

BONAR LAW'S RETIREMENT CREATES GRAVE CRISIS

TWO-THIRDS OF RAILWAY VOTE ALREADY POLLED IN WARD FOUR BY-ELECTION

Interest in Saturday's Voting Is Becoming Very Keen—Neither Candidate Has Done Any Active Campaigning—Both Have Large Following of Supporters.

Keen interest in the ward 4 by-election has succeeded the apathy which was the rule in the past. Falling among railroad men entitled to vote before Saturday, the regular election day, the special poll at the city hall has been open to them since Wednesday. On the first day only one of two votes were cast. More interest was, however, shown Thursday and by noon today nearly 100 of the 150 entitled to vote had cast their ballots. It is expected that nearly every railroad employee in the ward will have voted before the poll closes at 5 o'clock tonight.

Thousands of Real Americans To Show Their Disapproval Of German-Sinn Fein Talk

General Pershing To Be Principal Speaker at Gigantic Gathering Tonight in Madison Square Garden—Will Be Greatest U. S. Patriotic Demonstration Since Close of the War.

New York, March 18.—Five hundred red policemen have been detailed to handle the 30,000 or more persons expected to turn out tonight for the American Legion's All-American meeting in Madison Square Garden, the auditorium with a seating capacity of about 18,000.

BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL COMMITTEE WILL MEET MONDAY

To Review Applications for Position of Secretary. ALL RECOMMENDATIONS

Notices are being sent out calling the special committee appointed by the board of education to review the 24 applications for the post of secretary to the board of education together at 4:30 p.m. on Monday. The instructions to the committee are that it is to study the qualifications presented by the applicants and recommend those it considers best fitted for the post to the board at a later meeting. The trustees, however, reserved to themselves the right to require that the claims of any applicant not amongst the selected ones shall, on request of a trustee, be also considered by the full board.

SATURDAY LAST DAY TO ENTER ADVERTISER PUZZLE CONTEST

\$2,500 Prize Competition Ends March 19—Send or Mail Solutions.

Saturday is the last day of The Advertiser puzzle contest, and your last chance to participate in this interesting competition and share in the \$2,500 in awards. The contest closes tomorrow night at 10 p.m. Solutions may be delivered in person any time Saturday or mailed so as to bear March 19th postmark.

TROTSKY HURLED 60,000 AGAINST NAVAL FORTRESS OF KRONSTADT

Finnish Reports Confirm Capture of Revolutionary Stronghold. COMMUNISTS AID REDS

Garrison of 15,000 Was Exhausted by Constant Bombardment.

Stockholm, March 18.—Reports that the Russian naval fortress at Kronstadt, the centre of the revolution against the Soviet Government, has been taken by the Bolsheviks, appear to be confirmed in dispatches reaching here from Finland. Leon Trotsky, Russian Bolshevik minister of war, directed the assault of the fortress, it is said, and hurled upwards of 60,000 men at its defences.

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KIWANIS CLUB WILL SUPPORT ARENA PROJECT

Lionel, Says President of Alert Club.

President Anderson of the Alert Club addressed the Kiwanians at the weekly luncheon in the Tecumseh House on the subject of a sports arena for the city.

SOCIALISTS PLAN TO PICKET WHITE HOUSE

IS HALTED BY DEBS

Atlanta, Ga., March 18.—Eugene V. Debs, Socialist leader, has halted the plans of Socialists to picket the White House in an effort to attract attention to their demands that he be released from the Atlanta Federal Penitentiary, his attorney, Samuel McCallister, announced here today. A big campaign throughout the United States to obtain Debs' release will be undertaken, however, the attorney said.

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THE PRINCESS PRESENTS COLORS.



Princess Mary, presenting colors at the Horse Guards Parade to the Second and Third Line Units of the London Regiment Territorial Army.

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FOUR CHILDREN PERISH IN FIRE; WERE LOCKED IN HOME WHILE PARENTS WERE OUT VISITING

Sault Ste. Marie Couple Are Bereaved in Tragic Manner—Blaze Was Discovered by Neighbors, Who Were Unaware That the Children Were in the House—Coroner Will Conduct an Investigation.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., March 18.—In the absence of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Andrews, four children, the oldest 8 years of age, and the youngest aged 16 months, were smothered to death last evening when the house in which they had been left alone took fire.

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—FAIR AND MILD. Toronto, March 18.—8 a.m. Forecasts. Today—Fair. Saturday—Southerly winds; some light showers, but mostly fair and mild. Temperatures. The highest and lowest temperatures for the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Stations. High. Low. Weather. Victoria..... 45 22 Rain. Calgary..... 45 26 Cloudy. Winnipeg..... 32 28 Clear. Port Arthur..... 22 14 Fair. Sault Ste. Marie..... 35 8 Fair. Sault Ste. Marie..... 35 8 Fair. Toronto..... 42 22 Clear. Kingston..... 42 16 Clear. Ottawa..... 39 6 Clear. Montreal..... 32 10 Clear. Quebec..... 29 6 Clear. St. John..... 40 25 Cloudy. Halifax..... 42 23 Snow.

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Chamberlain, Carson or Home Likely To Succeed Bonar Law As British Government Leader

Political Crisis of Gravest Character Has Been Created by Law's Retirement—Lloyd George Might Quit Public Life Himself If He Finds It Difficult To Secure Sympathetic Chief—Newspapers of All Shades of Political Faith Praise Retired Leader and Sympathize With Him Because of Ill-Health.

WOULD STRIKE OUT CLAUSE X TO BRING U. S. INTO LEAGUE

Former French Premier to Submit Proposal to American Government.

Paris, March 18.—Rene Viviani, on his forthcoming visit to the United States, will go prepared to ask, on behalf of the council of the league of nations, whether the United States Government will not enter the league of nations provided article X is struck from the covenant of the league.

ALL PLANS LAID FOR 'PUSSYFOOT' JOHNSON TO ADDRESS MEETING

Windsor Committee Arranging for Big Gathering. GEN. PANET'S ATTITUDE

Windsor, March 18.—Canadian Press.—As a result of the visit of General H. A. Panet, general officer commanding Military District No. 1, to Windsor yesterday, permission for the use of the armories for the proposed "Pussyfoot" Johnson meeting has finally been secured, but a new angle has been given to the affair by the conditions imposed by the general.

INFANT DEATH RATE IN LONDON REDUCED TO 103.9 PER 1,000

Work of Child Welfare Association Begins To Have Effect. MAKE 3,490 VISITS

The safeguarding of infant life will be one of the principal subjects brought before the annual meeting of the London Child Welfare Association, which is to be held in the Chamber of Commerce rooms on Tuesday next.

BANDIT SHOT TO DEATH IN FIGHT WITH POLICE

Chicago, March 18.—Facing more than fifty policemen, a bandit with a pistol in each hand today was shot to death after he had set up a steady fight with them until his ammunition was exhausted.

COLLAPSE OF CISTERN COVER AT THE CRECHE

Miss Booth Has a Most Unpleasant Experience—Rescued by Firemen.

Creche day nursery, 241 King street, Windsor, was the scene of a most unpleasant experience when a cistern cover collapsed into the water tank of the building at the time the children were in the building.

TRouble! TRouble! TRouble! THREE TIMES AND OUT

A certain young man in the south end has heart trouble, his brother has lung trouble and a girl friend also has heart trouble. When the average man's trouble is such, the thought of a "three times and out" party is not an idea that is likely to occur to him.

BOLIVIAN INDIANS RISE AGAINST GOVT.

Buenos Aires, March 18.—Indiana living in the high tablelands of Bolivia have risen against the Bolivian Government, and a native chief has proclaimed himself president of the Indian tribes, says a La Paz dispatch to La Nación.

RETIRED LEADER

Retirement Regretted. London, March 18.—Canadian Associated Press.—Morning papers of all shades of political opinion unite in praising the retirement of Bonar Law, president of the board of trade, and Sir Edward Carson as probable successors to Mr. Bonar Law. Mr. Chamberlain, who is reported not to be in rolling, is expected to be appointed Government leader in the House of Commons in addition to the position of lord privy seal, and in that case might find it impossible to continue the office of secretary of state.