

LLOYD GEORGE TO CONTINUE AS PREMIER

Influenced by Unionist Colleagues He Is Ready to Hold Resignation in Abeyance.

LEADERS ASSURE HIM OF SUPPORT

It is Understood He Will Have Considerable Support from Rank and File.

London, March 6.—The impression is general, tonight, that the political situation has been relieved of considerable strain in the past twenty-four hours, authoritative reports indicating that the Prime Minister has decided to continue in office, influenced by his Unionist colleagues, particularly with reference to the international situation as it would be affected by a change in the Premiership at this time. Mr. Lloyd George is said to be at least ready to hold his resignation in abeyance. It is understood that assurances of the support of these leaders were given last night at the Birkenhead dinner at which, in addition to the Prime Minister and the Lord Chancellor, there were present Mr. Chamberlain, Sir Arthur Balfour, Lord Curzon, Sir Robert Stevenson, Home and Sir Laming Worthington-Evans. Meanwhile Mr. Lloyd George was confined to his room in his Downing Street residence all day suffering from bronchial catarrh; he received no visitors and is expected to leave Wednesday, on his doctor's orders, for a rest of a week at his home at Crickhowell, Wales.

The Conservative members of Parliament are meeting privately in the House of Commons tonight to discuss the entire position, and it is reported that a meeting of the National Executive of the Unionist Party, comprising representatives from all parts of the country, is to be called for March 14.

Rank and File With Him

While definite guarantees of the support of the rank and file of Unionists were not given at the Birkenhead dinner, it is understood that assurances have been received in the past few days that this backing will be considerable. A unanimous agreement is said to have been reached at last night's gathering that, instead of the coalition breaking up, steps should be taken to introduce it into the talk-of-National Party. Announcement of the policy decided upon is awaited in Sir Arthur Balfour's address to his constituents in London tomorrow. He is credited with using his best endeavors to persuade the Premier to continue at least until after the Genoa Conference.

Mr. Chamberlain, replying to a question in the House of Commons today, said that the Premier could not possibly attend the sessions daily during question time at present. He had previously announced that Mr. Lloyd George was confined to his home, and had not returned to the House of Commons since the Premier's illness when the member asked whether the future of the Premier was to turn up at question time was not partly responsible for the state of the Coalition Government.

DRAWING NEARER TO TAYLOR'S MURDERER

Los Angeles Police Receive Letter Purporting to be Confession of Taylor's Assassin.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 6.—A letter of ten hand-written pages and purporting to be a confession of the murderer of William Desmond Taylor, film director, declares that "we South Americans always take care of our women," according to D. L. Adams, captain of detectives, who made public this much of the letter tonight.

A newspaper man was permitted to photograph the two lines in question in order to make comparisons of handwriting. Captain Adams said. He added that the name of a man prominently connected with the motion picture industry, and who figured in previous police investigation of the murder, was signed to the letter.

The part of the letter made public reads:

"We South Americans always take care of our women. We are not headed and see that swift justice is meted out to those who wrong us. I killed the—and even this is a wild description of the man who, hiding behind a polished manner, won the regard of many women, only to cast them aside when tired of them for a new plaything."

FEDERAL EMPLOYEES TO PROTEST REDUCTION IN BONUS

Set Up Claim That Any Reduction in High Cost of Living Bonus Is Not Justified

Ottawa, March 6.—A statement, protesting against any further reduction in the high cost of living bonus of the Civil Servants, and claiming that it is not justified by any slight reduction that has occurred in the family budget, is being forwarded today to Premier King by the Associated Federal Employees of Canada.

TEXTILE MILLS BEGINNING TO RESUME WORK

Despite Intensified Picketing Strikers Are Breaking Away from Control of Leaders.

SLIGHT DISTURBANCE AT BELLEFONTE

Truck Load of Workers Attacked by Strike Sympathizers—Several Injured.

Providence, R. I., March 6.—While strikers, thousands strong, went on picket duty early today at more than twenty Rhode Island textile plants affected by the strike, three plants, that have been closed for six weeks, resumed work and another, that had reopened last week, continued running. No figures were given out at any of the mills in operation today as to the number of workers reporting, but, in each case, it was stated that the position was "satisfactory."

In the Blackstone Valley to mills reopened. At Hops, in the Pawtucket Valley, the Hope Company's mills, which resumed last week, were running today in the filling and weaving departments. All strikers from other villages were stopped by soldiers at the outskirts of Hope Village. William H. Derrick, James M. Dick and Cornelius Guthrie, organizers for the unemployed textile workers and leaders of the strike forces in the valley, being among those held up.

The single disturbance was at Bellefonte, in the town of Cranston, where a truck load of workers, on their way to the Imperial Printing and Finishing Company's plant, were stopped by a crowd of 75 strike sympathizers. The driver of the truck, a child who was sitting on the seat with an ax and several workers were cut by flying stones. Policemen, who were escorting the truck in automobiles, attacked the strike sympathizers, arresting three of them.

LANSING-ISHII AGREEMENT VOID

Four-Power Pacific Treaty Wipes Out That Famous Document.

Washington, March 6.—A resolution asking President Harding what effect ratification of the Four Power Pacific Treaty will have on the celebrated Lansing-Ishii agreement between the United States and Japan was adopted by the Senate today. Senator Underwood of Alabama, Democrat, leader, and a member of the United States Arms Delegation, declared that, in his opinion, the "agreement" would be wiped out entirely by the series of conferences on treaties.

MAINE DEFEATS WOMEN CANDIDATES

Those Running for Mayoralty in Pine Tree State Buried Under Votes.

Portland, Me., March 6.—Women who were candidates for Mayor in two of the eight Maine cities which held municipal elections today were defeated. Dr. Laura Black Stokely lost to former Mayor Walter J. Gilpatrick in Saco and Mrs. Lois T. McKiver was swamped in Bangor, receiving only 528 votes to 1,338 for former Mayor Joseph Torrey.

MOTHER AND FOUR CHILDREN DROWNED

Winona, Minn., March 6.—Mrs. Gunder Midbee and four children were drowned while her husband and George Westland, a neighbor, escaped when the sleigh, driven by two horses overturned in fording Beaver Creek near Caledonia late yesterday.

FEAR TROUBLE IN DOWN AREA OF FRONTIER

Strained Feeling Exists Due to the Trials of Irish Republicans.

SENTENCES IMPOSED REGARDED AS HARSH

Vary from One to Seven Years of Penal Servitude for Law Infractions.

Belfast, March 6.—Trouble is feared along the Down section of the frontier as a result of strained feeling due to the trials of Irish Republicans, which were concluded in the County Down Assizes Court today, with sentences being imposed varying from one to seven years James Monaghan, local commandant of the Irish Republican Army at Newry, was sentenced to seven years of penal servitude. When the sentence was pronounced he protested, "I am an officer of the Irish Republican Army and as such I hold that I am outside the jurisdiction of this court."

Refused to Plead

Michael was sentenced to twelve months hard labor and Patrick to six years of penal servitude. All three of these, regarding whom strong representations have been made by the Dublin Government, refused to plead when extracts were read of documents in their possession relative to Sinn Fein military activities.

Richard McVeigh, tried for having arms and explosives in his possession, was sentenced to three years of penal servitude. John Morgan, another South Down Republican, was sentenced to six months hard labor, having been convicted of carrying a rifle at the funeral of a Sinn Fein commandant.

POPE RECEIVED CARDINAL BISHOP

His Holiness Especially Interested in Canada and Expressed Admiration for the Country.

London, March 6.—(Canadian Press Cable)—A Roter dispatch from Rome says that the Pope received Cardinal Biegi, Archbishop of Quebec, in a farewell audience today, and expressed satisfaction at having made his personal acquaintance after having for years known of his zeal and piety.

ST. JOHN BUSINESS MEN AT FREDERICTON

Addressed Members of Fredericton Branch of Retail Merchants of Canada.

Special to The Standard

Fredericton, March 6.—The monthly meeting of the Fredericton branch of the Retail Merchants of Canada was held this evening in the council chamber, City Hall, the President, W. R. Fraser, in the chair.

After the routine business had been disposed of the chairman called on G. F. MacBeth, accountant of T. McAvity and Sons, St. John, and he delivered a splendid address on "Credit." After the address a very helpful discussion took place participated in by a number of the members.

A. H. Milton, provincial organizer of the R. M. A., who was present, also gave a short address on the aims and objects of the Association.

At the conclusion of the address a hearty vote of thanks was extended to the speakers.

BERLIN LACKS MONEY TO KEEP UP EMBASSY

Cabinet in No Hurry to Send Ambassador to United States.

Berlin, March 6.—Members of the Reichstag's main commission today urged the desirability of the early appointment of an ambassador to Washington. The cabinet, on the other hand, is not showing an inclination to accelerate the search for a suitable envoy, while the mark is again declining in value. It is declared that a full-fledged embassy in Washington would require a budget of at least 100,000,000 marks under the present rate of exchange.

BELFAST CITY SCENE OF MURDEROUS ACTS DURING DAY

Military Forced to Bring Machine Guns into Play Close to Their Barracks

Belfast, March 6.—This afternoon Thomas Eastwood was shot and killed in the Stanhope District of the city, which was the scene of severe fighting between the military and snipers during part of the afternoon. The military were using machine guns in the district close to their barracks. Unknown men entered the house of Katherine Lynch here to-night and shot her dead.

DR. FRANKLIN PRINCE GOES TO HUNT SPOOKS

American Scientist on Way to Caledonia Mills to Investigate Strange Phenomena.

REVEALS LITTLE OF HIS PLANS

Thinks Young Lady of House and Sweetheart Should be Questioned.

Halifax, N. S., March 6.—Dr. Franklin Prince, director of the American Institute of Scientific Research, left here today for Caledonia Mills, N. S., to investigate the mysterious fires and other strange phenomena at the farm house of Alex Macdonald, which a provincial detective and a newspaper reporter ascribed to supernatural agencies. He was accompanied by a photographer and a series of photographs of the alleged spooks will be easily obtainable. It will take the party about two days to reach their destination.

While here Dr. Prince received telegrams from New York papers and press agencies asking him to name his own price for an exclusive story on his experiences at Caledonia Mills. The doctor, however, will make his report to W. H. Dennis of the Halifax Herald and will only accept the expenses of his trip.

In an interview Dr. Prince suggested a cross-examination of Mary Ellen Macdonald and her sweetheart would throw some light on the mysteries.

He recalled the Amherst mystery of forty years ago when a series of spooky happenings were caused by Esther Cox, a maid servant.

In outlining his plan of investigation Dr. Prince said he hoped to persuade Macdonald to move his furniture back to the "haunted house" especially those articles which were reported to have caught fire mysteriously while Macdonald's neighbors were watching. He intended to sleep in a room adjacent to the "haunted house" and he had always found ghosts considerate, and he did not expect to be bothered, he said.

The doctor had with him some mysterious fragments of bell the past several months, and he had the hope of which he did not explain, but he observed that he would have them near him when he spent his first night in the alleged haunted house. He will be joined at Caledonia Mills by an architect who will take measurements of the house.

TO FURTHER ADJOURN DELORME HEARING

Prosecution Ready to Continue But Defence Asks More Time to Prepare Case.

Montreal, March 6.—It was stated, authoritatively, this afternoon, that still another adjournment will be granted tomorrow morning when Rev. Adelard Delorme appears for preliminary inquiry on the charge of murdering his half-brother, Raoul Delorme. The prosecution stated today they were ready to go on with the trial, but it is feared that the defence is desirous of having the case postponed for another week, and this desire is sure to be granted.

INCIDENT RIOT IN SYDNEY'S JAIL

New Aberdeen Men, Held on Looting Charge, Start Little Trouble.

Sydney, N. S., March 6.—In response to a hurry up call from Jailor Hugh MacKay, a squad of city police had to be rushed to the County Jail last night to quell an incipient riot among the New Aberdeen men confined there awaiting trial or sentence in connection with the looting in January of a coal company store at Glace Bay.

After some parley the prisoners prevailed upon the police to take active measures.

MEIGHEN TO REMAIN THE PARTY LEADER

Acclaimed Leader of National Conservative Party at Yesterday's Caucus.

NAME OF PARTY MAY BE CHANGED

Today's Caucus Will Settle Question of Holding National Convention This Summer.

Ottawa, March 6.—(Canadian Press)—Right Hon. Arthur Meighen was acclaimed as leader of the National Liberal and Conservative party, at the meeting of members and supporters of that party held in the reading room of the House of Commons this afternoon. The meeting, which lasted for over three hours, before adjournment until 10 o'clock tomorrow, was closed to the Press, but a brief official statement was made at the close.

Briefly, this statement was that Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen had been unanimously re-elected to the leadership; that the name of the party and the question of holding a national convention had been discussed but that neither of the two latter questions had been settled at adjournment.

All Provinces Represented.

All the provinces, including Saskatchewan and Alberta, were represented at the gathering. Members and senators, as well as many former members of the House, and three or four lady delegates, were in attendance. Among the speakers were Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, Sir George Foster, Hon. R. J. Manion, J. E. Armstrong, ex-M. P., and others. It is understood that a strong sentiment was voiced against retention of the present name of the party and that a large section of those present were in favor of getting back to the old name of Conservative, or Liberal-Conservative party.

That, and the question of calling a national convention, will be decided at the adjourned meeting tomorrow.

PROTESTANT CHURCHES TO AID GOOD CAUSE

Inter-Church Appeal in Behalf of "Save the Children Fund."

Ottawa, March 6.—Following a meeting in Toronto of representatives of the Anglican, Baptist, Congregational, Methodist and Presbyterian churches, the Inter-Church Joint Committee is making an inter-church appeal in support of Russian relief through the Canadian committee of the Save the Children Fund.

The joint committee has decided to set apart Sunday April 2, 1922, as "family appeal Sunday" and the heads of the churches are to be requested to present the appeal to the members of their communions in such a way as they may consider most effective to produce the fullest and most immediate response possible, and to forward the results in the most expeditious manner to the treasurer of the fund, Sir George Burn, Ottawa.

HISTORIC MONUMENTS WILL BE ERECTED

Twenty to be Placed in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces.

Montreal, March 6.—Notification was received here today, from the Purchasing Commission of the Dominion Government at Ottawa, that the Canadian National Parks Commission intend erecting about twenty historic monuments of concrete and reinforced steel throughout Quebec Province, and the Maritime Provinces. They will be erected on historic sites at various points, will be uniform in shape and have a broad concrete base with a shaft, about ten feet high, bearing a bronze plate with inscriptions suitable to the events and sites thus to be commemorated.

GREAT WAR VETERAN KILLED BY TRAIN

Believed to be Frank Wallace MacLaren With Relatives Living in Moncton.

Toronto, March 6.—A war veteran, believed to be Frank Wallace MacLaren, with relatives in Moncton, N. B., was killed when struck by a train on the tracks in the Toronto yards today.

The body of the unfortunate man was removed to the morgue, but so mangled is the corpse that it will be impossible to identify it.

A piece of the coat worn by the man contained a returned soldier's button bearing the number 267416.

TARRING AND FEATHERING BE PUNISHMENT FOR HIGHWAY ROBBERS

Mayor of Camden, N. J., Has Purchased Big Mallet Tank and Bountiful Supply of Feathers

Camden, N. J., March 6.—Tarring and feathering will be the punishment for highway robbers at Woodlyn near here in the future, Mayor William D. Kramer, announced tonight. Many residents of the community recently have been held up and robbed of small sums. "We have obtained a big tank for malleting use," said the mayor, "and a bountiful supply of feathers."

SITUATION IN LIMERICK THE CAUSE OF ALARM

Dail Takes Prompt Measures to Deal With the Revolvers There.

CABINET'S MOVE WAS ANTICIPATED

Revolutionists Entered Limerick and Commandeered Bilets in Principal Hotels.

Dublin, March 6.—Richard Mulcahy, Minister of Defense in the Dail Eireann Cabinet, today described the steps that were being taken, by the Dail to deal with the situation that had arisen in Limerick. Mr. Mulcahy said that James Slattery, famous as an Irish Republican Army fighter who participated in the Easter week uprising in the gun-running at Howth and lost an arm of the custom house fire in 1921, had been appointed to take charge in Limerick. The revolutionists, however, anticipated events by entering Limerick, where they commandeered bilets in the principal hotels, and also in a vacant wing of the hospital for mental diseases.

Leader Arrested.

Sunday evening, Quartermaster Hurley, of the Mid-Limerick Brigade, who is a Free Stater, was arrested by the Republicans, but released on protest of Mr. Slattery. Hurley was supposed to be maturing plans against the Republicans in possession of the town, and some distance from the town had four companies of unarmed men under his command.

The intention was, Mr. Mulcahy said, to enter Limerick and take one of the city barracks. After a drill, the Free Staters were surrounded by the Republicans, who arrested Hurley. The news reached Dublin, it provoked some uneasiness in view of the speech at New Ross on Sunday by Charles Burgess, who, until Eamon De Valera's defeat in the Dail Eireann, was Minister of Defense with supreme control of the army.

Mr. Burgess strongly protested against bringing Ireland within the Empire without giving the fighters 21 years of age a chance to vote on the question. He is reported to have said, among other things: "These men are likely to make themselves heard in a much more strenuous way than by registering votes."

Burgess is said to be the man to whom the section of the Irish Republican Army favoring De Valera would look for guidance.

London, March 6.—Question in the House of Commons today regarding the situation in Limerick, Winston Churchill, Secretary for the Colonies, said he had no very recent information on the subject with the exception of a telegram informing him that the newspaper reports about Limerick were correct, namely, that considerable armed forces, several hundred men were in rebellion and in defiance of the Provisional Government, had taken possession of the town.

Mr. Churchill added he understood the Provisional Government was taking all necessary action, and he did not desire to say anything more at present.

Pressed regarding what action the Provisional Government had taken, Mr. Churchill replied that he was seeking to be fair to the Provisional Government in order not to compromise any measures it might be taking. The Colonial Secretary said that he accepted responsibility for law and order on behalf of the British Government and concluded, "I am content that we are best discharging that responsibility by leaving it to the Provisional Government to take suitable action."

WRECKED SCHOONER'S CREW AT NEW YORK

Captain and Five Members of Norma B. Strong, Wrecked Feb. 8, Reach Metropolis.

New York, March 6.—The captain and five members of the crew of the wrecked British schooner Norma B. Strong, arrived here today from Ponta Delga, Azores Islands, aboard the steamer Arabic. The schooner was abandoned at sea on Feb. 8, while bound from Cadix for Newfoundland. The crew was picked up and landed at the Azores.

RECIPROCITY DEAD ONE, SAYS MR. FIELDING

Thinks It Impossible to Negotiate Reciprocal Trade Pact With Americans.

AGRICULTURAL BLOC OBSTRUCTS THE WAY

Tells of His Mission to New York Regarding Negotiations of Big Loan.

Ottawa, March 6.—"From these facts it is clear that at present nothing can be done in the way of negotiations with the American authorities. We must await the final action of Congress on the Fordney Tariff Bill."

So, in a statement made to a Canadian Press representative tonight, Hon. W. S. Fielding, Minister of Finance, summed up the result of the Washington conversation on reciprocity. The object of Mr. Fielding's visit was two-fold:

1.—To attend to important financial arrangements in New York, and, 2.—To make a preliminary inquiry, somewhat informal in character, as to the disposition of leading public men in the United States towards better trade relations between that country and Canada.

In full, Mr. Fielding said: "Two purposes in view. My visit to the United States was for two purposes. One was to attend to important financial arrangements in New York. Of these I will speak presently. The other was to make what I may call a preliminary inquiry, somewhat informal in character, as to the disposition of leading public men in the United States towards better trade relations between that country and Canada. I had pleasant interviews with President Harding, with several of his Cabinet Ministers, and with some of the most influential members of the Senate and House of Representatives. From all these I received warm expressions of appreciation of Canada as a good neighbor and a good customer. What might occur, if formal negotiations for reciprocity were taken up, could not be easily determined. The Act of Congress, approving of the reciprocity agreement of 1911, remains on the Statute Books. Perhaps the simplest solution of the question would be to adhere to the agreement of 1911 and leave Canada, if she so desired, to accept it. Some members of Congress, however, held that by the action of Canada in rejecting the agreement of 1911, the whole matter had been ended. Later tariff legislation, they said, was based on the assumption that the Reciprocity Act of 1911 was dead. Specific repeal of that Act is contemplated by a clause in the Tariff Bill now before the Senate. What Bill passed some months ago and now in force, deals with agricultural products and is now operating as a barrier to the importation of the products of Canadian farms into the States.

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NOT ANTAGONISTIC TO ROMAN CATHOLICS

Protestant Federation of Patriotic Women Attitude Toward Catholics Sympathetic and Tolerant.

Toronto, March 6.—The recently formed Protestant Federation of Patriotic Women of Canada is definitely not anti-Roman Catholic, according to a number of women prominent in its organization. Its attitude towards Catholic women will be wholly sympathetic and tolerant and it will strive with them in the best interests of the country.

"The Roman Catholics have been much better organized than we," said Mrs. Gooderman, the chairman, "that we simply want to take some step to keep pace with them."

Referring to the fact that the Federation desired to keep undesirable aliens out of this country, Mrs. Gooderman said that this could in no way be construed to mean that Catholics were to be kept out.

GENOA CONFERENCE WILL MEET APRIL 10

French Gov't to Have Five Representatives at the Opening—Poincare to Attend.

Paris, March 6.—April 10 has been definitely settled upon as the date for the opening of the Genoa Economic Conference. Italy, from which a request for delay had been expected owing to the extended cabinet crisis last month, informed the Foreign Office today that she would be ready on that date. The French Government will have five representatives at the opening of the conference, one of whom is quite likely to be Premier Poincare himself, but for a few days only.