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LIBERALS WIN A LARGE VOTE

Saskatchewan Majority Well Over All Opposition.

Very Satisfactory, Says Premier Martin—Meharg May be Minister of Agriculture—Only Two Conservatives Elected.

Regina, Sask., June 10.—Saskatchewan decided yesterday not to experiment with group government, and returned to office for another term, the administration headed by Hon. W. H. Martin, giving him a majority less sweeping than the one which followed his leadership during the last legislature, but sufficiently large to make him independent of all opposition alignments. Government supporters will number about 75-80 in the legislature of sixty-five, when three deferred elections have been held, in view of political authorities. The Morning Leader's latest figures show Government, forty-one; Independent, seven; Conservatives, two; Labor, one; Liberal, five.

This list includes among the doubtful influences Redheffer, who is Hon. George Langley is 173 down to George Cockburn, Independent, with two polls to be heard from. The political prospects of the government were surprised by the threatened defeat of the minister municipal affairs, and declared that complete returns would show his election in Tisdale is to be held June 13. The date for the elections 'umberland Isle La Crosse, the other seats, is not set.

The vote yesterday was the heaviest in the history of the province, and Premier Martin's total of more than 60 in Regina is the largest vote ever in Saskatchewan for an executive candidate.

Mr. J. A. Maharg, elected by acclamation for Moose, has not yet been assigned to a portfolio. There are reports of a rearrangement of the cabinet which Mr. Maharg, who is president of the Saskatchewan branch of the Grain Growers' Association, might become minister of agriculture.

Premier Martin might said the result of the election was very satisfactory and not altogether unexpected.

"The number of seats won by independent candidates," said Harris Turner, "is about what we expected. We are assured of a strong and lively opposition in the legislature, and I am sure that will serve a desirable purpose."

Earlier Report.
Regina, June 10.—(Canadian Press)—The Martin government was returned to power yesterday in Saskatchewan, and its supporters contended at midnight that the administration would command from forty to forty-five votes of sixty-three in the new legislature.

It is believed that the independent, who went into the contest without provincial organization or provincial leader, will have from fifteen to twenty members. Labor elected one member, and the Conservatives two. The four candidates of the non-partisan league were defeated.

At 11:30 last night the government claimed the election of thirty-seven members, and ten seats were conceded to the opposition.

FIVE O'CLOCK STILL KNOCK-OFF HOUR IN CIVIL SERVICE

Ottawa, June 10.—(Canadian Press)—An order-in-council making it necessary for civil servants to work until five o'clock every afternoon, instead of four o'clock as in former years, has not yet been rescinded.

FIRES SWEEP WOODS IN MAINE

Great Damage Done in Penobscot County.

Three Hundred Men Fight One Which is Burning Over Big District—Another Has Burned Tract Six Miles Long.

Bangor, Maine, June 10.—Reports reaching Bangor from the Lake Umbagog region in Penobscot county are that a forest fire which had been brought under control after burning for five days had taken a fresh start and was raging with increased fury, despite the efforts of 300 men to stop it.

At last accounts the fire had swept over an area two and a half miles by four miles, and had destroyed 4,000 cords of spruce timber had been destroyed, causing a loss of \$200,000 to \$300,000. More help has been sent from Bangor.

A fire previously reported in the region of Grand Lake Stream is under control, after having destroyed two hundred acres of timber valued at \$25,000.

Another disastrous fire is raging over townships 41 and 42 on the head waters of the Machias river, where a tract six miles long had been swept, the loss being estimated at \$100,000. In this fire there have been destroyed about 1,000 cords of pulp wood, owned by the Orono Pulp and Paper Company. Late reports said the fire was burning wild.

Showers that passed over eastern Maine on Thursday carried more wind than rain and did little or no good.

HITS MINE; GOES DOWN WITH MANY

Mail Packet With 265 on Board is Sunk in the Aegean Sea.

Athens, June 10.—Many lives are believed to have been lost in the sinking of the Greek steamer Boukolonion, which struck a mine and foundered in the Aegean.

The Greek battleship Lemnos has arrived from Piraeus from Smyrna with two passengers who were picked up. Details of the disaster are lacking.

Paris, June 10.—The mail packet Boukolonion, which has been sunk in the Aegean by a mine, had 240 passengers on board, besides a crew of twenty-five, says an Athens despatch to "the radio agency."

Suit Grows Out of POKER GAME

CLOSING HOURS OF THE ASSEMBLY

Union Committee Can Confer With Anglicans.

Resolution Criticizes Canadian Government in Matter of Race Track Gambling—"Historic Assembly," Says Moderator.

Toronto, June 10.—(Canadian Press)—"We are now bringing to a close what may in future be regarded as an historic assembly," said the moderator, Rev. Dr. C. W. Gordon, after reaching the end of the docket of the Presbyterian General Assembly last night about 11 o'clock.

"I am not going to let anyone persuade me that anything untoward is going to befall the Presbyterian church," he said that the men who voted against union were to be commended for the very fine spirit they had shown in defeat.

The assembly rushed business with a great burst of speed in the afternoon and evening in order to finish last night. The assembly adopted a resolution moved by Dr. J. McCarty Wilson, of Calgary, embodying greetings to the self-co-operative with the general synod of the Church of England and other churches in the move designed to bring about a re-union of christendom.

The union committee which will have in hand the negotiations with the Methodist and Congregational churches was empowered also to conduct any conference pertaining to union with the Anglican church.

A resolution was adopted deploring the spread of the gambling habit, especially at the race tracks, and the government of Canada was held responsible for "this stain on the country's character."

Another resolution urged the employers of labor to make an effort to get to the bottom of the social unrest and complaints of the workers.

The assembly went on record as endorsing the League of Nations.

NOT GUILTY ON FIRST CHARGE

Case of Former Official in the Matter of Military Money.

Ottawa, June 10.—(Canadian Press)—Earnest A. Robinson, former assistant director of administration of the department of soldiers' civil rehabilitation, was late yesterday found not guilty of uttering a forged check for \$2,211.66 in the connection with the alleged fraudulent obtaining of the money from the department of militia and defense.

This disposed of the first charge against Robinson in a case that has aroused national wide interest.

Both Robinson and A. E. Hill, an ex-Ottawa policeman, will be tried on charges of fraudulently obtaining money from the department of militia and defense by illegally taking advantage of an order in council authorizing the exchange at par English money received by Canadian soldiers in pay and allowances.

JAP MOVE FOR DISARMAMENT

Osaka, Japan, June 10.—Resolutions providing that petition be sent to the Japanese government, asking it to take the initiative in communicating with Great Britain and U. S. for the purpose of calling a conference relative to disarmament, have been passed unanimously by the disarmament committee of the chamber of commerce here.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "do the boys at the school play Hunk Over De at recess and noon?"

"No, yer," said Hiram—"they play baseball."

"Ah!" said the reporter, "I was thinking last night of the day when we played ball on the bank of the river, near the little schoolhouse with its sloped desks running the whole length of the room and against the wall so that we all hoisted our legs over the bench and sat facing the wall when we were not in class, and the girls had their own troubles. But I was talking about playing ball, bases 'nukes. And the ball was made of yarn, wound tight and sewed through and through. Then somebody covered one with leather and we call it a baseball, but I doubt if they get any more fun out of it than we did in the old days."

"Of course they don't," said Hiram—"if you kin git up a team of old fellers 'n' come out to the Settlement, a few of the Certified Society of Old Bushmen and it tonight."

"Bring 'em along," said Hiram. "I'll put up a trophy myself—By Him!"

RAIN BLESSES MEXICO; RUINS MUCH IN EGYPT

Mexico City, June 10.—Heavy rain fell here yesterday, ending a protracted drought, which occasioned much distress and prompted the holding of many religious services.

Cairo, June 10.—Tremendous rains have fallen in the province of Delta, north of here, and a despatch from Mansurah says that 80,000 acres of cotton and wheat have been destroyed.

It is estimated that eighty per cent of the cotton yield of the province has been lost.

STEP TOWARDS PEACE IN THE COAL TROUBLE

London, June 10.—The conference of the coal miners' delegate held here today declared that a ballot should be taken in all the coal fields on the proposal of the Delta region, north of here, and a despatch from Mansurah says that 80,000 acres of cotton and wheat have been destroyed.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. P. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—A moderate disturbance has developed off the south Labrador coast and a trough of low pressure extends from the central districts of Canada to the west gulf states. Pressure continues highest over the south Atlantic and the north Pacific states. Light showers are reported from scattered districts in the west, but the weather is fair and warm elsewhere.

PROGRAMME FOR THE FRENCH NAVY

Build for Defence, Not for Attack.

Deputy Denise Says Nation Cannot Keep Pace With Japan, Britain and the U. S.—Would Abandon the Giant Vessels.

Paris, June 10.—In presenting France's programme of naval construction for the next three years, Deputy Paul Denise, reporter for the navy commission, advocated in the Chamber of Deputies yesterday the virtual abandonment of the building of battleships and battle cruisers and intensification of construction of submarines, torpedo boats, destroyers and airplane carrying ships.

The programme provides for the construction of six light cruisers, twelve destroyers, twelve torpedo boats and thirty-six submarines, at an approximate cost of 1,416,000,000 francs.

Mr. Denise asked the Chamber to vote for the transforming of five battleships work on which was stopped during the war when the hulls were completed, into airplane mother ships. He refused to be drawn into a discussion as to whether he agreed with the British Admiral, Sir Percy Scott, that the day of battleships was past, but quoted Rear Admiral Sims of the United States navy, and also Beatty and Jellicoe of Great Britain and von Scheer of Germany, as having a different opinion from Admiral Scott.

He said that France, as a pacific nation, needed a navy for coast defense, not for offensive action, and that there was nothing more to fear from Germany. France had no desire to attack any other nation, but the principal reason for the abandonment of construction of battleships by France, he added, was the realization that France was not keeping the pace with Japan, Great Britain and particularly the United States, which were building more units than before the war.

REACHES PORT, DECKS AWASH

Hard Fight Through Night to Keep Charlot Afloat After Hitting Iceberg.

St. John's, Nfld., June 10.—The U. S. freight steamer Charlot, still staggering from the effects of a collision with an iceberg, reached this port today. Captain Riecke and his crew had made a hard fight through the night to stay afloat. When the ship slipped through the narrows her decks were awash and her boats swung out ready for launching in the event of foundering.

The damaged Seapool has also reached here last night.

NOT CHEERFUL U. S. Reports on Business in the Lands Across the Atlantic.

Washington, June 10.—World economic conditions during May pointed to no immediate general business revival, according to the monthly summaries from its foreign representatives issued last night by the U. S. Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

Local improvement financially was noted in Europe, but trade and shipping were dull with marked industrial difficulties apparent in some countries. There was reported slight improvement in conditions was reported slightly and in South America the situation was declared unchanged with no confidence in future.

A FLAG PROTEST Congregational Union Speaks Against Use in Churches and Religious Work.

Montreal, June 10.—A protest against the flaunting of national flags in connection with the monthly summaries from its foreign representatives issued last night by the U. S. Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

WOMAN PUTS HEAD ON TRACK; C. P. R. TRAIN KILLS HER

Calgary, June 10.—Clad in a night-dress, a woman said to be Mrs. W. Butts of Plafot, near Maple Creek, walked to the C. P. R. main line, yesterday, and placing her head on the track, was decapitated by a freight train.

DEMPESE FUSSY WITH CAMP QUIET

Takes Day Off and Goes Motoring.

New Recruit to Sparring Partners—Carpenter Riled by Spectators' Remarks—Late News of Sport.

Atlantic City, N. J., June 10.—Jack Dempsey today is enjoying a full 24 hours of rest. He became weary of the camp routine with boxing off the programme and motored to Camden, N. J., sixty miles distant, to bring back his Belgian police dog, which was left in the care of a veterinarian.

Dempsey began to display signs of nervousness and irritation as a result of the enforced lay off from boxing and manager Kearns thought a day of rest might be beneficial.

Kearns had planned to have Dempsey face his sparring partners tomorrow, but he has decided that Sunday will be soon enough. If the champion's damaged eye is not sufficiently healed at that time, no boxing will be done until Monday.

Manassas, N. J., June 10.—George Carpenter's physical condition is now such that it would be foolish for him to train too hard, so his manager said today. George's boss became enraged at week when rigid spectators said certain things that fell on George's ear, and he decided to protect him in the future.

"George" is happy," he said today, "and has no fear for the coming fight. We want to keep him in this frame of mind, but with a lot of scarecrow around there is no telling what might happen. George wants to win and believe he is good enough to do it."

He will spar on no certain days, perhaps today and perhaps not. When he does not work with his sparring partners he will be given more to do while on the road."

C. P. R. CALLS ITS MEET TO CONFER

Summons to Conductors and Trainmen Regarded as Significant.

Toronto, June 10.—Local railway circles were stirred last night by news that two of the big railway brotherhoods, the Order of Railway Conductors and the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, had been called into conference with the executive of the C. P. R. in Montreal today. Grant Hall, vice-president of the C. P. R., will be the chief representative of the railway present. There will be about sixty representatives of the brotherhoods from all over the system at the conference.

As it is the first call to the employees since the company gave notice on May 3 of its desire to revise wages and rules, the summons is regarded as significant. Local representatives of the brotherhoods do not expect any definite proposal for reduction of wages and changes in rules until after July 1, when the chairman of the brotherhoods will meet in Chicago to receive officially the award of the U. S. labor board upon the wages of railway men.

COMMERCE BOARD CASE IN JULY (Special to Times)

Ottawa, June 9.—The Board of Commerce case will be argued before the Privy Council in July. R. L. Newcombe, deputy minister of justice, is to leave for London in a few weeks to present the federal view in this matter. Alberta, Ontario and Quebec will be represented. It will be remembered that the Supreme Court of Canada divided on the question of whether this act was intra vires of parliament or not. The organization has practically been disbanded but the law still persists and it is considered important we have the federal papers in this respect made available.

DRAYTON TO THE BOND DEALERS

Big Refunding of Canadian Loans Next Year.

Economy in All National Expenditure Emphasized—J. M. Robinson on Executive of Canadian Association.

Toronto, Ont., June 10.—"There will be more work ahead of you, but not this year I hope," was the significant remark of Sir Henry Drayton, minister of finance at a banquet of the bond dealers' association of Canada last night.

"There will be some refunding next year, probably about \$1,000,000,000, on Canadian loans. If there is one thing more important than another it is that we conduct these refunding operations safely and well. If we are going to get our finances on a proper basis, we must see to it that the refunding operations are properly carried out and that proper provisions are made for sinking fund and a permanent programme so that we shall all know how these loans are to be reduced."

The central theme of Sir Henry's address was that of economy in all national expenditure. He counseled the bond men to use their capital-raising functions carefully.

Sir Henry declared that it was a matter of congratulation that Victory bonds had without the stress of the war, whereas German taxation during the war period would amount to the equivalent of approximately \$12 per capita.

In 1916, the dominion's expenditure amounted to approximately \$14 per capita. In 1919 it was \$35.42 per capita. In 1921, when we are at the peak as regards the repatriation of the soldiers' loans and interest, it amounts to \$48 a head. There are expenditures in ways that are inescapable, connected with the items of railway losses."

Sir Henry gave figures on provincial expenditures per capita in 1916 and 1919 as follows:—

Province	1916	1919
Prince Edward Island	\$4.83	\$6.97
Nova Scotia	19.16	19.19
Quebec	24.25	26.82
New Brunswick	24.33	27.04
Quebec	24.29	25.82
Ontario	26.25	27.79
Saskatchewan	26.25	27.79
Manitoba	21.17	23.78
Alberta	21.24	24.29
British Columbia	21.69	23.76

Warning notes against over-borrowing were struck against President G. H. Gundy, and Sir Henry Drayton at the annual convention of the bond dealers' association, which was held in Montreal, June 9, at the Hotel Grand Hotel. Sir Henry's warning note, added to that of Mr. Gundy, was given this afternoon, when the minister dropped in on the convention for a short time.

QUEBEC SHED IS BURNED; VESSEL IS DAMAGED

Quebec, June 10.—(Canadian Press)—As the result of a disastrous fire which started in some unknown manner yesterday, shed No. 13 of the Louise Docks was completely destroyed, while the steamer North Shore, recently brought from England by the Clarke Steamship Company, for service along the north shore, suffered considerable damage.

Quebec, June 10.—(Canadian Press)—Fire at Mount Joli, Rimouski county, yesterday destroyed ten houses. It was feared for a time that the entire hamlet would be destroyed, but the villagers finally mastered the flames.

The factory of the Transfer Company, was destroyed, with eight other buildings and the Aetel Garage. The loss is placed at about \$150,000.

FLY 20 MILES TO SEA TO GET DRINK OF WINE

Three Speed Out to Steamship and Enjoy Two Bottles of Champagne.

New York, June 10.—Three thirty-centists flew twenty miles out to sea in a seaplane yesterday and there consumed the contents of two sparkling champagne bottles, tossed to them from the deck of the liner La France, bound for Havre. They were André P. Pilot, New York broker and sportsman, his friend, Rene Jeber, and his pilot, John Manser. Their benefactors were Miss Matilda Pilot, sister of the broker, and Harry Eskine, a friend, who were passengers on La France.

GOLD FIND AT ELBOW LAKE

Miners Say it May Prove the Most Important Discovery Made in Canada.

The Pas, Man., June 10.—(Canadian Press)—Confirmation is given to a report of an important rich gold strike at Elbow Lake in the Athapuskow general area east of the famous Gordon vike, discovered last summer.

The find was made by Murray Bros. about three weeks ago, which caused one mining man to hasten to the spot, one having returned here with a remarkable account of a vein sixty feet wide, herein free gold is seen scattered all about. The vein is capped by an iron formation and it outcrops at several points.

Mining men here view the discovery as the most important made in Canada. Until the vein is stripped and the whole width and length revealed, it is only possible to guess at the values and tonnage.

FATHER OF TEN IS SUICIDE IN BARN

Quebec, June 10.—(Canadian Press)—Z. Lambert, aged 74, a retired farmer, was found hanging by the neck in his barn yesterday. The verdict was suicide in a temporary fit of insanity. The victim is survived by his wife and ten children.