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SHOWERS—THUNDER

THREE CENTS

LEADERSHIP OF PREMIER FOSTER REPUDIATED AT A STORMY SESSION OF LIBERALS CALLED TOGETHER BY THAT HONORABLE GENTLEMAN

GOV'T WILL AID THE DOM. STEEL CORPORATION

Arrangements Have Been Made for the Company to Proceed With the 25,000 Ton Ship Plate Contract on Gov't's Account.

SATISFACTORY PRICE AGREED UPON

By Its Act the Gov't is Materially Assisting the Canadian Steel Industry at a Time When Trade Prospects Are Uncertain.

Montreal, July 10.—Official announcement, it is learned, will be forthcoming tomorrow from Hon. C. C. Balfour, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, as to the details of the understanding on which the Dominion Steel Corporation is to proceed with a 25,000 ton ship plate contract for account of the Dominion government. Directors and officials of the company, who have been in negotiation for the past few days with the minister at Ottawa, returned to Montreal today. While refusing to discuss the result of the several conferences, pending the official declaration by the Minister of Marine, it was learned that the negotiations had resulted in a satisfactory agreement having been arrived at, and that building operations on the big plate mill at Sydney would be resumed forthwith.

What modification was made in the original price of \$4.15 per hundred pounds for the ship plate was not held by the Steel Corporation officials who as previously stated, declined to give out any information until Hon. Mr. Balfour had made his official statement. That the price agreed upon by the representatives of the government and the company, however, is satisfactory to both interests is generally assumed. The original contract, it will be recalled, was for the delivery yearly of 50,000 tons of ship plate to extend over a period of five years, so that at the old price of \$4.15 per hundred pounds, the amount of money involved ran well over the \$4,000,000 mark. The modification in the contract in effect the government is materially assisting the Canadian steel industry at a time when trade prospects are uncertain, and rendering possible the establishment on a large scale of a ship plate branch of the industry which, with ocean tonnage in such great demand, is of prime importance to both the country at large and the steel operators.

When the contract was given in 1918 it was stated that the capacity of the new plate mill at Sydney would be sufficient to both fill the annual 60,000 ton requirements of the government and provide for additional demands which might arise. Most of the Canadian-built ocean going tonnage of the past four years has been launched from shipbuilding yards far removed from the source of steel supply, thus rendering inevitable heavier costs of production. With a large and modern plate mill, situated with basic requirements close at hand, as will be the case at Sydney, the possibilities for further developing the ship building industry of Canada are materially enhanced.

The representatives of the steel Corporation, who conducted the negotiations at Ottawa, were: Mark Workman, president of the company; William McMaster, the vice president; Hector Melnes, K. C., J. H. Plummer and E. H. Wood.

SYDNEY RECEIVES BATCH OF FINES

Dealers in the Ardent Called Upon to Settle in Police Court.

Sydney, N. S., July 10.—Fines amounting to \$880 were contributed this morning to the civic treasury by three liquor sellers found guilty of offences under the N. S. T. A. by Magistrate Muggall at the city police court. S. Roberts, convicted of keeping for sale, was fined the sum of \$200 with costs; Edward Aswell, for selling, was taxed \$220; and Stephen Katakak paid the cost a like tribute.

BIG DIRIGIBLE MOVING ALONG AT FAST CLIP

Latest Reports from the R-34 Shows the Big Airship to Have Attained a Speed of from 75 to 80 Miles An Hour.

SHOULD REACH ENGLAND SATURDAY

Strong Westerly Winds Are Proving a Great Aid to the Ship—In Constant Touch With Radio Stations.

Washington, July 10.—Aided by a westerly wind that sometimes reached a velocity of nearly forty miles an hour, the British dirigible R-34 tonight was well over the Atlantic on the return trip to East Fortune, Scotland, after a stay of 86 hours in America. The last message from the airship received today by the Navy Department, gave her position as 400 miles due east of New Bedford, Maine, and more than 1,000 miles from Mineola, Long Island, from which place she started last midnight. The dirigible, according to wireless reports received by the Navy Department throughout the day, averaged more than sixty miles an hour for the first fifteen hours of the return flight, and at times the big airship's speed reached between 75 and 80 miles an hour. The dirigible thus was making better time than at any period of the flight to this side of the Atlantic, and, if weather conditions remain favorable, naval officers here believe Major G. H. Scott, commander and members of the R-34's crew will see British shores early Saturday.

The first word heard from the R-34 after the big dirigible left American shores this morning was a radio message sent at four a. m., giving the ship's position as 150 miles due east from Long Island. Direct communication was maintained with the Navy Department thereafter. At ten a. m. a message said the dirigible was then making good 58 knots an hour, equivalent to about sixty-four land miles. An hour later the R-34 signalled that the wind was becoming stronger, and that the dirigible's speed had reached eighty miles an hour at times. A request was sent to the weather bureau late today that weather reports be sent to the R-34 regularly during the trip to England in order that the dirigible might be kept informed of unfavorable weather conditions along the route. Another radio message asked all reports from vessels along the path being followed by the R-34 be wireless.

The last weather report sent to the R-34 from here tonight, said that a storm centered over Newfoundland was moving northeast, and that another over Ontario was moving toward Newfoundland. Strong westerly winds were predicted over the western Atlantic as far east as the fifty-fifth meridian, and probably much farther. The weather report compiled by Forecaster Howie concludes: "You will have strong westerly winds next 24 to 36 hours with some clouds and a falling barometer. My advice is to keep well south, and take advantage of westerly winds attending rapid movement of disturbances north of latitude 45. Good luck and a quick trip."

"LIB" CONVENTION TO BE HUMMER, SAYS MR. MCKENZIE

Sydney, N. S., July 10.—"There is every indication that the National Liberal Convention in Ottawa next month will be attended by unequalled success," said D. D. McKenzie, M. P., house leader of the Liberal party, on his return to North Sydney from Ottawa.

"The information which comes to me and other members of the National Committee," Mr. McKenzie continued, "indicates that there will be a complete representation of delegates from all parts of the Dominion. In addition, there will be a very large number of adherents of the party who wish by their presence at the convention to show their loyalty to Liberalism and their confidence in its future. The largest auditorium in Ottawa—Howick Hall at Lansdowne Park—has been engaged for the occasion, and the convention, which it will accommodate, promises to be the greatest political gathering Canada has known."

MR. FOSTER'S PROPOSITION TO ELECT FOUR DELEGATES FROM ST. JOHN DEFEATED

At Various Stages of Last Night's Meeting There Was Much Disorder and Feeling Ran High on Both Sides—The Old Line Liberals Not Jubilant, Feeling That the Result of the Meeting Was a Deathblow to the Hopes of Liberals in This Constituency—Mr. Foster Opposed to Catholic Delegates.

After a stormy session, marked by extraordinary scenes, the public meeting of Liberals called last night by Premier Foster repudiated his leadership and voted down a motion to elect four delegates from St. John to the national convention. The scrutineers did not announce the result of the vote, but it was in about the proportion of two to one. The delegates elected at the old convention will therefore represent St. John at the Ottawa convention, Albert has the right to elect two delegates, but they have not yet been chosen.

Some of those present pleaded that an effort be made to effect a reconciliation and offer the Liberal-Unionists representation at the national convention. Others quite as plainly did not want anything to do with the Liberal-Unionists.

At various stages of the meeting there was much disorder and feeling ran high on both sides. The old line Liberals were not particularly jubilant over their victory, the feeling being that the result of the meeting was a deathblow to the hopes of the Liberals in this constituency. After the meeting adjourned Mr. Bentley of St. Martins went about wagging a despondent head at his friends and exclaiming: "Well, we have committed suicide."

After a good deal of squabbling Mr. Foster was elected chairman by a substantial majority, but it was soon apparent that while the meeting was willing to accord every courtesy to the premier it was not going to accept his leadership, or allow him to ignore the action of the old convention. Mr. Foster faced the music like a man, however, and made a good fight. But his position was hopeless from the start, and the wrath of the old Liberals at his determination to run this constituency would not be appeased.

In opening the meeting Premier Foster said he was the first time he had faced a political audience in St. John since the campaign of 1917, and he wished to say a few words on provincial politics.

Our victory, he said, was a notable one, even in St. John, if we consider all the forces of civilization and money arrayed against us. It was notable because of the election of Dr. Roberts, who though not a professional politician is a valued member of the government and a good representative of St. John.

Mr. Bentley was only defeated by 100 votes. If all the votes had been counted he would have been elected, Mr. Sinclair had been defeated, but he now had a position in which he could serve the workmen.

Continuing, Mr. Foster expressed his regrets at the passing of Mr. Barnaby and paid a tribute to his memory.

It may be soon—it may be some time—that opportunity will come to discuss provincial politics, said Mr. Foster, and went on to say that the opposition in the legislature had not severely criticized the policies of his government. The Standard had not been criticizing his policies in a broad manner, but merely heaped its abuse upon him day after day in order to divert attention from the record of the opposition. The Standard criticized his war record—but he proposed to put the Standard directors under inspection later on, and their records would be exposed to the public. The Standard directors, he said, had permitted homes in this province to be looted while the soldiers were away. They knew about these things, but did nothing.

Wanted Delay.

Continuing, Mr. Foster said he had been consulted about the calling of a general convention, and he had counselled delay, believing that the longer it was put off the better the chance of reuniting the party. It had been decided to hold the national convention in August, and he had been asked to assist. He was not sure some provincial premiers, who put their own interests above those of the Liberal party, at the Ottawa conference the westerly premiers were not asked if they had shed their unwelcome coats, and he was not asked what his coat was. The premiers of the province were simply asked to undertake the calling of conventions. After various trips he served in St. John on June 21st, and the first opportunity he telephoned Dr. Emery whom he had considered a friend. When Dr. Emery came to see him the doctor assumed an attitude that surprised him.

Dr. Emery said the defeated candidates were the proper parties to call a convention and they proposed to call it.

Mr. Foster said he would not have objected if the convention had represented all the elements of the party but after reading the account of the convention he did not consider it representative of the Liberal electors of St. John and Albert.

A Voice—You're right.

Continuing, Mr. Foster said he did not think the convention had acted wisely in selecting four Roman Catholics as delegates.

A Voice—What's that got to do with it?

Many Voices—Cut it out! Cut it out!

There was some disorder, some shouting the premier was right and a majority crying—Cut it out. This is a Liberal meeting.

After the tumult subsided Mr. Foster said he had another criticism to make of the convention; the Liberal politicians should have been represented.

A Voice—They are.

Other Voices—Everybody had an opportunity to attend.

Called an Autocrat.

Continuing, Mr. Foster said it had been stated that he was an autocrat—that he wanted to rule with an iron fist. "This was not so; he had no desire to rule, but he felt that the purpose of the national committee had not been carried out at the recent convention, and as a representative of the national committee he had felt it his duty to call a convention in which all the Liberal elements should have representation."

Mr. Foster said the tariff would be a great issue in the next election as high prices and industrial unrest were attributable to the tariff, and they should have the support of the Liberal Unionists in shaping a tariff secretary be appointed, and mentioned a name. But the meeting insisted on the selection of Mr. Hensberry, who was secretary of the last convention.

Michael Kelly—"Now we should elect a chairman."

Mr. Foster—"Very well. But having called the meeting I am entitled to preside."

Cries of "No" and "Preside."

A delegate wanted the call to a convention.

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THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES IS NOT SATISFIED

French Peace Delegation Criticized for Failing to Insist Upon the Necessity of Pooling the War Expenditures Among the Allies.

LOOK TO ALLIES FOR MONEY AID

The Financial Situation of France Said to Have Improved Satisfactorily During the Last Three Months.

Paris, July 10.—In the chamber yesterday several deputies criticized the government for the vagueness of its financial policy, and for its delay in imposing additional taxes. The French peace delegation was also criticized by Raoul Peret, former minister of commerce, and chairman of the budget committee, for failing to insist upon the necessity of pooling the war expenditures among the Allies.

"The stipulation in the treaty," he said, "is not sufficient. We have not obtained from our Allies the financial cooperation which, in all justice, we had a right to expect. We must apply to the co-operation of the Allies, when the moment comes, to constitute the League of Nations. Cannot we appeal to those across the sea, who have kept their riches intact? That is the real question."

M. Peret expressed the fear that France, left to herself, will be unable to balance her resources with expenditures with sufficient rapidity.

M. Klotz, the minister of finance, in reply, said that the signature of the treaty had not foreclosed the negotiations.

"We can, and we will," he said, "pursue with the United States and Great Britain the necessity of financial union. Conventions to that end are already going on and will be followed up with all the patriotism of which we are capable."

M. Klotz said that the financial situation had improved in the last three months. While during the first quarter the government was required to apply to the Allies for advances totaling 4,500,000,000 francs, only 1,850,000,000 francs had been advanced during the second quarter, while the excess of tax receipts over the budget estimates had increased to 350,000,000 and the current bond sales were growing.

M. Peret estimated the present deficiency at 12,000,000,000 francs annually.

AUSTRIANS AND HUNGARIANS AT LOGGERHEADS

High Tension Exists Between the Two Governments and the Hungarian Minister is Recalled from Vienna.

Bulletin—Paris, July 10.—High tension between the Austrian and Hungarian governments is indicated in despatches received here today from Vienna and Budapest. The Austrian foreign minister, Dr. Otto Bauer, has demanded the recall from Vienna of the Hungarian minister, Bela Kun, Hungarian Soviet head, according to a Budapest despatch, has addressed a note to the Austrian government, protesting against what he calls a press campaign against the Hungarian legation at Vienna. Documents, used in this campaign, the note said, are valueless depositions. Bela Kun asked satisfaction for the official encouragement given this campaign.

Two Belgians, Each With a Suit Case of the Contraband, Forced to Pay a Fine for Their Daring.

Special to The Standard.—Moncton, July 10.—Two Belgians en route from Montreal to Inverness, N. S., and each carrying a suitcase full of old rum, seven gallons in all, gave the city police a lively chase this afternoon. The foreigners arrived on the N. T. R. train and had to wait over for the Ocean Limited. While they were strolling around with their grips they became objects of suspicion. Chief Rideout interviewed them, and succeeded in getting one to the police station, while the second made a break for liberty. Before he was captured he ran a distance of two miles, being found in a barn at Lewisville. When the strangers were arraigned this afternoon they were arraigned this afternoon for violation of the Prohibition Act, and each fined \$102, which they paid, and left town by the first train, leaving their wet goods behind.

Some five other prohibition cases were on the docket today, one party being fined \$50, and the other cases standing over. Some of the stuff being sold by the bootleggers is home brew and brought in from the country districts.

Ottawa, July 10.—The liner Corcoran with 1,206 of whom the majority are soldiers and their dependents, will reach Quebec on or about July 14, according to militia department advices. She carries 156 officers, 421 other ranks, 292 women, 287 children, 37 infants, 21 members of the nursing service and nurses.

HON. FIELDING TO ATTEND THE CONVENTION

Preparations for the Convention of Liberals Divide Honors With Cabinet Reorganization in Keeping Political Pot Boiling.

PARTY LEADER NOT IN SIGHT

Most of the Riding Conventions Have Been Held and Delegates Chosen—New Brunswick Lagging.

Ottawa, July 10.—Credentiahs have been extended to the Hon. W. T. Fielding to attend the National Liberal Convention in August. It is expected that he will be in attendance with other Liberals who left Sir Wilfrid Laurier on the conscription issue. Preparations for the convention here with the prospective cabinet reorganization is keeping the political pot boiling. Reports received by the convention organizers here, indicate that throughout the various ridings, there seems to be a free mind on the question of a successor to Sir Wilfrid Laurier as permanent chief of the Liberal party. There is indication also, it is stated of a general desire for the laying down of a "thoroughly progressive" policy.

When the call to the convention was issued, invitations were sent to a number of organizations outside party limits. While, generally speaking, they will not send delegates to the convention, a number will present their views. The Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees has advised that it will have representatives present on the opening day of the convention to present its views. The proportional representation society has asked permission to present the case for proportional representation. In Quebec and Ontario most of the riding conventions have been held and the delegates chosen. In Nova Scotia nearly all the delegates have been chosen, but in New Brunswick, a number still remain to be appointed. Arrangements are said to be well forward in the Western Provinces although the Saskatchewan convention will be held till the middle of the month.

MARSHAL JOFFRE TO BE HONORED BASTILLE DAY

Will Lead Troops in Triumphant Parade and Then Take a Seat by the Side of Pres. Poincare.

Paris, July 10.—Marshal Joffre, it was announced today in the lobby of the Chambers of Deputies, will lead the troops during the first part of their triumphant march here Bastille Day, July 14, but on arriving at the presidential stand to salute President Poincare, he will leave the procession and will be invited to take his seat beside the President.

More than one hundred deputies, distinguished with the place given Marshal Joffre in the parade, introduced in the Chamber a resolution, which they signed inviting the government "to give Marshal Joffre and commanders of armies and army corps under him places in the victory parade merited by their eminent services in the battle of the Marne, which saved the country and civilization."

An official note was issued today saying:

"The newspapers announce the government has not invited Marshal Joffre to participate in Monday's parade in the place which is due him. This news is false."

N. S. CLERGYMEN TO MONCTON

Moncton, N. B., July 10.—Rev. J. A. Ramsay, for nearly twelve years minister of St. Andrew's Church, at New Glasgow, N. S., has accepted a unanimous call extended to him by St. John's Presbyterian church in Moncton. Rev. Mr. Ramsay succeeds in the Moncton church Rev. T. Porter Brown, who recently accepted a call to Newark, N. J.

Mr. Carvell Coming To Consult With Premier Foster

Special to The Standard.—Ottawa, July 10.—Hon. F. D. Carvell left for home, this afternoon, and it is understood before he returns he will have an interview with Hon. W. E. Foster in regard to the Liberal convention delegates and other questions.

It is again reported that he will retire from the cabinet during the present month, but he denies that he is to become head of the Dominion Court of Commerce. Instead he will resume the practice of law in Woodstock and will retain his seat in parliament. As to his future, that too is uncertain. Evidently, it is believed, he will return to the Liberal party, but that will not be for some time, although next session may find him seated in "No Man's Land," as a sort of independent Liberal, a position similar to that occupied by Hon. W. S. Fielding during the greater part of the present session.

Dutch Sends Curt Reply In Answer To Allies' Note

Paris, July 10.—The Council of Five received today a reply from Holland in answer to the council's note regarding the reported escape from the island of Wieringen of the former German crown prince. The Dutch note, in which were said to be rather curt terms, pointed out that the rumor of the escape was unfounded, and expressed surprise at the warning given by the council.

The Dutch government, the reply added, is conscious of its international obligations and must be left free to exercise its sovereignty as it sees fit.

"Elections Are Not Made With Prayers"

A rather humorous incident occurred when the vote on the question whether Mr. Foster should remain in the chair or not was being taken at the meeting last night. As quite a number were standing around the door, the vote was taken by a show of hands, and the eyes of the scrutineers had passed over them, "hustle up stairs and be counted again." Another instance which shows that, in the words of a former Liberal leader of this province, "elections are not made with prayers."