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HON. A. L. SIFTON MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS

Former Minister of Customs Sworn Into Office Yesterday — Nothing Definite Regarding Sir Douglas Hazen's Intentions.

OPPOSITION WILL DELAY RATIFICATION

Have Decided to Demand More Explicit Information Regarding Obligations Contracted by Canada as Member of League.

Special to Standard.

Ottawa, Sept. 3.—Hon. A. L. Sifton, who since entering the Government in 1917, has been Minister of Customs, was sworn in yesterday as Minister of Public Works. He succeeded Hon. E. B. Carroll, recently appointed to the chairmanship of the Board of Railway Commissioners. Mr. Sifton has been appointed to Mr. Sifton in the Dept. of Customs. It is understood that the present Hon. J. D. Reid will be acting Minister. Nothing definite has yet been decided as to whether Mr. Sifton is to re-enter the Government. It is believed, however, that he has the offer of a portfolio, and it is not unlikely that another shuffle will shortly be made to arrange for his inclusion into the Ministry.

Will Delay Ratification of Treaty.

The Liberal opposition have decided to demand more explicit information regarding the obligations contracted by Canada as a member of the League of Nations, before giving their assent to the ratification of the treaty. It is understood that a number of speakers contended that under article ten of the league, Canada contracts gigantic obligations, and that more information in regard to these should be given by the Prime Minister than was contained in his speech on Tuesday.

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CLEVER FORGER WORKS MONCTON BUSINESS MEN

Cleverly Three Stores and Successfully Puts Over the Same Old Game.

Special to Standard.

Moncton, N. B., Sept. 3.—Using the name of the Geo. A. Fuller Co., contractors for the T. Eaton building in this city, a young man, whose identity is at present unknown, victimized at least three Moncton merchants last night by presenting to them rather clever pieces of forgery. Last evening an unknown man visited the stores of Mrs. Fairweather, G. O. Spencer, druggist, and Nathan Schlow, grocer, purchasing goods worth about seventy dollars, presenting in payment at each place a cheque for seventy dollars, purporting to be drawn by the Geo. A. Fuller Co. in favor of Harold C. McDonald. The young man presenting the cheques received the goods and about \$140 in cash in change. When the cheques were presented at the Bank of Montreal, this morning, they were declared to be forgeries. The forger has the Geo. A. Fuller stamp, and had the name of the paymaster, Geo. A. Foster, attached. The Fuller Co. declare no such man as Harold C. McDonald was in their employ. The police, with the meagre description given by the victims, have little hope of tracing the culprit.

HIGH COST CREST REACHED—ARMOUR

Prices Are Already Going Down and Will Continue, Says Chicago Packer.

St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 3.—The crest of the high cost of living has been reached, prices have already started downward and will continue. The drop later will be considerable, said J. Ogden Armour, the Chicago packer in an interview here this afternoon. "Not only will the products of the packers fall but all other foodstuffs will decline in price," said Mr. Armour. "Conditions now point to a considerable drop later on."

DIVORCE COURT SPRINGS NEW ONE IN MONTREAL

Fifteen Year Old Husband is Sued by His Nineteen Year Old Wife for Divorce on Grounds of Non-Support.

MET AT MOVIES, ELOPED TO QUEBEC

Interesting Legal Questions Arise Over the Case Which Finally Goes to Juvenile Court for Settlement.

Special to Standard.

Montreal, Sept. 3.—Non-support cases are frequent in Montreal courts, but a recent one was established here today when the defendant in the case was a fifteen year old husband and the complainant his nineteen year old wife. According to the statements of counsel the youthful Romeo first met his Juliet outside a movie theatre, they went to the movies together, became infatuated with each other and after a swift courtship eloped to Quebec where after a brief stay they were duly married. The honeymoon was short, and the young couple soon returned to Montreal. On their arrival here, the young husband was summoned before the juvenile court, on a charge laid by his mother. He appeared before Judge Choquet, who, on being given the evidence that a regular marriage had taken place advised the mother to put up with it.

Then the young benedict went to his mother's shelter and took to making bread as he was a baker by trade. This arrangement did not agree with his wife, who had to go back to her parents. The result was that a complaint for non-support was laid which led to the appearance in court today of the fifteen year old husband before Judge Lanctot. The accused was not given a chance to make any statement, as his lawyer did the talking on his behalf and objected to the hearing of this case as the defendant was only fifteen years old. His case, he claimed, should be before the juvenile court like any other offenders who had not reached their sixteenth anniversary, and he asked that the case be dismissed and that the plaintiff should be ordered to do so, take no action before the juvenile court. To the support of his contention the lawyer filed the birth certificate of the husband, showing that he was born on the ninth of September, 1903. Counsel for the bride submitted a different argument.

"I submit," he said, "that the accused, in spite of his age, having been married, was, according to our civil law, emancipated by his marriage and is now considered as a major in the eyes of the law, and that this is the proper tribunal for his trial."

DEATH TAKES WIFE JUDGE CHANDLER

Mrs. Chandler Was Daughter of the Late John and Catherine McNamara of St. John.

Special to Standard.

Moncton, N. B., Sept. 3.—Mrs. W. B. Chandler, wife of Judge W. B. Chandler, died at her home about 6 o'clock this morning. She had been in fairly good health. She was the daughter of the late John and Catherine McNamara, of St. John, N. B. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Troop, of Moncton, and one sister, Mrs. Kate McNamara. The funeral will be held Saturday at 9 a. m. from St. Bernard's Church.

HALIFAX HEALTH BOARD TO ENFORCE VACCINATION LAW

All Children Who Have Not Been Vaccinated Are to be Expelled from Schools.

Halifax, September 3.—It is stated by the Board of Health that it is the intention to exclude all unvaccinated children from the schools after this week. The law of the province provides that this expulsion can be effected only if parents or guardians do not make a declaration that they conscientiously object to vaccination. The Board of Health have made no provision for taking these declarations, and in order that no child may be deprived of their school privileges, a citizen, who is strongly opposed to vaccination, announces that he will make a declaration that they conscientiously object to vaccination, until the board of health provides the proper facilities.

THRONGS AT SCHOOL SHOPS FOR THE ARMY FOOD



Advocates More Cold Storage

Dr. Tolmie Not One to Condemn the Cold Storage System, Believing it a Great Boon to the Farmers.

Toronto, Sept. 3.—"Our interprovincial trade ought to be much greater," said Hon. Dr. Tolmie at the mid-day luncheon at the Canadian National Exhibition today. "It gives me a pain when I hear of Canadians eating good Idaho apples," he added amid laughter. "Deal among yourselves more," the minister urged the farmers.

Hon. Dr. Tolmie made a plea for more cold storage plants. "It is necessary to extend and enlarge the cold storage system," he said. "I am not one of those who blindly condemn cold storages. Where would we be in the egg business, or the butter business, if it were not for cold storage systems?" he asked amid applause.

Referring to the high cost of living problem, Hon. Dr. Tolmie said shorter hours and higher wages were but a remedial measure for a short time for the great masses of people. Only increased production on the farms could bring down the cost of living in his opinion.

PRISONERS ESCAPE MONCTON JAIL

Make Brutal Assault on Jail Matron and Get Away—One Recaptured Last Night

Special to Standard.

Moncton, Sept. 3.—A sensational and successful case of jail breaking occurred here this morning about 10.10 o'clock. Jailer Sweeney was in St. John's attending to court matters before Magistrate W. A. Gass. Mrs. Sweeney, the jail matron, entered the jail corridors to gather up the breakfast dishes from the cells and left the corridor gate open. Stanley Crossman, an ex-convict, who is serving time charged with burglarizing the stores of the Dorchester Mercantile, struck Mrs. Sweeney a staggering blow and made good his escape, making a complete getaway. Prisoner Joe Melancon, of Moncton, who is serving a three months term for theft, and who had been recently sentenced to two years in the penitentiary for jail breaking, followed Crossman and made his getaway.

Mrs. Sweeney, who hears the mark of the cowardly assault, was not seriously injured. Shortly after the escape of the prisoners, Sheriff Kilam organized a posse of men and started in pursuit. About eight o'clock last night Crossman was recaptured near Sackville, and it is expected Melancon will also be apprehended.

LIBERALS OF ONT. HAVE STRONG WORKING BODY

The New Executive Will Take Over the Work of the Reform Association of Ontario Which Formerly Conducted Organization.

Toronto, Sept. 3.—The new Ontario Liberal executive, which in the future will direct the activities of the Liberal party in Ontario, came into existence at a meeting in this city of representatives of the six District Associations, into which the province recently was divided. This executive, in addition to its other duties, will take over the work of the Reform Association of Ontario, which has conducted organizations throughout the province for the past fifteen years. The merging of the two bodies was the result of a mutual agreement, the Reform Association's executive having, by formal resolution, approved the merger.

The officers of the new Liberal executive, chosen at today's meeting, are: Honorary President, Hon. W. L. MacKenzie King; Honorary Vice-president, H. Dewar, K. C., leader of the Ontario Liberal party; President, A. C. Hardy, Brockville; First Vice-president, Thomas McMillan, Seaforth; Second Vice-president, W. H. Wright, Owen Sound; Secretary, W. A. Adams, Toronto, for the past five years general secretary of the Reform Association; Treasurer, A. J. Young, North Bay.

The new executive will be the governing body for the Liberal party in the province, but will, however, work in close co-operation with the six district associations, and through them, with the riding and urban associations. The district association will have autonomous powers in their respective regions, but the new executive will be practically a clearing house for them all. Its creation was decided upon by the leaders in attendance at the recent Dominion Liberal convention at Ottawa.

FIRST AIRPLANE FUNERAL OCCURS IN TORONTO

Remains of Baby Carried by Airplane to Cemetery, Followed by Undertaker in Another Plane.

Toronto, Sept. 3.—The first airplane funeral in Toronto took place this morning, when the remains of baby Leonard Allen, son of Martin Allen, were carried by the airplane to Mount Pleasant cemetery, four miles from the city's home. After the service at the child's home, conducted by Rev. Canon Dixon, the remains were placed in an airplane driven by Harold Smith, late of the L. A. F. A second airplane, containing an employee of the funeral director, followed. The parents of the child motored to the cemetery.

French Are Discussing The Treaty

Fourteen Orators Have Been Heard in the Chamber of Deputies—Some Opposition to Ratification Developing.

Paris, Sept. 3.—Deputy Franklin-Bouillon, the fourteenth orator in the Chamber of Deputies on ratification of the German Peace Treaty, declared today that he would vote against the treaty. Deputy Franklin-Bouillon is the first member of the Chamber to make known his determination to vote adversely on the document.

Taking up the military terms of the treaty, Louis Barthou, chairman of the Peace Ratification Committee, said moral strength was insufficient to enforce peace, there must be collective and organized force. President Wilson, he declared, changed his attitude after January, 1917, when he advocated the creation of such a superior force that no nation would be able to attack or resist it. At the peace conference, however, Mr. Barthou added, President Wilson laid down only general principles and vague methods.

SOLUTION OF THE ADRIATIC DISPUTE CONSIDERED NEAR

Signor Tittoni and Lloyd George Said to Have a Compromise Proposition Which Looks Feasible.

Paris, Sept. 3.—(By The Associated Press)—Satisfaction is expressed in Italian circles at the outcome of Signor Tittoni's trip to Deauville, from which place he returned yesterday after a conference with the British Prime Minister, Mr. Lloyd George.

While no official communication had been given out, it is learned, from reliable authority, that an agreement has been reached from which a solution of the Italian problem is expected. According to this information the three governments, who were parties to the Pact of London, have decided to send a collective note to President Wilson asking him to give his assent to a compromise which the signatories consider adequate.

Some doubt is expressed, however, as to the probability of President Wilson modifying his attitude on the Adriatic question, but it is said that the compromise opens the way for the President to agree without recording from his former position.

PRES. WILSON STARTS SWING AROUND CIRCLE

Goes to Campaign for the Ratification of the Treaty of Versailles Without Any Amendments.

WILL MAKE THIRTY SPEECHES

Trip a Most Arduous One and Will Take Him West to Pacific Coast and North to Canadian Border.

Washington, Sept. 3.—President Wilson left Washington tonight for a country-wide speaking trip to tell the American people, first hand, of his part in the Peace negotiations, and to make a personal appeal that the treaty be ratified without amendment. The President's special train, on which he will live nearly all of the time for the next twenty-five days, departed at seven o'clock. The first leg of the trip of nearly ten thousand miles, will be completed tomorrow morning in Columbus, Ohio, where he will make the first of his thirty scheduled addresses.

The trip, perhaps the most arduous ever undertaken by a President, will carry Mr. Wilson and his party as far west as the Pacific Coast, almost to the Canadian border on the north, and almost to Mexico on the south. He will speak in every State west of the Mississippi, except four, and will make up for the omission of these by speeches in Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and Tennessee. In point of distance covered, the tour will be almost on a par with the President's trip to France and return. In Seattle he will review the Pacific Coast fleet.

Although it is expected that the President will devote most of his attention to the Peace Treaty, he probably will also touch on the High Cost of Living and other domestic problems. But the principal message to be taken to the people is expected to relate to the negotiations and treaty of Versailles. After the same manner as he went to the country for his preparedness measures, his advisers say he is prepared to make now the fight of his political life, if necessary, for the Peace Treaty.

FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE TRYING TO KILL TREATY

Senator Hitchcock Makes Grave Charge Against His Colleagues, Asserts They Cannot Hold Their Position.

Washington, Sept. 3.—Declaring the real purpose of the majority of the Foreign Relations Committee in amending the peace treaty was to kill the treaty entirely, and that such a course would be suicidal to the United States, Senator Hitchcock, of Nebraska, Democratic leader, asserted in a Senate speech today, that the majority of the senators never would accept any of the committee changes.

LAD SENTENCED TO INDUSTRIAL HOME

Two Cases Heard Under Speedy Trials Act in Carleton County.

Special to Standard.

Woodstock, Sept. 3.—Two cases under the Speedy Trials Act were disposed of by Judge Carleton today. The lad Walter Hayes, charged with shooting Charlie Chandler, was given two years in the Industrial Home, St. John. Bob Clay, charged with assault on Reuben Niles, over a quarrel between their children, was released, the sentence being suspended for a year pending good behavior on the part of Clay.

LORD FISHER MAKES PROTEST AGAINST NAVY

Vigorously Attacks the Expenditures for Naval Keep, Declaring Against Incredibly and Ruinous Waste.

ATTACK EVOKES MUCH COMMENT

With the German Menace Gone There is a Belief Among Officials That Curtailment in Navy Would be Wise.

London, Sept. 2. (Reuter)—A protest couched in vigorous language in today's Times by Lord Fisher on naval expenditure has evoked interesting comments. Lord Fisher declared against alleged increases and roundings up in the navy which now cost one hundred and forty million pounds sterling annually as compared with thirty-four million in 1904, notwithstanding that the German fleet does not exist. Lord Fisher declares that half the navy is already obsolete and should be scrapped and says that in other half will be equally useless in a few years because of internal combustion engines and oil.

Lord Fisher concludes: "If the nation don't sack the spend-thrifts today, the day of crumblings is not far off."

Among the prominent naval men interviewed in regard to Lord Fisher's views, Admiral Percy Scott says the day of the three million pound battleship is over. Such money could be better used in the air service.

Commander Bellaire, after saying much needless naval expenditure originated in Lord Fisher's policy, declared the whole case which led to increased naval armament, namely, the North Sea outlook, is now finished.

KOLCHAK APPEALS TO ALL RUSSIANS

Urges Them to Join the Ranks as the Destiny of Russia is at Stake.

Bulletin—London, September 2.—Admiral Kolchak, head of the All Russian government at Omsk, has issued a stirring appeal to all Russians capable of bearing arms, to join his ranks, declaring that the destiny of Russia is at stake. He declares that his government will not lay down its arms until victory has been won.

ENRICO CARUSO RETURNS, LET THE MUSIC GO ON

New York, N. Y., Sept. 3.—Enrico Caruso, tenor of the Metropolitan Opera Company, and Mrs. Caruso arrived here today from Italy on the Giuseppe Verdi. Mr. Caruso said he was under contract for twelve performances in Mexico City for \$34,000, but that if conditions were bad in Mexico he would not go there. Failure to appear, he said, would cost him \$500,000 in damages, according to his contract.

HALIFAX FOG HOLDS UP THE CRUISER RENOWN

Halifax, Sept. 3.—The British battle cruiser Renown has been off the Nova Scotia coast all day, held up by a heavy fog. At ten o'clock she had not been able to make her way into this port, and it was not expected she would attempt this until tomorrow. The weather probabilities are that the fog will lift about noon Thursday, and the naval authorities believe the big warship will then make the harbor. She was due today.

LET APPLES ROT ON GROUND BECAUSE PRICES ARE NOT RIGHT

Chicago, Sept. 2.—Reports that thousands of bushels of apples in Michigan are being allowed to rot on the ground because market prices are not right, caused Russell J. Poole, director of the foods market and farm products bureau, to start an investigation here today into the market conditions for fruit growers. It was claimed that growers could not get enough for their apples to make it worth while to pick and ship them.