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FERGUSON NOT CHOSEN LEADER

At the Battered Conservative Ranks of the Legislature.

CONVENTION TO BE CALLED

THE MATTER LEFT IN HANDS OF COMMITTEE.

Forbes Think the Hearst Government Might Have Been Saved If There Had Been Stocktaking Last Summer.

Toronto, Nov. 3.—It was announced by Hon. G. Howard Ferguson that plans for the calling of a provincial convention of Conservatives had been left in the hands of a committee of which he was chairman, the other members being: Brig.-Gen. Hon. A. E. Ross, M.P.P.; Lieut.-Col. W. H. Price, M.P.P.; Capt. Joseph E. Thompson, M.P.P.; Capt. BUCKLAND, M.P.P.; Charles McCrea, M.P.P.; Dr. Forbes Godfrey, M.P.P.; W. E. Chambers, William Woollett, John Joyce, M.P.P., and Peter Gardner.

Reports of the gathering referred to an understanding that Mr. Ferguson, pending the election of a permanent leader at the provincial meeting, would, as senior member, act as nominal leader in the House, in this connection Mr. Ferguson said:

"I was not selected as leader or even temporary leader at the caucus on Friday. The question of choosing a leader was left in abeyance. Some provision will undoubtedly be made for a temporary leader, but the question of selecting a permanent leader will have to be decided by a convention of the Liberal-Conservative party of Ontario along with all other matters of policy."

The decision of the Conservative members and defeated candidates in favor of a provincial conference was received with general approval. There are a good many Conservatives who feel that had a convention been held last summer when demands were made for a legislature, the Government would not have gone down to defeat. They hold that a stocktaking would have revealed the extent of the unrest in the province and the menace it held for any Government in power, and thus have given the Government an opportunity to take steps to meet it. A convention next spring, after the country has had an opportunity of studying the course of the coalition Government, may give the Conservative party in Ontario new life.

Drury Accepts Responsibility. (Canadian Press Despatch) Toronto, Nov. 3.—Responsibility for the formation of a new cabinet to carry on the government of the province of Ontario, was accepted today, during a short interview with Lieut.-Governor Sir John Hendrie, by Ernest Charles Drury, leader of the U.F.O.-Labor coalition, in the newly-elected Provincial Legislature. It was a matter of only a few minutes. Mr. Drury was accompanied by J. J. Morrison secretary of the U.F.O. organization. They drove up in an automobile to Government House precisely at eleven this morning and were admitted to the lieutenant-governor's office immediately.

It is understood that in reply to Sir John's question, Mr. Drury stated that he was ready to form a cabinet that would command the allegiance of the majority of the House and that he would not be ready to name his colleagues for a few days, possibly a week. An understanding has been reached with the outgoing Conservative Government of Sir William Hearst to carry on in the meantime.

Premier designate Drury immediately left government house. Incidentally he narrowly missed an unprecedented experience in Canadian politics of receiving the congratulations and expressions of confidence from the heir to the throne as well as the vice-regal representative. The Prince of Wales arrived at Government House just a few minutes after the departure of Mr. Drury. On leaving the grounds of Government House, Mr. Drury was held up by troops of press reporters and photographers. To the former he reiterated his intention of forming his cabinet entirely from U.F.O. and labor members. There would be two of the latter in the cabinet, he said, one as secretary of the Department of Labor and the other still to be decided. Drury will leave for his farm near Barrie tonight, according to his present programme. This afternoon he is holding various conferences and interviews in regard to the selection of his cabinet.

COMPULSORY EMPLOYMENT

In All Countries Discussed at Washington Conference. (Canadian Press Despatch) Washington, Nov. 3.—The question of unemployment occupied the attention of delegates to the International Labor conference today. The steering committee moved the appointment of a commission to study the problem when it became known that delegates from Ecuador were ready to introduce a resolution providing compulsory employment in all countries.

Consideration by the commission of "economic, social and legal points of view" of the unemployment question was suggested by Viscount De Eza, Spanish Government delegate. He was supported by Francis Cokal, of Poland.

RUMANIANS MUST LEAVE BUDAPEST

(Canadian Press Despatch) Paris, Nov. 3.—The Supreme Council today decided to send another note to Rumania reiterating the request made of her in notes delivered on Oct. 17th by the British, French and American Governments. The note asks Rumania to evacuate Budapest, states that she will not be given additional territorial concessions, and requests that she name a member of the Inter-Allied Commission which will pass upon the amount of supplies taken from Hungary by the Rumanians.

FOURTEEN WERE KILLED AS TRAIN HIT BUS

Victims Returning From Masquerade Crushed by Engine at Crossing.

Woodbury, N. J., Nov. 3.—Fourteen persons were killed and thirteen injured, some of them seriously, in the grade crossing accident at Clarksboro, eight miles from here, late Saturday night, when a Pennsylvania railroad train struck an auto truck load of masqueraders.

Twelve of the victims were killed instantly and two others died at the Cooper Hospital, Camden. Two of them were women. Ten of the injured are still in the hospital, and it is feared some of them cannot recover.

All of the dead and injured were from the Kensington Mill district of Philadelphia. There were thirty-two persons in the truck. They were returning home after a Halloween party at Billingsport.

The accident occurred in a driving rain, and it is believed the driver failed to see the approaching train until it was too late to stop. The crash was a terrific one, the truck being tightly wedged under the locomotive.

Men and women, in their gay costumes, were hurled in all directions. Some of the victims were buried under the wreckage of the truck and crushed to death, while others were thrown clear of the track. Only five of the merry party escaped injury.

LOOKS FOR MAN WHO IMPERSONATED FLYNN

And Promised to Swing Soldier Vote to Liberal in Belleville.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Toronto, Nov. 3.—Lieut.-Col. O. Flynn, Liberal candidate in Belleville, at the recent provincial elections, was here today and called on J. Harry Flynn, President of United Veterans League, with regard to a man impersonating Flynn, who caused a lot of trouble in Belleville and left some unpaid bills. This "Flynn" promised to swing the soldier vote towards the colonel. Today Col. O. Flynn decided that the impostor had no resemblance to the real J. Harry Flynn, and Mr. Flynn declares that he will search from here to Halifax for the man who impersonated him.

VICTORY LOAN TOTAL NOW \$152,416,000

(Canadian Press Despatch) Toronto, Nov. 3.—The grand total of the Victory Loan subscriptions for the Dominion reported up till noon today, with some provinces far behind with their reports, were \$152,416,000 as compared with less than \$145,000,000 for the first week last year. Ontario total stands at \$89,446,000 reported to date this year.

ANNOUNCES NEW SCHEME OF IRISH GOVERNMENT

Give Home Rule With Power to Counties to Vote Themselves Out.

(Canadian Press Despatch) London, Nov. 3.—The British Government still announces during the present week a new scheme of Irish government, according to a strongly supported report in parliamentary circles to-day. The plan, laid out in prospect, there would be the grant of Home Rule to Ireland with power for the counties to vote themselves out and form a governing body for areas which might be thus excluded from the general scheme. A supreme body, however, presided over by the lord-lieutenant, would have authority over both other bodies.

GEN. DENIKINE'S PROGRESS.

Takes a Town and Surrounds a Bolshevik Division. (Canadian Press Despatch) London, Nov. 3.—General Denikine's current communique, received by wireless, claims the capture of Verkhov, south-east of Verones to the east of the general scheme. A Bolshevik division, surrounded by troops, he reports, surrounded a Bolshevik division and took numerous prisoners.

Bolshevik Batteries Silenced. (Canadian Press Despatch) Copenhagen, Nov. 3.—Reports that Bolshevik batteries in and around Kronstadt and Krasnaya Gorka, on the Gulf of Finland, have been silenced by bombardment by Allied warships lasting several days, are contained in despatches to the National Tidende to-day from Reval.

Heavy explosions are said to have occurred in both places named, presumably being due to ammunition dumps blowing up.

Bomb Exploded in Tokio. Tokio, Nov. 3.—A bomb was exploded outside the foreign office here Saturday. No fatalities resulted from the explosion, which coincided with a celebration in honor of the emperor's birthday celebration.

Eight hour Workday in Holland. The Hague, Nov. 3.—The upper chamber of parliament yesterday unanimously passed a bill establishing an eight-hour work day and a 45 hour week.

ONTARIO'S PROSPECTIVE PREMIER AND HIS WIFE.



Above is a picture of Ernest C. Drury and Mrs. Drury as photographed at the Drury home-stead. The prospective Premier has been at home at Crown Hill, Ont., discussing with Mrs. Drury the question of moving to Toronto.

FEDERAL TROOPS ARE IN SERVICE

In Mining Regions in Various Parts of the United States.

AND MORE ARE IN RESERVE

NO PLANS YET MADE FOR OPENING UP MINES

Not Expected That Men Will Enter the Workings Just Now Though Everything is Ready For Their Return—The Union Workers Are Regarding a Federal Order. (Canadian Press Despatch) Chicago, Nov. 3.—Developments today in the strike of more than 425,000 soft coal miners throughout the country were expected to clarify the situation to the extent of determining whether production was to be stopped indefinitely on a large part of the bituminous zone or whether any considerable number of workers were willing to return to work. No plans have been made for opening any of the mines with imported labor, and the old men who return to work are to be treated as though they had never laid down their tools, according to Thomas T. Brewster, chairman of the coal operators' scale committee. No miner will be discriminated against, he said.

Reports from most of the large mining centres indicated that while a large number of miners would be in shape for miners to resume work the operators did not expect many union men to re-enter the workings today. While the operators admitted that the figures given out by the union leaders as to numbers of workers who pointed out that close to 150,000 non-union men were at work in Pennsylvania and West Virginia fields and that nearly 20,000 union miners were working in Kentucky under contracts signed recently. Union leaders, who were temporarily restrained by the federal court, at Indianapolis, last Friday, from further activity in the strike have observed order but whether plans have been discussed regarding a modification of the strike order was a matter of conjecture today.

Federal troops today were in the mining regions of West Virginia, Tennessee, Wyoming and New Mexico under orders to preserve peace in case disorders occur in connection with the strike. Troops have been ordered to hold themselves in readiness in every department of the army for service whenever the state authorities ask for assistance in keeping down disorders.

Hardly Before Nov. 20. Paris, Nov. 3.—The supreme council of the peace conference held a long discussion Saturday of the date for the formal ratification of the German peace treaty. No positive decision was reached, but it is said to be unlikely that the date will be earlier than Nov. 20.

Seizure of coal in transit has begun at many points in Michigan including Detroit, Saginaw and Bay City, under orders of the railroad administration, and is being done according to official announcement "as a precautionary measure" in view of the strike of coal miners, so needs of the railroads may be met.

Four men plying checkers in the basement of the Brantford Public Library were overcome by gas from the furnace, and two had to be taken to the hospital.

A suggestion is made that Hon. Dr. Cady should assume the same attitude as Sir Adam Beck and offer his services in the Department of Education free from political ties.

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THE OFFICIAL RETURNS. (Canadian Press Despatch) Toronto, Nov. 3.—The totals of the Victory Loan applications officially reported to midnight on Saturday were: Ontario, \$89,446,800; Canada, \$152,416,000; \$90,550.

Brought Sir Thomas Lipton, the Famous Yachtsman. (Canadian Press Despatch) Halifax, N.S., Nov. 3.—The SS. Carmania docked this morning after a somewhat halcyon passage of eight days from Liverpool. After landing her 812 passengers for this port, she will call here before proceeding to New York. Among her passengers was Sir Thomas Lipton, the famous yachtsman.

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THE WORLD'S TIDINGS IN CONDENSED FORM

Tidings From All Over Told in a Pointed and Pithy Way.

Windsor's population as reported by the assessor is 41,485. Seaman, Kent Co., of Meaford, will establish a branch in West Lorne.

A reunion of the 188th Battalion will be held in Chatham on Nov. 11, Armistice Day.

According to the health authorities there are about 20 cases of smallpox in Stratford.

A snow white die was found dead caught in a barbed wire fence near Lewistown, Pa.

Tons of hoarded sugar were found in New York by federal agents. Owners will be prosecuted.

A 15-year-old Detroit boy confesses that he was the thief who entered several stores in Chatham.

Dr. J. Adams, M.O.H. of Windsor, says unclean and slipshod eating houses will not be permitted.

Hundreds of aliens have departed from Windsor within the past few months for European countries.

The annual public auction sale of live stock at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, was quite successful.

U.S. Government sold 460 houses built to house war workers in U.S. arsenal territories for average of \$3,000 each.

To check hoarding of silver Mexico is considering using less white metal in coins, making them one-third smaller.

In raids at New York on nine saloons for violating the prohibition law twenty arrests were made. Two men were shot.

Due to the scarcity of houses in Glasgow, the Canadian Milk Products Co. will build some to accommodate their employees.

Mistaking each other for robbers, two railway employees engaged in a revolver duel at Conneville, Pa. Both were fatally shot.

Mexican Review estimates total British investments in Mexico at \$1,000,000,000 Mexican gold, or \$500,000,000 American gold.

Instead of obeying a highwayman, who ordered her to hold up her hands, a Toledo woman struck him on the nose, and he fled.

The special sitting of the Supreme Court will be held in Kitchener, at which Peacock and Boyeff, the alleged Galt murderers, will be tried.

Three persons were shot and six policemen injured by flying bricks during a strike riot at the Onedda Knitting Mills at Utica, N.Y.

A bride, who was once a member of the famous Russian women's "Battalion of Death," arrived in New York with her husband, a U.S. soldier.

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DISCUSS PLANS FOR IRELAND

Lord Southborough Offers Himself As Intermediary With Sinn Fein Leaders.

BELIEVED THAT CONTACT

WOULD SMOOTH OUT MANY DIFFICULTIES.

Horace Plunkett Again Urges For Ireland the Full Status of a Fully Self-Governed Dominion.

London, Nov. 3.—The British Cabinet committee is still striving to find a way through the Irish tangle.

The latest development is an offer by Lord Southborough to act as intermediary between Britain and the majority of the young Irishmen, that is to say the Sinn Fein. Lord Southborough's name as a Commoner was Francis Hopwood and during his illustrious official career he has undertaken several missions to Canada, Newfoundland and the United States.

Lord Southborough himself says: "I take no part in politics; I have no truck with His Majesty's Government." What he contemplates is the possible usefulness of a small unofficial conference, including Sinn Fein leaders.

The Times strongly urges the Government to accept Lord Southborough's offer. It wants the ministers to "reconsider the idea of a 'new doctrine of self-reliance' which has taken a strong hold upon the youth of Ireland is no momentary political cry. It is neither possible nor desirable that the Sinn Fein party and certain elements whose policy make a strong popular appeal, should remain perpetually in opposition."

Horace Plunkett again urges for Ireland: "The status of a fully self-governed Dominion with a defense reservation." He ridicules the idea that Great Britain must not help the Irish republic which is already established and says, "A righteous moral protest will become an effective political reality in the orderly progress of western civilization and depends more than on any other one thing, upon the right of mutual understanding between the peoples of the American republic and the British commonwealth of nations."

A high parliamentary authority tells me that the British Cabinet committee is at the moment most impressed with the proposal to create two legislatures in Ireland, with a joint committee, in the hope that the Nationalist, Sinn Fein and Ulstermen working together every day may learn to smooth each other's jagged edges.

Parliament at the moment is so deeply engrossed with Ireland's financial position that Ireland occupies the thoughts of but few British parliamentarians, but the Government must soon take some decisive step.

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MORE LONGSHOREMEN RETURN TO WORK

(Canadian Press Despatch) New York, Nov. 3.—The backbone of the longshoremen's strike is believed to have broken this morning, when the full force of men employed on the Chelsea piers between West Fourteenth and West Twenty-third streets, returned to work. When the stevedores' whistles sounded this morning, gangs of men filed through the gates and were immediately put to work.

FRANCE'S TRIBUTE TO SOLDIER DEAD

The First All Saints' Day of Peace Spent in the Cemeteries.

Paris, Nov. 1.—The first All Saints' Day after the war was the occasion Saturday of notable tributes to the memory of those who had died for France in the great struggle. Despite the weather, which was cold, misty and generally dismal the cemeteries about the city were crowded with people who were covering with flowers the stones that had been raised in honor of the dead. President Poincare, Mme. Poincare and the members of the municipal council paid visits to the cemeteries at Bagneux, Ivry and Pantin, where they placed wreaths on various monuments. In addition thousands of travelers crowded the trains on the northern and eastern line yesterday for visits to the graves of relatives or friends buried in the cemeteries at the front.

In Paris there was a touching ceremony in honor of the orphaned war of the nation, held at the Sorbonne, in the presence of a large assemblage and presided over by President Poincare. One hundred of the little ones were grouped in the front rows of seats typifying the great army of war orphans for which the nation is caring. Numerous speeches were delivered by Marshal Foch, former Premier Viviani and others. The final speaker was President Poincare, whose impressive words stirred the audience deeply. Addressing the orphans, he said, "If your fathers died it was that France might live, and that you might live, free to be worthy of your sires, and to preserve the life of your country."

VERY FEW CANADIANS NOW LEFT IN ENGLAND

Two-Thirds of the Remaining Three Thousand to Sail This Month.

London, Nov. 3.—Canadian soldiers remaining in England number three thousand. It is hoped to get two-thirds of them away this month. Most of these are employed in salvage operations, which include the sale at public auction of military stores and a large number of automobiles.

Forty-seven officers and 300 men of the pay corps are still here, but half of them will sail within a fortnight all pay work prior to October being wound up at Ottawa.

Less than a hundred military sick cases remain in Great Britain, these being attended to at Alexandra Military Hospital, Millbank, by the Imperial authorities.

Two hundred typewriters used by Canadian officers were sold this week and averaged five pounds more for each machine than the original price.

SOFT COAL SHIPMENTS HAVE BEEN RESTRICTED

The U.S. Government Passes a Drastic Order Affecting Canada.

Toronto, Nov. 3.—From today until the big coal strike in the States is settled, soft coal will be shipped into Canada only for public utilities, hospitals, food manufacturers and newspaper publishers.

H. A. Harrington, Ontario fuel commissioner, says stocks in Ontario are fair, and he anticipates no serious shortage unless the strike is unexpectedly prolonged. To the manufacturers, however, who have only a few weeks' supply and who do not come under the "priority" privilege, the strike will be more or less alarming.

The fuel commissioner has wired to the mayors of Ontario towns and cities to make surveys of priority contracts to be forwarded to Dr. Garfield, who has charge of soft coal distribution in the United States.

COMPENSATE FOR LOSSES.

B. C. to Consider Any Such Under Prohibition Act. Victoria, B.C., Nov. 1.—An order-in-Council passed by the Oliver Cabinet and signed by the Lieutenant-Governor yesterday, creates a commission under the Public Inquiries Act, with Justice Clement as the commissioner, to inquire into the question of compensation in respect of losses alleged to have been sustained by reason of the operation of the British Columbia Prohibition Act.

\$250 Per Year of Service. Melbourne, Nov. 3.—The Herald states that the Federal Government has made several important concessions to returned soldiers, including those Australians who joined the Imperial forces.

Those who will have returned to this country before next June will be granted fifty pounds for each year of service overseas, but only if they did not hold commissions. Allowances payable to dependents resident in Britain will be dated back to January, 1917, instead of August, 1918.

The Dutch Senate on Saturday adopted a resolution granting a credit of 25,000,000 francs to France for reconstruction of devastated regions.

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HEARST RESIGNS; DRURY CALLED

Lieutenant-Governor Communicates With Leader of the United Farmers.

HEARST WILL CARRY ON

UNTIL NEW CABINET IS READY TO TAKE OFFICE

U.F.O. Secretary Morrison States That He Had Not Anticipated the Hearst Government Retiring so Soon.

Toronto, Nov. 3.—"Sir William Hearst on Saturday tendered to the lieutenant-governor his resignation and that of the government. His resignation communicated with E. C. Drury, who will be asked to undertake the task of forming a new government."

The foregoing statement was given out by Sir William Hearst at the parlour buildings on Saturday morning. The Ontario premier personally placed the resignation of himself and his colleagues in the hands of Sir John Hendrie, who subsequently stated that he had telegraphed for E. C. Drury, the Farmers' leader, to come to his office on Monday.

Sir William Hearst will, of course, carry on the government until Mr. Drury is ready to assume control.

Mr. Drury has already arranged to return to Toronto from his home near Barrie on Monday morning, so that he will be able to see the lieutenant-governor without delay. He will come back, it is stated, with his cabinet slate in his pocket, and be prepared to take over the government within a very short time.

In the latter respect, Mr. Drury and Sir William Hearst came to a mutual understanding last week, to the effect that when one was ready to come out the other would be ready to get in.

"We had not anticipated anything like this," said J. J. Morrison, U.F.O. secretary, when he learned of the Hearst resignation. "There is no occasion for a rush. We are not anticipating any ugliness from anybody. We feel there will be an honest attempt to carry on the government. Mr. Drury made no arrangements for that eventuality."

Mr. Drury will ask for a few days in which to select members of his cabinet. It is not likely that the new ministry will be ready to take office before the end of the week.

AGED LADY STRUCK

And Killed by an Auto Near Renfrew.

Renfrew, Nov. 3.—Miss Bellair, of Portage du Fort was knocked down and killed instantly by a motor car driven by Miss Brabson of that town.

Miss Bellair, who is advanced in years, was walking on the roadway of the Main street with her sister and started to cross the road as the car approached. She hesitated and started to turn back, when she was knocked down. No blame whatever attaches to the driver of the car, which was going slowly at the time of the accident. Miss Brabson, the driver of the car, had with her her sister and Miss Thompson, all of Portage du Fort.

Rink Purchased by Church

Colborne, Nov. 3.—The tender of Colborne Methodist church for the purchase of the rink has been accepted by the directors of the Curling Club. The rink will be used, it is stated, for both skating and curling.

Wardsville electric power plant has been out of commission for three nights and the Methodist church is conducting evangelistic services by lamp light.

John McGahan, of Strathallan, who made a vicious attack on Constable Hill, Woodstock, has been declared dangerously insane and will be sent to the London Asylum.

County Constable Fred Kerr, who served with the 75th Battalion and Royal Air Force, has been awarded a Meritorious Medal for valuable work while a warrant officer.

Robert Carroll 17-year-old Sarnia boy who was accidentally shot while out hunting, had his arm amputated two inches below the shoulder.

St. Thomas I.O.O.F. raised \$277 by a tag day.

NEWS IN BULLETIN.

Sixty-one trains will be discontinued on the New York Central to conserve the coal supply.

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