

### ONTARIO CABINET LOOKS TO FARMERS

Novel and Unprecedented Situation Now Created, Premier Hearst Declares.

Although the members of the Ontario cabinet were in session for several hours yesterday there was nothing accomplished which in any way contributed towards clarifying the present somewhat complicated and unprecedented political situation. Sir William Hearst and his colleagues are, as a matter of fact, awaiting the outcome of the deliberations of the U.F.O. members who met in Toronto yesterday to discuss their line of action and to decide upon the important question of leadership.

The cabinet ministers are really more concerned upon what is going on outside than in their own particular circle. The large majority of them know their own ultimate fate as decreed by their constituents on Monday last, and it is only a question for them just how long they will be permitted to cling to the sweets of office. Thus they are now the interviewees rather than the interviewers. They question the newspapermen, whereas the latter have so long been accustomed to the role of the inquisitors. They want to know what is doing outside.

Much hinges upon the farmers, who in their wildest dreams never recognized that they would really hold the key to the Ontario political situation. They expected to be strong numerically, of course, as the result of the elections, but not quite to the extent of practically holding the balance of power. The farmers have long enjoyed the reputation of being the backbone of the country in a commercial or economic sense, but it is a new experience for them to be the bone of contention for assuming control of the government of the province. They have great opportunities and possibilities.

Meanwhile the Ontario cabinet members are sitting tight on the portfolios and discussing any new outside phase which may be brought to their attention. They have not yet in their mind the man for whom the lieutenant-governor is likely to "send," and they are not doing much worrying over it. Some of the suggestions, it is said, cause them some amusement. The one man for whom they hope Sir John Hendrie will not "send" is undoubtedly Sir Adam Beck, whose efforts for hydro development they claimed as their own during the warring of the political campaign, but whom one or two of them at least have been known to "knite" as the opportunity presented itself. Sir Adam, however, is able to look after himself.

Cabinet Family Gathering. In the event of the lieutenant-governor not being able to arrive at a "find," the next possibility would be for the legislature to assemble in session as elected. It would, soon be known then how the different parties lined up, and Sir John Hendrie's taste might then be a much easier one. Just now, however, everything is absolutely in the speculative region, and this "wait and see" policy must necessarily be adopted.

All the members of the Hearst cabinet family gathered around their vanquished chieftain yesterday, and as most of them had also suffered defeat at the polls there must have been considerable mutual condoling. They looked anything like a funeral crowd, however. Sir William Hearst is not famed for his sunny smile, but he did not appear to be any less cheerful than when, for instance, addressing a public meeting. He seemed to think the people wanted a change—and that was all. Hon. Tom McElderry is not the type of man to be down-hearted over a political defeat and losing a measure of control over the purse strings of the province, and he was anything but yesterday.

Attorney-General's Future. Hon. Finlay Macdonald breezed into the premier's sanctum as the nothing had happened to him, while Hon. I. B. Lucas, the little attorney-general, was quite perky when he remarked that the "government's" front line had been attacked and badly beaten by irregular forces. "I. B." will now be able to carry out his pre-election threat and

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retire to his law practice. Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, one of the survivors of the "something that hit the Hearst government," was as radiant as the his machine had responded to all the calls made upon it. Dr. A. E. Ross, still proud of his acclamation and Hon. Dr. Preston, the rejected of North Lanark, both ministers without portfolio, also figured at the cabinet table.

The discussion went on for several hours while the newspapermen were making their own slates outside. . . . Nobody expected any finality to be reached, so that nobody was surprised when Sir William Hearst said: "No decision has been reached. The situation is novel and unprecedented and we will have to wait. It requires very careful consideration." A further meeting of the cabinet will be held today, but it is not expected that anything of importance will develop unless the farmers come to a momentous decision.

Saw Lieutenant-Governor. Following yesterday's cabinet gathering, Sir William Hearst had an interview with Sir John Hendrie in the latter's private office, but nothing was divulged. Sir John Hendrie, departing somewhat from vice-regal custom, gave another interview yesterday. This time it was on the question of Hartley Dewart's resignation as Liberal leader, commenting upon the Liberal leader's action in dealing with the provincial situation.

"I said nothing," Sir John Hendrie remarked, "that would indicate that Mr. Dewart was or was not the man I had in view. I mentioned no names yesterday, and Mr. Dewart should have taken nothing to himself."

### POLICE BATTLE WITH SOLDIERS

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quarters. She flatly refused to leave her husband. Finally a policeman took both Mr. and Mrs. Rose from the automobile and escorted them to Police Station No. 2, Dundas street, where a large gathering of irate friends of Flynn accompanied them. The streets were so crowded at various points that street cars could not pass with difficulty. Finally, at the police station Rose and his wife were taken in, and in a few minutes Mrs. Rose was taken home while her husband remained at the station several hours.

"Lynch Rose." Shouting for the crowd to close in on the police and release Rose so that they might maul him, the jeering crowd circled the police north of Shuter street and managed to push Rose in a doorway. Rose was struck several times in the face, but Inspector Bond and his men circled their man and kept the crowd from circling him. Mrs. Rose screamed several times when cries of "Lynch Rose!" were shouted.

An effort was made by the ring-leaders to have the crowd gather in front of West Dundas street station and prevent the police from entering the station. The reserves were lined up and, seeing that they were helpless, the howling mob stood around and hooped until it was suggested that they go after Secretary William Turley of the Dominion G.W.V.A. They then lined up and started towards Yonge street, passing by the station on Yonge street, passersby were asked to fall in.

At Queen and Yonge streets the crowd had reached several hundred, and when they reached the Don river there was a following of nearly 3000. In the meantime all of the reserves and day men due to go off duty at 10:45 were sent in the motor service directed to Carlaw avenue to guard the home of Turley. Four mounted men and 35 constables lined the street opposite Withrow Park and met the crowd as it marched up the street.

Drove Crowd Before Them. When the police halted, two men standing behind a fence hurled a brick at one of the police horses. The horse jumped with fright and Inspector John Pogue ordered his men to disperse the crowd. The mounted men drove them south to Gerard street with little difficulty. At 11:30 they had all boarded street cars and proceeded back to Yonge street. Charles Johnston, 86 Strathecona avenue, the police say, would not move on and Constable Donaldson arrested him on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Inspector Bond deemed it advisable to keep Rose at the station for protection until midnight. Mrs. Rose was escorted to the street car by Plainclothesman Ward and sent to her home.

The police handled the fracas well and on no occasion were the batons used. Inspector Bond, speaking to The World last night, said that in his opinion all street corner meetings should be stopped. There is no law intended to prevent persons from holding "soup box" meetings unless they become disorderly.

The crowd took exception to statements made by Rose, and had it not been for Bond saying that if the crowd stood aside he would arrest Rose, more serious trouble would have developed. It is stated that Secretary Turley, being forewarned, left his residence long before the crowd arrived.

### LABOR NEWS

#### MOVIE OPERATORS HEAR BEN TILLET

British Labor Leader Tells of His Country's Sacrifices.

Ben Tillet, the great British labor leader, was the guest at the banquet held by the moving picture operators, local 173, at the Clarence Club, King street, yesterday. Mr. Tillet dwelt upon the stirring sacrifices made by the workers of Britain, suddenly become her warriors. It was with pride, he said, that he pointed to the accomplishments of even the youngest among them. "Enter for us all that we have done for our country," he said, "for it is not devoid of ambition," he said. "War is horrible, devastating, brutizing. But it links up those who do battle with the mysteries of antiquity, the empires of the Medes, of Greece, of Rome, of Macedonia and of all those great nations whose history is now shrouded in the mists of antiquity. We realize that they fell not because of any looseness of morals, but because they lacked a great common people. If the war which we are now fighting from the great demon of inhumanity is over it does not mean that the still greater war which we are now fighting has reached its conclusion."

Mr. Tillet urged the need of greater heartiness in the general life of the workers, a factor which was lacking among Britishers, who took their duties and pleasures so seriously. "For instance," he said, "if the dockers in London hold a social evening the daughter of the house feels she must do something to enliven the guests, so she straghtaway sings such a song as 'Oh, Father, Father, Dig, Dig Me a Grave.'"

Bitter was the speaker's invective against Judge Gary of Indiana. "That brutal creature has successfully assumed that the worker is but a chattel of corporations, with no more soul than the cattle and beasts of the field. Friends, it is not the worker who is productive of Bolshevism than any other force I know."

Other well-known guests of the occasion were Tom Cook, president of the Dominion Trades Congress; James Simpson, Dave Carey and James Bailey of the Exhibitors' Association. Mr. Moore specially drew attention to Canada as that link which bound the democracy of the United States to the still greater democracy across the sea. James Simpson made a strong appeal to the hundreds present to join the ranks of those workers who decided to gain the reforms by dint of the ballot, and Dave Carey congratulated the union upon its great progress during its short but splendid career.

William Covatt, in a short resume of the history of the union which he is a general organizer, stated that during the past two years the union had succeeded in increasing wages for the operators by more than \$2 a week. It operated on a four-hour schedule and by nearly \$18 a week for day operators who were present to the number of thirty men. President Shay of the union, who is very ill at his residence in New York, was unable to be present.

#### WEST YORK MUDDLE.

Official counts of the West York office will commence today at West at 2 o'clock. Up till 3 o'clock there were misapprehensions among labor men as to the way matters were proceeding with respect to the ballots, word being rumoured that all the ballot boxes had not been received at the West Central station (West York town hall). But at 3 o'clock the Labor Party campaign in Toronto stated that the last box had been received from Etobicoke. It was stated that Toronto district that considerable difficulties were felt among men in the factory district, which the West York office was noted from. He stated that he had been even by the opposition to Mr. Simpson. Mr. Stephenson stated that there were still fifty-six subdivisions to be made. He challenged the figures presented by the "Telegraph" in its Tuesday issue and stated that the returns were so involved at the moment that neither the press nor anyone else could venture an opinion as to the majority against the Labor candidate.

#### DEWART REPLIES TO LT.-GOVERNOR

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were also busy at the task of making government, as one that will work and premiers who will be acceptable to the particular interests of newspapers are anxious to serve.

The convention of U.F.O. members and defeated candidates sat all day and sealed at the evening. The doors were closed and no one not intimately connected with the organization was allowed council room. But one official statement, that printed on this page, was given out. The members refused absolutely to discuss the matter. Many rumors and stories were in circulation, however, and the one which seemed to have the nearest ticket to truth on it was that the Hon. T. A. Crerar had been offered the leadership of the party and had refused it.

The interview given to The Star on Tuesday and the not reply thepelo of H. H. Dewart, Libera leader, that "the people are not in the humor to tolerate any further manipulation of the business of the government, no matter what source it comes from," afforded ample food for debate.

The Second Interview. The Star was able yesterday to add another interview by the lieutenant-governor, also from Sir William Hearst, the premier without a political habitat. Following is the interview with the lieutenant-governor:

"I said nothing yesterday that would indicate that Mr. Dewart was or was not the man I had in view," said Lieutenant-Governor Sir John Hendrie, when shown the statement issued to the press last night (Tuesday) by Mr. H. Hartley Dewart, claiming that Sir John's natural course was to call upon the successful leader of the Liberal party to form a government. "I mentioned no names yesterday and Mr. Dewart

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### ELECTRIC WORKERS CANNY STRIKERS

Not Desiring to Inconvenience Public, Nevertheless, Do So Ruthlessly.

Herbert Lewis, general business manager for the International Union of Machinists, yesterday investigating the strike of the electrical workers of the Toronto Street Railway Company on the evening of September 3, stated that in an interview with an evening paper that the electrical workers had refused to join the metal trade workers in their strike because such action might inconvenience the public, but almost immediately had gone out themselves. Harry Harper, general organizer for the machinists, stated that the union had been twitted by certain employers with not demanding more money during the progress of the war. He refused, however, to give out any names in this connection, Judge Gunn, ruling in his favor.

Distress to Public. I answer to James T. Gunn, Commissioner R. C. Harris stated that distress was occasioned to the public by the strike, so that he could not think of any reason for the men going out without giving proper notice.

C. A. B. Brown, vice-president of the Canadian National Exhibition, stated that the strike had decreased the attendance to the extent of about 17,000, and the monetary loss was in the neighborhood of \$10,000.

Frank Dainty, a member of the union who was present at the meeting which called the strike (Sunday) said that he gloried in the strike, and Peter White, counsel for the Toronto Railway Company, observed that corporations were not alone in damning the public.

HARMONY IN COAL YARDS. Harmony of the best sort is said to prevail between the coal yards and their men. The men are now receiving from \$24 to \$28 a week for a ten-hour day, whereas before the strike, which is said to have resulted from a misunderstanding connected with the teamsters' strike of some weeks previous, the men were working ten hours a day on a weekly wage of only \$22.

CANADIAN INDUSTRIAL UNION. Canadian Federation of Labor officials report the organization of the Canadian Industrial Union of Railway Workers in Calgary under the auspices of the federation.

### Returning Soldiers

It is announced that the following returning soldiers for Toronto military district arrived in Quebec yesterday on the Burma. The names are of men for Toronto city unless otherwise designated: Capt. H. T. Crumplin, Hamilton; S. Haines, A. E. McKinnon, Angus; Serg. W. P. Ackerman, Serg. J. C. Bradbury, Hamilton; Serg. W. H. Milligan, Serg. J. M. Irvine, Gunn; G. A. Anderson, Pte. J. E. Cook, Pte. H. G. Cabbett, Hamilton.

### BRITISH HEROES ASSUME TITLES

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