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Ontario to Vote on Liquor Question By End of October

NOT AT ALL TIMES; CHOICE YET

PLEBISCITE IS ASSURED, SAYS HON. DR. FORBES

Ontario's Health and Labor Minister Tells Questioner at Meeting.

WAS UNEXPECTED

Southwest Toronto Member Says Vote Will be Taken Before October 31.

Toronto, July 3.—Assurance that a plebiscite is on the way, so far as Ontario temperance is concerned, was given last night by Hon. Dr. Forbes Godfrey, Ontario Minister of Health and Labor, at a Conservative rally in support of W. H. Edwards, the party candidate for the by-election for seat "A" in Northwest Toronto.

The announcement of the plebiscite did not appear to be any part of the planned speech of the Minister of Health and Labor, as it came in response to an interruption on the part of one of the audience, while he was seeking to point out the advantages for the northwest riding in sending a supporter to the government of Hon. Mr. Ferguson.

"How about a plebiscite?" was the question. "You have asked for a plebiscite, and you will get it," Dr. Godfrey returned. "You will find that so far as the Premier is concerned, he speaks one hundred per cent. of the truth. He has promised a plebiscite and that means you will get it."

Following that was a further assurance from J. A. McCausland, M. L. A., for Southwest Toronto, who added that the vote would come before October 31, or, as he put it, "he would stake his reputation on the fact that a vote will come before that date."

TWO FREDERICTON LADS ARRESTED

Are Charged With Theft of Binoculars—York Council Meets.

Fredricton, N. B., July 3.—The Municipal Council of York County this morning heard an address from Hon. D. W. Mesereau, Minister of Agriculture, and decided to consider the appointment of delegates to the Union of New Brunswick Municipalities Friday morning. This afternoon the council inspected the Municipal Home at Douglas.

MEXICAN OFFICIAL'S TRIP IS CANCELLED

British Consulate at New York Refuses Explanation—Howard Carter Sails

New York, July 3.—Just before the liner Mauretania sailed yesterday for Southampton, the British consulate here cancelled the passage of H. A. C. Cummins, until recently British charge des archives in Mexico. Cummins was scheduled to report to the foreign office in London regarding the diplomatic controversy which resulted in a demand by the Mexican Government for his withdrawal. The consulate refused to explain the cancellation and declined to tell where Cummins was. Among those who sailed on the Mauretania were Howard Carter, co-discoverer of the tomb of King Tutankhamen and his associate, professor Percy White. Mr. Carter intimated that all differences between him and the Egyptian Government which had resulted in the halting of the work of discovery, have been smoothed over.

Buyrs Village and Offers Free Homes

Canton, Ohio, July 3.—The entire village of Lindentree, Ohio, with its 43 dwellings, is waiting for occupants to move in with rent free promised for a year. The village was purchased recently by C. A. Kolp, Canton business man, and the houses were working. Now it is deserted by all excepting the Mayor, the Town Marshal, his deputy, and one family. Following his purchase, Kolp announced that he would place the "keys of the village" in the hands of any Ohio organization or group of responsible persons who want to occupy it for any length of time up to one year. In addition to the dwellings the village has one schoolhouse, a garage and meeting place, a public square, one store building and one town pump.

BIG MACHINE GUN SEIZURE IN LONDON

60 Tons of Material Was Bound For Amsterdam

London, July 3.—A big seizure of machine guns which were about to be smuggled out of the country was made at a Thames warehouse yesterday. A number of large cases, called steel castings and consigned to Amsterdam, were found to contain 60 tons of machine gun parts, said to be a portion of the British War Surplus. The principals, who were trying to smuggle the guns out and who were said to be representatives of the British Government are in a position of political embarrassment. The Government is said to be much perturbed about the discovery which is likely to have a bad effect on the Anglo-Soviet Conference.

WOULD DROP ALL PARTY INFLUENCE

Speakers Urge Taking of Imperial Affairs Out of Politics.

London, July 3.—J. H. Thomas, Colonial Secretary, speaking at a banquet here given in connection with the Congress of Empire Chambers at Congress House, said the time had arrived when no party should be known in Imperial affairs. He was going to take the risk of losing his seat in the House of Commons if he proposed that the Government should not only members of the governments of the day but leaders of the responsible oppositions, thus insuring continuity of policy. The Government was taking the necessary steps and exploring the whole situation with a view of avoiding difficulties in the future, he said.

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Will Not Appeal Against Court Decision in Favor of Son.

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WIRE BRIEFS

Moncton, N. B., July 3.—Bank closings here this week were \$776,195.

Amherst, July 3.—July 16 and 17, the next Graduate Nurses' Association will meet here.

Ottawa, July 3.—Today in the Commons, superannuation of civil servants will have precedence in the debates. The Senate will sit today.

San Francisco, Calif., July 3.—The first westbound night flight air mail which left Mineola, N. Y., 34 hours and 40 minutes earlier, arrived at the air mail field here at 5:45 o'clock last night.

PREMIER'S ACTION IS RECEIVED AS GREAT SURPRISE

MacDonald Refused Honorary Presidency in League of Nations Union.

SNUB IN REPLY

Declines to Receive Any of the Literature of the Union.

By H. N. MOORE (British United Press.) London, July 3.—Widespread surprise is expressed at an announcement of Premier MacDonald's refusal to allow his name to be included among the honorary presidents of the Union of the League of Nations Societies. The union is a non-party organization and was formed with the object of popularizing the league. It aims to have all former premiers as honorary officials. Premier MacDonald's wording of his refusal was not only curt but it contained a snub stating that he had given instructions that the literature of the union was not to be placed before him. His refusal is considered the most amazing in view of the Premier's announcement that he purposed to attend the meeting of the assembly of the League at Geneva.

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NEW CABLE LINES

Seattle and Seward, Alaska, Are to Be Connected by Fall.

Ketchikan, Alaska, July 3.—With the completion of a new cable between Seattle and Seward, Alaska, next fall by the U. S. army, Ketchikan will be one of the largest cable stations in the world, according to officials handling the laying of the line.

HONOR NATIVE SON

Leicester, Eng. to Give Municipal Reception to Premier Dunning.

London, July 3.—Hon. Charles Dunning, Premier of Saskatchewan, will receive the honor of an official municipal reception in his native city of Leicester on July 10. Mr. Dunning left Leicester 20 years ago and arrived in Canada with little more than the proverbial dollar.

BRINGS ONLY 51

Uncertainty About Immigration Quota Affects Bergensfjord's List.

New York, July 3.—Only 51 passengers were on the steamer Bergensfjord when it docked at Brooklyn yesterday.

Mr. Ronan, winner of the first prize, is at present at his home in Newcastle on a few days leave, and was informed by wire this morning of his being a returned soldier and is married.

Ash-man Passes Up Good Sized Fortune

Washington, July 3.—May J. Flake, 81 years old, who runs her own boarding house, has clung to the old-fashioned idea of saving her money to her core. Her savings amounted to more than \$20,000, and were folded inside a little leather envelope and fastened with a safety pin. She deceives a housebreaker. Mrs. Flake put her chest inside a trash collector, got around early, and Mrs. Flake, in her kimono and minus her corset, in a moment of mental aberration passed him the bundle of papers. It was not many minutes before she started to dress, missed her "safety," went into the street and sent for the police. George Washington Jones, colored trash collector, got around early, and Mrs. Flake, in her kimono and minus her corset, in a moment of mental aberration passed him the bundle of papers. It was not many minutes before she started to dress, missed her "safety," went into the street and sent for the police. George Washington Jones was after waste paper not corsets.

NEW FAMINE NOW THREATENS RUSSIA

Drought, Heat and Crop Failure Causes Acute Situation on Soviet Land.

Moscow, July 3.—Widespread areas in Russia are threatened with a new famine because of a crop failure caused in part by the poor quality of seeds imported from America, dispatches here said today. A widespread drought and unprecedented heat also has contributed to the crop failure, Government officials show. Conditions are especially acute in the Volga, northern Caucasus, Cuban Don and Astrakhan regions, with a combined population of more than 8,000,000. The Government, however, has issued a reassuring statement declaring the panic among the population is disappearing as imported material becomes available. "Wheat and price regulation measures go into effect."

WILL BE QUESTION FOR ENTIRE EMPIRE

Canada's Request For B. N. A. Act Amendment is Subject of Comment.

By H. N. MOORE (British United Press.) London, July 3.—The decision of the Canadian House of Commons to petition the British Government to amend the British North America Act in order that Canadian enactments intended to operate outside the sovereign territory of the Dominion shall have power to act in matters affecting peace and order in the Dominion will probably have widespread consequences.

PREPARE FOR TRIP INTO FROZEN NORTH

Hudson Bay Steamer Will Start on Annual Visit This Month.

Montreal, July 3.—On her annual visit to the lonely trading stations around Hudson's Bay, the Hudson Bay Company's steamer Nascope, now in this port, will sail about July 14 with a cargo composed of everything from a statue for a Catholic mission to phonographs for the factors and the Indians. On the return voyage she will bring the furs obtained by the Indians since her visit last year, which the steamer will carry to London for disposal at the big November fur auctions. The Nascope will also bring back from the Bay a certain amount of ivory, composed of walrus tusks and articles of Indian manufacture for sale to curios hunters.

WAR MADE HIM FAT, HE SAYS!

John W. Calhoun of Toronto, Ont., thinks he is entitled to more pension. A wound in the head, received while serving overseas with the Canadian forces, has caused his weight to jump from 192 to 440 pounds, John says. And medical treatment and Turkish baths, he declares, have failed to make him any thinner. Some idea of his size can be gained from this picture showing how dwarf-like these two youngsters appear alongside him.

Postal Forger Proves He Committed Crimes For Which Another is in Prison

New York, July 3.—Irving Greenwald, alias J. C. Alderman, was convicted of having forged and passed postal orders stolen from a postal station in Buffalo, and on April 22 last Federal Judge Winslow sentenced him to seven and a half years in the Atlanta Penitentiary. It was thought that this would put an end to the circulation of the stolen orders, but they kept appearing and complaints from those who had been victimized continued.

DENIES ATTEMPT TO DICTATE NAVAL POLICY OF CANADA

Vice-Admiral Says He Did Not Say That Dominion Should Equip Cruisers.

MAKES STATEMENT

Gives Out Question Asked Him and Reply He Made to It.

Vancouver, July 3.—When the attention of Vice-Admiral Sir Frederick Field, now visiting here, was drawn last night to questions asked in the House of Commons at Ottawa on Tuesday, criticizing a statement purported to have been made recently in Victoria by the commander of the British special service squadron to the effect that Canada should equip four cruisers, two for service on the Atlantic and two for service on the Pacific, Admiral Field categorically denied that he had made any such observation or made specific reference as to what Canadian naval policy should be. "What Admiral Field did say in Victoria was in reply to a direct question asked him in the course of an interview. The question and reply follow: "What do you think Canada should have in the way of a navy?" the Admiral was asked. "I cannot answer a question like that," he said. "I am not here to dictate to Canada or to offer gratuitous advice on matters of policy. 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