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Stanley Baldwin Re-elected Leader of Conservative Party

EX-PREMIER WILL LEAD HIS PARTY

Stanley Baldwin is Unanimously Elected Head of the Conservatives.

200 PEERS AGREE

Vigorous Criticism in Connection With the Tariff Policy at Caucus.

(By Canadian Press.) London, Feb. 11.—Stanley Baldwin was unanimously re-elected leader of the Conservative party today.

Between 500 and 600 members of the party, including some 200 peers, assembled for the meeting. Mr. Baldwin, who arrived early, was followed by Lord Balfour, Lord Birkenhead and other prominent party members.

The first business of the House of Commons Tuesday will be the election of a chairman and a deputy chairman of committees. In this a concession is to be made to the Liberals with a view to securing their good will. The government is expected to propose a Labor member, Robert Young, as chairman, but leaving it to the Liberals to choose a member of their party for deputy chairman.

(British United Press.) Baldwin Criticized.

London, Feb. 11.—Vigorous criticism of ex-Premier Stanley Baldwin's tariff policy was made at a Conservative caucus attended by 1,000 delegates today at the Hotel Cecil.

Despite strong efforts to drop the protective tariff principles from the party platform because of the recent election fiasco it was indicated that modified tariff proposals would be retained by the Conservatives.

Baldwin apparently is assured of reelection to party leadership notwithstanding the efforts for months of the newspaper kings, Lords Rothermere and Beaverbrook to secure his disposition.

FINDS RING THOUGHT BURIED BY PIRATE

New Haven Fireman's Treasure May Have Been Worn by Lady Catherine Grey.

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 11.—A curious shaped gold ring, said to have been part of the jewels of the British King and which tallies in detail with one which disappeared from the English court in 1610 and has since been listed on the records as of unknown whereabouts, was found by Charles Burns, a hoseman of the local fire department in a sandbar near Thimble Islands.

Thimble Islands has long been noted as a rendezvous of the famous Capt. Kidd and it is believed the ring was a part of the treasure loot of the pirate who, according to legends, buried his spoils in this vicinity.

Burns was on a clamming trip when he unearthed the ring. It is composed of four bands, joined by clasped hands. It is said that a ring closely resembling it was worn by Lady Catherine Grey and said to have signified her marriage to the Earl of Hertford, Queen Elizabeth, displeased with the union, sent Hertford to the Tower of London and subjected Lady Catherine to many hardships until the validity of the marriage was proven. The marriage was later dissolved by a commission and so pronounced in the palace of the Bishop of London in 1562.

Burns has deposited the ring in a safe deposit vault and has refused an offer of \$2,000 for it. He said he intended to make a further search of the beach in the hope of uncovering other trinkets.

Brave Boy in N. S. Gets Medal

Truro, N. S., Feb. 11.—At Millford station yesterday William Wathen, 16 years old, received a Royal Canadian Humane Society medal in recognition of his having saved a boy from drowning in the Shubenacadie River two years ago.

30,000, In Horror, See Airman Die

Buenos Aires, Feb. 11.—J. P. Hansen was killed on Saturday when his airplane collapsed on the runway here. The accident occurred while Hansen was carrying out "stunts" in a bombing movement.

Thirty thousand spectators saw the incident, which occurred a little after midnight. They were horrified when the airplane burst into flames after it had struck lofty wires. It dropped to earth like a ball of fire. The body of the aviator was taken out of the burning wreckage, but was charred beyond recognition.

Hansen was forty years of age. He recently accomplished a flight over the Andes with a passenger.

BREWERS FIGHT NOVA SCOTIA CASE

Dow's Contest Conviction by Sydney Magistrate in Liquor Shipping Matter.

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 11.—The Supreme Court on Saturday heard argument in the case of the King vs. Percy Scott, an application for a writ of certiorari to remove into the Supreme Court a record of conviction by Stipendiary Magistrate at Sydney on November 30, whereby Percy Scott of Montreal was convicted of having, as manager of Dow's Brewery, Montreal, shipped intoxicating liquor into Sydney and been fined \$800 and costs of \$200.00, or, in default, three months' imprisonment.

The grounds of the application are that the magistrate did not show jurisdiction, the place where the alleged offence was committed was not named, that the defendant did not consent to trial by the stipendiary and that the evidence did not prove a prima facie case. Judgment was reserved.

Has Been 50 Years in Vatican Service

Rome, Feb. 11.—Pope Pius yesterday received Rinaldo Jacchini, dean of the Pontifical Court who is 79 years old and has been fifty years in service at the Vatican. He began his service at the age of 19 as an outrider for Pope Pius IX, and rose to the position of postillion, which position he still holds.

On September 19, 1870, on the eve of the fall of the temporal power, he drove Pius IX. for the last time through the streets of Rome. From that day on Pope has left the Vatican, but Jacchini since has continued to drive the pontifical carriages through the Vatican gardens.

Wire Briefs

London, Feb. 11.—The U. S. steamer Capulin is returning to London considerably damaged in consequence of a collision with the small London steamer Brook. The Brook was abandoned.

Berlin, Feb. 11.—Brig-Gen. Charles G. Dancy has issued a formal denial of a rumor that he has resigned as chairman of the first committee of reparations experts.

Moscow, Feb. 11.—War Minister Trotsky who has been ill at Tiflis is improving, according to word received at the Kremlin and will return to Moscow before his two months leave expires.

Amherst, N. S., Feb. 11.—Two protests will come to the attention of the executive of the central council of the Royal Canadian Dragoons on Wednesday afternoon. President H. M. Wood of Sackville has called the meeting.

Montreal, Feb. 11.—Renewal of conference between the officials of the British Empire Steel Corporation and minor representatives in reference to the Cape Breton mines was expected to take place today.

London, Feb. 11.—Underwriting is in progress here for a Japanese loan of £25,000,000 bearing six per cent. interest to be issued at 87 1/2 and redeemable from 1929 to 1939.

Toronto, Feb. 11.—Hon. W. F. Nickle, attorney general, this morning instructed crown attorney Eric Armour of Toronto, to inquire into the alleged beating of a trooper of the Royal Canadian Dragoons by his comrades last week.

Prague, Feb. 11.—Alexander Kerensky, former revolutionary Premier of Russia, has arrived here. He plans to stay some time, giving a series of lectures on Russian politics.

Ottawa, Feb. 11.—The Hall Electric Company will go ahead this spring with its big power project in the Gatineau Valley, whereby a power plant will be erected at Pagan Falls, in the township of Low, which will have an eventual capacity of 100,000 horsepower.

MISS BOOTH WEDS PRINCE AT OTTAWA

She is the First Canadian Woman to Attain Rank of Royalty.

CANADA IS PROUD

Report of Death of Grandfather Spreads, But is Unfounded.

Ottawa, Feb. 11.—First of Canadian women to attain the rank of royalty, Miss Frances Booth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Fred Booth and granddaughter of Mr. J. R. Booth, multi-millionaire lumber man, at four o'clock today becomes Her Majesty Princess Erik, Countess Rosenberg, relation by marriage of the sovereigns of Britain and Denmark and the ruling houses of other countries.

In contemplation of the event, Ottawa subordinated other interests over the week-end. So widespread and intense was absorption in it that it became the natural conductor of the most rapidly circulated rumor that has alarmed Ottawa since the war—the rumor that on the eve of his grand-daughter's wedding to Prince Erik of Denmark, John R. Booth, had been called by death.

While excitement over his condition was moving the city, Mr. Booth, enjoying an actual improvement in his condition, was reading the newspaper and receiving members of his family. Yesterday afternoon Miss Booth left her wedding guests and went to him. All arrangements for the wedding are now complete. After the marriage ceremony and the reception following it, Prince Erik and his bride will start on their honeymoon. By special train they go to Quebec tonight and from there to New York to sail for England on Feb. 16. They will go on to Denmark where they will be received by King Christian and will visit other countries.

Prince Erik and Princess Erik on their return will live in California, where they will take up orange growing. Confirmation of this comes from the Booth home.

Represent King George.

Their Excellencies the Governor-General and Lady Byng of Vimy will be present and, as guests, the daughter and Queen Mary of England. The Premier, Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, C. Meyer, Danish consul, other diplomats stationed in Ottawa, in fact the entire official and social life of the capital will be represented, the guests going from the church to the reception at the home. Prince Erik, according to Danish custom, will be supported at the altar by his father, Prince Valdemar. J. R. Booth, Sr., owing to his illness will be unable to be present.

Canada Is Proud.

Canadians should feel proud indeed that when the royal family of Denmark picked out a bride for one of its princes that it came to Canada and picked out a Canadian girl, the statement made by Col. Rev. R. H. Stey, in his sermon here last night. He asked his parishioners to feel with him, a pride in the forthcoming union of Denmark's royal family with a daughter of one of Canada's pioneer families.

While United States maids were also married princesses—all kinds of princesses—he said, Canada should be proud that her daughter, Miss Lois L. Booth, was marrying into a family that of all the royal families of Europe stood out for its virtue, integrity and individual ability of its members.

Prisoners Clash With Guards, 6 Die

Moscow, Feb. 11.—Six deaths, including two women, were reported in a clash between prisoners and guards in the exile barracks of the Golovetsky Monastery on December 19, according to an official report. Two others were wounded. The cause is not given. All the victims of the clash were young, ranging in age from 26 to 32.

Commissioner of Justice Kuraki in a recent interview said he understood the nuturers were members of an anarchist group.

Lively Tunes Were Played at Funeral

Amiens, Feb. 11.—Not desiring his funeral to be a depressing affair, Jules Tantor, proprietor of a local motion picture house and cafe, inscribed in his will that the Amiens brass band, of which he was honorary president, play popular songs instead of the customary dirges. His request was fulfilled.

Halifax Girl Was Close to Death

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 11.—Within a few seconds of death, Miss May McGrath, 14 years old, was rescued from drowning in the Northwest Arm yesterday afternoon. With two other girls she was skating, and the ice gave way and they were plunged into the icy water. Her companions were rescued after considerable difficulty by young men; but it was not until Miss McGrath's coat was seen floating on the surface that attention was turned to her. She had been overlooked in the excitement. When taken out she was unconscious.

WAS 30 DAYS NEW YORK TO HALIFAX

Bluenose Schooner Loses a Man Overboard on Trying Voyage.

COULD DO NOTHING

Masts Stripped of Canvas as Anderson Tossed in High Seas.

(By Canadian Press.)

Halifax, Feb. 11.—One of the most trying voyages of a Bluenose ship was brought to a close when the tern schooner Jean F. Anderson, 499 tons, Captain Stewart, of St. Peter's, arrived in Halifax today after being 30 days out from New York. Details of a grim sea tragedy were obtained when Captain Stewart told of the fate of Harry Webber, aged 40, of Tor Bay, who was washed overboard on the night of January 21 while the ship was slashing through a high sea, her main deck awash and her masts stripped of all the canvas. No sail was being carried on the schooner, so it was impossible to bring her around and nothing could be done to save the seaman's life.

During the schooner's struggle with the storm she was blown past Halifax harbor, and although the land was out of sight owing to a thick haze, Captain Stewart estimated that they were only 10 miles outside. The schooner was finally brought safely into Leasburgh, where the loss of Webber was reported. On last Friday morning the schooner sailed for Halifax, reaching port yesterday.

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PARTY DINNERS GIVEN TONIGHT

Marchioness, Viscountess and Wife of Labor Minister Hostesses on Eve of Session.

London, Feb. 11.—A series of political party dinners and receptions such as is customary on the eve of the assembling of parliament, will take place this evening.

The Marchioness of Londonderry is hostess to the Conservatives, but her invitations have been extended to include many non-political personages, including many literary, artistic and theatrical celebrities.

Viscountess Grey of Falloden will entertain the Liberals, while Mrs. Noel Buxton, wife of the Minister of Agriculture, will hold the first social reception of the Laborites since they came into office. This will be an innovation in British political entertaining, inasmuch as it is to be held between the unfashionable hours of 8 and 10 p.m.

The hostess will be assisted by the members of the Half Circle Club, founded a few years ago by wives of the Labor members of parliament. The invitations specify "to meet the Prime Minister."

Buxton before her marriage worked vigorously as a Conservative to support the election of Mr. Buxton to parliament.

ASSETS OF CLARK BROS. LTD., SOLD

Bear River Pulp Co., Ltd., New Company, Purchaser at Annapolis Royal Sale.

Annapolis Royal, N. S., Feb. 11.—All the assets of Clark Bros., Ltd. were sold here on Saturday on a Supreme Court order to the Bear River Pulp Co., Ltd., a new company representing Chicago, New York and other interests. The purchase price included, according to the order of the court, \$200,000 in cash and securities in the new company, having a total par value of \$1,300,000.

C. W. Hamilton of New York, who will be general manager of the new company, is expected to arrive at Bear River soon.

27 FANATICS DIE

Killed in Riot in Java Over Attempt to Set up a New Kingdom.

Batavia, Java, Feb. 11.—A Dutch police officer and twenty-seven native religious fanatics were killed, and many wounded, in the course of a riot Sunday at Tangerang, near Weiteuron. The trouble began when forty-one fanatics armed with swords and knives declared they wished to proclaim a new kingdom of Mount Gedeh. Severe fighting occurred before the police gained the upper hand.

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NEVINS WILL CASE WILL END TODAY

Appeal for Workmen's Compensation Board and Bathurst Co. is up Next.

(Special to The Times.)

Ottawa, Feb. 11.—Argument in the now famous Nevins will case, which was carried from the Probate Court in St. John through the Supreme Court of New Brunswick to the Supreme Court of Canada here, was being continued today and it was expected that it would not be completed before late afternoon. The case started on Thursday.

J. F. H. Teed did not finish his argument until late on Friday and Daniel Mullin, K. C., supporting the decision of the Supreme Court in the Probate Court and the decision of the N. B. Supreme Court is now being heard. As Mr. Teed was given unusual time for argument, Mr. Mullin will probably take until the close of the court this afternoon.

The appeal in the matter of the Workmen's Compensation Board against the Bathurst Lumber Co., Ltd., will be heard next. The board has associated Eugene Lafleur, of Montreal, with Dr. W. B. Wallace, and George Gillett, of this company, has associated with him M. G. Teed, K. C.

Three other cases in which Dr. J. B. Baxter and Dr. F. R. Taylor were argued, but they were postponed until May for argument. They were the cases of Lewis vs. Town of Andover, N. B. and Canadian Railway Co. vs. N. B. Railway Co. and Bank of Nova Scotia vs. Town of Woodville.

CURSE OF LUXOR

McGill Professor Fifth Prominent Man to Die Under "Curse of Pharaohs."

By United Press. London, Feb. 11.—The story that an ancient curse doomed all who probe the mysteries of the tomb of Tutankhamen to a painful death, has been revived by the death of another prominent man. Professor Lefleur of McGill University, Canada, has died of pneumonia at Luxor. Superstitious natives point to his death as another evidence of the curse of the pharaohs.

The story started when Lord Carnarvon, bitten by an insect, died just as all was ready for the opening of the tomb. The Hon. Aubrey, half-brother of Lord Carnarvon, had predicted that "something dreadful will happen in our family" as a result of tampering with the ancient burying place. Herbert died here last September.

"The Pharaoh" was mentioned when George J. Gould, American financier, died at Mentone, France, after a visit to the Valley of the Kings and again when Princess Fahmy murdered her husband at the Hotel Savoy here. Prince Fahmy and his French wife had spent the season at Luxor and were frequent visitors to the mysterious valley.

Numerous other incidents, some involving fatal or less serious illnesses, also figure in the superstition.

PRISON SHATTERED

Two Are Reported Killed at Pittsburgh—Alarm Brings Out General Companies.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 11.—A mysterious explosion shattered the big gates at the main entrance to the Western Penitentiary in Lower Allegheny at 9:45 a. m. today. A guard at the gate told newspapermen that two men had been killed in the enclosure, but he was not certain whether they were convicts or guards.

At 10:15 a. m. the county detective bureau was advised that some of the convicts were armed, and the reserve force held for duty in other sections of the county were rushed to the prison. A fire alarm brought several companies from the district surrounding the prison, but when the firemen reached the gates they were halted by the guards. Instead of opening the doors to permit entrance of the apparatus, the firemen were admitted to the enclosure one at a time, indicating to those outside that there was serious trouble in the prison yard.

An overseer was said to have been shot and killed in the first outbreak and an assistant deputy warden killed later in the fight.

Society Beauty Enters Films



New York—Encouraged by the success of Mrs. Lydig Hoyt on the screen and stage, society has given another of its beauties to the movies.

The new "apprentice" is Miss Thelma Morgan, known in New York's exclusive four hundred as Mrs. Morgan Converse.

Mrs. Converse, who wants to be known as plain Thelma Morgan, is making her screen debut in Gloria Swanson's newest film, just completed but not yet released, "A Society Scandal."

She is a twin sister of Gloria, now Mrs. Reginald Claypool Vanderbilt. Another sister, Consuelo, now Mrs. Benjamin Thaw of Pittsburgh, formerly was the Countess de Maupas. And her ma and pa are Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hays Morgan. Morgan is American consul general at Buenos Aires.

FEDERALS ADVANCE ON STRONGHOLD

Government Forces Have Achieved an Overwhelming Victory.

RIVER IS CROSSED

Oregon Soldiers are Reported to Have Reached Vera Cruz.

(By Canadian Press.) Mexico City, Feb. 11.—Following closely upon their success on the Vera Cruz front, the government forces have achieved an overwhelming victory in the west, defeating the rebels on the banks of the River Lerma, near Ocotlan, after 11 hours of fighting, according to a message received here from President Obregon.

The federals succeeded in crossing the Lerma near its mouth, on the eastern side of Lake Chapala, thus gaining a foothold for a continuation of their march against Guadaluajara, the rebel stronghold to the northwest.

Heavy casualties were suffered by both sides, the federals losing 300 in killed or wounded.

Federals In Control Vera Cruz, Feb. 11.—Small groups of revolutionary forces are holding Vera Cruz, Jalapa, Gordoba and Orizaba. Federal troops are in control of Oriental, San Geronimo and Salina Cruz and are distributing arms and ammunition among the agrarian revolutionists, who will combine with the Obregon troops to fight the De La Huerta remnants.

No fighting has been reported since Feb. 6. The unemployed of Vera Cruz have begun to feel the effects of the Mexican revolution. Many are without money and food. Some families are unable to buy milk and medicine for sick babies.

Troops at Vera Cruz. Vera Cruz, Feb. 11.—Mexican Government troops arrived at Vera Cruz at 10:45 this morning, taking possession of the city, following its evacuation by the rebels.

Must Pay Taxes On Poles and Wires

Montreal, Feb. 11.—Telegraph poles, cables or wires, transformers and other apparatus, used either to distribute gas or electricity are immovable property by their nature, and as such are subject to municipal taxation, according to a judgment that has been handed down by Mr. Justice De Lorimier, condemning the Montreal Light Heat and Power Consolidated to pay \$18,497.91 to the city of Westmount.

Weather Report

Toronto, Feb. 11.—Pressure is low across Canada and relatively high over the greater part of the U. S. The weather has been comparatively mild over the Dominion with snow in Ontario and Quebec.

Forecasts: Snow. Maritime—Fresh winds, cloudy, with local snowfalls today and Tuesday, no change in temperature. Gulf and North Shore—Mostly cloudy today and Tuesday, local snowfalls or furies.

New England—Increasing cloudiness tonight, followed by snow or rain late tonight or Tuesday; slowly rising temperature; diminishing northwest winds, becoming fresh south and southwest. Toronto, Feb. 11.—Temperatures: Lowest 8 a.m. Yesterday night

Victoria... 50 44  
Kamloops... 40 42  
Calgary... 32 46  
Edmonton... 48 48  
Winnipeg... 16 38  
Montreal... 6 24  
St. John... 28 30  
Halifax... 30 30  
Detroit... 22 28  
New York... 24 22

Highest during 8 a.m. Yesterday night

Vienna, Feb. 11.—Every hour brings new reports of disasters from the snow avalanches, with fresh slides. The entire corps of Austrian pioneers is engaged in securing those overwhelmed. Already the number of dead is large and in many districts entire villages have been covered with vast heaps of snow.

Was In Canada With Lord Lorne London, Feb. 11.—(Canadian Press.)—Baron Suffield, aged 69, who had a long military record and was known especially to Canadians as a member of the staff of Lord Lorne when Governor-General of Canada, is dead. He was an officer in the South African war. Baron Suffield was born in 1855.

Shot While Making Call on Neighbor Montreal, Feb. 11.—Albert Turcotte, 24, was shot through the lungs and probably fatally wounded on Saturday at St. Andre d'Avellan, 80 miles from Montreal. He was unable to say who shot him. He was calling at the house of a neighbor when a rifle shot rang out and he fell wounded.

Have Long Fall But Escape Death Havana, Feb. 11.—Lieut. Antonio Valdes and Sergt. San Encinerote of the Cuban aviation corps well about 1,500 feet with their airplane at Camp Columbia on Sunday afternoon and escaped death. Both men were in-