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## City Will Appeal Judge White's Interference Decision NO N.B. GENERAL ELECTION THIS YEAR

### COUNCIL DECIDES TO GO TO COURT AND UTILITIES BOARD

Will Ask Letter for Approval of City's Distribution System.

### CONFERENCE TODAY

Course Settled on at Meeting of Mayor, Commissioners and Solicitor.

The Common Council this morning, at a special session, decided to appeal from the decision of Mr. Justice White in the matter of the New Brunswick Power Co. vs. the City of St. John and to make an application to the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities for the Province of New Brunswick for approval of the works which have been carried on by the Civic Power Commission in erecting the distribution system.

### RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

The following resolutions were adopted:—  
"Moved by Commissioner Frink, seconded by Commissioner Harding: That the city solicitor be instructed to appeal the case of the N. B. Power Co. vs. the City of St. John."  
"Moved by Commissioner Wigmore, seconded by Commissioner Harding: That the city solicitor be instructed to make an application to the Board of Public Utilities for approval of the works for the distribution of electricity constructed by the city through the Power Commission of the City of St. John, and to be constructed by that body upon streets and highways where the poles, wires and works of the N. B. Power Co. were placed, or may be placed, in priority, and that the Mayor and common clerk be instructed to sign the petition for purpose and effect the common seal of the city thereon."

### JUDGE'S DECISION.

The decision was as follows:—  
"The order I have decided to make is, that the provisions of said c. 28 shall apply to any and all cases of alleged interference as to which relief is asked in this suit, in respect to which the defendant shall within thirty days from today, or within such further time as by a Judge of this Court on application of the plaintiff may allow, apply to said Board, pursuant to said Act, for the Board's approval and allowance of the location and construction complained of in this suit by the plaintiffs, should the defendant therein said thirty days, or any extension thereof granted as aforesaid, to make such application to said Board in respect to any of said cases of alleged interference then in suit, on application of the plaintiffs, grant the injunction asked for in this suit in any and all of such last mentioned cases as I think the law and facts require."  
"I reserve leave to both parties to make further application herein."

### BOUND AND ROBBED

#### First Victim of Bobbed-Haired Bandit is Held Up Again.

New York, Oct. 31.—Richard Hofferman of Brooklyn, who was the first robbery victim of the "bobbed-haired bandit," Celia Conroy, who with her husband was sent to prison for their series of crimes a year ago, was held up by two thieves soon after he had opened his store one day this week. They bound and gagged Hofferman, took his diamond pin, emptied the register and fled.  
Hofferman later released himself from the chair by which he had been tied, but he couldn't free his hands or remove the gag, so he went for help to a neighboring store. The thieves got several hundred dollars.

### Two Liberals In N. S. Selected

Turo, N. S., Oct. 31.—M. B. Archibald, Halifax barrister and Frank A. Reynolds, Upper Stewiacke, were chosen as candidates at the county convention of the Liberal party held here today.

### Cells Kept Cold So Beer Won't Explode

Attabasco, Oct. 31.—Why is the cell room in the new St. John's Jail so cold? The answer is, because the cells are kept cold so that the beer in the kegs will not explode. The last time that the kegs exploded was in 1902, and it is feared that it might happen again if the cells were not kept cold.

### SUSSEX MAN NEAR DEATH AS RESULT OF WOODS ACCIDENT

Shot by Rifle in Hands of a Younger Brother While Hunting.

### LEG AMPUTATED

Victim Lay 3 Hours in the Woods While Brother Went for Help.

(Special to The Times-Star.)  
Sussex, Oct. 31.—David Anderson, a Sussex man, was shot in the leg at the home of David Taylor, Jr., in a critical condition, as a result of a shooting accident which occurred on Friday afternoon in the woods of Jordan Mountain.

Mr. Anderson and his brother were out hunting and while traveling through some thick growth the rifle of the younger man was discharged and the bullet passed through the leg of David's right leg. The other at once started for help to bring his brother out of the woods and had to go about a mile and a half before he was able to get assistance. When the ambulance arrived the bullet had struck the leg and it was about three hours before the injured young man was located and when found he was very weak from loss of blood.

He was taken to the home of Mr. Taylor and Dr. H. McAllister was summoned. Soon after the accident a leg amputation was performed and it was found necessary to amputate the leg above the knee.

A little after noon today word was received by Dr. McAllister that the patient had developed a chill and cough and it was feared that pneumonia might develop, as the young man had just recovered from an attack of measles.

### ADmits PART IN BLACKMAIL PLOT

Woman Says Guilty to Charge of Attempting to Get \$80,000.

Boston, Oct. 31.—Mrs. Abraham Levy of Binghamton, N. Y., who is Eleanor Barnes was the lure used by a ring of blackmailers and extortionists to gain a large sum from men of wealth who were compromised, pleaded guilty in the Superior Court to a charge of conspiring to extort \$80,000 from Victor A. Searies by accusing him of crime.

### HAD BONDS IN GLOVE

Washington Police Follow New Clue to Security Duplication.

Washington, Oct. 31.—The finding of two \$5,000 United States gold bonds in a woman's glove in a rooming house on nominal bonds, with the finding here, gave the House Banking and Currency Committee a new lead in its long investigation of charges of duplication of treasury securities.

So far nothing has indicated that the securities are not genuine, but the committee subpoenaed Inspector Clifford L. Grant of the Washington detective force to testify as to the circumstances surrounding the discovery.

Three negroes were taken into custody in the case and held for investigation. Police said they had been trying to sell the bonds, their explanation being that they had picked them up in the Union Station here where some one had lost them.

### LABOR CABINET DEFERS ACTION UNTIL TUESDAY

Question of Resignation or Otherwise Likely to be Decided Then.

### MAJORITY GROWS

Latest Returns Give Conservatives 401 Out of 615 Seats.

### BY LLOYD ALLEN

(United Press Staff Correspondent.)  
London, Oct. 31.—Prime Minister MacDonald and his colleagues of the Labor Government postponed today until next Tuesday the decision they must make—whether to resign at once in view of the Conservatives or to face a hostile parliament and be beaten on the first test vote.

With the Conservative press clamoring today for immediate resignation, MacDonald summoned cabinet to No. 10 Downing Street at 10.30 a. m. The cabinet adjourned at noon, to meet again next Tuesday.

Whatever the Labor Government's decision, the prospects are that Great Britain will have a Conservative regime for four solid years.

A few additional returns were received from Scotland today bringing the standing of the parties to:—  
Conservatives ..... 401  
Labor ..... 164  
Liberal ..... 60  
Independents ..... 4  
Constitutionalists ..... 3  
Communists ..... 603  
Total ..... 609

### Letter Discussed.

One of the most important matters discussed at the meeting was the alleged Zenolet letter. It is believed that one of the chief reasons for the decisions to hold in abeyance the resignations of the cabinet members is the desire to carry out Mr. MacDonald's promise to probe the alleged Russian letter and the subsequent British and Russian exchange of protests.

Meantime it is feared that the King will return to London from Sandringham next Monday presumably to be on hand should the necessity arise for his relieving Mr. MacDonald. Later, an official communique was issued announcing that the cabinet had appointed a committee to examine the question of authenticity of the Zenolet letter.

### Cabinet in Session.

London, Oct. 31.—(Canadian Press cable)—Cabinet councils are being held today in Downing street to decide upon the Labor Government's course of action in the face of the overwhelming Conservative victory in the parliamentary elections.

It may prove to be the "last meeting" of a Labor cabinet in England for the next five or more years, as the expectation is that the MacDonald Government will decide to resign forthwith, making way for a Conservative ministry under the leadership of former Premier Stanley Baldwin.

Likely Resign at Once.  
Premier MacDonald has the alternative choice of remaining in office until the new Parliament convenes and awaiting defeat on the speech from the throne, but in view of the stunning defeat suffered at the polls by his party it is thought he will step down at once.

Should he resign forthwith and the King sends for Mr. Baldwin, a new government could be completed before Parliament meets. It is declared at Conservative headquarters, Mr. Baldwin is leaving today for a short holiday in the country in preparation for the strenuous duties which await him.

Greek Meets Greek.  
Major General J. E. B. Seely, commander of the Canadian cavalry in the war, met defeat in the Isle of Wight, which he represented as Liberal member in the last parliament. He was defeated by a former Canadian captain P. D. MacDonald, grand nephew of Sir John A. MacDonald, Conservative.

Woman, 101 Years Old, Casts Ballot

Washington, Oct. 31.—Mrs. Mary Keating, 101 years old, of Martinsburg, W. Va., residing at 1428 Euclid street, Washington, prepared her ballot before Commissioner Abbatichello for John W. Davis. Her daughter and four grandchildren voted at the same time.

### Woolworth in Eclipse

Italy is entering the skyscraper race with a projected building in Rome 1100 feet tall, to be called the "Mile Litta." The Woolworth Building, New York, is 700 feet high, and the new building is to contain 4,000 rooms, a concert hall, gymnasium and training space for all sports.

### Threw 2,351 Cases of Liquor Into Sea as Hurricane Batters Schooner

Gulfport, Miss., Oct. 31.—Battered and waterlogged the British schooner Mercic Winters, minus her cargo of 2,351 cases of liquor, is resting today on the ways of a Gulfport shipyard where repairs are being made on her strained hull and broken steering system.

The vessel, bound from Nassau to Tampico, with her liquor cargo, encountered a West Indian hurricane and drifted until she grounded on Becton Island, 100 miles south east of the mouth of the Mississippi River.

Buffeted by heavy seas with waves from 25 to 30 feet in height, the crew threw the cargo overboard to save the ship. The men clung to the schooner's main boom for three days and nights. A message to the mainland from Becton Island brought the tug Collee from New Orleans and it towed the schooner into Gulfport. The cargo was valued at between \$50,000 and \$60,000.

### IS UP TO BRITISH Publisher Struck By Auto; May Die

New York, Oct. 31.—Edward H. Dodd, President of Dodd, Mead & Co., publishers, suffered a fractured skull and internal injuries when he was knocked down by an automobile, owned by George Engel, he was removed to the New York Hospital. Mr. Dodd was on his way home when the automobile, driven by Edward Dawson, chauffeur for the Engel family, came along. Mr. Dodd was struck as he tried to leap out of its path and was hurled to the street.

### PREMIER DENIES MEIGHEN CHARGES

Opposition Leader's Statement Regarding Quebec Contents Called Lie.

Calgary, Oct. 31.—Charges made by Mr. Hon. Arthur Meighen that the St. Antoine and Rimouski by-election campaigns had been conducted on the basis of vilest, dirtiest racial appeal in history were denounced as utterly false and untrue by Premier MacDonald, when he addressed a largely-attended mass meeting here last night.

The Premier told his audience by quoting from Government reports that the taxation had been reduced by approximately \$25,000,000 since 1921, expenditure had been very considerably reduced and that the nation now stood in a higher and better position than the money markets of the world.

"Protection means taxation always and there is an old saying that the Liberals make saving and then Tories come along and spend," the Premier said.

### Glac Bay Man Loses Dwelling

Glac Bay, Oct. 31.—The dwelling of John A. Morrison, Bridgport, was gutted this morning by fire. The blaze started in an outbuilding and spread to the main structure before it was got under control. Usually the water pressure is low in the Bridgport section, but it was not found necessary to use the big engine. The loss is covered by insurance.

### \$157,122.66 Spent By Third Party to Date

Washington, Oct. 31.—Expenditures of the La Follette organization up to Oct. 29 aggregated \$157,122.66, according to a report received by the Clerk of the House of Representatives from W. T. Rawleigh. Contributions to the La Follette war chest totaled \$171,212.61 on Oct. 15.

### Boy Knocks Out Wife-Beater; Freed

Johannesburg, South Africa, Oct. 31.—(United Press.)—Andrew Peterson celebrated his 12th birthday in the police court here, where he was charged with assault and battery. He was discharged when it was found he had knocked out a wife-beater who was doing his stuff near Peterson's house.

### Postmaster At Amherst Retires

Amherst, N. S., Oct. 31.—The retirement of W. W. Ralston, for 21 years postmaster here, took place today. He is the father of J. L. Ralston, K. C., of Halifax. A. W. Foster, a former member of the 85th Battalion overseas is active postmaster.

### Weather Report

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### Is New Attorney-General of Province

Ivan C. Rand.

### PREMIER SAYS NO BIG CONTEST UNTIL AFTER HOUSE SITS

Ivan C. Rand to be Sworn in as Attorney-General Next Week.

### TWO BY-ELECTIONS

Dates Likely Will be Set at Government Meeting on Tuesday.

There will be no general election in the Province of New Brunswick until after the session of the Legislature which will take place in the latter part of February or early in March, according to an announcement made by Hon. P. J. Veniot, Premier of the province, in conversation with a member of the Times-Star staff over the long-distance telephone from Moncton this morning.

Premier Veniot also confirmed the appointment of Ivan C. Rand as Attorney-General to succeed Hon. J. P. Byrne, recently elevated to the Supreme Court bench. Mr. Rand will be sworn in at a meeting of the Government in Fredericton on Tuesday of next week.

To Consider By-Elections  
The matter of two pending by-elections will be considered at the government meeting. There is a vacancy in Gloucester, consequent upon the retirement of Hon. Mr. Byrne, while Mr. Rand will stand for that in Westmorland, left open by the appointment to the Senate of Hon. C. W. Robinson. It is expected, the Premier said, that the dates for both these contests will be fixed on Tuesday.

Other matters likely to come before the meeting will be those pertaining to the closing of the business for the fiscal year which ends today.

### BODY FOUND IN MINE WOMAN BELIEVED MURDERED IN HOME

Washington, N. J., Oct. 31.—Prosecutor Marshall Miller of Hunterdon county, has assumed jurisdiction in the slaying of Mrs. Grace Thomas of Glen Gardner, N. J., whose body was found in an abandoned iron mine near Oxford, Mr. Miller announced he expected to be ready to charge one or more persons with first degree murder.

No arrest has been made so far. The only prisoner is Frank Thomas, the dead woman's husband, a Jersey Central section hand, who is still held without bail as a material witness in the Warren county jail at Belvidere.

The dead woman's husband sent for the Sheriff and asked that everything be done to see that his wife was "buried right." He said he would pay all expenses of the funeral. Thomas said he could meet this outlay because he would receive \$550 and \$150 from two life insurance policies in which Mrs. Thomas had named him as beneficiary.

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