

PARLIAMENTARY ABILITY AND EXECUTIVE GENIUS FEATURE MEIGHEN'S NEW MINISTRY

While Ottawa Slept New Cabinet Sworn in Before His Excellency Lord Byng—Quebec Gets Full Representation—French Canada Aply Represented—Hon. J. B. M. Baxter New Brunswick Member.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Sept. 21.—At an early hour this morning, while most of Ottawa slept, Mr. Meighen's new ministry was sworn in before His Excellency, Lord Byng. The new cabinet, although substantially as predicted, contained some surprises.

An outstanding new feature of the new Ministry is that it marks the result of Mr. Meighen's persistent efforts to give Quebec a full quota of representation in the Government. For the first time since 1917 French Canada is adequately and ably represented in its three Ministers Messrs. Monty, Bellefleur and Normand—being men of distinction and ability.

Representation by Provinces. The new Government contains no fewer than 11 members—one from the Maritime Provinces; three from Quebec; four from Ontario; one from Alberta; one from Saskatchewan and one from British Columbia.

Ontario—Five Ministers with portfolios and two without portfolios. Quebec—Four Ministers with portfolios. Nova Scotia—One Minister with portfolio and one without portfolio.

New Brunswick—One Minister with portfolio. Manitoba—The Prime Minister. Saskatchewan—One Minister with portfolio. Alberta—One Minister with portfolio.

British Columbia—Two Ministers with portfolios. With the announcement of the new cabinet several figures, who have bulked large in the national spotlight for many years, pass from the stage.

Sir George Foster, who has served under six premiers, and who has been a salient personality in the House of Commons since 1915, also leaves the scene. He has been prominent on the international stage, being one of Canada's plenipotentiaries at Paris, and it is said that he is slated for a high appointment. Mr. Wigmore, who was Minister of Customs, and Mr. Blomdin, who was Postmaster General, also pass out.

The consensus of opinion here is that Mr. Meighen had produced a good cabinet. It is not a collection of talents, nor of intellectual giants, nor of supernormal men, but a splendid average of parliamentary and executive ability. Of the new men, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Stevens and Mr. Stewart are excellent parliamentarians with youth and energy before them, and successful records behind them, while Dr. Manion is a young man of brilliant attainments, of unimpeachable integrity and of the parliamentary skill, in addition he is the possessor of a distinguished record in France and should be popular with returned soldiers.

Dr. Baxter, although not well known in upper Canada, has had a successful career before the bar and in politics in New Brunswick. He is an excellent platform speaker and should bring the Government strength where it was weakest—on the platform. Mr. Bristol and Dr. Edwards are not regarded as either strong popular appointments, but both have energy and industry, and may do better than many suppose.

As for Quebec, its position is considerably stronger. True, Mr. Doherty's retirement will weaken its English-speaking representation, Mr. Balfour being not a parliamentarian of strength or experience, but this is more than counterbalanced by the three new French Canadian Ministers who are men of respectability and capacity.

Cabinet of Specialists. In a sense it is a Cabinet of specialists. Thus, in the Department of Soldier's Civil Re-establishment, there is an eminent soldier, in Justice a famous lawyer, in the Labor Department a labor leader, in the Department of Agriculture a leading farmer, in Trade and Commerce, a successful business man, and so to the end of the chapter. Finally, it is a cabinet of fighters. The old ministry lacked militancy. It was without pep and punch, inclined to let things drift. And things drifted. The new Ministry is different. In Bennett, Stevens, Manion and Stewart, it has four of the finest fighting parliamentarians that politics has produced in years. Keen, able debaters all; fighters who scorn quarter and give none. They will make a formidable group in the debate and in the hustings.

LLOYD GEORGE PHRASES FINAL OFFER TO IRELAND

London Hears New Proposal Is In Words That Can Be Accepted.

ELECTION RUMORS ARE DENIED

Speaking Campaign However Will Be Conducted to Enlighten People on Question.

(United Press) London, Sept. 21.—Lloyd George, surrounded by cabinet officials chiefly concerned in a solution of the Irish question, spent the greater part of today formulating a reply to Eamon De Valera's latest message asking for an "open" peace conference.

There is a feeling that this message can be accepted by De Valera. This caused a feeling of gratification throughout political circles in the Capital. There is a feeling that this message will mark an end to correspondence and that the next step will be the conference itself.

It is understood the note is being framed with four purposes in view. First, it must be couched in capital. There is a feeling that this message is necessary for a coalition with the parliament; second, it must avoid any loose characterization of the status of Ireland's delegates, and, fourth, it must place on De Valera the responsibility for breaking off negotiations if the peace drive comes to a sudden failure.

Throughout the day citizens of Galway, a little Scotch town which has become the British Government's headquarters, were thrown into excitement by the arrival of cabinet ministers.

Sir Hamar Greenwood, Chief Secretary for Ireland, Lord Birkenhead, Winston Churchill, Sir Alfred Mond and Dr. T. J. McNamara were among the prominent officials attending the session. Lord Fitzalan, viceroy for Ireland, also being present.

Frederick Fair Real Hummer Record Crowds, Superb Exhibits and Banner Attractions Count for Success.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Sept. 21.—The Fredericton Exhibition, with a half week gone, tonight is assured on its way to the greatest success ever attended a fair in this city.

The attendance today was large and it is confidently expected that when the monthly record is announced tomorrow morning another attendance record will be shown.

Visitors pronounce the Fredericton fair to be the best so far held in the province in a number of departments. The agricultural and live stock sections have not been surpassed this year.

Other classes or exhibits also are far above the average. The outdoor attractions are making a great hit with the public and the balloon ascension, although a feature of fairs for more than a generation, still attracts the greater attention.

The aeronauts and live stock sections in a gale of wind which carried the big bag rapidly across the St. John river. He made two parachute drops landing safely near the mouth of the New Brunswick river. The balloon, an old one, which takes the place of that destroyed by fire in Tuesday's ascension, fell safely near the same spot.

Death Claims Digby Woman Leader in Social Affairs Passes Away Under Particularly Sad Circumstances.

Special to The Standard. Digby, N. S., Sept. 21.—A death, under particularly sad circumstances, occurred this evening when Maad, beloved wife of Major M. C. Denton, of the firm of Denton & Condon, passed away after an illness of less than twenty-four hours.

She was taken ill her husband was in Pictou County and when the seriousness of her condition was fully realized it was a difficult job to locate him. It was last evening before he could be secured and informed of his wife's condition and he then started a race with death. Autos and trains were taken advantage of and he reached Digby in time to see his wife die. The baby daughter, for whom she gave her life, died during the night. Besides her husband she leaves one son, Sydney, a mother, and a number of brothers and sisters. She was a great favorite and tonight the whole town is sorrowing with the bereaved ones.

If you suspect a man, do not employ him; if you employ him, do not suspect him.

TERRIFIC EXPLOSIONS ROCK GERMAN CITIES CAUSING LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY

Two Baths A Week Held Necessary For Health

Washington, D. C., Sept. 21.—Every body ought to bathe at least twice a week in order to be healthy. The Saturday night scrubbing is not enough. This went down in the Government book as an official rule today advocated by the United States Bureau of Education, which has started a nationwide drive for healthier school children and teachers.

In addition to frequent bathing, the bureau declared the teeth should be brushed at least once a day; that children should sleep long hours with windows open, drink plenty of milk, but no coffee or tea, and that they should play out of doors every day.

Thousands Greet General Pershing Arrived in Paris Yesterday to Confer Honor on Unknown French Soldier.

(United Press) Paris, Sept. 21.—General John J. Pershing arrived at Havre and proceeded here today. He was greeted by thousands of throngs. Pershing, in United States interview, reiterated the denial that his visit to France was connected with the possible withdrawal of American troops of occupation on the Rhine, and declared his sole mission was to confer Congressional medals upon the unknown French soldier buried beneath the Arc de Triomphe, and unknown British Tommy in London.

In his program for the tour of France Pershing hopes to visit all American cemeteries and battle fields.

Lobster Subject of Discussion Maritime Fishery Conference Considered Best Methods for Handling Crustacean.

Special to The Standard. Charlottetown, P. E. I., Sept. 21.—The lobster formed the main theme of discussion at the maritime fishery conference here today when fishery, fishermen and officers held a joint meeting. Chief Inspector Fisher, of Halifax, presided.

W. F. Tidmarsh, of Charlottetown, presided over the discussion with a comprehensive paper on the economic loss suffered by the lobster industry for years past by the discoloration of the canned goods, quality of the pack, hazardous and unsanitary methods. There must be more scientific operation of canneries if the industry which is still full of great possibilities is to be prosecuted successfully.

The illegal catching of lobsters was dealt with during the discussion. Inspector Galt was pointed out that, though this is election time, pressure might be brought to bear by politicians to suspend penalties or be lax in the enforcement of the law, there would be a violation if he knew of them. The best method of preventing the discoloration in the pack, caused by bacteria, was discussed at considerable length and Dr. Knight, the biologist, who has been conducting investigations for some time, declared that the scientists are now ready to announce the remedy to cover all cases. Two baths of an hour and a half with a cooling period between each would be helpful in killing the bacteria.

A resolution was passed calling upon the Federal Government to establish a modern cannery on the island for carrying on scientific experiments and instructional work among packers, fishermen and fishermen. Another resolution was passed commending the Federal Department for the researches now going on. Demonstrations in bacteria development were given by Dr. Knight and Dr. Clarence Tidmarsh.

Knickerbockers and Politics Clashed Stafford, Penn., Sept. 21.—Knickerbockers—For girls—have entered politics and lost. Mrs. Elton E. Sullivan, candidate for school director on Republican ticket in Treduyarin township, wore 'em. They became the subject of a bitter political fight. Should she or shouldn't she? Pictures of the lady on golf links used in campaign. Town voted she shouldn't. Mrs. Sullivan was the defeated candidate.

Masonic Honor To Brooklyn Man Boston, Sept. 21.—Leon M. Abbott, of Brooklyn, was elected most Excellent Sovereign Grand Commander, Supreme Council, thirty-third degree, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Masons for Northern Jurisdiction of North America. Abbott was past grand master Massachusetts Masons.

Railroad Train Buried, Blocks of Houses Smashed and Occupants Killed—Cities Mad With Anguish and Shock Only Controlled by Stern and Impressive French Garrison Guards—Hysterical Women Beg to Search Ruins.

(United Press). Berlin, Sept. 21.—In confused and conflicting dispatches received here from Mannheim and Ludwigshafen on Rhine, Wednesday night, came evidence that there were explosions in Ludwigshafen, Wednesday, destroying portions of both cities with loss of life estimated between 700 and 1000.

It was the worst disaster of the kind in Europe for many years. Not even bombing raids, to which the cities became more or less accustomed and which spread terror and panic were comparable in effects to the explosion in the Oppauer Chemical Works, of Mannheim which, apparently, caused other explosions in quick succession, and buried three railroad trains, smashed whole blocks of houses, killing occupants, and even caused windows to come crashing down in fragments in Frankfurt, over 40 miles away.

For the time being every able bodied person in the stricken cities, and everyone able to get there was occupied with the work of searching the debris for the wounded and dead and relieving the distress of those whose homes had suddenly been destroyed. From nearby cities all available doctors and nurses have been sent in. It was impossible, Wednesday evening, to obtain accurate estimates of the number of dead, extent of stricken area or exact cause of explosion. So great was the force of the blast that telephones and telegraph connections were rendered useless and there has been no labor spared to repair the damage.

French Guards in Charge The city of Ludwigshafen was city mad with anguish and shock Wednesday night, controlled only by stern and impressive French garrison guards who barred everyone but fire fighters and relief workers from danger zone. Hysterical women and children flocked around the guards at their posts and beseeched permission to pass and search among the ruins for their loved ones. But it was not only to preserve order that the garrison was keeping back bereaved natives. There was real danger in ruins. Danger recognized by firemen who dared not go among ruins without gas masks such as were worn in the line during the war.

Fire Followed Explosion Fire broke out in debris immediately after explosion and continued to burn long after the explosion. Thousands of people homeless, their dwellings demolished in that awful instant, meagrely described in dispatches which correspondents have been able to send through to Berlin by various resourceful manoeuvres. Some of these dwellings were a long way from the plant site; yet the explosion buckled walls and sent roofs crashing down on occupants, without even warning of cracking timbers. It was an instantaneous occurrence, according to advices here.

Badische Anilin Soda Co. Issued a statement Wednesday evening explaining that the disaster was caused by an explosion of 4,000 ton container of ammonium sulphate and saltpetre. What caused the explosion the firm is unable to say, however, and explanation probably will never be known.

Estimates of number of dead still range from 300 to 600. Everywhere in Oppau are masses of ruins, and dispatches describe the sight of groups of dead and wounded lying in the streets.

Hospitals of Ludwigshafen and Mannheim are overcrowded with casualties. Surgeons and nurses from other cities in a wide radius have come into the stricken town to volunteer, and search among the ruins for starting work. One estimate was received here during the evening plating dead at about 700.

The Oppau works was devoted to manufacture of artificial nitroglycerin. Bulletin Berlin—Dispatches received here from Karlsruhe tonight said 1200 killed or wounded in Ludwigshafen explosion. Damage to property estimated 200,000,000 marks.

Bulletin London—There were one employes at work in Oppau plant of Badische Anilin Soda Co., Ludwigshafen, none of whom could possibly have survived the explosion, today, according to Exchange Telegraph dispatch forwarded by way of Paris. The explosion was plainly audible in Mayence. From several sources Exchange correspondents received estimates of 1,000 dead all told, and many more injured.

Bishop Richardson More Comfortable May Not Be Necessary for Him to Undergo Surgical Operation.

Fredericton, Sept. 21.—Very Rev. Scott Neales has received a telegram from Rivier du Loup, Que., from Right Rev. Dr. J. A. Richardson, Bishop of Fredericton, who was then on route to Montreal, stating that he had recovered from the acute attack with which he was seized at Bathurst Sunday, and that it might not be necessary for him to undergo the operation for which he had been ordered to Montreal.

The physician who attended the Lordship at Bathurst diagnosed his case as gall stones.

STUCK IN A HOLE One of the city's trucks which was assisting in the work being done by the water and sewerage department on Prince William Street, got stuck in a hole in front of the Consumers' Coal Co. office at 8.30 yesterday morning and could not be released for over half an hour.