

# OPTIMISM AND ENTHUSIASM WERE RAMPANT AT CONVENTION OF THE PROVINCIAL CONSERVATIVE PARTY

## John D. Palmer of Fredericton, One of the Stalwarts of the Party, Was Unanimously Endorsed as the Party's Leader.

### Every County But Two Represented, and An Earnest Determination to Become Victors at the First Opportunity Was Evidenced on All Sides—Graceful and Deserved Tribute Paid Leader of Opposition in House—Hon. Dr. Baxter Makes Stirring Speech.

Fredericton, Mar. 24—There may have been conventions held under the auspices of the Conservative party in New Brunswick which have been more largely attended in point of numbers, but it may be doubted whether one was ever held at which a keener spirit of optimism and enthusiasm was manifested, or a more earnest determination to become "top dog" once again shown, than was the case at the party convention held in Fredericton this afternoon.

Due to the short notice which had been given, the number of delegates present was not so large as it would otherwise have been; nevertheless, representatives were present from every constituency in the province, except Kent and Madawaska. The meeting was called for 2.30, and so time was wasted in getting down to business. On motion of J. M. Flewelling, M. L. A., W. S. Sutton, of Woodstock, was called to the chair, and Raleigh Triggs, of Sackville, was appointed secretary.

The chairman having read the notice calling the meeting, and setting forth the matters to be dealt with, called for nominations for the position of leader of the party in the provincial field.

H. H. McMillan, of St. John, nominated J. D. Palmer, president of the Hartt Book & Shoe Co., of Fredericton. J. K. Pinder nominated Chas. D. Richards, M. L. A., the acting leader of the party in the Legislature.

A delegate from Northumberland nominated H. A. Powell, K. C., St. John. On a ballot being taken, it was found that Mr. Palmer and Mr. Richards tied, with Mr. Powell the low man.

A second ballot declared Mr. Palmer as receiving the greater number of votes. Mr. Richards moved that the nomination be made unanimous, which was done.

While the ballots were being counted, the Hon. J. B. M. Baxter was called upon, and in the course of a short address remarked that the Conservative party did not appear to be quite as dead as some people tried to make out. The spirit of enthusiasm which pervaded the meeting augured well for the success of the party when next the people should be appealed to. He urged the necessity of thorough and efficient organization without which much effort would be vain.

On the results of the balloting being announced, Mr. Palmer was called upon, and received a very hearty reception. Thanking those present for the confidence reposed in him, he promised to spare no effort to bring victory to the party's banner when next the battle of the ballots should take place. He realized that much hard work was necessary, but he was prepared to do his share, and if he received the support of the rank and file of the party as fully as that meeting seemed to promise, he thought there would be little doubt that the result would be successful.

Mr. Richards was then called upon, and on rising to speak received such an ovation as must have gone a long way to compensate him for any discomfiture he may have felt at losing the leadership. He said party spirit must prevail over personal feelings, and he was too much of a party man to slacken his efforts to further its interests because he did not happen to have got the leadership. He promised his utmost support to the leader at all times, and he felt that if the splendid spirit of optimism exhibited at the meeting could be extended to the entire province, there could be no doubt that victory would be theirs.

A provincial executive committee was then appointed, consisting of one representative from each constituency. Those appointed on it were: J. D. Palmer, W. S. Sutton, Woodstock, chairman; R. C. Ritchie, Queens; N. J. Wootton, Victoria; J. F. Edgett, Moncton; E. R. Richard, Westmorland; Senator Bourque, Kent; Ralph St. J. Frazee, Kings; Frank Lewis, St. John City; G. E. Harris, Logans; John County; Harry A. Smith, York; A. D. Ganong, Charlotte; M. L. Hayward, Carleton; Max Cormien, Madawaska; W. F. Taylor, Sunbury; J. Y. Mersean, Northumberland; J. Bennett, Albert; Gloucester, and K. S. Duffy, Albany.

The meeting closed with the National Anthem.

## U. S. SENATE HAS RATIFIED FOUR-POWER TREATY

### Die-Hards Endeavored to Obstruct Ratification by Reservations and Amendments.

Washington, March 24—The Four Power Pacific Treaty, the centre of controversy over accomplishments of the Washington Air Conference, was ratified by the Senate today, with no reservation except the "no alliance" declaration proposed by the Foreign Relations Committee, and accepted by President Harding. The final vote was 67 to 27, representing a margin of four over the necessary two-thirds, was recorded after the opponents of ratification had made more than twenty unsuccessful attempts to qualify Senate action by reservations or amendments. The treaty, which had opposed the treaty on the ground that it establishes an alliance between the United States, Great Britain, France and Japan, forced thirty-three roll calls during a four and a half hour session, and a final action on the resolution of ratification.

## ALLIED MINISTERS AND THEIR KNOTTY PROBLEMS

Paris, March 24—Questions relating to the Dardanelles and Thrace, and financial matters were under consideration by the Near East Conference of the Allied Foreign Ministers today. It is learned that three solutions of the Dardanelles question were discussed, but no definite decision was taken. The first solution provides for complete internationalization of the Straits; the second for "Turkish possession under Allied control, and the third for retention of the Straits by Turkey, with the Allies holding the Constantinople side.

## ANOTHER STRIKE IN TEXTILE MILLS

### Employees of Parkhill Manufacturing Company Quit Their Looms Today.

Fitchburg, Mass., March 24—Employees of the Parkhill Manufacturing Company, affiliated with the Amalgamated Textile Workers of America, voted unanimously to strike tomorrow as a protest against the 20 per cent wage reduction which has been in effect at the mills for more than a month. The union claims a membership of 940 out of the 1450 operatives at the mills.

## JUMPED FROM TRAIN AND WAS KILLED

### Prisoner's Effort to Escape Custody Resulted in Instantaneous Death.

Edmonton, March 24—A flying leap from a moving passenger train at Edmonton in an attempt to escape from custody resulted in the death of Steve Winnick of Wainwright, who was being brought to this city to serve a three day sentence on a vagrancy charge today. In jumping, Winnick struck a box car on the opposite track, dying instantly.

## FORWARD MOVEMENT FUND OF PRESBYTERIANS

Tombay, March 24—According to the latest figures compiled, the receipts to the end of 1921 for the Forward Movement Fund of the Presbyterian Church amounted to \$2,765,650, out of a \$5,200,000 promised in subscriptions. The first instalment for the fund fell due in October 1921. Nearly \$1,500,000 is yet to be received, or 28 per cent of the total subscribed.

## ARMY OF IRISH REPUBLIC NOW LOSING TEMPER

### To Consider Means for Protection of Catholics and Property in Belfast.

London, March 24—The temper of all sections of the Irish Republican Army is rising, says a Dublin despatch to the London Times, and there is talk that at the meeting of the standing committee of the Sinn Fein organization, called by Eamon De Valera, efforts on a formidable scale to protect the lives and property of Catholics in Belfast will be discussed. The standing committee includes Michael Collins, head of the Provisional Government; Arthur Griffith, president of the Dail Eireann Cabinet; and Charles Burgess.

## LYNN SHOE CUTTERS TIRE OF THE COMMITTEE

### Have Withdrawn from the Union Rate Committee—Machine Operators Stick.

Lynn, Mass., March 24—The Lynn Cutters' Local Union of Shoe Workers of America, announced today that it had voted to withdraw from the union rate committee, which has been negotiating with the Lynn Shoe Manufacturers' Association for a new working agreement. The cutting machine operators voted by a narrow margin to remain in the committee.

## LABOR ATTEMPTED FILIBUSTER TACTICS

### Premier Norris Registered Protest in Manitoba House Against Such Actions.

Winnipeg, March 24—Protesting against the House "getting down to the level of a school debating club," Premier Norris registered a protest in the Manitoba Legislature against the filibuster tactics adopted by George Armstrong and John Queen, Labor members, who tried to block progress with the estimates. Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Queen moved, dollar by dollar, reductions in the estimates in order that further consideration should be given the former's bill for Sunday trains to beach resorts.

## EIGHT MINERS KILLED IN EXPLOSION

### Fourteen Others Missing and Death List May be Increased.

Trinidad, Colorado, March 24—Eight miners are known to have been killed and 14 are missing as the result of an explosion in Florida mine No. 2, of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company here here late today. Officers of the mine said they did not expect the death list to exceed 18.

## TO FLOOD AUSTRALIA WITH GERMAN GOODS

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London, March 24—(Canadian Press Cable)—A Reuters despatch from Sydney says it is reported that a number of German ships are now in Java loaded to flood the Australian markets. These ships will also carry passengers from Australia to Germany for \$1 each, which is under one sixth of the usual rate.

## FIELDING'S AXE FAILED TO CUT VERY SEVERELY

### Much Heralded Relentless Slashing in Expenditures Not Revealed in Estimates.

### DECREASES PROMISED ARE UNIMPORTANT

### Best Showing, in Estimates Brought Down, Has Been Made in Public Works.

Ottawa, Ont., March 24—Hon. W. S. Fielding's much heralded axe has not cut expenditure as relentlessly as was expected. The estimates tabled in the Commons, today, show a decrease of one hundred and thirty-eight millions in expenditure, and thirty-five millions in this is due to the fact that last year Parliament was compelled to vote eighty-nine millions on account of the Grand Trunk, which is not necessary this year, and there is a reduction of twenty-five millions for Soldier Land Settlement. The cuts in the Department of Militia and Defence, which, it was reported, would be as much as fifty per cent, are not impressive, the expenditure in the Militia Department being reduced merely from about ten millions last year to something like nine millions this year.

## SCHR. GRACE AND RUBY RELEASED UNDER BONDS

### Liquor Cargo Seized With Schooner Must be Taken Out of U. S. at Once.

Boston, March 24—The British schooner Grace and Ruby, which was captured outside the three mile limit month ago as a rum runner, after a shot had been fired across her bow, was today released to her owners under bond of \$30,000 by Judge Morison in the Federal Court. It was stipulated in the release that the liquor cargo, valued at \$60,000, should be taken out of United States waters "forthwith."

## MRS. PUGSLEY AT HOME TO HUNDRED GUESTS

### Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, March 24—Mrs. Pugsley, wife of the Lieutenant-Governor, was at home to about one hundred guests this afternoon at Government House, Regent street. The reception room was decorated with yellow and mauve daffodils. Mrs. Pugsley received in full gown of blue, crimson and green, and a white and silver embroidery. Mrs. T. C. Allen and Mrs. Richardson presided over the tea table. They were assisted by Misses Helen Morrison, Jean Hodge, Kathleen Taylor, Frances Hawthorne, Margaret Hall and Mary Sutherland.

## CRAIG AND COLLINS CALLED TO LONDON

### Government Anxious to Examine With Every Phase of Irish Situation.

London, Mar. 24—The Colonial Office announced this evening, owing to the gravity of events in Ireland, the government had formally requested Premier Craig of Ulster and Michael Collins, head of the Irish provisional government, to come to London, with any colleagues they might choose in order that the government examine with them every aspect of the situation.

## COMPLETE TIE-UP OF AMERICA'S COAL INDUSTRY ASSURED

### It Is Believed the 200,000 Non-Union Workers Will Join Solid Ranks When the Walkout Comes, April 1—Policy Committee Makes Provision to Protect Utilities and Institutions.

Cleveland, Mar. 24—A complete tie-up of the nation's entire coal industry by 200,000 non-union workers joining the solid ranks of a half million union workers was the programme adopted tonight by the general policy committee of the United Mine Workers of America for the nation-wide strike set for April 1.

By a unanimous vote of its 114 members, the Committee affirmed the policy of a general suspension of union work which prohibited the consummation of single state agreements, and followed this by directing unions of officials to ask all non-union men to join the strike. The unanimity of action in the day permitted a final adjournment tonight, although the Committee had planned to continue sessions tomorrow.

The resolution for an immediate call to the non-union although provided that the International and District Unions exert all their powers and influence to bring about a strike in the non-union coal fields of America. The resolution was adopted without objection, and practically without discussion. The indorsement of the policy of a general suspension of the union miners was the Committee's acceptance of the programme laid down by the Union's convention a month ago, the suspension being ordered with the avowed purpose of gaining wage increases for anthracite miners, and retaining present basic wages for the soft coal workers.

Threatened RIF Disappears  
The rift in union forces threatened before the meeting by the expected fight of Frank Farrington, of the Illinois District Union, and opponent of International President John L. Lewis, disappeared almost before the opening of the meeting when Mr. Farrington announced that he would not make a contract with Illinois operators without the sanction of the policy committee.

Some committeemen said, today, that miners in parts of West Virginia would not be able to remain on strike longer than three weeks, and it was also asserted that the miners in Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama were not prepared for a long strike.

Fred Moore, Secretary of the West Virginia District, however, told the meeting that the union men of the district would remain idle "as long as they have a crust of bread."

## GOVERNMENT UNABLE TO PREVENT COAL STRIKE

### White House Announces It Has Exhausted Its Resources to Prevent Calamity.

Washington, March 24—There is no likelihood that a suspension of operations in both the bituminous and anthracite coal fields on April 1, can be prevented, it was said today, at the White House. The Government was declared to have "exhausted its resources in the way of suggesting a conference" between operators and miners that might forestall the strike.

Through the situation will be utilized as it develops, the Government has no plan for taking action before April 1, it was added, and what will be done after April 1 will be determined by the effects of the strike itself.

## ULSTER LEADERS DISCREDIT REPORT

### Have No Knowledge of 15,000 Men in London Waiting to Fight for Ulster.

London, March 24—The Irish Office this afternoon disclaimed knowledge of the presence in London of any considerable numbers of men awaiting a call to the defence of Ulster. It was declared that the correspondent, quoted by Lady Craig in Belfast, as stating 15,000 men in Greater London were waiting to take up arms in defence of Ulster was "evidently in possession of sources of information contradicting those of the British Government."

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London, March 24—Former Emperor Charles of Austria-Hungary, exiled on the Island of Madeira, is ill with fever, says a Central News despatch from Funchal today. His temperature is given as 104 and a consultation of physicians has been called.