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LONDON THINKS MUSSOLINI HAS NO WARLIKE INTENTIONS

FASCIST COUNCIL APPROVES ASSUMPTION BY MUSSOLINI OF HEAD OF THE NATIONAL MILITIA

Italian Premier Now Has Complete Control Over All Weapons of National Defence--British Government Circles Minimize Peril With Regard to An Italian War With Turkey--Think Mussolini Is for Peace.

Rome, Oct. 11.—Premier Mussolini's assumption of the position of commander-in-chief of the Fascist National militia with the rank of Generalissimo, succeeding Prince Gonzaga, who resigned with the gesture of devotion to "Fascist discipline," was approved by the autumn session of the grand council of the



PREMIER MUSSOLINI

Fascist party Sunday. The grand council also decided to abolish elections within the party itself. Elections for political offices were virtually abolished many months ago. Mussolini's assuming direction of a million means that he has now complete control over all weapons of national defense, for some time ago he took over the portfolios of war, navy and aeronautics. The premier addressed an order to the Fascist militia in which he said: "You undoubtedly understand the purpose of this action. The password

is as follows: "Obey with absolute fidelity. Be ready always and everywhere for the defense of the regime, which to-day is the mother country. Raise your banners and muskets with a cry of our invincible Fascism. Viva Fascism!"

A Menace to Europe. London, Oct. 11.—Premier Mussolini of Italy, as a menace to the peace of Europe, was resurrected Saturday in the revelation that he is still seeking to establish an Italian sphere of influence on the Adalian Coast of Turkey, which was promised to Italy in 1915 by a secret pact in London, to which the signatories were Russia, France, Great Britain and Italy.

While there is some anxiety regarding Mussolini's future plans, the present tendency in government quarters here is to minimize the peril, as officials believe that inasmuch as Italy was a signatory to the Locarno treaty, and is also a member of the League of Nations, Mussolini would not take any action liable to provoke an open outbreak, but would seek to secure his aims by peaceful means.

Certainly it is not believed that Italy is preparing for war with Turkey. No attempt is made to disguise the anxiety in other circles where there is a tendency to believe that Sir Austen Chamberlain, Britain's Foreign Secretary, is too closely linked with Mussolini for the good of Europe. In labor circles it is asserted that Chamberlain has used Mussolini's threat of war to force Turkey to be reasonable regarding Mosul, but this has always been strenuously denied. It is admitted that Chamberlain's policy is directed toward peace, but it is asserted that he plays with fire. It is understood that Chamberlain will explain his Italian policy to the delegates at the Imperial Conference when it meets this month.

LEGACY OF \$100,000 FOR SAVING A BABY

Toronto, Oct. 11.—John William James, fireman of this city, is reported as having received a bequest of more than \$100,000 as a mark of gratitude for his part in saving a baby during the wreck of the Titanic fourteen years ago. The grant is stated to have been made in the will of the baby's grandmother, who died recently. Mr. James has resigned his position and is in New York with his lawyers.

CITY OF WINNIPEG. Has Entered Into a Contract for More Power.

Winnipeg, Oct. 11.—The city of Winnipeg has contracted with the Manitoba Power Company to supply 30,000 horse power as required by the city at a price of \$20.50 per horse power for the initial delivery and averaging \$17.50 per horse power over the nine or eleven years of the contract. The city anticipates that it will require delivery of 10,000 horse power in 1928 and the full 30,000 horse power in 1930. The present installed capacity of the Manitoba Power's plant is 84,000 horse power, while its ultimate capacity is 168,000 horse power.

ITALIANS DEPORTED FROM NOVA SCOTIA

Legal Action to Be Taken by Government Against Owners of Vessel.

Halifax, Oct. 11.—One hundred and twenty-three Italians, all but six of the number who were landed at Mill Cove, N.S., some weeks ago, in direct contravention of the immigration laws, were quietly deported to-day by the Dominion immigration officials.

To Take Legal Action.

Ottawa, Oct. 11.—The department of immigration here will take legal action against the ship owners whose vessel released the Italians on the shores of Nova Scotia a few weeks ago. The charge will be based on an illegal entry and will be made against the Italians who owned the vessel.

An Attempt to Reopen Amilition Question Falls

London, Oct. 11.—An attempt to reopen the question of an affiliation between the Communist party and the Labor party was decisively defeated soon after the opening of the Labor party's twenty-sixth annual conference to-day. The proposal was defeated on a vote of 2,706,000 to 349,000. The debate was marked by a heated scene and the result was received with cheers.

Priests Are Arrested.

Mexico City, Oct. 11.—Special despatches from Iguuala, state of Guerrero, say seven Catholic priests and three nuns have been arrested at Ochiapa and started for Mexico City under military escort, supposedly charged with seditious activities in connection with the religious situation.

POSTAL CLERK STOLE OVER 1,600 LETTERS

Percy Coffey, North Bay, Given Three Years in the Penitentiary.

North Bay, Oct. 11.—Percy Coffey, postal clerk in a North Bay post-office, who was arrested on Saturday afternoon on a charge of stealing letters from the mails, appeared before Magistrate Weagar this morning, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to three years in penitentiary. When arrested on Saturday, forty-seven letters were found in Coffey's room, and a further search in a trunk in storage here brought 1,600 more to light.

To Build \$30,000,000 Paper Mill.

Vancouver, B.C., Oct. 11.—Fore-shadowing developments in the pulp and paper field in British Columbia, negotiations are now under way for the building of a \$30,000,000 mill at Prince George, close to the junction of the Fraser and Nechako Rivers. The Prince George mill will, it is expected, market most of its products in the middle west of the United States.

His First Proclamation.

In the issue of the Canada Gazette of Saturday, October 9th, the first proclamation from Lord Willingdon, Canada's new Governor-General, appears. In it he commands all His Majesty's officers and ministers in the Dominion of Canada to continue in their present duties. The proclamation was made at Quebec on October 2nd.

MEIGHEN HAS RESIGNED AS TORY LEADER

Big Conservative Caucus Is Being Held in Ottawa.

OVER 200 ARE PRESENT

Meeting Is Private--Name of Sir George Perley Suggested as Temporary Leader.

Ottawa, Oct. 11.—Hon. Arthur Meighen, Conservative leader, officially tendered his resignation as leader of the party, shortly after the opening of the Opposition caucus in the railway committee room of the House of Commons at 11.30 this morning. Over two hundred leading members of the Conservative party are in attendance at the meeting, which is presided over by Hon. Donald Sutherland, defeated candidate in South Oxford.

Gossip among the leading Conservatives before the meeting was that the name of Sir George Perley would be suggested as temporary leader of the party, coupled with a further suggestion for the holding of a national conference at a date to be named, for the selection of a permanent leader.

The caucus is attended by Conservative ex-ministers, members of Parliament, senators and defeated candidates from all over the country, but more especially from the east.

Not Yet Accepted.

The caucus adjourned early this afternoon until 2.30 o'clock without accepting the resignation tendered by Right Hon. Arthur Meighen as leader. Strong opposition was made to the acceptance of Mr. Meighen's resignation was voiced on behalf of the Quebec and western provinces.

While the meeting was held in camera, it is learned that Armand Lavergne made a motion which declared that under Mr. Meighen's leadership the Conservative vote in Quebec province had steadily increased since 1921. It further stated that at present there was no person as fully qualified as Mr. Meighen to lead the opposition party. Mr. Lavergne delivered a strong speech on his motion, and was followed by A. G. McKinnon, Regina, Mr. McKinnon stated that Mr. Lavergne's motion refusing the resignation of Mr. Meighen had the support of the west.

Mr. Meighen Speaks.

The only motion passed was one moved by C. W. Bell, Hamilton, expressing appreciation of Mr. Meighen's services since taking over the party leadership. Among the speakers, in addition to Mr. Meighen, were Sir George Perley, Armand Lavergne, A. G. McKinnon, and C. W. Bell. At the opening of the meeting, Hon. Donald Sutherland, who was minister without portfolio in the late Conservative administration, was elected as chairman. Mr. Meighen then addressed the caucus, officially placing before the party his resignation as leader. After reviewing his chiefship since 1920, Mr. Meighen expressed his appreciation for the loyalty shown to him by the party. He had, however, he stated, come to the decision to resign as party leader, and asked that his resignation be accepted.

Eighteen Lives Lost in Hurricane on North Sea

Rotterdam, Holland, Oct. 11.—Eighteen lives are known to have been lost in a hurricane which raged over Denmark and Holland over the week-end. Heavy damage was done, especially to shipping, and many vessels were in difficulty.

Kills His Wife For Nagging Him

Camden, N.J., Oct. 11.—Forty-two years of nagging, married life was too much for Benjamin Watson, aged seventy-five years, and yesterday he "got mad" and killed his wife, Muffy Watson, aged sixty-five years, with a chair, according to a confession made to the police. "She nagged me," he said, "for dropping a shoe on the floor as I was taking too much sugar on my coffee. She nagged me if I didn't ban my clothes up. She used to nag me for wearing dirty shoes and tracking up the floor and carpets."

Commands Permanent Force at Montreal



LT.-COL. K. M. PERRY, D.S.O., G.S.O., commanding Canadian Permanent Force, M.D., No. 1, Montreal, was born at Macleod, Alta., son of A. Bowen Perry, of Vancouver. Lt. Col. Perry served with 15th Bn. Royal Highlanders of Canada, Sept. 24th, 1914 to Jan. 1st, 1920; G.S.O., M.D. No. 16, to Sept. 1, 1920; Professor of Tactics, Royal Military College, Kingston, to Sept. 30th, 1924; G.S.O., M.D. No. 4, to present time. He was married in 1924 to Hilda A. Murphy, daughter of the late Denis Murphy, of Ottawa.

BURGLARS RANSACK LORD BYNG'S HOME

Only a Few Personal Articles, Valued at About \$242, Found Gone.

Thorpe-lo-Soken, Essex, England, Oct. 11.—Lord Byng's welcome home Thursday after five years as Governor-General of Canada, when the villagers dragged his car two miles, had a melodramatic climax Friday night.

Burglars visited his residence Thorpe Hall, and made away with a quantity of jewellery and other valuables.

It is understood that the value of the articles stolen does not exceed £50 (\$242). The stolen stuff consisted of articles of every day use, including cuff links and a fur coat. A piece of silverware also was taken.

Among Lord Byng's personal belongings missing after the burglary was discovered were a penknife, silver match box, 56 and several dollars in Canadian currency. His military decorations were lying on the bed and were untouched.

Three rooms in the house were ransacked, and it is thought the intruders must have been disturbed at their work as only two sable furs and one lynx fur were taken from Lady Byng's room.

LEARNED THE TRICK WHILE IN THE ARMY

Postman Committed for Trial on Charge of Stealing Postal Orders.

London, Oct. 11.—Henry Masters, aged forty, postman, was charged at Westminster with stealing postal orders.

It was stated that when arrested at the South-Western District Office Masters had seventeen orders in his pocket.

Detective-Sergeant Peacock said he found in Master's house at Chilbert-road, Tooting, S.W., an attack case containing fifty-seven postal orders stolen from letters. Ah had been chemically treated to remove names.

A clerk at the G. P. O. said that when Masters was accused of sending bets to Scotland with postal orders stolen from letters he replied: "I stole them and took the writing out by using a preparation of lime. I used to be in the R. A. M. C. as cost-accounting clerk at Malta, and after I was disabled I learned to do it there. It is all due to betting."

Fear Old Bad Style Of Tight-Laced Women

London, Oct. 11.—Is the wasp waist coming back? British physical culturists are much agitated about the tendency of tall gowns to have a well-marked waistline, and an announcement that a London woman while she was tightly laced has provoked endless warning through the press that women who want to maintain their health must not let themselves become enslaved to the corset.

Two Million Tons Rain.

London, Oct. 11.—Over two million tons of rain fell in the County of London during a recent thunderstorm.

Rene Besard, French Ambassador to Rome, has resigned.

CANADA TAKES NO GRIEVANCE TO THE IMPERIAL CONFERENCE THE PRIME MINISTER STATES

Liberal Leader and Hon. Ernest Lapointe Guests at Quebec Luncheon Before Sailing for England--Canada to Be Represented as a Full-Governing Nation Within the British Commonwealth.

Quebec, Oct. 11.—Canada took no grievance to the Imperial Conference, said Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King to the crowd gathered on the wharf here to bid him goodbye, when he sailed Saturday night for England. Canada was to be represented at the conference as a full self-governing nation, within the British Commonwealth, Mr. King told the Liberals of the district, who gave a luncheon in honor of himself and Hon. Ernest Lapointe, Minister of Justice, who accompanied Mr. King overseas.

"The morrow of a victory and the eve of a departure," the Prime Minister named the occasion. Liberals from all parts of Quebec province were in the Ancient Capital for the day, and the Premier was occupied every moment from the time of his arrival from Ottawa in the middle of the morning until the Megantic sailed at 9.30 p.m., with informal conferences, hurried calls and two speeches.

Shortly before the ship left, Premier King addressed a crowd of citizens from a special platform on the wharf. Ships' flags were flying, and a military band greeted the party at the wharf.

The Prime Minister was accompanied to Quebec by Hon. J. A. Robb, Minister of Finance, who will be acting Premier in his absence. Hon. Charles Dunning, Minister of Railways, Senator Dandurand, as well as members of the official party.

"I am sure you will express your wishes," Mr. King said, speaking at the docks, "when we extend the goodwill and heartiest greetings of the people of this Dominion to the people of Great Britain and the other Dominions." It was the custom at Imperial Conferences for Prime Ministers of the Dominions to meet His Majesty the King. "I think I will express your wish, should that privilege be extended to me, if I tell His Majesty that nowhere more than in Canada are there subjects who love him personally and are loyal to the Crown."

Destiny of Canada. The Prime Minister thanked the people of Quebec for their support in the recent election. Canada's destiny was to be one of "unity bred of diversity," a unity in which all people of the Dominion must participate. Canada was again on the verge of an era of a great prosperity, similar to the years in which Sir Wilfrid Laurier was at the head of affairs. "In the last fifteen years the Liberal party has had great struggles in Parliament and in campaigns, but out of it has come a new verdict

Rise of Liberal Party. The rise of the Liberal party since the war was outlined by the Liberal leader. It had been inevitable that differences within the ranks should arise in war-time, but with the convention of 1919 the forces of unity and toleration were launched. "The year 1921 saw how difficult it was to bring all the forces of the party together, yet the Parliament that followed would be known as the parliament of large majorities.

In the campaign of 1925 the lesson of unity had not been completely learned and the last Parliament had revealed the need of it.

CANADIAN DAY AT DAIRY EXHIBITION

Quebec and Ontario Cattle Are in Competitions To-day at Detroit.

Detroit, Oct. 11.—To-day is "Canadian Day" at the twentieth annual national dairy exposition here. The Ayrshires, in which breed the Dominion is proudest, will hold the limelight, and Canadian cattle are expected to take the major portion of the blue ribbons. Fifty of the finest Ayrshires from Ontario and Quebec are pitted against about 250 entered from the States. In addition are the provincial herds entered by the Ayrshire Breeders' Association of each province. These are composed of eight animals of eight different classes in the Ayrshire breed. They compete with state herds from Michigan and Wisconsin.

President of Postal Clerks.

Ottawa, Oct. 11.—The postal clerks of the Dominion elected F. L. Goodwin, Halifax, N.S., as president of their association for the ensuing year, at this morning's concluding session of the 3-day annual convention of the Postal Clerks' Association.

Killed by Shunting Engine.

Brookville, Oct. 11.—Daniel Mills, an elderly Prescott resident, got in the way of a C.N.R. shunting engine from Brookville at Mattland Saturday night and his legs were severed. He died in the General Hospital here six hours later. His widow and a grown-up family survive.

NEW HARD SPRING WHEAT UNDER TEST

Stated That It Will Ripen Ten Days Earlier Than Marquis.

Ottawa, Oct. 11.—A new hard spring wheat is being tested at the Canadian Government experimental farm here. This new variety named Reward, according to tests made in recent years and still being carried on, will ripen ten days earlier than Marquis.

It is also believed Reward will have equally as good milling qualities and will give even heavier yields, because of the heavier weight. Measured bushels of Reward which have been grown in Ottawa weigh as high as sixty-six pounds.

Silver Production.

Cohalt, Oct. 11.—Actual production of silver in Ontario for the first six months of 1926 was reported by the Ontario Bureau of Mines as 4,699,896 ounces, as compared with 5,601,882 ounces in the first half of 1925.

THE POTATO CROP BIGGER THIS YEAR.

Ottawa, Oct. 11.—The latest forecast of the potato crop for Canada this year shows a yield of \$5,781,000 cwt., as compared with 42,510,000 cwt. for last year. The anticipated increase in yield is largely accounted for by the greater production in Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia.

ARTHUR MEIGHEN MAY LOCATE IN TORONTO.

Toronto, Oct. 11.—Right Hon. Arthur Meighen may reside in Toronto and possibly practice law here. Rumors are current here that the former Conservative leader will move to this city in the near future.

DESBOROUGH HAS NO HEIR.

Only Surviving Son Dies of Motor Smash Injuries.

London, Oct. 11.—Lord Desborough, created a peer in 1905, and a famous athlete and sportsman in his younger days, is without an heir as the result of the sudden death of his only surviving son, Hon. George Ivo Grenfell, George, aged twenty-seven years, and a Grenadier Guardsman, died after a week's unconsciousness following a motor-car accident when his car ran into a wall. The jury has returned a verdict of accidental death.

Sentenced to Death.

Saravov, Russia, Oct. 11.—The local revolutionary tribunal has brought a sentence of death against Dmitri Savorov, prominent member of the old Imperial army and a direct descendant of Field Marshal Prince Savorov, distinguished soldier under Catherine the Great.

Crew of the Steamer Jeska Saved Pup And Lost Some of Their Belongings

The crew of the ill-fated steamer Jeska arrived in the city Sunday. After getting into Fairhaven by their boat, they took a taxi to Oswego, another taxi to Cape Vincent and then the ferry to Kingston. The crew includes James Kirkwood, the captain; R. Kirkwood, mate; Augustus Pined, first engineer; Bruce Thompson, second engineer; Jean Legare, fireman; Russell Waste, deck hand; Charles Melbourne, cook.

The members of the crew and the captain, speaking to a representative of The British Whig Monday morning, said that the cause of the trouble was, as mentioned in the story Saturday, a result of the steam pipe in the steering gear, bursting. The steering gear then became useless and as the sea was very high the vessel was soon swamped. The men were ordered to take to the boat and immediately scrambled for as much of their property as they could get. Even in the serious predicament they were in, there was a humorous touch. The little mascot of the ship, a three-week-old pup, was hid and the men took some risk looking for it. They finally found the pup, but lost some of their own material property on the boat. The personal loss to the members of the crew is fairly heavy, but the ship itself and the cargo of 265 tons of coal was insured.