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LIBERALS AT OTTAWA READY FOR THE FIGHT

Dissolution of Parliament May be Expected within a Few Weeks--Members of Both Sides are Tired of the Present Farcial waste of Time--All Hope of a Compromise has been Abandoned--Tories Fear the Result of an Appeal to the People

Ottawa, July 25.--While the Conservative minority in the Commons was deciding in caucus this morning to continue their present obstructive tactics on the reciprocity issue and compel the government to appeal to the country to break the deadlock, the Liberal majority in the House, also gathered in caucus, were enthusiastically and unanimously deciding to accept the challenge and fight the issue out at the polls.

The decision of both sides were for an election as speedily as possible. Members on both sides are tired of the present farcial waste of time in the House and want to get away to their constituencies to plunge into active campaign work.

This morning's caucuses dispelled any hope of a compromise being reached that might avert an election. On the Liberal side there was no question of any receding from the attitude consistently adhered to for the past six months--namely, to stand or fall by their reciprocity agreement. There was not a single wavering in the ranks. On the opposition side it was also decided to adhere to the anti-reciprocity policy to the bitter end.

ELECTIONS LIKELY BY OCTOBER

The only question now is as to when the government will give up the present struggle to make headway against the obstructionists, dissolve parliament and ask the country to decide the issue. Indications point to only another fortnight of talk before the House and the country will both be ready for dissolution. The general election will follow just as soon as the voters' lists can be got ready and the other legal preliminaries observed. The last week in September or the first week in October should see the vote taken and the people's answer given.

The Conservatives met at 10.30 and were in session until noon, with E. B. Osler, M.P., presiding. The Liberal caucus lasted an hour longer, with Thomas McNutt, M.P., presiding.

At both of the caucuses there was a full attendance of members. It is understood that at the Conservative caucus there was less confidence shown in the position the party has got itself into than the attitude of the members in the House would indicate. Some of Mr. Borden's followers, both from the west and from the east, declared that if an election were forced on they would have to fight for their political lives. However, the conclusion was reached that the Conservative party has gone too far to withdraw now, and that the plan of obstructing reciprocity and

forcing an election must be continued.

LIBERALS SANGUINE OF VICTORY.

The Liberals' caucus was practically a pre-election council-of-war.

Members from every province of Canada were heard and all declared that the result of an election would be the return of the government by an increased majority.

Many of the members expressed the opinion that there should be an immediate dissolution and an end put to the farce of doing daily sessions with opposition obstruction, and no progress made. However, it was decided that, with morning sessions coming on tomorrow and the popularity of reciprocity growing, there should be a little further rope given the Conservatives whereby to hang themselves.

Mornings sittings commence tomorrow, and the House will be kept in session until a late hour each night. There will be probably some twenty-four hour continuous sittings for the purpose of either forcing reciprocity through or demonstrating to the electors how determined the opposition is to block it, and how impossible the position of the government is, thus justifying the calling of an election.

The Liberals confidently believe they will sweep the country. Reports from all parts of the Dominion indicate a steadily growing demand for reciprocity.

FARMERS WAITING FOR RECIPROCITY.

In Quebec and the Maritime Provinces the farmers are holding their bay for sale in the United States as soon as the reciprocity measure is law.

In the west the farmers with the 200,000,000 bushels of wheat in sight are looking to the United States market more keenly than ever.

The fishermen and the lumbermen have been heard from in favor of the agreement and even the manufacturers are less militant against reciprocity than they were three months ago.

On the Conservative side there is still outwardly great confidence. They are relying on generous financial aid from the manufacturers to pull them through the election and to defeat the government. It has been publicly stated more than once, without any explicit denial from the opposition managers, that already there have been contributions to the war chest from British and American sources, and that more are expected.

MANY LIVES WERE LOST BY TYPHOON

Tokio, July 26.--More than a hundred persons are believed to have lost their lives early today in the typhoon which swept over Tokio and Yokohama during the night. Forty bodies were recovered this morning in the Suzakadi territory including twenty three occupants of a house of ill fame which was washed away before the tenants could escape.

The property loss was large. Many fishing vessels and small coastwise crafts are missing.

PERSONAL

The condition of Miss Jeanette Beverly whose serious illness was noted in the Mail yesterday is unchanged.

Mr. D. J. Stockford who was taken suddenly ill on Monday was able to be up today.

Mr. John Ross of St. John is at

AVIATORS GATHERING AT HAMILTON

Hamilton, Ont., July 26.--J. A. D. McCurdy the Canadian aviator who achieved fame by his flight from Key West to Havana, arrived here today and began making preparations for his performances at the opening of the Hamilton's first aviation meeting. Lewkowais, the Russian birdman, Doberty and other flyers are expected here this afternoon.

The meeting will last five days during which time McCurdy will make some interesting experiments with wireless telegraphy while flying.

Commodore Stewart of the Chatham World who has been urging the party in Northumberland to select a strong man from outside the county will probably find it hard to buckle down and support Mr. Donald Morrison. The Tory cause in Northumberland is already lost.

WEIGHT OF THE HUMAN SOUL

Varies from Half an Ounce to Nearly an Ounce and a Quarter

At Least that is the Opinion of a Haverhill, Mass., Student of Physical Phenomena

(Canadian Press.)

Detroit, July 26.--Dr. Duncan McDougall of Haverhill, Mass., who has long been a student of physical phenomena, declared his belief in an interview yesterday that the human soul weighs from one half ounce to nearly an ounce and a quarter and further that the soul substance is blended with the protonium of the brain and spinal cord in life. Dr. MacDougall says it has been his experience in a dozen instances to watch a dying man or woman stretched on a bed that was part of a delicately adjusted scale and to hear as the patient's last breath leaves the body, the noise of the dropping weight. Again, sitting in a darkened room, he has watched a strong ray of pure white light rest along the body of a dying man, covering him like a silver beam from feet to head and over the face. Dr. MacDougall believes that this ray of light is the "soul substance."

CANADIAN NORTHERN RY. HAD GOOD YEAR

(Canadian Press.)

Toronto, Ont., July 26.--Canadian Northern Railway gross earnings for the year ending with June first showed an aggregate increase of \$2,378,200 and a gain in net earnings of \$538,900. In the period the mileage in operation is shown to have increased by 204 a much smaller portion of the system than was expected would be taken over by the operating department. The mileage in operation at the close of June was 3,698.

The gross earnings for the year were \$15,199,500, expenses \$11,033,700 and net earnings \$4,165,800.

FRUIT GROWERS OF NIAGARA HAD BIG LOSS

(Canadian Press.)

Buffalo, July 26.--Careful survey of the Niagara and Orleans Company fruit belt indicates that the high winds of the past 24 hours have destroyed between 20 and 30 percent of the growing apples and pear crops. Experts place the loss at \$500,000. Many cornfields were swept clear by the wind and will practically be a total loss.

WANTS DIVIDENDS PAID

(Canadian Press.)

Pittsburg, Pa., July 26.--Stockholders of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company assembled in Pittsburg today to take part in what promised to be the most important annual meeting since George Westinghouse was ousted from the presidency of the great corporation several years ago. Disatisfaction with the present management is believed to have reached the point calling for decisive action. For months the stockholders have been clamoring for decisive action. For those in control continue to pass the dividend, notwithstanding that a dividend has been earned and the company's surplus has been steadily accumulating. Should the plans of the dissatisfied stockholders end successfully, it is probable that Mr. Westinghouse who has been the ruling genius of the company since its inception will be restored to his old position as head of the corporation.

BEAUMONT WON THE RACE

Finished First in the Around Britain Race and Won \$50,000

The Total Distance Covered Was 1010 Miles--Vendrine was in Second Place

(Canadian Press.)

Brooklands, Eng., July 26.--J. Vendrine reached the goal at 3.17 o'clock. Both Frenchmen received an enthusiastic welcome from a great crowd. Beaumont on alighting was seized by admirers and carried shoulder high to his tent.

Brooklands, Eng., July 26.--A Beaumont, (Lieut. D. Comeau) won the fifty thousand dollar prize offered by the London Daily Mail for the Circuit of Great Britain Aviation Race of 1010 miles. The Frenchman reached the finish at 2.07 o'clock this afternoon making a splendid "volplane" from a height of 1,000 feet.

Brooklands, Eng., July 26.--Beaumont and Vendrine, who left Bristol at five o'clock this morning on the final stage of the circuit of Great Britain aviation race for the London Daily Mail's prize of \$50,000, arrived at Brighton at noon. Beaumont maintained the lead, his aggregate time now being 22 hours and 27 seconds. Vendrine total time is 22 hours 56 minutes and 55 seconds.

They will continue to this place, the point of the start and finish this afternoon.

The final section of the race covers a total distance of 264 miles, the course being laid from Bristol to Exeter 65 miles, to Salisbury 83 miles to Brighton 76 miles then to Brooklands 40 miles.

RECIPROCITY BILL TO BE SIGNED TODAY

Washington, D. C., July 26.--The House after a three days recess reconvened today to receive the new cotton tariff bill which reduces by practically one half the duties provided in the Payne Aldrich tariff. The Canadian Reciprocity Bill will be engrossed and signed by Speaker Clark today.

Washington, July 26.--Speaker Clark and Vice President Sherman today signed the Canadian Reciprocity Bill. It was at once forwarded to the president.

CHOLERA OUTBREAK REPORTED IN FRANCE

Paris, July 26.--Cholera is reported from several points in France. There have been fresh cases at Mont Peller and two deaths.

Another death from the disease is reported at Paulham. The fourth death is also reported at Florenzac.

SPEAKER PELLETIER OFFERED GOOD JOB

Sherbrooke, Que., July 26.--Hon. P. Pelletier speaker of the Quebec Legislature and member for Sherbrooke it is learned on good authority has been offered the position of commissioner for Quebec resident in London. He will probably accept which means his immediate resignation as speaker.

MANY SEEK STE. ANNE'S AID

Quebec, July 26.--This being the feast day of St. Anne, the shrine of the saint at Ste. Anne du Beaupre became the mecca of thousands of pilgrims. For several days past the hotels and boarding houses have been filling with people from all parts of the continent, among them being many of the crippled, the blind and those afflicted with various other ills, and all of whom are looking earnestly for special favors through the intercession of the good saint on the occasion of her own festival.

THE MOROCCAN SITUATION

Great Britain's Attitude Commented on by German Newspapers

England Called a Jealous Neighbor Who is Playing a Dangerous Game for the World's Peace

(Canadian Press.)

Berlin, July 26.--There are strong evidences in the German press of increasing nervousness with reference to the Moroccan situation. Columns of despatches from various points record pessimistic rumors, while reports from London regarding the British attitude call for the sharp comment.

The semi-official Cologne Gazette in the leading article this morning, utters the warning: The solution of the problem is very simple. France should withdraw her troops, leaving only the police, open the doors to international trade and give guarantees that Morocco will not be regarded as a French colony. Germany will then withdraw her warships from Agadir, after securing her interests in Sus. For Germany there is no compensation, no recompense elsewhere. The critical point in the negotiation is compensation we demand for France's extension of power in North Africa, which will be felt in Europe. We consider it necessary to warn both sides against stone throwing between two such sensitive nations as France and Germany when such a question is in dispute.

The Tageblatt says: Great Britain's method of publicly dictating her will to both negotiating powers instead of exchanging ideas diplomatically, is no longer considered by Germany as justifiable. The maintenance of British interest is but proof of regrettable ill-will. The Tagliche Rundschau says: The situation has become grave. It is a question of Germany's independence and right of self government and we know that every growth and movement in Germany finds an irreconcilable opponent in England.

down Germany continues since his King Edward's policy of holding death. England is playing a dangerous game for the world peace, for no people not desirous of succumbing can permit limitations to be dictated from a jealous neighbor.

Paris, July 26.--The foreign office adhering to its pact with the German foreign office refrains from all communications to the press regarding the Franco-German negotiations, but it is understood here that the situation is very unsatisfactory. The status of the negotiations might almost be described as a deadlock.

HON. GEO. P. GRAHAM CONTRADICTS REPORT

Ottawa, Ont., July 26.--The attention of Hon. George P. Graham was directed last night to a Brockville despatch saying that he may be a candidate in Ottawa.

"It is the first I have heard of it," said the minister. "I could not get a nomination in Ottawa if I wanted it, which I do not. If I am a candidate it will be in Brockville."

TWO MEN INJURED IN STABBING AFFRAY

Soo, Ont., July 26.--As the result of a stabbing affray last night, Geo. Galton and Frank Dini are both in hospital here today. Galton's right lung was pierced and scant hopes for recovery are entertained. His dying depositions have been taken.

College Station, Texas, July 25.--Members of the state organizations of cotton growers, corn growers, swine breeders, dairymen, fruit growers and other agricultural bodies rounded up in force today for the annual session of the Texas Farmers' Congress, with which they are affiliated. More than 500 papers and addresses are to be presented during the three days' session.

BOBBY LEACH MADE TRIP OVER NIAGARA FALLS

Intrepid Navigator Performed the Feat in a Barrel and Escaped with a Few Minor Injuries--Got Several Hard Bumps as he Approached the Brink of the Cataract--Hundreds of Spectators Watched the Performance--Went Over Falls Feet First

(London Mail)

Niagara Falls, Ont., July 26.--Bobby Leach went over the falls yesterday in a barrel and survived with nothing worse than a number of painful cuts. The exploit was witnessed by hundreds of people and when the reckless navigator was at last rescued from his iron cigar shaped barrel, there was a cheer and a feeling that showed how impossible it had been felt that the feat could be done. It was one o'clock when it was reported that Leach would really attempt the perilous feat of going over the Horseshoe Falls in his barrel. At 2.55 p. m. the launch which had Leach in tow cut the barrel adrift a short distance below Hog Island, Chippewa, the course had been well chosen for the barrel kept in the channel and gradually drew towards the power house.

Opposite the lobby of the Ontario Power Company the rocks drew away suddenly and Bobby got a nasty shaking as the barrel was rolled over rapidly, but his worst experience next to the actual drop over the falls was after leaving the Toronto Power House and when in a direct line for the horseshoe the barrel struck a rock with such force that the cigar shaped wooden end broke off and Leach's head was knocked against the side of the barrel and badly bruised and his right ear cut. At exactly 3.12 p. m. the crowd saw the barrel reach the brink of the mighty cataract and disappear in the depths, to reappear minus the other wooden end in the seething cauldron below the falls. Contrary to expectations, the barrel did not enter the eddy, which carried the others in near the falls, but swept east the Ontario Power House and then washed around too far out for those waiting to reach it until Frank Bender took a rope, sprang into the water fully dressed, and quickly reaching the barrel which he pulled in with the assistance of those on shore.

All this time the watchers and the people on top of the gorge were anxiously awaiting news of how it had fared with the intrepid navigator. Many believed he must be dead. As soon as the barrel touched the shore a man tapped on it with a hammer and a great shout went up as an answering tap came from the man inside. The iron manhole was quickly removed, and Leach was found to be in fairly good shape. He was assisted from the barrel. It was thought he had broken his left leg. A stretcher was quickly procured and the injured man carried into one of the shanties near at hand, where oxygen was administered, a few minutes later Dr. Wilson after an examination declared no fracture had been sustained but knees were badly cut. In explaining the injuries, Leach said he has proper protection for his head, and was using his foot as a ledge, but in going over the falls, he went feet first and the jar he got when the barrel struck threw his knees against the side, one of the first things he said after being laid on the floor of the shanty was, "Somebody send to my wife and tell her I'm all right."

EUROPEAN WAR TALK WEAKENS STOCK MARKET

New York, July 26.--The stock market showed weakness today on account of European war talk. C. P. R. was off two points from yesterday's closing.

The earnings of the United States Steel Corporation for the year were \$28,100,000, against \$23,600,000 last year. The regular quarterly dividend was declared.

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

Amalgamated...	67 1/2	67 1/2
Atchafalaya...	113 1/2	113 1/2
Brooklyn...	81 1/2	82 1/2
Canadian Pacific...	244 1/2	243 1/2
Great Northern, Pfd...	135 1/2	134 1/2
Northern Pacific...	131 1/2	131 1/2
Pennsylvania...	125 1/2	124 1/2
Reading...	158 1/2	158 1/2
Southern Pacific...	122 1/2	122 1/2
Union Pacific...	189 1/2	189 1/2
U. S. Steel, Com...	79 1/2	79 1/2
Virginia...	57 1/2	57 1/2

MONTREAL MORNING SALES.
Cement, com., 5 @ 22 1/2.

POPE'S CONDITION SLIGHTLY IMPROVED

Rome, July 26.--The pope had a restless night due to the fever experienced but this morning his throat was not so sore and the hoarseness had lessened. Addressing Monsignor Biletti, Major Domo of the Vatican the pontiff said that he hoped to be able soon to resume his audiences.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. McMillan of Brockton, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding yesterday. There was a large gathering of their relatives and friends last night to extend congratulations on their completion of fifty years of happy married life. Mr. and Mrs. McMillan have a large number of friends in this city who will wish them many more anniversaries of the event.

Twin City, 10 @ 109.

Iron, com., 300 @ 55 1/2, 20 @ 55 1/2, 25 @ 55 1/2.

Detroit, 400 @ 71 1/2, 50 @ 71 1/2.

Textile, 15 @ 68.

Molson's Bank, 10 @ 207.

Iron, pfd., 25 @ 103 1/2, 25 @ 103.

Winnipeg, 25 @ 238.

Montreal Street, 50 @ 227, 25 @ 226 1/2, 50 @ 226 1/2.

Rio, 360 @ 114 1/2, 25 @ 114 1/2, 125 @ 114 1/2.

Power, 25 @ 171, 100 @ 170 1/2, 50 @ 170 1/2, 25 @ 170 1/2, 25 @ 170 1/2, 25 @ 170 1/2.

Car, com., 20 @ 68.

Toronto Street, 2 @ 161, 6 @ 165 1/2, 20 @ 160, 25 @ 161.

Halifax Tram, 100 @ 148, 162 @ 147.

Shawinigan, 200 @ 117, 200 @ 116.

Soo, 25 @ 149 1/2.

Woods, 25 @ 149 1/2.

Canada Steel, 25 @ 26 1/2.

C.P.R., 125 @ 243 1/2, 25 @ 243.

R. & O., 125 @ 121, 50 @ 121 1/2, 235 @ 121 1/2.

Toronto Bank, 2 @ 213 1/2.

KING'S PRIZE WINNER IS RECOVERING

(Canadian Press)

London, July 26.--Private Clifford of Toronto, who won the King's Prize, is rapidly getting better and will come to town today. Reports as to his having appendicitis in some papers are greatly exaggerated. He leaves on Thursday with the rest of the team.

FOR RAILWAY SAFETY DEVICES

(Canadian Press)