

CODERRE OF HOCHELAGA WILL BE NEW MINISTER

Political Tangle in Ottawa Has Been Partially Straightened Out--Mr. Marechal Who Has Been Looked Upon as a Tory White Hope in Quebec, was Turned Down--Hon. Bob Rogers will Succeed to the Portfolio of Public Works

Ottawa, Oct. 27--The protests from Quebec against the transfer of the public works department to Hon. Robert Rogers, instead of leaving it for Mr. Monk's successor in the cabinet, are being vigorously pressed and in consequence Premier Borden is again delaying the carrying out of the cabinet reorganization agreed upon last week.

A number of ministerial supporters from Montreal arrived today to enter objections to any loss of political prestige for Quebec in consequence of the proposed cabinet shift and the premier, Hon. Messrs Rogers and Pelletier are now trying to straighten things out again.

In the hope of pacifying the dissatisfied elements it was agreed on Friday to give the new Quebec minister, Mr. Marechal, the control of the mines department, in addition to the state portfolio, and also make Louis Coderre, M. P. for Hochelaga, solicitor-general. The latter was willing to forego his claims to cabinet preferment for either a judgeship or appointment as solicitor-general.

To secure a seat for Mr. Marechal, Sir Rodolphe Forget agreed to resign in Charlevoix and hold his second seat of Montmorency. But to this agreement two difficulties have presented themselves. A. R. Boyce, M. P. for West Algoma, also wants to be solicitor-general, and is here vigorously pressing his claims to be considered in preference to Mr. Coderre. Mr. Boyce is backed by strong Ontario influence both in and out of the cabinet.

The second difficulty is with regard to opening Charlevoix under present conditions. Although Sir Rodolphe's majority there last election was over 600, his influence is now greatly weakened because of the failure of his railway project and the consequent troubles in the courts.

The difficulty with regard to Mr. Boyce may be gotten over by promising him the reversion of the solicitor-generalship a little later.

It is generally admitted that Hon. Bruno Nantel is now a source of weakness to the government, and he will probably be dropped before long, and Mr. Coderre give his place as minister of inland revenue. Then Mr. Boyce would be appointed solicitor-general.

A report from Charlevoix is now being awaited before that seat is opened for Mr. Marechal. Meanwhile Hon. George H. Perley will be left in charge of the public works portfolio as a Quebec representative. It is even possible that the premier will adopt the government's usual policy of delay when confronted with an embarrassing alternative and postpone the intended cabinet reorganization until the Christmas recess of parliament.

Ottawa, Oct. 28--While Premier Borden enjoyed Thanksgiving today by playing golf, Hon. Robert Rogers, his chief deputy and straightener-out of political tangles, spent a busy afternoon arranging and rearranging, with the conflicting interests, the cabinet reorganization made necessary by Hon. F. D. Monk's retirement.

Tonight it was announced that the last conference with cabinet aspirants and objectors to the proposed switching of portfolios has been held, and that the premier's mind, which has been subject to twenty-minute changes for some days past, is now finally made up.

L. T. Marechal, K.C., of Montreal, who on Friday night was told to be ready today to be sworn in as secretary of state and minister of mines has been turned down. Louis Coderre M.P. for Hochelaga, will get the cabinet vacancy and tomorrow or next day will be sworn in as secretary of state with the mines department transferred to his charge from the interior portfolio.

Hon. Dr. Roche, now secretary of state, will take over the interior department from Hon. Robert Rogers, who will realize his ambition of months past and become minister of public works in succession to Hon. F. D. Monk.

Mr. Coderre's Thanksgiving turkey

with Mr. Marechal playing the part of turkey--came to him somewhat unexpectedly. On Friday night Mr. Coderre was promised the vacant position of solicitor general and Mr. Marechal was to become secretary of state and get a seat in the Commons by running in Sir Rodolphe Forget's second constituency of Charlevoix.

FEAR TO OPEN CHARLEVOIX.

Sir Rodolphe was at Friday's conference and consented to give up Charlevoix and elect to sit for Montmorency. But despite the fact that Sir Rodolphe's majority in Charlevoix last election was 660, the government on Saturday reconsidered the advisability of opening the seat. Apart from the general weakness of the government's position in any Quebec constituency at present, it has been found that conditions in Charlevoix are particularly unfavorable. Sir Rodolphe's railway project there, on which he mainly won his election, has failed and an embarrassing suit for default of payments to contractors and laborers is now before the courts.

Moreover, Mr. Coderre, as a member-elect objected to being superseded by Mr. Marechal. The former's seat in Hochelaga was also believed to be a much safer one to open than Charlevoix. Mr. Coderre, therefore, by reason of the political exigencies of the situation, was finally picked as the preferable man.

The rumor of the changed program promptly brought a number of Montreal ministerial supporters to the capital yesterday and both Mr. Rogers and the premier spent a busy afternoon trying to reconcile opposing interests.

In addition to the rival claims of Messrs. Coderre and Marechal, the premier and his colleagues had to consider also the vigorous protests against the transfer of the public works portfolio from a Quebec minister to Mr. Rogers, and the claim of A. R. Boyce, M.P. for West Algoma, to the solicitor generalship. The latter has been in the capital for some days pressing his right to preferment. The whole situation was thoroughly canvassed yesterday and again today, Mr. Marechal, Mr. Coderre and Mr. Boyce being, in turn, closeted with Mr. Rogers.

Finally, the decision has been given in favor of Mr. Coderre for the state department. The solicitor generalship will be left vacant for the present, but Mr. Boyce will probably get it later, after Mr. Rogers has had a chance to show Quebec that it will not suffer any at his hands in gifts from the public works department.

Mr. Marechal is given the hope that he will be brought in later on to replace Hon. Bruno Nantel, when an opportune time comes, and it is safe to open a seat. Mr. Nantel, who is admittedly a source of weakness to the government, will be dropped at a more convenient season.

WILSON THE FAVORITE

IN THE BETTING

New York, Oct. 29--According to The New York Telegraph, betting on the presidential situation in Wall street is still very light, with an overwhelming sentiment in favor of Wilson. The odds still remain Wilson four to one, Taft one to three and Roosevelt one to two and a half. The odds on the colonel have shortened somewhat. A bet of \$1,600 to \$3,000 that Wilson would be elected found no takers yesterday and it is a case of even money on Taft or Roosevelt winning the popular vote.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Heustis of Sussex arrived in the city last night registering at the Barker House.

Mr. H. T. Douglass of Stanley is in the city.

Mr. W. H. Courtney of St. John is at the Barker House.

Dr. H. S. Bridges of St. John, spent the holiday in the city.

FOUL MURDER AT CHICAGO

Body of Young Woman Found Wrapped in a Blanket

Robbery Believed to Have Been Motive--Victim was to Have Been Married This Week

Chicago, Oct. 29--Miss S. G. Springer, 39 years old and the daughter of Mrs. O. H. Springer, a widow of Baltimore, was found murdered, her arms and legs bound with a rope, a choleraform handkerchief stuffed into her mouth, and her body wrapped in a blanket, in an Indiana Ave. rooming house early today by William R. Wharthen who accompanied her here from the eastern city three weeks ago, and to whom, according to his own story he was to have been married tomorrow.

Chas. D. Conway, said to be a high diver and his wife, who also is known as Beatrice Hall, and May Monte, a variety actress, who roomed in the same apartments and who had been befriended by Wharthen, are being sought by the police in connection with the crime.

The body of Miss Springer was found in the room occupied by them. The couple had been in the house during the evening but no trace of these has been found since the discovery of the body. According to Wharthen Miss Springer was an acquaintance of Mrs. Conway, who was known to her as Mrs. Riall and it was thought the latter's invitation that he and his sweetheart went to room at the same house.

The four moved into the rooms where the murder was committed only yesterday. They had previously lived a few blocks farther north on the same street. Wharthen told the police he had paid the expenses of the Conways as well as those of Miss Springer at the rooming house since joining them.

Wharthen, who was held by the police declared that before leaving the house last night, he handed his fiancée \$48 in the presence of the Conways, and then went down town. It was after midnight when he returned to the house, and found other hall way spattered with blood. He aroused others in the house by repeated pounding on the door leading to the Conway's room, after finding that Miss Springer was not in her own apartments.

A key was finally furnished to the keeper of the house and the door was opened. Further investigation showed that the money he had given the woman was missing as well as several articles of jewelry, revealing robbery as a motive for the murder. A trail of blood lead to a kitchen which the four had the use of, and there the table was found covered with blood as was the floor. A door knob with the piece of iron attached for a knoq on the other end, lay on the floor wrapped in blood, and with a leather shoe string attached to it in loop fashion, making a "Billy" of it.

Wharthen said that Conway had once exhibited the bludgeon to Miss Springer with the remark: "This is what I knock 'em out with."

According to Wharthen's story, he met Miss Springer in Baltimore several months ago while he was employed there with a street car company. He said her mother was in comfortable circumstances and that when he decided to come to Chicago with the idea of locating here, she expressed the desire to accompany him and he allowed her to do so. He told the police that he had spent most of his life on a Maryland farm near Baltimore with his father, who still resides there. He is twenty-six years old.

Wharthen will be held by the police pending the outcome of the coroner's investigation today.

SENATOR BELL IS

SERIOUSLY ILL

Montreal, Oct. 29--Sen Adam Bell of Pictou, is seriously ill at the Royal Victoria Hospital. Hon. Mr. Bell represented Pictou in the House of Commons from 1896 to 1904. He was summoned to the senate after the general elections last year.

WILL WELCOME CANADA'S HELP

Important Speech by the Secretary of State for the Colonies

The Old Country Willing to Give the Colonists a Voice in Imperial Affairs

London, Oct. 28--Presiding at a conference of Liberals on Saturday, the Right Hon. L. V. Harcourt, secretary of the state for the colonies, referred to the naval question and Canada's prospective co-operation. The British taxpayers, he said had borne ungrudgingly the whole cost of expense of the maintenance of defence of the overseas dominions during the long years of their adolescence; now in their day of maturity and prosperity they are asking to be allowed to contribute their quota to what is the joint need and common responsibility.

If the Canadian midisters and people had a natural, laudable, desire for a greater measure of consultation and co-operation with that mother country in the future than they had had in the past, such, a course, said Mr. Harcourt, was not intended to and need not open up difficult problems of imperial federation, which had made that policy for so many years a dead issue.

Speaking for himself, Mr. Harcourt declared he saw no obstacle and certainly no objection to the governments of all dominions being given at once a larger share in executive direction of matters of defence and in personal consultation and co-operation with individual British ministers, whose duty it was to frame a policy in this country. He would welcome more continuous representation of dominion ministers if they wished it, upon consultation of imperial defence. They would all be glad if members of overseas cabinets could be annually in London.

This door of fellowship and friendship was, Mr. Harcourt declared, always open to them. The government required no formality of imperial conference for continuity of imperial confidence. Their visit had been received with confidence. Colleagues of the government gave them all the information at their disposal.

It was not for him to make a pronouncement, regarding the disclosures which would shortly be made in the dominion, but he was convinced, from what he knew of both past and present ministers, no effort would be spared in providing "the support essential not only to maintain but to strengthen British supremacy on the sea."

TORIES WON BY-

ELECTION IN ONTARIO

London, Ont., Oct. 28--In the bye-election held in East Middlesex today to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Robert Sutherland, M.L.A., the Conservative candidate, George W. Neely, was elected over William Sutherland, Independent, by a majority of 551. The defeated candidate is a brother of the deceased member, who had a majority last December of twenty-five.

The vote cast was slightly less than that of last December, although the interest in the campaign was intense and during the last week there have been three or four meetings at night. Sir James Whitney and three of his ministers were in the riding in Mr. Neely's behalf and the Liberal leader, N. W. Rowell, campaigned for Mr. Sutherland, who had adopted his plank of "Abolish the bar" in the closing week of the campaign.

SECOND VICTORY.

Berlin, Ont., Oct. 28--C. H. Mills was elected in North Waterloo in the bye-election to the Ontario legislature by an overwhelming majority of 1,372 in a three-cornered contest with Allen Guber, the Independent candidate, and Mathew Weyman, the Socialist candidate. Only about half of the usual vote turned out, as it was conceded an easy victory for the Conservative candidate. The returns are not complete.

Mr. G. D. Osgood of Sussex arrived on the city last night.

FEELING OF UNEASINESS EXISTS IN EUROPE

Congratulatory Telegram From Czar of Russia to King of Servia is Regarded as Very Significant-- Looked Upon in Vienna as an Unpleasant Demonstration--Austria is Determined to Maintain the Statue Quo

London, Oct. 28--An interesting question at the present time is the whereabouts of the Turkish army of which nothing definite is known. The news that Eski Baba has been taken by the Bulgarian cavalry apparently without resistance shows that Nazim Pasha's army is not where it was supposed to have been--on the line between Kuleli Burgas to the Lule Burgas. It may be further west in the direction of Demotica, but it is generally supposed that it has retired from the line of the railway and entrenched itself on the long line from Demotica to Tohorlu.

Constantinople despatches continue to speak of the readiness of the Turkish army to take the offensive. In any case a few days must see something decisive.

The victorious Bulgarian army is still advancing. It has occupied Buharissar and is marching toward Kuleli Burgas. It is reported that the Bulgarians have blown up a bridge over the Tohorly River, showing that the turning movement is making rapid progress.

LIKELY TO BE DRIVEN FROM EUROPE

Unless the Turks are able to take the offensive vigorously the present indication is that they will be driven out of Europe altogether, failing interference by the powers at the present stage to end the war, as happened in the Russian campaigns against Turkey in 1828 and 1878 when Russia had captured Adrianople and was at the gates of Constantinople.

There have been renewed activities with regard to European intervention in the past few days and great diplomatic activity in London. The Turkish ambassador had two hours conference on Saturday at the French embassy, and an important conference was held today at the British foreign office between Sir Edward Grey the foreign secretary, Winston Spencer Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, and Lt.-Col. J. B. Seely, minister for war. Then the Turkish, French, Russian and Italian ambassadors visited the foreign secretary, who afterward had an audience with the king at Buckingham Palace.

TURKISH TROOPS DEMORALIZED.

The news from other parts of the theatre of operations shows that the

Turks everywhere are retiring from the victorious allies. The Turkish army, defeated at Kumanova, appears to be demoralized and had evacuated Kuprili, or Veles, as it is also known and is retreating on Monasir.

A despatch from Constantinople tonight reports that Mahmud Shekhet Pasha has been appointed chief of the commissariat department of the war office. The acceptance of this appointment is considered as showing a spirit of remarkable self-abnegation on the part of a distinguished officer, as the post, though important, scarcely corresponds to his high rank and previous services. It appears to confirm, however, the current reports of the deplorable condition of the Turkish commissariat service.

TURKISH ARMY SURRENDERS.

Belgrade, Sersia, Oct. 28--Semi-official advices report that the Turkish army, which retired from Uskup towards Veles, surrendered today to the Servian cavalry and delivered up their arms. The Servians later seized 123 guns.

That section of the Turkish army which was defeated at Kumanova appears to have been entirely broken up. The Turks from Istip are making Veles the objective point of their retreat. Prior to the occupation of Istip by the Servians, the inhabitants arose against the Turks and seized their arms.

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Vienna, Oct. 28--The bridge across the Tohorlu River was blown up by the Bulgarians yesterday, thus interrupting communication between Lule Burgas and Constantinople, according to a despatch from the correspondent of the Reichspost, with the headquarters of the second Bulgarian army.

The correspondent advises that the Bulgarians are making steady progress against the Turkish field army.

The strength of the Turkish troops around Adrianople is estimated at four army corps and it is said that 150,000 men fought near Kir Kilis-seh.

Part of the Turkish troops garrisoning Adrianople managed to retreat to Demotica, twenty-five miles to the south. The rest of the garrison is already cut off and demoralized by heavy losses. During the last

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BECKER WILL FACE TRYING ORDEAL IN COURT TOMORROW

New York, Oct. 29--Lt. Chas. Becker who has shown signs of a hysterical collapse during the past two days had regained his nerve today and was the same collected, quiet, calm man that he was before he heard himself pronounced a murderer in the court. His bitterness yesterday had disappeared and he had so far recovered his grip that he was ashamed of himself. "I am sorry," he said, "that I was impelled by impetuosity to issue statements in contradiction to the orders of my counsel, Cohn F. McIntyre, I have nothing else to say."

Becker tomorrow will face an ordeal just as trying as was his task of listening to the verdict, when he is arraigned at 10 o'clock for sentence. In one of his statements yesterday Becker declared that when he was asked if he knew of any good reason why sentence should not be passed upon him he would tell the whole story which he had planned to tell on the witness stand in his own defense.

Becker's changed attitude makes it almost certain now that he will make no such address to the court. If he should he will speak against the

strongest advice of his counsel. Mr. McIntyre said he deeply regretted the statements that Becker had given out. That they were contrary to his orders and that their tendency was to make harder the work of his lawyers in preparing his case for appeal.

Jack Rose, Sam Schepps, Harry Vallon and "Bridget" Webber the four informers the chief witnesses in the Becker case are likely to spend the next year or possibly the next two or three in jail. District Attorney Whitman has decided that they must be kept under lock and key until the Becker case is closed.

Mr. Whitman will need all four men if Becker should get a new trial and it will take a year or more to settle whether the former lieutenant is to be tried again. Mr. Whitman does not intend to risk losing his star witnesses by permitting them to go about their business.

There seems no doubt that the District Attorney can keep the men in jail as long as he likes for Rose, Webber and Vallon are held on charges of murder while Schepps will be held from week to week on a vagrancy charge.