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STRONG ARRAIGNMENT OF PREMIER MEIGHEN BY LAPOINTE

HON. ERNEST LAPOINTE CALLS PREMIER MEIGHEN A COWARD

Denies the Infamous Story About the Cruise of the Margaret—The Prime Minister Has Not Acknowledged Receipt of His Telegram Asking Him to Repudiate the Calumny.

Quebec, July 30.—"I ask the Canadian Press to send my message to the Pacific Coast and I declare, blushing, that the Prime Minister of Canada is a coward," so pororated Hon. Ernest Lapointe, ex-Minister of Justice, to a large Liberal rally here last evening in his honor. The declaration came at the end of a statement in which Mr. Lapointe heatedly denounced what he termed the "infamous story" concerning an alleged cruise of the Customs steamer Margaret with which his name had been connected in the Maritime Provinces by A. J. Doucet, ex-M.P., speaking on the same platform as Premier Meighen.

"An infamous story has been circulated, to which repulsive details have been added, to the effect that I have been one of the passengers on a Customs boat, the Margaret, on a trip during which all laws of decency and morals have been violated. Despicable individuals have repeated this vile calumny with the same pleasure ill-breeding insects take in spreading a plague.

"Finally, an ex-member of Parliament, A. J. Doucet, has made a public statement in the presence of Mr. Meighen while he was accompanying his chief through the Maritime Provinces, that I had participated in that excursion which the claims were made, and that I had boarded the 'Margaret' at Quebec.

"I immediately wired the Prime Minister, Mr. Meighen, denying ever having travelled on the steamer Margaret, and asking him, in view of the courtesy which public men owe each other, and because of our relations, which date back over 30 years, to repudiate this calumny launched in his presence by his electoral agent.

"I have as yet no reply from Mr. Meighen, but Mr. Doucet, after stating he accepted my denial, has contended to shamelessly declare he had seen the log book of the steamer Margaret, wherein it appears that Mr. Lapointe and his friends embarked at Quebec to participate in that supposed excursion.

"I immediately went to the Customs Department requesting the Deputy Minister to allow me to see the book in question that I might verify the source of this calumny, but I was told the book was on board that ship. Since then, I wired the Premier, Mr. Meighen, also Sir Henry Drayton, Acting Premier, and J. D. Chaplin, Acting Minister of Customs, requesting them to have this book sent to Quebec at the Customs House that I may see it.

"I have had no answer. "I am not in the habit of talking about myself and am sorry that I am forced to do so."

Career An Open Book.

"My career is an open book, every page of which I allow my adversaries to scrutinize. I only ask them one thing: I ask them to grant me the homage of truth and spare me defamation and lies.

"Mr. Meighen has just given the citizens of this country a despicable, example, first, he hid behind the Governor-General instead of shouldering the responsibility that is his for the violation of the Constitutional charter of this country. And now, he hides behind a slanderer to throw mud at an adversary that always met him in honorable combat. Ladies and gentlemen, speaking tonight before an immense gathering in the old city of Quebec, where live the descendants of the two great races that fought on an historic soil, glorious battles, where have been preserved in their full purity the traditions of honor and fair play that guided the knights of old. I regret to profess that the Prime Minister of my country is not a loyal adversary, nor is he even a gentleman; he is a coward."

"Thank God I still have the strength, required to defend myself and to slap, if need be the grinning faces of my slanderers."

The meeting was presided over by Premier L. A. Taschereau, of Quebec and other speakers were: Hon. Lucien Cannon; C. G. Power, former M.P.; and George Parent, former M.P.

More Than 150 Persons Are Missing In the Bahamas Since the Hurricane

Nassau, Bahamas, July 30.—Ravaged by wind and wave, with more than 150 persons missing, the Bahama Islands remained virtually isolated from communication with the outside world to-day while anxious residents took further count of the toll of destruction from the worst hurricane in the recorded history of the islands.

The majority of those missing are believed to have been

drowned with the sponge fishing fleet which has not been seen since it set sail three days before the West Indian hurricane struck the islands Monday night. Several weeks must elapse before the official toll of death and shipping and property damage is known. While conservative estimates place damage at \$8,000,000, reports have not been received from several islands of the group.

BITTER REPLY IS MADE BY HON. H. H. STEVENS

To What He Terms the Liberal Leaders "Dastardly Innuendo."

Ottawa, July 30.—In an open letter to the leader of the Liberal party, handed out last evening, Hon. H. H. Stevens, Minister of Customs, describes as "dastardly innuendo" certain remarks made by Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King in his Sarnia speech. Mr. Stevens declared that Mr. King attempted in that speech "to fasten in the public mind the thought that I am personally responsible for the death of these thirteen victims of alcoholic poisoning." He quotes extracts from Mr. King's speech as a basis for this declaration.

Mr. Stevens states that immediately after taking office, he gave orders that not another ounce of denatured alcohol was to be released from any Canadian bond and that this order was being strictly observed, "therefore," he continues, "if any of this poisonous alcohol is still to be obtained in the Dominion of Canada, it is alcohol that you and your colleagues released on the unsuspecting public, and I may say that from the middle of December last up to your inglorious exit from office your government distributed over 175,000 gallons of this poisonous concoction for beverage purposes."

REPLY OF MR. KING TO CUSTOMS MINISTER

Unfair to Hold Any Government Wholly Responsible For Smuggling.

Windsor, July 30.—Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, on his arrival here today, handed out a statement in reply to the open letter published this morning by Hon. H. H. Stevens, minister of customs, which dealt with what claimed to be "innuendo" against Mr. Stevens made by the leader of the Opposition in his speech at St. Mary's. Mr. King says in part:

"With the Ferguson Government in office will we make a new issue in the campaign on liquor smuggling? If I made that kind of an appeal it would be similar to the present Conservative campaign.

"The very point of my remark was as the context of the report will show, to make it clear that it was manifestly unfair to hold any Government responsible in all particulars for smuggling and its consequences, and to make clear to the public mind just how unfair were the methods being adopted by Mr. Stevens and other members of the Meighen administration in seeking to place responsibility upon my colleagues and myself in the late administration for certain smuggling operations which we were doing our utmost to suppress."

SECOND STAGE OF REGATTA.

Taking Place at St. Catharines—Finals on Saturday. St. Catharines, July 30.—With the elimination contests over, the C. A. O. Regatta enters the second stage this afternoon when the senior eight will be seen in action. Winnipeg has been drawn against Argonauts in the first heat, and later Lachine will pull a duel against Toronto University. The final will be rowed to-morrow. Almost equal interest is attached to the final of the junior eight with Ottawa, Lachine and a husky eight from the American Legion Club of Wyandotte, Mich. competing. Weather conditions are predicted as warmer for to-day.

Young Indian Killed By Train.

St. Thomas, July 30.—Elijah Maracle, a young Indian, was run over by a Wabash train near the Thames river, and had both his legs cut off, and sustained other injuries. He died five minutes after reaching the Memorial hospital here. It is believed he was asleep on the track.

STOCKS TAKE GREAT JUMP AT NEW YORK

The Greatest Speculative Enthusiasm Seen Since March.

AN EXCITING CLOSING

The Boiling Market Was Led By General Motors and United States Steel.

New York, July 30.—The stock market bounded forward yesterday in the most feverish trading that has been witnessed since the last big bull movement collapsed in March. At the close of the day, after a demonstration of speculative enthusiasm which Wall Street has not been accustomed to in many months, the two market leaders, General Motors and United States Steel, had advanced to the highest price levels in their history and showed a net appreciation in market value for the week of more than \$180,000,000.

It was a market which in many respects has no parallel. The trading, vast in its proportions, converged very largely upon the two leaders, General Motors and Steel. Pools and professional traders were in command, the public an interested bystander. The great bulk of the transactions were paid for in cash, indicating that the operators were fortified with tremendous resources. While the trading was proceeding with a violence that has seldom been equalled, many of the leading brokerage houses were almost empty of customers.

The market boiled all day. From the opening, when speculative interest was quickened by an accumulation of buying orders, until the closing bell, the trading was of such an excited character, as to recall the thrilling days of last winter. The eager traders massed around the Steel and General Motors posts until the confusion made the execution of orders difficult. General Motors' uprush was so swift that specialists on the floor refused to accept stop-loss orders unless they were given immunity from responsibility for prices.

The transactions in General Motors totaled 373,700 shares and in Steel 309,500. The former at its peak for the day showed a net gain of 12 1/2 points at 19 1/4. Steel touched a high of 146 1/2, showing a gain of 3 1/2 and closing with a net gain of 3 1/2.

Many other industrial issues joined in the upswing, some of them rising spectacularly. The activity in this department of the market served to lift the general list, although the close showed a scattering of minus signs. American Can and Texas Gulf Sulphur were among the issues attaining the highest prices in their history. Allied Chemical and Dye, American Brake Shoe, Dupont and Mack Trucks responded vigorously to aggressive buying operations and showed wide gains at the close.

NO BEER FOR WOMEN

Vancouver Hotels to Bar Beverages to Fair Sex. Vancouver, July 30.—Women will be excluded from beer parlors in Vancouver after August 15, the British Columbia Hotelmen's Association decided last night.

Placards will be placed at the entrance to all beer parlors stating that women will not be served. The order affects only Vancouver establishments, but a recommendation has been issued by the association urging members in other parts of the province to take similar action.

Shot Man And Girl Owing to Jealousy

Calgary, Alta., July 30.—James Edward, aged twenty-nine shot and wounded Walter Pearce, and Miss Bertha Little, aged nineteen, less seriously, and then shot himself with a shot gun here last night. Jealousy is believed to have been the motive. Edwards was shell-shocked overseas, and had been in an inmate of a mental hospital for some time.

Keen-Jackson Wedding.

A quiet wedding was solemnized at Perth, on July 26th, when Margaret Viola, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jackson, Glen-Tay, became the bride of Orvil Edmond Keen, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Keen, Smith's Falls. The bride wore a tawn canton crepe dress, with mauve hat and was attended by Miss Elizabeth Huribert while the groom was assisted by Milford Huribert. The young couple will reside in Smith's Falls.

AUTO INDUSTRY MUCH AHEAD OF 1925 TRADE

Production For Six Months of the Present Year Shows Great Gains.

Ottawa, July 30.—Production of automobiles in Canada last month was slightly below the record output for May, but considerably above June, 1925. Of the 21,751 units turned out of Canadian factories in June, 6,610 were open cars, 11,175 closed models, 2,586 trucks, 1,354 chassis and 26 taxicabs or buses. Almost twice as many closed models were made in June this year compared with June, 1925. The production of open models showed a marked falling off.

The value of the cars made, in the first half of 1926, based on selling price f.o.b. plant, was about \$16,000,000, or 27 per cent. higher than the same period last year.

Canada imported 4,904 cars in June last, and exported 4,574, leaving, with home production, 22,071 cars available for use in Canada. In the first half of 1926, 16,604 cars were imported into the Dominion, and 38,833 exported. The apparent consumption in Canada, during that six months, was 102,649, compared with 65,255 during the same period in 1925.

MONTREAL MAN FAILS TO SWIM THE CHANNEL

Omer Perreault Gave Up After Sixteen Hours Fight in Rough Sea.

London, July 30.—Omer Perreault of Montreal, was once more forced to give up his attempt to swim the English Channel after 16 hours' struggle through rough seas. Perreault, commenced his attempt yesterday evening, after six weeks' intensive training, at Malo Bains, a seaside village, a few miles from Calais. Weather conditions were excellent when he entered the water and in a few hours he was well away from the French coast, swimming a strong side-stroke.

After ten hours swimming he was more than half way across but the wind freshened and made the water choppy, thus rendering his progress slow and his task more difficult. He maintained his effort but after 16 hours in the water, the roughness of the waves, which buffeted him about, rendered success impossible and Perreault was forced to leave the water.

This is the best attempt he has made since 1921 when he first essayed the Channel feat. Sixteen hours swimming represents a duration record for him.

In his best previous attempt he was in the water 14 1-2 hours.

HOSTILITY TOWARD BRITAIN IN FRANCE

The French Ignorantly Attribute Increased Prices to Pound Sterling.

London, July 30.—The British Government is seriously exercised by the flood of anti-British propaganda which is spread all over France stimulated by the fall of the franc. While Paris has shown particular antagonism to Americans, the French people in the country attributes the rise in the cost of living to the pound sterling and are still inclined to regard most foreigners as Englishmen. The result is a feeling of irritation and hostility toward Britain all over France. This is due, of course, to ignorance of the situation but its existence is nevertheless disquieting.

A BIG IMPROVEMENT IN UNEMPLOYMENT

There Were 20,699 More Persons on the Payrolls in June.

Ottawa, July 30.—Improvement in the employment situation in Canada is reported by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. On the payrolls of 5,598 firms which reported to the Department of Labor on July 1st, were 559,713 persons, or 20,699 more than in June.

These additions to staff exceeded those reported on the corresponding date of any previous year of the record, and the index of employment, at 102.7 now stands higher than in any other month since 1920. On June 1st, 1926, it was 101.0, while on July 1st, 1925, 1924, 1923, 1922 and 1921, the index was 96.8, 95.9, 95.5, 91.1 and 87.5, respectively. With the exception of logging, in which there was seasonal curtailment all groups of industries reported improvement, that in construction being most extensive.

THE LAST DAY OF SERVICES IN CHURCHES

Interdict May Be Given Official Form by the Pope.

AN ORDER TO DISARM

All Catholics Throughout Mexico—Authorities Fear Move Towards Forceful Opposition.

Mexico City, July 30.—El Universal Grafico says that Attorney-General Ortega has issued orders for the disarmament of all Catholics throughout Mexico because of reports that some Catholic groups are holding secret night meetings in capital, causing the authorities to fear the possibility of their planning forceful opposition to the government's religious programme.

It is customary in Mexico for many persons to carry pistols. The police to help them in their task, the newspapers say, will be furnished with lists of all the names of members found in the files of the League for the Defence of Religious Liberty and other Catholic societies.

The secretariat of Archbishop Mora y Del Rio yesterday announced that Friday will be the last day of ceremonies in Roman Catholic churches in Mexico and that the priests will be withdrawn and services will cease on Saturday instead of on Sunday as previously planned. Several foreign diplomats, including the French and Spanish legations, are seriously considering starting a movement to have the diplomatic corps here offer its services as friendly mediators in the present religious struggle in Mexico.

Complete Suspension.

Rome, July 30.—A condition of almost complete suspension of liturgical and sacramental Christian life, virtually amounting to an interdict, already exists in Mexico in consequence of the Mexican Government's prohibition of the celebration of masses and other religious functions, a Vatican spokesman declared today. It is distinctly possible, however, he added, that this interdict will be given official form by an act of the Pope at a moment not yet decided upon, either before or after August 1, so as not to interfere with the world-wide prayers for the Mexican Catholics set for that date. It is hoped that the Vatican that the prayers will be followed by events which will make such a serious step unnecessary.

The Catholic church uses two means to express its disapproval of acts by individuals and governments, namely excommunication and interdict. The interdict is defined as "An ecclesiastical censure by which persons are debarred from all use of certain sacraments, from all divine offices, and from Christian burial."

LIBERALS EXPECT TO WIN TWO OTTAWA SEATS

They Lost Them Both Last October by Faulty Organization.

Ottawa, July 30.—The Citizen says: Only forty-three per cent. of the available vote in Ottawa was polled in the election last October, according to local calculations. In the election that will take place in September, the result is likely to be very different. For, in addition to the Conservative organization which last year operated most efficiently, the Liberals now have a new and united organization, manned by young men and women who are out to see that the normal Liberal vote will be registered and polled.

They say that the last election was lost by reason of faulty organization or none at all, and that the one lesson is enough. This time the headquarters are besieged with volunteer workers. The local leaders expect this time to carry both seats for the Liberal party.

Denies Mayor Lynched.

Mexico City, July 30.—Denial is made by the governor of the state of Zacatecas that Mayor Carravantes of Nochistlan was lynched there Tuesday because of an attack upon a Catholic priest. The denial is contained in a telegram received by the Department of the Interior. The governor asserts that there is no foundation whatsoever for the report of the lynching sent by newspaper correspondents from Aguas Calientes. He says there has been no trouble whatsoever in the town of Nochistlan.

Campers Asked To Give Warning

By Putting Out a White Flag If They See a Body Floating.

Diving operations and search for the body of the late W. H. Smith were continued this morning, and at an early hour the diver and those helping him went out to the scene of operations and resumed their labors, stopping for the noon recess at 11.35. The work was resumed again this afternoon.

The harbor was comparatively calm, and the diver, George Brawley, was able to carry on his work with greater satisfaction. From his submerged platform where he works, Mr. Brawley is able to see a great distance under water, and can see cans and other things lying on the bottom, but no trace of the body.

In the meantime, the motor boats are keeping up their search of the shores line, believing that the body may have drifted down the river, or towards the causeway. Mr. Card, of Wolfe Island, has his boat on the go continually, and this morning searched down as far as the head of Howe Island on the first trip, and later in the morning scoured the shores lines in Navy Bay, Deadman's Bay and for some distance down the river, but without success.

Campers along the river shore are urged to place out a white flag at once should they sight the body on the shore or any place in the river. This will give warning to the men in the motor boats, and they will be able to get to the spot as quickly as possible.

SAYS THAT MEXICAN GOVERNMENT WILL WIN

Mexico City, July 30.—President Calles in a speech last night declared that hour was approaching for the final fight to determine the triumph of revolution or reaction. The darkness was between light and darkness and the government would win in connection with its religious measures.

The Political Field

G. B. Nicholson Chosen. Sault Ste. Marie, July 30.—G. B. Nicholson, of Chapleau, was unanimously nominated to contest the riding of East Algoma at the Liberal-Conservative convention in Espanola. Mr. Nicholson held the East Algoma seat in the last Parliament.

A. A. Heaps Nominated. Winnipeg, July 30.—A. A. Heaps, who along with J. S. Woodworth, represented labor in the last House, was nominated to contest North Winnipeg constituency in the forthcoming federal election, at a meeting of the Independent Labor party here last night.

Unanimously Selected. Brandon, July 30.—David W. Beaubier, a resident here since 1882, was unanimously chosen to represent the Brandon Conservatives in the forthcoming federal election. He will oppose Robt. Forks, former Progressive House leader, who was given the Progressive nomination here Tuesday.

Other Nominations. Elgin West, Ontario—William S. Tolmie, Liberal. Lambton West, Ontario—Joseph Armstrong, Conservative. Lisgar, Man.—W. J. Rowe, Conservative. Burrard, B.C.—W. F. Hanbury, Liberal. Cariboo, B.C.—Joseph Graham, Liberal. Athabasca, Alta.—D. F. Kellner, Progressive.

Poison Liquor May Be From Germany

Toronto, July 30.—That the alcohol which caused the deaths of eighteen persons in Ontario and a larger number in New York state within the last few days, may have had its origin in Germany, was the statement today of Hon. W. H. Price, acting Attorney-General of Ontario. "Investigation so far shows that the poison was landed in New York and distributed from Buffalo into Ontario," he said.