

Ottawa Glimpses

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Ottawa, May 2.—Corridor gossip occupied itself with strange matters these days. No doubt much of it is wild speculation, but, on the other hand, there is no doubt that the wilder speculation has a substratum of fact. Most of the gossip is based on hints which have appeared from time to time in the Tory press as to what the Borden Government might do if the Opposition squeezed it too hard.

One of the threats is a reconstructed government. Reconstructors are always great sport for the reconstructors and this one is no exception to the rule. Every reconstruction that fancy can suggest has been put forward by the cabinet makers during the last two weeks. Most of the reconstructors let Premier Borden out.

Sir Robert is to become Canadian law lord on the Judicial Committee of the Imperial Privy Council—that is to say, the cabinet makers have picked out that job for him. Some of the more liberal-minded reconstructors say that Sir Robert put his foot in it in his Manchester speech, in which he outlined a sort of preferential trade among the Entente Allies.

Another statement which is booked by the rumor-mongers for retirement is the Hon. Bob Rogers—that it is to say, if he will let himself be retired. As he is said to have the Federal campaign fund in his own name, he may take a lot of convincing. There is a break division of opinion in the party in regard to the Hon. Bob's possible withdrawal from the affairs of the Government. Some say that if Bob goes he takes all the "pep" with him. Others say that if he goes a heavy load will be taken off the government.

Meanwhile Bob's own party newspapers refrain from defending him, and his name is not put forward in the campaign literature. It is generally enough the person who is mentioned as his successor in the affectionate West is Arthur Meighen, at present Solicitor-General. One would think that Arthur would be about as popular in the west as a dozen Tomsons, but there is no accounting for tastes. The Hon. Bob is by way of being a real fop, but Arthur is a knowledge.

In fact, Arthur lets the hair-splitting habit run away with him. His latest feat of overplaying a fine point was when he argued that the Government couldn't get out of its Ross Rifle contract when, at the very same time, Sir Charles Ross was protesting that he didn't want to stick to any contract that was not beneficial to the Empire. Such is Arthur Meighen, who is booked by the cabinet reconstructors to fill Bob's shoes in the west. Arthur is to become Minister of Justice, vice Doherty resigned.—R. B. Bennett being slated for Solicitor-General. The Hon. Bob is to be High Commissioner at London, if he will take it. It is felt that he could do well over there, handling the ballots which are now stacked up in the High Commissioner's office against the day the British Government will permit a Canadian general election at the battle front. If an election distracts the attention of the fighting man from his real job it might be possible to mark the ballots in London, and save the soldiers the trouble.

Rumor has also picked out the Hon. Frank Cochrane for the seclusion of private life. The Hon. Frank is no addition to the debating strength of the Government—in fact he is as dumb as an oyster—and the party is kicking because this office Napoleon has no gift of eloquence. With a thing as hard as his connection with the Nickel Trust to explain it is felt that Mr. Cochrane ought to cut loose and explain or get out. Sir Harry Drayton, chairman of the Railway Commission, is said to be party choice for the portfolio of Railways and Canals.

It is said that Dr. Roche would

be willing to quit if he could get a place in the Senate and he will probably get his wish, because the Conservative majority of two in the Senate is just now very precarious. Only last week two Conservative senators died and the majority disappeared. More senators must be appointed if this off-again-on-again habit of the Conservative majority in the Red Chamber is to be overcome.

The Hon. Mr. Burrell is willing to quit, too. All he wants is to be postmaster at Ottawa. He likes the society here, the golfing and the tango and would trade ambition for a pleasant life almost any day. Rumor does not say who would take his place from British Columbia—perhaps Mr. Green, who is known to fame as the man who looks like Sir William Mackenzie, the cabinet reconstructors also intimate that Mr. Crothers would make a good High Court Judge and that a real labor man as Minister of Labor would do better work in that department and inspire greater confidence in the masses than a corporation lawyer.

But if Premier Borden drops out, who? Well, the wise ones say Sir Thomas White, with perhaps J. W. Flavelle, his Indus Achates, as Minister of Finance. Can you beat it? Imagine how the high cost of living would moon with Mr. Flavelle arranging the tariff! The Nationalist alliance is to be maintained. Not only maintained, but strengthened. The Government believes that it has a prodigy in young Mr. Severyn—a brilliant phenomenon not second even to Vincent Crummies.

Another story, which shows how desperately the wind blows for the Borden Government, is to the effect that alien enemies in Canada who cannot read or write are to be denaturalized and deprived of their votes. This is to be an offset against the four hundred thousand brave men who are overseas fighting for our freedom, and whose votes the Borden Government has now discovered cannot be taken, because these denaturalized and deprived of their votes against the Government of a thousand scandals. This measure, so the gossips say, will be put through, if necessary, under closure.

This story is hardly worth crediting, because any such measure of disfranchisement would wipe out what little there is left of the Conservative party in Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan. It is only mentioned here to show what sad, bad mad thoughts get into the heads of people when they are staring defeat in the face.

Gossip revolves about a third matter—extension. Will the government accept the counsel of some of its more pig-headed advisors and try, in defiance of the British North America Act, custom, precedent, good taste and common decency, to extend its own life by making use of its majority of forty-seven in the House of Commons and its present majority of one in the Senate, or will it take its medicine at a general election? I think, I think. A Government cannot prolong its own life indefinitely. Sooner or later it has to get back to democratic principles—the people have got to vote. Even in Great Britain the latest extension taken by the Government only to November. The Borden Government has an extension which is valid until October. Some of its best friends are saying that ought to be long enough. Its profiteering friends will have got all there is out of the war by that time. Why, then, linger superfluously? —H. F. GADSBY.

Petrograd Garrison For Front. Petrograd, May 2.—The council of soldiers' and workmen's delegates today decided the necessity of providing new formations for the army operating against the Central Powers, the Petrograd garrison, hitherto held in the capital by order of the Provisional Government to be in readiness to oppose any movement against the constitution, may henceforth be sent to the front if needed, provided authority is first given by the council.

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GERMAN NAVAL OFFICER AND AMERICANS ON TRIAL AS PLOTTERS



FRANZ RINTELEN



FRANK BUCHANAN



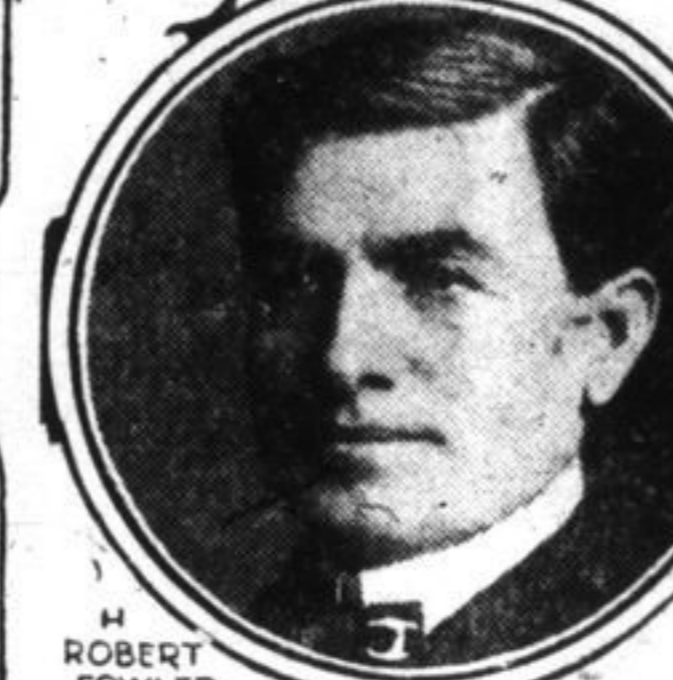
DAVID LAMAR



JACOB C. TAYLOR



H. ROBERT FOWLER



HERMAN SCHULTZE

Here are shown Franz von Rintelen, the German naval officer, and five of the seven Americans on trial in New York accused of conspiring to prevent the shipment of munitions to the Entente Allies. The eight defendants are Franz von Rintelen, Frank Buchanan, one-time Representative from Illinois; H. Robert Fowler, also once a Representative from Illinois; Henry B. Martin, of Washington; Frank S. Monnett, formerly Assistant Attorney General of Ohio; Herman Schultze and Jacob C. Taylor, labor leaders, and David Lamar, once known as the "Wolf of Wall Street," who was brought from the Atlanta penitentiary to face trial.

SEEDING COMMENCED IN SASKATCHEWAN Lateness May Make Wheat Area Smaller, Oats and Flax Replacing.

Regina, Sask., May 2.—Seeding commenced in many parts of the Province during the past few days, according to information obtained by your correspondent from the Provincial Agriculture Department today. In a number of places the land is dry enough to enable the farmers to harrow preparatory to seeding, which should be general this week, under favorable conditions. Owing to the general lateness of the sowing season it is anticipated that there will be a considerable decrease in the amount of land sown with wheat. This will probably be offset by a marked increase in the area sown to both oats and flax. Owing to the high price of seed wheat, many farmers are buying flax to sow on wheat grounds that will be irrevocably late.

HOSPITAL IS CLOSED TO COLORED STUDENTS White Patients Object to Being Treated by Them—M'Gill's Difficulty.

Montreal, May 2.—The Montreal Maternity Hospital has closed its doors to colored students, and as a result the Medical Faculty of McGill University has been compelled to inform all intending colored medical students that it cannot guarantee to graduate them. The diploma of McGill cannot be given by the University unless the full course is carried out, and this includes the carrying out of twenty maternity clinical cases by each student at the end of the fourth and during the fifth year. For many years this clinical work has been taken in the Maternity Hospital, but the white patients object to being treated by colored students.

FOR DISABLED SOLDIERS Conference of Vocational Officers of Hospitals Commission.

Ottawa, May 2.—The system of training disabled soldiers for vocational life in civilian life is being discussed at a conference here of district vocational officers of the Military Hospitals Commission. Every soldier so disabled by his service that he cannot return to his former work is entitled to claim re-education for a new occupation. So far 407 men have come before the Disabled Soldier Training Boards, and 298 have had their applications granted, 83 are awaiting final decision, and 26 have been found ineligible.

NO BASEBALL NEXT YEAR If Peace Does Not Come by Next December.

New York, May 2.—There may be no major league baseball next year. Ban Johnson, president of the American League, flatly stated his belief to-day that unless peace comes by December—and conscription is now planned goes through it will be necessary for the two big leagues to call off their 1918 schedules. Governor John K. Tener, president of the National League, foreseeing the conscription of hundreds of young ball players, said he did not believe baseball could continue under such conditions.

HAD INDIGESTION Could Keep Nothing on Stomach

Indigestion is one of the worst forms of stomach trouble. The stomach becomes upset and you have a raw, debilitated feeling in it. After a meal you feel that you must get rid of that nasty, bilious, burning sensation; that souring and rising of the food which is so unpleasant and in many cases very painful. It is not necessary for you to be troubled with indigestion when Burdock Blood Bitters may be so easily obtained. This old and well-known remedy, which is a combination of nature's best roots, herbs, barks and berries, will cure indigestion and all stomach troubles.

A MILLION BUSHELS Of Potatoes Are Still in Evidence in Canada.

Ottawa, May 2.—In the Commons yesterday afternoon Archie McColg referred to a statement made some time ago by the Minister of Agriculture to the effect that there was a surplus of potatoes in the Dominion. "In Ontario," said Mr. McColg, "there is a very real shortage both for seed and food. Could the honorable Minister tell us where we can get them?"

AN IRISH SETTLEMENT Satisfactory Negotiations for Basis—Important Meeting.

London, May 2.—The Times political correspondent writes: "The urgent demands of the war may prevent the Prime Minister from making a statement this week regarding the efforts of the Government to secure an Irish settlement. The Government is still hopeful of the success of the difficult task. Negotiations are proceeding satisfactorily on a basis which, while securing the rights of the Protestant minority and involving no resort to coercion, would make partition impossible. The position was discussed last night at a meeting of Unionists and members of both Houses under the chairmanship of Lord Salisbury. The conference was of the most important character."

BRITISH GUNS HAVE RESUMED HEAVY FIRING. Another advance is expected.

EDDY WILL HUSTLE Dutch Want to See "Warm Blooded Teddy" Lead.

The Hague, May 2.—Commenting on the news just received that America is about to adopt compulsory service, the Nieuwe Courant says it is largely due to England's excellent example that the bill has been passed so quickly, adding: "If the Senate also agrees to let Roosevelt bring four divisions of infantry to France we can be sure that warm blooded Teddy will not let the grass grow under his feet, and that the Entente will receive help on the west front more speedily than if obliged to wait until the details of compulsory service are completed."

Advertisement for Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, featuring a circular logo with a figure and text describing the product's benefits for nervousness and exhaustion.

ANTHRACITE OUTPUT GREATER THAN EVER

Statement Made by United States Official—What Boston Paper Says.

The Boston Journal of April 27th had the following: "The output of anthracite coal at the mines for the month of March was the largest in the history of the industry, according to a statement issued last night by United States Attorney Anderson, who declares that there is no real reason why coal should not be sold in New England at a reasonable price, or, at any rate, at a price much lower than many consumers are now paying. Mr. Anderson said: "The condition of the local coal market is again becoming artificial, panicky, hysterical. Apparently buyers are indulging in the foolish practice of bidding against each other, with the natural result that sellers put up the price, both to make profits and to check demand. "I have good—I think adequate—reasons to believe that if people will wait, keep cool and stop hoarding their reasonable wants for coal will be supplied at much less than current prices."

Congressman Tinkham yesterday filed in the National House of Representatives resolutions adopted by the Massachusetts General Court urging Congress to take such measures as may be necessary under the commerce clause of the Federal constitution to regulate the price at which anthracite coal may be sold by mining companies and their agents.

DERNBURG WARNS GERMANY

Must Not Wait Too Long With Her Reforms.

Amsterdam, May 2.—Dr. Bernhard Dernburg, former Secretary of State for the Colonies, in a speech at Breslau, warned the Government, according to The Tageblatt, not to wait too long with reforms. He contended that the popular movement had a fundamental power which could not be stifled and which must break through. He also requested the Imperial Chancellor, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, to make public Germany's war aims.

"SAVE 11,000,000 LOAVES PER DAY"

Slogan of Sixty Americans Who Would Divert Grain From Brewers.

New York, May 2.—A committee of sixty prominent men representing all parts of the country has been organized in Washington, with headquarters in New York, to divert grain now used by brewers and distillers to purposes of general food consumption. The committee's slogan is "Save 11,000,000 loaves of bread a day." It was stated that the committee was not connected with any temperance movement, and did not intend to identify itself with that cause. It had decided that it was not good economics to devote millions of bushels of grain to liquor when the need for it was so pressing as it was to-day. No effort would be made to influence legislation except through public opinion, it was asserted.

AUSTRIA IS READY FOR PEACE MOVE

Allies May Successfully Negotiate for Separate Action by Her.

Petrograd, May 2.—I am in a position to state that the question of the future of Austria is now regarded as one of purely military expediency, even by the most marked anti-Austrians here.

Wanted — Another Ostermoor

"Somewhere in this happy land," as De Wolf Hopper used to say in his immortal "Casey," there is another Ostermoor. Not necessarily another mattress. In this case "Ostermoor" stands for a lot of other things, at present unknown, which might be made equally famous by newspaper advertising.

Once there was no nationally known soap. Now, probably folks buy by brand name more soap than any other household article.

Not so long ago very few housewives thought of using canned soups. Soup could be made so easily at home. Yet the sale of canned soups, advertised extensively, increased 204 per cent. from 1909 to 1914.

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