

CAHAN THE RISING HOPE OF CONSERVATIVE PARTY

Reaction of Mr. Meighen's Sensational Hamilton and Bagot Speeches.

PENALTY OF FAILURE

Would Have Been Acclaimed As a Second John A. If He Had Won.

By H. E. M. CHISHOLM. Special to The Advertiser.

Ottawa, Dec. 9.—Much interest is evidenced in political circles at Ottawa over the aftermath of the Bagot by-election. In Liberal quarters the result, which, to all intents and purposes, indicates no change in the attitude of the electorate since the general election was held, was taken as a matter of course, in spite of the fact that optimism has been tempered with caution of late. The government has successfully weathered its first test, and now faces the prospect of meeting parliament with equanimity.

Not so the Conservatives, who, under the joint, but not entirely co-operative, leadership of Right Hon. Arthur Meighen and Hon. E. L. Patenaude, secured the largest group, but fell short of securing control.

Mr. Patenaude, the nominee of the Montreal big interests, chose to wage his campaign without Mr. Meighen's assistance, and the latter was bluntly told to keep out of the province. Mr. Patenaude was defeated in his own country, and not a single French-Canadian candidate on his ticket was elected. A double-header occurred when the local Liberals won the by-election in Jacques Cartier, made necessary by the entry of Mr. Patenaude into the federal field.

Mr. Meighen's Sensational Speech.

Then came the by-election necessitated by the sudden death of Maclellan, the Liberal victor in Bagot. Mr. Meighen decided to go down in person with the confidence of a man who had at least won his own seat, and who had succeeded almost unassisted in bringing back the largest group elected.

He may have been ill-advised, if he was advised, or, if not, he may have been guilty of an error of judgment. In any case, the way was paved for his entry into the country by his speech at Hamilton, which is one of the greatest enigmas of modern political history. Had he won even in the face of his departure from the former Conservative "ready, aye ready" policy in respect to Canada's attitude on wars, he would conceivably be acclaimed in Conservative circles today as the greatest statesman since Macdonald; but he didn't win.

Cahan the New Hope.

The chief misfortune of Mr. Meighen is not that he lost Bagot, but that he sacrificed so much principle in his attempt to win it and gave to those who have long aspired to his position of leadership such an excellent opportunity to openly challenge his claim for continued incumbency in the post.

The Montreal big interests who financed Mr. Patenaude are now quite as ready to back C. H. Cahan, K.C., M.P. for St. Lawrence and St. George, who defeated Hon. Herbert Martin, but who, during the campaign, repudiated Mr. Meighen and all his work. Mr. Cahan is an intense Nationalist and a great friend of Henri Bourassa. He is a man of great erudition, an orator of note and a master of both languages.

His presence in Toronto yesterday, when he spoke there, is regarded here as the best possible indication that he is being dressed for the job of leader in place of Mr. Meighen. He is appealing for national unity, and the inference to be drawn from his appeal is that this cannot be attained under the leadership of one who cannot judge Quebec from its present almost solid Liberal allegiance, and he has more than hinted at the necessity of summing a national convention for the purpose of definitely selecting a leader and of framing a policy which will "bring east and west together" without, it may be added, causing any injury to that portion of the east within Mr. Cahan's own direct orbit of vision, James street, Montreal.

Mr. Meighen's New Critics.

It would appear, however, that Mr. Meighen's leadership is being challenged, not only from Montreal, but from Toronto and the west, as editorial comment in Conservative papers of late would indicate. The Hamilton speech,

Hearse, 14 Autos Burn At St. Kitts

Canadian Press Despatch. St. Catharines, Ont., Dec. 9.—Fire, believed to have resulted from a short circuit in a car, rendered fourteen automobiles, the city ambulance and a hearse unit for use, at Young's garage, on Queen street, this morning, doing damage estimated at \$10,500. An hour later a blaze was discovered in the basement of the A. M. Eccleston's men's wear store on St. Paul street, causing a loss in the neighborhood of \$5,000. Previously, a frame barn in the rear of Moyer's pork-packing establishment was destroyed by fire. The loss in each instance is partially covered by insurance.

In which Mr. Meighen declared that the issue of war in the future must be submitted to the people at a general election, may have been regarded by Conservatives at the time as a pardonable and temporary piece of strategy. Now those who would have been willing to forgive it had it brought victory, profess indignation. Possibly the strongest protest against Mr. Meighen's avowed policy comes from the Winnipeg Tribune, Conservative, which in the course of several articles denounced his attitude as one of the greatest deceptions in history and as, in effect, an insult to the traditions of the Conservative party and a blot on Mr. Meighen's own former record for consistency. It is broadly rumored that the onslaught has been more or less engineered by Hon. Robert Rogers, M.P. for Winnipeg South, whose resignation from the Borden government in 1917 was one of the conditions on which Union government was consummated, and who has, after the interval since then, once more entered the federal arena.

Mr. Rogers has no financial interests in the Tribune, but he has many friends there, as was concluded by the support which the journal gave him during the election. He was born in Quebec and his whole career was in the west. He also conceivably may regard himself as the man called to bring about "national unity" in the dominion. In any case, Mr. Meighen's adventure in Bagot was not entirely fortunate for himself or his party.

GOVT. MARINE TRADE IMPROVES DURING 1925

Operating Report Shows Nearly \$400,000 Betterment in Ten Months.

Canadian Press Despatch. Montreal, Dec. 9.—An improvement of \$367,121 in the operation of the government merchant marine for the first ten months of 1925, as compared with the corresponding period of 1924, is reported by R. B. Toakle, operating manager, there being an operating profit of \$12,541 at the end of the first ten months of this year, compared with a deficit of \$289,897 over the same period last year.

Taking into account the overhaul, general and wharf expenses, there is a saving of another \$84,704, which brings the total improvement in the operating position up to \$451,124, says the report. An operating ratio of 103.92 in 1924 has been reduced to a ratio of 99.84 during the ten months.

CONDITION OF C. HAYES POSTPONES INQUEST

Inability of Cyril Hayes, through his confinement at St. Joseph's hospital, to appear in police court last night as the principal witness in a probe of the C. of a week ago, in which Howard Clark, driving in a motor car with Hayes, met his death, necessitated an adjournment of the inquest for one week. Hayes was badly injured in the accident. Although his condition has shown gradual improvement during the past week he will be unable to testify for another week at least.

COAL STRIKE NO NEARER AN END

But Pinchot Will Stand by His Proposal For Settlement.

Associated Press Despatch. Philadelphia, Dec. 9.—The conference of representative businessmen from the anthracite fields with Governor Pinchot at Harrisburg yesterday, and with the operators and miners here last night, brought no substantial progress toward ending the hard coal strike, now in its fifteenth week. This became known today after a canvass of those who participated in the meetings. The businessmen, representatives of chambers of commerce of Scranton, Wilkes-Barre and Hazleton brought no new plan to the miners nor operators nor differentiation of schemes so far put forward. It is understood that the businessmen, in meeting with the employers and workers acted independently of any action of the governor.

Reports that Governor Pinchot's peace proposal, accepted by the miners and rejected by the operators, had been discarded was denied by the businessmen's representatives. It was stated here that the governor will stand by his proposals so long as there is any chance of ending the strike.

CIVIC REFORM HEAD GIVEN PENITENTIARY TERM, FINE

Associated Press Despatch. Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 9.—Rev. Albert Sidney Gregg, author, lecturer, and head of the American Civic Reform league, was today sentenced to 22 months in Atlanta federal penitentiary and fined \$150 by Federal Judge Paul Jones. Gregg was found guilty by a jury last Monday on a charge of sending obscene matter through the mails.

HOOVER SAYS TRAFFIC WILL DOUBLE IN NEXT 25 YEARS

New Trunk Lines Will Be Needed and Great Lakes Must Be Connected With Atlantic—Enthusiasm For St. Lawrence Route.

Associated Press Despatch. Washington, Dec. 9.—Enthusiasm for the proposed St. Lawrence deep waterway on the part of delegates from the Mississippi Valley and the Great Lakes region is a feature of the gathering of the national rivers and harbors congress, which opened its sessions here today. The Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Tidewater association is strongly represented at the meeting.

The St. Lawrence waterway advocates are insistent that the proposed channel movement be pressed with the utmost energy, and are taking the matter up informally with members of the United States congress and with the delegates

to the congress from all parts of the country. Secretary of Commerce Hoover addressed today's meeting, and predicted during the next 25 years that would demand transportation facilities to move at least double the amount of commodities now carried. Congestion at the great rail centers is already apparent, said the secretary, and to relieve this condition there must be built more trunk line railways. He also urged expansion of inter-coastal canals, and said engineers are now surveying two routes for connecting the Great Lakes with the Atlantic, either through the St. Lawrence project or directly through New York state to Buffalo.

NAME, LOCK OF HAIR, PICTURE MAY IDENTIFY DYING GIRL

Special to The Advertiser.

Detroit, Dec. 9.—Two names, a lock of hair and a photograph of a girl in a locket were expected by the police today to lead to the positive identification of the girl who drank poison in the D. U. R. waiting-room at 1 p.m.

The girl is near death in Receiving Hospital.

The locket contained the name of Arthur Bowles, and the date, Jan. 22, 1924, on one side, and the name, Esther Congor, on the other. The police found Arthur Bowles of 215 Fairmont avenue at the Briggs Manufacturing Company plant, and he stated that he did not know a person named Esther Congor, but that he believed the girl may be Mabel Howery of 10306 Greeley avenue. He departed at once to the hospital to try to identify her.

Auto Fatalities Many In Detroit

229 Killed Up To November 7—831 in New York.

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Detroit, Dec. 9.—Automobile fatalities in Detroit for the year to Nov. 7 totaled 229, according to an announcement made by the department of commerce, in Washington. Only three cities reported more automobile fatalities for that period. They are New York City 831, Chicago 499, and Philadelphia 261. Los Angeles reported 190 killed by automobiles, and Cleveland 184.

For the four weeks period, ended Nov. 7, New York's toll was 101, Chicago 48, Philadelphia 35, Detroit 29, Los Angeles 17, and Cleveland 11.

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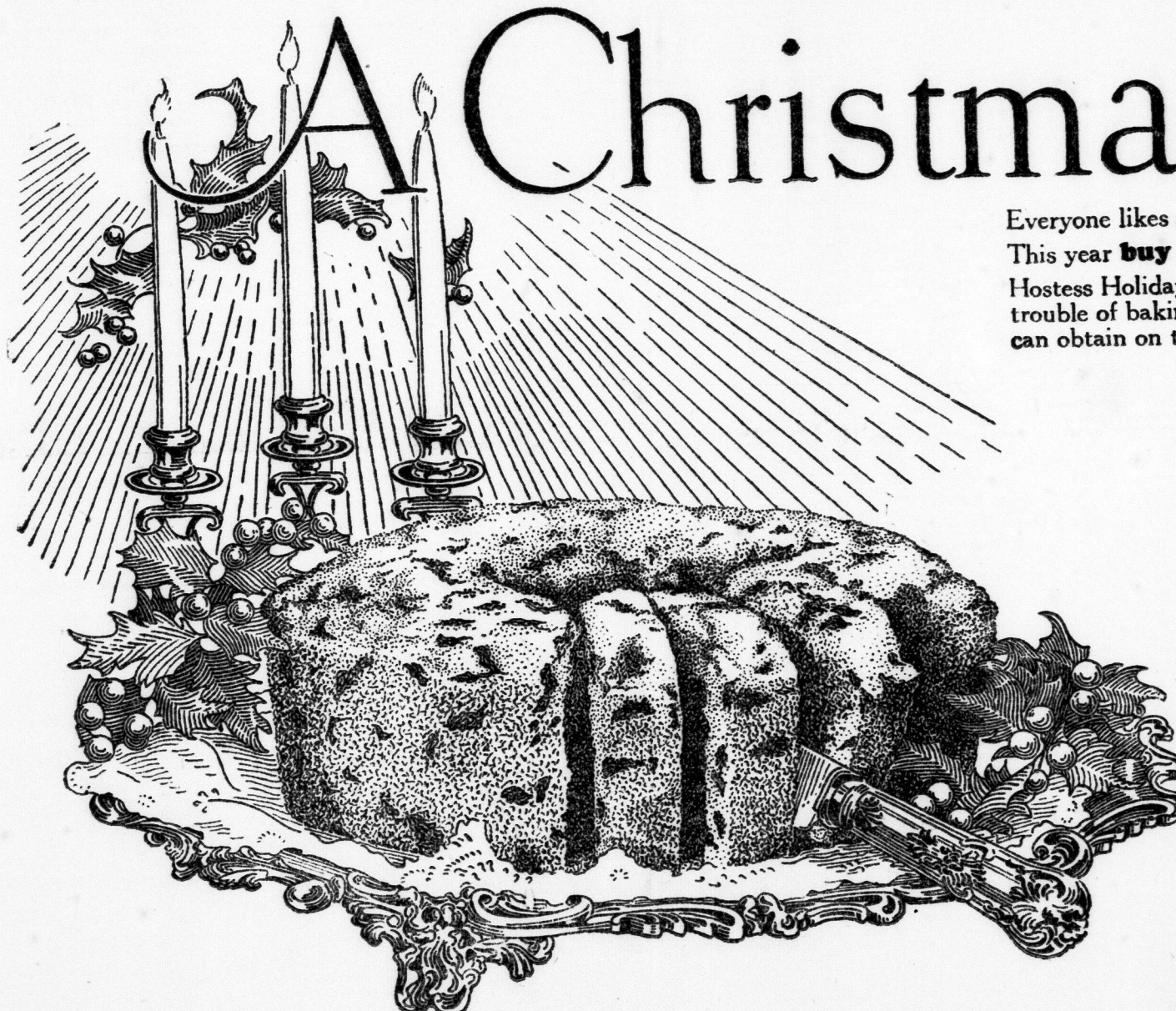
One woman gained fifteen pounds in five weeks, according to her own doctor. Another ten pounds in three weeks. A very sickly child aged nine, twelve pounds in seven months, and now plays with other children and has a good appetite.

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