NEW MINISTRY FOR ALBERTA

Chief Justice Sifton Leaves the Bench and Becomes Premier in Succession to Hon. Mr. Rutherford

HAS SOUTHERN MEN FOR COLLEAGUES

Said to Have Made Cancellation of Great Waterways Bargain Condition of His Acceptance of Office

EDMONTON, May 26.—Premier Rutherford resigned at 11 o'clock today and Chief Justice Sifton was immediately sworn in as premier.

The new premier will have in his cabinet Judge Mitchell, of Medicine Hat, as attorney general, Hon Duncan Marshall as minister of agriculture, and another southern member, possibly Dr. Swornock, as minister of public works. The new administration is made up entirely of Southern Alberta Men.

Premier Rutherford's resignation is the direct result of the scandal which has arisen in connection with the Alberta and Great Waterways railway deal. W. R. Clarke, an American promoter made an agreement, as will be remembered, with the Alberta government by which a syndicate headed by Mr Clarke was to build a railway from Edmonton northward a distance of about 400 miles. The interest on the bounds of this road were to be guaranteed by the government to the extent of $20,000 a mile, the rate of interest being five per cent.

In accordance with this agreement the bonds were actually issued and sold to the par value of $7,400,000 to the Morgans of New York. The bonds were promptly re-sold by the Morgans on the London market at a profit of ten per cent.

At this stage of the proceedings Hon. W. H. Cushing resigned his portfolio. His reason was that the bargain was an utterly improvident one, that the road for which the government was paying $20,000 per mile could be built for $16,000 per mile or less, and that the Clarke syndicate would not only pocket the difference, but was, moreover under no obligation to run the road after it was constructed. The syndicate could and probably would build the road of the cheapest possible material and leave the whole thing on the government's hands.

Mr. Cushing on his resignation carried with him fourteen members of the Alberta legislature. These gentlemen have been known since as the insurgents. Their defection left the government in a very shady position, and Premier Rutherford's difficulties were further augmented by the resignation of Attorney General Cross on March 9 and the withdrawal of W. W. Buchanan, who was to have taken the portfolio of municipalities.

Despite these difficulties Mr. Rutherford succeeded in clinging to office. He staved off defeat for the time being by protesting that there had been no graft in the matter so far as he was concerned, and by promising to appoint a royal commission to look into the matter. A feeling that the facts should be fully ascertained before the Premier was finally condemned was responsible for his being still able to hold a majority. The royal commission was appointed, consisting of Judges Scott, Harvey and Beck. Their instructions were to enquire generally into the whole matter, and especially as to whether any member of the government or legislature had received any financial consideration in connection with, or expected any benefit from, the project.

The commission got to work at once. Its first sessions were at Edmonton, and the enquiry was sailing smoothly along when suddenly a sensation was caused by the departure of W. R. Clarke for parts unknown, taking with him, as subsequently developed, the books and papers of the company. Although the commission was thus considerably handicapped in its enquiry, enough was brought out to put the government in a bad light, and the conviction became general that the bargain they had made was a very improvident one; that, in fact, if there had been no dishonesty in high places there had certainly been a most deplorable exhibition of incapacity.

From that time it has been evident that Premier Rutherford had to go. He has retained his position during the past few weeks only because there was difficulty in picking a successor who could reconcile the warring elements among the government supporters. Chief Justice Sifton's name has been frequently mentioned in this connection during the past few days, and it is understood that he finally consented to take the office only on condition that the bargain made with the Albertan and Great Waterways Company shall be cancelled. There is still some doubt as to whether W. H. Cushing will consent to act with the new government.

Hon. Alex. Rutherford was the first, and, until today, the only, man to be premier of Alberta. He was first elected to the territorial legislature for Strathcona in 1902, and was deputy Speaker in the last legislature of the Northwest Territories. He was called upon to assume the premiership of Alberta upon the formation of the province in 1905, and was sworn in on September 14th of that year. In addition of being premier he held the offices of provincial treasurer and minister of education. His government was sustained at the general election of 1905 and again at the election of 1909. He is fifty-two years of age.

Arthur Sifton, the new premier, is a brother of Hon. Clifford Sifton and son of J. W. Sifton, of Winnipeg. He resides at Calgary. He was a member of the old territorial legislature, and on his retirement was elevated to the bench of the territorial court and became chief justice of Alberta at the time of the organization of the province.

The Kamloops Squadron of the B. C. Horse goes into camp on June 8.

ORANGE GRAND LODGE

Protest Made Against Proposal to Change Coronation Oath—Complaint Against Railways.

BRANTFORD, Ont., May 26.—In addressing the opening session of the eighty-first annual meeting of the Grand Orange Lodge of British America yesterday, Dr. T. S. Sproule, M. P., grand master, opposed the request of French Canadians in Ontario for the teaching of the French language in public schools of the province. Speaking of the proposal to modify the King's accession oath, Dr Sproule said that until the Pope cancels the oath taken by the Jesuits he has no right to ask for a change in the oath of the sovereign of Great Britain. The Jesuit bishops are made to swear that they believe the Pope has the right to depose kings and governments. While this claim exists said Dr. Sproule, it is necessary that all who admit it shall be excluded from ascending the throne of the British Empire, and in no other way can this be done so successfully as by retaining the accession oath in its present form.

At the afternoon session of the Orange grand lodge a resolution was adopted protesting against any change in the coronation oath. A petition to King George V is also being circulated praying his majesty and the privy council to retain the oath in its present form. "We are moved to do this by the fact that in our judgment the present demands have for their ultimate design the entire removal of the safeguards which now secure a Protestant succession to the throne of Great Britain and thus endanger the independence of the Empire."

Bitter complaint was made that the railways of Canada refused to grant special rates for Orangemen on July 12th, or any other day near it, but readily grant special rates to Roman Catholic societies. A committee was appointed to deal with the matter.

A committee will likely be appointed to formulate a political platform to be submitted next year. The session will conclude tomorrow.

HARSH EVICTION OF POOR JEWS

Families Without Means Are Driven Forth From Kier and Ordered to Return to Places Within the Pale

ST. PETERSBURG, May 26.—The exodus of Jews is compulsory, and in fulfilment of the order of the Russian government that all Jews who cannot establish a legal claim to residence outside the pale return forthwith to the confines defined in the original Jewish segregation law. The pale was formed by the Polish provinces and the Ukraine.

The scenes in the streets of Kiev yesterday were affecting. The evicted ones were veritable paupers, lacking all means of sustenance. For the moment the Jewish families possessing some means were undisturbed. Throughout the day a straggling train of wagons passed out of the city carrying the miserable household effects of the banished. All was confusion. Sobbing women, clinging to their little ones, and sad-faced men were alike escorted outside the town limits, and were told to return to the places of their birth.

A different procedure is adopted towards the Jews who have some wealth. They, however, are put to great expense, being obliged to return to their native towns to secure new permits for a visit to Kiev on the grounds of urgent personal business. These permits are issued for limited terms, and so require a renewal.

Queen Mary's Birthday

HALIFAX, May 26—A salute was fired at noon in honor of Queen Mary's birthday, and the citadel staff was decorated with bunting.

English Officer for Navy

LONDON, May 26.—Lieutenant-Engineer P. C. W. Howe of the Admiralty, is being loaned to the Canadian government for service on the headquarters staff at Ottawa in connection with the organization of the Canadian navy.

Agricultural Education

LONDON, May 26.—Addressing the county council association of Westminster, Dr. J. W. Robertson, former principal of Macdonald College at St. Anne's, Quebec, said people who gave the impression that Canada was far ahead of Great Britain did not know much about Canada, and knew less about Great Britain. He had been in England at various times in the past 25 years, and had found here excellent conditions in agriculture. Education however, was in spots. His main work in the past had been to try to multiply these spots in Canada.

Canadian Labor Representative

OTTAWA, May 26 — If a special committee reports favorably one of the ideas suggested in yesterday's London despatches to have a Canadian labor representative in the British parliament, international labor men will provide a constituency, select a candidate, raise the money necessary and send him to London. They would do this with the end in view of having a Canadian representative in the British House so that when questions pertaining to immigration and other matters affecting Canada come up they would have some one there to deal with them authoritatively. This was the statement made last night by official labor men.

Shot by Father-in-Law

WETASKIWIN, Alta., May 26—Thomas Goldwin, a former butcher of Wetaskiwin, was shot yesterday by his father-in-law, Serene Amand. Goldman married Miss Amand about six months ago, and the announcement of the wedding was clipped from a newspaper and sent to his wife in the Old Country. The girl's father heard about his previous marriage and he and Goldman had some difficulty about a real estate deal. The men began quarrelling, and Goldman undertook to give the old man a horse-whipping. He was dragged away by a man named Irish. Goldman went back to Amand again, when he received two shots in the head and died shortly after. Amand was arrested.

CREW ENTOMBED IN SUBMARINE

French Naval Vessel Sent to Bottom of English Channel by Blow from Paddle Wheel of Passenger Steamer

NO HOPE FOR MEN IS ENTERTAINED

Three Officers and 24 of Crew Are Victims—Under Currents Prevent Divers From Reaching Vessel

CALAIS, France, May 26.—Another French submarine, the Pluviose, with all her crew aboard, lies tonight in thirty fathoms of water in the English channel. She was sent there by the cross-channel steamer Pas de Calais, which, crowded with passengers bound for Dover, struck the partly submerged Pluviose when about two miles from the harbor.

Accounts differ as to the cause of the accident. Admiral Bournier has expressed the opinion that the submarine attempted to pass beneath the steamer, while other officials think that the Pluviose, after a long dive, came up by chance directly under the paddle-wheels.

The shock of the contact brought the passengers to the steamer's rails, and they saw almost instantly the hull of the submarine rolling about as though trying to right herself. A boat was hastily launched, but the foundering craft, which seemed to have been hit, turtled over partly and disappeared. Signals of distress from the steamer Pas de Calais, which was making water rapidly, brought two tugs to the scene, and later a torpedo boat destroyer put out and anchored near where the Pluviose had gone down. Within an hour or two a wrecking vessel was lying near the destroyer and her crew were making hasty preparations to send down divers to locate the ill-fated submarine, entombed in which are three officers and twenty-four men.

After fruitless efforts made to reach the 27 entombed men in the submarine, hope has been practically given up of bringing them to the surface alive.

A powerful undercurrent balked the divers in their attempt this evening to reach the Pluviose, and if the imprisoned men are not already dead, it is almost certain that the delay will prove fatal. The submarine lies in many fathoms of water, and the divers were unable to descend only a short distance. Powerful dredges and machinery will arrive from Cherbourg in the morning, when all efforts will be centered in a final attempt to reach the ill-fated craft and bring her to the surface. The general fear is entertained the Pluviose received a vital blow from the paddle-wheels of the Pas de Calais, and that some of her plates were crushed. Even if the crew succeeded in closing her water-tight compartments, they will not be able to survive for any great length of time.

Of the 27 men in the Pluviose, three were officers, including Commander Prat of the submarine division of Calais.

Diver Hears Rappings

PARIS, May 27.—A special to the Matin from Calais says that chains have been attached to the submarine Pluviose. A despatch to the Journal says that a torpedo boat destroyer has reported that a diver reached the Pluviose at nightfall and heard rappings in the interior.

MURDER MYSTERY SOLVED

Two Soldiers Convicted of Killing Madame Gouin, Widow of Wealthy Paris Banker.

PARIS, May 26.—The two soldiers, Graby and Michel, charged with the murder of Mme. Gouin, widow of Jules Edouard Gouin, a former governor of the Bank of France, were convicted by court martial today, Graby being sentenced to death and Michel to twenty years' imprisonment. The imprint of a bloody finger on a military ticket taken up on the train on which Mme. Gouin was travelling on December 16 last led to the solving of the mystery of her death. Mme. Gouin's body was found under a train from Paris on that day. The clue of the finger marks was followed by the police, and they succeeded in finding a former comrade of the two soldiers who declared that he saw them embark on this train. Graby and Michel were arrested, and when confronted with the witness they broke down and made a full confession. They beat the woman into insensibility, robbed her of her jewels and then threw her from the train.

Old Brockville Citizen Dead

BROCKVILLT, May 26.—The death occurred today of Samuel Connor, for thirty years a prominent hotelkeeper of Brockville. In turn he was proprietor of the Commercial, Grand Central and Revere, owning the latter hostelry at the time of his death. Deceased received his early training at Frankville, where he was engaged in other commercial pursuits. He was also an ex-clerk of the township of Kitley, and was prominently identified with several fraternal societies, including the Masonic order. The sole survivor of the family is one daughter, Mrs. Robt. Johnston, of this town. Mr. Connor was a leading Conservative.

Forestry Reserve

TORONTO, May 26—Several members of the society of forestry of the University of Toronto left tonight for Calgary, where they will engage in surveying the boundaries of the forest reserve on the eastern slope of the Rockies for the Dominion Government. The party is composed of the following: G. H. Edgecombe, C. R. Mills and W. J. Vanduzen, of Toronto and A. Selyes of the forestry department of the University of New Brunswick.

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