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TO NAME QUEBEC MINISTERS AFTER VOTE

MEIGHEN MAY HOLD FOUR OF POSITIONS OPEN

Baxter and Rhodes Not Likely To Join Cabinet at Present

MEETING TODAY

Statement Likely to be Issued Following Conference—Liberals Planning Campaign

Ottawa, July 9.—Premier Meighen is understood to have his cabinet slate practically ready. It may be made public today. He met the members of his provisional government in council at 11.45 this morning. Previously he conferred with Donald Sutherland, former member for South Oxford and Dr. Morand, former member for Essex East. Both have been mentioned as probable ministers without portfolio.

TORONTO, Ont., July 9.—The Mail and Empire this morning publishes the following news item from its Ottawa correspondent:

Right Hon. Arthur Meighen spent Thursday in Montreal discussing with friends the Quebec representation in the Cabinet. He has been advised not to appoint any French-Canadian ministers until after the election, but to leave four portfolios vacant, which can be filled from Quebec by-elections. It is reported today that Sir Henry Drayton has taken the portfolio of Railways and Canals, and that Hon. R. B. Bennett has been offered Finance.

TO TOUR CANADA

From the Maritimes Mr. Meighen has been able to see how Mr. Meighen will announce the election date at the same time he makes known his Cabinet. Following this he will tour the country, speaking in every province. On his way west he will be accompanied by Portage La Prairie, although many of his Manitoba supporters would prefer he ran in a Winnipeg constituency. It is possible he will be accompanied by the Cabinet representative from the province. Hon. G. D. Robertson, who will again be Minister of Labor, will accompany Mr. Meighen on his tour.

HARRINGTON MENTIONED.

The name of Hon. G. S. Harrington, Minister of Public Works and Mines in the Nova Scotia Government, has been mentioned as a possibility. It is also rumored that when the new state is announced, Sir Henry Drayton will appear as Minister of Railways, instead of Minister of Finance to the Nova Scotia Government, which has been made in this regard, but Liberal of both these constituencies have offered him the nomination. Mr. King and the leaders of his party are preparing for the coming campaign.

STATEMENT LIKELY TODAY

Ottawa, Ont., July 9.—Premier Meighen is back in the Capital after a day spent in conferences with Maritime Province Prime Ministers and Quebec Conservatives, in Montreal. Today he will meet his cabinet and there is a possibility that a statement will be issued following the meeting. The statement may include both the date of the election and the names of the new cabinet. On the other hand, if matters have not been settled, the announcement will probably be held up until tomorrow or even next week.

While Mr. Meighen conferred with Premier Rhodes of Nova Scotia and Premier Baxter of New Brunswick, yesterday, the belief here is that neither of these leaders will enter the new Dominion cabinet at present. Possibly later on, one or both of them may come in, but for the present it is thought that they are considered more valuable in the provincial field.

French Franc Shows Good Improvement

PARIS, July 9.—The French franc showed considerable improvement today following Finance Minister Callaghan's vigorous statement in the Chamber of Deputies yesterday. It opened at 48.87 or nearly a franc better to the dollar than last night's post-bourse quotation and continued its gradual rise during the day, closing officially at 58.84 to the dollar and 187.10 to the pound of the sterling.

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New York	62	70	52
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Widely Known City Man Dies in Ross Memorial Hospital

Robert J. Armstrong, proprietor of the Victoria Bowling Alleys here, died this morning in the Ross Memorial Hospital, Montreal, where he had been taken on last Monday, following failure to recuperate from illness that attacked him some months ago. The news came as a great shock to all who heard of the word received by his brother-in-law, Ernest Fleming, this morning in a despatch.

Mr. Armstrong's brother, T. E. G. Armstrong, of Manchester Robertson Allison, Ltd., and his sisters from here were with their brother when he passed away. Word of the funeral arrangements had not been received up to this afternoon.

HELD IN HIGH ESTEEM

R. J. Armstrong was a son of the late Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Andrew J. Armstrong of Saint John, and had lived all his life here. He was widely popular and was held in high esteem for the excellent qualities that made him a very warm-hearted friend and a man whose charity, exercised in a quiet and unostentatious manner, was great. He leaves the memory of many kindly acts. He had engaged in many business enterprises since the days of his young manhood, when he was with the late George W. Gerow, auctioneer. For a good many years he was the owner of the Mechanics Institute and he carried on many theatrical and motion picture enterprises there. It was said today that he was really the first to give Saint John people popular priced amusements, as he saw the trend of the times in that regard. He also in later years conducted the Queen Square theatre.

OWNED VICTORIA RINK

The Victoria rink was his property for a considerable time and he fostered skating there and saw many young athletes develop in this sport. He was strong was also interested to some extent in real estate.

His chief interest of late was in the Victoria Bowling alleys in Charlotte street which he carried on with marked success and where he had helped greatly in the development of this branch of exercise and sport. It was natural to him to be engaged in such an enterprise in his earlier days, among other things being prominent in the game of lacrosse here.

He was an ardent fisherman and loved the quiet of a day's trawl on the banks of the city. He was a member of and had been president of the Log Cabin Club at Loch Lomond. He was president of the Beaver Lake Fishing Club, and was interested as well in Ray's Lake and Killarney. In the days of the old Polymorphan Club Mr. Armstrong was one of the most active members.

Beside his brother T. E. G. Armstrong, he is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Frank J. Lacey, and Mrs. A. Ernest Fleming of Saint John and Mrs. A. E. Jubien of Halifax.

SHARK ATTACKS BOY

Lad Escapes With Severe Lacerations; Dog Also Severely Bitten

SAN FRANCISCO, July 9.—A 15-year-old boy and his pet dog fought for their lives yesterday when attacked by a shark while swimming in San Leandro Bay. The lad suffered serious lacerations of the legs and right hand and the dog was severely bitten.

It was the first recorded instance of a shark attacking a person in this coastal or bay region. From the boy's description of the fish, it was believed to have been a shark of the "tiger" variety.

Young Pelkotto twice was pulled beneath the surface before he fought his way to shallow water and was pulled into a boat. Surgeons said he would recover.

Lady Astor Is Called "Liar" In Commons By Labor Member

LONDON, July 9.—Lady Astor was called a liar in the House of Commons last night.

Jack Jones, Her Laborite, applied the term to the titled member during a debate regarding Westham, which has been in hot water in connection with alleged spendthrift administration under Labor auspices.

Court Rules That Hearse Is Pleasure Car

NEW YORK, July 9.—A hearse is a pleasure vehicle, according to a decision made in traffic court Brooklyn, yesterday. The case was that of John Fitzpatrick, of 539 Eighty-sixth street, Brooklyn, hearse driver for Herbert Fitzpatrick, No. 5409 Fifth avenue, Brooklyn. John Fitzpatrick, on his way back from a funeral in New York last Tuesday, was arrested on Manhattan Bridge by Motor Patrolman Kenneth Brown when he refused to move into the lane taken by commercial vehicles. The president of the New York State Underwriters reminded the court that, under a ruling of the State Motor Vehicle Commissioner the first of this year, hearses were authorized to move in the lanes reserved for pleasure vehicles.

SMOKE ABATEMENT BILL ADVOCATED

Five Places Add to Laundry Bill in Britain, Says Chamberlain

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Mrs. McPherson On Stand Seven Hours

LOS ANGELES, July 9.—With other further examination of witnesses by the County Grand Jury postponed until next Tuesday, the investigation into the alleged abduction of Almeda Semple McPherson marked time today.

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9 KILLED IN BRAWL

Mexican Congress Candidate Among Victims at Dolores Hidalgo

MEXICO CITY, July 9.—Manned Espino, Socialist Congressional candidate, and eight others were killed and fourteen wounded in a fight over canvassing election returns at Dolores Hidalgo, says a despatch to El Universal.

Demers Finds None To Blame In Wreck

PICTOU, N. S., July 9.—The judgment of Captain L. A. Demers, in the minor Wreck Commission, in the case of the Halifax dredge Ferguson, which sank during a storm in Northumberland Strait several weeks ago while being towed by a tug, reached Pictou yesterday.

TEN HOUSES DESTROYED.

BERLIN, July 9.—Ten houses have collapsed in Schlotheim, in the Thuringia district, following a cloudburst. Heavy damages as a result of floods are reported from several near the towns of Cassel and Plauen.

Mayor White Not To Oppose Taxation Installment Plan If People Approve Scheme

THAT if the people wanted the privilege of paying their taxes in installments he would not oppose the plan, Mayor White said this morning. His Worship added that adopting the policy of installment payments would mean an added expense to the city. In the first place it would mean that the overdraft on which the city had to pay 5 per cent. interest, would run that much longer and it would also mean that an additional clerk or two would have to be employed on account of increased bookkeeping.

SCHOOL CHILDREN MENACED AT FAIR VALE DEATH TRAP

"THE road belongs to the people. The railway is encroaching on the people's property and therefore, in my opinion, the province might justly go ahead and correct the dangerous situation and charge a share of the cost to the C. N. R.," said a prominent local citizen, who has been a summer resident of Fair Vale for the last seven years, in discussing with a Times-Star reporter the dangerous condition which exists at the Fair Vale viaduct.

TO THE REASONS ALREADY POINTED OUT WHY THE HAZARD SHOULD BE REMOVED, THE MAN INTERVIEWED ADDED THAT IT WAS AN EXTREMELY DANGEROUS SPOT FOR THE SCHOOL VANS WHICH OPERATE BETWEEN GONDOLA POINT AND THE ROTHESAY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL WHILE THE SCHOOL TERM IS ON.

"These vans, loaded with young children, are quite large and pass through this viaduct twice a day. It would be a terrible thing if some unsuspecting motorist should crash into one of these vehicles in the underpass. I think that for that one reason alone, something should be done—and done immediately."

TO VISIT PARIS

PARIS, July 9.—Premier Primo de Rivera, of Spain, will be the guest of honor of the French government in Paris on July 14, the French holiday. He will review the troops and a series of other functions have been arranged for him.

FIRE LOSSES

TORONTO, July 9.—Fire losses in Canada during the week ended July 7, are estimated by the Monetary Times at \$869,000 as compared with \$174,700 the previous week, and with \$368,100 the corresponding week of last year.

PASSENGERS TAKEN OFF WRECKED SHIP

SYDNEY, July 9.—The passengers of the steamship Comma wrecked on a reef on the North Queensland Coast last night have been safely transhipped to a rescuing vessel after four hours battle with the wind and waves. The wrecked vessel is still fast on the reef.

VATICAN PERSONNEL GETS SALARY BOOST

ROME, July 9.—The salaries of the entire personnel of the Vatican from the lowest employes to the members of the Sacred College are to be considerably increased, the newspapers say, in order to meet the higher cost of living. A special committee which has been studying the question is understood to be considering doubling the cardinals' yearly salaries, which are now 24,000 lire (\$28 at the present exchange rate).

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