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REDMOND MAY CONTROL HOUSE

Balance of Power in His Hands, Declare Prognosticators

Stock Exchange Betting Is About Even

King Might Call on Rosebery to Form Coalition Government

LONDON, Jan. 12.—Stock exchange setting on the elections is about even. At Lloyd's the betting favors the Unionists slightly. The Times special commission reports that just completed unflattering personal canvass of constituencies gives the following forecast: Liberal and Labor coalition including Nationalists, 267; Unionists, 257; doubtful, 88; total, 612. If the coalition were the whole doubtful seats it would have 282 against the Unionists 257, or majority of 25. If the Unionists won the whole doubtful seats it would have 275 against the coalition 235, which would give the Unionists a majority of 40 over all. However, neither side is likely to win the whole of the doubtful seats. Therefore on this impartial view informed estimate if the coalition are returned with a majority the Nationalists will hold the balance.

This sums up the forecast of some of the best judges on both sides, namely that Redmond will likely hold the balance of power in which case a second general election is probable within two years.

The remains of the other possibility namely, that the coalition will win the election, is not so bright. The Radical press abuse Balfour for continuing the issue of the abolition of the House of Lords. The Daily News says Balfour commits the unpardonable sin in asking and expecting the House of Commons to support him. His tactics from the Russian black hand.

The Morning Leader says Balfour is a hero doing what was long overdue. He is hiding under a large variety of bedsteads.

The Standard appeals from what it calls organized systematic rowdiness of radicalism employed all over the country, especially in London, to break up Unionist meetings.

The Daily Mail says the ministers refusal of the bidding of their Socialist allies to keep peace with Germany expenditure can only mean the loss of our alliances and ententes and overthrow our Empire.

The Morning Post says British cannot hold her own in the world without the arms of the British race and younger nations have clearly indicated that the only possible path to imperial union lies through the policy of preference.

The Times says the Liberals apparently rely upon black bread, not only in the House of Commons, but in the streets. They are impudent, and on the very form of ignorance and on the invecitive of the gutter.

BUTLER WILL REMAIN FOR ANOTHER MONTH

In Order That the Dept. May Have Chance to Find a Suitable Man for His Job

OTTAWA, Jan. 12.—It is understood that Mr. Butler will continue to act as Deputy Minister of Railways for a month yet before finally covering his position here. The department is considering his new position with the Consolidated Iron, Steel and Coal Companies. That will give Hon. Mr. Graham a chance to leave and will enable Mr. Butler to leave everything in shape for his successor to take hold of the various large problems now confronting the department with little delay. The three vacant positions of Deputy Minister, Chief Engineer of the Department and Chairman of the L. C. R. Board of Management will probably be the transfer to Ottawa of Chief Engineer of the Welland Canal, who is now one of the most efficient and most capable engineers and executive officers on Mr. Graham's staff.

CANADA'S FIRE LOSS NINETEEN MILLIONS

This is the Estimate of Toronto Well Known Insurance Man

TORONTO, Jan. 12.—The National Fire Insurance Association of Canada, in its report on the fire loss in Canada for the year 1909, estimates that the total loss was \$19,000,000. This is the highest loss since 1905, when the loss was \$18,000,000. The report also states that the loss was due to a combination of factors, including a severe winter, a high level of fire insurance rates, and a general increase in the number of fires.

BOSTON'S FINE Y.M.C.A. BUILDING BURNED

Firemen Unable, Because of the Severe Cold, to Do Effective Work—Property Loss is Over \$200,000

BOSTON, Jan. 12.—The Boston Y.M.C.A. building, a fine structure on Boylston St., was destroyed by fire early today. The loss is estimated at over \$200,000. The fire broke out in the basement and spread rapidly to the upper floors. Firemen were unable to do effective work because of the severe cold.

PAULHAN MAY TRY A LONGER FLIGHT

May Attempt to Fly to San Diego, a Hundred Miles

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 12.—Exhilarated by his easy success in breaking the world's record in flying from Paris to Los Angeles, Paulhan may attempt to fly to San Diego, a hundred miles further. He is currently in the United States and is being treated for his injuries.

WITNESSES TELL OF McALLISTER'S CONDUCT

Several Heard for the Defence Today in the Damage Action at Hampton

HAMPTON, N. B., Jan. 12.—The McAllister case continues today in the circuit court. Several witnesses were heard for the defence. The case concerns the damage to the ship "The McAllister" during a storm.

TORONTO ORATOR ROASTS LLOYD-GEORGE AND CHURCHILL

LONDON, Jan. 12.—Blackstock, K. C., of Toronto, is making a scathing speech at the House of Commons in support of Sir Robert Borden against Lloyd George and Churchill. He accuses them of being traitors to the British Empire.

Mr. Mullin recalled witnesses in relation to statements made as to McAllister's conduct and the language alleged that he used to and about Conductor Johnson.

McBIDE AND G. N. R. R. HAVE COME TO TERMS

Agreement Now Ready to Go to the Legislature

TORONTO, Jan. 12.—Charged with the abduction of the woman's two children from the custody of the father, Edward Norris of Bradford, Ont., was arrested at a city hotel last night with Mrs. Kate Green, also of Bradford. The couple were registered as man and wife and the two children were with them when they were found.

SEVERAL INJURED BY GAS EXPLOSION

Attempts at Suicide, Successful and Otherwise

QUEBEC, Jan. 12.—Joseph Masse, aged seventy years, a well known batteau man on the St. Lawrence, attempted suicide at his home in Cap Blanc yesterday by cutting his throat in three places with a razor. When found by neighbors the old man was lying in a pool of blood in an unconscious condition. He may die. It is said domestic troubles were the cause of his act.

WINDSOR, Ont., Jan. 12.—Tuscon's floral store on Ouellet Avenue, was completely wrecked yesterday by an explosion, thought to have been of natural gas. The explosion followed the striking of a match. The contents of the store were blown out into the street and the large plate glass windows were reduced to small pieces.

OTHER OFFICERS WILL WELCOME BUTLER

Says He is the Best Man in Sight for the Job

SYDNEY, N. S., Jan. 12.—The appointment of M. J. Butler as general manager of the Dominion Steel and Coal Company is regarded with much approval in Cape Breton. It is particularly satisfactory to the leading officials of the two companies.

NURSE MURDERED, HOUSE ROBBED

Compton Residence at Milburn, N. Y., Entered

MILBURN, N. Y., Jan. 12.—Sarah Breymer, a nurse in the employment of Mr. and Mrs. Barnes Compton, was strangled to death by burglars today in her bed in the Compton mansion here. The house was robbed of a quantity of silverware, the value of which is unknown.

PEACE IS ASSURED IN THE BUILDING TRADES

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 12.—Peace in the building trades for the next two years is assured by contracts which have just been signed between officers of the Builders' Exchange and heads of carpenters and bricklayers' unions. The wages of bricklayers have been increased from 55 to 60 cents an hour until May 1, when they will be increased to 65 cents.

Mr. Duggan is not to sever his connection with the coal company. He is assured of his office as general manager of the company expanded and developed until today it is probably the best equipped coal mining property in the world.

BUTLER TO GET \$25,000 A YEAR

His Appointment Received With Surprise at Ottawa

To be Manager and 2nd Vice-President of Steel Company

Mr. Graham Says Loss Will be a Most Serious One

OTTAWA, Ontario, Jan. 12.—News of the resignation of Mr. Butler as Deputy Minister and Chief Engineer of the Department of Railways and Canals in order to become general manager and second vice-president of the Dominion Iron and Steel Company and Dominion Coal Company at a salary of \$25,000 a year was received here this afternoon with surprise, and almost with consternation in official circles.

Mr. Butler's resignation to your correspondent, to-wit: that the loss to the department was a serious one, and the vacancy would be a most difficult one to fill. At present a man who can adequately fill the place occupied by Mr. Butler is not in sight. He has been doing practically three men's work in the department, first as Deputy Minister, second as Chief Engineer, and third as Chairman of the Intercolonial Board of Management.

All of these positions have been filled with splendid ability. His technical training as an engineer, his executive ability, his experience in railway operation, his reliability and integrity, and his thorough grasp of the large problems of transportation now confronting the Government make his loss to public service at the present juncture doubly severe.

It is not known just when Mr. Butler will leave to completely sever his connection with the department, but it is hoped that he will be available at least in an advisory capacity for some time yet, pending the appointment of one or possibly two new men to fill the various positions of Deputy Minister, Chief Engineer, and Chairman of the I. C. R. Board.

Mr. Butler has before this, at the solicitation of the Minister, refused offers of positions at considerably higher salary than the inadequate salary paid by the Government. It is understood that the Coal and Steel Company's offer was \$25,000 per year, and this, of course, was too tempting to be turned down.

BORDEN COMMENDED BY THE LONDON TIMES

Conservative Leader's Attitude on Naval Policy Elicits Favorable Remarks

LONDON, Jan. 12.—The Times says the lively sense of imperial responsibility which Sir Wilfrid Laurier displayed in his recent speech in Toronto gave deep satisfaction to a thousand good citizens at home. The speech was particularly notable for the language of Mr. Borden in parliament yesterday.

REFORMATORY BOYS CAUGHT IN MONCTON

McRae and Mulcahey, Who Skipped Last Saturday, Walked Nearly All the Way—Supt. Off to Get Them

MONCTON, Jan. 12.—Walking from St. John to within eight miles of Moncton was the feat of Robert McRae and William Mulcahey, the two boys who escaped from the Boys' Industrial Home at St. John on Saturday last. They left the home at four o'clock Saturday afternoon and after going seven miles put up at a farm house for the night. They continued the next day and last night arrived at the home of a man named Steeves, eight miles from Moncton. Mr. Steeves telephoned the local police, with the result that the two boys were brought here this morning and will be taken back to St. John tomorrow.

Wm. McDonald, superintendent of the home, left St. John on the Halifax express at noon today to go to Moncton to bring the boys back. He expressed the opinion that the reformatory was no place for McRae, who is already about sixteen years old, especially as the lads will probably get additional terms for their escape.

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