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QUEBEC ELECTION EXPECTED SOON

Liberal Party in On- tario Preparing for the Fight--Con- ventions Held

In Quebec Provincial and Dominion
Contests May be held on Same
Day

(Canadian Press.)
Montreal, July 28.—The Gazette this morning gives publicity to the impression which it declares is abroad in well informed political circles that Sir Lormer Gouin will appeal to the country at an early date and that the provincial elections will be over before the federal polling, or it may be some say that the appeal to the local and federal electorate will take place on the same day. The report comes with surprise yet men who were on the steps of the Quebec political throne declared yesterday that Sir Lormer Gouin returned from Europe fully determined that no risk shall be taken, and considering his own position strong will bring on the provincial election without delay.

READY IN ONTARIO
Toronto, July 27.—The Liberals of Ontario are rapidly getting into line for the coming test of strength with the followers of R. L. Borden and during the next few weeks a dozen more candidates will be in the field. Four additional conventions to nominate candidates have been arranged for next week. On August 3 the Liberals of South Lanark will meet at Perth. The East Northumberland convention will be held on the following day and on August 8 the stalwarts of Brockville will convene to nominate Hon. George F. Graham. The Durham convention will be held on August 21. The East Algoma Liberals will hold their convention about the middle of the month, while the West Kent men will get together immediately after the house rises.

The executive in a number of other ridings are now meeting to decide upon convention dates.

ENGLISHMAN TRIED TO KILL HIMSELF

(Special to The Mail.)
St. John, July 28.—Nelson Silk, an Englishman who has been living on the Washademoak, was brought to the city this morning on the Steamer Sincennes, suffering from a severe gunshot wound. The man, in a fit of despondency, attempted to commit suicide by shooting himself over the heart with a rifle. He was taken to the general public hospital and is reported as being in a serious condition.

N. S. STEEL COMPANY ESCAPES TAXATION

(Canadian Press.)
Montreal, July 28.—The Superior Court yesterday issued a writ of certiorari in favor of the Nova Scotia Steel Company to allow an appeal from the decision of the recorder's court condemning the company to pay \$30 taxes to the city. They allege that they should be free from taxation as their premises are on government property.

BOY KILLED BY RIB OF UMBRELLA

(Canadian Press.)
Norwich, Conn., July 28.—The steel rib of an umbrella killed a boy here last night. The lad, Sigmund Gombertz, was playing with an umbrella when he stubbed his toe and fell, a steel rib passing clear through the roof of his mouth and piercing his spine.

Aviator Roberts, Doc Cook's only rival of the air, was lost "somewhere about eight miles from New York." Ain't it awful to be stranded in these remote desert places!

DISSOLUTION MAY COME AT ALMOST ANY DAY

Sir Wilfrid Desirous of Discussing Imperial Conference Before Session Ends--Tories Basing Their Hopes on Enormous Cam- paign Fund Contributed by High Tariff Interests

Ottawa, July 27.—Parliament is having a long death rattle, but today's further twelve-hour rattle provided, as usual, by the obstructionists, brought the final dissolution perceptibly nearer. Both patient and patience are nearly exhausted and the last throes are now almost hourly expected.

There was a persistent rumor to-night that dissolution might come before the week is out. Sir Wilfrid is, however, keeping his own counsel as to the psychological moment to ask Earl Grey for the inevitable dissolution, and probably only two of them know the probable hour when the agony shall be ended.

His excellency and the first minister have had several conferences but the result is hedged about with the greatest secrecy. The members, themselves, have no reliable information as to when they will be released.

No pairs are being allowed on either side and the whips on both sides are kept busy keeping their men on hand for a good showing on a party division at any time. The last is a difficult one, for there is no interest taken in the long-drawn out obstruction talk in the chamber, once it has got well under way for the day. Members are, for the most part, busy with correspondence with constituents, sending out campaign literature, or discussing election prospects in corridors or smoking rooms.

The attendance in the chamber for the most part is only under instruction from the whips to preserve a quorum. All are tired of the farce and anxious to get away to their constituencies.

DISSOLUTION WITHIN A WEEK.

Indications tonight point to a release by Wednesday or Thursday next, though it may possibly come sooner.

Sir Wilfrid will welcome an opportunity to discuss with the opposition before dissolution his attitude at the imperial conference.

A brilliant and vigorous speech from the premier, covering the vital issues that will be threshed out in the coming campaign, namely reciprocity versus obstruction; true imperialism versus ultra imperialism and majority versus minority rule, will probably mark the last scene.

Sir Wilfrid, if the opportunity offers, will thus give a rallying cry to his followers and sound the war note of the campaign.

Meanwhile the hours of obstruction talk still being endured emphasize one chief moral of the present session, namely that the new parliament must take prompt steps to prevent a recurrence of another eight months' session with less than half the business of the House put through.

CLOSURE MUST COME.

Liberal members have been loath to advocate closure but patience has now ceased to be a virtue. There is a general consensus of opinion that no sane man can be expected to long remain a member of parliament under present conditions when there is absolutely no remedy for needlessly long sessions and hold up of the country's business at any time by a stubborn minority.

In the coming campaign the Liberal members will frankly declare the necessity for some form of closure and when the government is returned to power it will have a mandate to change the rules of the House in accordance with the present obvious need for reform.

Even opposition members will welcome such a protection against useless waste of time by party extremists. Party discipline and the desire for political power have been badly overworked this session and the revolt on both sides of the House, though not publicly voiced, is nevertheless unmistakable. Extreme obstruction has developed its own anti-toxin.

Munitions of war for the coming campaign are being feverishly prepared, campaign literature on both sides is being printed, and sent out as rapidly as possible.

The two leaders are each working fourteen hours or more per day interviewing their followers as to plans for a campaign, consulting as to conditions in individual constituencies or arranging for suitable candidates.

BIG TORY CAMPAIGN FUND.

It is an open secret that the Conservative party is unusually well provided with campaign funds. There is a well defined and uncontradicted report that one of the leading opposition members in the parliamentary coronation contingent, who has developed political organization to a science, has returned from England with the assurance that a very liberal financial contribution to the party fund is assured by the Tariff Reform League in Great Britain. A contribution of no less than £100,000 sterling is mentioned. Both the Canadian and American minded interests, opposed to reciprocity, are also being relied on for generous assistance.

The Liberals on the other hand, are relying mainly on the justice of their cause and the common sense of the electors. Liberal campaign funds are comparatively small. Mr. Borden's expected assistance in the way of party candidates from the provincial Conservative leaders is not likely to prove any embarrassment of riches to them, as so far no outstanding candidate of prospective leadership timber has been secured. Premier McBride will not answer the Macedonian cry and Premier Roblin will, it is understood, also hold on to the bird in the hand.

Instead of dropping the substance to grasp the shadow it is stated on good authority that Mr. McBride will willingly sacrifice his ambitions, attorney general, Hon. W. J. Bowser, who may get the nomination in Vancouver, in place of the present member, Geo. H. Cowan.

ANOTHER DAY OF OBSTRUCTION

Another day of parliamentary obstruction by the opposition has to be chronicled. All the three sittings witnessed a continued blockade to reciprocity.

Mr. Burrell discussed deferred elections at length, eliciting from Hon. Mr. Fielding the brief observation that the government viewed simultaneous voting as a good feature of the Canadian constitution, and where ever reasonably possible would be applied to the whole Dominion.

Then Messrs. Boyce, Edwards and Barnard took up more time. When these orators gave out Mr. Taylor, New Westminster, who devoured five hours of the time of the House last week upon the same subject, again turned his attention to Chinese immigration irregularities. Afternoon and night Mr. Taylor kept on in dreary tones, reading columns upon columns of Hansard from the evidence taken in Vancouver before the commissioner, and Justice Murphy's report.

This flagrant obstruction was perpetrated on a practically empty House in support of an amendment moved to Hon. Mr. Fielding's resolution to resume the reciprocity discussion.

The amendment was seconded by Major Currie, who condemned the government for failing to prevent the immigration frauds and persecute the offenders before they escaped to China.

The vote was taken after eleven o'clock and the amendment was defeated by 30 to 54. Obstruction was then continued by anti-reciprocity speeches, leading off with J. J. Donnelly of South Bruce.

IMPERIAL CONFERENCE REPORT TABLED.

When the House met this morning Sir Wilfrid Laurier tabled the full report of the proceedings of the Imperial Conference. In doing so he explained that the report reached His Excellency, Earl Grey, on the very day that F. D. Monk made his motion calling upon the government to bring down a detailed account of

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BELL BOY KILLS WALL ST. MAN

Entered Room by a Transom and Used Chloroform in a Rag

Confessed Fully to Robbery was
Motive--Got Only Six Dollars and
Watch

(Canadian Press.)
New York, July 28.—Paul Gerdle, a seventeen year old bell boy, slight of stature, slick of attire, sharp featured and with the smooth, sallow complexion of the youthful cigarette smoker was arrested here early today as the murderer of William Harry Jackson the aged Wall Street broker who was found brutally killed in his hotel apartments on Forty fourth Street yesterday. An hour after the arrest commissioner Dougherty and district attorney Whitman brought out from the room where they had been closeted with Gerdle the long typewritten confession which they said the lad had dictated and signed giving a full account of the crime.

Robbery was the motive according to the lad's statement but the murderer got only \$6 in cash and a gold watch which he pawned for \$18 more. Gerdle was a bell boy at Mr. Jackson's hotel the Iroquois, until last Friday when he was discharged. He was without money. On going to his rooming place, he noticed a bottle of chloroform which his landlady had purchased a few days before in order to kill painlessly an ailing pet dog. He climbed into the bathroom of Mr. Jackson's apartment through a transom on the corridor. The aged man awoke as the chloroform-soaked rag dropped over his face and instead of going unconscious at once with the drug put up a desperate fight but was finally overcome.

MONTREAL PARTIES NOT AFTER BANK OF N. B.

(Special to The Mail.)
St. John, July 28.—It is rumored here that a Montreal syndicate is attempting to get control of the Bank of New Brunswick. Manager R. B. Kesson, when interviewed today on the matter, said that there was absolutely nothing in the report.

COTTON CO. MAY GET ST. JOHN MILLS

(Special to The Mail.)
St. John, July 28.—It is understood that the Dominion Colored Cotton Company has opened negotiations for the control of the stock of the Cornwall & York Cotton Milling Company, but no transfer of stock has yet taken place. It will not be surprising if the deal goes through in the near future.

Several St. John men have been badly hit in the American Cotton market lately. One man was an especially heavy loser today and yesterday.

THE STOCK MARKET

Quotations from direct private wires of J. M. Robinson & Sons, Bankers, St. John, N. B., Members of Montreal Stock Exchange

	Open	Close
Amalgamated,	67 1/2	67
Atchafalca,	111 1/2	111
Smelters,	79 1/2	79
Brooklyn,	82 1/2	81 1/2
Canadian Pacific,	243 1/2	242 1/2
Great Northern, pfd,	134 1/2	133 1/2
Northern Pacific,	121 1/2	120 1/2
Pennsylvania,	124 1/2	124
Reading,	129 1/2	128 1/2
Southern Pacific,	121 1/2	121
Union Pacific,	118 1/2	118
U.S. Steel, com.,	79 1/2	78 1/2
Virginia Chemical,	57 1/2	57

SPECIAL SERVICE

The service for those attending the Summer School of Science will be held in the Brunswick Street United Baptist Church at 11 a.m. Sunday. The preacher will be Rev. Dr. J. H. MacDonald.

ARABS ATTACK MISSIONARIES LIVING AS CHRIST WOULD.



JOHN WISEMAN AND WESLEY NEWBERN.

A story of an escape from a tribe of Arabs in a sandstorm, near Jerusalem, which they declare was brought about by their prayers, was one of the tales of suffering and peril brought to New York city by John Wiseman and Wesley Newbern, missionaries from California, who, dressed in the garb of Christians, have travelled through the greater part of Europe and the East in eighteen months.

The men arrived in New York a few days ago, and will return to California by way of Florida, travelling most of the way on foot.

They declared they set out on their pilgrimage in order to demonstrate that missionaries who would dress and live as Christ and His disciples did would accomplish far more for religion than men who live comfortably in houses and preach from the pulpits of churches.

GERMAN BLUFF CALLED BY ENGLAND'S STRONG HAND

(Canadian Press.)
New York, July 28.—A Times cable from London says: Germany is in the unpleasant position of a poker player whose bluff has been called by a stronger hand than she had expected to find, but it is inconsistent that she should lose her temper and break up the game in consequence.

This in substance, represents the opinion here after the debate yesterday in the House of Commons, in which Premier Asquith and Mr. Balfour gave their views of the Morocco situation. All the political parties in England present a united front against the act of aggression which it is supposed Germany committed under the false idea that the British domestic difficulties would prevent full attention from being given to international affairs.

The explicit declarations in the House of Commons are here believed to have cleared the air and as Berlin dispatches reflect a more conciliatory attitude on the part of the semi-official press, the general impression is that however great the difficulties of the situation are they are by no international affairs.

BERLIN EXPECTS SETTLEMENT.

Berlin, July 28.—It is believed in official circles that France and Germany will be able to untie the African knot by direct negotiations and without opening the door to the participation of Great Britain and the other powers. Rosy optimism is not manifested. Chancellor Von Ruthmann and probably Foreign Secretary Baron Van Kiderlen Waechter leave today to join Emperor William who will arrive at Swinemünde from his cruise in northern waters to-night.

Definite negotiations would be misplaced until after this meeting. The foreign office was fully prepared for Premier Asquith's statement, and now confirms that it had earlier assurances that Great Britain would not intervene so long as Germany and France were trying to settle the matter directly, and also that Lloyd George's statement was not meant as a veto of a Franco-German arrangement on the basis of a French Concorde understanding as a section of the press intimated.

SITUATION LESS SULTRY.

London, July 28.—The Moroccan Simoom seemed less sultry today and it was generally conceded that Premier Asquith's statement had helped to clear the air and to that extent to ease tension.

It is the hope of the British government that the Algerias Act, now having been shown to be mere diplomatic patchwork, some more lasting settlement would be effected which would tranquilize the situation as well as the Moroccan difficulty. Mr. Asquith's announcement that Great Britain has not the least disposition to obstruct a Franco-German agreement in West Africa, it is hoped by the officials, will dissipate the German belief that the British government is pursuing a policy of endeavoring to thwart Germany's desire for territorial expansion.

It is considered a hopeful sign that King George is making definite arrangements to attend the Cowes regatta tomorrow, while the members of the cabinet are preparing to leave town for the week end.

Rambouillet, France, July 27.—At the conclusion of the cabinet meeting today, when President Fallieres presided, two official announcements were made. The first was that Foreign Secretary Desvelles, in explaining to his colleagues the external situation, said the negotiations between France and Germany were proceeding normally.

The second announcement was that the cabinet had decided upon the reorganization of the army which 'reports the crowning of the military work pursued by the republic for the last forty years.'

ACTIVITY AT WOOLWICH

London, July 28.—Great activity prevails at the Woolwich Arsenal, where the employees in the factory are working under the highest pressure.

INSURING VESSELS

London, July 28.—The necessity for insuring thousands of vessels against the risk of capture should a European war break out is, putting both British and continental shipowners and shippers to heavy expense. Shipping to the value of many million sterling has to be provided for, German ship owners and merchants are the heaviest sufferers and Hamburg underwriters were yesterday charging 10 per cent. for war risks on steamers and their cargo, making the voyage between America and North German ports.

DON'T FORGET TO REMEMBER

Lovers of bargains will remember that tomorrow, Saturday, will be an eventful day at Edgemoor's, as both Ladies' and Men's Garments and other goods have been marked away down to clear. When goods are sold at half price it is a good time to buy.

WEBSTER CLAIM IS SETTLED

Yankee Sailor Had Bought Land from the New Zealand Natives

British Occupation of Islands Resulted
in His Dispossession--United States
Agrees to Settlement

(Canadian Press.)
Auckland, New Zealand, July 28.—The government in opening parliament yesterday announced that the claim the land purchased by Wm. Webster, a squatter from a whaler, from Maoris in the Auckland district prior to the proclamation of British sovereignty has been satisfactorily settled with the United States government.

William Webster, who was known in Auckland as the "King of Wai-cu" at one time had in his possession lands in Auckland province valued at \$2,500,000. He was dispossessed of the lands by Governor Hobson in 1841. He sent the claim from San Francisco, where he resided for a time and his heirs made another claim for compensation through the Washington Government. Sir Robert Stout, who was commissioned to investigate the case, by the New Zealand government replied against the claimants in 1909.

FRENCH EXPERT WILL ADDRESS MEETING

Grand Rapids, Mich., July 28.—Dr. Charles Prunard of Paris, director of the Bureau of Assurance and Social Providence of the French Government, heads the list of speakers at the nineteenth annual meeting to be held here next week by the United States League of Local Building and Loan Associations. Others who will address the convention are F. N. Peniston of Hancock, Mich., Arthur H. Murdock of Omaha, Clay W. Holmes of Elmira, Charles Werno of Chicago, E. L. Kessler of Charlotte, C. A. Royce of Terre Haute, John C. Butterfield, of Jersey City, and R. L. Proffit of Monroe, La.

MISSISSIPPI'S LIVELY CAMPAIGN

Meridian, Miss., July 28.—Mississippi's strenuous and picturesque senatorial campaign, which will culminate in the State primary next Tuesday, was further enlivened here today by a monster barbecue at which many head of oxen were roasted and eaten. The affair was arranged by the opposition to ex-Governor Vardaman, who is one of the leading senatorial candidates, and was intended to offset the big demonstration of July 4th, when eighty head of oxen, drawing a wagon in which was seated ex-Governor Vardaman, was a feature.

MURDER CASE AT RIVIERE DU LOUP

Fraserville, Que., July 28.—Baillif Morin of this town yesterday afternoon arrested J. Plouards, who is charged with having shot and killed one of his fellow citizens named Lucien Dion. The murder took place on the road between St. Honoré and St. Hubert.

While the real motive for the crime is not known it is known that it was the result of a dispute between Plouards and Dion concerning the purchase of a certain piece of property. The prisoner was brought into Fraserville yesterday, and will appear before the local magistrate today.

ENROUTE FROM BOSTON

Mr. Holly Lounsbury formerly of this city but now of Chatham passed through here today in his Steven Durea car on his way home from a trip to Boston. He is accompanied by Messrs J. C. Godfrey and C. W. McLoon.

Some men seem to think that taking home to their wives a magazine they bought to read on their train makes it all up to them for never giving them a cent.