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MEIGHEN WILL ATTACK PROGRESSIVE PARLEY

Hydro Delegation Presents Appeal To Federal Cabinet

MEIGHEN IS READY TO PREACH GOSPEL OF 'NEED A CHANGE'

Conservative Chief Thinks Premier King Hasn't Done Very Well and That the Visit of Progressives to Ottawa Is a Very Naughty Piece of Business.

TORY CARAVAN ARRIVES IN JUBILANT MOOD

When the Right Hon. Arthur Meighen made his last formal jaunt into Western Ontario he came as the prime minister, the first gentleman of this dominion.

When he gave notice here in September, 1921, that he was going to dissolve parliament he was the acclaimed leader of the "National, Liberal and Conservative" party, a by-product of the war.

The "double ly-ch-pin name" has disappeared, but the Right Hon. Arthur is back again today as the Tory crusader to deliver us from the hands of the Phisistines.

For more than two years now, the Right Hon. Arthur and his knights of the round table have been on the outside looking in, and it comes as no staggering blow to learn that the achievements of Mackenzie King's administration at Ottawa fail to measure up to the requirements as prescribed by their Tory predecessors.

Even as the people of this country spoke their belief in 1921 that "It's time for a change," so today, counsels the Right Hon. Arthur and his trusty lieutenants from Quebec that "It's time for a change." They tried to persuade The Advertiser to this effect all the way from Brantford to London this morning.

It's the old, old story. Let the grand old party serve you in the same grand old way. And tonight in the Winter Gardens the leader of the opposition, amongst other things, will denounce the contemplated amalgamation at Ottawa of the Liberal and Progressive forces, branding the move as "the process of bargain and sale with the Progressives to keep the Liberal party in full swing." This would be an accomplishment, Mr. Meighen senses, after "years of calculated planning." At tonight's gathering the leader of the opposition will also deal with imperialism and, fresh from his tour through the highways and byways of the province of Quebec, will urge that time-honored closer feeling of co-operation between the habitants of Quebec and the Tories of Ontario.

French-Canadian Tories travelling into London today with their cheif for the love festival in the Winter Gardens tonight do not seem to regard seriously the suggested compact between Premier King and the Progressives. They say that the people of Quebec will place but little faith in the move until it is actually consummated, if at all. They have their doubts as to the latter.

Meighen Dislikes It. Needless to announce, the Right Hon. Arthur is not impressed with the latest development at Ottawa occasioned by the arrival there of the Progressive chiefs from the west. And on board his special coach hurrying into London to-day from Montreal, he was busy framing a "stinging rebuke" for consumption tonight.

The Tory caravan left Montreal at 11 p.m. yesterday, reaching here at 1 o'clock this afternoon. It was a wonderful trip from a "There was no excitement, quarrelling, or fighting." "All the boys were cheerful on their way from Montreal." "There were blue bandannas, short havannas, and bunches of bananas." "For the Tories at the Ball."

The Right Hon. Arthur Meighen and a forecasted Conservative victory at the next federal election are the chief reasons for tonight's ceremonies and attached to the leader's party in his special coach from Montreal were such notable casualties from other conflicts as the Hon. Robert Monty, the Hon. J. G. Bell, Andre Patenaude and John Sullivan, 1 C.

Not Many Left. With there were so many other representatives from Quebec as to round the comment from those not part of the parliamentary caravan but few Tories could have been straggled when the Meighen special pulled out from Montreal. They were in obvious high spirits. Songs and witty sayings emanated from the special coaches. The eastward west at Paris Junction, and it was a pleasing version for the weary Montrealeers when a London delegation boarded the train in the persons of Frank White, M.P., Fred Lawson, Thomas Scandrett and Arthur Ford.

The Montreal Party. Included in the party from Montreal, as well as former members of the Quebec cabinet, were: J. A. Corbett, D. J. Ibbotson, J. A. Lamare, L. A. Gravel, Felix Desrochers, William Loiseleur, Fred Stewart, president of the Montreal Conservative Association, Rod Camirault, Beaulieu, A. Boissomault, N. Brox, A. Dufresne, P. Baillargeon and J. A. Thibault.



DISTINGUISHED VISITORS IN LONDON.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, leader of the Conservative opposition in the federal house, at left, and Hon. Hugh Guthrie, former minister of militia, right. Mr. Meighen addressed members of the Canadian Club this afternoon, while Mr. Guthrie was the guest of honor at the Kiwanis luncheon, at which he spoke.

FRANCE MUST QUIT RUHR SAYS GUTHRIE

The Former Minister of Militia Warns World May Be Involved in War.

SPEAKS TO KIWANIANS

Unless the present situation in Europe is carefully handled with good, common sense, and France is persuaded to withdraw from the Ruhr, the world may find itself involved in another war, more terrible than the last.

This statement was made by the Hon. Hugh Guthrie, minister of militia in the Meighen government, in an address given at the Kiwanis Club today. Mr. Guthrie spoke on the Ruhr question and the attitude of France towards Germany and Europe as a whole.

Referring to the years 1914-18, Mr. Guthrie stated that it was lamentable that after so long a period together there should be a strong cleavage of opinion between Great Britain and France, as at present. Outlining the history of the Ruhr invasion and the reparations committee, the speaker showed where Germany had fallen down in its promises, exasperating France, who occupied the Ruhr.

MRS. MEIGHEN GUEST OF HONOR

Luncheon Given by London Women For Wife of Conservative Leader.

Mrs. Arthur Meighen, wife of the Conservative leader, who is visiting in London with her husband, Mrs. Meighen was the guest of honor at a luncheon given this afternoon.

Mrs. Arthur Meighen, leader of the Conservative party in the Federal House, was the guest of honor at a luncheon given at Smallman & Ingram's tea-room at noon today, by Mrs. Frank White and Mrs. A. T. Edwards. Other distinguished Conservative women of the province were also guests of the occasion. A reception committee convened by Mrs. S. F. Lawson, met the guests as they arrived at both the G. N. R. and C. P. R. stations this morning, and an informal reception was held in the Tecumseh House from there to a reception, which was held in the Conservative Club rooms over the opera house, and where the women of the city were given an opportunity of meeting the wife of the Conservative leader.

Mrs. Meighen was present at the Women's Canadian Club later in the afternoon, where the Hon. Mr. Meighen spoke on "The Place Women Play in Nation Building." A reception tonight, following the banquet at the Winter Gardens, will complete the program for the day. While in the city Mrs. Meighen expects to meet some old friends privately.

POLICE BUSY WARNING MOTORISTS ON PARKING

Police officers are busy these days warning motorists that their cars must not be parked on down town streets for more than half an hour at a time. Four citizens who parked their cars on Richmond street today were told to move them along or a summons would follow.

It Is Unfair

The Advertiser regrets that the Free Press has not seen fit either to withdraw or to make definite its insinuations of intemperance against the members of last year's city council. These insinuations should not have been made unless they were to be followed by proof against guilty parties. Otherwise a slur is cast on men who have served London honorably and well.

CHEER MEIGHEN ON HIS ARRIVAL

Tory Supporters Rally Around To Greet Their Chief.

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, former premier, and a small advance guard of his supporters, were met by a cheering crowd of Conservatives when their special car pulled into the C. N. R. depot at 1:05 this afternoon. After shaking hands for fifteen minutes, posing for the cameras and acknowledging the cheers with a ready smile, the leader of the opposition motored with Ernest Dennis, Mayor Wenige and others around the block and stopped at the Tecumseh House for dinner.

Mr. Meighen, wearing a heavy coat and battered felt hat, looked the picture of health as he moved slowly through the cheering throng of admirers. Mrs. Meighen, a fine-looking woman; Hon. Rudolph Monty, swathed in a fur coat, and other prominent individuals, lined up with Mr. Meighen for the photographers and gave their best smiles.

Mayor George Wenige, Ald. Jack Greer, and many other civic officials were on hand to receive the party. The mayor and Mr. Meighen had a confidential chat on the station and exchanged jokes, which brought mirth from a group of listeners. Mr. Meighen then proceeded to the rooming house where he had arranged to stay, and the former premier was escorted by a bodyguard of local Conservatives stand-bys into a reserved room in the Tecumseh House prior to his address before the Canadian Club.

ODDFELLOWS TO HOLD INSTALLATION TONIGHT

Thebes Sanctorum No. 26 Will Have Eight New Officers.

The installation of officers of Thebes Sanctorum No. 26, Order of Humility and Perfection, is to be held this evening in the Oddfellows Hall, Alma Block.

The officers to be installed are: Grand high priest, W. Garfield; vice grand high priest, R. R. Whitehead; banker, W. R. Johnston; collector of shekels, D. A. Black; registrar, W. Kilpatrick; hon. friar, T. J. Redman; grand monitor, T. Tawley; grand high executioner, W. Cosby.

D. A. Black, district deputy supreme monarch, W. Cosby, R. G. Legg, T. J. Redman, R. R. Whitehead, F. Dixon, T. Bice and F. James are the installing officers.

WILL ISSUE YEAR BOOK. The year book of the board of education, containing information relative to the schools of the city, the board, etc., together with a complete list of teachers and officials, will be issued again this year.

MELBOURNE BANDIT SAYS HE WAS HERE CHRISTMAS

William Murrell Sends Letter to Governor Byron Dawson.

"SEASONABLE CHEER"

Officials Look on Epistle as Obvious Fake by Humorist.

While Sidney Murrell was forking away a large and appetizing Christmas dinner behind cell bars at the county jail, his brother Bill, the much-wanted Melbourne bank robber, was eating his dinner in London, according to a letter purporting to come from Bill himself and which was sent to Governor Byron Dawson of the county jail.

The communication was turned over to the London police department and an investigation was made at the order of Chief Birrell. The detectives, however, believe that the communication was a fake from beginning to end, and was written the day before Christmas by some individual who had done more than gaze on the flowing bowl. In fact he must have been drunk according to the authorities to have concocted the following effusion on which he wasted a perfectly good three-cent stamp.

Here's how the letter reads: "Mr. Bryson Dawson, care London Jail, London, Ont.

"Dear Sir:—No doubt you will be surprised to hear from me. But I am right in town to enjoy my Christmas dinner which you will no doubt try to stop. But you won't be within three blocks of where I am going. Put that in your pipe and smoke it while I am eating my Christmas dinner."

"So long for this time. I remain yours truly and as ever your long-wanted friend or enemy," William Murrell, London, Ont. Bill.

Try and get me. Ha. Ha. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

When interviewed regarding the letter, Governor Dawson would make no comment. He would not state as to whether he had received a letter or not.

Despondent Foxterrier Discarded, Ends Own Life

"Tony" Jumps From Window When Spaniel Takes His Place.

FOUND ON SIDEWALK. Tony, a foxterrier belonging to a local resident on Ridout street, committed suicide yesterday evening. He jumped out of a third-story window of his owner's large house and when found this morning his master claimed the dog's death had been self-inflicted.

The owner attributes the action of the dog to a broken heart or "melancholia." Thursday his little mistress, a girl of six years, was given a spaniel. She had owned Tony for six months because he was getting old and would not play. So her father presented her with the spaniel.

The little girl played with the pup all day. Bits of sugar which would ordinarily have gone to Tony were given to the pup. When Tony came for his morning bowl of sweetened milk, he discovered the usurper had demolished it. In a fit of temper, he attacked the pup, but the little girl caught him, gave him a sound thump and put him out of the house.

Tony roamed the streets until late in the evening. Unknown to members of the family he must have come back to the house about 8 o'clock last night. He went upstairs to the attic to nurse his grievances and found a window open.

Just below the window was a cement sidewalk and it was there that Tony's crushed body was found today. The spaniel saw him lying there, sniffed two or three times, and did not seem to understand. When the little girl went out after him she found them both, the little pup still sniffing and Tony on his side at the edge of the sidewalk.

There were no outward marks of injury on Tony's body, but his skull had been fractured. The body had lain in its same position all night. Today the little girl is grief-stricken and as they cleared away the snow in the backyard, dug a hole and placed Tony in his last resting place, the innocent spaniel, who indirectly caused the trouble, rubbed his nose against her and seemed to comprehend.

Premier King Promises Immediate Consideration Of St. Lawrence Project

Delegation 170 Strong From All Parts of Ontario Present Hydro Case.

NEEDS ARE OUTLINED

Speakers Urge Government To Aid in Power Development at Morrisburg.

Special to The Advertiser.

Ottawa, Jan. 11.—The dread of Ontario, that it may suffer a power shortage in 1926, such as it had in 1920, only worse, shutting down its industries, putting factories on part time and requiring the curtailing of street lighting, was brought forcibly to the attention of Premier King and twelve cabinet ministers today when a delegation from the Ontario Municipal Electric Association, 170 strong, asked that the Provincial Hydro Commission should be allowed to develop 700,000 horsepower at Morrisburg in co-operation with the United States authorities.

Premier King was obviously impressed by the presentation made. But he did not think it was quite as easy as Mayor Maguire of Toronto suggested it was to bring all the interests affected into harmony. He admitted that his worship's remark made him smile.

"If he can bring all the interests into harmony the government will not lose any time acting," he promised, "but the difficulty of the government is to see that the various interests are harmonized. There are different provincial interests, the Dominion, and the relation of this country to the United States. Those are large interests to bring into harmony on any question."

"I don't say that what Mr. Maguire desires cannot be brought about. It is one of the government's chief duties to harmonize conflicting interests."

Promises Early Consideration. "I am not justified in saying more. I should not forecast the decision of the government without conference with my colleagues in view of the representations today. One of the first matters we will take up—not in a week, but tomorrow or early next week—will be a consideration of the matters submitted to us today."

There were present, representing the government, Premier King, Hon. A. B. Copp, Hon. James Murdoch, Hon. George P. Graham. The delegation was introduced by C. W. Gordon. Please See Page 21, Column 4.



LONDON DELEGATE.

E. V. Buchanan, general manager of London Public Utilities, who was one of the delegates from this city sent by the Ontario Municipal Electric Association who presented to the King cabinet today an appeal for aid in the St. Lawrence power project.

VENIZELOS WILL FORM MINISTRY

Will Assume Premiership With Republican Leader as the Main Support.

DANGLIS FAILS

Aged Greek Statesman Assumes Responsibility as Last Resort.

Associated Press Despatch.

Athens, Jan. 11.—Ex-Premier Venizelos decided this morning to form a cabinet in which he will be premier without portfolio with George Rousfos, Republican Liberal leader, as foreign minister, as the only possible solution of the protracted governmental crisis.

After General Danglis, who censured yesterday to endeavor to form a ministry, had failed in the attempt, despite all-night effort.

General Danglis' failure caused the keenest disappointment to Venizelos and his decision to become premier himself was taken as apparently the only course remaining open. The most prominent orthodox Liberals refused to co-operate in the forming of a Danglis cabinet. M. Koundaris was next approached, but he declined the difficult task, and the situation continued confused.

As showing the impatience of Venizelos, he told a group of Cretans last night that unless his political friends co-operated with him he would again quit Greece.

GIRL STRUCK BY TRAIN IS INSTANTLY KILLED

Margie Macfie, Living Near Milton, Was Walking on Track.

Special to The Advertiser.

Kitchener, Jan. 11.—Taking a short cut on the way to high school, Margie Macfie, 17 years old, was struck by a west bound C. P. R. train a quarter of a mile east of Milton and instantly killed at 9 o'clock this morning.

Miss Macfie, who was walking west along the track, evidently did not hear the whistle of the train, which was also proceeding west. Engineer Galbraith, who has been on the run since the accident, declares he blew the whistle, but that the girl did not seem to pay any attention to it. The body of the girl was badly mangled. She lived with her parents about a mile east of Milton.

FORMER OXFORD WOMAN DIES IN WINNIPEG

Canadian Press Despatch. Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 11.—Mrs. Alexander Calder, born in Oxford Township, Ontario, in 1842, and a pioneer resident of Winnipeg, died at her home here last night, following a lengthy illness. She celebrated her diamond wedding anniversary on Dec. 31 last.

SUNKEN SUB IS LOCATED IN THIRTY FATHOMS

Heavy Sea Prevents British Divers Going Down to Investigate.

MAY USE HOOKS

Searchers Have Slight Hopes of Any of Men Being Saved.

Associated Press Despatch.

Portland, Eng., Jan. 11.—An object believed to be the British submarine B-24, which met disaster off this coast yesterday, in a collision with the dreadnought Resolution, has been located off the coast at a depth of 39 fathoms, according to officials here.

A heavy sea was running this morning, so that it was impossible for divers to descend to investigate. However, if the bad weather continued efforts will be made to drag the submarine into shallower water with grappling hooks.

BANDON HOPE FOR MEN.

Associated Press Despatch. London, Jan. 11.—The British submarine L-24, rammed by the dreadnought Resolution yesterday, is lying thirty fathoms deep about eleven miles south of Portland Bill, according to the latest reports from Weymouth. While it is admitted that the information as to the craft's position is to a great extent conjectural, there is nothing to indicate that her crew of 42 men have not perished. Inasmuch as no oil was noticed on the surface of the water after the submarine went down, it is supposed that the vessel's petrol tanks were not broken when the Resolution rammed her, although some of the searchers point out that any trace of oil would have been dispersed quickly by the rough sea.

Salvagers Kept Busy.

It is taken for granted that all the men were below when the boat left Portland for the maneuvers, in which she was to take part, as the weather was too heavy to allow them to remain on deck. Until further investigation has been made it has been impossible to tell just how the disaster happened. However, one of the latest reports says that the L-24 rose beneath the dreadnought and struck the latter's bows.

Last night was unusually dark and despite the numerous searchlights brought into play little could be done until daylight, but the salvage craft kept busy for some time ashore, equipped with hydrophones tried, though vainly to catch any sounds that might be made by the imprisoned men.

Hope of the crew's safety has not been entirely abandoned, yet most experts think it will be miraculous if the men are rescued. The submarines commander, Lieutenant-Commander Eddis, was a man of much experience, and there is confidence that he would know as well as anyone what to do in the tragic circumstances.

Had Close Call.

Lieutenant-Commander Eddis had a close call during the war. He was junior officer of the submarine E-13 when that craft grounded on the coast of the Danish island, Saltholm, in 1915. The Danish authorities gave her 24 hours to get off, but in the meantime German destroyers arrived and opened fire and the E-13 was soon ablaze. Her commander ordered the crew to swim ashore. Nearly all were shot down by the Germans. Lieutenant-Commander Eddis, one of the few men to escape, was interned in Denmark. It is reported, but not confirmed, that the submarine K-12, badly damaged in a collision with the K-2 near the scene of the L-24's disaster, has sunk in shallow water.

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FORECASTS.

Today—Strong northerly winds, becoming colder with snow showers. Saturday—Fair and moderately cold. Stations—High Low Weather. Victoria 38 36 Snow. Calgary 38 16 Snow. Winnipeg 2 4 Cloudy. Port Arthur 34 32 Rain. Toronto 42 35 Cloudy. Kingston 34 20 Rain. Ottawa 25 22 Rain. Montreal 15 10 Rain. Quebec 10 4 Hail. Father Point 9 2 Snow. St. John 26 16 Rain. Halifax 32 22 Cloudy.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 40; lowest, 25. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 43; lowest, 30. Barometer Readings. Thursday—8 p.m.—28.74. Today—8 a.m.—28.54.