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Another Sensation Regarding Zinovieff Letter Promised

20 MILLION GO TO POLLS IN U. S.

LABOR MINISTRY IS EXPECTED TO QUIT THIS AFTERNOON

Investigation of Russian Letter May Develop Startling Turn.

REPORTED GENUINE

Rumored Copy of Document Handed to Conservative ex-Minister, Oct. 22.

BY LLOYD ALLEN
(British United Press.)

London, Nov. 4.—Ramsay MacDonald will go to Buckingham Palace immediately after a cabinet meeting this afternoon, and will present the resignation of his ministry to King George, it was reliably stated today.

The cabinet's investigation of the authenticity of the Zinovieff letter for a time delayed MacDonald's visit to the palace.

The Daily Chronicle's political correspondent predicts a sensational announcement will be made regarding the Zinovieff letter. He declares its authenticity is virtually certain.

By Special Envoy.

A special messenger, the correspondent said, brought the letter from Moscow to London, while three or four "similar letters were sent simultaneously.

One of the latter, he says, "was handed to a very prominent Conservative ex-minister," who gave it to the press. The foreign office, learning the newspapers possessed a copy, immediately released theirs.

Question of Authenticity.

(By HERBERT BAILEY.)

London, Nov. 4.—(British United Press).—Sensational developments of the way in which the contents of the Zinovieff letter leaked out to the press are expected to come out of the post mortem now being conducted by the Government, which is being undertaken ostensibly to establish the authenticity of the document. One freely circulated report says that a copy of the letter was given to an unnamed former minister of the Conservative party at the wedding of Kipling's daughter on Oct. 22nd. The list of guests at that function reveals the names of Stanley Baldwin, Lord Curzon, Lord Milner. This same rumor says that from there the letter found its way into the hands of the press.

Meanwhile the Daily Herald is responsible for the statement that the cabinet committee now sitting under the chairmanship of Lord Haldane has as yet found no proof of its authenticity to which the Conservative papers reply that the committee has also found no proof of its forgery, and this appears to be the lines upon which the final report will be issued.

Stanley Baldwin has received hundreds of cables of congratulation from all parts of the Empire and especially from Canada.

He informed Tory headquarters this morning of these messages although he has not yet had time to read them all as he is still in the country but his Secretary is responsible for the statement that the number breaks all previous records.

N. B. BY-ELECTION IS SET FOR DEC. 1

Nomination Day in Moncton Contest Will Be on Nov. 24.

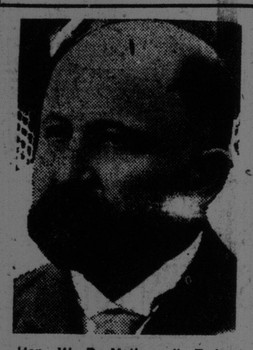
Fredericton, Nov. 4—December 1 was fixed at this morning's meeting of the Provincial Government as the date of the by-election in Moncton following the appointment of Ivan C. Rand as Attorney-General. Nomination day was set for November 24 and W. H. Price was named as returning officer.

Mrs. Harding Is Again Stricken

Marion, Ohio, Nov. 4. — (United Press.)—Mrs. Florence Kling Harding, widow of President Harding, "had a good night and is resting easy this morning," it was said at White Oak Farm early today.

Mrs. Harding is suffering from a recurrence of kidney trouble, with which she was stricken in 1922 at the White House.

May Retire From Political Field



Hon. W. R. Motherwell, Federal Minister of Agriculture, will retire from the political field, according to a rumor at Ottawa. He is suffering from a severe affection of the heart. He is the only supporter of the Government from Saskatchewan.

MILL POND WORK WILL GO AHEAD

Common Council Decides on Operation to Cost $51,000.

BOND ISSUES

Notice of Motion Given for Debentures Up to $287,000.

The City Council this morning decided to proceed with the building of a trunk sewer through the Carleton mill pond at an estimated cost of $51,000, pine timber to be used in the construction. Notice was given of the issue of bonds to the extent of $287,111.45 cents for civic works. Of this amount $172,111.45 is for hydro construction. The bonds will run from five to 40 years and will pay 5 per cent interest.

The Commissioner of Finance and Public Affairs recommended the payment of the following departmental accounts for the month of October last: Treasury Department, $404.96; Public Safety Department, $2,493.70; Public Works Department, $2,546.55; Water and Sewerage Department, $7,419.50; Harbors, Ferries and Public Lands Department, $2,302.43; and reported payments for the last month amounting to $170,775.05. Adopted.

The Committee of the Whole recommended that the offer of Harry B. Tippett of $400 for lot No. 6 in the Town Planning area of city lands, in Lancaster, be accepted, subject to the town-planning rules and regulations, upon the payment of the purchase money. Adopted.

Contract For Cloth.

Commissioner Harding recommended that the tender of Manchester Robertson Allison, Ltd., for 475 yards of blue cloth for uniforms, at $4,85 per yard, be accepted. Carried.

A communication from Fred N. Tucker, brother of Miss Charlotte Tucker of Epsom, England, who had given the city a sum of money for the development of Tucker Park, asking what action had been taken to improve the property, was read. It was referred to Commissioner Frink for a reply.

The commissioner said he made one or two surveys of the property and would probably make another one this afternoon to decide on the location of a road.

A communication from the chairman of the Board of Assessors pointing out that parts of Stanley Ward were liable for full valuation and asking that the council make the necessary order was read.

Mayor Potts said this was very timely as about $70,000 would be cut off this year by exemptions in income made under the legislation adopted last year.

On motion of Commissioner Frink the communication was referred to the committee of the whole, the chairman

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Wire Briefs

Paris, Nov. 4—(United Press)—Gabriel Faure, famous composer, died here today.

Philadelphia, Nov. 4—Thomas E. Cornish, first president of the Bell Telephone Company, is dead at a local hotel. He was 86 years old.

Berlin, Nov. 4—(United Press)—Four persons, including a woman, were killed today when a passenger plane crashed near Danzig. One of the dead was said to be Herr Weyer, editor of a Danzig newspaper.

PETER SMITH GETS ANOTHER 3 YEARS FOR CONSPIRACY

Sentence Will Run Concurrently, However, With Previous Term.

HOME BANK CASE

Former Ontario Treasurer Pleads Guilty—No Evidence is Taken.

(By Canadian Press.)

Toronto, Nov. 4.—Three years in the penitentiary was the sentence imposed by Mr. Justice Mowat this morning on Peter Smith, former provincial treasurer of Ontario, who pleaded guilty of conspiracy in connection with certain transactions with the defunct Home Bank. The proceedings were brief, and no evidence was taken.

Smith is already under sentence of three years on charges of conspiracy to defraud the province on bond sale transactions. Both sentences will run concurrently.

T. H. Lennox, K. C., appeared for Smith, when the indictment was read. Mr. Lennox stated that since the previous trial and conviction of Smith he had given the matter close consideration and, having in mind the great expense involved in a further trial on the new count, he had taken the responsibility of advising his client to plead guilty.

The indictment sets forth that Smith conspired with the late Brig.-General J. Cooper Mason, former general manager of the Home Bank, to "show certain favors" to Mason in return for commissions paid to him out of the proceeds of the sale of provincial bonds. The amounts said to have been paid to Smith in this connection in 1920 and 1921 totalled $72,000.

The indictment was not discussed by counsel in the very brief proceedings, and no explicit explanation of the charges against Smith was made in court this morning.

TWO CASES HEARD IN DIVORCE COURT

Decree is Ordered in Suit of Murray vs. Murray—Another Starts.

(Special to The Times-Star.)

Fredericton, Nov. 4—The divorce court opened here this morning. Twenty cases were filed, five of them being defended. Twelve causes come over from the July sitting. The defended cases are Elinor C. Barberie vs. Frank A. Barberie; Harry A. Doherty vs Ida Hazen Doherty; Eleanor Ada Garland vs. Alfred Absolom Garland; Sara Harquail vs. John Harquail; Myrtle V. Scott vs. Walter Frederick Scott.

The court proceeded to try the case of Daisy Murray vs. Allen Murray. The plaintiff is a native of Scotland, her maiden name being Matthews. The parties were married in parish of Bathurst, October 4, 1910, by Rev. Jabez M. Rice, Methodist. In August 1919 the wife returned to Scotland and spent four years with her own people and underwent an operation in hospital. Letters from a sister-in-law, the complainant alleges, informed her that her husband was living at Bathurst with Mrs. Leah Tripp. The wife returned to Bathurst last autumn and claims she found that the statement was correct.

The plaintiff, M. B. Dixon, acting deputy provincial secretary, Rev. Jabez Rice and Mrs. Mary Sargent gave evidence. R. B. Hanson, K.C., who appeared for N. A. Landry proctor, applied for a decree which the court declared would be ordered to issue.

In the case of Ethel Helena MacMurdo vs. Leslie Beecher MacMurdo, the parties reside in Moncton, the

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First Returns Favor Coolidge

New Ashford, Mass., Nov. 4—The vote of this town, the first to report its return in the presidential election Coolidge 20, Davis 4, Lafollette 0. The 1920 vote was: Harding 23; Cox 6.

Somerset, Vermont, Nov. 4—The vote of this town for president in today's election gave: Coolidge 8; Davis 0; Lafollete 0. The vote four years ago was: Harding 20; Cox 5. Four men and their wives, the sole voting population, cast their votes for Mr. Coolidge. This second announcement by any town in the county was made possible by agreement of all the voters to cast their ballots the first thing this morning and for Vermont's native son, President Coolidge.

NO FURTHER CUT IN HARBOR CHARGES

Common Council Decides Against Request to Confer Again.

TEST THIS WINTER

Communications of Steamship Men are Taken Up at City Hall.

The Common Council decided this morning that it could not meet the wishes of the steamship men for another conference on the matter of port rates on general cargo and grain and that it would not serve any good purpose to discuss the matter further, holding the view that they had gone as far as they possibly could in the way of reductions for 1924-25. The ground was taken by the commissioners that it was best to wait for developments this winter and if it was found that the citizens had to be taxed for a deficit on the harbor in order to compete with Portland then they would have to face that fact and make the necessary reductions.

Mr. Bosworth Writes.

The matter was brought up by Mayor Potts who said he had received a request that another conference be held. He read a telegram from G. M. Bosworth asking if the reported decrease of charges amounted to only five cents a ton on export cargo under the general freight classification and three cents on grain, to apply on Jan. 1, 1925, was correct and stating that if this were true steamship men who had expected more generous treatment, even if their request for the 1914 rates could not be complied with, would be disappointed.

To this His Worship replied that the reported decrease was correct and the council felt this was as far as they could go.

Later he had received a letter signed by Mr. Bosworth, enclosing a communication from Portland asking the C. P. R. to come to Portland for a conference on the matter of using that port for their steamers. In addition to this he had received a telegram signed by 13 of the steamship men asking for reconsideration of the action of the council and further reductions in the charges.

He also read a letter from H. C. Schofield, local agent of the Robert Reford Company, in which it was suggested that another meeting of the council, port committee and steamship men be held to see if some more satisfactory arrangement could not be arrived at.

Commissioners' Views.

His Worship expressed the opinion that no good purpose could be served by holding a conference if the members of the council felt they had gone as far as they could in making reductions. He asked for an expression of opinion from each.

Commissioner Harding said he felt the council had given the matter serious consideration and had arrived at the best offer they could make the steamship people and

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Cross Word Puzzle To Start Tomorrow

In The Times-Star tomorrow, on the magazine page, readers will find a Cross Word Puzzle, the new thing about which there is so much talk among old and young, and in which so many thousands are keenly interested.

This will be a daily feature, the puzzle appearing one day and the solution on the day following. You will find it fascinating. Begin in tomorrow's Times-Star.

CANADA MOVES TO ARRANGE A TRADE PACT WITH SPAIN

Will be the Fifth Arrangement Made by Present Government.

AUSTRALIAN PACT

Strong Opposition in Antipodes May Wreck New Agreement.

(Special to The Times-Star.)

Ottawa, Ont., Nov. 4.—Another evidence of the determination of the Federal Government to explore every possible avenue of better trade for Canada is furnished in information that negotiations have been resumed between this Dominion and Spain. W. McL. Clarke, Canadian Trade Commissioner in Italy and stationed at Milan has been instructed by Hon. T. A. Low, Minister of Trade and Commerce, to proceed to Madrid to take preliminary steps towards a trade arrangement with that country.

It is expected that the pact with Spain if and when effected will closely resemble that with other European countries, namely the exchange of most favored nation treatment. Two years ago it was intimated by Rt. Hon. W. S. Fielding that Spain had been "sounded" but was not then in a position to do business. The difficulty has been that Spain while obtaining from Canada the favored national treatment had little to offer in rcturn and consequently whatever arrangement would have been made would be one sided. It is understood that certain difficulties are to be removed so that the treaty can be made mutually advantageous.

A trade pact with Spain will make the fifth negotiated by the present government since it came into power in 1921. The other countries with which lucrative arrangements have been effected are France, signed on December 15, 1922, and negotiated by Rt. Hon. W. S. Fielding and Hon. Ernest Lapointe, Italy signed on January 4, 1923, Belgium signed in Ottawa a few days ago, the Netherlands signed this year and Australia the arrangement still awaiting exchange of ratifications.

In all the above with the exception of Australia an exchange of favored nation treatment is provided.

Australian Pact.

An impression which is abroad that the Australian trade treaty with Canada, in whole or in part, may become operative by order-in-council has nothing to justify it.

Premier Bruce has asked specifically that the treaty be ratified by the Canadian Parliament as has been done already by Australia and it is made clear by Hon. J. A. Robb, that no other course will be followed. The arrangement being mutual, the wishes of the Australian government have to be met even though the Dominion government was prepared to proceed more expediously.

Australia's desire to defer the arrangement until it is sanctioned by the Canadian Parliament is understood to be due to the fact that the last raisin crop has all been sold and the new crop will synchronize with the time that the treaty will be operative. In paper and some other commodities affected by the treaty Australia evidently wishes to get rid of the stocks on hand or contracted for before the arrangement is effective.

Arrangement In Danger.

Melbourne, Australia, Nov. 3.—(Canadian Press via Reuters).—The trade agreement which was completed recently by the governments of Australia and Canada providing for a mutual preference between the two overseas dominions is in danger of disruption because of strong opposition which has developed in the commonwealth against the pact. Already efforts are being made to have Australia secure release from her engagement.

The Melbourne Age today voices its strong opposition to the agreement. It declares that Canadian industries which are largely capitalized by Americans are getting the preference in certain classes of commodities at the expense of Great Britain. The Journal accordingly is urging the government to take the first opportunity of obtaining release from the agreement with Canada.

Mother and 2 Little Ones Perish In Fire

New York, Nov. 4.—Mrs. Mary Nebro, wife of the janitor of a building in a lower Manhattan, and her two children were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the building yesterday. The three bodies were found huddled in a hallway by firemen tearing down the ruins. It took the fire fighters more than an hour to bring the flames under control. Two men, attempting to rescue the trapped family, were overcome and had to be carried out of the building.

Recover Wealth From Sea

Far beneath the dredge boat shown here lies the British ship Lutine, sunk in 1799 off Holland with $15,000,000 in gold and silver. Dutch salvage engineers now hope to see that treasure come pouring up with the sand through their suction pipes.

Says Maritime Fish Sells For Five Times Cost In Ottawa Markets

Ottawa, Nov. 4—That fish from Maritime Provinces was sold at Ottawa at five times the price that the fishermen got for it at the ports was a statement made by J. H. Blair, local agent of the C. N. R. Express Company, in the course of a trade talk at the Rotary Club luncheon yesterday.

Mr. Blair said that when he asked the local storekeeper the reason for the large difference in price secured by the fishermen and that at which the fish was retailed in Ottawa he was told the express charges were so heavy. The speaker pointed out that the express rates on such fish were only 1¼ cents a pound.

GAME-KEEPER HELD

Ontario Jury Brings in True Bills For Murder and Lesser Charge.

Cobourg, Ont., Nov. 4. — William John Crossen, game-keeper on the estate of William James Crossen, Baltimore, was yesterday indicted before Justice Wright on charge of wilful murder of B. A. McCrodan, Toronto, and the shooting of Edward Rowe of Hamilton township, with intent to do grievous bodily harm. The grand jury returned true bills late in the afternoon and a few witnesses were heard before adjournment.

McCrodan was visiting Rowe over the week-end and was engaged in fishing when the tragedy occurred, in which, it is said, the accused fired two shots at point blank range from a 12-gauge shotgun.

CREW OF ERICSSON IS BELIEVED LOST

U. S. Cruiser Starts on Search For Sloop Last Heard From in August.

St John's, Nfld, Nov 4—Belief that the sloop Leif Ericsson with her crew of three has met disaster in the heavy Arctic ice along the Greenland coast is expressed at Battle Harbor, Labrador The little sailing craft, which set out along the Old Vikings' course from Bergen, Norway, bound for Battle Harbor, was last heard from at the latter port on August 14 Two and one half months have passed and the little vessel has not arrived

A telegram received here today from Battle Harbor said "No information whatever of Ericsson. Fear worst has happened to sloop and crew as Judge Wells of New York in motor yacht Shanghai who arrived here via Norway and Greenland on August 14, and left next day for New York, informed me that Ericsson was somewhere behind him and intended calling at Battle Harbor. Unlike the Shanghai, the Ericsson depended on sail only during her perilous voyage. The Shanghai encountered heavy Arctic ice near the Greenland coast barely escaping disaster. My opinion is that the Ericsson met her fate while contending with similar conditions near that coast."

Montreal Has First Snow Fall

Montreal, Nov. 4—Montreal sustained its first snow fall last evening. Flakes began to flutter down about 7.30, and as the night wore on the city was covered by a thin white mantle.

Pfaff Is Released On Bail In France

Brest, Nov 4—Max Jerome Pfaff, German-American on trial on the charge of complicity in the piracy of the French steamer Mulhouse, which was looted of 86,000 cases of whiskey off the Canadian coast last June, was released from jail yesterday on 5,000 francs bail

DEATHS REACH 25

Six Patients of Pneumonic Plague Still Under Treatment in Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, Nov. 4.—Four additional deaths here from what state and city medical men have diagnosed as pneumonic plague, brought the total mortality list attributable to the disease since October 19 to 25, according to an announcement by Dr. W. H. Kellogg, director of the California state hygienic laboratory.

Dr. Kellogg's list of remaining patients isolated at the Los Angeles General Hospital showed six still afflicted with the malady there.

Serum Sent by Plane.

Philadelphia, Nov. 4 — (United Press)—An airplane loaded with serum to combat the deadly pneumonia plague in the Mexican quarter of Los Angeles is racing across the continent today. The plane is expected to arrive in Los Angeles tomorrow night.

Weather Report

Synopsis—The pressure is high in Northwestern Canada, accompanied by wintry weather. The weather is also quite cold in Northern Ontario and in Quebec. A light snowfall has occurred in eastern and northern Ontario.

Forecasts:—

Cold; Snow Flurries.

Maritime — Moderate to fresh winds; partly cloudy and cold today and Wednesday; snow flurries.

Northern New England—Partly cloudy tonight. Wednesday fair and cooler; fresh to strong west to northwest winds.

Toronto, Nov. 4.—Temperatures:

	8 a. m.	Highest yesterday.	Lowest during night
Victoria	40	48	40
Calgary	—	46	—
Winnipeg	20	32	18
Toronto	42	46	36
Montreal	28	36	26
St. John	30	46	26
Halifax	32	42	30
New York	44	60	44

CAMPAIGN ENDED, LARGE ELECTORATE FLOCKS TO POLLS

Fair Weather Generally is Expected to Bring Out Record Vote.

CANDIDATES FINISH

Last Minute Speeches are Delivered by Coolidge and Davis.

(By Canadian Press.)

Washington, Nov. 4. — The largest electorate that ever cast a vote undertook today the task of unravelling the most puzzling tangle in the modern political history of the U. S.

With three major candidates in the field for President; with a full membership of the House to be chosen; with 34 senators and 34 governors to be elected, and with thousands of lesser offices to be filled, the twenty odd million qualified voters of the nation began their march to the polls at dawn. Throughout the length and breadth of the land, under generally fair weather conditions, they continued all day to record their will.

Four months of fervid oratory, charges, recriminations, accusations, claims, predictions and warnings were stored in the thoughts of the voters as they marked their decisions on their ballots.

Campaign Closed.

The Republican and Democratic standard bearers, Calvin Coolidge and John W. Davis, established a precedent a political campaigning by addressing an eleventh hour radio appeal last night to an audience that reached from coast to coast. Senator Lafollette, Independent candidate, closed his case with a statement to the voters.

President Coolidge's plea was one to urge every qualified citizen to vote today.

President Coolidge passed the day in the White House silently awaiting the returns; confident, and even planning for his new tenure of office. He and Mrs. Coolidge had mailed their ballots to their Northampton, Mass., home.

Mr. Davis, declaring the Democratic ticket would be returned because it deserved to win, voted at Locust Valley, Long Island, and prepared to receive the returns in his home.

Senator Lafollette, after an intensive drive, voted in Madison, Wis., his own town and he too expressed his belief that his cause had won the favor of the voters.

What Vote Means.

There are 435 seats in the house, of which the Republicans now hold 220, counting the Lafollette group, and the Democrats 206, and in the voting today in various parts of the country there are alignments, endorsements and unusual alliances between political groups because of which even the most sophisticated politicians hesitate to forecast the complexion of the next house, although both Democrat and Republic managers have formally placed their claims of victory.

The entry in the situation of the Railroad Brotherhood and the American Federation of Labor in support of Senator Lafollette, and their action at the same time in working for the election of various members of Congress favorable to Labor organizations, is another factor which it has been hard for the political prophet to fathom. Both the Republican and Democratic managers have scouted the idea that Labor would desert the older parties.

Duke of Devonshire Boomed For Cabinet

London, Nov. 4—(British United Press, by H. Bailey)—Strong representations are being made to Stanley Baldwin by influential men of Imperial outlook both in England and from the dominions that the Duke of Devonshire should join the cabinet as Secretary of State for the Colonies.

It is urged that his appointment would be popular in Canada in particular. It is understood the duke would be willing to accept the position.