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WEATHER—FAIR

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TWO LIBERALS FOR THE CABINET; CALORNA'S ARMY WINNING STILL

TWO FOSTER SUPPORTERS DISQUALIFIED

Provincial Secretary Murray
and Mr. Dysart of Kent
Not Members.

NOT ENTITLED TO SEATS IN THE LEGISLATURE

Both Were on Government
Payroll When They
Were Candidates.

CARTER GOVERNMENT IN DELICATE POSITION

Government Caught with All
Standing and Confusion
Abounds.

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, May 30.—Somehow a sensation was created in the House this afternoon when Hon. Mr. Baxter questioned the right of two members on the government side to sit in the legislature, raising the point that they occupied positions of emolument in the government. The members here referred to are the Hon. Mr. Murray, provincial secretary-treasurer, and Allison A. Dysart, the junior member for Kent county. The government is in grave danger of losing both supporters. In fact if Hon. Mr. Baxter's contention is sustained the retirement of both members is inevitable. Falling in that the provisions of the election law, which operate to disqualify them will be brought into force.

Asleep At The Switch.

While the Carter-Foster government was thrown into consternation when the objection was taken by Hon. Mr. Baxter, there is a general feeling on both sides of the House that the new administration has been caught napping, and it is expected that the government will see the futility of attempting to adopt any other course than to stand by the existing law which, of necessity, disqualifies the members.

The administration is deeply perturbed over the unexpected turn of events and has already awakened to the seriousness of the matter.

Loosing two members at this particularly juncture when the other troubles of the administration are countless and difficult will be a hard blow to the government whose existence is daily becoming imperiled.

Hon. Mr. Baxter.

Hon. Mr. Baxter brought the matter to the attention of the House after the routine business had been disposed of this afternoon.

He said he desired to speak on matters embodied in the answers to his inquiries which had been presented in the House yesterday and the day previous, one of the answers also being referred to by the Hon. Mr. Byrne when the House was in the notice of inquiry stage this afternoon. He requested to speak on the matter when the gentleman involved (the Provincial Secretary) was not in his seat, owing to illness, but nevertheless it was essential that he should do so. The question of privilege which he raised was that by the answers furnished by the government to inquiries 33 and 34, it was shown that his honorable friend the Provincial Secretary-treasurer occupied an office of emolument in the gift of the government, being a master of the supreme court, while his honorable friend from Kent, Mr. Dysart, also held the position of parish court commissioner for which he received remuneration, thus operating to disqualify him under the provisions of the election law from occupying a seat in the House.

Both Not Members.

The former attorney-general said that the House should have due regard to the provisions of the election law which were wise and well founded. He did wish to make a motion

McGill University Honors Mr. Balfour, Conferring Degree

Refers to Canadians as "Our Countrymen."

Montreal, May 30.—Right Hon. Arthur J. Balfour, the British Secretary for Foreign Affairs, and head of the war mission, whose labors in the United States have just been concluded, was given a hearty reception when he arrived in Montreal today from Ottawa. He delivered an address at a luncheon of the Canadian Club held in the Windsor Hotel shortly after his arrival; at a special convocation of McGill University in the Royal Victoria College, in the presence of a large gathering of prominent people, the degree of doctor of laws was conferred on Mr. Balfour and two of his distinguished associates, Rear Admiral Sir D. R. S. De Chair and Lieut. Gen. G. T. M. Bridges, and upon Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador to the United States. In all his utterances he dealt with the Motherland and the dominions not as separate powers, but as one in "our common work," referring to his visit as "to our countrymen—Canada."

CARTER PARTY DOING SOME THINKING

Took Early Adjournment to
Consider Where it is At—
Still Slow in Replying.

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, May 30.—The government's dilly-dallying in bringing down the answers to inquiries presented by opposition members was referred to in the House today. Nearly three weeks ago Hon. Mr. Smith made inquiries into public works matters but the answers have not yet been tabled, an unprecedented delay. The former minister of public works wants the information for the budget debate and the government should not withhold it any longer. Hon. Mr. Murray, leader of the opposition, agreed with Hon. Mr. Smith that the information should be forthcoming, and that the present minister should have his staff compile it. If more help was required in the department he was in favor of employing it. The information sought would take only a few hours to complete. The House and county are entitled to it without any delay.

Today's proceedings in the House have accentuated the worries of the government. The opposition expected that when the House took recess at 7 o'clock an evening session of some length would be held, but the government preferred to adjourn after scarcely half an hour's session and the members betook themselves to solve some of their perplexing difficulties.

"ATHOL FORBES" DEAD

London, May 30.—Rev. Forbes Alexander Phillips ("Athol Forbes,") the novelist and dramatist, is dead. Rev. Mr. Forbes was vicar of Gorleston, Great Yarmouth.

concerning the matter, but he felt that his honorable friend the Premier would appreciate the fact that it was his duty to refer the matter to the committee on privileges, Section 33 of the act, clearly rendered the members he had mentioned disqualified.

"However unpleasant it is for me to raise this point," said Hon. Mr. Baxter, "I feel the House will agree that the first thing we must do ourselves is to observe the laws we have enacted."

Hon. Mr. Foster said he could not give his answer at the present time. "But I agree with my honorable friend Mr. Baxter that if there is anything wrong it should be righted," said the Premier.

The government having furnished the information that both members were appointed to positions of emolument it is hardly expected that they will become so inconsistent as to endeavor to repudiate their previous admission.

Certain it is that the members' action in continuing in the position contravenes the provisions of the election law which specifically states that persons holding positions of emolument shall not be eligible as candidates or to occupy seats in the legislature.

MR. BYRNE DESIRES AN ASSISTANT

Government Anxious to Add
to its Numerous Official
Staff.

OPPOSITION STRONGLY OBJECTS TO THE PLAN

Think the Attorney General
Should Perform His
Own Work.

Fredericton, May 30.—A government bill to provide for the appointment of a deputy attorney-general was jammed through the committee stage of the House this afternoon despite the vigorous protestations of the members of the opposition. The bill is certainly surrounded with mystery. There is no intimation in the measure as to the duties which the new office will involve, while the salary of the new office is likewise not stated. The government also remained mute to the questions of the opposition as to why the name of the proposed appointee, apparently feeling that the man decided upon for the position is either devoid of the necessary qualifications or realizing that the divulging of the name might create the impression among the people of the province that the position was created to satisfy the demands of another hungry partisan.

There can be no doubting the fact that such a new official is not needed, the opposition made that fact undeniable during the discussion of the provision of the bill today.

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REV. CANNON COGSWELL, NOVA SCOTIAN, DEAD

London, May 30.—Rev. Dr. W. H. L. Cogswell, Canon of Chester Cathedral, is dead.

Rev. William Henry Lawrence Cogswell, D.D., was born at Halifax, N.S., Dec. 11, 1845, the son of Rev. William C. Cogswell, of St. Paul's Church, that city. He was educated at the Halifax Grammar School, Halifax Academy, Kings College and Wadham College, Oxford. He was ordained to the diaconate in 1868 and ordained priest in 1869, becoming curate at Steventon, Herby. From 1872 to 1879 he was vicar of St. Helen's, Oxford, vicar of St. Oswald's, Chester from 1879 to 1880, warden of the special service clergy from 1890 to 1895 and rector of Wallasey, Cheshire, chaplain to the Bishop of Chester and canon of the cathedral. His wife was Miss Alicia Harriet Unlake. He received his degree of Doctor of Divinity from Kings College.

SIR WILFRID CONFERS WITH SIR LOMER GOUIN

Some opinions are to the effect that Sir Wilfrid enquired as to the effect of a coalition government in the province of Quebec, and there seemed to be the opinion among the Liberal camp followers that the answer was very much in the negative, and that the opinions of Quebec Liberals as given to the leader of the opposition today, were that the time had come for general elections.

Such an expression of opinion follows up an ardent desire of Quebec Liberals for elections, a desire that has found much expression in the last few months in political meetings held by the Liberals, or under Liberal auspices.

The question has been raised in Liberal circles of Sir Lomer Gouin entering a coalition government. No statements of a definite nature as to Sir Lomer's ideas on such a subject were given out, but the impression is that he, in common with other Liberals, is opposed to a coalition government at the present time.

Sir Wilfrid returned to Ottawa this evening.

No Annexations, No Indemnities, Socialists' Plan

Peace Programme Drawn Up
at Stockholm.

Stockholm, May 30, via London.—The peace programme of the Austrian and German delegates to the Socialist conference to be held here, as formulated in a group conference, provides for no annexations and no indemnities.

The six chief points of the programme are enumerated as follows: First—No annexations. Second—No indemnities. Third—The south Slavic lands and Austro-Hungarian crown land to remain in the dual monarchy, but Socialists should support the efforts of their inhabitants to gain autonomy.

Fourth—Finland and Russian Poland to be independent states. The people of Galicia to have autonomy under the sovereignty of Austria.

Fifth—Restoration of freedom of commerce on land and sea, modification of the protectionist system, the establishment of "international administration" for all maritime routes and inter-oceanic canals; internationally built and administered railways.

Sixth—Return to the maritime principle established by the Paris peace treaty of 1856.

The delegates go on record as opposing the annexation of Belgium, and declare themselves as "being friendly to Serbia's independence."

MURDER SHIP TORPEDOED

Boston, May 30.—The schooner Margate B. Rouse, formerly the barkentine Herbert Fuller of Harrington, Me., has been torpedoed in the Mediterranean. The crew were saved.

The Fuller became notorious twenty years ago when she put into Halifax with the bodies of the captain, his wife and the second mate on board. They had been murdered, an axe being the weapon used.

Mate Thomas Bram, formerly of Yarmouth Co., N. S., was convicted of the crime, but he was released a year ago, his innocence being practically certain.

FOUR N. B. MEN IN CASUALTIES

Ottawa, May 30.—Casualties: Infantry.

Wounded—F. W. Coates, Yarmouth, N. S. Artillery.

Wounded—A. J. Kay, McKee's Mills, N. B. Infantry.

Wounded—O. White, Wassa, N. B. Presumed to Have Died—D. N. Bryenton, Bryenton, N. B. H. O. Brown, Canning, N. S. Capt. F. E. Lockhart, Petticoatic, N. B.

THE ITALIANS CAPTURE NEW STRONGHOLDS

Right Wing Closer to the
Duino and Triest
Railway Line.

ONLY MINOR CLASHES IN NORTHERN FRANCE

Russians and Austrians Fight
in a More Lively
Fashion.

The battle front from Gorizia southward toward the head of the Gulf of Trieste remains the only theatre where for the moment hard fighting is in progress. Even here, however, the intensity which characterized the operations last week is lacking.

On the front in France, where Field Marshal Haig's forces are facing the Germans the operations by neither side have risen above minor attacks for several days, consisting mainly of hostilities or small raiding parties and artillery duels of a moderate degree of strength.

Wednesday also passed without infantry engagements between the French and Germans, although their respective guns took part in spirited artillery duels to the south of St. Quentin and in Champagne.

Russians and Austrians.

The Russians and Austrians in the eastern theatre are fighting in more lively fashion than has been the case for months. This is particularly true as the Russians began an offensive here on Monday when the office has made no comment on the situation as it now exists in this region, nor has the Austrian official communication given any idea as to the extent of the actual zone where the fighting is going on.

The anticipated commencement of hostilities by the Russians and Roumanians in Roumania has not yet materialized.

Italians Again Win.

Between Janina and the head of the Gulf of Trieste the Italians have again cut into the Austrian lines and occupied positions west of the village of Medesana, thereby bringing their right wing closer toward Duino and the railway line leading toward Trieste. The Austrian war office reports the repulse of Italian attacks near the Julian front.

The weekly report of British vessels sunk by submarines or mines shows that eighteen vessels of over 1,000 tons—the same number as recorded the previous week—went to the bottom, but that only one vessel of less than 1,000 tons met with disaster, a decrease of eight over the record of the previous week.

CANADIANS IN U. S. CAN ENLIST THERE

Expenses Will Be Paid to
Nearest Army Centre in
This Country.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, May 30.—A plan has been agreed upon between the American and the Canadian governments to handle Canadian and British subjects in the United States who desire to enlist in the Canadian expeditionary force. Persons who are not natural born or wholly naturalized American citizens may, upon application to the nearest American recruiting office, after passing physical tests, have their transportation paid to New York, if they wish to join the British army, and to the Canadian army.

GOVERNMENT TO CONTROL THE TOBACCO INDUSTRY.

London, May 30.—It is announced that owing to the shortage of ship-

British Steamer Washington Sunk In Italian Waters

Nearly Half Hundred Lives
Lost on Spanish Ship.

New York, May 30.—Officers of the former American steamship Virginia, who arrived at an American port today, brought word of the sinking of the British freight steamer Washington by a German submarine on May 3. The Washington was torpedoed, they asserted, only seven miles from Genoa after the naval convoy had left the steamer, believing her safe from attack. The explosion was heard by persons ashore they declared.

The Virginia's officers said the U-boats operations in the Mediterranean have become so bold that they go almost into harbors planting mines. They declared the German submarines are equipped with net cutting apparatus, a "sort of wire device like a booz saw," they described it, which cuts a net "like a hot knife through butter."

—148 Lost.

Madrid, May 29, via Paris, May 30.—The Spanish steamer C de Elnaizurre with thirty-nine passengers and 106 sailors has been lost. There were only twenty-four survivors. The cause of the disaster is not known.

U. S. SLACKERS HIKE OVER TO THE DOMINION

Take Advantage of Opening
of Racing Season in Canada
—Arrests Likely.

New York, May 30.—Word has reached the department of justice officials here that between 150 and 200 military slackers—race track touts and hangers-on for the most part—were fleeing from the Canadian border in government-seized box cars loaded at Jamaica, Long Island.

Telegrams were dispatched to the Canadian authorities asking them to search all such cars before permitting them to cross the international boundary line. U. S. slackers found aboard will be arrested and brought back to New York as federal prisoners.

The stock cars are loaded with race horses designed for service on the Montreal tracks and after that on the coast at Ottawa, Port Erie and Windsor.

A number of the racing men who are to compete in the Canadian meets had obtained permission from both this and the Canadian governments to cross the line, with their belongings. No permit, however, was issued to any applicant of conscription age, between twenty-one and thirty years, inclusive.

Hard To Cross Border.

Racing men of all sorts and descriptions who are of the ages liable to conscription may experience trouble in entering Canada for the continuation of the season on the big tracks in the Dominion.

United States Attorney Knox said that while American officials were not likely to detain the men, it was probable that Canadian officials would. All Americans of military age have been stopped at the border recently, and admission to Canadian soil has been refused them.

312,503 CANADIAN TROOPS OVERSEAS

Ottawa, May 30.—(Leased wire)—The total number of officers and men of the Canadian Expeditionary Force who had sailed for England up to May 1st last, was 312,503, according to information furnished to Hon. Frank Oliver in the Commons today. The total number who were on duty in Canada on May 1 was 25,475. Mr. Oliver was told there was no record of the number of officers and men sent back from England as unfit for

ping and the necessity of economizing all available supplies of tobacco, the board of trade will requisition and assume immediate control of all stocks of manufacturer and unmanufactured tobacco, including cigars, cigarettes and snuff. The board will fix prices and regulate dealings.

London, May 30.—It is announced that owing to the shortage of ship-

A COALITION GOVERNMENT OR ELECTION

Sir Lomer Gouin, Premier
Murray and Hon. N. W.
Rowell May be Members.

SIR WILFRID CONFERS WITH PREMIER OF QUE.

Not Yet Known if Laurier Will
Be Included in the
Government.

FINAL CONSCRIPTION BILL DRAFT READY

Measure of Registration Like-
ly to Become Effective
Immediately.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, May 30.—Canada will have a coalition government within a fortnight or a general election within a month. The Standard correspondent is enabled tonight to give the following summary of the political situation, which though unofficial, is based upon facts that may be accepted as reliable:

(1)—Sir Lomer Gouin, Premier of Quebec; Hon. G. H. Murray, Premier of Nova Scotia, and Hon. N. W. Rowell, leader of opposition, Ontario; Liberals all, are to be invited to enter a "win the war" government.

(2)—Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. F. P. Farabee, chief Liberal whip, are in Montreal placing the whole situation before Sir Lomer Gouin.

(3)—Mr. Farabee will leave Montreal tonight for Toronto to confer with Mr. Rowell.

Sir Wilfrid's Position.

(4)—It is not yet known whether Sir Wilfrid Laurier will be included in the proposed coalition. He is thought to be working to assist the Prime Minister in carrying out his proposals.

(5)—Sir Robert Borden will be the leader of any combination of the two parties that is formed.

(6)—It is understood that the proposed new cabinet will be three-fifths Conservative and two-fifths Liberal.

(7)—The new government will not deal finally with questions of party controversy including the fiscal question only in so far of course as the Conservative and Liberal parties. Some such arrangements as exists between the two parties in Britain may be adopted.

(8)—The new cabinet will confine itself to questions affecting the prosecution of the war, including greater food production, shipping, raising of armies, etc.

The railway question, however, will likely be brought under its review.

Retiring Ministers.

(9)—It has not yet been decided what ministers in the present cabinet will be dropped. Sir Robert Borden, Hon. C. J. Doherty, Hon. Arthur Meighen and Hon. Dr. Reid are all practically certain to be retained.

(10)—The new ministers, if the proposals carry, will stand for constituencies though by-elections will likely be voided by arrangement between the two parties.

(11)—The final draft of the conscription bill is ready. It is not likely to be put into effect for a couple of months. It will take at least that time to register the manhood of the country. In the meantime the voluntary system will get what is equivalent to a new trial. As soon as the register is completed the bill will be brought into force, and the first selective draft taken by order in council.

(12)—If the proposals of the Prime Minister fail, or if, in the event of coalition being brought about it should prove unsatisfactory, a general election will come immediately.

It may not be known for some days yet whether the Liberal leaders invite or to be invited to enter the government will accept. The success of the whole scheme rests with their decision.

Sentiment Divided.

The sentiment in parliament seems to be divided. There are many on both sides.

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