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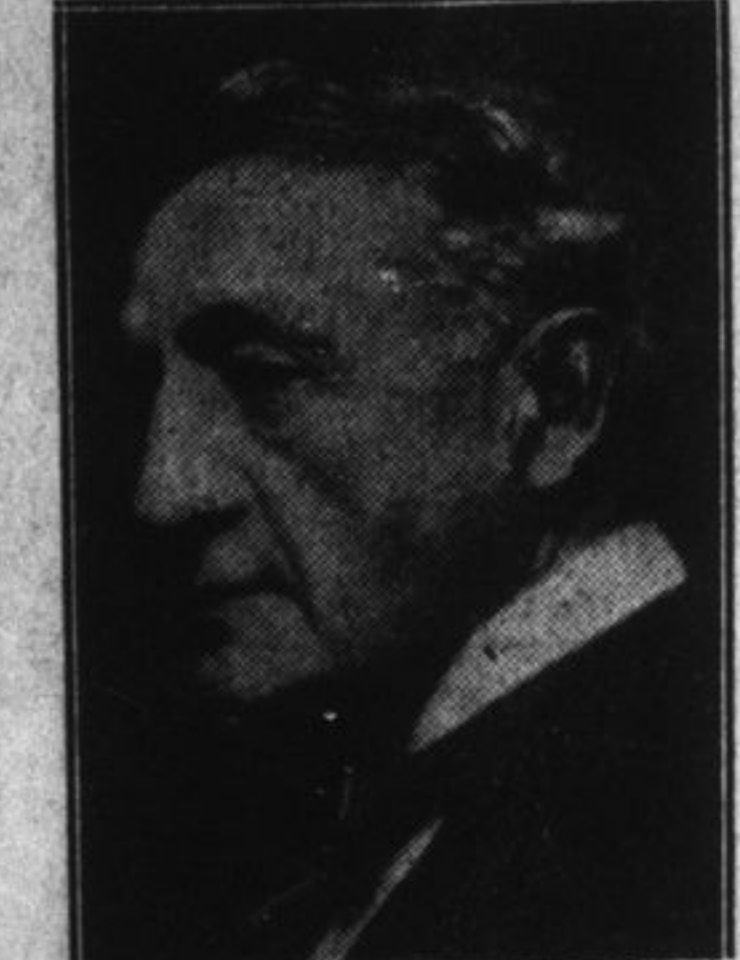
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SIR ADAM BECK'S DENIAL OF CHARGES OF SETTELL

Chairman of the Hydro Commission Makes Explanations—He Was Given Certain Privileges Because At First He Got No Pay.

Toronto, Nov. 12.—Giving evidence this morning before Commissioner Judge C. Snider, investigating the charges made by E. C. Settell against officials of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission, Sir Adam Beck, chairman of the commission, declared that when he started on the Hydro commission he served without compensation but had de-



SIR ADAM BECK
Who is the target of his former Hydro Secretary.

manded certain privileges including a motor car and chauffeur, and his hotel expenses. At the end of six years he was offered a cheque by the late Sir James Whitney for \$45,000, being at the rate of six thousand a year, and \$1,500 for living expenses. This Sir Adam said he refused.

NOT SATISFIED WITH STEPS BEING TAKEN

To Reorganize British Liberal Party—Defeated Candidates Hold a Meeting.

London, Nov. 12.—Steps by its leaders towards overhauling the Liberal party are not viewed with entire favor by those in the party ranks. About a hundred Liberal candidates, who were defeated in the recent polling, met yesterday to talk over the matter. They criticized the constitution of the committee of experts which Mr. Asquith, party leader, announced last Monday was working to meet the need for the overhauling of the party "from top to bottom." Particular criticism was directed against the inclusion in the committee of some members whom the candidates regarded as largely responsible for the poor organization which is blamed for the Liberal collapse. A demand was made for wider representation and the appointment of independent investigators on the committee.

A Winnipeg child unconscious for more than two months as the result of a motor accident, is now on the road to recovery. Diamonds worth \$100,000 are missing from the apartment of Harry I. Katz, murdered Los Angeles club man.

the furnishings from his London residence.

In connection with the Sothman charges, Sir Adam said that when Sothman was appointed chief engineer, it was stipulated that he should be allowed to do outside work, and this the commission knew.

Regarding the charges that detectives had been employed to watch Home Smith's house, the Hydro chairman stated that Settell came to him alarmed, stating that people were congregating in the house who should not be there.

"I absolutely deny that, Mr. Commissioner," interjected Settell.

He did not know how the fees of the detectives were charged, said witness, admitting they were engaged. Settell hired them, he said. Sir Adam said that as remount officer during the war he had used a car and a chauffeur, while buying horses for the army. He was entitled to use a car and the commissioners knew it, he declared.

The Hydro chairman denied absolutely the charge that changes were made in the minutes of the commission meetings. There might have been changes in technical terms, but no deliberate changes, he testified.

Sir Adam declared he had never refused to pay accounts placed before him by Settell.

"He was the only protection I had," he said, "I asked for protection by the staff so that personal accounts should be paid by myself and not allowed to be charged to Hydro."

He denied emphatically that twenty thousand dollars of Hydro funds deposited in the Molson's Bank was to secure a loan made by Beck companies or himself. "A Beck company never got a loan of any kind from Molson's Bank," he declared.

Nieces Lose Appeal Against Will; Estate Goes To One Not a Relative

Judge H. A. Lavell gave his decision on Tuesday in connection with the case of the will of the late Caroline Doherty, Enginburg, which was tried about a month ago. The judge decided that the last will should stand.

Two Children Burned In Home

They Were First Suffocated—Their Grandmother May Not Recover.

Owen Sound, Nov. 12.—Helen and Loretta Featherston, eight and nine years of age, respectively, were burned to death early this morning, and their grandmother, Mrs. Fred Featherston, is in hospital seriously burned and may not recover.

COULD HARDLY BE THE MISSING YACHT

As the Derelict Reported Upon Was Located as Early as Sept. 5th.

Washington, D.C., Nov. 12.—The derelict reported to the navy department as having been sighted in the path taken by the missing yacht Lief Eriksson, for which the cruiser Trenton is searching the North Atlantic, was located as early as Sept. 5th, the department was informed today, and, therefore, could hardly be the wreck of the missing yacht.

CHARGES ALDERMEN WITH INTERFERING

On Behalf of Montreal Coal Dealers Accused of Giving Short Weight.

Montreal, Nov. 12.—Alderman O'Connell and Desroches were named by Chief Belanger on the witness stand at the police probe yesterday afternoon as having intervened with him in behalf of coal-dealers accused of giving short weight.

The chief explained that these were men with good reputations which should be preserved. He will file a memorandum of all short-weight cases against coal dealers, and a list of cases not proceeded with and the reasons.

Chief Belanger swore that intervention, as far as he could remember, had never been made by Alderman Desroches.

Interventions and non-completion of cases were fairly common in branches of the traffic regulations and offences against city by-laws, he said.

William Charles Radley, of Toronto, told of the same constable, Arthur Belanger, telling him how the police planted drugs on people in order to get them convicted, and faked burglaries to enable friends to collect insurance.



CAPT. E. C. KALBFUS
In charge of the U. S. cruiser Trenton, searching the North Atlantic, with scout airplanes for William W. Nutting and his crew, lost in a 40-foot sloop, the Lief Eriksson, while enroute to Battle Harbor, Labrador.

BRITAIN'S LABOR LEADERS ARRIVE

New York, Nov. 12.—C. T. Cramp, chairman of the Labor party of Great Britain, and A. B. Swales, chairman of the British Trades Union congress, arrived here yesterday on the Colito, on their way to El Paso, Tex., to attend the annual convention of the American Federation of Labor as British fraternal delegates.

In discussing the recent overturn of the British Labor ministry, they attributed its fall primarily to the "Zinoviev letter."

"The letter," Mr. Swales said, "undoubtedly scared hundreds of thousands of timid voters into voting for the reactionaries. The combination of Conservatives and Liberals against us in various districts also contributed, but this was not enough in itself."

Ramsay MacDonald would continue as leader of the British Labor party, Mr. Cramp said. The former premier was its unanimous choice, and there was no opposition to him in sight, he said.

The election there, Mr. Cramp said, had proved among other things that the Labor party was "now permanently the second party" in an imperial political equation, and also that its advocacy of the Russian treaty was a line of action even the Baldwin government would be obliged to follow.

Woodstock council refused the request of the proprietors of pool rooms and billiard parlors for permission to keep open till eleven o'clock on Saturday night. At present they are compelled to close at ten o'clock.

The W. H. Consaul Coal company is building a new cement dock fronting its coal yard, on Riverside drive, Clayton, N.Y.

Best crops in twenty years reported in Quebec.

Police Inspector Resigns Office. Belleville, Nov. 12.—Inspector Reg. Bumpstead of District No. 5, Provincial Police, has handed in his resignation to headquarters and has received word that he will be given two months' leave of absence with pay.

Back Church Union. Toronto, Nov. 12.—Out of a total of thirty ministers in the Presbytery of Picton, N.S., twenty-six have signed declaration of their intention of entering the United Church of Canada, according to a message received by the Church Union bureau of information.

PROTECTIVE TARIFF FOR SOUTH IRELAND

London, Nov. 12.—A comprehensive scheme of high protective tariffs is about to be announced in the Daily Eireann, according to the Dublin correspondent of the Morning Post. He understands that the Free State Government intends to tax all imported clothes about 25 per cent., raise the present import duty on shoes and tax furniture and prepared foodstuffs.

News off the Wires In Condensed Form

President Coolidge will attend funeral of late Senator Lodge. General Garibaldi to fight duel with commander of Fascist militia. Wembley exhibition will be reopened next year with British government support.

Edmund E. Sheppard, formerly a well-known newspaperman and writer in Toronto, dies in California.

W. J. Gordon, employed on the Welland ship canal construction at Port Weller was run down by a construction train on a trestle and instantly killed.

Fire in the Dell vulcanizing plant at Niagara Falls caused damage amounting to \$5,000. Tenants of the upper floors were obliged to escape in night attire.

The five weeks' drought in Halton county has dried up many wells and small creeks, and farmers are obliged to haul water for their live stock.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S APPEAL DISMISSED

By Court of Appeal in Regard to an O.T.A. Judgment.

Toronto, Nov. 12.—The first appellate court has dismissed the appeal of the attorney-general of the province against the judgment of County Judge O'Connell, who quashed the conviction by the police magistrate of Toronto, who found Gooderham & Worts, Ltd., guilty of an infringement of the provisions of the Ontario Temperance Act.

The conviction arose out of a seizure of fifteen cases of whiskey entrusted to one Richards for export to Niagara Falls, N. Y.

"The evidence clearly shows that the liquor was not delivered to Richards for consumption in Ontario, but for export to the United States," says Chief Justice Mulock, in his judgment dismissing the appeal.

CATHOLICS OPPOSE CHURCH-STATE UNION

According to Montana Bishop—The Birth Control Bill Discussed.

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 12.—American Catholics, "neither need nor want a legal union of a church and state," in this country, Bishop John P. Carroll of Helena, Mont., declared in a sermon at the fourth annual convention of the National Council of Catholic women yesterday.

This is the first meeting of the council away from its headquarters in Washington.

"The constitutional guarantees of religious liberty are sufficient for American Catholics," he said, "and they neither need nor want a legal union of church and state in this holy land of ours." To quote the words of Theodore Roosevelt, "where religion and liberty are natural allies." Decriing the birth control bill, Bishop Carroll said: "There is reason to fear that the love of ease and pleasure has diminished the affection of many of our American people for the home of the pioneer—a home which was made glorious by the innocent prattle of many children. The large number of advocates—many of them women, to their shame be it said—of the birth control bill, for some time before congress, only serves to increase our fear and to make us view with alarm the consequences to our country when the present restrictive immigration law begins to make itself felt."

PROVINCES MAKE REQUEST FOR RELIEF IN TAXATION

The Maritime Provinces Want the Right to Tax the C.N.R. Properties—They Claim That They Are Virtually Titleholders.

Ottawa, Nov. 12.—"We have had a frank friendly discussion of the problems at hand," said Hon. J. A. Robb, acting minister of finance last night, following the first session of the taxation conference between the Dominion and several of the provincial governments here yesterday. The conference will continue Wednesday and will probably conclude in the evening.

The representatives from the maritime provinces, it is understood, have put forward the request that the Canadian Government grant to them the privilege of taxation of the Canadian National Railway property in the maritimes. It was pointed out in support of this contention that the provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island were in unique position due to the fact that they were virtually titleholders. Ontario and the western provinces, on the other hand, as stockholders, enjoyed the right to levy taxes on the Canadian National Railway.

On behalf of the province of Alberta, Hon. R. G. Reid, provincial treasurer, submitted the attitude of his government to the conference, making a survey of the entire situation. Owing to the initiation of certain policies by the Dominion, problems have been left to the province for solution which have strained the financial resources of the province and have placed upon them a burden which is not properly theirs, according to Mr. Reid's case.

Alberta contended further "that the allocation of fields of taxation under the British North America Act is largely non-effective by reason of the fact that no exclusive fields are maintained for the provinces," as the Dominion has the power to enter any field under the act.

In the statement submitted it was pointed out in connection with the first point raised that there are two main areas of the province interested, the first in southeastern Alberta, and the second in the Peace River country, in both of which districts settlers have been placed by the Dominion Government and then their efforts ceased.

The federal government, it was thought, should have adopted a follow-up policy and assisted these settlers of semi-arid lands in their attempts to cultivate them.

DUCHESS IS APPOINTED. Only Woman in Some of Ministerial Selections.

London, Nov. 12.—The Duchess of Athol is the only woman among the more than a score of ministerial appointments made public last night. The duchess becomes parliamentary secretary to the Board of Education in the new Baldwin ministry.

Aside from other parliamentary secretariats appointments are announced as follows: Sir William Mitchell-Thomson, postmaster-general; Lieut.-Col. Wilfred Ashley, minister of transport, and Major G. O. Tryon, minister of pensions, which post he previously held.

The Earl of Onslow is made under secretary for war; Sir Philip Sassoon, under secretary for air; and Earl Stanhope, Civil Lord of the Admiralty. Sir Thomas Inskip again becomes solicitor-general.

Others who will retain their old posts are Ronald McNell, under secretary for foreign affairs; Walter Guinness, financial secretary to the treasury; and Earl Winterton, under secretary for India.

Lieut.-Col. J. T. C. Moore Brabazon again becomes parliamentary secretary to the ministry of transport.

Advance in Price of Flour is Unexpected

New York, Nov. 12.—The advancing tendencies in commodity prices since the election have increased the price of flour 25 to 50 cents a barrel in local markets where standard spring wheat patents are now selling at \$7.80 to \$8.25 and fancy family flour at \$9.25 to \$10 per barrel.

Many buyers, it was said, have been holding off in expectation of a post-election slump and have been forced to come into the market at the advance to replenish depleted stocks.

Call to Church in Hamilton. Toronto, Nov. 12.—Rev. Dr. George H. Williams, minister of Metropolitan Methodist Church, who a short time ago received a call to the pastorate of Byerson Methodist Church at Hamilton, at a salary of \$3,000 a year, stated last evening that he had definitely decided to accept the invitation.

Queen's Park Echoes With Settell's Broadside Volley on Sir Adam Beck

Toronto, Nov. 12.—The main volley of E. C. Settell's broadside upon the Hydro Electric Commission resounded through Queen's Park yesterday.

The target for the volley was Sir Adam Beck, Settell's former chief, against whom he laid thirty-nine specific charges of irregularity, arising in most cases out of alleged expenditure of Hydro funds for personal or other purposes.

Settell and his one-time employer came face to face for the first time since the former secretary's flight from Toronto more than a month ago. Sir Adam Beck entered the committee room where Judge Snider's investigation is being conducted, shortly after the session was under way. The Hydro chairman seated himself behind the press table, at the opposite side of the room, to the spot where Settell sat. Settell, at the opening of the session, expressed a wish to withdraw certain of his charges, but asked to be allowed time to consult his counsel, which was granted him.

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"You Said It, Marceline!"

By MARCELINE DALROY
ON "THE UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE."

A WOMAN CAN TELL A VAIN MAN ANYTHING; she can also Tell him ANYWHERE. But generally he does not Give HER TIME to Tell him what SHE Thinks of HIM. He is SO anxious To tell HER what He thinks of HIMSELF. This is so uninteresting To the MODERN GIRL That, as a RULE, she

Can ONLY LISTEN to it Over a DINNER TABLE. Or between the ACTS of A PLAY, or to the Accompaniment of JAZZ At an EXPENSIVE CABARET. For, if a MAN talks EXTRAVAGANTLY of HIMSELF, many girls are BORED, and if he makes love, THEY are BLASE, but If he makes big MONEY TALK, she That's different!



EARL HAIG
Commander of British army in France during Great War, who will open Canadian National exhibition at Toronto next August.