

NO OPPOSITION AS LEMIEUX IS NAMED SPEAKER

Meighen in Concurring With
Choice Declares There
is No Government

TRIBUTES PAID BY
LEADERS OF PARTIES

Forke Agrees to Selection For
Which Lemieux Extends
His Thanks

OTTAWA, Jan. 7.—Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux was this afternoon appointed speaker of the House of Commons for the present parliament. The appointment was moved by Hon. Ernest Lapointe, and seconded by Hon. James A. Robb, Minister of Finance. Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, Conservative leader, concurred in the appointment as did Robert Forke, leader of the Progressives. Mr. Meighen observed that Mr. Lapointe, in making his motion, was speaking as a member of the House. Mr. Lapointe, he added, could not speak for the government, "because there is no government."

The motion was carried unanimously.

RETURN FROM SENATE.
Returning from the Senate chamber, the Commons re-assembled and Hon. Ernest Lapointe took the floor after Clerk Beauchamp had pointed to him as the first speaker. Mr. Lapointe said that the appointment of a Speaker was most important, because that the occupant of the chair would necessarily influence to a marked degree the character of the debate. The Commons had been fortunate in having for the last four years a Speaker who had filled his office. His tact, his aloofness, his impartiality had often operated to bring together conflicting elements in the House.

BRITISH RULE SUGGESTED.
Mr. Lapointe would suggest that for this occasion, at least, Canada adopt the rule of the British House of Commons and re-elect the same Speaker from one parliament to another. He quoted precedents in Canada, Hon. Joseph Calhoun, first Speaker under Confederation, and Hon. E. N. Rhodes, having been re-elected for a second or third term. The re-election of Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux would prove, he believed, to be a bond of union in the House. Hon. Mr. Lapointe's motion was second by Hon. J. A. Robb.

MEIGHEN SPEAKS.
Rt. Hon. Mr. Meighen said that it was not customary to challenge the election of a Speaker. With what Mr. Lapointe had said about the qualifications of Mr. Lemieux for the chair he was in hearty accord. He thought he could promise Mr. Lemieux that the Conservative members would give the Speaker the same consideration which they had extended in the last House. Mr. Meighen presumed that Mr. Lapointe brought forward his motion, not as a member of the government, but as a member of the House for an ordinary constituency.

ENDORSED BY FORKE.
Mr. Forke endorsed the appointment of Mr. Lemieux, and the member for Gaspe was then declared elected. He had been sitting at the far end of the chamber and it was noted that he sat between two independent members, Henri Bourassa, of La Belle, and J. S. Woodworth, Labor leader from Winnipeg.

LEMIEUX SPEAKS.
The new speaker was then escorted down the chamber by Mr. Lapointe and Mr. Robb. He stood beside the chair while he made a brief speech of acceptance. He would be often reminded of what had been said of his love and conscience who his ruler. This inscription on the statue of MacKenzie on Parliament Hill faced him whenever he looked from the window of his office. He would continue to try and maintain the dignities, privileges, usages and customs of the mother of parliaments.

Mr. Lemieux then took the chair and his first utterance was to declare the motion for his election carried. There was a general laugh mixed with congratulatory applause, which had been accorded the Speaker from time to time as the ceremony proceeded. The name was simultaneously placed on the table. Beyond the reading of a couple of formal announcements concerning staff, there was no business before the House and the chamber immediately adjourned on motion of Hon. Ernest Lapointe, who is leading the House in the absence of Premier King.

PARTY IN AID OF BATHURST SCOUTS

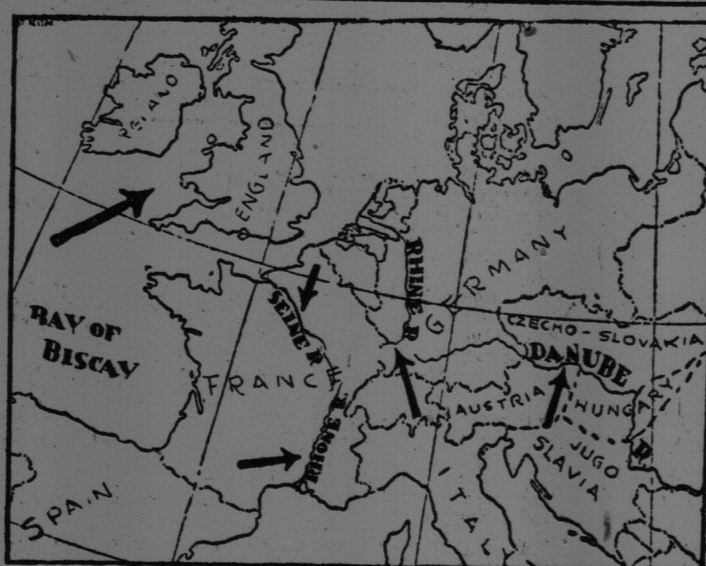
BATHURST, Jan. 7.—A whist party was held this evening in the British Hall to raise money for uniforms for the local Boy Scouts. About \$44 was realized.

The fire department were given a run to West Bathurst this afternoon but on arriving found that some unknown person had turned in a false alarm.

Mrs. Roosevelt Is White House Visitor

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, widow of the former President, called Tuesday on Mrs. Coolidge. It was her first visit to the White House since she retired as its mistress in March, 1909. She was accompanied by Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, wife of the Speaker of the House, who was married in the Executive Mansion when her father was President.

Floods Peril Wide Range in Europe



Floods following torrential rains over northern Europe are threatening wide areas with heavy damage. The Seine, Rhone, Danube and Rhine rivers are making many homeless. London is storm swept and steamships crossing the English channel and Bay of Biscay report the worst conditions in years. Map shows where the peril is greatest.

Tourist Family of Eight Lives In Flivver at Florida Camp

CLEARWATER, Fla., Jan. 7.—A flivver is the family bedroom for Mr. and Mrs. William Courtney and their six children, ranging in age from nine years to nine months.

The Courtneys, typical of the some 10,000 so-called tin-can tourists in Florida, are "camping out," near here, and their automobile is their home.

Courtney is an itinerant salesman for a mail order clothing company. He sleeps on a cot beside his flivver "bedroom." In the rear seat of the car, Mrs. Courtney, with most of their "brood," makes her "nest." Marian, nine, the eldest child, has a "bedroom" of her own in the front seat.

Meals are cooked over a camp fire and during the day when Courtney is away taking orders or doing other odd jobs, the children, Katherine, Louise, Rachel, Robert, William, Jr., and Marian play in the big pasture where the camp is located. Rent for the camp site costs Courtney \$1 a week, wood is free and there are no winter clothes to buy for the children.

When it rains; well, like all campers, they expect a wetting occasionally. The Courtneys lived in New Jersey.

Warns About Use of Cheap Beauty Aids

LONDON, Jan. 8.—A warning against cheap, highly-colored and perfumed bath soaps and lipsticks was sounded here after complaints of rash and blood disorders began to pour in upon physicians.

A lady's maid who thought she had chicken pox was found to be suffering from a rash, which disappeared when she discontinued the habit of languishing daily in a highly-scented bath, according to a West End doctor.

Some of the cheaper lipsticks, used indiscriminately, caused severe inflammations, the doctor said.

Demonstrates Claim As A Trencherman

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—William La-corte of 114 Eighth avenue has the world's biggest appetite. He says so himself. When he admitted his craving for food to a group of Seventh avenue skeptics, the whole party convened to a nearby lunch room, at Greenwich avenue and Bank street, where William was called on to display his talent.

He did. Under the eyes of more than a hundred, who came to scoff, but remained to wonder, William downed 12 scrambled eggs, 12 slices of white bread, two large pieces of apple pie, six glasses of milk, and finally, despairing of ever reaching satiety, six glasses of water for a chaser. The skeptics grew tired of paying and the meal was cut short, much too short, for William La-corte.

"I ain't hardly got started yet," he pleaded.

William confessed that he had just come from home, where a dinner, consisting of two pounds of spaghetti and the customary trimmings, had been served.

STAMP FIND.
LONDON, Jan. 8.—Nearly \$30,000 was obtained here by auction of a number of postage stamps recently found in a Mayfair attic. One sheet of stamps, issued by British Columbia in 1861, brought about \$3,500, and several other blocks brought prices almost equal.

BOBBING NO CRIME.
DION, France, Jan. 8.—Bobbing the hair of a girl is not a crime, a magistrate here has ruled. A hair-dresser was charged with disfigurement because he bobbed the hair of a young girl without receiving the consent of her parents. The case was dismissed.

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Town Pump Yields Gasoline; Drilling Fails To Locate It

JAMESTOWN, N. D., Jan. 7.—Perseverance of the old town well at Robinson, 75 miles northwest of here, which suddenly started yielding oil where only water had been expected, and persistence of more recently drilled wells which refuse despite prayers and exhortations to produce anything but pure water, has created considerable dissatisfaction with nature in this corner of North Dakota.

For 20 years the old town well at Robinson, a cavern 600 feet deep, provided a never-failing supply of cold, clear water. It was the best drinking water in the village, and 800 inhabitants, all of Robinson, depended upon it.

But one day the bucket emerged from the well containing a liquid con-

laminated with a foreign substance, later identified as oil. The contamination continued with increasing intensity until finally it was the purest mixture of gasoline and petroleum ever found in the United States.

The brown fluid tested 62.8 per cent. Only twice before in American oil history had petroleum in its natural state attained a test of 60 per cent. Geologists called upon to investigate said Robinson's oil supply filtered through a formation of quicksand and alkali which accounted for its unusual purity.

The oil continued to form a coating over the water in the town well and ruined utterly the formerly faithful source of supply. Many residents bemoaned the condition. But foreigners, with little interest in the quality of Robinson's water, reacted differently to the news of oil where only water had been before. Oil projects started immediately to appear.

Notable among the ventures launched was that of A. C. Townley, organizer and head of the Nonpartisan league during its political heyday. On a five acre tract near Robinson he caused to be erected a derrick towering 85 feet into the air, and around it a 15-foot board fence.

It was rumored outside the inaccessible enclosure that \$20,000 worth of casing and equipment was at the foot of the \$5,000 derrick and that Townley was spending a total of \$100,000 in his effort to tap the source of contamination of the Robinson town well.

Thus far, however, there has been no report of oil anywhere in the state except what accumulates in the well. Only pure water has been discovered under the crust of earth in Robinson and its environs. Other projects than those already started are planned. Hope for those to come and annoyance with those already started runs high.

LANDSLIDE PERILS SECTION OF VILLAGE

GENEVA, Jan. 7.—Part of the village of Schimberg is facing destruction by a 60-acre landslide inexorably approaching it.

The slide, which is estimated to weigh a million tons, has caused the inhabitants to demolish and carry their houses from the doomed section, while farmers in the region between the landslide and the village are cutting down their orchards so they can at least save some fire-wood from the coming havoc.

BLAST SMASHES WINDOWS

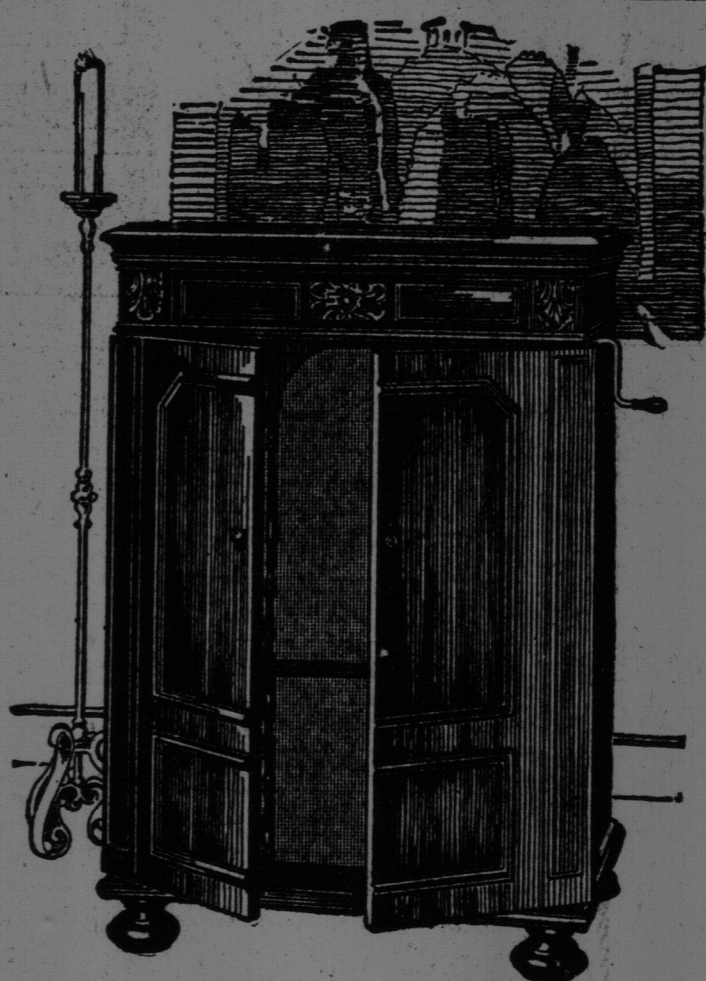
HAMILTON, Jan. 7.—Windows in office buildings and houses nearby were smashed when an explosion occurred in a telephone company's underground cable manhole near one of the main thoroughfares of the city. The force was so great that it blew the iron manhole cover, weighing 100 pounds, about 60 feet in the air.

GREAT SECRET REVEALED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—The mystery of the little room at the top of the Capitol dome, which is guarded by a heavy padlocked gate, plastered with warnings of severe punishment to those who ascend the stairs to it, was solved by an inquisitive visitor recently. Braving Senatorial wrath he vaulted the gate and climbed to the highest point in the dome. And there securely guarded lay the secret of the great nation—a well-used mop and pail!

KEEP A TRYST.

LONDON, Jan. 8.—Carrying out the provisions of a pact made 20 years ago, four men met on the steps of St. Paul's Cathedral. The four, with four others, had agreed in 1906 to meet for a celebration just 20 years later. Two were killed in the war, one has died since, and the fourth has disappeared.



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