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Labour Adheres to the Capital Levy Plank
—Baldwin Govt. Sustained on Motion
of Censure—Germany Denies Repudi-
ation of Versailles Treaty—St. John
Schooner Cut in Two.

LABOUR STILL FAVOURS CAPITAL LEVY.

LONDON, Nov. 15. The report last night that the capital levy plank had been dropped from the programme of the Labour Party, the party's leader, in the House of Commons in the course of an interview. We stand in relation to the capital levy precisely where we stood in the last election. Mr. MacDonald said "the Labour Party believes it should be put into operation once only for the purpose of debt reduction. It is a thing that could not be repeated and we have never advocated it for meeting current expenses. There is no change in our attitude regarding it."

SAY REPORTS UNFOUNDED.

BERLIN, Nov. 15. Official quarters here flatly as yet unfounded reports circulated that the German Government had decided to repudiate the Treaty of Versailles in its entirety.

BALDWIN PLACES THE BLAME.

LONDON, Nov. 15. Premier Baldwin in answer to a Labour motion of censure in the House of Commons to-day, said, with reference to the Ruhr and reparations situation, that he had spared no pains in getting it known to Great Britain and Allies that the British people could not continue indefinitely to maintain the spirit necessary for co-operation if the present situation were allowed to continue. He had high hopes, he said, that were communications with America begun they might really be productive of solid

progress, but here again, as often before, we have found all our efforts reduced to nothing, not through our own action, nor by the action of America, but by the action of two of our Allies.

A TAME SITTING.

LONDON, Nov. 15. The House of Commons to-night, after a debate in which the Prime Minister and Lloyd George took part, and during which much heckling and derisive remarks were indulged in, rejected the Labour motion of censure, introduced by Ramsay MacDonald, by a vote of 285 to 190, amid ministerial cheers. The Government thus maintained its Parliamentary majority and cleared for the formal dissolution tomorrow. Premier Baldwin was only specific to-day on what he proposed to exclude from the tariff taxation; that is, wheat, flour, meat, cheese, butter and eggs. For everything else the Premier reserves perfect freedom for later decision. His plea for the necessity of protection was based mainly on the argument that in the matter of protection every nation's hand was against Great Britain. Several States, especially the United States, Italy and Spain, had greatly increased their tariffs since the war. Lloyd George, criticized the Government's policy in calling a general election. He maintained that "settlement in Europe would be a better remedy for unemployment than tariffs and regretted the Government had dropped international negotiations just when the United States had joined Great Britain in them.

Labour members heckled both speakers, wanting to know what Lloyd George had done for the unemployed men when he was in power. Altogether to-day's session was tame contrasting sharply with other historic days.

RUSSIA WON'T PARTICIPATE.

GENEVA, Nov. 15. Organizers of an international conference on transit and communication here received to-day from Foreign Minister Tchitcherine of Soviet Russia a telegram in which he refused the invitation to participate in the meeting. The telegram declared Soviet Russia believed any system evolved under the League of Nations, that was itself an instrument of the great powers, would be used by them as a tool to further their own interests.

SOVING THE LIBERAL LEADER- SHIP PROBLEM.

LONDON, Nov. 15. The question of leadership of the reunited Liberal Party was settled at a quiet meeting between the former rival leaders when it was decided that should the Liberals win the election, Asquith will be asked to form a Cabinet, which he will do with Lloyd George second in command. Mr. Asquith, after thus preserving his dignity, would then quietly retire from the Premiership after a few months in office, upon which Mr. Lloyd George would return to his former office.

SCHOONER CUT IN TWO.

ST. JOHN, N.B., Nov. 15. The St. John schooner Peter McIntyre was cut practically in two last night in Delaware Bay, when she collided with a steamer, according to a message received by Mr. McIntyre, her owner here. She was en route from this port to Philadelphia with a cargo of lathes. No particulars were given.

DEVONSHIRE'S ELDEST DAUGHTER MARRIED.

LONDON, Nov. 15. Lady Maud Mackintosh, eldest daughter of the Duke of Devonshire, was married to-day in St. Martin-in-the-Fields, to Capt. Hon. Evan Michael Ballie, son of Baroness Burton. The marriage had been arranged to take place next January, but it was announced last evening the date had been altered.

A Feast of Song and Dancing at the Nickel

PERFORMERS OPEN ENGAGEMENT
TO WONDERFUL SUCCESS.

The large audience that attended the Nickel Theatre last night was wildly enthusiastic over the excellent musical programme. Grace Bradley, the celebrated Prima Donna of operatic fame opened her engagement with an initial triumph. The steamer "Silver" arriving at such a late hour, Miss Bradley was obliged to appear without a rehearsal, and although not feeling a bit too well after such a trying trip, nevertheless this obstacle was soon overcome and she sang with perfect ease and was given a tremendous reception from her hearers. Miss Bradley's renditions were, "My Heart is Thy Sweet Voice" from Samson and Delilah, and Toshi's "Good-Bye."

In addition to a charming personality and a glorious voice, this artist enhances the value of her vocal numbers by graces of manner which irresistibly attract, which made her selections such as to evoke most appreciative applause. Miss Bradley gives faithful and effective interpretations of the songs she contributes. The programme was admirably arranged. She is a genuine Contralto of extraordinary range, power and tonal beauty. The audience was moved to the highest pitch of enthusiasm and applauded vigorously. To hear Miss Bradley sing is an inspiration to all lovers of beautiful singing, and we bespeak for her a most successful engagement at this theatre.

Dolly Moore and Jimmie Clayton also opened their engagement, which all claim is the best and classiest Dancing Act ever witnessed in St. John's. These performers are real dancers from every standpoint. The act opened with a dance called "The Double Russian Adagio." This is something entirely new to patrons of the motion picture theatre. The skilful dancing and dexterity of limbs was indeed marvelous. Miss Moore's exhibition of Toe Dancing delighted everybody. Jimmie Clayton appeared in a Soft Shoe dance which was neat

ly executed. The surprise of the evening was contained in the finale, a Double Acrobatic Turn in which they tossed each other around like rubber dolls. This was truly a feat of contortion never before witnessed. Jimmie twists Dolly Moore around his neck in snake-like fashion and then around his waist and vice versa. To see these talented performers is a rare feat to the eye, which should not be missed. An enhancement to the dance are the drum effects manipulated by Jack Cronan, who is a past-master at this kind of work. Much praise is due, however, to the musical accompaniments by Prof. P. J. McCarthy at the piano.

Patrons last night will not soon forget this treat of splendid entertainment which is cheap at any price. The same bill will be repeated to-night when another big house is assured.

An Underground "Cathedral"

MYSTERY SHAFTS AND HAUNTED CAVES.

Considering the small size of this country the number of shafts and caves, artificial and natural, is remarkable, and many of them are unsurpassed for interest and beauty. Ingleborough, in North-West Yorkshire, contains some splendid examples, of which Gaping Ghyll, Rowden Pot, and Alum Pot are the deepest. The first-named goes down 360ft., and opens out into a great cavern, described by its first explorer, M. Martel, as "an immense cathedral." This "cathedral" is 500 ft. long by about 100ft. high, and is one of the largest caves in the world. Out of it run passages and crevasses in which the inexperienced adventurer could easily get lost.

The Boy Who Vanished.

Rowden Pot is 365 ft. deep, going sheer down, and Alum Pot takes two strides to reach 300ft. Few old cities do not possess legends concerning underground passages, the scenes of deeds of darkness in historical times; but fact provides Nottingham with the best example. Beneath this city a river flows, passing on its mysterious journey vast caverns and burrowed-out hiding-places of the early Saxons. It passes beneath the market place, and has been navigated for a considerable distance in a small boat.

Surrey contains great numbers of subterranean workings, the best known of which are the Chislehurst Caves, said to be the home of early Christian worship in this country, and to have had much the same use as the Catacombs of Rome. Godstone, in Surrey, is honeycombed with caves and passages, and in one known instance a small boy wandered into the underworld to vanish forever.

In several places, notably at Dartford and Royston great hollows have suddenly revealed themselves, and proved on examination to be old mines whence came the axe and arrow heads of our ancestors. The best of these exists beneath a road in Royston. For many years a hermit lived there, but in course of time it was forgotten till it called attention to itself in 1743 by caving in and taking prisoner a pedestrian walking along the road.

Grim Legends.

The caves of Derbyshire are famous, and deservedly so, the most interesting being the Peak Caverns and Treaking Caves. The latter is in an almost inaccessible spot in the hill-side 500ft. above the Manifold River, and has many sinister legends attached to it. Its grim surroundings and dark twistings give every feeling of truth to these tales.

It is said to have been used for sacrificial purposes in the days of the Druids, and that men and women were walled up alive into the many niches of the cavern's depth. Rumour has it that to-day at certain times of the year fearful noises and cries issue from the cave at night and that two ghostly hounds make their home there.

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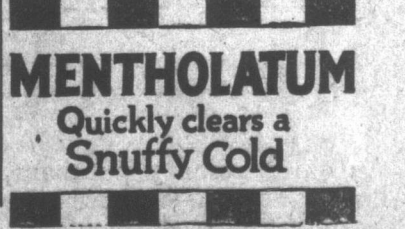
BIG PROGRAMME ARRANGED FOR
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The usual big Amateur Contest takes place at the Crescent Theatre to-night when another splendid variety show will be enjoyed. A large list of contestants have signified their intention of taking part, including some of the popular far-producers. Don't miss this bill to-night.

Have you seen Harold Lloyd's hair-raising comedy, "Safety Last"? But the comedy is not all thrills. There is a real story—a delightful story with pretty little Mildred Davis—now Mrs. Harold Lloyd—the young lady in the case. We don't like to tell too much of it, but Mildred is the cause of everything—as has been with Woman through the Ages. The first scenes of the comedy take place in a department store in the Big City, where Harold has gone to make his fortune. His trouble commences

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