

## CHARGES KING USURPS POWER HOLDING REINS

**Meighen Declares Premier Is  
Merely Leader of Min-  
ority Group**

**DRURY DECLARATION  
CITED AS PRECEDENT**

**Denies Cabinet Has Right to  
Second Dissolution of  
Parliament**

OTTAWA, Nov. 5.—Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, Conservative leader, in a statement issued late this afternoon, characterized the announcement of the intention of Premier King that his government would continue in office and meet parliament as usurpation of power and contempt of the popular will.

Mr. Meighen's statement reads as follows: "The Premier's statement, stripped of its sophistry, is merely an announcement of his determination to 'hang on' in defiance of a heavily adverse verdict from the people of Canada."

**CABINET IS DEFEATED.** "The cabinet," he said, "considered the alternative of advising a second dissolution of Parliament. The Prime Minister knows that his cabinet had

no such alternative and could not get another dissolution no matter what they advised. They have made their appeal and have been defeated.

**BALDWIN'S DECISION.**

"Mr. Baldwin waited for Parliament in 1923, but Mr. Baldwin emerged from the election the leader of by far the largest group. In Mr. Baldwin's case, also, Parliament being already summoned to meet in three weeks, there was no time for a new government to be formed and ready to meet the House. Mr. Drury in April, 1923, announced, and announced properly, that if another party were returned larger than his own in the then forthcoming elections, it would be his constitutional duty to resign in favor of the leader of that party."

"Mr. King declared as the reason for his appeal to the people that his Gov-

ernment could not satisfactorily conduct public business while dependent upon Progressive support. In defiance of this declaration he now decides to cling to office, though dependent infinitely more than he was before upon Progressive support."

"Of the 27 Progressives, Independents and Labor candidates elected, 18 of them denounced his record and defeated his candidates."

"The Premier himself and eight of his ministers have been rejected. The popular majority against his Government is overwhelming. To cling to office under such circumstances is usurpation of power and contempt of the popular will."

**Boy Is Drowned  
In Yarmouth Pond**

YARMOUTH, Nov. 5.—Francis Doane, young son of Edward Doane, Quartermaster of the Boston-Saint John steamer Prince Arthur, now in Boston, and Mrs. Doane, of Yarmouth, was drowned at Milton Pond late this evening. With another youth named Hesse, he was out in a canoe which

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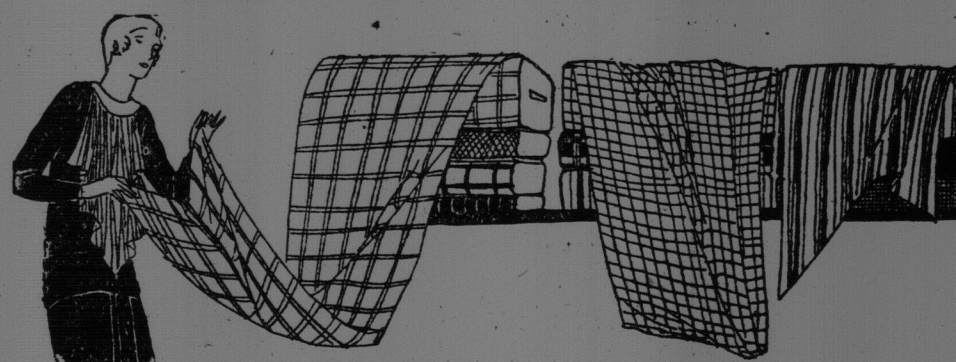
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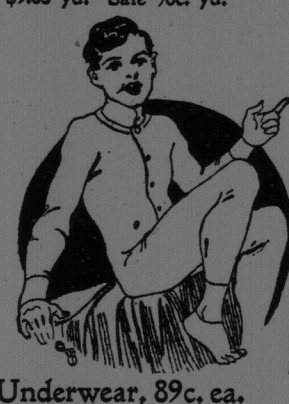
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