

Nomination Day in the Old Country

Colonial Secretary Thomas Outlines the Work and Policy of Labour--Fewer Liberals Taking the Field Than in the Last Election--German Loan in Britain Oversubscribed.

BRITISH ELECTION PREDICTIONS.

LONDON, Oct. 17.

With the Parliamentary elections only twelve days away and the campaign at its hottest, nobody would venture to-day to predict the result, for it is generally acknowledged that anything may happen. The Government Party still professes complete confidence in the outcome of the balloting, but it was asserted that the hearts of most of the Labour candidates are less buoyant than when the campaign opened. Outside the ranks of Labour few persons are to be found who believe that Labour will come back with a majority in the House, in fact the impression is growing that as in the last Parliament, the Conservatives again will have the strongest personnel. Should that happen the Government of Ramsay MacDonald should it again come into power would be quickly defeated by a combined vote of the Conservative and Liberals and a Conservative Ministry would be formed. Until the nominations are completed to-morrow, the exact situation will not be known, but up to the present this disposition of triangular contests has been effected almost entirely at the expense of the Labour Party, while the withdrawal of candidates has consisted very largely of Liberals. As the lists stand to-night there will be about 263 Liberal candidates as against 263 last year. The candidates already nominated are reckoned roughly as: Conservatives, 540; Laborites, 490, and Liberals, 340, the Liberals thus falling to third place and in political circles it would cause no surprise to see this position stereotyped in the election results. At Barry this afternoon Premier MacDonald complained bitterly that the Press and the Opposition parties were persistently misrepresenting the Labour Party's policy, and he appealed to his opponents to make "a decent intellectual fight of it." The Premier asked why they should slander the Labour Party and go sniffing for little tattles like many dogs round a dump heap. Mr. MacDonald received a tremendous ovation when he reached Aberavon, his home constituency. Vast crowds blocked the road to town along several miles.

CAPTAIN AT FAULT IN LOSS OF HIS SHIP.

MONTREAL, Oct. 17.

By a judgment handed down in the Wreck Commissioner's Court yesterday, Captain A. LePaumier, master of the French steamer *Libourne*, was found in default for the stranding and total loss of his vessel on July 26 last on or near the Gulf ledge in the vicinity of White Head, N.E.

CANTON DAMAGE CONSIDERABLE.

MURKIN, Oct. 17.

Tremendous casualties have been caused in the fighting around Shan-hai-kwan through the use of submarine mines by the Central Chinese Government forces, it was declared to-day. No estimate of the casualties of the past two days fighting has been made available. It was officially stated that the Manchurians had entered Shan-hai-kwan yesterday and completely occupied the city. The damage caused in Canton by the recent fighting between labor troops and merchant volunteers and by the fires which are still raging throughout the town was estimated at \$15,000,000 in messages received to-day by the State Department at Washington. Despatches from Shanghai said General Shan, the official representative of General Chi, assumed command of the Kiangsu troops at Lung-hua on the 17th.

TROTSKY BREAKS SILENCE.

MOSCOW, Oct. 17.

Minister of War Trotsky, who has been at the watering resort of Kislovodsk in the Caucasus for two months, broke a long silence to-day with a significant speech concerning Russia's need of a Red Army. Addressing a large assemblage in Khabard, the autonomous Republic in northern Caucasus, he said, "We are compelled to have a Red Army because we do not want to be enslaved and torn to pieces by our enemies, the Imperialist robbers, who are now tearing China to pieces."

BRITISH ELECTIONS.

LONDON, Oct. 17.

It is probable that at the nominations to-morrow, 42 candidates will

be returned by acclamation. 26 Conservatives, 8 Liberals, and 8 Labour candidates. It is likely there will be 263 straight fights between Labour and Conservative candidates, compared with 99 last year. There will be 40 straight fights between Labour and Liberal candidates, compared with 55 in 1923; and 34 straight fights between Conservatives and Liberals as compared with 106 the last time.

NO TIME FOR WASTE OF EFFORT.

LONDON, Oct. 17.

The drop in the number of Liberal candidates from what was anticipated at the outset of the election contest is explained by the fact that the Liberal Party is not disposed, either locally or nationally, to waste effort and money on forlorn hopes. There are only 350 Liberals in the field so far, whereas in the last election there were 454.

ELECTION GOSSIP AND WINSTON'S CLAIMS.

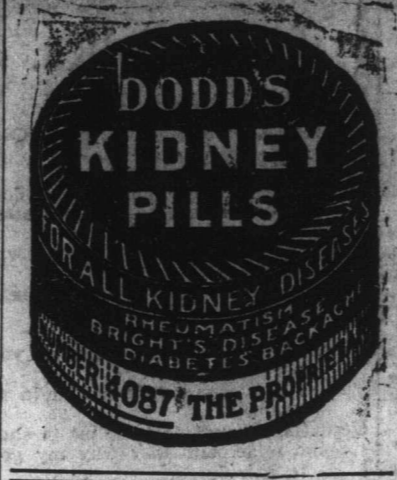
LONDON, Oct. 17.

The strenuousness of Premier MacDonald's political campaign and speech making tour has affected his voice, which was somewhat weak when Parliament adjourned. Reaching Cardiff this morning Mr. MacDonald was entertained at a private luncheon but was unable to make a speech because his voice practically failed. He proceeded later to his division at Aberavon. The pact between the Liberals and Conservatives to avoid unnecessary contests to-day produced the announcement that Liberals had decided not to oppose Stanley Baldwin in the Bewdley Division of Worcestershire, thus giving Mr. Baldwin an unopposed return. Speaking at the Queen's Hall this p.m. Winston Churchill took credit for the fact that Liberals and Conservatives are co-operating to oppose the advance of Socialism. This, he said, he had urged for years. He declared the day would come, five or ten years hence, when Government representatives of the forces of the left must bear responsibility in the country, but if decisive defeats are inflicted on Socialists in this and succeeding elections, he added, they would drop the non-sense bowdlered from Karl Marx and would be fit to take part in bearing the responsibilities of state when that time came.

COLONIAL SECRETARY THOMAS AT DERBY.

LONDON, Oct. 17.

J. H. Thomas, Colonial Secretary, in a speech to-day at Derby, where he is again offering himself for reelection, referred to the achievements of his department in the MacDonald Government. He asserted that the Labor Government had found very



strained relations existing between Great Britain and Canada, not owing to any action on the part of the Labour Government but by reasons of actions of the previous Government. This was the Labor Government's first difficulty, Mr. Thomas said, and it was straightened out, but the Government did not stop there. The administration recognized it was a dangerous spot and proceeded to take the necessary steps to avoid any further relations of this nature. It could not be denied that the present Government had encouraged developments within the Empire. Mr. Thomas proceeded. Sound and sensible schemes of immigration had received the Government's approval, Mr. Thomas said. Under the Labor Government there would be no dumping of people down without regard for them, and this policy was being welcomed by the Dominion. At the present moment there was a kind of effort being made to develop and improve the relationship of the various countries within the British Commonwealth. Mr. Thomas said. This would not be accomplished by increasing the price of food but by endeavoring to ascertain for Australian meat being bought in Australia at two-pence per pound, and sold to the consumers in Great Britain at seventeen pence per pound, and other cases of a somewhat similar nature in connection with the Dominions. That, Mr. Thomas concluded, was the kind of necessary work the Labor Government was endeavoring to tackle.

ANOTHER PRESS CONFERENCE.

LONDON, Oct. 17.

The third Imperial Press Conference will be held in Melbourne, Australia, next year on invitation of the Australian section of the British Empire Press Union.

WOMAN LEAPS TO DEATH.

NIGARA FALLS, Ont., Oct. 17.

A woman, believed to be Mrs. Hart of New York City deliberately took her life late yesterday by plunging over the Horse Shoe Falls. She jumped from the end of Luna Island Bridge in the presence of five tourists, who were nearby. She left a note on the bridge, addressed to her son M. Hart.

IN CHINA.

TIENTSIN, Oct. 17.

The battle of Chankai-kwan continued unceasingly to-day. The city itself suffered considerable damage from the bombardment of the Manchurian troops seeking to make a permanent capture of that key border town. Central Government soldiers were being massed in an attempt to retake Chibimankai, another great wall point.

BIG OVER-SUBSCRIPTION.

LONDON, Oct. 17.

Subscriptions to Great Britain's £12,000,000 portion of the \$200,000,000 Dawes plan loan to Germany totalled between £150,000,000 to £160,000,000 it was announced semi-officially to members on stock exchange to-day. The loan was subscribed thirteen times over.

FRANCE DELAYS RECOGNITION.

PARIS, Oct. 17.

Failure of the Cabinet after to-day's meeting to announce De Jure recognition of the Soviet Government of Russia, which had been expected following favorable recommendation yesterday of the Special Committee on France-Russian relations, gave rise to the suggestion that there was some hitch in the plan to accord recognition, but Government circles insisted that recognition was foregone conclusion and that any delay was due only to some detail of the form of step to be taken.

SHERANDOAH REACHES GOLDEN GATE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 17.

The Navy Dirigible *Sherandoah* approached the Golden Gate at Farallone Island, near San Francisco at 4:52 a.m., according to word received from the Naval Radio operator on the islands.

FRANCE AND ZEPPELINS.

PARIS, Oct. 17.

A scheme, which would postpone dismantling of the Zeppelin works at Friedrichshafen, Germany, for at least 2 years, and by which construction of another giant Dirigible similar to ZR-3, which was delivered to the U.S.A. by trans-Atlantic flight this week, would be made possible, is described in *Le Journal* to-day. The French Company which has purchased patent rights from Zeppelin Company with the intention of using them for commercial Dirigible lines, ac-

ording to the newspapers has suggested that the Zeppelin Company build another ZR-3 for France, to be considered on reparation account. The German Government is understood to favor the scheme which will be put before the Reparation Commission.

"WRANGEL" ISLAND.

NOME, Alaska, Oct. 17.

The colony intended to establish British title to Wrangel Island, in the Arctic Ocean, North of Siberia, was carried off by the Russian armed transport *Red October*, which raised the Russian flag there on August 20th. It was learned here to-day.

A TURK STORY.

PARIS, Oct. 17.

According to an unverified report from Angora, received by the Havas News Agency, British airplanes, patrolling the frontier between Iraq and Turkey, flew over Choami on Oct. 14th, and dropped a number of bombs, injuring two women.

REPARATIONS AGREEMENT IN OPERATION.

PARIS, Oct. 17.

Owen D. Young, temporary Agent General for reparation payments, reported to the Reparation Commission this morning that the application of the Dawes plan was proceeding with perfect regularity and that the different organizations set up by the Dawes plan were getting to work under satisfactory conditions. The next step in the process of turning the reparation problem to the new reparations machinery will be the registry by the Commission next Tuesday that all outside economic interference with the German industrial regime in the Ruhr has ended. The Dawes plan provides that this must be done a fortnight after the plan is considered as being in effect, and it is understood that this is now an accomplished fact, the Allies having withdrawn their economic missions from the Ruhr.

ITALY PREPARES A SCHEME OF CIVIL MOBILIZATION.

ROME, Oct. 16.

The Council of Ministers after a lengthy discussion to-day approved a Bill for the organization of the nation in time of war. This project, which has already been examined and approved by the Supreme Commission of National Defense, establishes the fundamental principle that the Government's task is to prepare in time of peace a national mobilization in addition to a military one. The civil mobilization as contemplated establishes rules whereby the peace organization must be transferred to a war basis, comprising all national activities, namely agriculture, industry, finance, labor, also a preparation of the prime necessities of food manufacturers between the army and the civil population. The project establishes regulations whereby all citizens employed in public and private offices who are called to army services must be substituted with others freed from such duties.

EMPLOYEES TAKE OVER THE BANK OF ITALY.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Oct. 17.

A plan whereby 2,200 employees of the Bank of Italy, a \$350,000 institution, are to take over control of the Bank, has been approved by the Board of Directors, it is announced to the press by A. P. Giannini, the President. The plans will go into effect in a few days.

SAFE TRAVEL BY AIR SOON.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.

"Within a few years travel by air will be safer than by ship," was predicted in an address last night before military order of foreign wars of United States. General Edwards based his assertion on another prediction that in future mercury vapor engines, constructed on what resembles a steam engine fuel oil would be used in aircraft. If big corporations take up commercial air travel they should be able to make profit by transporting passengers from New York to Chicago at a charge of not more than \$10 in excess of the present railroad rates, he said.

350 LIBERALS IN THE FIELD.

LONDON, Oct. 17.

It was officially announced to-night that the Liberal Party has 350 candidates already in the field. In the last election the party had a total of 454 candidates. The Mincers' Confederation has decided to run 47 candidates besides those four whom the miners' districts in Scotland have in the field.

PRESS CONFERENCE IN MELBOURNE.

LONDON, Oct. 17.

The Third Imperial Press Conference

CANADA PRESSED TO SUPPORT WEMBLEY NEXT YEAR.

OTTAWA, Oct. 17.

"We are awaiting developments and also, waiting to see what other Dominions are going to do, said J. A. Robb, Minister of Immigration and acting Minister of Finance, last night, when asked if the Canadian Government was going to maintain its Exhibition at Wembley next year. Mr. Robb said that strong representations had been made from Great Britain urging Canada to extend its share in the British Empire Exhibition for another year. It is also understood that several Canadian interests have put

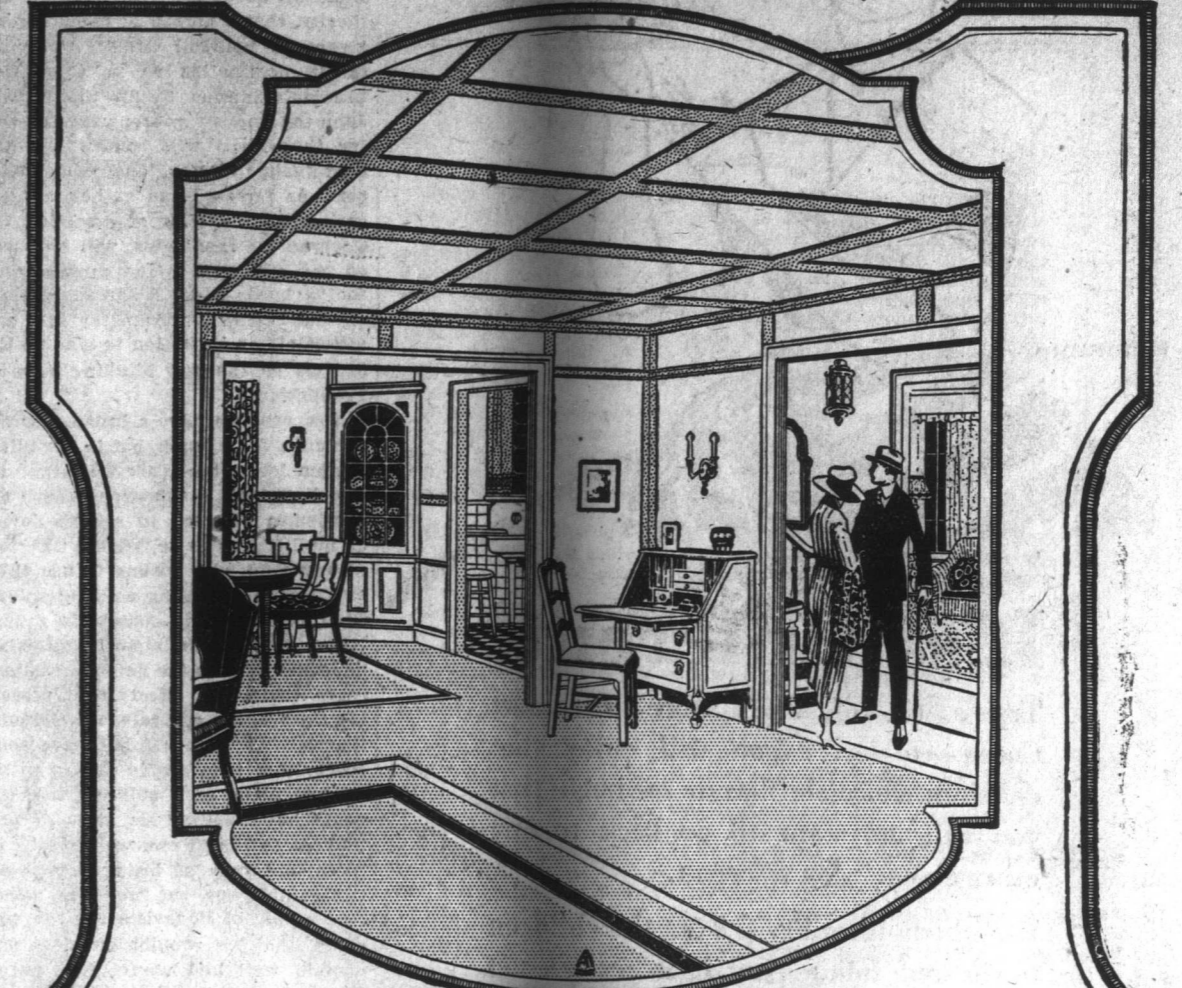
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forward to the Federal Government reasons why Canada should be represented at the Exhibition during another year.

TROOPS DRIVEN BACK.
PEKING, Oct. 17.
Chang Teolin's Manchurian troops have been driven beyond the Great Wall, says an official communiqué.

SOVIET SHIP RETURNING FROM WRANGEL ISLAND.
VLADIVOSTOK, Russia, Oct. 17.
The Russian armored transport "Red October" which was recently sent to Wrangel Island to claim that bit of land for Soviet Russia, is expected to arrive here shortly with the bodies of members of Stansson's Karluk expedition which were found on Herald Island. The Karluk, an exploration ship, went down in the ice sixty miles north of Herald Island, in 1914.

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