

THE CIVIC TANGLE IS BEGINNING TO UNWIND

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Weather: Fresh winds, cloudy tonight
and Thursday, lower temperature

ITALIAN PRESS CHARGES SOVIET ARMY STAFF HAS BEEN ORGANIZED AT TOULOUSE, FRANCE TO SUPERINTEND SHIPMENT ARMS TO SPAIN

Aldermanic Contest Will Take Place on Monday, April 26

Mayor Kitchen Today Agreed With Date Chosen
By Retiring Aldermen

History of the Tangle

Former Aldermen Have a Chance to Vindicate
Themselves and Have Sympathy of the Public

In The Daily Mail today there appears an official notice signed by the City Clerk, Fred I. Haviland, stating that an election for Aldermen to fill the vacancies caused by the resignation yesterday of the seven outgoing Aldermen, will be held on Monday, April 26. The nominations for the vacancies will be received up till 4 o'clock on Monday, April 19.

The vacancies are for one candidate for Wellington Ward, two candidates for St. Anne's Ward; one candidate for Carleton Ward; two candidates for Queen's Ward and one for King's Ward. The vacancies are caused by the resignation of W. Raymond Crowdon, Robert A. MacMillan, T. Earle Doohan, Murray E. Hagerman, Ray T. Forbes, Dr. B. R. Ross and Ivan McKnight.

According to the notice given above Fredericton's civic tangle which caused an unprecedented situation in the history of constitutional law has all the indications of being finally unravelled. The date of the election which was announced this morning by Mayor G. Willard Kitchen coincides with the date selected by the seven retiring aldermen at a meeting held on Wednesday morning, 12 hours prior to the time on which their resignations went into effect.

The action of the aldermen was opposed by the Mayor who alone reserved the right to set a date for the election. He contended that such authority was given him under section 33 of the Act of 1859, although P. J. Hughes, K.C., city solicitor, ruled that this section was inconsistent. Whether or not the action of the aldermen was legal is conjectural, but it is generally believed that such action forced the hand of the chief magistrate. If he had chosen another date for election the situation would have become ever complicated.

Although not officially confirmed, it is believed that the city solicitor advised the mayor to coincide his dates for nomination and election with those selected by the aldermen. The legality of both the action of the aldermen and mayor is questionable. Although neither parties have statutory sanctions for their procedure, it is unlikely that the legality of the acts will be questioned. It is felt that

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HOUSE OF COMMONS WILL SIT SATURDAY IN FINAL DRIVE

Interest in Premier's
Announcement of Social
Security Program
Next Year.

OTTAWA, April 9—Prime Minister Mackenzie gave notice today of a resolution calling for the House of Commons to sit Saturday. It is expected that considerable business could be disposed of and would permit Parliament to prorogue early next week.

Definite announcement last night by Mr. King that the Government is planning to bring down a new unemployment insurance measure at the

OFFENSIVE TALK ON AIR BANNED, SAYS C. D. HOWE

Religions and Morals of
Certain People
Attacked

OTTAWA, April 6—The Dominion Government will not tolerate addresses over the Canadian Radio network which are salacious or offensive, or which are designed to cause religious strife and conflict, Hon. C. D. Howe declared in the House of Commons recently, following a vehement attack upon Canadian Broadcasting Corporation censors by Hon. Earl Lawson, York South Conservative.

Mr. Lawson complained that a sermon by Rev. Maurice Zeidmann of Toronto had been emasculated, while a proposed broadcast by Dr. Hutton, President of the Eugenics Society of

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SEEDING STRIKE THREAT IN WEST

SHAUNAVON, Sask., April 9—One hundred and fifty farmers in this southwestern Saskatchewan district threatened today to refuse "to seed a single acre of crop until the Government agreed to give sufficient seed to every farmer to put in his crop."

At a meeting called by the Farmers' Protective Association, protest was made against recent reductions by the Provincial Government in seed, feed, fuel and repairs for spring seeding. The Government advances certain seeding supplies to drought-area farmers in this district.

Information given at the meeting was that farmers were to be given only enough seed for 300 acres. Many farmers claim they will be unable to see summer-fallow which would run to weeds.

An official protest will be sent Federal and Provincial Governments.

Why No Results?

EIGHT or nine weeks ago more than \$1,000 was stolen from business concerns in this city. In one case a jewelry store on York Street, within a stone's throw of the police station, was robbed of nearly all its stock. The robberies took place, it is stated, while the entire police force was on duty at the Arctic Rink. At any rate, the weeks have gone by and despite many rumors of different kinds which are afloat, there appears to be no results in regard to tracing the party or parties who perpetrated these burglaries.

The burglaries of nine weeks ago are only one installment of a series which have taken place in the city during the past two or three years. It is only a year or so ago that the police force were busily engaged chasing over roofs, examining back doors, trying to find a clue to robberies which took place on Queen Street. Nothing much was said about it at the time, and the matter was allowed to drop. When the last series of burglaries took place it was understood that the police had engaged the assistance of some expert finger-print men and a great hullabaloo was made in regard to tracking down the burglars. Since that time, although there has been considerable talk about town in regard to it, the whole matter has been allowed to fizzle out.

As was stated a couple of weeks ago by a prominent city clergyman, it is evident that the members of our police force have not had the proper training to enable them to ferret out crimes of this kind. Otherwise there should be no trouble in a small city the size of Fredericton to put their hands on the perpetrators of deeds like these burglaries that took place a few weeks ago and which have been taking place at intervals during the past couple of years. It is time that the public knew what was being done to capture the culprits. If the present condition continues, merchants and others will begin to feel an unrest in regard to the safety of their property. There has been a disposition on the part of the papers to keep quiet in regard to these robberies and to refrain from publishing rumors as to the progress that was being made in regard to these cases. The reason for this was a tendency to give the police a chance to follow up any clue which they might have had, but it would seem that eight or nine weeks should be sufficient time to enable any live police force to make some progress in regard to tracing out any crimes that were committed.

But what can you do about it? The police are not under the control of the citizens through their elected representatives. They are under the control of the Police Commission, with which the council—when there is a council—has nothing to say.

Owing to the action of the Municipalities Committee of the Legislature in throwing out our bill to abolish the Commission, the city will have to put up with the Commission for another year. If the police force fall down on the job, there is only one organization to whom the force is responsible—the Police Commission. So there you are—and that's that.

DEATH OF REV. CANON SISAM IN MONCTON

The death of Rev. Canon William Bernard Sisam occurred in Moncton last evening. Canon Sisam had retired from active service in the Anglican Church five years ago after spending fifty-three years of his life in the work of Anglican Churches. Canon Sisam came to Canada thirty-five years ago. He held pastorates at Brandon, Man., Summerside, P.E.I., Halifax and Springhill, N. S., and Moncton. He had been rector of St. George's Church in Moncton for twenty-seven years. Prior to coming to Canada, the reverend gentleman spent two years in Burma and ten years in Australia. In 1912 he was raised to the Canonate. He was educated at Oxford University, being a classmate of Cecil Rhodes.

Canon Sisam is survived by his wife, formerly Miss Annie Ancient, and one son, J. W. Bernard Sisam, of Ottawa, of the Dominion forestry department. Mr. Sisam who is doing research work now at Yale University, is expected to arrive here tomorrow. Mrs. J. W. Sisam is the former Betty Neill of Fredericton. It is expected that Archbishop Richardson will attend the funeral tomorrow in Moncton.

Peaceful Settlement Strike Situation Is Assured

(Special to The Daily Mail)
OSHAWA, April 9—The 37,000 strikers were assured this morning that no attempts would be made to start production in General Motors plants until the strike was settled. This assures the peaceful settlement of the differences.

PASS LEADING TO BILBOA IN HANDS OF GOVERNMENT

SPAIN, April 9—Heavy fighting is reported in the northern parts of Spain. Government forces have been successful in holding off the Insurgents. The important pass leading to Bilbao is still in the hands of the Government. Reinforcements have arrived from Barcelona for the Government including men, bombing planes and fighting planes.

ROME, April 9—Italy claims a new air speed record for land planes. A two engine plane has averaged three hundred miles per hour.

TREMENDOUS INTEREST IN CANADA NOTED

Sgt. Pickerell, C. N. R.
Police, Returns After
Shooting Exhibitions

(Special to The Daily Mail)
WINNIPEG, Man., April 9—Back in Winnipeg after one of the most novel experiences in his long years of revolver shooting Sgt. R. R. "Bob" Pickrell of the Canadian National Railway's police department, Winnipeg, is all smiles. Although he has steeled his nerves to capture world's championships with revolver and Canadian and United States championships with revolver and pistol, he had his first experience last week at Fort Wadsworth, United States army post of shooting for the movies. He was in rare form and got a big thrill from outlining the cameraman with his revolver at 15 yards while the nonchalant camera operator ground out hundreds of feet of thrilling film.

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CLOSING SESSION I.O.D.E. ANNUAL MEETING HERE

The closing session of the 37th annual meeting of the I.O.D.E. yesterday afternoon was taken up in part with resolutions and votes of thanks to members of the press, the Brunswick Street Baptist Church, those who had loaned cars, florists, singers and musicians and all who had in any way helped to make the meetings successful. A special vote of thanks was given to Mrs. F. S. Tilton, press convener, and who has also compiled a splendid provincial scrap book.

A pleasing incident in the proceedings was the presentation of a gift and roses to Mrs. K. I. Campbell, retiring provincial educational secretary whose work for several years has been of outstanding merit. Mrs. Campbell also rendered her report on the War Memorial.

Other reports included that of the National Endowment Fund, by Mrs. A. T. McMurray, Mental Hygiene by Miss E. A. Mahoney, Moncton, and the address of W. K. Tibert, director of Vocational Education in the province which was published in full in yesterday's issue of The Daily Mail.

Revision B. N. A. Act May Take Place Early in Autumn

Conference May Be Called of Canadian Political
Leaders

Parleys Similar to Pre-Confederation Days

Would Include Members of Both Government and
Opposition



HON. R. B. HANSON, L.L.D., K.C.
who is returning from Florida at the close of the present month. Mr. Hanson's friends will be pleased to know that he is much improved in health

Call Issued to All Spaniards in Other Countries

(Special to The Daily Mail)

SPAIN, April 9—The Valencia Government has issued a call to all Spaniards now abroad to enroll. A treaty passed some time ago makes enlistment to all Spaniards almost compulsory.

OTTAWA, April 9—The Dominion Government is said to be thinking of convoking a conference of Canadian political leaders—similar to the pre-Confederation parleys—for the purpose of considering amendments to the Constitution which are deemed necessary for the social and economic security and progress of the nation.

No parley is possible in the very near future for the reason that Prime Minister Mackenzie King and several of his senior Ministers will be preoccupied for some time with the Coronation festivities and the Imperial Conference in London, but it is believed that a conference may be proposed in the autumn which will include not only representatives of the parties in power but also of those in Opposition. It is thought there would be a better prospect of achieving something worthwhile if all the various political groups could get together and agree upon necessary revision of the B.N.A. Act to meet the needs of the modern age.

Were the conference to be confined to spokesmen for the Governments now in power at Ottawa and in the various Provinces the historic Conservative Party would be unrepresented and there would be the danger that Provincial Governments consenting to a reallocation of the powers conferred by the Constitution might be accused of sacrificing provincial rights. It is believed, therefore, that the chaos resulting from the recent upset of the so-called "new deal" measures of the late Government, such as the Unemployment insurance and Natural Products Marketing Acts can only be ended satisfactorily by a parley composed of delegates qualified to speak for all political parties and groups in the country.

It is believed that any Canadian unemployment insurance scheme to be

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Italy Calls Off International Football Contest, Reported Reason Said to be Political

LONDON ROUTS MOCK RAID BY 'ENEMY' PLANES

LONDON, April 9—London was "attacked" tonight by an "enemy" air force coming from the direction of the Continent. The "enemy" flew high but was repulsed, according to schedule, and the metropolis was undamaged.

The mock air raid was staged to give needed practice to 6,000 men of London's territorial, ground-defense units. These men put in their Saturday nights during spring and summer practicing for the day when they may be called on to save London from real air raiders.

As dusk descended today, the 6,000

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Follows Charges of
French and Russian
Intervention in Spanish War.

ROME, April 9—An international football game between France and Italy, scheduled for Sunday, was called off suddenly tonight amid increased Italian press charges of French and Russian intervention in Spanish civil war.

No reason was given for the cancellation of the match, which was to have been played at Paris, but informed persons said the motive was "political." The game was cancelled while the Italian team was practising at Turin.

The newspaper's editor, Virginio Gayda, who repeatedly has charged violation of the "Hands off Spain" agreement by both Soviet Russia and

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JAPANESE PLANE REACHES LONDON IN THREE DAYS

(Special to The Daily Mail)

LONDON, April 9—The Japanese monoplane, "The Divine Wind" which flew from Tokyo to England to attend the Coronation in London arrived at Croydon today. The ten thousand mile trip was made in twenty-two hours and ten minutes. Six thousand people were in the airfield most of them Japanese citizens when the monoplane arrived.

WASHINGTON, April 9—President Roosevelt states today that neither he nor any other government official knew of any plan to lower the price of gold in the United States.