

# MEIGHEN SHATTERED FOINDEST HOPES OF THE PROGRESSIVES

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#### Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, June 6.—Mr. Meighen's speech on the budget, today, altered the whole parliamentary situation. Up to today the Conservatives had banked on the Conservatives voting for the main budget resolution.

They assumed that Mr. Meighen having voted for the Drayton amendment and thus expressed his disapproval of the Government's betrayal of its pledges, would support the budget resolution itself because its character is protectionist. Accordingly, they decided that they would vote against both the Drayton amendment and the budget resolution, reasoning that the Government would thus be enabled to defeat the amendment and the budget resolution, and in other words, that their tactics would ensure against a Government defeat and consequently against possibility of an election.

#### Upsets The Dope.

Mr. Meighen today upset this plan. He declared that his party would vote against the budget, much to the surprise of the Government and to the complete discomfiture of the Progressives.

The result is that the Progressives, publicly pledged to vote against the budget, will be compelled to line up with the Conservatives against the Ministry which, being in the minority of one in the House, will depend upon the vote of two British Columbia members, one Mr. Neil, returned as an Independent, and the other, Mr. McBride, a Progressive of Liberal lineage. Should these two vote with the Ministry it will be sustained by a majority of one to two, but, on the other hand, should they decide to bolt the defeat of the Government will be inevitable.

Mr. Meighen's speech today was a performance of exceeding brilliance. For an hour and a half he held the crowded House and galleries in the hollow of his hand, as with merciless thrust and sally he dissected the alleged Liberal betrayal of its platform, and the Progressive failure to indict the party's treason.

His greatest achievement, perhaps, certainly the most dramatic incident of the day, was when he drew the veteran Fielding to his feet with a specific and astonishing repudiation of the Liberal tariff platform. Mr. Meighen was citing the tariff plank as having been subscribed to by the Minister of Finance when Mr. Fielding, to the almost consternation of his colleagues, arose and said: "My Rt. Hon. Friend has no authority for that statement. I tell him he is mistaken. I never voted for the tariff items of the Liberal platform, and never concealed the fact that I did not approve of the platform in that respect."

Mr. Meighen—"I venture to say that this is the first time any one outside the four walls of the convention itself knew that the Minister of Finance objected to the tariff plank being enacted."

Mr. Fielding—"My Rt. Hon. Friend is the first one to make such a statement (that Mr. Fielding had subscribed to the tariff plank) and I merely desired to correct him."

Mr. Meighen—"But did not my Hon. Friend go before the convention as a candidate after it had adopted that platform?"

Mr. Fielding—"That is hardly correct, but we shall deal with it later." The House, having tended to strange incidents, was staggered by the Minister's declaration. In one sentence Mr. Fielding had utterly repudiated, not only his party and its platform, but the cabinet colleagues who sat around him and with whom he is supposed, by long tradition, to have collective responsibility.

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## FRENCH OLYMPIC COMMITTEE MET

Paris, June 6.—The French Olympic Committee with 25 federations represented, held a meeting today to proceed with the organization of Olympic games for 1924.

## "CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS HAVE NO RIGHT TO CIVIL SERVICE POSITIONS

### British Legion Regard It As Flagrant Injustice to Ex-Ser- vice Men to Keep Such in Government Employ.

London, June 6.—(By Canadian Press Cable)—At the resumption here today of the first national conference of the British Legion, which was opened on June 5, under the chairmanship of Lord Haig, a resolution was passed to the effect that the reinstatement of conscientious objectors in the civil service was a flagrant injustice to ex-service men, as long as the conscientious objectors were retained in the service and called upon the government to find employment for the ex-service men.

## WILL RESUME IRISH PARLEY IN LONDON

### It Is Understood Discussion Will Centre on the Draft of Constitution.

## COLLINS-DE VALERA PACT SECONDARY

### Intimated That Constitution Has Been Altered Since Collins Returned to Dublin

Dublin, June 6.—Arthur Griffith, president of the Dail Eireann, left Dublin for London tonight to resume discussions with the British Government at a conference to be held in Downing Street at 11.30 tomorrow morning. Michael Collins, head of the Provisional Government, remains in Dublin awaiting the cold contract during his strenuous activities of the past week.

It is understood that the London Conference will center on the draft of the constitution, the Collins-DeValera pact being considered a subsidiary issue. It is not known whether the constitution has been altered materially since Mr. Griffith returned to Dublin, but it is certain that the draft is being taken to London to be submitted again to the British ministers.

#### Gives Hope

The publicity department of the Republican party, led by Eamonn De Valera, today sent the following cable to the secretary of the American Association for Recognition of the Irish Republic, who is in Washington:

"Stephen O'Mara, mayor of Limerick, speaking at Limerick, said the Irish troops continued to aid and abet the Orangemen of the North in their murder campaign, and as long as war was the British alternative to acceptance by Ireland of the Free State treaty, the organizations friendly to Ireland are certain to hold the balance of power in the Congressional elections next November."

Mayor O'Mara recently represented De Valera party on a mission to the United States.

## FREDERICTON MAN BECOMES SUICIDE

### Well Known Young Man of Capital City Takes Carbolic Acid.

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, June 6.—R. Trimpe Donohoe, a well known young man of this city, took his own life by taking carbolic acid. He did this in the Central House Station, King St., about 6 o'clock as far as known, but the street in charge did not see the act. Donohoe, telling them of it, Medical aid was summoned at once and first aid measures applied before the man was rushed to the Victoria Hospital where he died.

The deceased left a note at his home stating that he was going away. At the home station he spent some time during the day and tried to induce several persons to purchase carbolic acid for him. He did this in a joking manner, however, and was not taken seriously. After securing a phial of the poison he frustrated an attempt to take it from him by laughing and saying that he was going to use it as a disinfectant.

Deceased was about 25 years of age and lived here and in various other places in the Province as a trained nurse. Although he seemed to be in good spirits today it is believed that ill-health inspired the act.

## HALIFAX TO HAVE CARNIVAL WEEK

### Many Sporty Features for the Entertainment of Visitors August 7-12.

Halifax, June 6.—The dates of August 7 to 12 have been set for the proposed Halifax carnival week. Features will include a race of show fishing schooners, horse races, regattas, athletics, etc. A United States naval squadron of three ships with hundreds of midshipmen in training on board will, according to the present schedule be here.

## PREMIER LENINE HAS GASTRITIS

Riga, June 6.—M. Yureneff, Russian Soviet ambassador to Latvia, announced today that Premier Lenin was suffering from acute gastritis with a high temperature following an attack on May 28. An official bulletin issued today says the Soviet Premier's condition shows some improvement.

## HELD BLAMELESS BY CORNER'S JURY

Sydney, N. S., June 6.—August MacDonald, of this place, was today formally absolved by a coroner's jury of all blame in connection with the death of Miss Elsie Northam four years old, who was run down by MacDonald's car at Westmount, recently, and was dead of her injuries.

## GENERAL RILEY AND MEN SHAKE DUST OF OTTAWA

### Leave the Nation's Capital Displeased With Results of Visit.

## HANDED SANDWICH FOR GRATUITY

### Says He Will Return to Capital With An Army of Thousands.

Ottawa, June 6.—General Frank Riley and his army of unemployed veterans said good-bye to Ottawa today when they left for Toronto by train. The change of plans by the General came after the men had spent some hours in the rain on their first stage of what was to be the return to Toronto.

"I am leaving now, but I am coming back with an army of thousands. After all we are the real veterans. The G. W. U. A. and the G. A. U. V. will be disbanded, and it is up to us to go back to Toronto and to organize the only real veterans' association in existence. We have been handed a sandwich. These sandwiches are the Government's gratuity to the men," were Riley's parting words.

Toronto, June 6.—General Riley and his band of unemployed veterans arrived at a suburban station at 7 p.m. tonight, and detouring paraded to Queens Park, where demolition will take place.

## TWO NEW MEMBERS OF MANITOBA GOVT

### Robert Jacob Becomes Attorney General, John Williams Minister of Agriculture.

Winnipeg, Man., June 6.—Robert Jacob, of Winnipeg, and John Williams, of Port Arthur, today at noon took oath of office as Attorney General and Minister of Agriculture, respectively, in the new government headed by Hon. T. C. Norris.

Mr. Jacob, a well known Winnipeg lawyer and a former member of the Legislature, succeeds Hon. T. H. Johnson, and Mr. Williams, present member for Port Arthur Constituency, takes the place vacated by Hon. Geo. Macdonald. Both Mr. Johnson and Mr. Malcolm announce that for the present they are quitting public life.

Mr. Jacob will be a Liberal candidate in the forthcoming election. Mr. Williams will seek to retain his seat in Port Arthur. In the reorganization of the Norris Cabinet the place made vacant by the resignation of Hon. J. W. Armstrong, Provincial Secretary, remains to be filled. Reports that the resignation of Hon. Edward Brown, provincial treasurer would precede the election have not been verified as yet.

## TOUCHED LIGHTED MATCH TO DRESS

### From Resulant Burns Ten Year Old Montreal Girl Dies.

Montreal, June 6.—Fatally burned, when her clothing was set on fire by a little cousin with whom she was playing on June 4, Louise Emily Stephen, ten years old, 15 Torrance street, died at her home this morning.

Coroner McKelban returned a verdict of accidental death when assured by the father of the dead child that he did not blame the other for the tragedy. Evidence submitted was to the effect that the girl was visiting her aunt, Mrs. Patrick Kieran, 24 Torrance street, when her dress was set on fire by her aunt's little son who held a match to her dress "in fun."

## FRIENDLY RELATIONS ARE ADVOCATED

### Suggested in Appeal to Palest- ine Distributed by Moslem Masons.

London, June 6.—(By Mail)—Friendly relations between Arabs and Jews are advocated in an appeal to the population of Palestine which has been distributed all over Palestine by the Moslem Masonic Lodge of Egypt on the occasion of the Nebi Musa Festival.

It is addressed in the name of Liberty, Equality and Fraternity by the Grand National Lodge of Egyptian Arabs to Imams and the depositaries of the Holy Law, to spiritual heads of all other religions, Christians, Jews, etc., without any distinction of race or faith, to the whole people of Palestine, great and small, and to men and women without distinction of nationality or religion. It calls to all in the name of Freemasonry and Humanity to remember that the Jews are "our brothers and cousins who have been persecuted by our countrymen."

The appeal refers to Canada and Switzerland as countries occupied by peoples of diverse races who live together in unity to their mutual advantage.

## MUCH DEPENDS ON ACTION OF COMMISSION

### Reparations and War Debts Closely Allied, According to French Viewpoint.

## AMERICANS READY TO DISCUSS PAYMENTS

### French Attitude Governed Largely by Decision of Commission on German Reparations.

Paris, June 6.—Notification from Washington that the United States government was ready to discuss the settlement of war debts was presented to the foreign office this afternoon by Sheldon Whitehouse, Chancellor of the United States Embassy. The settlement of war debts was presented as a reply to Premier Poincare's note to the Debt Commission informing it that a French mission, headed by Jean V. Parmentier, had been appointed and was ready to proceed to the United States whenever the commission deemed it advisable. M. Parmentier is only awaiting the word from Premier Poincare. It was explained at the Ministry of Finance this afternoon. While the foreign office is reticent, pending the Premier's decision, which may be delayed until the Bankers' Commission and the reparations commission finish their work or arrive at a point where it may be foreseen with some certainty what the results will be.

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Halifax, N. S., June 6.—Ralph Myles, the young soldier who was found apparently mortally wounded beside the dead body of his sweetheart, Florence Miles, here on Friday last, was able to sit up and take nourishment today at the Victoria General Hospital and his recovery is anticipated.

Myles faces, on his recovery, two arrest warrants. One charges him with procuring and counselling Florence Miles to commit suicide, for which offence a maximum penalty of life imprisonment is provided. The second charges him with attempted suicide, which, if proved, would make him liable to two years imprisonment. Medical examiner W. D. Finn, filed a report today on the death of Florence Miles in which he called for an inquiry before a city magistrate into the facts of the case. He found that death was due to a bullet wound, but whether or not as the result of suicide he was unable to determine. Myles has stated that the double shooting followed a suicide pact and has maintained that he does not wish to live.

## WARSAW UNIFYING ITS ARMAMENT

### It Will Involve Scrapping Bulk of Material Gathered in Past Four Years.

Warsaw, June 6.—The Polish republic has begun the unification of its armament which, it has been found, will involve the scrapping of the bulk of the material accumulated from various sources during the past four years.

The renewed equipment will be one more step in the transformation of the Polish emergency force to a methodically organized national body. Purchases are being made principally in France to replace that part of the old material that cannot be used for the equipment of the new army which, on a peace basis, was fixed at 250,000 men in the last budget.

French officers are helping in the reorganization of the army, but in much smaller numbers than served during the campaign against the Bolsheviks. There were then 1,986 French officers in the field; there are now 66, all told, attached to the army as instructors in the Polish military school.

## CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER

### Sydney Youth Held in Con- nection With Death of 12 Year Old Boy.

Sydney, N. S., June 6.—Fraser Cunningham, 18, of Sydney, charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of Johnny Scott, 12, Glace Bay, has been released on bail and will be given a preliminary hearing before Magistrate McCosh Thursday.

The Scott boy was run down last Thursday at Glace Bay by an automobile driven by Cunningham and died Monday in the general hospital.

## ESCAPED BY ROPE WEAVED FROM TWINES

St. Johns, Nfld., June 6.—Weaving a rope out of the twines which he used in the making of brooms, Kitchener Edwards, of Change Islands, escaped from the penitentiary here, the first to perform that feat in ten years. He had served one month of a twelve months sentence for larceny.

## GRIFFITH AND COLLINS WILL HAVE TO FIGHT FOR THEIR SEATS IN DAIL

### Hostile Crowd Forces Farmer Candidate for Waterford and East Tipperary to Withdraw from Contest.

Belfast, June 6.—Donaghy will not have an election, all of the former six members of the Dail being named without contest. Arthur Griffith must fight for his seat for Cavan, as well as Michael Collins for South Cork.

A Waterford report says that a crowd approached the home of D. J. Green, farmer candidate for Waterford and East Tipperary, on Saturday. Believing them to be hostile he opened fire which was returned. Green being wounded in the arm. Since then he has withdrawn as a candidate.

## PRIME MINISTER AND MEIGHEN CLASHED IN THE BUDGET DEBATE

### MORE SURVIVORS ARE LOCATED FROM S. S. VILLA FRANCA

### Buenos Aires, June 6.—Discovery of additional survivors from the wreck of the steamship Villa Franca on the Parana river has brought the esti- mated death list from eighty to thirty- four, according to advices to La Na- cion, from Posadas near the scene. It is believed the figure will be still fur- ther reduced by a search of the more remote spots on the Paraguayan shore.

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## EX-PREMIER DENOUNCED LIB- ERALS FOR FAILURE TO IM- PLEMENT THEIR PRE-ELECTION PLEDGES.

### PREMIER KING DEFENDED BUDGET

### Renewed Declaration He Re- garded 1919 Platform As Chart to Guide His Party.

Ottawa, June 6.—(By Canadian Press.)—The Prime Minister and leader of the opposition clashed in the budget debate, and the galleries filled anew with people who suffered the discomforts of a sultry day to listen to the sounds of verbal battle. It was one of the most interesting days which the debate has brought forth, and, coming after several days when the House was almost in the doldrums, it was a welcome change.

When the House opened, Mr. Speaker or Lemieux ruled out of order the sub-amendment offered by Mr. Crerar yesterday.

Mr. Crerar appealed from the ruling, but the Speaker was upheld in vote by 122 to 65. Hon. A. B. Hudson of South Winnipeg, who was returned as an Independent Liberal, voted with the Progressives and against the ruling.

Meighen in Action.

Then with the decks cleared, Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen came into action. Mr. Meighen defended the principle of protection, urged that it would be unsafe to leave Canadian manufacturers at the mercy of their American competitors, and denounced the Liberals for having failed to implement their pre-election promises to the electors. The Liberals had promised to place 17 classes of commodities on the free list at that time 10 were free and seven dutiable. Now the figures are reversed and only seven were free. The only articles made free under the budget were porcelain parts for pumps.

The Prime Minister, who spoke briefly, renewed his declaration that he regarded the tariff plank of the 1919 platform as a chart to guide the party in its tariff changes. Mr. Fielding also made a declaration on this plank, saying that "he had never voted for the tariff items in the Liberal platform and did not approve them."

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