

DISSOLUTION OF PARLIAMENT

Proclamation Issued at Ottawa Yesterday Putting Sudden End to Existence of House Elected in 1908.

ELECTION FIXED FOR SEPTEMBER 21

Abrupt Decision of Government Takes Members Somewhat by Surprise All Leaving for Country.

OTTAWA, July 29.—The eleventh parliament of Canada passed out of existence today, and upon the political complexion of a new one, will be elected on September 21, will depend the fate of the reciprocity agreement between the United States and Canada.

Premier Laurier decided to ask for an immediate dissolution at a meeting of his cabinet this afternoon. The formal announcement and giving legal effect to the edict.

In both Liberal and Opposition ranks the news was received with cheers, and the members hurried away to telegraph their political workers that the campaign will begin all over the Dominion early next week.

The announcement of dissolution today came somewhat as a surprise, as few persons expected it before next week. The refusal of the Conservative minority of the House to close the debate on the government's reciprocity resolution, and the fact that it had the improbability of a change in the attitude, resulted in the dissolution of the present parliament another day.

This is the first time a session of the Dominion parliament has been dissolved without the appearance of the governor-general in military state at the senate chamber to give formal recognition. As the session was not to be reassembled until August 9, and as prorogation could not take place without both Houses being present, dissolution was necessary.

Although all the appropriations for the year have not been voted, the government figures will be sufficient to suffice until a new parliament will be summoned on October 11, and supply bills will be voted at once.

Mr. Wilfrid Laurier and his ministers will take the stump in a country platform campaign in all provinces. The prime minister will confine his attention to the central provinces and the western provinces, while the other ministers will be busy in the east.

The parliament just dissolved had a membership of 118 members, 65 Conservatives and three Independents, giving the government a working majority of more than forty.

CLOSING GAMES OF TENNIS TOURNAY

Joe Tyler Captures B. C. Mainland Championship Last Year by B. Schwengers.

VANCOUVER, July 29.—Rapt with good tennis that brought rounds of applause, the fourth annual lawn tennis tournament of the Mainland Tennis Club was brought to a successful conclusion today.

The event of the day was the open singles between Mr. J. C. Tyler, of Spokane, and Mr. C. E. Foley, of Victoria, which resulted in a popular win for the Spokane man after a close and exciting contest. The game carried with it the Mainland championship of British Columbia.

Mr. Tyler won the Northwest championship a few weeks ago while Mr. Foley has a brilliant record in California. Today the better of the play was the first stages but tired towards the end, while Tyler improved throughout in finishing style. The winner takes the challenge cup, won by Schwengers of Victoria, last year, the score of the match was 2-1; 6-3; 10-12; 6-5; 6-3.

In the ladies' singles Miss Beckett won from Mrs. Talbot after a hard-fought game, the second set going to 11-9. Today the better of the play was the first stages but tired towards the end, while Tyler improved throughout in finishing style. The winner takes the challenge cup, won by Schwengers of Victoria, last year, the score of the match was 2-1; 6-3; 10-12; 6-5; 6-3.

The final in the mixed doubles between Mr. Garrett and Miss Gillespie, and D. S. Proctor and Miss Beckett, resulted in a win for the former by 7-5; 6-3; 6-2. The spectators witnessed a close and exciting match in the final mixed doubles between Messrs. E. Jakes and E. N. Gilliat and Miss Beckett and Miss Gillespie. Today play being much closer than the score would indicate. The game resulted in a win for Messrs. Garrett and Marshall by 7-5; 6-3; 6-2.

British Team Wins WOOLWICH, Eng., July 29.—The cricket team representing the Royal Artillery College of this city, today defeated the players of the German town, Pa. Cricket Club who are making a tour of England by eight wickets.

WESTERN FEDERATION

Delegates Spend Most of Day in Visiting Smelter at Ansoons—Some Resolutions Dealt With

BUTTE, Mont., July 29.—The delegates attending the Western Federation of Miners' convention took a day off today and made a visit to Ansoons, where they inspected the Washoe smelter as the guests of the management. The delegates returned to the hotel at 11 o'clock today. Today closed the second week of the session. The election may come next Saturday, but inasmuch as desultory discussions have already taken up most of the twelve sessions, the delegates are expected to be deliberating for another fortnight.

A brief forenoon session was held at which the convention voted to table a resolution providing that all men in the mining industry shall belong to a miners' union. The resolution was adopted.

MYSTERIOUS SHOOTING

Southern Man Sojourning in Vancouver Is Dangerously Wounded—Mates Held

VANCOUVER, July 30.—A man named Collwell was the victim of a mysterious shooting incident in a room at the Hotel Vancouver last night and is now in the general hospital in a very serious condition.

As far as could be ascertained at an early hour this morning, the victim arrived in the city three or four days ago from the southern states, and last night met three friends whom he had known in Los Angeles and San Francisco. Collwell was the only one, it appears, who was fortunate to have a room, and he invited the others to sleep with him. The invitation was accepted, the four of them going up to the room, where two of the men were seen to be talking to a man who was lying on the floor. Someone put out the light and a few minutes later the sound of a shot was heard. On lighting the room, Collwell was found unconscious with blood streaming from his forehead.

BUBONIC PLAGUE SHOWS ITSELF

Boy in Contra Costa, Cal., Dies as Result of Bites from Ground Squirrel—First Case Reported in Year.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., July 29.—Dr. W. F. Snow, secretary of the state board of health, has received a report of a case of bubonic plague at Contra Costa. The victim was Horace Flood, aged seven years, who died on July 26. He is supposed to have become infected from bites and scratches of a ground squirrel. This is the first case of bubonic plague in California reported in the last year.

Death to Squirrels and Bats SAN FRANCISCO, July 29.—Following the death of Horace Flood of bubonic plague at Contra Costa, 185 men have been put to work by the federal authorities in San Francisco and the surrounding bay counties, waging war against ground squirrels and rats which carry the plague germ. The Contra Costa case is the first reported to the state board of health since the passage of the California legislature in 1909, making it a misdemeanor for anyone to harbor ground squirrels. The squirrels are being poisoned and trapped by the federal employees, who are making every effort to stamp out the pest.

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CONSERVATIVES WELL PREPARED

Announcement of Elections Finds Party Confident and Enthusiastic—West Will Give Good Results.

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ONTARIO SOLID AGAINST RECIPROCITY

Liberals Not Sure of One Seat in Manitoba—Hon. Robert Rogers' Summing up of Probabilities.

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A big effort was made last week to secure the Hon. Robert Rogers as a candidate for Winnipeg. The minister of public works has taken the matter under advisement, but will return on Monday from his summer home at the Lake of the Woods to take charge of the Manitoba campaign, and will then give his answer.

Mr. Rogers is brimful of optimism on the outlook. Speaking before his departure on Wednesday to secure a brief vacation, he said the return of the Conservative party to power in the coming election was beyond question. He did not look for the Conservative party to gain seats in Western Canada or the maritime provinces. He believed, however, that the party would hold its own. The Conservatives will gain seats in Quebec, but the Ontario reciprocity will go 55 per cent. against reciprocity and for Mr. Borden. British Columbia, he believes, will go solidly for the opposition.

Manitoba will go almost solid for the Conservatives, but the Liberals have no hope of retaining Brandon with Sitton out of politics. They may retain Provencher, but all the present Conservative members—Carleton Place, Rose, Schaffner, Melchin, Sharp, Staples and Campbell are unbeatable. In fact, the Liberals are having a hard time pacifying the grain growers. It is understood that R. L. Richardson, the editor of the Winnipeg Tribune, who is advancing reciprocity this election, will be allowed by the Liberals to be offered as a sacrifice against "Bobby" Staples in Macdonald.

In Saskatchewan the Conservatives do not look to gain more than a seat or two, but in Alberta they are certain what they have. Messrs. Heron and Magrath in the south are safe; Calgary will elect whoever runs as a Conservative, while strong hopes are held out for defeating Hon. Frank Oliver in Edmonton. The bitter feud between the former attorney-general, Mr. Cross, and Mr. Oliver is intensified.

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FIGHT OVER TARIFF

Democrats in House Much Opposed to Compromise on Wool Question—Position Remains Firm

WASHINGTON, July 29.—Democratic leaders of the house adopted anything but a conciliatory tone on the wool tariff situation today. Chairman Underwood and Representative Harrison, of the wool growers' committee, and other opponents of Democrats, expressed themselves tonight in unfriendly terms toward a compromise with the senate that would mean an increase in the rates of the original Underwood bill.

Meantime President Taft is accredited by those who talked with him today with a determination to veto the bill when it reaches him.

The situation in the house is the key to the entire tariff struggle in congress. Upon the success of the house early next week rests the possibility of further tariff legislation at this session. Speaker Clark expressed confidence today that a compromise would be agreed on in conference, and that it would be signed by the president.

Other house leaders, however, adopted a more pessimistic view of the president's attitude, and expect the president to veto any wool bill framed by the present Democratic-insurgent Republican coalition in the senate.

There was no change in the situation of the senate, the coalition maintaining its strength and its parties expressing confidence in their ability to put through revision legislation.

Three Deaths at Rosapepe PORTCUPINE, Ont., July 29.—The fire started up again yesterday, and wiped out three camps, but everything is safe here. C. A. Close, president of the Toledo Trust Company and Inspector C. E. Vance and a guide, were drowned in escaping from the flames.

Spain Takes Action MADRID, July 29.—The Spanish government is taking sharp action against the Portuguese, while strong hopes are held out for defeating Hon. Frank Oliver in Edmonton. The bitter feud between the former attorney-general, Mr. Cross, and Mr. Oliver is intensified.

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CRUISER NIOBE FAST ON ROCKS

Strikes Shore Off Cape Sable, at Southern End of Nova Scotia, and Is in Dangerous Situation.

HALIFAX, July 29.—The Canadian protected cruiser Niobe, 480 tons, struck the shore off Cape Sable, at the southern end of Nova Scotia, and is in a dangerous situation. The vessel was en route to Halifax, N.S., and St. John, N.B., and a transatlantic liner was hurrying to her assistance in response to calls for help by wireless.

The cruiser struck at 11:40 p.m. on Saturday. Her position is regarded as extremely dangerous, as she is taking water forward and aft; according to a wireless message received here.

The steamer Lady Laurier and Stephen from St. John, N.B., are on their way to the stranded cruiser, as is also a government steamer from Halifax, N.S. At 2:30 this morning an ocean liner was only 21 miles distant from the cruiser and signalled by wireless that she was making all speed toward her.

Two boats containing sixteen men of the crew of the cruiser have been carried away by the tide and are unable to regain the side of the vessel. A request has been sent from the vessel to lighthouses along the coast to keep a lookout for the two boats, which are expected to reach shore in the vicinity of Baccaro point.

Following the passage of the naval bill in the Canadian Parliament in April 1910 favoring the creation of a navy for the Dominion, Canada purchased the protected cruiser Niobe from the home government for \$1,000,000. The vessel was laid down in 1896 and launched in 1897.

Her armament consists of sixteen six-inch guns, twelve 12-pounder, four 3-inch, and two machine guns. She has a steel deck and casement for her principal batteries, carrying altogether 1900 tons of armor. She is 427 feet long and it is believed she carries the usual cruiser complement of sailors.

The United Wireless offices had heard up to two o'clock Sunday morning no further advice than contained in the first alarm, except that Eastport, Maine, a wireless station, was in communication with the vessel and that Halifax was sending aid.

This is the message as received by the wireless station here: "S.S. Niobe ashore on southwest end of Nova Scotia. Wants assistance immediately. Position 44:25 north; 62:35 west." A high gale was reported along the Nova Scotian coast today.

Reported to Boston BOSTON, July 30.—Call for help sent out by the wireless operator on the Niobe says the starboard engine room was pierced and flooded and that the vessel was also taking in water forward and aft. The vessel was from Halifax, N.S., and St. John, N.B., have been sent to assist the stranded vessel.

A wireless message from the Niobe, sent this morning, said: "Two of our boats have gone adrift, with sixteen men, in the tide way and are unable to regain ship. They would be off Back Point about 5 a.m. Please inform Baccaro Point to keep a lookout for them and keep us informed."

PRICES ARE SET ON THEIR HEADS

Persian Government Offers Large Rewards for Capture of Former Shah and His Leading Supporters.

RUSSIA DISPLEASED OVER GERDMERIE

TEHERAN, Persia, July 29.—One hundred thousand dollars was today set on the former Shah's head and \$25,000 each on the heads of Salar Ed Dowlat and Shakh Za Sultanah, the two Kadjar princes who are his principal supporters.

Major Stokes, former British military attaché, has entered the treasury department's service which is being organized by the American treasurer-general of Persia, Mr. Shuster. After this had been arranged the Russian minister attempted to interfere, threatening the Persian cabinet with reprisals on the part of Russia.

For a time the members of the cabinet showed some alarm, but already the contract had been legally signed.

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