

OTTAWA SEES NOTHING BUT AN ELECTION

Well Informed Circles Declare Appeal Will Come When Supply Voted. MANY MEIGHEN MEN FAVOR THE COURSE Liberals to Lead Lively Battle and Offer Amendment to Speech Demanding Election

Ottawa, Feb. 8.—(Innuence of a general election is widely discussed here as a probable result of the Liberal victory in West Peterboro. Although members of the government decline to discuss the possibility of such an outcome, there is a strong wing among government supporters which favors appeal to the people, and adoption of such a course would not create much surprise in well-informed circles. If the government decides to dissolve, dissolution would probably come following the passing of supply.

Whatever course is adopted in this regard, there is no doubt that the Peterboro result will pave the way to some lively fighting in the House. Liberals are exultant over the result and intend to make the best of it in House discussions. "It will not be a private fight," as one leading member put it today, "anybody can come in."

Liberals to Voice. The Ottawa Citizen on its front page today prints the following: "When Parliament assembles next week in the midst of a very tense political situation, the Liberals propose to force the fighting and move an amendment in the debate on the address, calling for dissolution of Parliament and a general election immediately after the necessary supply to carry on the public service is voted. Favoring this course are many supporters of the government and some of the government themselves. A general election in most circles is regarded as inevitable, and it will be surprising if it occurs in May. The government will consider the situation and take counsel of its followers in caucus in the coming week. Meanwhile, no rainbow is seen peering over the ominous clouds that deepened yesterday in Peterboro. Very probably tariff revision will be definitely deferred."

Premier Will Carry On As Usual View In Certain Quarters Whatever Happens Session is Certain to be a Fight All the Way Through.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Feb. 8.—(The Ottawa Journal, a strong administration organ, will tomorrow follow the lead of the Montreal Gazette in urging an appeal to the country, it can be stated on the most reliable authority that unless some unforeseen contingency arises, there will be no general election this year.

What About Tariff. Nor will the result in West Peterboro interfere with the revision of the tariff. The government's proposal will be submitted to parliament some time in April. They will involve radical changes, and although there will be a great many detailed alterations, the principle of adequate protection as well as a substantial revenue which has been the foundation of Canadian fiscal policy since 1878 will be maintained.

The Ottawa Citizen, an erstwhile Conservative newspaper, which now supports the agrarian party, declares tonight that the Mackenzie King opposition will make a determined attempt to force the government to the country as soon as parliament meets, but in view of the fact that the government's majority is still large, and that closure makes obstructive tactics impossible, such threats are not taken seriously.

Labor Wants Eight Hour Day, Unemployment Help And Immigration Delay

Ottawa, Feb. 8.—The eight hour day, unemployment insurance, the repeal of the bill providing for the deportation of British-born Canadian citizens are among the important points included in the legislative program of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress which was forwarded to Premier Meighen and members of the federal cabinet today by Tom Moore, congress president.

GERMAN TRICK TO SINK LINER WITH SOLDIERS

Surrendered Ship Used as a Transport Had Bolts Almost Cut. EXPECTED TO BREAK IN SUBMARINE AREA But Steel Was Tough and Injuries Are Discovered Only Recently.

New York, Feb. 8.—A German war plot that failed was revealed here today. Four defective bolts, taken from the machinery of the United States transport Mount Vernon, told the tale. They were discovered by the engineering forces of Commander R. D. Gaewood, director of the Shipping Board's division of construction and repairs, and placed on exhibition at his office.

Mid By Engineers. The admiralty made cuts remained hidden by the fittings of the engines and were only discovered recently when the engines were taken apart. It is to be presumed that in certain United States detention camps there were trained German engineers who cut out bolts for the purpose of sabotaging the converted troopship. For it is believed that the bolts were left barely holding with the hope that the craft would just creep out into U-boat lanes and then fall prey to the undersea craft when a sudden strain on the engines came with an order for full speed ahead.

Luck Saved Liner. But the breakdown never came. Luck or toughness of steel permitted the liner to make a dozen round trips through submarine-infested seas, carrying on each voyage from 3,000 to 4,000 men.

Egg Prices Take Another Big Drop. Chicago, Feb. 8.—Big receipts of eggs today forced prices down six cents a dozen, wholesale. Today's receipts were the largest this year. Including today's fall in prices, the Chicago market showed a decline of 11 cents so far this week, with the grade known as ordinary first commanding 30 to 31 cents, wholesale.

Grand Trunk Not Satisfied With Board. Refusal to Accept Evidence on Value of Stock is Point at Issue. Montreal, Feb. 8.—Tentative steps toward a possible appeal by the Grand Trunk Railway from the decision of the arbitration board to decide the value of the railway's preference and common stocks prior to the system being taken over by the Dominion Government, were taken today at the session of the board when counsel for the Grand Trunk formally tendered further evidence as to the physical value of the Grand Trunk property as a going concern. This evidence was formally tendered, and as formally rejected by Chairman Sir Walter Cassels under the previous ruling that such evidence could not be accepted.

BRITISH IMPORTS DECREASE. LONDON, Feb. 8.—British imports for January show a decrease of 56,000,000 pounds sterling, or 33 per cent. Exports fell 15,000,000 pounds sterling. The drop in raw materials, chiefly cotton and cotton waste, account for the decline in imports.

MILLIONS OF EXTRA VOTES FOR CONTEST

Two Hundred Thousand Votes Awarded for Every \$19 in Subscriptions. OFFER ENDING ON SATURDAY NIGHT Make the Most of the Added Week is Advice to All the Contestants.

At 3 p. m. Saturday night of this week, the added week of the extra vote ballots will end. An EXTRA vote ballot good for 200,000 EXTRA votes will be given for each and every \$19 worth of subscriptions secured during this week. There is no limit to the number of EXTRA vote ballots good for 200,000 votes each that contestants can secure—one of them will be given for each \$19 Club of subscriptions turned in during the week.

AT THE IMPERIAL TODAY—Madge Kennedy in "The Girl With the Jazz Heart." AT THE UNIQUE TODAY—Alice Joyce in "The Slaves of Pride." AT THE QUEEN SQUARE TODAY—A Marshall Neilan Production "Don't Ever Marry."

Washington Amazed and Slightly Peeved at Action Taken in London. Montreal, Feb. 8.—A local paper carries the following cable under date of London: "The British foreign office on Monday made a gesture of tremendous significance when it summoned to its office in Whitehall every correspondent representing an American newspaper or news service and uttered, through the lips of one of the most important figures in Anglo-American relations today, a warning that 'we are treading the path leading to war.'"

SENATE AGAINST NAVAL HOLIDAY

Washington, Feb. 8.—A negative report was ordered today by the Senate naval committee on the resolution of Senator Borah, Republican, Idaho, asking for the committee's opinion whether it was practicable or advisable for the government to suspend naval building operations for several months. The committee's action on the Borah resolution was said to have been taken without discussion.

Provincial Cabinet Delayed in Starting. Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Feb. 8.—Delayed train made it late tonight when Premier Foster and several other members of the cabinet arrived here and it was thus very late when the meeting of the provincial government opened and tonight's session was taken up with the opening routine business of the schedule.

Newfoundland Storm Worst For 30 Years. All Traffic is Suspended and Snowshoes Used in Streets of St. John's. St. John's, Nfld., Feb. 8.—Newfoundland huddled under its heaviest snow blanket in thirty years with a blizzard of three days still raging unabated. Rail, water and highway traffic has been suspended throughout the colony, and pedestrians here today were compelled to use snowshoes to venture into the streets. All pre-entertained social events and entertainments have been abandoned with snow drifting hourly higher in all thoroughfares. The barometer again was falling this evening, but no signs visible of a break in the storm.

WORLD NEWS TODAY

CANADA. Fifteen miners were hurt when a cage fell at the Dominion Collieries at Sydney, C. B. Late returns from the West Peterboro by-election, give Gordon 4,051, Deane 2,815, Burnham 2,082, Campbell 2,304, and McMurray 1,192. Three children and their maid were burned to death at Lachute, Que., when Leo Carriere's house burned.

UNITED STATES. The Senate of the United States has declined to recommend a naval holiday. THE BRITISH ISLES. Much excitement has been caused in London by a Government authority summoning the press to urge a campaign for better relations with the United States.

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SMUTS HAS BIG LEAD IN AFRICA. LONDON, Feb. 8.—In the returns from the South African elections thus far received the South African Party, headed by General Jan Christian Smuts, has elected thirty-nine candidates; the Laborites, eight; the Nationalists, six, and the Independents, one. A feature of the election was the defeat by the Smuts' candidate Frederick H. Creswell, the Labor leader.

IRISH CANNOT HAVE FREEDOM FROM ENGLAND

Land of Lurking Subs and Police Murders, Says Lloyd George, Must be Controlled. TASK SO TERRIBLE HE CANNOT RESIGN. Welsh Liberals Give Premier Rousing Reception as He Denounces Murder Tactics.

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Sheriff Forgot To Hang Negro Murderer On Date Set For The Execution

Baton Rouge, La., Feb. 8.—Sheriff Grant of Ouchita parish notified Governor Parker today that he had forgotten to hang Lonnie Eaton, a negro, convicted of murder, on February 4, as required by the sentence, and asked what to do with the prisoner. The Governor has put the problem up to Attorney-General Coco.

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Rake Broke as Cage Was Descending With Load of Men. DOCTORS WERE ON SCENE BEFORE INJURED WERE BROUGHT TO THE SURFACE. Sydney, N. S., Feb. 8.—Fifteen miners were injured, four seriously, in Dominion No. 12 colliery at three o'clock this afternoon, when the cable on the riding rake in the north side of the mine snapped.

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