

J. B. M. BAXTER IS NEW LEADER OF OPPOSITION

Hon. Mr. Murray's Resignation as Head of Party is Accepted by Convention.

GOVERNMENT VERY EXTRAVAGANT CHARGE

Course of the Liberals is Reviewed in Eloquent Speech by the New Leader.

Two hundred delegates assembled at the Seamen's Institute yesterday afternoon in response to an invitation issued to all in opposition to the Provincial Government to meet in convention.

It was a most representative gathering from all parts of the Province and the assembled delegates were all optimistic over the future of the party now in opposition.

The convention organized with John MacCawley of Lower Mill Stream as chairman. On suggestion of Hon. J. A. Murray, it was moved and seconded that a committee be named to arrange a programme of business. The committee named consisted of J. A. Murray, Sussex, J. D. Palmer, Fredericton, Dr. Parkman, St. John, W. S. Sutton, Woodstock and E. R. Richard.

The Question of Leader

They reported to the convention that, as the meeting was called to choose a leader and for purposes of organization that was the programme for adoption. The committee's report was accepted and the question of leadership was taken up.

The Hon. J. A. Murray, who has been the leader of the Opposition party, went to the platform. He gave a tremendous ovation when he moved to the stand. He spoke in part as follows:

"I am delighted with the large number who have gathered here to consider the matter of importance to us. I am sure that the Province is represented by men who, I believe, are pressed with the idea that the time has come when men should be chosen to take the reins of the state of affairs existing in the Province and when a change is made. It is gratifying to me to see this gathering."

Party's Prospects

"I have a Government gone with more fear than hope. I believe that the step because of the fear of the cabinet and the dread of what will follow when the report of the fiscal year, which comes soon, reaches the hands of the public. By calling an election now, before the fiscal report is issued, the Government feels its chances for success would be much better. That report will show the Province to be in a wretched condition and when all is known success for the Government at the polls would be impossible."

Orgy of Extravagance

"An orgy of extravagance has gone on like the like of which was never before known in this Province. They have increased the liabilities \$5,000,000, and, in two years time, the expenditures have exceeded the income by \$800,000. Business men should pause and ponder over these things. And, let me tell you, the interest debt, since they came into power has increased \$200,000. Certainly, they cannot hope to be returned to power on their record, despite all the boasting up being given them by their Press."

Resigns Leadership

"At our last convention I tendered to you my resignation as your leader. After doing that I absented myself from the convention hall and left you to consider the matter. You have elected me to lead the party through another legislative session. That I have done."

"Today I again tender my resignation as party leader. This is final. I honestly confess I can neither afford the time or money necessary to carry on the work I shall always remain with you and fight to a finish against such a Government as is now plunging the Province into bankruptcy. I thank all who have assisted me in my work. I have made many friends among my party's followers and I shall always hold them in dear remembrance."

Another ovation was given Hon. Mr. Murray when he finished. Continued on page 2.

THREE YEARS FOR THREE WIVES IS COURT'S DECREE

Winnipeg, Sept. 23.—Three wives, three years, said Magistrate Sir Hugh John Macdonald in police court today, as he sentenced Harold Wilbur Scott, Magistrate. Scott pleaded guilty.

GROCCERS DISCUSS INTERESTS

Halifax, N. S., Sept. 23.—The rulings of the food board, uniform methods of selling and other matters of private interest to the trade were discussed at the annual convention here today of the wholesale grocers of Nova Scotia.

New Head of The Opposition Party



HON. J. B. M. BAXTER.

SOLDIERS NOT IN REPRISALS ON MURDERERS

Sir Nevil McCreevy Declares He Has No Authority Over Constabulary of Ireland.

Dublin, Sept. 23.—General Sir Nevil McCreevy, Commander of the military forces in Ireland, in an interview today denied that the reprisals for the assassination of police taken at Ballinacorney by the "black and tans" and elsewhere by the regular police or military were actuated by any set policy formulated by the Government. He declared, however, that if the guerrilla warfare of the Irish Republican Army continued, the situation might become such that reprisals would be necessary.

He made clear the position of the military forces in Ireland, saying that they had nothing to do with the administration or operations of the Royal Irish Constabulary and its British auxiliary, the "black and tans" other than to give them necessary support in carrying out their police duties.

No Control of Police

"When I came to Ireland," General McCreevy said, "the idea got abroad that I came in the capacity of a kind of 'poo-bah' with supervision over the police as well as the military. That was an entirely mistaken impression. It was not asserted by General McCreevy that there have been no reprisals by the police or military. On the contrary, he explained why reprisals occurred, saying that any army officer would understand exactly the spirit which led to them."

Law in Own Hands

"It is the desire of every officer," he went on, "to have his soldiers go over the top, and their officer killed, they go on with the determination to avenge his death on the enemy. Formerly in Ireland when a police officer was killed there was no thought of direct reprisals in the minds of the Royal Irish Constabulary. They thought only of hitting the murderer or to justice, confident that he would be dealt with quickly and adequately by the courts. But now, the processes of law having broken down, they feel obliged to take the law into their own hands and punishment, and it is only human that they should act on their own initiative."

HON. MR. McCURDY GUEST OF HONOR AT HALIFAX CLUB

Halifax, N. S., Sept. 23.—Hon. F. B. McCurdy, who on Monday was returned to the province as minister of public works, accepted the congratulations of the members of the Commercial Club as one of the guests of honor at their luncheon at the Green Lantern.

Mr. McCurdy said he would be of service to the public generally, which would be his only compensation. He spoke of the new ideas of public service which business men's clubs and organizations had done much to stimulate.

APPEAL FOR FUNDS FOR VIMY RIDGE MEMORIAL CHURCH

Montreal, Sept. 23.—Professor Charles Esler, who has returned from a trip to the Pacific Coast in connection with the erection of the Canadian Vimy Memorial Church at Lens, France, reported today to the executive committee that representatives of municipal, church officials, as well as leading citizens and the public as a whole in the cities visited by him endorse the project. It was decided at the meeting of the executive committee today that Sunday, November 14, should be set apart as the Vimy Memorial church Sunday on which day collections in aid of the project will be made throughout Canada.

HOUSE BLOWN UP BY BOMB IN MONTREAL

Centre of City Shaken by Terrific Explosion at Early Hour This Morning.

MASONRY HURLED ACROSS THE STREET

Home of French Woman on Timothee Street Shattered When Bomb Went Off.

Montreal, Sept. 23.—Early this morning the neighborhood for blocks around St. Timothee street, near St. Catherine street, east, one of the main thoroughfares of this city, was shaken by a bomb explosion. The house in St. Timothee street, where the explosion occurred, is occupied by a French woman. Every window in the house was shattered and blocks of the masonry of the cellar were hurled across the street. So far as is known no one was injured.

The number of the house is 245 St. Timothee, and the occupant, Mrs. Langeron, is being closely questioned by the police. The explosion is not thought to have any connection with "Red" activities, but is now attributed to an act of revenge by some person or persons.

FARMERS PLACE TWO CANDIDATES ON OPPOSITION

Two Parties Agree on Nominations at St. Stephen—S. D. Guptill and C. R. Pollard.

Special to The Standard.

St. Stephen, Sept. 23.—The United Farmers held their first annual picnic this afternoon on the fair grounds, the attendance being very large. Addresses on matters of interest to the farmers were delivered by S. J. Wilson, M. E. Baldwin, Rev. D. W. Blackall, and Rev. Dr. Chown. A series of foot races participated in by men, women and children was run off on the trotting track, followed by a supper provided free of charge to all present.

Accept Opposition Offer.

A committee had been appointed to name candidates to represent the farmers in the coming election and following the supper W. S. Poole, president of the Farmers' Union, made an announcement that the committee had decided to accept an offer made to them by the Opposition party to place two candidates on the Opposition ticket, and named for these two candidates Scott D. Guptill, of Grand Manan and Chauncey R. Pollard, a prominent young farmer of Tower Hill. Both had given promise to support the Farmers' platform and especially the plank on the temperance issue. They are to work independently but to give the support to the two members on the ticket representing the Opposition party.

The Opposition party in convention Friday will name their men on the ticket.

KEENEST OFFICERS OF LONDON WATCH LLOYD GEORGE NOW

Sinn Fein Gang in London to "Get" Him if MacSwiney Dies.

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London, Sept. 23.—The recent threats against the life of Lloyd George have aroused Scotland Yard to unusual precautions to guard the Premier from suspected Sinn Fein attacks. Night and day he is heavily attended and now he attends no social or political gatherings by pre-arranged plans where it would be possible for an assassin to be concealed. The Premier laughs at the measures taken for his security.

Already in England. It has been learned by Scotland Yard that a number of Sinn Feiners are in England to "get" the Premier if Lord Mayor MacSwiney dies in Britain jail from his hunger strike. The officers have made raids recently on several anarchist nests in England. A special officer with an excellent command of Gaelic has been assigned as one of those to guard the Premier.

BANDITS ROBBED U. S. MAIL TRUCK

South Bend, Ind., Sept. 23.—Two bandits held up a screened United States mail truck here today and escaped in an automobile with mail valued by \$5,000 to \$20,000. The robbery occurred early in the morning but the authorities held back the announcement.

Prudent Rule of Province For All New Leader's Aim

Economy, Increased Revenue, Government by the People and by All Policy of Dr. Baxter.

After his selection as Leader of the Opposition, at the meeting held here yesterday, the Hon. J. B. M. Baxter issued the following statement of policy:

"The Opposition Party of which I have today been selected as the leader, will go into this campaign resolved to re-estate itself in accordance with the best traditions of its past history."

"It will stand essentially for prudent administration of the resources of the Province, avoiding increase in the bonded debt for services which can be met out of the annual revenue."

"For increase of that revenue without imposing undue burdens upon any section of the people."

"For government on constitutional lines by the people through their representatives and for recognition of the right of all the people to share in the administration of the affairs of the Province without any distinction based upon race or class or creed."

JOHN B. M. BAXTER.

WORLD NEWS TODAY

CANADA

Hon. John B. M. Baxter, of St. John, is appointed leader of the Opposition in the New Brunswick Legislature as successor to the Hon. Mr. Murray who has resigned.

All parties in New Brunswick naming candidates for the election of October 9 next.

THE BRITISH ISLES

Six policemen are dead and seven civilians thought to have been killed in a clash in Ireland. Nineteen houses burned in village in revenge for shootings.

Lord Mayor MacSwiney is suffering less pain from his self-inflicted stab.

Hope of averting the strike of the British miners next Monday has almost been abandoned.

MacSWINEY IS WITHOUT PAIN

Pains in His Head Have Passed Away—He is Still Conscious.

London, Sept. 23.—"The Lord Mayor of Cork is somewhat less exhausted this evening," says the bulletin issued by the Irish Self-Determination League at 8 o'clock tonight.

"The pains in his head, from which he has been suffering for two days, have abated. He is still conscious."

What Mannix Thinks.

London, Sept. 23.—At a dinner given this evening by the Bishops of Cloyne, Southwark and Portsmouth to Archbishop Mannix, the Archbishop, speaking of Lord Mayor MacSwiney, said he had never read of anything made to the noble man dying in Britain prison that he should give a guarantee in exchange for his life that he would not be executed if he was not responsible, should cease.

Officials at the London headquarters of the Irish Self-Determination League manifested no anxiety this evening over the immediate danger of Lord Mayor MacSwiney's death, but stoutly maintained that he was receiving no food, a few sips of water every three or four hours being his only sustenance.

IRISH PROBLEM NOT FOR AMERICA HARDING ASSERTS

Marion, O., Sept. 23.—Declaring the Irish problem is "not a question for America," Senator Harding said in a statement today that in his opinion the movement for Irish independence would be under the League of Nations, a subject entirely "internal or domestic."

NO CRIMINAL ACT IN GIRL'S DEATH

Montreal, Sept. 23.—As far as the local authorities are concerned there is nothing to justify the holding of anyone in connection with the death of Winnifred Hamm, the young woman from Mahone, N. S., who died here last week.

Replying to a message from the Attorney-General of Nova Scotia asking him to hold a man in connection with the case, as the authorities there are not satisfied with the matter dropping, the Attorney-General said he understood that the authorities here have nothing on which they can detain anyone, and he asks the Nova Scotia lawyers to let him have any information they may have in their possession.

SIX OFFICERS SHOT DEAD BY SINN FEINERS

Soldiers Fired on Assaultants and Declare That Four Fell Before Their Aim.

EIGHTEEN HOUSES BURN IN REVENGE

Three Civilians Slain in Riots That Started When Homes Were Set Ablaze.

Dublin, Sept. 23.—An official report issued at Dublin Castle this evening shows that the attack Wednesday of a motor lorry containing six policemen near Lanch, was more serious than was previously announced. Six constables were killed, while soldiers who fired on their assailants used dum dum bullets, and that the wounded were fired upon and killed.

Burn Houses in Revenge.

London, Sept. 23.—As a reprisal for the shooting of policemen near Lanch, says a despatch to the Central News from Dublin, a party of uniformed men during the night set fire to 18 houses in Milltown Malbay, Lanch and Ennistown. Three civilians were shot dead. Castle Mary, the seat of Colonel Longfield, dating from the reign of King John, was set on fire and destroyed by raiders last night. The raiders gave the occupants of the castle ten minutes in which to leave the building.

LIBERALS AT MONCTON FAR FROM UNITED

Three New Candidates for Provincial Election Are Picked After Long Convention.

Special to The Standard.

Moncton, Sept. 23.—All was no laughing matter at the convention of government supporters held in the city hall here this afternoon for the nomination of four candidates in the county and one for the city.

About one hundred supporters of the party, including those from the city, were present. James McQueen, executive president, was one of the last speakers at the meeting was to deliver the selection of the city candidates until next Monday night, as it has been regarded as almost a certainty that soon C. W. Robinson will seek re-election here.

It is stated that an effort was made to secure A. E. Trites, of Salsbury, and councillor A. C. Fawcett, of Salsbury, as former representatives on the ticket with Fred Legere and a French representative, councillor Ford E. Bourgeois, Fox Creek, presently.

On Farmer Ticket.

Mr. Fawcett, it is said, positively declined to run in the interest of the Farmer government, as it seems to be pretty well understood that both he and Mr. Trites will run on the United Farmers' ticket, which is pretty sure to be placed in the field at the convention in Moncton next Tuesday. Mr. Bourgeois also held off, as he is also reported to be more in sympathy with the United Farmers' than the Farmer government. However late in the afternoon Mr. Bourgeois was persuaded to accept a place on the ticket in the place of C. M. Legere of Memramcook.

The Government Ticket.

The Government ticket as finally chosen is composed of Fred Magee, Port Elgin; Fred Estabrooks, Salsbury; Ford E. Bourgeois, Fox Creek, and Reid McKanus, Moncton. The latter three are all new men in the political field. The three old men retiring are Hon. Dr. E. A. Smith, Hon. F. J. Sweeney and C. M. Legere. A. F. J. Sweeney and C. M. Legere, according to an announcement made this afternoon by Acting Police Chief Dickson. As a result of many protests against a meeting which the Self-Determination for Ireland League in Canada proposed to hold here next week, and a suggestion from Mayor T. L. Church that it would not be advisable to allow the meeting, the Board of Police Commissioners today definitely decided to put the ban on it.

Wanted Government Post.

It is stated that Hon. Mr. Sweeney wished to retire and accept the position of registrar of deeds for the county, which has been vacant over an office. But C. M. Legere and his friends are understood to have taken exception to Mr. Sweeney's appointment to this office, claiming that Mr. Legere has had the promise of the position over since it was vacated by the death of the late A. D. Richards.

ALBERT CO. LIBERALS CHOOSE CANDIDATES

Special to The Standard.

Albert, Sept. 23.—A convention of government supporters in the county met here today. The convention named Jacob W. Steeves, again, and Arthur W. Stevens, a farmer of Hillsboro, as their ticket for the election contest on October 9th.

Opposition Leader Who Has Retired



HON. MR. MURRAY

COAL MINERS REJECT OFFER OF PREMIER

Little Hope Now of Any Agreement Before Strike Called on Monday.

London, Sept. 23.—The coal situation tonight is very grave, hopes of an amicable settlement not having been realized. Interviews between the Government and the miners have had no result, and unless there is some eleventh hour surprise a strike will commence on Saturday, which may involve all transport workers as well as miners.

The miners executive today rejected a proposal to take a second ballot on the proposal of Premier Lloyd George yesterday for an impartial inquiry on the wage demand or the schemes of adjustment by output. It is known there is considerable opposition to a strike. The public manifests little anxiety.

DOROTHY GETCHELL BURNED TO DEATH NEAR ST. STEPHEN

Mother Was Attending Sick Child Upstairs When Babe Set Clothing Afire.

St. Stephen, Sept. 23.—Dorothy, the five year old child of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Getchell, while at play in her home here today set fire to her clothing and was fearfully burned about the body and head. The mother was upstairs with a sick child that had just returned from hospital.

Hearing the terrified screams of the little girl she rushed down stairs to find her enveloped in flames. Neighbors had been attracted by the cries and the little one was speedily wrapped in mats and the flames extinguished, but not before terrible injury had been done. The child was taken to Chipman Memorial Hospital where death ensued a few hours later.

TORONTO PUTS BAN ON SINN FEINERS' MEETING PLANNED

Toronto, Sept. 23.—No meeting of sympathizers with Sinn Fein will be permitted in this city, according to an announcement made this afternoon by Acting Police Chief Dickson. As a result of many protests against a meeting which the Self-Determination for Ireland League in Canada proposed to hold here next week, and a suggestion from Mayor T. L. Church that it would not be advisable to allow the meeting, the Board of Police Commissioners today definitely decided to put the ban on it.

FORTY AUTOS IN RUM RUNNING TO THE UNITED STATES

Fargo, N. D., Sept. 23.—Establishment of a line of prohibition enforcement agents along the Canadian boundary, and a system of close communication between officers of the Dominion and United States is expected to follow a meeting of prohibition agents, sheriffs and prosecuting attorneys from several North Dakota and Minnesota counties held today at Grand Forks. A list of forty automobiles known to be in the hands of professional whiskey runners now in Canada or near the border, for the purpose of bringing liquor back into the United States, was before the conference, Fargo officials declared.

DYNAMITE IN RAIL STATION IN NEW YORK

Big Package With Fuse Attached is Found in Elevated Station by Police.

IDENTIFY TAG ON DEATH CART HORSE

Bomb Stories Daily Continue to Alarm Wall Street But All Are Proved "Fakes."

New York, Sept. 23.—After a week had passed without investigators being able to solve the mystery of the Wall Street explosion, they were presented today with another mystery—what placed a package of dynamite in the elevated station in Brooklyn, this morning?

The package was found by a policeman doing strike duty on the Fulton street line, which is operated by the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company. He worked in a bucket of water and then carried it to fire headquarters in Brooklyn. Later it was taken to a laboratory in Manhattan for analysis.

Doubts About Fuse.

Accounts differ as to whether a spluttering fuse was attached. Some officials reported that Patrolman Santelli, who found it, stamped out a fuse. At the laboratory where the package was taken it was said there had been found two pipe cleaners impregnated with nitrate. These pipe cleaners, it was said, could have served as fuses, but it had not been established whether either had been lighted. Authorities seem to agree that no percussion caps had been found.

Identify Bomb Cart.

Meanwhile detectives investigating the Wall Street explosion reported that through the health department they had been able to identify the tag found near the horse attached to the death cart, which is believed to have been the centre of the blast. This tag, it was learned, had been issued in 1915 to the Reid Ice Cream Company, Brooklyn, to certify that one of its horses was not afflicted with glanders, but since then the horse had been sold three times. The name of the latest owner, if known, was not made public.

The Chief's Views.

Chief William J. Flynn, of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice, had this to say of the latest charge: "It looks good, but like any clue, it may blow up at any time." The police, too, expressed an opinion that they may have felt in running down the identity of the tag. While satisfied as to the identity of the bit of metal they were not so certain that, after all, they had established that of the horse, for a report reached them that the animal itself was still alive and was now hauling in a wagon at the Fulton Fish Market. Detectives explained that the tag might easily have been transferred from one horse to another, but that they hoped to establish through the shoes found in the death cart whether it was that for which the tag had been issued.

Daily Bomb Scares.

Meanwhile, in addition to the discovery of the bomb on the B. R. T. station, New York and vicinity were subjected to more bomb scares today. An anonymous warning that the Grand Central Station would be blown up at 2 p. m. caused detectives to be rushed to the terminal and also to the Pennsylvania Station and post office. Nothing happened.

In Brooklyn, seizure of a rickety burglar by detectives caused a little excitement, because of the almost prohibitive value of the baggy, which drew up alongside the Federal Building, was found, however, to contain twelve bottles of whiskey, and not bombs. The liquor was seized and the driver arrested.

More Outrages Threatened?

Superior, Wis., Sept. 23.—A warning that the Douglas County Court House and every prominent business house on Tower Avenue would be blown up Saturday morning at 10:30 o'clock, was found in a mail box here today.

PRESBYTERY AT CHURCH POINT SWEEP BY FIRE

Special to The Standard. Digby, N. S., Sept. 23.—A very destructive fire took place at Church Point when the presbytery in connection with St. Anne's College was totally destroyed, entailing a loss of over \$20,000, with insurance of \$6,000. Starting as it did in the attic, priests and students were able to get out practically all the furniture, which included the beds and bedding of the twenty-five students who roomed in the building.

TARIFF COMMISSION OFF TO VANCOUVER

Victoria, B. C., Sept. 23.—Sessions here of the Board of Tariff Commissioners have been completed and no further sittings will be held. Tonight Sir Henry Draxton and his colleagues left for Vancouver where they will resume sessions in that city tomorrow morning, when representatives of the lumber manufacturers will be heard.