

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FACING DEFEAT TURNS ABOUT VOTING AGAINST OWN ESTIMATES

Was "Black Friday" for the Government With Mr. Murdock, Minister of Labor, Abandoned by His Colleagues and Party—Parliament Rarely Witnessed Such Ministerial Humiliation as Befell King Cabinet on Labor Estimates—Progressives and Conservatives Mercilessly Scrutinize Estimates.

Ottawa, March 31.—It was a "Black Friday" for the Government. Mr. Murdock, the Minister of Labor, who had so boldly during the election campaign about the "Trusts, Combines and Frontiers" but who this far has been a tame cat in the hands of Sir Lomer Gouin and the corporationalists in the ministry, came to the House with his estimates, in jaunty, self-assured fashion, but when late in the evening he retired he was a much chastened and more humble man. The House, in a querulous mood, scrutinizing estimates, particularly increases, with merciless precision and the climax came when, toward evening, an amendment moved by H. H. Stevens, Minister of Trade and Commerce, reducing the labor vote by \$23,000, carried the Government, facing defeat, turning around and voting against their own estimates.

Amusing Incident

The incident, in many ways an amusing one, revealed the Government's weakness. All day long they had defended the increases. Mr. Murdock thundered in characteristic speech fashion in their favor. Mr. King and others defended them with eloquence and vehemence. When finally a division was called and the tally speaker Mr. Maclellan, asked for "aye" and "nay" there was a groan of "nays" against the amendment from the Liberal benches. The "aye" vote, he declared, the acting speaker, but the Conservatives de-

10,000 COAL MINERS HAVE QUIT THEIR JOBS

Ottawa, March 31.—Approximately 10,000 coal miners quit work tonight to enforce new wage contracts, according to union reports from all bituminous and anthracite fields. The miners include 800,000 union men and some 100,000 non-union. A number of strikes in Illinois, and other places, left the mines at a standstill. In Kentucky, where 5,000 union men quit work this afternoon, although strikes began officially at midnight, a Federal Government decision not to take any action at present as the situation was not deemed critical. The only case in the strike area was in Kentucky, where 5,000 union men quit work because their contract was another year. Kansas miners were ordered out, despite an order of the industrial court extending the present contract a month. Coalition officers ordered 13,000 men to quit in the mines to protect property from damages incident to non-compliance. In Canada, the strike is expected to be effective in the Western Provinces, but not in the east. Government reports indicate goodly coal supplies on hand, at least \$1 day in certain areas, at least.

BOAT GENERAL CURRIE ASHORE

Given on the Rocks at St. Pierre During Gale of Thursday.

North Sydney, N. S., March 31.—Special despatch received here today reports that the three-masted schooner, General Currie, was driven ashore at St. Pierre, the French island on the Newfoundland coast, during the gale of Thursday. She was anchored there, St. Pierre when the storm broke. Eight anchors were put about and every effort made to hold the vessel but without avail. The lives of the crew were not endangered. The vessel is a total loss or not. The General Currie is 160 tons, net, built in 1915 and owned by Samuel Harris, Limited, of Grand Banks, Nfld.

RAIDERS SEIZED EXPLOSIVES

London, March 31.—Raiders today seized the cargo of explosives chiefly dynamite, aboard an admiralty ship off the Irish coast and stowed it safely some unknown place, according to despatch to the London Times from

Order Secret Mobilization Of Irish Army

Republican Committee Calls Republican Section of Army Together for Violent Action.

London, Mar. 31.—A despatch to the Daily Mail from Belfast says the Republican committee has ordered a secret mobilization of the Irish Republican army for Sunday with the intention of violent action. The despatch adds that the provisional government has issued a "warning to the men."

SHIFTER FAD FLOPS, HEADED FOR BUSHES

Spirit That Inspired It as Old as Eve and May Go Marching On.

New York, March 31.—"Everybody who wasn't wise has been stung into the Society of Shifters," said a more or less prominent member of that ephemeral movement yesterday, "and all others have been let in on the secret by the newspapers. Therefore, there being no easy marks left the fad is leaving New York—probably to Pittsburgh or Baltimore. In a few years we shall hear from it in Philadelphia."

TOO MANY JUDGES IN WEST, SAYS DR. BAXTER

Questions Propriety of Giving Another Judge to Saskatchewan—Bad Precedent.

Ottawa, March 31.—(Canadian Press)—The bill to amend the judges act, for the purpose of permitting the appointment of an additional judge to the court of appeals in the Province of Saskatchewan was given second reading and reported from committee when the House met this afternoon.

REPUBLICANS NOT TO OBSTRUCT AGREEMENT

De Valera Followers Willing to Await Results of New Irish Pact.

Dublin, March 31.—Erskine Childers, editor of Eamon De Valera's organ, said today that the value of the Irish agreement would depend on the spirit in which it works. He added that the Republicans would do nothing to obstruct anything which would be of advantage to the Republicans in the North, but that no agreement of the Northern Government, even to enter the Free State, would affect the principle of De Valera's party which stands out for a Republic.

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BURNS SAYS DRY ACT IS MAKING DRUG ADDICTS

Great Increase Since Prohibition, He Tells U. S. House Committee.

NO APPARENT SIGN OF LET-UP

Gain in Dope Victims Continuing Up to the Present Minute.

Washington, D. C., March 31.—William J. Burns, director of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice, made the statement to the House Committee on Appropriations, according to testimony just made public, that in his opinion prohibition is largely responsible for the great increase in narcotic cases.

French Column Ambushed By Morocco Tribe

Seven Hundred Men Killed or Wounded in Surprise Attack.

"BIG NAVY" MEN PERTURBED OVER APPROPRIATIONS

Personnel of U. S. Navy Reduced to 65,000 Men—Other Reductions.

Washington, March 31.—(By Canadian Press)—Friends of a large navy in the United States or, as they are generally called, the "big navy" men, are much concerned over the trend of things with respect to the naval appropriations.

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TROUBLED HISTORY OF IRELAND ENTERS ANOTHER PHASE

Conclusion of Agreement Between North and South Regarded as Forerunner of Peace.

PLAUDITS SHOWERED UPON CHURCHILL

Secretary of the Colonies Admittedly Hero of Agreement—Warning Voices Heard.

London, March 31.—Troubled Irish history today entered a new phase with the double achievement of the Free State Bill safely reaching the statute book, and the conclusion of the agreement between the North and the South and the Imperial Government opening a better prospect for eventual Irish unity.

UNPRECEDENTED LEGAL PROBLEM IN CHICAGO, ILL.

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