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BLAIR ON THE RAILWAY JOB:

Hon. A. G. Blair stated, before he resigned as Minister of Railways, that he could not stand up in Parliament and to steer through the Grand Trunk Pacific bill without wearing a mask and carrying a dark lantern, so great the swindle of public money.

And it is only the sudden illness in Mr. Blair's family that prevented him from taking the stump against this outrageous expenditure of the people's money.

SPLIT DEVELOPS IN THE O'BRIEN-McKEOWN RANKS

Each Side Fears the Other Will Bolt

Talk of Campaign Treachery Said to Have Started a Stampede-Story of Efforts to Elect Mr. McKeown at Mr. O'Brien's Expense, and Mr. O'Brien at Mr. McKeown's Expense is Likely to Prove Costly on Election Day.

The expected has happened. The report spread last night that followers of Mr. McKeown and Mr. O'Brien in certain quarters had openly accused one another of intended treachery on election day, and that, as a result of this discovery, the government campaign here was developing into a bad case of every candidate for himself and "devil take the hindmost."

Great pressure has been brought to bear upon both sides of the O'Brien-McKeown combination for some weeks past to persuade or drive the two companies into united action, at least on election day, but it now appears that a split has developed in the ranks and file, each side fearing that it is to be "thrown down" by the other. The only sure way to get even is, of course, to be beforehand, and it was the talk in many places last night that many friends of each candidate had decided to carry their man at the expense of the other if such a thing were possible.

The effect of such a feeling upon the already panestricken workers in the Grand Trunk party can be imagined. Stories have been going the rounds for some days that the combination was now a split, and that old jealousies resulting from the by-election and Mr. O'Brien's failure to secure the nomination then had caused remarks which were met by other remarks to the effect that Mr. McKeown might have been elected last winter if Mr. O'Brien's following had stood by him.

That knives were out after the by-election was no secret, and it is now clear enough that if they were sheathed at all it was only until a good opportunity arrived to even matters up. That opportunity is here. It might have passed unused but for persistent reports from one side or the other that certain followers were not to be depended upon and that in spite of fair promises they would swap votes with Stockton or Daniel men in an effort to save their own particular candidate at the expense of his running mate.

Party men who stand to gain something by the election of the Grand Trunk candidate have been busy for days trying to keep these matters hushed up, feeling that once the stampede started it would ruin the government's chances in St. John city and county beyond hope of repair even by the election of the Grand Trunk candidate.

All sorts of wild stories were afloat last night as a result of the conditions referred to, and statements questioning the good faith of many of the government campaign workers were freely discussed. In some wards, the report was, the O'Brien or McKeown men had prepared in advance statements to be used after election to explain away discrepancies between the vote received by Mr. O'Brien and that received by Mr. McKeown. It was town talk that the leaders continued to exchange pledges, the split had started and was assuming great proportions.

A CAMPAIGN BLUFF

The electors of the City and County of St. John were served yesterday morning with the most hollow and extraordinary campaign bluff yet seen in this section of Canada. It was published in the Grand Trunk campaign sheet, the "Liberal News," and took the form of a letter from the Premier of Canada.

The big headlines sought to convey the impression that Sir Wilfrid Laurier had answered the canvass that under the existing contract Canadian freight will be carried to Portland over the Grand Trunk Railway.

What did the manifesto contain? Simply the familiar quotations from the contract itself together with the government's campaign interpretation of the words.

THE LETTER DELIBERATELY AVOIDED THE VITAL POINT OF THE WHOLE MATTER, WHICH IS THAT, UNDER THE CONTRACT, THE SHIPPER MAY ROUTE HIS FREIGHT AS HE PLEASES, AND THE GRAND TRUNK AND GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC WILL SEE TO IT THAT THE SHIPPERS ROUTE THEIR FREIGHT VIA PORTLAND, MAINE.

Electors who read Sir Wilfrid Laurier's manifesto searched in vain for some new evidence that the contract protects Canadian ports. They did not find any.

THE CONTRACT DOES NOT BIND THE SHIPPER. THEREFORE THE CONTRACT DOES NOT CONTROL THE ROUTING OF ONE POUND OF THE FREIGHT.

REMEMBER THAT: The first effect of the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific west of Winnipeg, will be to enable the Atlantic and St. Lawrence Company to raise capital for doubling the track of its road from the Canadian boundary to Portland.

Construction work cannot be commenced upon any part of the line between Montreal and Winnipeg, until the plans and specifications have been approved by the chief engineer of the Grand Trunk Pacific, whose action in the matter will of course be governed by the instructions he may receive from the president of that company. But the president of the Grand Trunk Pacific is also president of the Atlantic and St. Lawrence railroad of Maine, the road over which the Grand Trunk has running powers to Portland.

THE "LIBERAL NEWS" MANIFESTO IS SIMPLY A FINAL ANTE-ELECTION BLUFF. IT REPRESENTS A LAST ATTEMPT TO DECEIVE THE PEOPLE OF THE ST. JOHN CONSTITUENCIES. THE FACTS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES.

CHAMPLAIN ELECTION MAY BE POSTPONED.

Quebec, Oct. 31.—(Special)—Sir Wilfrid Laurier arrived in Quebec yesterday from Three Rivers, and left this morning for Grand Mere, accompanied by the minister of justice. Sir Wilfrid is suffering from a cold. He will return to Quebec tomorrow, and remain here at the Chateau Frontenac until after the election.

It is probable that the election in the county of Champlain will have to be postponed on account of the sudden serious illness of the Liberal candidate, J. A. Rousseau. The latest accounts from Champlain is that Mr. Rousseau is in a dying condition, and the election act provides that in such an emergency, after the nomination, the election may be postponed. It is said that the provision of the act in this respect will be carried out.

Waterville Man Suicides.

Waterville, Me., Oct. 31.—A special to the Waterville Morning Sentinel states that Edward P. Ely, aged thirty, committed suicide at his home on Baker avenue in Oakland, this afternoon, by placing the muzzle of a shot gun under his chin and pulling the trigger with a string. No cause is given, except possibly sudden mental derangement. He is survived by a widow.

AN AIRSHIP THAT NAVIGATED ALL RIGHT

St. Louis, Oct. 31.—After circling in every direction at a height of 2,000 feet above the Cascades, in sight of thousands of cheering, enthusiastic spectators on the world's fair grounds, A. Roy Knabenshue, of Toledo, in command of Thomas S. Baldwin's airship, California Arrow, today returned to the place from which he started, covering three and a half miles, part of the way against an eight-mile wind.

Knabenshue started from the aeronautics concourse at 2:17 p. m., and returned at 4:06 p. m. On the return trip the airship sailed slowly over the exact spot from which it had risen twenty-eight minutes previously, and alighted about 100 feet further west, where it settled gracefully to the ground. The descent of the Arrow was the signal for a great demonstration. Dozens of eager hands were unhesitatingly grasped the frame of the flying machine, which, with its navigator, was carried around the concourse on the shoulders of shouting men.

Lowell Cotton Mill Starts Up.

Lowell, Mass., Oct. 31.—The Boot cotton mills, which have been closed for the past three months, resumed operations today. By next Monday the regular number, 1,600, will be employed. The mills will be operated five times all winter.

5,000 PEOPLE GREET BORDEN AT SYDNEY

Tremendous Ovation for Conservative Leader

Greatest Political Meeting Ever Held in Cape Breton—Spoke for Two Hours, Although He Was Very Hoarse—At Springhill Tonight.

Sydney, N. S., Oct. 31.—(Special)—The demonstration here tonight in honor of R. L. Borden far eclipsed anything of the kind ever seen in Eastern Nova Scotia. On stepping from the train he was greeted by a vast concourse of people that had gathered at the station and when he entered Rosslyn Park, where the meeting was held, the ovation extended to him was simply tremendous. The five thousand people rose en masse and cheered wildly for several minutes. Hats were waved and the ladies, of whom a large number were present, joined in greeting the distinguished leader of the Conservative party in Canada. The band played "The Maple Leaf Forever," and the audience all joined in singing Canada's national anthem.

Dr. W. J. Egan, of Sydney, was chairman, and on the platform were seated more than fifty representative people of the Island of Cape Breton. The first speaker was Dr. William MacKay, Conservative candidate for the South Riding of Cape Breton. He was given a fine hearing and in a masterly speech dealt upon the issues of the campaign from a local standpoint.

Mr. Borden was given a tremendous reception upon rising to speak. For two hours he occupied the undivided attention of his hearers as he discussed the main issues at present occupying the minds of the people of Canada. He spoke under great disadvantage as his voice is very hoarse, but still he concluded in fine form amidst a most thrilling and inspiring ovation. Tomorrow night he speaks at Springhill.

The meeting tonight was a grand success and contributed not a little towards securing in the Island of Cape Breton a solid phalanx of supporters of R. L. Borden.

ELECTIONS OVER IN NEWFOUNDLAND

Results Will Not Be Known Till Thursday Owing to System of Counting Ballots.

St. John's, Nfld., Oct. 31.—The general elections today passed quietly, and no disorders have been reported. The full result will not be known before Thursday, owing to the fact that under the Newfoundland system all ballots are counted in the central station of each district.

JURY DISAGREES ON AMES' FOURTH TRIAL

Minneapolis, Oct. 31.—The fourth trial of former Mayor A. A. Ames, for illegally receiving money from women, resulted today in a disagreement. The jury, after having today over seven hours, reported its inability to agree, and the court discharged the jurors. It is likely that all the indictments will be dismissed.

OYAMA, HEAVILY REINFORCED, TAKES OFFENSIVE AGAIN

WHAT'S DOING UP IN QUEENS?

Mysterious Ontario Man's Ante-Election Appearance Starts Talk

PEOPLE SUSPECT

Fear That a Campaign Dodge of Some Sort is in the Wind—Say He is a Department Employee.

Queens county voters were mystified by the appearance at Chipman on Saturday of a young man who engaged rooms at the hotel for another man who arrived on Sunday and who is said to be a Dominion government employee from Ontario. Mention of Ontario has a tendency to alarm Queens county people on the eve of election, for Ontario is a place where they win elections.

The rumor got started somehow that the Sunday arrival at Chipman, together with his secretary or assistant and his strange looking baggage, had something to do with the campaign, and the general impression was that the stranger, if he took a hand at all would be on the side of the Grand Trunk Pacific.

The report spread that there was "something doing," but what the something was no one was prepared to say yesterday. The voters of Queens do not care about outside interference, as one Chipman man expressed it yesterday, and talk about the stranger's arrival at this stage of the campaign, aroused more than a feeling of curiosity. The game will be watched very closely from now until the polls are closed on Nov. 3, and if by any chance there is any attempt to introduce Ontario methods in Queens the people will know all about it and act accordingly.

NOT A CHINAMAN TO CANADA THIS YEAR

Ottawa, Oct. 31.—(Special)—Sixty-three cases heard by Mr. Blair and Dr. Mills in the west have still to be adjudicated. The complaints, answers and arguments in such case are, however, typewritten and Mr. Bernier, the deputy chief commissioner may be able to assist Dr. Mills in reaching a decision. The department of justice has been asked to say whether Mr. Bernier can do so.

The act imposing \$300 upon every Chinaman entering Canada, has had a prohibitive effect. Since January 1st not a single Celestial has come to this country with the exception of two who escaped from steamships. In each of these cases, however, the steamship company had to pay the poll tax of \$50.

The exclusion of Chinamen has deprived the province of British Columbia of a handsome revenue. Last year British Columbia received \$225,000, and the year before \$258,000, as its share of revenue of poll tax.

Big Gold Shipments.

New York, Oct. 31.—Heidelberg Icebergs today engaged \$1,000,000 in gold bars at the assay office for shipment to Europe on Thursday. The Royal Bank of Canada also engaged \$1,000,000 for shipment.

CHEERY REPORT FROM QUEBEC

Tarte Repeats Prediction of Big Conservative Gains

TWENTY OR MORE SEATS

May Run as High as Thirty as Tide Against Liberals Has Set in Strong—20,000 Montreal Workingmen Will Vote Opposition Ticket.

Montreal, Oct. 31.—(Special)—Some days ago the Toronto News made a forecast of the result of the coming election, in which Quebec was put down for 12 seats for the Conservatives, Nova Scotia 11 for the Liberals, and Ontario evenly divided. The part applying to Quebec was shown to Mr. Tarte today.

Q. What do you think Mr. Tarte, of the Toronto News' calculation and political prophecies?
A. As you know, I am out of political life. I have not taken an active part in the campaign. I simply follow events as a newspaper man and as an observer of public opinion.

Q. Do you really think that the News has any ground to say that the opposition will take only 12 seats in this province?
A. Of course you know that these figures are absurd. I think that our Liberal friends themselves grant fifteen seats to the opposition.

Q. Have you any objections to giving your own opinion?
A. I am publishing in La Patrie today an article in which I say that the opposition might take 20 seats and even a few more. I would not be surprised if 25 opponents of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's cabinet were elected in this province. Of course I do not say that it is a certainty. You know what an election is.

Q. Has the prime minister still a large influence in this province?
A. Undoubtedly he has, as he has in other parts of Canada. Without him the ministerial party would be smashed to pieces. I think that our Liberal friends know it as well as I do. Sir Wilfrid Laurier is making a very active campaign.

Q. Then you believe that the opposition will capture at least 20 seats in Quebec?
A. I really believe they will. The workingmen of Montreal to the number of upwards of 20,000 are out with a manifesto in favor of all the Conservative candidates. The manifesto reads as follows:
"In view of the fact that the candidates promise if elected to secure the admission of the other Conservative members, we working men of Montreal have no hesitation in saying that now is the working man's opportunity to bring about the political change that will enable them to share in the benefits of a policy of adequate protection for Canadian industries and labor."
If there is a tidal wave setting in which promises to carry the workingmen by tens of thousands to the support of the Conservative candidates, Mr. Tarte says no man could have foreseen the change of feeling and admits the outlook supports the view that the Conservative party is coming to power.

Biggest Battle of War Expected

Japs Engaged in Double Flanking Movement Which, if it Succeeds, Will Crush Kuropatkin—Stoessel Sends a Pathetic Message from Port Arthur.

Next Battle Biggest Yet.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 1.—3:45 a. m.—Everything indicates that the Japanese and the Russian armies south of Mukden are ready for a resumption of hostilities, if indeed, fighting has not already begun. General Kuropatkin reports that the Japanese have received reinforcements from the south and Feng Wang Cheng. Their concentration seems to have been accomplished and they are ready to resume the offensive both east and west of the railroad.

There is no official estimate of the strength of the Japanese reinforcements but correspondents place it at from 40,000 to 60,000. It is believed that the Japanese force has been very largely augmented both from Port Arthur, where an engineering siege has been begun, and Japan, whence, it is understood, every available man is being drafted.

It seems to be assured that the Japanese will be able to meet General Kuropatkin on almost, if not quite, an equal numerical footing. The mere fact that they are again threatening a double flanking movement indicates Field Marshal Oyama's confidence in the sufficiency of the force at his disposal. It is believed here that the second battle on the Suakhe river will prove to be as much bigger and more serious than the first as the first was more serious than the battle of Liao Yang.

Kuropatkin Has a Tough Problem.

General Kuropatkin is confronted by an exceedingly difficult problem. He is pitted against a Japanese force stronger, even despite its recent losses, than that first opposing his southern advance. If Kuropatkin now succeeds in checking even, or in breaking the Japanese formation it will open larger possibilities for the brief remainder of the present year's campaign. On the other hand, a Russian reverse now

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