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BALFOUR SPEECH STYLED LOW POLITICS

"Dangerous Game, Discreditable and Disgraceful," Says the Chancellor—Germany is Friendly.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

LONDON, Jan. 6.—Premier Asquith, David Lloyd-George, John Burns and other members of the government, occupied to-night in denouncing A. J. Balfour's alarmist references to Germany, and refuting his accusation of the unpreparedness of the navy.

Mr. Lloyd-George, speaking at Peckham, made some strong remarks anent Mr. Balfour's Hanley speech, which he described as the last resort of a desperate man who saw his cause lost." Balfour, the chancellor said, has now become a tailtwister, the discredited game played in America by the lowest type of politician. It was a dangerous game, for the peace of Europe, discreditable to the leader of a great party an ddisgraceful to British politics.

Great Britain, the chancellor went on, in her time, had warred with almost every country, but never with Germany. On the contrary, she had generally had Germany fighting with her. During the past decade Great Britain had built nearly double the number of battleships constructed by Germany, but if the ratio was inversed he would not be afraid, because Great Britain had the men behind the guns. "But," he added, "we will continue to build warships faster than Germany."

Lords Adapted, Says Balfour.

Addressing a meeting at Ipswich, Mr. Balfour again emphasized the gravity of the issues involved in those who opposed tariff reform were honest but benighted and antiquated Britain had now to face the system of tariffs deliberately built for the purpose of attracting to these communities the skill and energy of Britain, the object of assault by all the greatest industrial countries of the world.

Mr. Balfour added that there could be no greater historical error than to imagine that the house of lords was unchanged. Its glory was that it had seen its way to adapt itself to the needs of a growing democracy. The house of lords could be improved, he desired to see it improved, but he wished to see the question undertaken by both parties conjointly. Nobody who understood the house, really believed it was out of harmony with the sentiment of the people. He said with confidence that its action in recent years would have been followed by any second chamber, however constituted.

McKenna Defends Navy.

Mr. Reginald McKenna, first lord of the admiralty, dealt exhaustively with the naval question and declared that Germany could not build now as fast as Britain. The navy was not 16,000 men short, and the stores were undepleted.

Britain had twelve Dreadnought docks, not three, and in 1912 would have 16 to Germany's nine. It was grossly untrue to say that Germany had more fast destroyers. The navy was unassailable, and for the sake of the decencies of public life, he demanded that his opponents should prove their words with facts and figures or cease using them.

Forty-Seven Big Meetings.

No fewer than 47 important meetings were held to-night. Ten cabinet ministers, five ex-ministers and 22 lords were among the speakers.

Peer Fights Heckler.

Sir William J. Bull, M.P. and Conservative candidate for Hammersmith,

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All England Stirred by Them.

EDINBURGH, Jan. 6.—The Lord Provost and bailies have invited the four great Toronto pressmen now in London to pay this city a visit and view Scotland in the throes of a general election. The Provost has arranged that twenty-seven of the choicest hecklers in all the kingdom attend a joint meeting addressed by able men of both sides, and give an exhibition of their wonderful baiting powers. After the heckling of the speakers a covey of Scotch suffragettes will be flushed from under the platform, and another lot lowered suddenly by ropes from holes in the ceiling into the midst of the meeting. At a given signal the "polissmen" of the town will be let loose and the suffragettes will be hustled and carried out of the hall in short order, some over the peelers' shoulders, some by neck and craw, and some by foot and arm holds. After the demonstration the visitors will be escorted to Holyrood Palace and shown Rizzio's blood stain on the alabaster floor.

Stewart Lyon has been invited by the Paisley weavers to explain to them several moot points of the shorter catechism.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—The Midget Press Club of London have had a medal struck in honor of Joey Clark's (of Toronto) visit to their club home last night.

Mr. Clark was about to be ejected from one of Lloyd-George's meetings under suspicion of being a suffragette in disguise. When he flashed his cowhide boots on the terrified police and called out "Little Eva," "Little Eva," he was at once released and apologies tendered by the Home Secretary.

One of the royal aides intimated to John R. Robinson of the Toronto Telegram that His Majesty would be pleased to hear from his own lips the story of the Mulock deal in Ashbridge's Bay—that if he was too busy to attend the King at Windsor, that he would at least speak it into a phonograph and send on the record. Mr. Robinson made the record on the top of a bus yesterday to the great edification of the rest of passengers. The King got it all right, and entertained the royal dinner party last night with the recital. It brought tears to the eyes of all. His Majesty wept aloud.

John S. Willison refuses to speak to Winston Churchill, but will dine at Blenheim Palace, where Her Grace of Marlboro has arranged for a little party of dukes to meet him at dinner. The peers are relying on Mr. Willison to save them and their privileges.

British Trade Best Ever Under Budget

Chancellor Lloyd-George, at London, last night, took the unusual course of prematurely announcing the trade returns for December, when exports had increased by 4,388,000 pounds over December, 1908, and by 1,000,000 pounds over 1907, which stood as the record year.

Taking both exports and imports, it was better by £5,000,000 ($25,000,000). Furthermore, the increase in imports was not in manufactured goods, but raw material for food.

It looked as tho the coming year would be the best British trade ever experienced.

ROBERT BLACHFORD

London Socialist, whose Articles on the German Invasion Peril Have Created Quite a Stir in the Election Campaign.

British Elections Hard to Forecast

Little Information on Which to Hazard an Estimate—Where Unionists Hope for Gains.

With the last week of the political conflict in sight, the contending parties in the United Kingdom are redoubling their efforts to convince the electorate that only the Conservative nostrum or the Liberal penacea will save the rights and liberties and confirm the prosperity of the kingdom. Towards which side the portents of victor incline it is impossible to determine and apart from the wonted and therefore unreliable predictions freely indulged in for campaign purposes by excited partizans or politic leaders, the real attitude of the silent electorate, whose vote will decide the issue, remains a mystery.

During no previous general election have there been sa sparse indications or such a paucity of data from which the trend of sentiment among the masses can be gauged. At this distance any forecast can be nothing better than a conjecture, nor do experienced observers on the spot appear to be in better case. This veil that so closely conceals the electoral mind adds greatly to the dramatic intensity of the situation.

So far is can be judged from the more moderate of the speculations regarding the electoral verdict, the government is considered to have the better chance, but will be sustained by a majority considerably diminished. In London and the southern counties of England, Conservative gains are looked for, and they may also strengthen their hold on agricultural constituencies in the midlands. In England the pivotal section is the northern, particularly the Counties of Lancashire, Yorkshire and Cheshire. This district contains the great cotton and woolen industries, and the conversion of the workers to tariff reform would certainly mean an opposition victory. How far that has been effected cannot be estimated, but the Liberals profess confidence that they will retain their present advantage.

Few Conservative gains are looked for in Scotland or Wales, and little change will occur in Ireland. England and the north of England particularly will be the decisive factor.

Features of The Sunday World

In this week's issue of The Sunday World the front page of the illustrated section is given over to depicting scenes in the rooms of students at the University of Toronto. Every student, relative and parent should get a copy of this paper, for no finer collection of photographs showing student life in leisure hours has ever been published in Canada. There are several other features in the illustrated section of unusual interest to the public.

Owing to the fact that there is a great Shakspearian revival thruout the English-speaking world, The Sunday World has made arrangements to publish each week a sermon from Shakspere. The series are written by one of Canada's able authers and classic scholars, Mr. Marquis. Every student, minister, professor and reader of the famous bard should follow these sermons with keen interest.

The regular news editorial and comic sections of The Sunday World will be filled with live articles, news and comment. Order copies early to make sure that you get the advantage of these exclusive features.

CLERKS SINNED FOR NATION'S BENEFIT

Directed Public Attention to Danger of Losing Valuable Lands—A Sensational Declaration.

WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. 6. — A sensation was caused to-day by Senator Dollivan, of a letter from Gifford Pinchot, chief forester, renewing the recent very bitter controversy with Secretary of the Interior Ballinger over the conservation of public lands.

Mr. Pinchot's letter said that Messrs. Price and Shaw had prepared an official report upon their actions which he was transmitting to the secretary of agriculture.

"This report shows that Messrs. Price and Shaw made public certain information regarding the so-called Cunningham claims for coal lands in Alaska," said Mr. Pinchot, "the effect of the publication was to direct public attention to the action of the interior department.

"It shows also that they countenanced the publication by L. R. Glavis of certain facts concerning these claims after he had been dismissed from office, and that in other ways they endeavored to direct public attention in the imminent danger that the Alaska gold fields, still in government ownership, might pass for ever into private hands with little or no compensation to the public."

A Public Duty.

"This information," Mr. Pinchot adds, was of a nature proper to be made public unless there are secrets which the people of the United states are not entitled to know concerning the source, nature and progress of claims made for portions of the public lands.

"Price and Shaw deliberately decided to risk their official positions rather than permit what they believed to be the wrongful loss of public property. Having violated a rule of propriety as between the departments, Mr. Pinchot said they deserved a reprimand and had received one. But I shall recommend, without hesitation, that no further action of their case is required."

Mr. Pinchot said the action of these subordinates was not unusual, but suggested that the situation which called it forth was quite as unusual.

"Price and Shaw," he said, "successfully directed public attention to a national danger. They increased the people's interest in the peoples' property and powerfully fostered the desire to conserve it. There is now far less chance that the Alaska coal fields will pass into the hands of fraudulent claimants than there was before they acted."

Taft is Aroused.

Late this afternoon after reading the newspaper reports, President Taft sent out a hurry call for such members of the cabinet as were within reach.

President Taft some time ago issued an order that no subordinate in any government department should disclose any information to congress except thru the head of the department, but Mr. Pinchot, in his letter, virtually upholds Glavis and describes him as "the most vigorous defender of the people's interest, "despite the fact that President Taft had declared Glavis unfit longer to remain in the public service.

This direct slap at the president and the further declaration by Mr. Pinchot that the Cunningham coal lands really were about to go to fraudulent claimants until Glavis and the forestry bureau officials took a hand in the fight, thus impugning the intentions of high officials in the interior department, is said to have aroused Mr. Taft to keen resentment.

NEW "WAR OF 1812" MEMORIAL.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—The little stone chapel of Prince Town, Devonshire, built under forced labor by the American sailors confined in the adjoining Dartmoor prison during the war of 1812-14z, has just been restored, and a memorial window placed in it to the memory of those engaged in the original work. Strangely enough, the cost of this renovation and window has been borne by Americans.

ALL SAFE BUT SIX.

HALIFAX, N.S., Jan. 6.—(Special).—Of the 160 fishermen lost in blizzard off Whitehead Tuesday, all have been rescued but six.

There is a chance that the remaining six will be picked up.

A FLUTTER BEHIND THE SCENES.

MANAGER BULL, OF THE ALBION THEATRE: I don't want to throw stage fright into you people, but do you know that Stewart Lyon, Jack Robinson, Johnny Willison and Joe Clark are in front of the 'ouse for this 'ere performance?

STRATHCONA'S CASH TO COMBAT TYPHOID

Cables $25,000 for Montreal's Temporary Hospital and is Willing to Give $100,000 More.

MONTREAL, Jan. 6.—(Special.)—Sir Hugh Graham received a cable this afternoon from Lord Strathcona, in London, stating that he was cabling him $25,000 for the emergency hospital which has been opened in connection with the typhoid fever outbreak here, and that he was prepared to subscribe $100,000 towards the eradication of the causes, should a citizens' fund be started.

The emergency hospital has so far received forty cases, and others are being brought in hourly.

Local subscriptions so far amount to about $25,000.

A CHARGE OF PERJURY

Howard Lowrey of Niagara Falls Must Explain His Local Option Vote.

ST. CATHARINES, Jan. 6.—(Special) Howard Lowrey has been served with notice to appear before James Aikens, J.P., at Niagara-on-the-Lake, next week on a charge of perjury.

The Lowreys of Niagara Township are strong temperance men; Frank H., uncle of accused, having been elected reeve of the municipality on that ticket at Monday's elections. The young man, whose name appeared on the voter's list as a farmer's son, is said by anti-local optionists to have left the municipality and taken up his residence at Niagara Falls. On election day, so the antis claim, he appeared at a polling booth for a ballot, taking the oath of residence. It is on this that the charge is made.

PIANO FELL ON HIM

While Helping Carry it Up Icy Steps—May Die.

Serious results attended a slip on the part of J. F. Choles, aged 25, piano-mover in the employ of Heintzman & Co., 117 West King-street, while carrying a piano up the steps of 191 Logan-avenue, yesterday. The steps were icy and when he slipped, the instrument fell on his neck and shoulder. His shoulder was dislocated, his skull fractured, and internal injuries are feared. He may die. He was taken to the General Hospital. Scholes lives at 52 Bond-street.

ARGENTINE MEAT DUTY FREE

England Will Lift Ban, Says Paper, if Liberals Win.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—The ports of the United Kingdom will be thrown open for the importation of live cattle from Argentina, says The Shipping World to-day, if the present government is returned to power. The Shipping World adds that the present embargo is removable at the end of March and that, beginning with April, the new arrangement will not only stimulate the industry of the country but cheapen meat in price and check the operations of American speculators and combines.

TUNNEL UNDER VAULT MAKER TRAPPED IN IT

Apparent Attempt at Robbery of Rich Deposits and Jewelry Foiled by Collapse of Earth.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—A case of the man who crawled into his hole and pulled the hole in after him is puzzling the police here to-night.

From an unobstrusive aperture in the floor of a tenement house cellar, the hole presently stretched into a tunnel, and the tunnel pointed in the direction of the vaults of the Eastside branch of the Fourteenth-street Bank, with deposits of $10,000,000 and towards the safe of a jewelry shop next door, in which there lay $60,000 worth of diamonds and jewelry.

Isador Garbus ran to the police today with a tale of the disappearance of his brother-in-law, Isaac Finkelstein. The man had last been seen, he said, in the cellar of the tenement house, where they lived. Isaac had gone downstairs to gather firewood. He did not return, and under the wood pile Isador had found a mound of fresh earth. The foundations of the house, he told the police, must have collapsed on his brother-in-law.

After a few minutes' digging the police uncovered a sharply defined aperture in the cellar wall, about three feet across and pitching downward under the street.

A building department inspector crawled in on his hands and knees, striking matches as he went, but came out in a hurry when he bumped into what seemed to be a collapse of earth and boulders. The walls of the tunnel were unshored, and only the cohesion of the hard packed earth held the roof up. Whoever had dug it must have worked in secret for weeks.

Fearful of further explorations from the cellar, the inspectors began to dig down from the street level, at the same time sounding the cellar walls of the bank and the jewelry shop. So far as they could learn both are sound.

Digging continued all afternoon and at night with crowds of curious in attendance. In all the diggers had uncovered about 50 feet of burrowing with no trace of the body of Finkelstein late to-night.

There is some doubt whether he is in the tunnel or not, dead or alive. Isador Garbus was held by the police as a witness.

CUT IN TWO BY ENGINE

Fearful Death of C. P. R. Carpenter at Windsor.

WINDSOR, Jan. 6.—(Special.)—William S. McRoberts, aged 35, was cut completely in two at 6 o'clock to-night at the C.P.R. coal chutes netr the roundhouse.

McRoberts had just quit work, and was on his way to report to his mechanical foreman. An engine which had just brought train No. 5 into the station and uncoupled was backing down to the roundhouse. McRoberts was walking on the track and did not see it. He was dragged one hundred feet under the wheels.

McRoberts was a carpenter, being employed on the bridge gang. His home was in Glencoe, Ont. He was unmarried.

GRECIAN ROYAL PALACE IN THE GRIP OF FLAMES

Fire Started From Illuminations on Xmas Tree While Royal Family Were Celebrating.

ATHENS, Greece, Jan. 6.—The royal palace at Tatoi caught fire at 10 o'clock this evening while the royal family were gathered around a Christmas tree. The flames spread rapidly and soon the right wing of the palace was practically destroyed.

The fire is believed to have been due to illuminations on the tree. The royal family made a hasty escape, and so far as known no one was injured.

The king, who was not in the palace at the time, was appraised of the fire and went to the scene in a motor car.

There was very little wind and by one o'clock in the morning the flames were extinguished, having been confined mainly in the upper story, comprising the apartments of the ladies in waiting and the servants. The chapel and state apartments were only slightly damaged.

PEER FIGHTS A HECKLER

Crowd Formed a Ring—Police Interfered.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—Serious disturbances again marked many meetings. The Earl of Donoughmere and Lord Chylesmore, attempting to address a Conservative meeting at Coventry, found that the hall had been captured beforehand by the Radicals, who howled all the speakers down. The meeting broke up in disorder.

A similar fate overtook Lord Rothschild at Wolverton, where a crowd of rough hooligans rushed the door.

Sir William Bull, member of the house of commons for Hammersmith, while speaking before the electors of that constituency was rudely heckled by a man in the crowd. He threatened to punch the man's head.

"Come on," shouted the man. Sir William forthwith descended, and the crowd formed a ring. A stand-up fight ensued until the police separated the combatants.

Sir William speaking of the affair, said he was none the worse for the encounter. "There has been a deal of unfair Radical rowdyism lately," he said, "this affair may clear the air, as Englishmen like a fair fight and no fouling."

FIRE INQUEST AT GUELPH INCENDIARISM NOT PROVED

GUELPH, Jan. 7.—(Special.)—After hearing evidence until midnight, Coroner McLean's jury, investigating the fire which partially destroyed the Norrish block, on Dec. 17, retired to try and arrive at a conclusion.

Beyond the evidence of two witnesses that two men were noticed running from the alley next the burned block just before the outbreak, one without an overcoat and the other carrying an overcoat, there has been nothing to prove incendiarism.

The inquest was held at the solicitation of Mayor Hastings and several of the council.

King Alfonso has returned to Madrid from Andalusia, where he went ostensibly to hunt, but possibly to undergo an operation for the relief of a trouble of the ear and nose.

NEW GOLD FIELDS PROMISE BIG RETURNS

High Government Official Confirms Worlr Man's Statements that Porcupine District Shows Mineral Wealth.

J. F. Whitson, assistant chief of the surveys branch of the Ontario department of lands, forests and mines, returned to Toronto yesterday after a ten days' tour of inspection of the new Porcupine gold fields.

"I have read The World," said Mr. Whitson, when seen at the parliament buildings shortly after his arrival, "and I have no hesitation in saying that its statements regarding the Porcupine district are well within the mark. It is, with the exception of Cobalt, far more promising than any other section of Ontario I have seen."

"Is it being taken up?"

"Why, there are 2000 claims staked out. The whole of the Township of Whitney and the whole of the Township of Tisdale, with the exception, of course, of the lots reserved for veterans, have been staked. Two-thirds of the Township of Shaw, which lies south of Whitney, and two-thirds of the unnamed township lying to the south of Tisdale, have also been staked out.

"To show you how things are going, there are at the present time several hundreds of prospectors in the woods doing development work on claims staked within the last two months.

"The road from mile-post 222 on the T. & N. O. railway into the Porcupine district was finished about 10 days ago. This road has been constructed by prospectors, and the parties building road houses along the way.

"The O'Brien Mining Co., and the New York Syndicate have each 25 men at work developing properties near the southwest corner of Tisdale.

Quartz Dyke 20 Feet Wide.

"One of these properties, which is being managed by Timmins of the La Rose mine, has a quartz dyke passing thru it, which has been stripped for over 1300 feet. In many places it has a width of 20 feet. You can see free-milling gold across the whole dyke in many places.

"It is, I repeat, with the exception of Cobalt, far more promising than any other section of Ontario I have seen."

"How are all the people living, who are going in there?"

"Why, there are, as I said, several hundred prospectors in the woods," replied Mr. Whitson to the query, "and they are living in tents.

"There are about 50 people starting to build stores and stopping places at the northeast end of Porcupine Lake. Then you must remember that there are 10 stopping places already finished on the road in from 222. These will accommodate quite a number, so you see, it is only a question of a week or two before everybody will be provided for in the matter of accommodation. I haven't heard of anyone having to sleep out in the open.

Road From 222 the Favorite.

"People are coming in to Porcupine at the rate, probably, of 50 a day. They are coming in from both directions, from mile-post 222 and from Matheson, but the bulk of them are coming in from 222.

"I regard the route from mile-post 222 as the better of the two. It is about five miles shorter than that from Matheson. It is an all-land route. From Matheson the route is in part a lake one, and the ice is somewhat uncertain. Even as a summer route, I should prefer the one from 222. The two roads join before they reach the Frederick House River.

"As to facilities for outfitting, there is now a good store at 222, and another at the mouth of the Night Hawk River, while others are being built, as I said, at Porcupine Lake.

"You may also say that the road from 222 could not be in better condition. It is level, and runs thru a good farming country, with no hills, practically the whole way to Porcupine."

What About a Railway?

Regarding the proper point of departure from the main line of the T. & N. O. of a branch line of railway into the district, Mr. Whitson said: "I know of no better place than mile-post 222 for it to start from.

"Of course it is an entirely different proposition building a railway into a gold country to that of building one into a silver country. There is little freight. The gold is shipped out in the form of bullion. Practically all that has to go in is the miners' supplies.

"Let me tell you," he added emphatically, "there are fine water-powers all over that country within easy distance. The gold taken out of there will be developed mostly by water power."

Charged With Assault.

William Colleger, 29 St. Clarens-avenue, was arrested last night by Detective Mahoney upon a warrant charging him with assaulting his wife.

Good Chance to Buy.

This is a good time to select a fur-lined coat. One will last for years, and judging from the past there will be a steady rise in the price of fur. Just now the Dineen company has a sale on with the object of reducing the stock on hand. Men's fur-lined coats are marked away down. For fifty dollars you can buy a high-class beaver cloth coat lined with muskrat and with wide otter or Persian lamb collars and lapels. You won't be able to purchase it for twenty-five dollars more than that next year.