

Proposal To Make Bigamy Compulsory

TWO WIVES FOR ALL MALES

Proposal by Woman in Czecho Slovakian House Nearly Causes Riot.

(Special Cable to the Mail)

London, July 9—Compulsory bigamy proposed as a means of making up the losses in population caused by the war, caused a riot when it was debated in the Czecho Slovakia parliament.

Mile Beta Kerpiskovia, a woman deputy, introduced a bill to compel all male czechs to take two wives, whatever their personal inclinations might be. Heavy penalties were suggested for men who shirked their duty. A dispatch from Prague to Lloyds Sunday News of London tells what happened when Mile Kerpiskova tried to put across her compulsory polygamy measure. In presenting the bill she explained that the war had weakened the Czecho Slovakian nation and that great gaps in the population were waiting to be filled.

ELECTION STORY STARTED HERE IS A PURE FAKE

(St. John Telegraph)

Hon. P. J. Veniot interviewed over the long distance telephone last evening emphatically denied the truth of a report emanating from Fredericton over the week-end that preparations were being made for a general provincial election in September. "The story is manufactured out of cloth," said Hon. Dr. Veniot. "It is absolutely without foundation in fact. No action of this nature has even been contemplated."

This story, which was published in a Fredericton paper, says that the information comes from "usually well-informed and authentic" sources. The story says that the Government would ask a mandate from the people to go on with the hydro development at Grand Falls, and it intimates that prohibition may also be an issue. It suggests that a referendum on the liquor question is being considered.

Other prominent members of the Government were equally emphatic in their comment on the report. Former Premier Foster declared it was the first he had heard of it. "There is nothing to it," was Hon. Dr. Foster's terse comment.

Hon. Dr. W. F. Roberts, Minister of Health, said in regard to the report: "There is absolutely nothing to it. I attended a Government meeting last week and if there had been any thought regarding an election this fall, it would have been mooted at this meeting. It is, I believe, the farthest thing in the mind of the Premier to hold an election this fall."

MARKS ARE CHEAP

London, July 9—German marks were quoted at 1,100,000 to the pound sterling or approximately 230,000 on the London exchange.

ALLIES AND TURKS ARE IN AGREEMENT ON ALL POINTS

(Special Cable to the Mail)

Lausanne, July 9—An agreement on all points in dispute was reached by the Turks and the allies on Sunday and the Treaty of Lausanne will be signed within a week, according to a report given out here today.

Says Schools of City Lure Rural Pupils

A Maine Woman Tells How That State is Remedying Conditions.

San Francisco, July 9—"Over 2,000,000 people left the farm last year for city life," asserted Miss Florence M. Hale, State Agent for Rural Education in Maine, addressing the National Educational Association. "Some left for financial reasons, some were lured by the greater attractiveness of social life, but many left so as to give their children the best possible educational advantages."

"The welfare of the country people must be safeguarded and increased in order to keep these millions of people in their country homes and to make the national welfare secure. First and foremost the advance of rural education depends more upon the individual teacher than upon the buildings or equipment."

"Nothing is impossible in any situation to the person of resource and vision. The teacher who makes a success of her work will have a great influence in bringing about the ideal rural situation. Supervisors should be careful about spreading a spirit of discouragement among younger superintendents and teachers."

"Maine is building up a rural school profession by improvement of its teachers in service. Every summer 100 rural teachers who are normal school graduates are given free of every expense a six weeks' course for rural leaders. On their return they give one day a week to advising and assisting inexperienced teachers in other schools."

"So successful has been this course that this summer a second class of teachers, who desire to better their work and who will not go out next year as helping teachers, will be given a free course of training."

"In establishing a real rural teaching profession our program calls for better boarding places for teachers better schoolhouses, expert supervision and adaptable courses of study."

THE GERMANS ANXIOUS FOR SETTLEMENT

(Special to the Mail)

Berlin, July 9—At a conference Friday between Chancellor Cuno and the Papal Nuncio, Mgr. Pacelli, the head of the German government disclosed what steps Germany is willing to take in order to obtain a peaceful settlement of the Ruhr crisis. It is understood Herr Cuno informed Mgr. Pacelli that the German government was sincere in its declaration against sabotage but stressed its determination not to relinquish the Ruhr or Rhineland under any condition. The conference was the fifth held with the Pope's representative and the feeling is growing that the offices of the Vatican may yet result in a way being found by which France and Germany can meet at a round table conference and arrive at a definite basis of negotiation.

Airled G. Macpherson of Lynn, Mass., is a guest at the Queen. Hon. P. J. Veniot arrived from Bathurst at noon today.

Britain Preparing a Policy for Settlement Reparations Question

Will be Made Public in Parliament Some Time This Week—Will be Urged Upon France and Belgium—May Have to Go it Alone and Settle the Problem—May Mean a Break in the Entente.

(Special Cable to the Mail)

London, July 9—The finishing touches on a policy towards reparations and the Ruhr to be adopted by Britain and urged upon France and Belgium were effected today at a meeting of the British cabinet. Premier Baldwin and Foreign Minister Curzon will make public the policy in parliament this week, each in the house to which he belongs, Baldwin in the Commons and Curzon in the Lords. The Foreign Secretary reported today to the cabinet on conversations he had had with French, Belgian and Italian ambassadors recently. It is believed that as a result of these, Britain has decided to go on alone if necessary, and settle the reparations problem in her way.

FRANCE TO STAND FIRM

France according to announcement by President Miller declines to abandon her present policy of coercion. Belgium is understood to be equally firm for pursuit of the Ruhr sanction. Ambassadors of these two countries may be withdrawn from Berlin.

Britain has indicated, through speeches of various ministers, disapproval of this proposal, which was urged by Belgium, after the Duisberg outrage in which twenty Belgians lost their lives. Italy is aligned with neither France, Belgium or England. Mussolini has a plan of his own, involving discussion of war debts simultaneously with reparations.

The British policy upon which the cabinet worked today is likely to signalize a definite, possibly a permanent break in the entente that won the war.

CHANGES IN OFFICERS OF 7TH C. M. G. B.

The Canada Gazette of Saturday, July 7, contained a number of militia orders concerning units located in New Brunswick. They are as follows:—

Canadian Machine Gun Corps: 7th Brigade—To be Lieutenant-Colonel and to command the Brigade: Major R. A. McAvity vice Lieutenant-Colonel C. Mersereau, D. S. O., who is transferred to the Corps Reserve 1st March, 1923.

Provisional Captain G. K. Shiels is transferred to the Corps Reserve with the rank of Lieutenant. 23rd March, 1923.

Lieutenant G. K. Holder is permitted to resign his commission. 12th March, 1923.

To be provisional Lieutenant: Lieutenant G. H. S. Hevenor from the Reserve of Officers. 12th March, 1923.

The undermentioned are absorbed into the establishment:

Lieutenant (supernumerary) K. Linton, provisional Lieutenant (supernumerary) E. A. Copp, Lieutenants (supernumerary) R. Beattaney, W. F. Blair, R. W. Clements, W. E. Saunders, G. H. Cumming, H. E. Beatty.

STRAWBERRY PRICES WOBBLY

Slumped on Saturday and Today Have Not Recovered—Heavy Shipping to Montreal Begins.

The prices of strawberries took a tumble on Saturday and today they did not recover. Cheap berries are in prospect this week. On Saturday there were heavy arrivals of berries and the retail price slipped down rapidly from 20 cents per box to two for a quarter. Some retailers were asking 15 cents. Today the price was the same and by the crate berries were selling for 10 cents per box.

LIGHT CROP OF HAY, POTATO ACREAGE SMALL

The Provincial Department of Agriculture in its fortnightly report on the crop conditions in the province announces a light hay crop, and a reduced potato acreage. The report is as follows:—

An improvement in the crop conditions has taken place during the fortnight just ended. Rains which were general to the Province, fell on the twenty-ninth of June. With the commencement of the haying season, two weeks distant, the prospect is for a very poor crop. Only fifty percent of an average hay crop will be harvested on the uplands. The marsh and intervals will yield an average crop.

The potato crop is well above ground and its cultivation is in progress. The acreage is seventy-five percent of the normal planting.

The late sown crops, turnips and buckwheat, are above ground and the thinning of the root crop is in progress. The acreage sown to roots is normal.

BUSINESS PROPERTY SOLD

E. B. Yerxa Purchases Store in Queen Street Occupied by Him, from Howie Estate.

The transfer of the freehold property in Queen street composed of the brick building occupied by the Yerxa Grocery and the site has been purchased by E. B. Yerxa. The price is in the vicinity of \$7,500. The property was bought by him from the J. Robert Howie Estate. At one time it was the property of the late James R. Howie. The adjoining store occupied by the English & Scotch Woollen Company also was once part of the same property. It is not concerned in the present transfer.

Personnel of New Cabinet Announced

Only a Few Members of the Hearst Regime Are Included.

Toronto, July 8—Hon. George H. Ferguson, Premier-elect, tonight announced the personnel of his new Conservative cabinet in Ontario. The ministry has received the approval of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario and according to arrangements the government of Hon. E. C. Drury will retire from office one week from tomorrow, when the new cabinet will be sworn in and formally take over the affairs of the province.

The draft of portfolios was not completed until late Saturday when it was taken to Government House and received the approval of the Lieutenant Governor. This brings into being the only Conservative Government in Canada at the present time.

The names of the Ferguson ministry follows:

Premier and Minister of Education—Hon. G. H. Ferguson, K.C., Grenville

Attorney General—Hon. W. F. Nickle, K.C., Kingston.

Public Works and Highways—Hon. George S. Henry, East York.

Provincial Treasurer—Hon. W. H. Price, K. C., Parkdale.

Mines—Charles McCrea, K.C., Sudbury.

Public Health and Labor—Dr. Forbes Godfrey, West York.

Agriculture—John S. Martin, South Norfolk.

Provincial Secretary—Lincoln Goldie, South Wellington.

Lands and Forests—James W. Lyons Sault Ste. Marie.

Without portfolio—Sir Adam Beck, London; Hon. Thomas Crawford, North West Toronto; Dr. Leaming Carr, East Hamilton; J. R. Cooke, North Hastings.

Speaker—Capt. Joseph E. Thompson

MISS CARLISLE PASSES AWAY IN BOSTON

News was received here on Saturday of the death at the Massachusetts General Hospital of Miss Annie C. Carlisle. The deceased was a daughter of the late Mr. Charles Carlisle of Douglas and was a graduate of the Massachusetts General Hospital. She had been engaged in nursing for twenty five years and had had a very successful career. On several occasions, during the last few years she had accompanied patients on European trips. The news of her death came as a painful shock to relatives and friends in this vicinity.

The deceased lady is survived by an aged mother and by two sisters. Mrs. Herman Hawkins of Douglas and Mrs. A. E. Hanson of this city and three brothers, Edward and Burton Carlisle of Douglas and Ernest Carlisle of Woodstock.

The body arrived from Boston by the noon train today and was taken to the former home of the deceased at Douglas for interment. An impressive funeral service was held in St. John's Church at Nashwaaksis.

J. W. Carman of Montreal is a guest at the Queen.

Woodstock Sentinel: Walter Vanwart has finished his studies and received his diploma from the Fredericton Business College. He is now at his home here for a short vacation.

C. W. Murdoch of Halifax is in the city.

THE PACIFIC ACCORD RATIFIED BY THE FRENCH CHAMBER

(Special Cable to the Mail)

Paris, July 9—Without reservations, the French Chamber of Deputies ratified unanimously today the Pacific Accord signed at Washington in November, 1921, by Great Britain, France, Japan and the United States.

St. John Loses a Prominent Business Man

SENATOR THORNE PASSES AWAY

Had Been Prominent in Business and Politics For Many Years.

St. John, July 9—Senator W. H. Thorne president of W. H. Thorne & Co., Ltd., who has been sick in the Montreal General Hospital for the last few weeks, passed away at 1 o'clock yesterday morning. Hon. Mr. Thorne was one of the outstanding figures in commercial circles in eastern Canada and was well known throughout the Dominion. He had a wide circle of friends.

Senator Thorne was never married. He is survived by his sister, Miss Mary Thorne who resided with him in St. John; and Mrs. L. R. Harrison, also of this city and one brother, Arthur T. Thorne who was associated with him in the hardware business here. J. G. Harrison and Lieut-Col. W. H. Harrison of this city, are nephews and Miss Mary Harrison is a niece. He was for very many years a recognized leader of the Conservative party in this city and province.

Has Eventful Career.

Hon. William Henry Thorne has been for many years one of the most prominent business men of this city and one of its first citizens. He founded the business of W. H. Thorne & Co., Ltd., and has been president of the firm since its incorporation. He was born in St. John on Sept. 1, 1844, the son of Edward L. Thorne and wife Susan (Scovill) Thorne. His parents were both Canadians and of Imperial Loyalist descent. He was educated in the St. John schools, Rev. Charles Lee's private school and at the Grammar School. Besides his hardware business Mr. Thorne was interested in several other concerns doing business in this city. He was president of the Thorne Wharf and Warehouse Co., Ltd., and director of the Royal Bank of Canada, director of Cornwall and York Cotton Mills, Ltd., and director of the Eastern Trust Company.

He was president of the St. John Board of Trade for two years and was called to the Senate in July, 1913. He had served as a Lieutenant in Colonel Thurgar's Rifle Brigade, retiring with the rank of Captain. He was a member of the A. F. & A. M. (thirty-third degree and member of the Union Club. St. John; Mount Royal Club, Montreal; Rideau and Country Club, Ottawa. His recreations were salmon fishing and shooting. He was affiliated with St. Paul's (Valley) Anglican church and for many years was a vestryman, resigning this office only about a year ago. The body will be brought to this city for burial.

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