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ELECTION DATE LIKELY SET THIS WEEK

KING TO SEEK RE-ELECTION IN WESTERN SEAT

Meighen Cabinet Forecast Includes Many Former Ministers

MATERIAL PLENTY

Halifax Member Seems Certain Selection for Portfolio of Marine and Fisheries

OTTAWA, July 8.—Announcement of the election date and possibly the names of the members of the new cabinet, is expected by the week-end. The Premier, it is understood, has decided on the men to assume nearly all if not all the portfolios. There is no dearth of material, although the Quebec representation is a matter requiring some careful consideration. Senator Lesperance and Hon. E. L. Patenaude are mentioned as the two most likely selections from Quebec. In the meantime, Cabinet meetings are being held daily. Routine business is being transacted, but no important vacancies are being filled or new appointments made.

BITTER CAMPAIGN AHEAD

When the Cabinet slate is published and the new ministers sworn in, the majority of them will leave for their constituencies to prepare for an election campaign which promises to be bitter. Mr. Meighen opens his campaign in Ottawa on the 10th of this month.

Among the Liberals, preparations for the campaign are under way. A number of the former ministers have gone to their constituencies already, among them Hon. Ernest Lapointe and Hon. James A. Robb.

Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, liberal leader, divides his time between his summer home outside the city and his office. He has not announced yet whether he will seek re-election in Prince Albert, but this is likely.

FORMER MINISTERS

Mr. Meighen's new Cabinet will include a number of his former ministers. It seems probable that Sir Henry Drayton will again be Minister of Finance, though the name of Hume Cronin is mentioned as a possibility. Hon. H. E. Stevens may become Minister of Customs; Hon. R. B. Bennett, Minister of Justice; Hon. S. F. Tolmie, Minister of Agriculture; Hon. Hugh Guthrie, Minister of Defence; and Hon. R. J. Manion, Minister of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment and Health.

MUCH SPECULATION

The Labor portfolio will likely go to Hon. G. D. Robertson, who formerly administered that department. Hon. W. A. Black is said to be the choice for Minister of Marine. Interest centres round the other portfolios. It is suggested that J. D. Chaplin, member for Lincoln, may get the Trade and Commerce post, and that E. B. Ryckman, of Toronto, may become Solicitor-General. If Sir Henry Drayton should not become Finance Minister, he would take the Railways and Canals, but if he resumes his old portfolio, G. B. Nicholson, of Algoma, may take over this department. George B. Jones, M. P. for Royal, N. B., is also mentioned as a cabinet possibility. It is suggested that the Department of Public Works and the Post Office department may go to Quebec province representative. Immigration is uncertain. The name of Hon. Robert Rogers is mentioned as a possibility for cabinet appointment.

HEAVY RAINFALL IN SASKATCHEWAN

REGINA, Sask., July 8.—Resembling a cloudburst, rain poured down in many sections of southern Saskatchewan last night, and while it did no harm in the rural districts considerable damage was done in Regina, where cellars were flooded as the storm winds failed to meet the emergency.

Prohibition Cleared Of Drug Incease

PHILADELPHIA, July 8.—The world conference on narcotic education had before it today a resolution setting forth that the organization was interested only in curbing the sale and use of narcotics and not tobacco and alcoholic beverages. The resolution was referred to the committee on policy.

The prohibition law is not responsible for the increased illegal use of drugs, in the opinion of Captain R. P. Hobson, general secretary of the conference. "Drugs," he said, "do not serve the same craving as alcohol."

Trade Board Council Approves Plan For Instalments In Tax Payments

Odds and Ends In Political Circles

OTTAWA—While the new ministry is quietly being formed, the old one has been leaving Ottawa one by one for a rest. Ex-Premier King went to his country home in the Gatineau Hills last night. Hon. Ernest Lapointe, former Minister of Justice, leaves Friday for his home in Quebec and will stay there until the election campaign begins. Hon. J. A. Robb is already at his home in Valleyfield.

HALIFAX—The Morning Chronicle, in its news columns this morning, says that Hon. E. N. Rhodes, Premier, has been summoned hurriedly to the capital to confer with the Prime Minister, Mr. Meighen, with regard to the formation of the latter's cabinet, soon to be announced. "It is possible that Hon. Mr. Rhodes may become a candidate in the approaching Federal election, if a nomination is found to be available," says the Chronicle. "It is understood that Hon. Mr. Rhodes may be invited to join the government as a minister or become Speaker of the Commons, in event of his own election, and the successful return of the Meighen government at the polls."

OTTAWA—Premier Rhodes of Nova Scotia is in Ottawa and is understood to have been in conference with Premier Meighen. Premier Rhodes' name is mentioned as a possible appointee to the Meighen government.

ORANGEVILLE, Ont.—Speaking at a United Farmers of Ontario gathering, Miss Camilla Lauder, progressive member of Parliament for South East Grey in the last Parliament, told of the work done by her party during the last session at Ottawa. Miss MacPhail related how the small Progressive group had held the balance of power, and as the Liberal officials for co-operation were the better, they had joined forces with that party, though on a strictly co-operative basis. Miss MacPhail thought the Senate was useless, and said it would be better to cease making appointments to that body and allow the two to become extinct when the time becomes ripe.

WINNIPEG—Liberal officials of the Federal constituency of South Centre Winnipeg decided last night to place the strongest available candidate in the field in belief that they can upset the verdict of the last election, when W. W. Kennedy, Conservative, was returned by a large majority.

TORONTO—The Globe this morning carries the following item in its news columns: Rumor has singled out Hon. John S. Martin, Minister of Agriculture, as the third member of the Ontario Cabinet to whom one of Premier Meighen's Ottawa portfolios-in-the-making may be held out. Premier Ferguson and Attorney-General Nicksle have already been named as possible selections for the federal ministry. Mr. Martin, it was believed, would be the most likely to sever provincial connections for the larger theatre of activities.

TORONTO—The Mail and Empire this morning publishes the following despatch from its Ottawa correspondent: "Only Right Hon. Arthur Meighen knows the names of the men so far selected for the new government. The Prime Minister is keeping his own counsel, and even his associates of the acting ministry are not acquainted with all his decisions. It is understood that the announcement will issue about Friday."

Lloyd George and Churchill Portraits Vanish From Club

LONDON, July 8.—Portraits of Lloyd George, who is very popular among the die-hard of the Liberal party, and Winston Churchill, who went over to the Conservatives, have disappeared from the walls of the National Liberal Club in London. One soldier was killed and five of the captured brigands also met death.

HERRICK PERTURBED PARIS, July 8.—United States Ambassador Herrick is perturbed at the decision of the Association of American Volunteers in the French Army to take part in a proposed demonstration Sunday in opposition to ratification of the Washington debt settlement.

MRS. McPHERSON WILL TELL STORY TO JURORS TODAY

Will Be Asked To Re-count Details of Kidnapping

MOTHER TO TALK

Special Investigators Following Up Stories Regarding H. D. Hallenbeck

LOS ANGELES, July 8.—Aimee Semple McPherson today will be accorded her opportunity to tell her abduction story to the county grand jury. Meanwhile the federal grand jury is considering the results of three weeks inquiry by government officials. The evangelists have a list of several witnesses summoned in an effort to thresh out the facts in a case that thus far has presented a maze of incongruities.

Grand Jurors indicated in public statements that they would ask the religious leader to recount in detail how she was kidnapped at Ocean Park, May 18, by two men and a woman, how she finally escaped from her captors and staggered across the desert wastes into the Mexican border town of Agua Prieta, across the line from Douglas, Ariz.

MOTHER TO FOLLOW

Her testimony is expected to occupy almost the entire day, but in case she concludes before the jury recesses, her mother is listed as the next witness.

Those who played leading roles in the Arizona and Mexican developments of the case have also been asked to testify. While they are out of the jurisdiction of the Grand Jury and cannot be subpoenaed many of them have indicated that they would appear. These include Ernesto Boulton, Mayor of Agua Prieta; Mayor Hinton and Chief of Police Bowdon of Douglas.

Investigators continue to centre their attention upon the stories of David Bloom, president of the United Merchants Association, and S. S. Franco, that H. D. Hallenbeck, former building superintendent of the Angel Temple Bible School, and close confidant of both Mrs. McPherson and her mother, had bought a hat at Bloom's store in Tucson between June 15 and 20.

200 PASSENGERS IN PRECARIOUS STATE

Steamer Comma Ashore Off Queensland; Heavy Seas Prevent Rescue

British Official Press. SYDNEY, Australia, July 8.—The steamer Comma, a vessel of 8,889 tons, with 200 passengers aboard, has run ashore on a reef in North Queensland. The vessel grounded last night during a heavy storm just east of Cape Capricorn, and several steamers bearing her S.O.S. calls rushed to her assistance. The exceptionally heavy seas this morning handicapped rescue work and prevented the transhipment of passengers, who are now in a most precarious position.

Sailor Survives 2-Hour Fight With Sharks and Wild Birds In Tropical Sea At Midnight

BOSTON, July 8.—A thrilling story of a two-hour fight for life against sharks and birds of prey in the pitchy blackness of a tropical sea at midnight was told here today by officers of the British steamer Ripley Castle. The boy freighter was just south of the Equator, bound from Philadelphia to Capetown, when Tony Madison, a 26-year-old seaman, who had come to the deck for air, lost his balance and fell into the water. In the darkness his fall

Denied Work, Refugee Hangs Self In Cell

WEST NEW YORK, N. J., July 8.—Paul Bettman, middle-aged, asked for a place to sleep at the police station and was led to a cell.

In the morning he shouted to be released so he might go to work. The jailer refused to let him out until after breakfast, and other persons were ordered to leave.

DR. PRINGLE IS NEAR DEATH BY DROWNING

Auto Plunges Into River at Blackpool, B. C., But He Gets Ashore

KAMLOOPS, B. C., July 8.—Rev. Dr. John Pringle, familiarly known as "Yukon Pringle" had a narrow escape from drowning while riding on the ferry at Blackpool, B. C., according to reports received here today.

Dr. Pringle who was returning from conducting a service in the district, lost control of his car and as he was moving off the ferry the vehicle plunged into the stream, but the missionary scrambled to shore without injury. At the point of the accident the river was only four feet deep. Dr. Pringle, who is 75 years old, for many years has served as a missionary in the northland of British Columbia.

SUNKEN SUBMARINE CARRIED EXPLOSIVES

Craft Was Menace to Navigation in New York Harbor—Is Refloated

NEW YORK, July 8.—The ill-fated submarine S-31, recently raised off Long Island Sound, and which went aground in New York harbor, was refloated last night.

The submarine, bearing the remains of some twenty sailors who went down with her when she collided with the steamer City of Rome, was a potential menace to New York harbor. Before she was refloated the East River shore and proceeded on her way, it was thought that she contained at least ten war heads and torpedoes filled with thousands of pounds of high explosives.

Bulgarian Irregulars Attack Rumania Post

BUCHAREST, July 8.—The Rador News Agency announces that a band of Bulgarian Comitatadj (irregulars) attacked a Rumanian gendarmerie post on the Dobruja frontier.

One of the guards is reported to have been killed and several injured. The newspaper Adversal says the Rumanian government intends to protest to Bulgaria against a recurrence of such incursions, which, it is alleged, are due to bands organized by Bulgarian Irredentist Societies.

A similar incident was reported from Bucharest May 12. One soldier was killed and five of the captured brigands also met death.

Lady of the Bath Regrets Publicity

CHICAGO, July 8.—Joyce Hawley, Lady of the Bath in Earl Carroll's famous party, visited her father, Tony Douglas, her mother and brothers and sisters yesterday in the family's west side delicatessen shop for the first time since that well known event. "I'll all foolish little stage struggles that notoriety of the sort that has come to me never has done anyone any good. It's bad and it hurts," she said.

RECORD SEIZURE OF ALCOHOL IS MADE IN BOSTON

\$400,000 Worth Taken Off Steamer By Customs Men

CREW ARRESTED

Spirits Covered by Layers of Waste Paper and Soft Coal

BOSTON, July 8.—An estimated 25,000 to 30,000 gallons of Belgian alcohol was seized last night by United States customs officials on board the steamer Cretan, at Battery wharf here. It was believed to be the largest seizure ever made at this port, with a retail value set at about \$400,000.

Following the liquor followed a search of the craft that was started in the morning. Customs men boarded the steamer with a crew of 50 longshoremen, who were especially engaged to remove the cargo of waste paper in the hatches.

AFTER REMOVAL OF THE waste paper, which was baled in 200 and 400 pound lots, the customs men found a heavy wire screening and came upon a deposit of soft coal. Beneath the coal they found about 500 drums of alcohol, containing about 25 gallons.

The Cretan cleared Boston Thursday, July 1, for Philadelphia, by way of Ireland, Maine. Suspicions of the customs officials were aroused by the fact that the ship did not report at Portland and returned here Tuesday ostensibly to take on a second cargo of waste paper.

CREW ARRESTED Captain August Alkane, of New York, and his crew of 22 men were taken into custody immediately following the finding of liquor on the ship. The Cretan, still carrying the fuel markings of the Merchants and Miners Transportation Company, was sold by that company a month ago to the Atlas Chartering Corporation of Baltimore.

AT COUNTY HOSPITAL The monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Saint John County Hospital will be held this afternoon at the hospital. The Board will convene at 4:30 and after the business session will make an inspection of the institution and have dinner.

Less Talk, More Action Urged At Fair Vale Viaduct

"THEY ought to get to work and fix this viaduct right away and not talk so much about it," said Kenneth D. Spear this morning when asked for his views regarding the agitation to have the underpass at Fair Vale widened so as to do away with the dangerous hazard to motorists using the Gondola Point road. Mr. Spear is president of the Fair Vale Outing Association, which organization has been trying for some time have matters remedied.

He also was the chairman of the indignation meeting held there following the recent accident in which a motorist received a fracture of the skull.

WHILE temporary measures taken to lessen the danger have improved conditions somewhat, they are not satisfactory to the users of the road and steps should be taken at once to alter permanently the structure and make it safe for all time, said Mr. Spear. According to a well known local construction engineer alterations could be made for approximately \$5,000 and if such was the case, said Mr. Spear, steps should be taken at once to do away with the "death trap."

It was the opinion of Mr. Spear that both the abutments should be torn out and straightened so as to follow the run of the road and if it was merely a matter of \$5,000 or \$6,000 should be done at once, as the cost, when divided three ways, would not amount to such a great deal.

WHEN asked his opinion of the proposal made by H. V. Dickson, M. L. A., that a concrete grade be placed in the center of the road under the bridge, Mr. Spear said that if the road were level and wide at this point it would be a good idea, but under present conditions he did not think it would be feasible and would only add to the hazard.

Mr. Spear drew attention to the fact that Fair Vale station was one of the busiest of suburban stops on the Canadian National Railway and as the station was only a very short distance from the viaduct on the other side going from the city, several cars and many persons congregated in the road near the station at train time and motorists had this additional danger to face when coming out from the underpass. If the sides of the abutments were straightened so as to give a clear view of the road, as suggested by Mr. Spear, this danger would be done away with.

It spoke well of the driving capabilities of the motorists of this locality, said Mr. Spear, that more accidents had not occurred at this place.

OFFERS TO AID MERCHANTS IN APPEAL TO CITY

Present Canada - West Indies Ship Service Condemned

REPORTS HEARD

Tentative Programme of Canadian Board Meeting Here Is Considered

THE Council of the Board of Trade, in session this morning, endorsed the proposition of the Retail Merchants' Association, that three months be allowed for the payment of taxes, and offered to send a delegation to take up the matter with the Common Council. They also unanimously passed a resolution condemning the present steamer service between Canada and the West Indies, and calling on the Canadian Government to implement its undertaking to improve the service between the two places. The meeting was presided over by L. W. Simms, president of the Board.

A communication from the Saint John branch of the Retail Merchants' Association, asking the co-operation of the board in an effort to have the city adopt the policy of allowing tax payments in three monthly installments, was also discussed. It was decided to be allowed at the rate of five per cent. on the first payment, four per cent. on the second and three per cent. on the third payment and interest to be charged on all amounts due after three months, was considered by the council.

The members were sympathetic and endorsed the resolution sent in by the Retail Merchants and expressed their willingness to send a delegation to city hall to talk the matter over with the Common Council.

WEST INDIES MATTER

The West Indies committee reported having looked into the matter of steamer service between Canada and the West Indies and presented the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted: Whereas the withdrawal by the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company of two steamers heretofore in service between Saint John and Halifax and the West India Islands of the Canadian Government of two Merchant Marine steamers for the Royal Mail steamers which have been withdrawn is not sufficient compensation, since these steamers provide no suitable mail and passenger service and provide only a monthly freight service to the smaller ports.

Whereas the Canadian Government has obligated itself to provide improved steamship services between Canada and the West Indies and the delay in taking action to that effect is resulting in dissatisfaction and unfavorable criticism in Canada, in the West Indies and elsewhere.

The Weather

SYNOPSIS—Pressure is abnormally low over the continent except near the North Pacific Coast and a marked depression is approaching the Great Lakes. Rain has been almost general in the western provinces while from Ontario eastward the weather has been fine.

FORECASTS: Fine and Warmer MARITIME—Moderate west and southwest winds, fine and somewhat warmer today and Friday.

NEW ENGLAND—Fair tonight and probably Friday, but under change in temperature; gentle shifting winds becoming moderate southwest.

Temperatures TORONTO, July 8.—Lowest Highest during 24 hours Yesterday night

Table with 2 columns: Location, Temperature. Rows include Victoria, Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Toronto, Montreal, Saint John, Halifax, and Ch'town.