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SUNDAY—FAIR AND MILD.

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KING NOW LIKELY TO HAVE MARGIN OF 11 SEATS LIBERALS NOW HAVE 100 SEATS Time Not Ripe Here To Enforce Use of Franchise

LIBERALS NOW HAVE 100 SEATS

Revised Reports Show Meighen Cannot Have 117—Only 3 in Doubt.

WILL HAVE 128 AGAINST
King Almost Certain To Continue as Head of the Government by Political Precedent.

It now seems quite clear that Mr. Meighen's total strength will not exceed 117 seats in the federal parliament, and that Premier King, with a total of 128 Liberal and allied seats, will continue to lead the government.

Not only political precedent, but constitutional principle support this course of action, and opinions now are showing stronger agreement that Mr. King is not likely to hand over the government to the leader of a minority group in the house.

The Latest Summary.

The Advertiser's latest summary now gives 116 Conservative seats, 100 Liberals, 23 Progressives and 2 Independents, or a total of 241 in opposition, with three seats still doubtful, one in P. E. I. and two in Alberta. The last Canadian Press report classifies two of the Progressive seats as still doubtful (in Saskatchewan), but agrees on the other totals.

It may fairly be taken for granted that practically everyone of the Progressives and Independent members elected are opposed to Mr. Meighen's policy, while none of them can be said to be unfriendly to Mr. King. While, therefore, the situation is fraught with difficulties, it is fully expected that Mr. King will cope with them as courageously as he has done in the past, overcome them, and again carry on government.

Otherwise, chaos may ensue, for the difficulties facing Mr. Meighen with a minority of followers, among which there is not a single French-Canadian representative, would be practically insurmountable.

Premier Not Worried.
Premier King is facing the situation with unperturbed equanimity. He will await receipt of the full results, and then have a conference with his excellency the governor-general. After that he will make a public statement of his intentions.

Mr. King has a space of 45 days in which to seek a new seat for himself and other ministers who met personal defeat. Already he has been offered several, but is not worrying at present about that side of the case.

Authorities on constitutional matters are of the opinion that Mr. King will meet the house in due course and there test his ability to carry on, first on the election of a speaker, second on the throne, and third on the budget. This, they claim, is the only reasonable course, inasmuch as it will be impossible for Mr. King as it will be impossible for him to recommend a minority leader to the governor-general.

There is, in fact, no precedent for a government surrendering the reins of office to a party which does not possess a majority. On the other hand there is the government in Ramsay MacDonald, which was carried on until defeated in parliament. There is indeed no reason in the world why the low tariff forces should not successfully carry through an other parliament, however great the difficulties.

Two questions regarding the King ministry became uppermost in the public mind as soon as the general election of the 23rd inst. was announced, first, the calling of parliament; second, the extent of his powers in advising the governor-general to maintain his party in office until parliament meets.

When Vote Is Close.
As to the specific question of a ministry retaining office after a close election, Sir Joseph Pope, a great constitutional authority, makes the following pronouncement: "Should a ministry suffer defeat at the polls by a decisive majority, it is customary for it to resign without waiting for an adverse vote in parliament, notwithstanding that it is plain that the will of the people can be constitutionally expressed. This procedure, dictated by reasons of convenience, was inaugurated by Disraeli in 1868 and, though pronounced at the time to be an unusual course, has since been followed both in England and Canada, the defeated ministry remaining in office only long enough to complete unfinished business and to set its house in order. The length of the interval between the date of polling and the resignation is not fixed, and varies.

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Liberal Chances Clearer

Latest Standing Shows Drop in Conservative Seats—With Only Three Seats in Doubt, Meighen's Total Is Now 116—Cannot Have Majority.

TOTAL STANDING AT 1:30 P.M. TODAY.				
	Now.	Dissolution.	49	
Conservatives	116	117		
Liberals	100	61		
Progressives	23	4		
Independents, etc.	3	4		
In doubt or vacant	3			

HOW IT STANDS NOW BY PROVINCES.

	Now.	1921.		
	Libs.	Cons.	Prog.	Ind.
Ontario	11	69	2	0
Quebec	60	4	0	1
Nova Scotia	1	10	0	0
New Brunswick	2	1	0	0
Prince Edward Island	2	7	6	2
Manitoba	2	1	0	0
Alberta	4	3	7	0
Saskatchewan	14	0	7	0
British Columbia	3	10	1	0
Yukon	0	1	0	0
Totals	100	116	23	3
	117	50	65	3

There are still three seats in doubt.

HOW IT ALL FIGURES OUT.

Revised reports received by The Advertiser have reduced the number of Conservative seats from the 120 indicated yesterday to 116. These changes in the Conservative standing are: One seat must now be classed as doubtful, in Queen's, P.E.I., where the vote is a tie and the returning officer must decide. One in Kenora-Rainy River, Ontario, where Peter Heenan is elected, becomes Liberal. One seat in Alberta which is now doubtful and two in Saskatchewan which are transferred to the Progressive column. Yukon, as expected, has gone Conservative. This subtracts five and adds one, leaving a present Conservative strength of 116 seats.

LIBERALS AND PROGRESSIVES GAIN.

Liberals have now 100 seats, having gained two in Saskatchewan, one in Ontario and lost one in Alberta, which is now classed as doubtful. Progressives have now 23, having gained three in Saskatchewan. Independents and Labor remain at three.

THE SEATS STILL IN DOUBT.

The Advertiser reports leave only three seats in doubt, two in Alberta and one in Prince Edward Island. The latest Canadian Press summary classifies five seats as still in doubt. The difference, however, affects only the Progressive total. The Canadian Press still places Kindersley and Maple Creek as doubtful, while The Advertiser's reports give them to Progressives. In Kindersley A. W. Carmichael, Progressive, is leading; in Maple Creek, G. Spence, Liberal, is leading.

PROBABLE FINAL: 117 CONSERVATIVE, 128 OPPOSED.

From these revised reports the maximum Conservative strength will be 117 seats, with 123 Liberals, Progressives, Labor and Independents opposed.

U.S. SEES FRESH TARIFF WAR IF CONSERVATIVES' POLICY SHOULD BE PUT INTO EFFECT

Parisian Rule In Jeopardy

Associated Press Despatch.
Tehran, Persia, Oct. 31.—A strong nationalist movement against the present Persian dynasty has been under way for the last few days. The Majlis, or national assembly, which has been receiving numerous threatening messages from the provinces, was convened in special session to seek a solution in conformity with the national desire, but a few shots fired outside the parliament buildings today brought hasty adjournment.

EDDY PLANT AT BATHURST IS DESTROYED BY FLAMES

Associated Press Despatch.
Bathurst, N. B., Oct. 31.—Damage estimated at between \$50,000 and \$75,000 was done and 50 men were thrown out of work as a result of a fire which early this morning destroyed the woodworking factory of the George Eddy Company, Limited, here.

RECORDS FOR EARLY SNOW BROKEN IN CONNECTICUT

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, Oct. 31.—October snow and frost are being experienced by a large portion of the Atlantic seaboard, following similar conditions in the middle west. Early snow records were broken in Connecticut, but heavier snowfalls were reported in Washington and Virginia. An inch and a half in New Haven, Conn., was the heaviest there in 32 years, but Washington and Northern Virginia had a two-inch fall, the earliest since 1878. Warmer weather is predicted for tomorrow.

WILL ASSEMBLE MONDAY.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Victoria, B. C., Oct. 31.—The provincial legislature will assemble here on Monday, Nov. 2. J. M. Bryan, M.L.A., moving the address in reply to the speech from the throne.



DR. F. N. G. STARR.

who this week told the clinical congress of the American college of surgeons of the discovery by Dr. Wm. J. McDonald, St. Catharines, Ont., of a serum which may materially reduce the morbidity of high blood pressure.

FORGERY CLUMSY, CROWN DECLARES

Ray Smith Appears in London Court and Is Remanded.

Ray Smith, formerly of Brantford, appearing in this morning's court on a forgery charge, was remanded to jail for one week in order that representations in his favor might be made to Magistrate A. H. M. Graydon in the meanwhile. Smith was charged with forging the name of Israel Taylor to a \$75 check on which he received \$20 in cash when it was given as payment of a debt.

He pleaded guilty this morning, stating he was drunk when the forgery was made, but that the \$20 had been paid back.

It was a clumsy attempt at forgery, Crown Attorney Albert M. Judd told the court. The signature which Smith had affixed to the check bore no resemblance to that of Mr. Taylor's, he said.

Wembley Fair Closes Doors

Twenty-Seven Million People Have Visited Exhibition.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Oct. 31.—The British Empire exhibition, which opened at Wembley in 1924, to benefit the trade of the British Empire, closed its doors today. The buildings will be immediately dismantled.

In the two years it has been running, 27,000,000 people have visited the exhibition. Despite its popularity, largely due to the constant patronage of the king, the members of the royal family and prominent personages, it has not proved a financial success. It is contended, however, that the ultimate results will be incalculable in money. Confidence is expressed that it will prove to have stimulated trade and aided in development of the resources of the empire.

There was an elaborate ceremonial closing program.

TWENTY MILLIONS PAID TO SEE BASEBALL GAMES

Associated Press Despatch.
Washington, Oct. 31.—Major league baseball drew a gate of \$25,000,000, based on estimates of a federal return of \$2,500,000, 10 per cent of the total receipts. This is exclusive of the world series, which drew a little more than \$1,000,000.

Cabinet Timber In Western Ontario



J. C. ELLIOTT.

Cabinet ministers from Ontario in a new Liberal cabinet would be almost sure to include J. C. Elliott,

BECK FUND ENLISTS SCOUT AID

Boys to Number of 17,000 Will Help in Campaign to Raise \$500,000 For Byron.

MAYORS ARE LINED UP

Twenty-One Have Agreed To Join the Fund's Provincial Executive.

Two facts stand out from the news bulletins issued this week by the committee in charge of the provincial-wide campaign for the \$500,000 Beck memorial endowment fund for Byron sanatorium. The first is that leaders of public bodies and public service organizations and many other prominent men are actually interested in the campaign, and the second is that the fund itself intensifies the fight against tuberculosis, saves lives and lifts the economic burden of the disease.

Twenty-one mayors of Ontario municipalities have responded to the call and allied themselves with the provincial executive. "The campaign is striking a wonderful stride," says the bulletin, "and everywhere leaders of public bodies and public service organizations, men vitally interested in the province-wide war against tuberculosis, are throwing different county organizations, Rotarians, Kiwanians, Lions, chamber of commerce and boards of trade are rallying under the banner of the double-barred Red Cross emblem of the international war against the white plague."

City Leaders.
Division commanders have been named for London to include Dr. V. Buchanan, Dr. E. H. Pratt, Dr. H. Manning, J. J. McEneaney, A. E. Silverwood, while Philip Pocock is chairman of the preliminary committee. Dr. T. W. McFarland, W. N. Manning, J. J. McEneaney, A. E. Silverwood, while Philip Pocock is chairman of the preliminary committee.

The returning officers compilation of the votes cast in London at this week's federal election is still proceeding in the county courthouse. Gordon H. Tennent, returning officer, stated this morning that there were still about 45 ballot boxes to be counted, but that they will not be completed until late this afternoon, or possibly not until Monday.

PROJECTILE WOUND FATAL TO LIEUT.-GEN. MUELLER

Associated Press Despatch.
Jüterbog, Brandenburg, Germany, Oct. 31.—Lieut.-Gen. Alfred Mueller, commander of the fourth division of the Reichswehr and noted for his part in putting down the incipient revolution in Saxony in 1923, is dead, having succumbed to a wound suffered when struck by a projectile during when struck by a projectile during the testing grounds here.

Cop's Chewing Tobacco Causes An Honest-To-Goodness Jag

Special To The Advertiser.

Detroit, Oct. 31.—"Eating" tobacco has been familiar to Americans since Pocahontas' uncle first bit off a leaf of burley, but it was left for John Crimmins, 22 years old, 6153 Fourteenth street, to discover "drinking" tobacco.

Crimmins appeared Friday before Judge Harry B. Keidan charged with drunkenness. He was arrested by Patrolman Nicholas Carlson, who told the court Crimmins was definitely in his cups when he took him into custody.

Crimmins, however, had a different viewpoint. He had two glasses of beer, he told Judge Keidan—only two—and then started down the street for a stroll. While blithely pounding the pave, Crimmins met Patrolman Carlson, he said, and they had what Crimmins described as a long and delightful chat. At that time, Crimmins insisted he was definitely sober.

But, Crimmins said, as he was about to bid a fond farewell to Patrolman Carlson he borrowed his plug and gnawed off a healthy chunk.

"That tobacco, your honor, made me drunk," Crimmins said. "Up to that point, I was sober, could count on my fingers, and walk a crack in the sidewalk."

CABINET MAY GET THREE FROM WESTERN ONTARIO

Elliott, Malcolm and Euler All Likely To Be Considered For Portfolios.

LONG EXPERIENCE

Mackenzie King Has Already Hinted at Elevation of West Middlesex Member.

Although the Western Ontario Liberal representation is only seven it can supply some first-class cabinet timber for Mr. King if he reorganizes his cabinet and carries on.

Three of the seven have had some years of political experience, and each of them has often been mentioned for higher offices than being private members. W. D. Euler, North Waterloo, could have been deputy speaker of the last parliament, but declined the office. He is one of the best debaters in the house and a man well liked by all parties. His addition to the cabinet would have strengthened it even as it existed before the elections.

Malcolm a Comer.

Few men have risen with the rapidity that James Malcolm, North Bruce, has in the political field. He was first elected to the house of commons in 1921 and was made Ontario secretary of the commons and the country, which has brought him to the attention of the commons and the country. Several times, it was stated, that he was being considered for cabinet positions, and probably would have been there but for his reluctance to neglect his big business interests. Canada could have no better minister of trade and commerce.

Has Had Experience.

Mr. Elliott would be in line for an Ontario portfolio in case Mr. King decides to continue his government. Mr. Elliott's years of experience in the Ontario legislature have already stamped him as a private member of the house. It will be remembered that Mr. Elliott was nearly being leader of the Ontario Liberals and the knowledge of his ability and experience precedes him to Ottawa.

There are also good men among the other Liberals, but they all lack political experience and could not expect immediate promotion.

STEAMER RUNS AGROUND

Associated Press Despatch.
Houghton, Mich., Oct. 31.—An unidentified steamer of the Hutchinson Line went aground this morning at Gull Rock, off Keweenaw Point. The Eagle Harbor coastguard has gone to her assistance.

FINE FOR NON-VOTER TOO HARSH

Londoners Believe Time Is Not Ripe To Compel Use of the Franchise, as in Australia.

S. BAKER DISAGREES

City Clerk Would Impose Penalty in Dominion, Provincial and Municipal Votes.

Compulsory voting, with a \$10 fine for failing to vote, is to be introduced at the Australian federal elections next month, but prominent Londoners are of the opinion that the time is not yet ripe to introduce similar measures in Canada. All are agreed that there is "too much delinquency in voting," but they believe that it is "too drastic a step to compel a man to vote," and thus they would rely upon "moral suasion and an educational campaign."

Though in the minority thus far, City Clerk Samuel Baker, however, endorses "compulsory voting in the dominion, provincial and municipal elections as a good move." Mr. Baker, who has advocated the idea, points out that it has "worked well in Switzerland, where 93 per cent of the vote is cast, and also in Belgium, where 96 per cent of the vote is cast."

How It Works.

"For the first offence in Belgium the name of the offending voter is published in a list at the city hall," observed Mr. Baker. "For the second offence a fine of two 'francs' is imposed, while for the third offence the name is again published and the voter disqualified from holding any official position. I do not think a \$10 fine is too stiff, and I believe that compulsory voting should be inaugurated in all our elections."

"Every citizen ought to feel in conscience that he should vote," stated Very Rev. Dean Tucker, D.D., D.C., rector of St. Paul's cathedral, "but I question the advisability of compelling a man to vote. There is far too much delinquency in voting, but compulsory voting are more like a turn away interest, and I would rather rely upon moral suasion and education of our citizens upon the question of citizenship."

"I am strong for more interest being taken in elections, and more securing of a willful public opinion," declared Rev. W. R. McIntosh, D.D., King street Unitarian church, "but I don't think much is to be gained by mere voting under compulsion without knowledge or information. I do not place much confidence in mechanical devices, and I would rather try to turn away interest, and I would imagine that an educational campaign would carry greater force."

Favors Cancellation.

"I am not in favor of a man being fined for 'not voting,'" asserted Rev. Col. Wm. Beattie, D.D., C.M.G., First Unitarian church, "but I do believe that a man who does not exercise his franchise for two or three times in a row, and should be deprived of the privilege of voting, and his name struck off the list. Compulsory voting might prevent corruption in election."

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WILL DEVOTES \$1,200 FOR SAYING OF MASSES

A. J. Morrison of Williams Also Left Sums to Churches and Sanatorium.

Angus Joseph Morrison, East Williams farmer, who died on Sept. 17, leaves \$1,200 to various priests of this district for masses to be said for the repose of his soul, according to the will filed for probate at the courthouse today by Norman F. Newton of Parkhill, his solicitor. The total estate is valued at \$11,328, some \$7,000 being real estate.

Mr. Morrison left \$1,000 to the monastery of the Precious Blood, the money left for the various masses is divided up as follows: Rev. A. J. McDonald, Notre Dame, \$500; Rev. J. P. Lowrey, Parkhill, \$300; Rev. Father McCree, London, \$200; Rev. M. D. O'Neill, Woodstock, \$200.

The balance of his estate goes to relatives, including his mother, Mrs. Morrison, and his wife, Mrs. Morrison, who is survived by the various masses is divided up as follows: Rev. A. J. McDonald, Notre Dame, \$500; Rev. J. P. Lowrey, Parkhill, \$300; Rev. Father McCree, London, \$200; Rev. M. D. O'Neill, Woodstock, \$200.

GOVERNORSHIP OF BANK TO REMAIN UNCHANGED

Associated Press Despatch.
Paris, Oct. 31.—The intention expressed by Premier Painleve while making up his new cabinet to appoint Senator Chaumet, governor of the Bank of France, to succeed M. Robinet, has been abandoned.

An official communique denying any prospective change in the administration of the bank has been issued. In answer to the general chorus of protests against the introduction of politics into the principal French financial institution, the secretary of the bank will also remain unchanged.

GENERAL FELIX AGNUS EXPIRES IN BALTIMORE

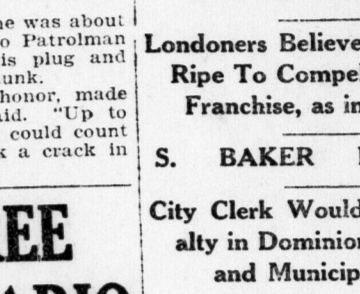
Associated Press Despatch.
Baltimore, Oct. 31.—Gen. Felix Agnus, veteran of two wars, and former newspaper publisher, died at his home here this morning, aged 87 years.

Born in Lyons, France, in 1839, Gen. Agnus joined a Zouave regiment when Napoleon III began his war against Austria, and participated in the battle of Montebello.

He came to the United States at the age of 21 and at the outbreak of the civil war enlisted in Duryea's 5th New York Zouaves as a private, rising through the ranks until, at the time of his discharge, in 1865, he was breveted brigadier-general.

He was publisher of the Baltimore American from 1883 to 1920.

That Black Patch



HOW ELECTORATE DIVIDED.

The reason for discussion on making compulsory the exercise of the franchise is seen in this diagram illustrating the use of the vote by Londoners Thursday. The dotted segment represents those who voted, 22 per cent of the available vote, the white part the Colbert vote, 7 per cent; the shaded part, those who voted twice, 34 per cent; and the black part those who stayed at home, 37 per cent.

Will Devotes \$1,200 For Saying of Masses

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The Weather

FORECASTS.

Today—Light to moderate winds, fair, with a little higher temperature.

Sunday—Moderate to fresh southwest winds, fair and somewhat milder.

The pressure is high on the Atlantic coast and low over the Western Provinces.

The weather has been fair in nearly all parts of the dominion, with higher temperatures in the west.

Temperatures.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

Stations: High. Low. Weather.

Victoria..... 50 46 Clear

Calgary..... 50 32 Fair

Winnipeg..... 50 32 Fair

Port Arthur..... 34 30 Cloudy

Farmington..... 36 26 Fair

Toronto..... 36 26 Clear

Kingston..... 38 23 Cloudy

Ottawa..... 34 14 Clear

Montreal..... 34 24 Clear

Quebec..... 30 16 Fair

Father Point..... 30 16 Fair

St. John..... 40 20 Clear

Halifax..... 40 20 Clear

Barometric Readings.

Friday—3 p.m., 29.64.

Today—8 a.m., 29.64.