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MEIGHEN MAY CHOOSE SEVEN CABINET MEN

West Peterboro Result Leads to Decision to Reorganize Cabinet at Once.

SITUATION REQUIRES IMMEDIATE ACTION

No Change to be Made in Cabinet Representation of the Maritime Provinces.

Special to The Standard

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 10—The decision to re-organize the Cabinet meets with almost unanimous approval in the Government ranks. There is no doubt the re-organization will be rapid and thorough, and the result in West Peterboro may not have been such a disaster if this is accomplished.

It certainly has strengthened the prime minister's hands, and he can now act where formerly he could but consult. It is difficult to reconstruct an administration at any time, but more so during a session, yet the situation is acute and action cannot be delayed.

One Vacancy Already

There is one Cabinet vacancy now, the Department of State; three of the present ministers will retire and a new department of soldiers' welfare be created. To the administration will be added seven ministers and a solicitor-general. Of the new ministers, five will have portfolios and two will enter the Government without portfolio. Three of the new ministers will be from the West, two from Quebec and two and the solicitor-general from Ontario.

Maritime Unchanged

The Maritime Provinces representation will remain unchanged. By-elections will be necessitated in Western Provinces and in Ontario and Quebec. The prospective members of the administration are all men of youth and vigor, experienced in most cases in political affairs. They will greatly add to the Government's efficiency and prestige. Two of those mentioned are not now in parliament, but have national reputations for ability and probity. If the re-organization now in progress is accomplished, Canada will have the youngest cabinet and the youngest prime minister in its history.

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SEES DANGER TO GOOD RULE FROM DIVIDED PARTIES

Hon. Dr. Tolmie Declares Two Party Plan Seems Best Way to Get Safe Rule.

PETERBORO VICTOR A MINORITY CHOICE

Liberal Candidate Secures Only 4,091 Votes Out of 15,000 That Were Polled.

Toronto, Feb. 10—According to Hon. Dr. S. F. Tomlie, minister of agriculture in the Dominion Government one plain and important lesson for Canadians in the West Peterboro election result, is the majority for the two party plan as "about the only safe recipe for securing and maintaining representative government." Dr. Tomlie points out that the result in the contest for West Peterboro by five nominees, the winner goes to Ottawa on the strength of 4,091 votes polled for him out of a qualified list of 15,000 voters.

How He Regards It

"I am looking at that result," said Dr. Tomlie "not as a member of the Meighen Government, nor as a politician. I'm not a politician and never pretended to be one. My own view of a good government is a government that does its best to apply sound business principles to the conduct of public affairs in the most efficient and economical way, with recognition of all opportunities for expanding our national business along common sense lines and in fairness to all interests and all classes in the community."

Mary MacSwiney Refused Hearing

Lincoln, Neb. Feb. 10—The Nebraska House of Representatives by a vote of 48 to 44 today refused to permit Miss Mary MacSwiney, sister of the late Lord Mayor of Cork to speak before the Legislature next Monday on the Irish question. The Legislators declared Miss MacSwiney's mission to the United States was not of importance to the people of Nebraska.

HIGHER PAY FOR TEACHERS.

Glace Bay, N.S., Feb. 10—Increases in salary averaging forty dollars a month for the ninety-two school teachers employed in Glace Bay were recommended at a meeting of the school board last night. Increases are retroactive to January 1.

Ford To Divide Work To Give All Chance

Two Weeks on and Same Time off is Likely to be Method Adopted.

Detroit, Feb. 10—A plan of alternating shifts that will enable practically all married employes of the Ford Motor Company to work part until the plant resumes normal operations, was announced today. The shift employed now comprising about ten thousand men will be succeeded next week by another shift of equal size. It was announced at the company's offices, it is planned to alternate the shifts hereafter, every two weeks until full employment is available. Employees who go off duty at the close of this week having been working since the plant partially re-opened January 31.

DEATH AND RUIN FOLLOW TORNADO ACROSS GEORGIA

Twenty-Seven Are Dead and Forty Injured in Oconee Alone First Reports Say.

ROWS OF NEGRO HOUSES ARE GONE

Lumber Mill Valued at $400,000 is Wiped Out by the Great Wind.

Oconee, Ga., Feb. 10—Two white persons and twenty-five negroes were killed when a tornado struck here soon after 1 o'clock this afternoon seriously damaging the plant of the Cleveland-Oconee Lumber Company and other property. Between thirty and forty negroes were injured by flying debris.

After striking here the tornado continued toward Augusta, according to reports and was said to have descended again between Macon and Camak.

Two White Victims

The ten-year-old daughter of E. L. Munor, manager of the Lumber Company Commissary, and Dennis Orr, aged 14, were the two white victims. The negroes were all employes of the lumber company. The casualty list would have been much larger, it was stated, had it not been for the fact that the storm struck during the noon hour, when scores of the employes had gone to their homes.

While the wind's fury centred about the plant of the Cleveland-Oconee Company, the main building, just completed a few weeks ago, was practically unharmed.

Fifty Houses Wrecked

One of the old buildings was wrecked and fifty dwellings, homes of negro employes were demolished. About two million feet of lumber stacked in the yards was levelled to the ground. A relief train took the injured to Sandersville and Tennille.

The lumber plant was valued at approximately $400,000, but it was stated tonight no estimate could be made of the damage done by the storm.

EMERGENCY BILL TO STOP ALIENS

Proposed Measure Would End Practically All Immigration from Europe for Year.

Washington, Feb. 10 — Restrictions on immigration, said by committee members to be more drastic than those proposed in the House or Johnson Bill, are contained in an emergency measure approved and reported today by the Senate immigration committee.

The measure decided on as a substitute for the bill passed several weeks ago by the House will become effective April 1 and continue in force until June 30, 1922. During the fifteen months the bill's restriction would be effective, Senate leaders are confident permanent immigration legislation will be enacted and in the meantime the predicted flood of aliens would be stepped.

Drury Hopes To Kill Liquor By Referendum

Toronto, Feb. 10 — Premier E. C. Drury made his position on the referendum question plain today in an address to a gathering of representative business men called together by the Toronto Referendum Committee. The premier declared himself strongly in favor of prohibition, and he expressed the hope that the result of the referendum to be taken in this province in April on the question of the importation of liquor from another province would be to knock out the liquor traffic in Ontario.

BOSTON TAILORS STRIKE.

Boston, Feb. 10.—Custom tailors belonging to the International Journeymen Tailors' Union struck today after the merchant tailors' exchange had declared for the open shop.

SATURDAY TO SEE END OF VOTE OFFER

Two Hundred Thousand Votes for Each $19 of Subscriptions Obtained.

HELPS CONTESTANTS GET FINE START

Standard's Auto and Movie Star Contest Growing in Popularity Daily.

At 8 o'clock tomorrow night, the big $19 EXTRA vote offer will come to an end. An EXTRA vote ballot good for 200,000 EXTRA votes will be given to each contestant in The Standard's big Automobile & Movie Star Contest who turns in $19 worth of subscriptions during the offer. There is no limit to the number of extra vote certificates that a contestant can secure—one will be given to each $19 worth of business turned in by a contestant.

Closing Rules of the Vote Offer.

1. The Added Week of Extra Vote Offer of The Standard's Big Prize Contest closes at 8 o'clock Saturday night, Feb. 12th.

2. All contestants can work up to the last minute of the offer.

3. The office of the Automobile and Movie Star department will be open until 8 o'clock Saturday night for the convenience of city contestants.

4. City contestants who are unable to bring in their returns by the above mentioned hour may mail their returns, but their letters must reach us on the first delivery of mail Monday morning, Feb. 14th.

5. Out of town contestants can work up to the last minute of the Big Extra Vote Offer with the city contestants, and immediately mail their returns to the Auto and Movie Star department of The Standard. The postmark of Saturday, Feb. 12th, must be on all of their letters even though their letters do not reach us until the following Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday.

6. Friends of contestants working in the out of town communities will be governed by the rules pertaining to out of town contestants. Friends of contestants working in St. John or suburbs will be governed by the rules set forth for city contestants.

7. New contestants who have not time for receipt books to reach them before the close of the Big Extra Vote Offer may list out the names of the subscriptions on a sheet of paper and send them in with sufficient cash to cover the subscriptions. Contestants already enrolled who run out of receipt books, may do likewise. Do not let anything cause you to lose out on the 200,000 extra vote ballots. One of the extra ballots will be given for each $19 worth of sales.

8. All personal checks sent in to cover a bunch of subscriptions must be marked "accepted" by the banks on which they are drawn.

9. Kindly keep your receipt forms in numerical order and thus assist the contest department assistants.

10. Contestants must have their middle receipt forms fully filled out before presenting them to the Contest Department Cashier on Saturday, otherwise they will lose their turns at being waited upon.

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Turned Bandit To Support Two Wives

Unique Plea Made in United States' Court When Alleged Robber is Arraigned.

Minneapolis, Feb. 10—Oscar Hanson who made the unique plea, according to the police, that he was driven to a life of banditry because he married two women and had to support two families was arraigned in municipal court today. Hanson was bound to the grand jury under $10,000 bail, on a charge of robbery and pleaded not guilty to a charge of non-support preferred by Mrs. Elizabeth Hanson, whom the police designated as wife No. 1. She has three children. The police said Hanson was found at the home of Mrs. Lenora Hanson, who resides with her mother. The second Mrs. Hanson has a ten months' old son.

Suggest Purchase of All German Cables

Five Billion Dollars to be Credited on Indemnity Account Suggested.

Washington, Feb. 10—Purchase by the United States of all German cables and her South African and Pacific colonies was proposed in a resolution introduced today by Senator France, Republican, Maryland. It was referred without discussion to the Foreign Relations Committee.

The resolution suggested $5,000,000,000 as the consideration to be credited against the indemnity imposed upon Germany. Senator France also proposed an international conference to fix Germany's indemnity at $15,000,000,000.

WORLD NEWS TODAY

CANADA

Seven new Cabinet ministers for the Meighen Cabinet and a complete re-organization at once is Ottawa forecast.

"Lying Spotters" is way Windsor member of Ontario Parliament characterises Government activities there.

Charles Gorman of St. John was second in the 220 yard skating race at Lake Placid.

Quebec Government stakes its existence on the Provincial ownership of liquor.

Inverness miners are in dire straits as a result of the closing of the mines.

UNITED STATES

Thirty persons were killed and many injured when a tornado swept part of Georgia.

Albany is quiet with troops in possession; street car service may start again today.

THE BRITISH ISLES

Dominion League of South Ireland rejects Home Rule Bill and calls upon Britain to demand peace.

London "Times" says deadlock has been reached in Ireland and questions policy of Lloyd George.

EUROPE

Russian Soviets threaten to attack Lithunia if the League of Nations offers any troops.

ALBANY QUIET UNDER TROOPS

Street Car Company to Start Half Service Under Military Protection.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 10—Both Albany and Troy were quiet tonight under the heaviest guard of state troopers and police assembled since the trouble began to develop from the strike of the United Traction Company's 1,200 employees.

Down State militia men were ready for a possible summons to duty in both cities where violence for two days followed attempts of the company to resume trolley service with rows of strike breakers.

More Cars Today

There were few disorders today, however, and the traction company announced that it expected to have 125 cars—half its normal number—in operation soon. Only five cars, each heavily screened and guarded, ventured out of the barns today, two of them in Troy and three in Albany. All were run back under cover before nightfall. A bare handful of passengers patronized them.

Wool Growers Like Co-operative Action

Big Profits Made in Year by This System of Handling the Clip.

Toronto, Feb. 10—The value of co-operative action in the agricultural industry in general and the wool growing industry in particular, was exemplified at the annual meeting of the Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers, Limited, which opened its annual convention today at the headquarters of the company, 128 Simcoe street, Toronto.

This report stated that notwithstanding adverse conditions, the company, which is owned and operated by sheep breeders, had sold, up to December 31st, 1920, 3,400,000 pounds of wool at prices as high as sixty cents a pound, and averaging, for all grades at 33 cents a pound. The directors elected include:—Prince Edward Island, Wm. MacGregor, Central Lot 16; Nova Scotia, S. A. Logan, Amherst, N. S.; New Brunswick, W. E. Wallace, Penobsquis, N. B.

Premier Norris Starts His Difficult Session

New Legislature Opens With Liberals Having 21 Seats in House of 55 Members.

Winnipeg, Feb. 10—It was under peculiar circumstances that the first session of the sixteenth legislature of Manitoba opened today. The Liberal government of Hon. Charles Norris controlled only 21 votes in a legislature of 55 seats, but in the largest of either of the political groups in the House. Independent Farmers are next with 17 members; Laborites have 10, and Conservatives 7. Three of the Labor members are serving prison terms in connection with the famous Winnipeg generl strike of 1919. It is expected that the independent aFrmers will support the government on important divisions, during the present session at all events.

MURDER INQUEST POSTPONED

Montreal, Feb. 10—The inquest into the death of Adeline Malherbe, the young woman who was murdered a few days ago, apparently with the blunt end of an axe which was found near the body, was continued today before Coroner McMahon at the morgue. Many witnesses were heard and at the conclusion of the inquest which was adjourned for a week, Arthur Jacques, uncle of the murdered girl, held in connection with the crime was released on $1,000 bail.

SMUTS HAS LEAD OVER ALL OTHERS

So Far He Has a Clear Majority of Twenty-Two Votes in House.

BEATS NATIONALISTS NEARLY TWO TO ONE

Leader of the British Party Gaining Steadily in Belated Returns.

Johannesburg, South Africa, Feb. 10—The position of the parties in the South African general elections now in progress in that country at nine o'clock tonight was:

General Smuts' South African Party, 73.

Nationalists, 39.

Labor, 9.

Demacrat, 1.

Tied results, 2.

This gives the Loyalists a majority over the secessionist and all others of 22 clear seats.

TWO POLICEMEN NOW IN TOOMBS IN MURDER CASE

Crime Committed Over Two Years Ago But Case Delayed Ever Since.

GOVERNOR WHITMAN CAUSED ARRESTS

But Grand Jury Returned True Bill and Constable Were Surrendered at Once.

New York, Feb. 10.—An indictment charging two members of the police department with murder in the first degree was returned by the January grand jury today after former Governor Whitman, conducting the inquiry his attention to suppression by the police of evidence in a murdor case last year.

The policemen who were ordered surrendered by police commissioner Enright were charged with responsibility for the death of a 16 year old boy shot and killed in 1918, whose case was resubmitted today after it originally had been dismissed without indictments being found.

Police in Toombs.

The two patrolmen, Cornelius J. Flood and Robert A. O'brien, named in the indictments were arrested later and locked up in the toombs. They were charged with first degree murder.

More sensational than the story of the alleged murder of this boy, members of the prosecutor's staff said, was the fact that for two and a half years, indictments against the two patrolmen had been staved off, although four investigations had been made concerning the death of young Cushing.

Compulsory Agreement In Quebec Province

Municipal Employees and Civic Authorities Compelled to Await Decision of Board.

Quebec, Feb. 10—Under the new arbitration law of the Provincial Government, which will compel all municipalities and their employes to settle their disputes, Hon. A. Galipolult, minister of labor, informed a delegation of police from Montreal today compulsory arbitration will be provided between cities and municipalities employing at least ten men in the police, fire, water workers or incineration departments, and their employes.

Penalties for Striking

If any employes go on strike before the dispute has been adjudicated on by the arbitration board, they will be liable to a fine of from $10 to $100 a day, while if any municipal corporation declares a lockout in similar cases they will be fined from $100 to $1,000 a day.

There is no provision for compulsory acceptance of the award of the arbitration board, as it is felt that public opinion will force the parties to accept such decisions.

Prince For India

London, Feb. 10—The London Times says it understands that the Prince of Wales has planned a tour of India in October on November next.

EIGHTEEN YEARS FOR MURDER

Prince Albert, Sask., Feb. 10—Steve Zurakowski was sentenced to eighteen years in prison today by Mr. Justice Embury for the death of Kolowoski, the jury returning a verdict of guilty of manslaughter.

Milwaukee Beer Gone But Business Good

Evidence Offered at Hearing of the Grand Trunk Board of Arbitration in Montreal.

Montreal, Feb. 10—Beer and business was a combination introduced today into the anatomical examination of the property of the Grand Trunk Railway now being conducted before the arbitration board to determine the value of the stock for which the government of Canada must eventually pay. The beer end of the discussion came up when Milwaukee was brought in with the examination of J. B. Berry, consulting engineer of the Grand Trunk. While the beer had now gone Mr. Berry said business was still good there.

LIQUOR DEALERS DECLARE WAR ON QUEBEC'S RULERS

Liberals Risking All on Success of Government Ownership Says the Premier.

ATTEMPTS MADE TO BRIBE THE MEMBERS

Rolls of Bills Thrust Into Their Hands to Secure Opposition Success is Claim.

Quebec, Feb. 10.—Premier Taschereau affirmed today in the Assembly that his government pinned its fate to the success or failure of the liquor bill. The government knew all the consequences of taking over full control of the liquor trade, he said, but was prepared to assume full responsibility.

He also declared that the government of the province of Quebec would make every effort to stop the liquor export to other provinces and with the co-operation of the government's of other provinces, he held that this restriction would be successful.

War is Declared.

Mr. Taschereau refered to a war which had been declared on the government by liquor interests and said that the government had not only been threatened but members of the House had had rolls of money placed in their hands, which they had hurled in the faces of those offering it.

He told those who were offering money that they were wasting their time.

With the new law, the best of Spanish and French wines would be available at little more than cost price, while the taverns would be maintained to permit the workingmen to get a glass of beer when they felt like it.

The Opposition View.

Arthur Sauve, the leader of the opposition, questioned the right of the government to bring in a new bill when it had not taken all possible means to have the beer and wine measure adopted in 1919 respected.

The liquor interests who had poisoned the people and made millions, he said, were resting on their big returns. The house was told that if five good commissioners could be secured and if every one co-operated, the new law would be a success

The bill was given second reading and then taken up in committee of the House and the first clause was passed.

MORE HAVE JOBS IN NEW ENGLAND

One Per Cent. Increase is Result of Survey of Conditions for Last Two Months.

Boston, Feb. 10.—Employment in industries in this state increased more than one per cent. from December 1 last to February 1, the Associated Industries of Massachusetts reported today in a canvas of 267 plants employing 300 or more hands. The returns show that in 116 factories, new wage reductions had been made up to Feb. 1. In the others there had been reductions in either wages or business, but in many cases those cuts were modified by other re-adjustments. In the plants canvassed 185,654 persons were employed Feb. 1 against 182,765 last December 1. Virtually every branch of industry in Massachusetts was covered by the canvass, the organization stated.

The largest general reduction was found in the textile industry, 95 per cent. of the plants reporting a wage cut of 22 1-2 per cent.

FACTORY IS BURNED

Guelph, Ont. Feb. 10—A newly erect- addition to the Sterling Rubber Company's plant was destroyed this afternoon by fire resulting from combustion in one of the tanks. The loss is estimated at about $50,000, fully covered by insurance.

DEADLOCK IN IRISH FIGHT REACHED NOW

London "Times" Questions Policy of Britain in Dealing With the Situation.

SOUTHERN IRISH AGAINST HOME RULE

Demand That Britain Take First Step in Bringing Peace to the Island.

London, Feb. 10—The London Times in an editorial this morning declares that a deadlock has been reached in the Irish situation which, it says, "has become a world problem." It points out that the Irish of the British dominions present an Irish problem for the Dominion Government and refers to 18,000,000 Irishmen in the United States, who "have created a very living Irish question for every United States' politician."

Questions British Policy

"Quite apart from the intrinsic merits of the Irish question in Ireland, we have therefore questions the wisdom of the British policy which, however, its authors may seek to justify it, has, in fact, had the effect of rallying the Irish of the world against this country and daily adding to their animosity.

Aganst Home Rule

Dublin, Feb. 10—A big meeting held today under the auspices of the Dominion League, but including representatives of Irish moderates, placed itself on record, as refusing to lend support to the Home Rule Act in Southern Ireland. Resolutions were adopted defining the Home Rule deman as full national self-government and financial independence, conditioned by an agreement for safeguarding the strategic unity of the British Isles and calling upon the government to take the first stey. It should make an offer of such terms, accompanied by a pledge that when peace is restored amnesty for all political prisoners will be granted with reparation of the losses inflicted during the conflict either by the Government or the insurrectionists.

Burn in Retaliation

Tralee Ireland, Feb. 10—Constable Melshy was wounded in the village of Abbeydorney, County Kerry, Wednesday night. Crown forces arrived at 1 o'clock in the morning and ordered the villagers to leave their houses and then, according to the report, indiscriminately burned eleven houses, the occupants of which, in their night attire, fled for refuge to the outskirts of the village. A sergeant and a constable were wounded in Tralee Wednesday night by soldiers when they failed to halt on command.

LYING SPOTTERS' LIQUOR TACTICS SCORED SHARPLY

Major Tolmie of Windsor Declares O. T. A. Enforcement Disgraceful.

SEARCH AUTOS WHILE OWNERS AT CHURCH

Innocent Live in Fear of Trouble Because of Way Law is Enforced.

Toronto, Feb. 10 — Speaking in the legislature this afternoon of the prosperity of the farmers and their possession of many automobiles, Major J. C. Tolmie, Liberal member for Windsor, said we want the farmers to prosper because if they don't prosper, we won't prosper; but, for God's sake, don't go around with your jaw hanging down and whining. If you want your sons to stay on the farms, don't cry down the farm, but point out the opportunity." Major Tolmie went on talking of the enforcement of the Ontario Temperance Act and how the innocent were always in fear of getting into trouble owing to the disgraceful way in which the law was enforced.

"Lying Spotters" Scored

"The lying evidence of spotters," was one of the things he objected to and he advised that the Board of License Commissioners be done away with, the work of the board to be done under the provincial secretary's department, and the enforcement of law under the attorney-general. While people were at church their autos were searched. People coming home from mass were stopped and their autos searched, said he, describing conditions around Windsor, Sandwich and vicinity. It was an insult to the whole community, to the whole riding.

U. S. FOR DISARMAMENT

Toronto, Feb. 10—"The people of the United States are for disarmament," said Henry W. Taft, president of the New York Bar Association today, before the Ontario Bar Association "When Sir Auckland Geddes returns to the British Embassy at Washington we may hope he may have some suggestion as to how we may be able to participate."