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ALL IN READINESS FOR THE OPENING OF A T'L LIBERAL CONVENTION THIS MORNING

Promptly at 10.30 the Curtain Goes up and Over 1,600 of the Faithful Will Begin the Work of Selecting a Leader and Adopting a Platform—Still Much Uncertainty as to the Leadership of the Party—Rumor That Premier Martin of Saskatchewan Would Be Persuaded to Stay in Race—Fielding Choice of Late Sir Wilfrid.

Ottawa, Ont., Aug. 4.—The stage is all set for the formal opening of the National Liberal Convention to select a leader and adopt a platform. On Tuesday morning, sharp at 10.30 the convention will open in Howick Hall at the Exhibition grounds. Music will mark the opening hour. The National Anthem and O Canada will be sung, and the Governor-General's Poet laureate will accompany the singers. After the music, proceedings will begin.

As already announced, the joint chairman will be Hon. G. H. Murray and Sir Lomer Gouin, and the vice-chairman will be the Provincial Premier and the Ontario Liberal leader.

The assistant chairmen are D. C. Ross, M.P., and Lucien Paquet. These gentlemen, under the direction of the chairman, will prepare in advance the daily order of business for the convention.

The first day's programme, which has been printed in French and English, will be distributed among the delegates and press correspondents when the convention convenes in the morning.

Nothing to Be Cut and Dried. To prevent anything like a cut and dried platform being laid down, a rule has been adopted that the author of any resolution which may not be accepted by the resolutions committee, to be appointed tomorrow by the convention, will have the right to appeal to the main body of the convention from the decisions of the resolutions committee.

In view of the large attendance of delegates, and of the unusual importance of the business to be transacted, the voting for the leader will not likely take place before Thursday. Thirty-one scrutineers and forty-six tellers will collect the ballots and count the votes under the supervision of a general secretary, Mr. Andrew Haydon, who will discharge the duties of returning officer.

Everybody Busy. Today witnessed very busy scenes both at the Museum Building, where the National advisory committee and its various sub-committees were hard at work, and at the exhibition grounds, where the general secretary and the local committee in charge of plans were putting the final touches on the preparatory arrangements. In the main auditorium of Howick Hall, which tomorrow will be seething with human activities, there was today but an impressive array of empty chairs. Within the space assigned to delegates who, inclusive of members, federal and provincial, Senators and others, will exceed 1,600, allotments have been made for the various provincial delegations. There are two

main aisles. To the left of the platform the Ontario delegation will be seated, while those from Quebec will occupy the seats to the right. Among the representatives of the other provinces have been divided the seats in the centre between the aisles. Outside the space set apart for delegates, and in the galleries, provision has been made for seating 2,500 people. The auditorium is so large that men who will be called upon to speak have expressed some doubt as to their ability to throw their voices to its farthest limits.

Over the large platform on which seating accommodation for two or three hundred people have been provided, there hangs an impressive picture of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the late Liberal leader.

Uncertainty as to Leadership. There is still much uncertainty as to the leadership of the Liberal party. Many rumors were in circulation today as to the probable ultimate choice of the convention. One story was that Premier Martin of Saskatchewan would be persuaded to stay in the race, and that if he did so he would likely be a winner. Another story abroad was that it would be announced to the convention that Sir Wilfrid Laurier, before his death, had expressed the opinion that Hon. W. S. Fielding would be the best choice for a successor to himself. Quebec members were in caucus during the morning, but it was subsequently stated that they had reached no definite agreement as to whom they would support.

While Mr. Fielding is said to have considerable support from Quebec, the favorites of the members from that province are undoubtedly Premier Martin and Hon. Macdonnell King. It is said, in fact, that it comes from all over the province.

The choice of Hon. Sydney Fisher as leader would be quite satisfactory to a considerable number of Quebec delegates, while G. H. Graham, like Mr. King, finds the province of Ontario his chief support.

Hundreds of additional delegates arrived from all parts of the Dominion during the day, and many more are expected on the morning trains. A comparatively small number will not be able to reach Ottawa before Wednesday and will, consequently miss the first day's proceedings.

It was stated tonight that Hon. J. W. D. Parfitt, Attorney-General of British Columbia, who expected to attend the convention, was detained in England by the Liverpool strike, and will not reach Canada until Saturday. He has been in England on legal business for British Columbia.

CANADA'S ACTION ON WHEAT CONTROL EXAMPLE FOR U. S. SENATE

The Upper House at Washington Moving to Reduce the High Cost of Living—Relation of the Price of Wheat to the Cost of Living Was Debated by Several Members.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 4.—Discussion on the high cost of living was resumed in the Senate today immediately after the session opened. Chairman Gronna, of the agriculture committee, announced that he had called a committee meeting tomorrow to discuss measures to reduce the cost of living.

Relation of the price of wheat to the cost of living was debated by several Senators. Mr. Gronna denied that the government's wheat price guarantee causes undue prices for bread. He was supported by Senators Kellogg and Nelson, Republicans of Minnesota, who said wheat was being sold far above the government's guarantee at the principal terminals.

The three Senators predicted that this year's crop would be lower than government estimates. Senator Gronna said it would be 659,000,000 bushels, and not 1,250,000,000, as forecasted by the department of agriculture. Senator Gronna declared that dealers and packers in food products "never made higher profits" than they did under the food administration's licensing plan during the war.

Senator Kirby, Democrat, Arkansas, asked if the government grain corporation was not now manipulating prices. "What is this man Barnes doing?" he asked.

"Mr. Barnes has been criticized in all the wheat states," Senator Gronna answered, "for bearing down on the price. He has made every effort possible to reduce prices."

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SYDNEY VETERANS CELEBRATE WAR ANNIVERSARY

Sydney, N. S., August 4.—The recent War Veterans' Association's celebration at Sydney Mines today of the anniversary of Britain's entry into the war was a pronounced success. A civic holiday was proclaimed and the town was thronged with veterans from the neighboring districts.

Veterans from Sydney attended in a body. The day opened with a parade in which the different societies of the



IS SERIOUSLY ILL. Levi P. Morton, former Vice President of the United States, is seriously ill at his home at Rhinecliff-on-the-Hudson. He is sixty-six years old and has withdrawn from directorship in many corporations. His nephew, Morton Minet, is in charge of his financial affairs. Mr. Morton's health has been failing since his wife died last October. Physicians are in constant attendance.

The Peddl Cabinet, Already Retired From Office

Berlin, Aug. 4.—(By The Associated Press).—The Peddl cabinet of Hungary is already retired from office, according to a Vienna dispatch to the Mittag Post, because it was not accorded recognition by the Hungarian powers. The dispatch says a new Ministry, composed of workmen, citizens and peasant leaders, will be created, the first duty of which will be to revise civil regulations.

BIG VICTORY DAY CELEBRATION AT ST. STEPHEN

The Border Town Will Entertain Gov. Milliken of Maine and Lt. Gov. Pugsley of New Brunswick on Aug. 7.

St. Stephen, N. B., Aug. 4.—St. Stephen is to entertain distinguished visitors on Thursday, Aug. 7, when Governor Milliken, of Maine, and Governor Pugsley, of New Brunswick, will be here in connection with a big Victory Day celebration and welcome home for the returned soldiers that had been arranged by Frontier Lodge, Knights of Pythias, some time in advance of the official observance of the day in the evening. The Governors will be marked with auto parades and a big parade of Knights of Pythias and returned soldiers and sailors from many parts of Maine and New Brunswick; horse races, ball games and sports at the park in the afternoon, a concert and grand ball in the evening.

The Governors will be accompanied to the border by their staffs, and will have an official meeting on the International bridge at noon, with a flag ceremony, to be followed by a banquet at the Windsor Hotel. They will review the parade of soldiers and Pythians, and afterwards proceed to the park, where they will deliver addresses and enjoy the sports. Stores and factories will be closed for the day and the hours given up to pleasure with the thousands of visitors.

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Germans Threaten To Burn Twenty-Four Zeppelins

Coblenz, Aug. 4.—(By The Associated Press).—Germans in charge of twenty-four Zeppelins near Berlin have threatened to burn them rather than deliver them to the Allies, as required by the peace treaty, according to information obtained by the American army authorities here, it was learned today. The Zeppelins are of twenty-five tons capacity and can fly from Berlin to San Francisco, according to German sources. Several were built to carry forty persons.

SWEEPING AND DRASTIC DEMANDS MADE BY ORGANIZED LABOR

Insist That Private Capital Be Released from the Railroads and Demand a Tri-Part Control Composed of the Public, the Operating Management and the Employees.

Washington, D. C., August 4.—(By The Associated Press).—The organized labor movement today with the unequivocal demand that private capital be relieved from the railroads. A tripart control composed of the public, the operating management, and the employees is demanded instead.

Addressed to the American public, and signed by the engineers, the firemen, the conductors and the American Federation of Labor, a formal statement was issued announcing this proposal which will be carried before Congress Wednesday.

"It marks," says the statement, "the step by which organized labor passes from demands for wage increases to demands that the system of profits in industry be overhauled."

This sentence sums up in a few words, the proposal of which there have been hints and indications, but which is now laid before the country for the first time. Everywhere in the official Washington it is recognized as the most serious and far-reaching proposition the country will be called upon to face.

Characterizing the proposals as "labor bills," put forth as a remedy for the high cost of living, because, the railroads are the key industry of the nation. The bill demands the "genuine co-operation and partnership based on a real community of interest and participation in control" of which President Wilson spoke to Congress, and which, the statement says, has been ignored by labor and the private owners of the railroads.

"We ask," it says, "that the railroads of the United States be vested in the public eye, that those actually engaged in conducting that industry, not from Wall Street, but from the railroad lines, shall take charge of this service for the public."

The trainmen are not represented in the statement because W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood, was out of the city, but it was said they will join in it.

Row Over Horse Results In Case Of Murder

Lloyd King of Tidnish Held Responsible for the Death of Lewis Crossman, According to Coroner's Verdict.

Special to The Standard. Amherst, N. S., Aug. 4.—Lloyd King, of Tidnish, was arrested this evening on a charge of murder, following a coroner's inquest on the body of Lewis Crossman.

Mr. Lewis Crossman was killed in a fight that ensued over a dispute over a horse, belonging to King, getting into Crossman's garden. Crossman, who was a man of 65 years of age, apparently did not put up much of a fight other than that he tried to save himself from assault by King. The unfortunate affair took place at 12 o'clock noon today, on the main road near Tidnish, the fashionable summer resort of Amherst. The evidence disclosed the fact that King struck Crossman several times with his fist, and also kicked him about the head after he was knocked down.

Coroner W. F. Donkin, Amherst, presided at the inquest and, in addition to the evidence given by the eye-witnesses, evidence was also given by Dr. Ross Miller and Dr. E. P. Atkinson, who performed an autopsy on the body of Crossman.

The evidence given by the doctors established the fact that the deceased came to his death by a severe blow in the region of the right temple.

After the verdict given by the coroner's jury, that the deceased came to his death as a result of the blows given him by King, King, who was present at the inquest, was immediately arrested by Chief Pickens, of Amherst, on instructions from Crown Prosecutor J. A. Huxway, of Amherst. King was brought to Amherst and lodged in the county jail.

The preliminary investigation will be held Wednesday in Amherst before Magistrate Casey.

Crossman is a married man with a large family and was a very respectable citizen. King is also married and has one child, and belongs to one of the best families at Tidnish.

COAL MINE FIRE IMPRISONS NINE

Charlestown, N. Va., Aug. 4.—Nine men were imprisoned behind a fire in a mine of the C. D. Thomas Coal Company at Blair, near here, according to a report received by W. C. Heatherman, chief of the State department of Mines. The imprisoned men, it was said, were in communication with the rescue workers outside, and it is believed they will be saved.

FIVE MONCTON BOYS CONVICTED OF PETTY LARCENY

Special to The Standard. Moncton, Aug. 4.—Five young boys, convicted of petty burglary, were sentenced by Police Magistrate Steeves this afternoon to three years each in the St. John Industrial Home, the sentence being suspended for the time being.

IMPORTANT PART PLAYED BY BRITISH SEA SERVICE DURING THE WAR COMMEMORATED

The Naval Pageant Took Place on the Thames Monday, the Day Marking the Fifth Anniversary of the Historic Mobilization of the British Fleet—Cheering Multitudes Clustered on the Banks of the River to Witness the Event—The Royal Barge Containing the Royal Family Headed the Naval Parade.

London, Aug. 4.—Cheering multitudes clustered on the banks of the Thames this afternoon and witnessed an elaborate river pageant with which King and Queen celebrated the fifth anniversary of the historic mobilization of the British fleet during the war by Great Britain's naval forces, the mercantile marine and the maritime resources generally, for the nation's defense and upkeep.

Although a large part of the London population spent the holiday in the country, the nine barges, under which the procession moved, the miles of embankments and the river-side parks proved incapable of accommodating all who strove for vantage places.

Both Houses of Parliament suspended their session for the day, the members going to the famous terraces, which was thronged with fashionable sightseers. Not in the Victorian period has London witnessed a river celebration of such magnitude.

After the King had disembarked from his barge at Chelsea Pier to review the procession, the Lord Mayor led it back to the starting point at Tower Bridge. The return was unhindered by races of naval cutters. Airplanes hovered overhead throughout the celebration.

The procession which was marshaled at the Tower Bridge at four p. m. spread out to five miles, and when the head of the line reached Chelsea and turned with the tide the trail of the procession was just leaving the starting point. As it moved along the Thames the big bank holiday crowds which lined the embankments, solidly swarmed on the bridges and perched upon railings and roofs of houses and in trees on both sides of the river, gave the pageant a tumultuous greeting.

The progress of King George in the royal barge was marked by particular attention. He journeyed up the river with glee, and the noise of cheering on both banks, the noise culminating in an explosion of applause, gave the pageant a tumultuous greeting.

The procession was a brilliant one as a whole, being commented upon by many witnesses of this and similar celebrations such as probably never, passing in beauty and effects any marine pageant of modern times.

Even the barges were gaily decorated, the pilot being painted variously orange, green, red, white and blue, making a vivid contrast with the muddy waters of the river. Gigantic flags and pennons forty feet long floated from the bridges and flag poles. Numerous bands along the shore made music as the procession passed, interspersing the national airs with such wartime favorites as "Tipperary," and "The Long, Long Trail," while choirs stationed here and there sang patriotic sea chanties.

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PARLIAMENT WILL CONVENE ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER FIRST

Ratification of the Peace Treaty Will be the First Business to be Considered—With the Proclamation of Peace War Measures Acts Will Cease to Exist and it is Expected New Liquor Measures Will Be Taken Up.

Ottawa, Aug. 4.—Parliament meets on Monday, September 1st (Labor Day), the same day the Prince of Wales will lay the corner-stones of the new parliament buildings.

The session is not expected to last more than four or five weeks. Ratification of the peace treaty will be the principal business.

Since prorogation on July 7th, there has been considerable correspondence with the Imperial Government in regard to the necessity of early ratification of the treaty. Already a bill to approve ratification has passed both Houses at Westminster and received a Royal assent.

New Liquor Measures. With the proclamation of peace, the War Measures Act will cease to exist, and with it will terminate the life of the Dominion order-in-council prohibiting manufacture, importation and inter-provincial trade in alcoholic liquors, the order-in-council forbidding race track betting, and a number of others. During the session which closed a month ago, the Government brought in a bill to continue the prohibition order-in-council for twelve months after the termination of the war. But a

Senate amendment to restrict the bill to the wartime period ended it. The bill failed to pass. Another bill will therefore, be necessary.

Civil Service Re-classification. There is further the civil service re-classification bill which was still on the order papers when parliament prorogued and there is the bill to continue the war purchasing board in operation. Both will, no doubt, again be before parliament in the coming session.

It is fully realized here that the date selected for the opening of parliament will be somewhat inconvenient for those engaged in active farming operations. But the urgency of the situation, it is emphasized, had made it necessary to take the course which has been taken.

There will thus be a double ceremony at Ottawa on the first of September. The gathering of members of parliament on that date, it is felt, will be very appropriate for the laying of the corner stone by the Prince of Wales. Members will further be afforded an opportunity of being present.

POWDER EXPLOSION NEARLY DESTROYS U. S. ARSENAL

Wrecked Buildings Caught Fire and Only Heroic Work of Firemen Prevented Flames Spreading to Main Structures.

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JAPANESE TO MAKE FORMAL STATEMENT

Washington, D. C., Aug. 4.—Information reached Washington today that a formal statement from the Japanese government as to its intentions regarding the final disposition of Shanghai, China, will be made public very soon. The substance of the statement has not been disclosed. The Japanese statement according to information, is designated to clear away all misunderstanding and doubt as to the purpose of the Japanese government. Beyond this nothing with regard to the contents of the statement could be learned here.

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