

\$400,000 TO BE DEFICIT OF PROVINCE

Such is the Startling Rumor Current at Chatham Regarding the Election.

WAS DEFICIT REASON FOR SNAP ELECTION?

General Belief is That Government Feared Result if Deficit Was Known.

Special to The Standard—Robert Murtagh, N. B., has issued a "Thee Out the Life Line" which he had better add to his list of selections, as it would be more appropriate to his case at the present time.

Robert has applied for membership in that ancient and honorable society of "also rans" and will be initiated with full honors on October 10th.

Here in the home town of the provincial secretary-treasurer there are rumors of a 1920 deficit of approximately \$400,000 in the administration of government affairs.

With this rumor continually bobbing up, the voters now understand why the Post-Verdict crowd had the snap election at this time.

From reliable source came the statement that the extravagance of the government for the fiscal year about to close have exceeded all other records of the past three years, and the figures to be revealed this month by the Auditor General will be of a startling nature and such as would kill any government.

Had to Work Fast

To call an election after the report was in the hands of the voters would be suicidal for the party in power, and as has been surmised the election has been sprung at this time in the hope that the Government might be re-elected before the taxpayers discover the real truth in the financing of 1920.

As viewed from Chatham the government will fail to get on its feet and will live to be with the winners as climbing up on the band wagon of the independent ticket and are waiting for the wheels to stop.

Done With the Crowd

Northumberland is done with the crowds of manipulators who have played into the hands of the big interests of the expense of the common people.

FORMER ST. JOHN WOMAN MISSING

Mrs. William Adams Disappears from Her Home at Sydney, N. S.

Sydney, N. S., Oct. 4.—Mystery surrounds the disappearance of Mrs. William Adams, of New Waterford, who has been missing since Friday night.

The woman left her home ostensibly to do some shopping with one hundred dollars in her possession. A Greek with whom she was seen leaving town in an auto has been arrested at Glace Bay and is being held pending investigation. The Greek claims Mrs. Adams merely hired him to drive her to Sydney, and after setting her down at the exhibition grounds, he returned to Waterford and saw no more of her.

Mrs. Adams is a native of St. John, N. B.

DASSAN ASHORE OFF NEWFOUNDLAND

Unsuccessful Attempt Made to Refloat Vessel from Reef That Holds Her.

Halifax, N. S., Oct. 4.—The American Shipping Board steamer Dassin is ashore at Trepassy Harbor, Nfld., according to a cable to the Marine Department tonight. The steamer struck on Sunday night, and today the Canadian Government steamer Lady Laurier made an unsuccessful attempt to refloat her.

FIVE CHILDREN ARE BURNED TO DEATH

Merrill, Wis., Oct. 4.—Five children of Edward Nelson, ranging in ages from five to fourteen years, were burned to death when fire destroyed Nelson's farm home near here early today. The children were asleep upstairs. The parents, whose bedrooms were downstairs, escaped. A lantern left burning in an upper bedroom, is believed to have caused the fire.

TEN THOUSAND U. S. MINERS ARE OUT ON STRIKE

Eric Railroad Mines at Wilkesbarre, Pa., Shut Down Because of Contract System

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Oct. 4.—All the colliers of the Hillside Coal and Iron Company and the Penn and Virginia Coal Company, operated by the Eric Railroad were tied up tight by the renewal of the strike against the contract system today.

The strikers committee has extended the call to all engineers, firemen and pump runners and many of this class of men have responded and all are expected to refrain from work tomorrow.

No effort has been made by either the company officials or grievance committee to get together and the Pittston Chamber of Commerce which arranged the first settlement has declined to act further.

Between 8,000 and 10,000 men were idle today.

SINN FEINERS PUNISHED BY POLICE RAIDS

Irish Made Attack on Barracks and Officers Acted in Quick Reprisals

VOLUNTEERS PRODUCE BODY OF VICTIM

Much Shooting and One Farmer Stabbed in Raid to Burn Sinn Fein Houses.

Dublin, Oct. 4.—Following upon an unsuccessful Sinn Fein raid for the purpose of burning the police barracks at French Park County Roscommon, Saturday, reprisals were carried out in that neighborhood Sunday morning by police and military in motor lorries.

At Ballinagare, two shops and the residence of a farmer were burned by means of bombs and petrol. Many crops and much property were destroyed. The house and furniture of a prominent Gaelic leader were also burned. A farmer was stabbed, but was not seriously injured.

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Negotiations Produce Body

LONDON, Oct. 4.—Additional details regarding the Irish office concerning the killing of Captain Lendrum, magistrate of Kilmurry, County Clare, and the subsequent finding of the body in a railway line show, officials said today that the Irish Volunteers negotiated with the Royal Irish Constabulary to produce Lendrum's body if the Government agents would withhold the carrying out of reprisals which had been threatened shortly after Captain Lendrum disappeared Sept. 25.

It was stated, two men appeared at the Royal Irish Constabulary barracks and told the officers there that they had been sent by the Irish Volunteers to say they would produce Lendrum's body if there were no reprisals.

No promises were given, but no reprisals were made and Lendrum's body was found a few days later. Officials said today they were certain that Lendrum had been killed when he was ambushed while riding along in his automobile. They also asserted that there was evidence the body had been in the sea.

A despatch from Dublin October 3, said the mystery surrounding the disappearance of Lendrum had been solved with the finding by the Constabulary of the officer's body in a coffin on the railway line near Kilmurry about ten miles north of Kilmurry. Captain Lendrum was abducted while driving in his motor car September 27.

TWO SCHOONERS LOST IN STORM

Quebec, Oct. 4.—It was learned at the signal service office here today that the schooners Sea Star and St. Charles were lost in the big wind storm on the first instant. The first foundered between Godbout and The Traverse while the latter sank off G. S. Island. The fate of the crews of these two vessels has not yet been ascertained, but it is known positively that a sailor named Bouchard on the Sea Star was drowned.

WRANGLER WINS ANOTHER VICTORY

Constantinople, Oct. 4.—The forces of General Wrangel, the anti-Bolshevik leader in Southern Russia, have achieved further successes against the enemy forces in the region of Novorossiysk, where five thousand prisoners were taken and 500 cannon, five locomotives and 100 wagons were taken.

NEW YORK POPULATION NOW OVER 10,384,000

Washington, Oct. 4.—The census bureau today announced New York State the most populous in the Union, has a population of 10,384,144.

FOOD STRIKES LOSING FAVOR AMONG IRISH

Determined Stand of British in MacSwiney Case Discourages Popularity of Course.

ONLY FOUR FROM 300 TRY PLAN

Ireland Dreads Coming Winter With Scanty Supplies, Little Fuel and the Unrest.

LONDON, Oct. 4.—The condition of Lord Mayor MacSwiney is unchanged according to the bulletin issued by the Irish Self-Determination League at 9 o'clock tonight. He was weak and prostrate, but still conscious.

Abandon Hunger Strikes

LONDON, Oct. 5.—As a result of Lord Mayor MacSwiney's long fast, Irish prisoners have ceased to resort to hunger striking, says the Daily Mail today. The newspaper adds that there were more than 300 arrests in connection with Sinn Fein propaganda disturbances during September, but that only four of the men arrested, attempted hunger striking, and these abandoned it in a day or two.

A despatch to the Daily Mail from Dublin pictures a bleak outlook for Ireland during the coming winter. It says that, owing to the shortage of money, sanitariums and asylums are being closed; the burning of creameries has paralyzed that industry; and the closing of six hundred miles of railroads has cut off some areas from distributing centres. Cows and calves are being sent to England in large numbers, and there is a shortage of butter. Many small farms are going bankrupt, and the country is faced with ruin. There is much unemployment in Dublin as a consequence of the strike of builders.

Asquith's Solution

LONDON, Oct. 5.—In a communication printed in the London Times today, Herbert H. Asquith, former prime minister, declares that he is convinced that the best way out of the Irish problem is the status of an autonomous dominion, in the full and widest sense, is the only solution of the Irish problem.

To accomplish this, says Mr. Asquith, it is necessary to make the Irish people believe that what is offered comes from an honest and also reliable source.

Mr. Asquith's solution

Mr. Asquith says no British Dominion claims the right to a separate foreign policy of its own, and that the tendency toward fuller co-operation by the Dominions in all external relations. Concerning naval and military forces, Mr. Asquith writes: "No Irish Government could so inane as to mortgage its scanty margin of resources for such a fruitless and costly enterprise as the creation of an Irish navy. Nor is it readily conceivable that it would seek to deny what it would never effectively possess—free access to Irish ports and harbors of vessels of the Imperial Navy—further, no grant of autonomy could be regarded as complete which did not include the right to raise and maintain for purposes of local defence and adequate military force."

SHRINERS MEET IN THE CAPITAL

St. John Delegates Numbered Among Those Present—Occasion Successful.

Ottawa, Oct. 4.—Some 1,100 Nobles of the Mystic Shrine are in Ottawa today bringing with them a breath of Arabian splendor. The occasion is the annual fall ceremonial of Ramesis Temple at which 135 candidates were initiated this evening, including about 50 prominent Ottawa Masons.

The local members of the Ramesis Temple which has its headquarters in Toronto and the Karak Temple of Montreal, have worked as a unit to make the occasion a surpassing success.

Beside the Nobles of the order from Toronto and Montreal caravans from as far East as St. John, N. B., and to the West from Vancouver, B. C., took part in the imposing ceremonial.

At 4:30 this afternoon the Nobles formed in a parade at Cartier Square and marched through the principal streets to Lansdowne Park.

The band of the Aleppo Temple of Boston, which accompanied the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of that city, took part in the parade and the streets were crowded with people to see the brilliant spectacle.

DEAN EVANS DEAD

Montreal, Oct. 4.—Very Reverend Thomas Frye Lewis Evans, D.D., D. L., Dean of Montreal, and Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Wrexford Park, Westmount, died tonight at the rectory after an illness of a little over a day.

He was 75 years of age and several years ago celebrated his jubilee in the priesthood at St. Stephen's.

WORLD NEWS TODAY

CANADA

Seaplane at Fredericton likely to leave there for Halifax about nine o'clock today, which would make it pass St. John about ten o'clock.

Cabinet Council is considering the appeal from the railway rate increase and may give decision today.

UNITED STATES

Ten thousand Wilkesbarre, Pa., miners quit work because of the contract system.

New York police arrest suspect in connection with the Wall Street explosion.

THE BRITISH ISLES

Hunger striking is passing out of favor in Ireland and with over 300 arrests recently only four have tried food striking.

Yves but conclusion is the latest report on the condition of Terence MacSwiney.

Ireland dreads the winter with fuel and food very scarce.

EUROPE

General Wrangel has made another big capture of Russians and guns.

SEAPLANE IN FAST FLIGHT OVER ST. JOHN

Major Marshall Crossed Over City on Way to Help the Fairey Plane.

HARD TRIP OVER BAY OF FUNDY

Col. Leckie, D. S. O., May Fly to Halifax from Fredericton Today.

Special to The Standard—Fredericton, N. B., Oct. 4.—The Fairey seaplane of the Canada Air Board, which was towed to this city on Sunday evening from Kingscarr, where it crashed, left Fredericton today for St. John at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon and arrived in this city at 6:20 o'clock.

It crossed the St. John at 4 o'clock, flying at a low level.

In speaking of his flight, Major Shearer, who was in charge of the plane, stated that they had a very hard time with adverse winds, while crossing the Bay of Fundy, and did not think they would be able to make the crossing.

Good Trip From St. John

They were held up for a considerable time, but made the trip to this city from St. John in excellent time.

Colonel Leckie plans to leave here tomorrow night for St. John in a seaplane, which landed here this afternoon, and from there he will start on the Transcontinental flight, stopping at St. John, Fredericton, and then to the two air compartments of the floats, was hauled to the Fredericton-Devon Highway Bridge, where a pulley was rigged and the plane lifted out of the water in order that repairs might be made to it.

MEGANIC'S BIG LIST

Montreal, Oct. 4.—The Meganic of the White Star-Dominion Line, is due to arrive at Quebec from Liverpool on Saturday. She carries 210 first, 410 second, and 1,105 third-class passengers.

BLOOMFIELD vs. McTIGUE

Montreal, Oct. 4.—The management of the Montreal Sporting Club announced tonight that Jack Bloomfield had been matched with Mike McTigue for Thanksgiving Day night at Mount Royal Arena.

MIKE O'DOWN WINS

Bridgport, Conn., Oct. 4.—Mike O'Dowd, former middleweight champion, was given a referee's decision in a two-round bout here tonight over Frank Carbons, middleweight.

QUAKE IN FRANCE

Clermont-Ferrand, France, Oct. 4.—An earth shock was felt this morning in the vicinity of Issaonore, Department of Puy-De-Dome. The tremors lasted only a few seconds, and no damage was noted.

HON. PETER J. RUSHES HOME TO SAVE SEAT

Gloucester Opposition Strikes Terror to the Heart of the Government Ministers.

ELECTORS WEARIED OF THE EXTRAVAGANCE

Enthusiastic Receptions Everywhere for Party Fighting the Fredericton Spendthrifts.

Special to The Standard

Halifax, N. B., Oct. 4.—The unity, optimism and enthusiasm prevailing in the ranks of the Opposition in Gloucester county is encouraging to all who are anxious to see the spendthrift Government of Foster-Veniot and others removed from the administration of Provincial affairs.

The Opposition ticket is composed of men who have the respect of all classes and the electors have confidence in their ability to carry on in a businesslike way to the advantage of the county and province.

In spite of government advantages the electors are rallying to the support of the Opposition in most encouraging numbers. Opposition speakers have been royally received in localities where they were never permitted to speak before.

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Big Man at Home

Peter is a great man in his own ballistics but the Government he represents is not regarded highly.

Liberals have assured Opposition leaders they were with them to the finish. The fact that a large number of extra men have been placed at work on the roads has not in any way caught the people.

The farmers are in sympathy with the Opposition as they have not had a fair deal in their roads, especially in the back districts.

LIBERAL RANKS IN RESTIGOUCHE ARE SHATTERED

One Liberal Threatens to Have Rival's Name Left off the Ballot Paper.

Special to The Standard

Cambridgeport, N. B., Oct. 4.—There is a battle royal going on in the camp of the Liberals here. The Government ticket headed by Arthur T. LeBlanc, a man really not desired by the Government he represents, is being opposed by a ticket headed by the old war horse, Charles H. LaBillette, who has been the hero of many hard fought political fights.

The leader of the Opposition forces, LeBlanc, controls the powers that be in the town and he now proceeds that through a technicality Mr. LaBillette's name will not be placed upon the ballot of the election on Oct. 9th.

Mr. LaBillette says he will print his own ballots, and they will be poll on election day. The ranks of the Liberals are surely torn by the family row which increases in ferocity as time goes on.

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Railroad Rate Increase Appeal Before Cabinet

No Decision Was Reached But One is Likely to be Made Very Soon.

EXPLOSION SUSPECT IS BEING HELD

Zelenka Cannot Tell Where He Was on Day of Wall Street Disaster.

ADMITS HE HAD MUCH EXPLOSIVES

Police Think Arrest is Likely to Solve Mystery of Appalling New York Tragedy.

Washington, Oct. 4.—The Department of Justice agents in Pittsburgh reported tonight that Florian Zelenka, arrested as a suspect in connection with the Wall Street explosion in New York, had been unable to account for his movements on the day of the explosion, or for seven sticks of dynamite which he admitted having had in his possession.

After talking with the old Board of Health, which was controlled by the municipality, for \$14,000, Councillor John O'Brien gave the reasons why he was found in the ranks of the Opposition.

He pointed out that when the municipality had approved of the proposition of himself and Councillor Golding to give to the parish permanent roads and sidewalks, using the road money to pay interest on the bonds issued for the work, the poster government had made a political matter out of it and defeated the measure, which would have given to the people of Fairville and Beaconsfield good roads and sidewalks with no increase in their taxes.

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In this connection he criticized the part played by Hon. Dr. Roberts, minister of health, who had given 100 pieces to support them, and at the crack of the party whip went back on his pledge and voted against the measure. The present government had not given the parish of Lancaster a square deal.

It appeared late tonight that Zelenka probably had no connection with the Wall Street explosion, Federal investigators were not even certain whether he was connected with any intended conspiracy to cause another explosion, as stated earlier in the day.

As against the charge of Louis Konkel, a Brooklyn stevedecker, that he had expressed glee at the Wall Street catastrophe and promised greater havoc "next time" was the testimony of a score of relatives and friends of Zelenka who insisted that far from being a man of violence his physical weakness had compelled him to resign many jobs.

JACOB H. SCHEFF LEFT \$1,350,000 TO HELP THE PEOPLE

Over Million Dollars is Bequeathed to Aid Jewish Philanthropies.

Special to The Standard

New York, Oct. 4.—Charitable bequests totalling approximately \$1,350,000 are made in the will of Jacob H. Scheff, banker and philanthropist filed today in the Surrogate Court. The value of the estate is given merely as "more than \$10,000 in real and personal property," in the accompanying petition.

Besides the charitable institutions named the only legatees are Mortimer Schiff, Oyster Bay, the testator's son, and Frieda Warburg, New York, the testator's daughter. The residuary estate is divided between them share and share alike.

Charitable bequests of Mr. Scheff include \$500,000 for the Federation for the support of Jewish philanthropic societies of New York; \$300,000 for the Montefiore Home; \$150,000 for the Jewish Theological Society and New York University receives \$50,000; Harvard College, \$25,000 and Tuskegee Institute \$10,000.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE FOOTBALL GAMES

London, Oct. 4.—(By Canadian Associated Press)—The results of the Scottish League Football games played today were:

Dundee, 3; Midlothians, 0.
Rath, 5; Queen's Park, 0.
Grimby defeated Brighton three to one in Third Division game played this afternoon.

MARRIED AT MONCTON

Special to The Standard

Moncton, Oct. 4.—The marriage of Earl Belmont Brearley of Dover, Maine, to Miss Jeanette Pauline Stiles, daughter of Mrs. Nettie Stiles, was solemnized in the Lewisville Baptist church this morning. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. W. Corey, in the presence of a large number of friends. Mr. and Mrs. Brearley left this afternoon for their future home in Dover, Maine.

ONLY "GOLD BRICKS" FOR THE FARMERS

Fairville Opposition Rally Hears Liberal Government Scored for Policies.

HON. MR. BAXTER GETS GREAT RECEPTION

Gross Waste and Mismanagement Characterizes All Actions of the Liberals.

Special to The Standard

Fairville, Oct. 4.—The biggest and most enthusiastic audiences which ever gathered in the Temperance Hall, the number of ladies present being a feature of the evening, and if the temper of the meeting is any indication of what is going to happen on October 9, then Hon. Mr. Baxter and Mr. Carson can count on having the largest majority they have ever had in any election.

The speakers of the evening were: Councillor John O'Brien, L. P. D. Tripp, and Hon. Mr. Baxter, and as they pointed out the hollow pretensions of the "boy premier" and his associates, they were repeatedly forced to wait until the applause had subsided before proceeding with their remarks.

Costs Away Up

Councillor Golding acted as chairman, and before introducing the speakers, made a short reference to the Health Act, which was costing the City and County of St. John \$46,000 each year, for practically the same service which was obtained under the old Board of Health, which was controlled by the municipality, for \$14,000.

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HIGHER PAY FOR RAIL MEN

New Schedule Will Give About 35 Per Cent. Increase in Salaries.

Ottawa, Oct. 4.—Clerks, freight handlers, station and other employees of the Canadian National Railways and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway will receive wage increases averaging about 25 per cent, and dating back to May 1, 1920, as a result of negotiations between a committee from the Canadian Brotherhood of Railroad Employees and representatives of the line. A redistribution of wages on an equitable basis was also worked out so that in some instances the increase will amount to 45 per cent, but in no case will it be lower than 15 per cent. The full amount of the increase since May 1 will be included in the first period of October payrolls. Seven thousand employees of the two lines are affected.

A flat percentage increase to clerks over their former wages would have given them about \$26 a month more. Under the redistribution they will receive increases amounting to as high as \$55 a month.

OFFER \$1,150,000 FOR GERMAN STEAMER

Four Bids Received for Former Hun Cargo and Passenger Steamer.

Washington, Oct. 4.—The U. S. Shipping Board announced today the receipt of four bids for the former German passenger and cargo vessel Black Arrow. The bids were made by the Polish-American Navigation Company, offering \$1,150,000; the Oriental Navigation Company offering \$900,000; the Richard Steamship Company offering \$800,000; and the Polish Navigation Company offering \$601,000.

No bids were received for the Von Stouben, the former German vessel which functioned as a raider during the war prior to the time it was captured by the Allies. The Von Stouben is a steel passenger and cargo vessel of 6,900 deadweight tons.

The Black Arrow is a steel passenger and cargo vessel of 7,650 deadweight tons. It is a coal burner, 408 feet in length and capable of making ten knots an hour. The vessel is at present being reconditioned to carry 80 first class passengers and 500 steerage passengers and was constructed in 1914.