

WRITS SHORTLY TO BE ISSUED FOR GENERAL ELECTION THE FIRST WEEK OF DECEMBER

Andre Fanteaux Named Solicitor General—Winnipeg Liberals Display More Enthusiasm Than Judgment in Inviting Mackenzie King to Go West—Latest Revenue Statistics Shattered Claim of Agrarians Who Have Maintained Government Raised Too Much by Indirect Taxation.

Ottawa, Oct. 2.—Hon. Arthur Meighen announced Saturday that he had recommended an immediate dissolution of parliament to His Excellency who is visiting in Toronto, and expected that his recommendation would be given effect at once. At the same time he stated that the writ would shortly be issued for an election during the first week in December, the definite date being made known as soon as all the electoral officers were appointed. Several appointments were made Saturday and await the approbation of His Excellency.

Solicitor General.

Andre Fanteaux, K. C., who addressed the large gathering in the Monument National Friday evening, accompanied the Prime Minister from Montreal and will be named Solicitor General. He would have been sworn in Saturday if the Governor General had been in the city. Mr. Fanteaux will contest either Terrebonne or Laval Two Mountains. He has been active in political life for several years. It is also possible that another French Canadian will enter the cabinet without portfolio. Another report here credited to Lord Riddell is that there is an inclination to test his fortunes in Beauharnois in the coming election. This has always been good fighting ground and was represented for twenty-one years by the late Hon. J. E. H. Bergeron. L. J. Pagnieu, who has represented this constituency for thirteen years, was elected in 1918 by twenty-nine, in 1911 by twenty-seven, and in 1917 by acclamation.

More Enthusiasm Than Judgment.

Winnipeg Liberals, in their invitation to Hon. W. M. McKenna King to go West, have displayed more enthusiasm than judgment. If there is one section of the country that Mr. King would ignore during the campaign it is that between Fort William and Calgary. Here the Liberal leader has three policies—revenue tariff in Ontario, protection Quebec, patronage in Nova Scotia—and with his susceptibility to environment, his counselors fear that in a Prairie tour he would develop a free trade rash. Last year, during his Western tour, he displayed a violent desire for Union of the Liberal and Farmer forces on the basis of similarity in official tariff policies. To tour the Prairie now would be extremely embarrassing to the Liberal leader, whose free trade speeches and appeals to the Agrarians are still remembered. It would be even more embarrassing to his Quebec colleagues, who have been advocating protection in defence of the official party national pronouncement and also attacking the Agrarians. Hon. Mr. King desires to re-visit British Columbia, but cannot realize that Province except by aeroplane or the Panama Canal, without facing the Wood-Crerar element. The Liberal leader is spending three weeks in the Maritime Provinces with a total representation of thirty-one and can scarcely ignore fifty-seven constituencies West of the Great Lakes, although it has been reported that he did not intend making a campaign in that part of the Dominion. Premier Meighen will advocate the same policy in every section of Canada that he has already given to the public in London, Portage La Prairie and Montreal.

Revenue Blow to Agrarians

Agrarians have been condemning the Government for raising too much revenue by indirect taxation and not assessing the money directly for Federal purposes. The latest revenue statistics show that this criticism is not founded on fact. For the five months ending August 31st, of the present fiscal year, the Federal treasury has received from business profits tax and income tax \$41,400,000 and from customs and excise \$80,200,000. From inland revenue the returns are approximately \$30,800,000 chiefly from the sales tax which is both direct and indirect in its application. It will be seen that the returns from specifically direct and indirect taxation are approximately equal. It is only fair to point out, however, that in the remaining seven months the indirect taxation will greatly exceed the direct, but, even if so, the application of the principle of direct taxation has been greatly increased. While advocates of direct taxation the Agrarians made a sorry showing in this method of contributing to the country's financial requirement. For the fiscal year 1920-21, 19,597 rate payers paid income tax and among these were only 16,652 farmers. The farmers of Canada in all contributed only \$611,736 while professional men paid \$2,648,656, employees \$11,391,200, merchants, \$7,636,521, manufacturers \$2,917,739 and all other taxpayers \$11,323,563. In their advocacy of the reduction of the principle of direct taxation the Agrarians do not appear to be endangering their bank accounts.

Leger Nominated in Kent County

Richmond, Oct. 2.—At a convention of Liberals held here Saturday afternoon, A. T. Leger, acting sheriff, received the nomination for the Party's candidate to contest the Provincial election. There were three other aspirants for the office—Alfred

LLOYD GEORGE RETURNS HOME ON THURSDAY

Cabinet Will Then Consider Representatives for the Irish Peace Conference.

LONG SESSION OF CONFERENCE EXPECTED

Believed Deliberation on Form of Home Rule Bill Will Continue Until February.

London, Oct. 2.—Returning to London, according to his present plans on Wednesday Premier Lloyd George will call Cabinet meeting Thursday at which the British representatives to the Irish Peace Conference will probably be elected. Undoubtedly Lloyd George himself will act as chief of the delegation although it is probable that he will not attend every session of the conference himself. The meeting at which the form of Dominion Home Rule, satisfactory to Sinn Fein will be sought, is expected to continue for months with several interludes to give an opportunity to Irish spokesmen to present their colleagues in Dublin over various phases of the situation. Basis for Agreement. The initial discussions will take the form of a preliminary conference in which the basis for agreement will be sought and a final programme to be presented to British Parliament and Dail Eireann probably will not be completed before February. It is reported that Sinn Fein leaders are preparing to demand for an immediate release of all prisoners of war which will be presented to Lloyd George practically at the outset of the London Conference. There is also a growing feeling that the Unionists in Southern Ireland are entitled to representation at London, and one of the first questions to be taken up by the preliminary parley will be this.

State's Attorney Holds Up Mob Out On Lynching Bee

250 Armed Men Determined to Hang Man and Woman Held on Murder Charge.

Colonial Beach, Va. Oct. 2.—The intervention by W. T. Mayo, Commonwealth attorney today halted a mob of 250 armed men moving toward Monroe with the expressed intention of lynching Roger D. Eastlake and Miss Knox are in jail at Mont. Eastlake is charged with having brutally murdered Eastlake's wife. Mayo overtook the mob after they had started toward Monroe and pleaded with it to disperse. He pointed out that the Sheriff of Monroe and citizens and himself would defend the jail to the last. After consultation the mob disbanded. The feeling ran high throughout this region when the coroner's jury held the two on a charge of murder. They were accused of having hacked the victim with a hatchet, stabbing her and shooting her. Men and women collected on the streets and threats were made. The prisoners were moved to Monroe as a result of this.

Farmers Look For Liberal Support in York-Sunbury

King Party Side-Stepping and Not to Have Candidate—Stair Refuses to Stand.

Reform Bureau Scores The Movie Actor and Actresses

Declares That Not One Clean Thing Can Be Brought Out of the Unclean.

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THE VATICAN SEES ANOTHER WAR SOON IF THE WASHINGTON PARLEY FAILS

Rome, Oct. 2.—Cardinal Gaspari, papal secretary of state, sends to America, the Papacy's wishes for the success of the Washington conference on disarmament. "The conference must succeed," he declared in an interview granted today, "for if it fails there will be another war in a few years."

"Imagine Japan saying at Washington, 'We won't disarm, for we will soon be stronger than America.' The answer would be an immediate war between the two powers. "The Vatican believes in the abolition of conscription as the greatest step towards disarmament. No nation can make war without conscription, as was proved by America and England during the world conflict. War's failure to achieve results is established. What, for instance, are Italy's gains worth compared with the loss of 600,000 of her best men and the economic ruin she has sustained? "The complaint against the former Austrian Empire was that it was a mosaic of separate states. Czechoslovakia is a worse mosaic, with more bitter hatreds among the populations. "We have peace, but no pacification. The '14 points' have fallen by the wayside. President Wilson was fettered in Italy beyond measure, but he would not be now."

AMERICA IS CONCENTRATING HALF ITS NAVAL AND AIR STRENGTH ON THE PACIFIC

This Move Made for Political Trouble in Far East Zone—Special Attention Given to the Mobilizing of Its Air Forces and Seven Squadrons Are Now in Fighting Trim—The Pick of the Latest Dreadnoughts Are in Western Water.

Washington, Oct. 2.—United States navy is establishing one half of its total air force on the Pacific coast. Thus with half the great American fighting craft already assembled in Pacific waters, fifty per cent—and most modern and strongest fifty per cent—of nation's naval strength will be facing potential trouble in the zone of Far East.

IOWA MOTHER HAS HER FIFTH SET OF TWINS

All Ten Children are Living—Sister of Woman Recently Became Mother of Second Set of Triplets.

Weston, Iowa, Oct. 2.—Mrs. Rose McCombs, wife of a farmer living near here, is the mother of the fifth set of twins in eight years. All of the ten children are well. A sister of Mrs. McCombs, Mrs. Annie Forbes, of Sioux City, recently became the mother of her second set of triplets. Another sister of Mrs. McCombs, who lives in Sacramento, Cal., has two sets of twins.

Ku Klux Klan Shoots Up Town

Sheriff and Deputies Wounded When They Attempt to Stop Parade.

Waco, Tex., Oct. 2.—The condition of Bob Buchanan, sheriff of McLennan County, who was shot when he attempted to prevent a Ku Klux Klan parade at Lorena, 14 miles south of here, was reported today as critical. Two of Sheriff Buchanan's deputies, Louis Crow and Carl West, and an unidentified man, member of Klan, were also wounded.

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QUESTION OF INDEBTEDNESS DELICATE ONE

Great Britain Has No Intention of Injecting It into Arms Conference.

AWAIT SUGGESTION OF UNITED STATES

Financiers Point Out Great Economic Advantage in Cancellation of Debts.

London, Oct. 2.—The British Government has decided that, as far as Great Britain is concerned, there will be no attempt to inject the question of Allied indebtedness to the United States into the Washington Conference, the United Nations learns from sources usually reliable.

In spite of the fact that the majority of the Cabinet and some of the press believe that the debt question should be brought before the conference while many British economists argue that it should play a major part in the November discussions, the Foreign Office holds the view that the question rests solely with the Washington Government, and that it would be unwise to introduce the subject except under America's initiative. This view receives additional emphasis when it is realized that Washington has received an impression that most Europeans, including the British Government, are either pessimistic, apathetic or unwilling to cooperate in the conference, and foreign offices are convinced that this impression is based, in part, upon fear of the debt question being raised.

England Pacific

England, therefore, intends, not only to disburse America of this idea but to create, during the coming week, a sympathetic atmosphere which will prove her confidence and readiness to cooperate with America both on the Far Eastern problem and the disarmament phase.

The Premier returns from Scotland, within a few days, and the Cabinet will then meet to consider the Agenda and personnel of the British delegation to Washington.

What Great Britain actually thinks and what she intends doing in the matter of debts are two different things. Winston Churchill's recent reference to the desirability of a Conference to consider the exchange of the English cancel European obligations to herself, in return for Washington's cancellation of the British debt to America, and that this suggestion was found unacceptable to the United States.

"Accordingly, from our viewpoint there is nothing more to be said," an Attaché of the Foreign Office says.

Arguments continue, however, on the economic advantage of such an exchange, financiers pointing out how the present situation affects America's export trade and the English Government believes that sooner or later an Economic Conference will be inevitable—possibly after "American public opinion has been educated to the advisability of such movement."

Drawing Battle Lines For Fight

"Big Five" of Chicago Battling for Open Shop in the Packing Industry.

Chicago, Oct. 2.—"Big Five" packers and organized stockyard employees are drawing their battle lines tight in anticipation of the outcome of a strike vote to be taken by the meat packers on the "open shop" decree of the packers. The situation arises out of a recent announcement of packers that they will no longer deal with union representatives on matters of wages and working conditions. The strike, if one is called, will be in the nature of a demand for union recognition.

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Special to The Standard. Charlotteville, P. E. I., Oct. 2.—Fire here this morning caused about thirteen thousand dollars damage, partially covered by insurance. John McLeod and Co., tanning work rooms and contents, barn belonging to same firm, stables owned by D. O'Brien, George Match and J. C. Libborno, four automobiles owned by J. S. Wedlock, one by P. C. Brown, one by D. O'Brien motor truck by Col. W. V. Prowse and George Mitchem, and horse were destroyed. Wedlock's autos were valued at over \$5,000. He is the heaviest loser. Fire said to have started in D. O'Brien's stable.