at the polls on election day.

#### Premier's Address

In his peroration, Premier Meighen paid a high tribute to the three Nova Scotia Premiers who had occupied the leading position in the Dominion of Canada in the past years. At the same time he expressed his sincere regard for Lieut. Col. Bent, the candidate for this country, and the gallant record that he had made in the past war and the additional enviable record that he had made for himself at home. He reviewed the political history leading up to the present campaign and denounced the mythical phrases that the Liberal party were endeavoring to make an issue. In the first instance the Liberals had dwelt long upon the matter of tariff. But they

## CUMBERLAND CO. CONSERVATIVES IN CONVENTION

Col. Charles Bent, D. S. O., C. M. G., Government Standard Bearer.

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Amherst, N. S., Oct. 3.—Cumberland county, the famous fighting ground of Sir Charles Tupper, was by today's convention, firmly held for the National Liberal and Conservative party. In nominating Lieut. Col. Charles E. Bent, D. S. O., C. M. G., a victory is assured. This constituency had been considered lost, but where despair prevailed, there is now an enthusiasm that cannot but prove successful. It was the first meeting of the Prime Minister in his Nova Scotia campaign and it is considered a good omen, Cumberland has been keen fighting ground for thirty years, but never was there such a convention as nominated the Government candidate today. Col. Bent is an original of the First Division, fought during the whole war, and at Mons at the capitulation of Germany, was in command of the 15th Highlanders, Toronto, and there was no more popular or respected officer in the army. In Toronto Sir Arthur Currie paid the highest tribute to the courage, tenacity and fighting spirit. He is a native of Cumberland, always a resident here, except when in France; is extremely popular with all classes. There will be two other candidates in the field, James J. Logan, ex-M. P., Liberal, and a farmer-labor representative. The latter combination won in the provincial elections, but have greatly weakened since.

#### Thousands Great Premier

Three thousand people crowded into the Armory to listen to the Prime Minister. Hundreds were unable to obtain admission. The audience was not demoralized, but greatly interested and grasped the significance of the Prime Minister's argument for fiscal protection. His speeches are too intense and too logical to allow for applause. In dealing with the tariff he followed closely the line adopted at Portage La Prairie, Montreal and London. Cumberland, with its industrial concerns and production, is strongly protectionist, and the Prime Minister's advocacy was appreciated. Hon. F. B. McCurdy also urged that no chances be taken with the tariff. Speaking in French Hon. A. Fautaux deprecated the attempt by some political party to bring about a better understanding between the two races and promote national unity and co-operation. It was a most successful meeting and tonight the Prime Minister and his colleagues address another mass meeting in April.

#### Union Government Destroyed

The Conservative organization in Nova Scotia, Hon. A. K. MacLean, who has rejoined the Liberal party, distributed offices freely to his Liberal friends and the past four years were lean for the Conservatives. The Government party is now jumping into the fight with vigor and, even in face of the intense partisanship here, many Liberal-Unionists are remaining true to Mr. Meighen. At the convention today there were several prominent Liberals, the local government is still peddling patronage for political support. With Cumberland in line the outlook for the Government has wonderfully brightened.

#### Westernland, N. B., which adjoins this country, is the scene of another interesting political battle. The Farmers and Labor nominated Arthur Meighen as Premier. The Farmers and labor claims still on. Labor has withdrawn its support as far as labor leaders control, which is not very far here. A. B. Copp, M. P., will again be the Liberal candidate. The Government may not nominate a candidate, fearing that a division of support with Mr. Trites would mean a victory for the Liberals. The Farmers' candidate endorses the Government Tariff Policy and will not countenance a coalition with the Liberals.

#### Irish Clear Decks For \$20,000,000 Loan

Chicago, Oct. 3.—Stephen M. O'Mara, financial representative in the United States of the Irish Parliament, today announced that collection of funds in this country for the use of Ireland has been ordered stopped. The only exception made is for the Irish relief committee, whose drive for funds virtually is closed.

#### Halt Called on Collection of Funds.

The order, Mr. O'Mara said, "is meant as any reflection on the purpose, diligence or integrity of the various relief associations that have been raising funds for Ireland, but is more in the way of preparation for the British coming campaign for the \$20,000,000 Irish loan, authorized by the Daily Express." The loan campaign will start about November 15.

## PROBING INTO MYSTERY OF SEARIE DEATH

Believed That Methuen's Eccentric Millionaire Was "Helped Along" During Illness.

#### (United Press)

Methuen, Mass., Oct. 3.—Dark rumors of long standing that the death of Edward F. Searie, eccentric Methuen millionaire, had been "helped along" were brought to a head today when District Attorney Donnell, of Essex County, ordered the body examined for autopsy.

#### Surprise Caused

After Searie's death, wonderment was caused here by the fact that the millionaire seclusion, who during his life had spent many thousands in public benefactions, had not left a cent to anyone or any institution in Methuen. The only beneficiaries are Arthur Walker, of New York, his former secretary, and Albert Victor Searie, nephew. Walker was left all the vast Searie fortune, said to amount to \$50,000,000 with the exception of \$250,000 left to his nephew.

#### Restigouche Co. Swinging Into Lib-Cons. Column

Government Supporters Elated Over Results of Municipality Elections.

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Bathurst, Oct. 3.—Liberal-Conservatives are feeling their mettle tonight over the results throughout the county of municipality elections where they made some important gains in hitherto strong Liberal parishes, particularly in Beresford, where both Liberal and Conservative candidates won out by large majority. Inkerman elected two Conservatives; Caracul one of each; Shippegan and Saumarez one each, as well as Paquetville. New Banton got two Conservatives and Bathurst one. St. Albans is yet to hear from residents who are most gratifying considering that all the old time events, such as conscription, etc., were utilized to the fullest extent against Conservative workers.

#### Texas Judge Goes After Organization of Ku Klux Klan

Said He Would Go the Limit to Break up the Unlawful Crowd.

#### (United Press)

Austin, Tex., Oct. 3.—Ku Klux Klan will be the subject of one of the most rigid Grand Jury investigations ever conducted in Travis County if the charge to the Jury by District Judge James R. Hamilton, Monday, is carried out as directed. The recent parade of white robed organization, and tarring and feathering of J. D. Jans, an Austin citizen, were immediate causes of the charge. Court stated its intention to go the "limit of its authority in breaking up this organization which is in violation of law."

#### Appeals Verdict

Seattle, Oct. 3.—James Mahoney is prepared to appeal from a jury verdict pronouncing him to be guilty of the murder of Mrs. Kate Mahoney, his aged, wealthy and eccentric wife, whose body he is accused of placing in a trunk and throwing in Lake Union.

## FIVE MILLION RUSSIANS IN FAMINE AREA WILL DIE BEFORE SPRING

Moscow, Oct. 3.—"Five million Russians in Volga famine area will die before spring in spite of every effort now being made by existing American relief organizations." C. H. Golder, investigator for American relief administration, declared today.

Golder has just returned from a trip through Samara, Saratoff, and Kazan. He announced that food trains were now reaching districts where, until their advent, there was no food except grass, bark and roots.

## BLASE BOSTON NOW REEKING IN SERIES OF SENSATIONS INCRIMINATING ATTORNEYS

Earnest Uplifters Waging War on Lawyers Who Multitude Scores of Wealthy Men.

## DISBARMENT ACTION TAKEN AGAINST MANY

Atmosphere Too Oppressive for Several Lawyers Who Left for Adjoining State.

#### (United Press)

Boston, Oct. 3.—Blase Boston is just reeking with sensations and after passing through incidents like that of the police strike, Ponzi episode and that Mishawam Manor scandal, it can easily be imagined that it takes considerable sensations now to make Boston read.

#### The Uplifters have been spurred on to new efforts in their attempted clean up by the Supreme Court's removal of District Attorney Nathan A. Tuttle of Middlesex County, whose trial in the celebrated Mishawam Manor case, and who was charged with \$100,000 from Hon. Abrams, Adolph Zukor, Jesse Lasky and other captains of the motion picture industry following a road house party.

#### Among his developments in this saturnal of sensations were these:

#### Leaders At Bar Under Cloud.

Disbarment proceedings brought against John P. Leahy, another prominent Boston lawyer, following similar action against Daniel H. Oakley, Daniel W. McLean and William J. Corcoran.

Leahy is charged with retaining money paid him by a client to make payments on purchased property, and refusing to pay interest on notes he gave his client, a woman.

Attorney General Allen requested Chief Justice Hervey to be immediately detached from Middlesex County. District Attorney's office Gordon was mentioned repeatedly in the Tuttle trial, especially on his alleged activities in Mishawam affair.

#### Others Rush to Cover.

Reports become increasingly insistent that Tuttle, some of his alleged associates in Mishawam shakedown, and even men who thought they had purchased immunity, might be criminally prosecuted.

#### Attorney General Allen declared it would be at least a week before he would pass on Bar Association's petition for removal of District Attorney Joseph C. Pelletier, Suffolk County. Action against Pelletier is regarded as virtually certain. As a result of Tuttle's removal scores of lawyers, who have lost important cases in Middlesex County during the Tuttle regime, re-opened these cases with a view to asking new trials.

It became known that dictaphones had been used by some of the uplifters in their attempts to gather evidence against the ring.

Newspapers declare that several attorneys had left the city in anticipation of sensational charges against them, and there were rumors that a "Connell of War" was being held in an adjacent state.

It is alleged that lists of members of blackmailing and their wealthy victims have been published.

Letter list includes nationally known names, some of which make the bibe book and Bradstreet's directory what they are. No libel suits yet, nor any denials.

Scott W. Paul, of Methuen, today filed a bill of equity in the Supreme Court asking William J. O'Connell, only lawyer thus far directly charged with blackmail, be ordered to account to him for \$50,000 alleged to have been paid O'Connell by Elmer, Victor Searie, millionaire artist, and nephew of Edward F. Searie, in settlement of Paul's claim against young Searie's attorney following "aid" on a Back Bay apartment. Paul says he received only \$5,000 of \$50,000.

## Hughes Would Leave Constitution Alone

London, Oct. 3.—Benier's correspondent in Melbourne, Australia, in a dispatch, says that Premier Hughes, in the course of a speech in the House of Representatives today, declared himself as opposed to a constitutional conference. The surest way to dismember the British Empire, said the premier, was to meddle with the constitution.

## FRENCH TIGER IN BADLY WITH FRENCH PRESS

His Determination to Again Come Into Power is Not Cordially Received.

## SEVERELY CRITICISED ON UTTERANCES

His Criticisms of President Millerand Regarded as Fatal to Political Aspirations.

#### (United Press)

Paris, Oct. 3.—There is a vacant seat in the Chamber of Deputies that would fit Georges Clemenceau, tiger to a nicety. Through the death of Deputy Abel, who came from the department of war, a vacancy is created which, with ordinary fortune the former Premier of France might capture in the coming election. It is understood however, that the Tiger will not be candidate—at least for the present. The reception by Paris of his recent pronouncements, giving rise to rumors that Clemenceau was determined to come back to power again has been none too cordial, and his speech at the unveiling of his own statue at St. Hermain was not the recipient of happy compliments.

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