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NO BETTER FOR LLOYD GEORGE

Crisis Continues at an Acute Stage.

Coalition Friends Battle to Keep Together, Diehards Refuse to Give Way an Inch—To Thresh It Out at Chequers Court.

(Canadian Press)

London, March 4—Austin Chamberlain's declaration of the solidity of the cabinet behind Lloyd George has had littel appreciable effect on the situation which threatens to bringing the resignation of the premier, in the opinion of the majority of the political writers in the morning newspapers. It is generally conceded that the crisis continues at an acute stage and even the journals most anxious to preserve the coalition government candidly admit that the position is about as serious as it possibly could be.

No further important development is [illegible] for until after the week-end. [illegible] George has gone to Chequers [illegible] his country estate, where he will [illegible] as his guests over Sunday Mr. Chamberlain, Lord Chancellor Birkenhead, Sir Arthur Balfour, probably Sir Robert Horne, and possibly Andrew Bonar Law, and the whole situation naturally will be exhaustively discussed.

Meanwhile the friends of the coalition are continuing their strenuous efforts to keep it together. Winston Spencer Churchill, secretary for colonies and a Liberal, will speak at Loughborough today and will doubtless emphasize Mr. Chamberlain's view of the necessity of retaining Lloyd George at the head of affairs.

Various Movements.

A movement is reported among the Conservative coalitionists in the House of Commons, who disagree with the "die hards," to get together at the earliest opportunity and send an address to the premier assuring him of their support and urging him to remain at the helm.

Another movement is that by the "new coalition group," consisting of about 120 commoners belonging to both wings of the coalition who have recently been working for the formation of a new centre party. These members, whom the "die hard" Morning Post calls "an association of parliamentary babes" propose to adopt a resolution to the effect that the next election must be fought upon a constructive national programme which can best be carried out under the joint leadership of Lloyd George and Chamberlain.

In spite of all the efforts of the premier's champions, however, his Conservative opponents show no sign of weakening. Their attitude is that the Unionist leaders have betrayed their followers and their one desire is to see the death of the coalition.

German Opinion

Berlin, March 4—Hope that the present political crisis in England would not cause the disappearance of Premier Lloyd George was expressed by Paul Loeb, president of the Reichstag, at a public meeting yesterday. "I should regret such an event extremely," he declared.

Alluding to the Genoa conference, which he said had already been hampered by the Italian crisis, Herr Loeb described Lloyd George "as the strongest moving spirit" among the Entente statesmen, a man who realizes Europe cannot be rehabilitated until the German reparations questions is placed on a different basis. "Mr. Lloyd George is a statesman who most energetically advocates the co-operation of nations in economic questions," he added. "I hope he will succeed in the work he began with such clear sighted intentions."

FOR PROHIBITION IN CONSTANTINOPLE

Constantinople, March 4—The Green Crescent, a Turkish committee organized to fight the use of alcohol as a beverage, is making a drive for prohibition in the Turkish capital. An attempt will be made to limit the drinking places in Constantinople and newspaper owners will be asked to reject advertisements for intoxicants.

DEVONSHIRE WINS SEAT IN COUNTY COUNCIL

London, March 4—(Canadian Press)—The contest between the Duke of Devonshire, former governor general of Canada, and a local builder W. Marsden, for a seat in the Derbyshire county council resulted in the duke polling 1,366 votes against Marsden's 896.

L. S. Humes Dies in Sleep

Montreal, March 4 — Louis Samuel Humes, district superintendent of the Canadian National Telegraphs and a well-known figure in the commercial life of Montreal passed away in his sleep last night. He was in his 63rd year and was borne in Springfield, Ills.

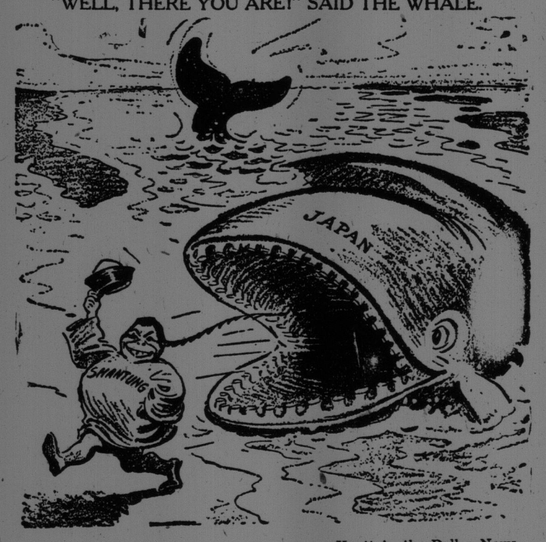
Mexico City Dark.

Mexico City, March 4.—The streets of the city were in darkness last night, the striking employes of the Mexican Light and Power Company having, it is reported, cut the line furnishing the city with power. The residences and stores, however, were lighted except in isolated districts, where switch boxes had been torn out.

TOBOGGAN PARTY.

The Loyal Lookout Class of the Cobourg street Christian church held a toboggan party last evening at Lily Lake. After enjoying themselves until 10 o'clock they returned to the home of Mrs. L. M. Laskey, Celebration street, where refreshments were served. A very pleasant time was spent

"WELL, THERE YOU ARE!" SAID THE WHALE.



—Knott in the Dallas News.

TRAIN HITS 'BUS; FOURTEEN DIE

Death List May be Increased by Three.

Party Returning from Dance and Lodge Meeting Near Cleveland—Engineer Says He Gave Whistle for the Crossing.

(Canadian Press.)

Cleveland, O., March 4—The death of an injured man today brought the toll from a collision between a New York Central passenger train and an automobile 'bus at Painesville, late last night, up to 14. Five persons are seriously injured, three of whom are expected to die.

Most of those killed were residents of Fair Port. Many of them had left a dance hall in Painesville less than half an hour before the crash, while several others had attended a lodge meeting. Two had just boarded the 'bus and had just settled in their seats when the accident occurred. An explosion of the gasoline tank of the machine set fire to the debris and several of the bodies were badly burned.

The 'bus, which was operated between Painsville and Fair Port, was making its last trip to Fair Port for the night. A. W. Barnes, the crossing watchman, declared he flagged the driver, who had stopped on the south side of the tracks to pick up passengers. A declaration by Chester Parrish, manager of the 'bus line, that a large oil tank obstructed Driver Adams view of the watchman's lantern and the approaching train, was discounted by Carl Sullivan, one of the injured.

"I saw the train before we reached the tracks," Sullivan said. "We had stopped to take on two passengers just south of the rails or we would have been across. People nearby screamed as the engine came on. I saw the driver reach down and pull something. I don't know whether it speeded us up or slowed us down. It was dark in the machine. I thought we had cleared the tracks. Then it hit us."

The train was composed of twenty express coaches. It was made up here to go to Buffalo and does not stop at Painesville. "I blew the whistle just as we reached the limits of the town," Engineer Fernandez declared. "An instant later I saw the automobile on the track immediately ahead of me. The time before we struck it was so brief I could not even know whether the automobile was standing or in motion. As I threw on the brakes I felt the collision and fragments of the wreckage flew past the engine cab. I am sure we stopped as quickly as possible.

The story of Fireman Cronell coincided with that of the engineer.

FIX HOURS FOR OPERATORS ON U. S. RAILWAYS

Both Telegraph and Telephone Workers Come Under New Code.

Chicago, March 4.—A code of twenty-two rules governing hours and working conditions of telegraph and telephone operators on railways all over the country was promulgated by the railway labor board last night. They became effective March 16.

Wiping out the practice of time and one-half pay for all work over eight hours, the board ordered only straight time for the first nine hours, with time and one-half thereafter, and permitted institution of split tricks, with eight hours' work over a period of twelve hours.

Eight hours is specified as a day's work in principle, with Sundays and holidays to be paid for at the usual pro rata except that a minimum of two hours' pay at time and one-half will be given for work on these days. When called for work not continuous with their regular tricks, the telegraphers will receive three hours' pay for two hours' work or less and time and one-half after two hours.

The rates cover both telegraph and telephone operators and agent-operators, tower men, train directors and block operators.

MATHIESON FOR NEXT YEAR'S RACES

Four Other Norwegian Speeders Also.

How Strangler Lewis Took the Wrestling Championship from Zbysko, Doughty Pole—A New Match for Lewis—Late Sport.

(Canadian Press)

Chicago, March 4—Oscar Mathieson, renowned Norwegian professional skater whom a $5,000 guarantee did not lure to the United States this year, but who asked $10,000, will be seen in skating races on this continent next season, so Julian T. Fitzgerald, president of the International Skating Union, announced today.

A racing circuit is projected for next season with a series of championship races to be participated by the Norwegian and four of his countrymen, who are amongst the fastest Norwegian skaters.

Mr. Fitzgerald said he had offered Mathieson $5,000 to skate in this country during the season now closing but that his counter offer to come for double that figure was not received until February 9, too late to be considered this year.

Wichita, Kas., March 4—Ed. (Strangler) Lewis of San Jose, Cal., today again holds the world's heavyweight wrestling championship, having taken the second and third falls from Stanislaus Zbyszko here last night.

The match was Zbyszko's from the start until just before the second fall. He pinned Lewis for the first fall in 41 minutes, 30 seconds, with a bar arm and full body scissors. Lewis, using what was described by him as a counter with his open palm, sent the aged Pole spinning across the mat to fall flat on his back. Instantly he leaped on him and applied his deadly headlock, taking the second fall and evening the contest. The third fall went to Lewis easily in three minutes, Zbyszko still suffering from effects of the headlock after the ten minutes rest period.

Zbyszko and his manager at first said that Lewis had struck with his clenched fist instead of using the counter, but accepted the referee's decision that the counter was legitimate.

Zbyszko took the title from Lewis about a year ago and retained it in a second meeting. Only recently he announced his intention to retire from wrestling and award defence of the championship to his younger brother, Wladek. Last night Jack Herman, Zbyszko's manager, expressed the intention to challenge immediately for a return meeting and said he would post a $5,000 forfeit.

Montreal, March 4—On receipt of a letter from St. Anne's Hockey Club, stating that a decision not to play an Allan Cup game in Quebec would be upheld by the players and the executive of the club, the members of the registration committee of the Quebec Amateur Hockey Association, yesterday afternoon, declared Sons of Ireland champions of the province and the association's representatives in the Allan cup elimination series.

Nashville, Tenn., March 4—(Strangler) Lewis, will wrestle Joe Petroff here in March in defense of the title, so it was announced today.

BIG NEW YORK BROKER FIRM HAS FAILED

New York, March 4—Failure of E. P. Clarke and Company, one of the largest brokerage firms with membership in the New York curb market, was announced today. The house has offices in Chicago and several other mid western cities and dealt largely in oil and copper shares.

MAYOR AWAY TOMORROW.

The mayor said today that he planned getting away tomorrow on a business trip to Upper Canada.

As Hiram Sees It

"Well," said Mr. Hiram Hornbeam to the Times reporter, "I see a reel smart feller las' night. He hed a drink or two an' was proud of it—an' said he knowed where to git lots more. He said this here pro'bition was no good an' he knowed lots o' fellers drinkin' now that never drunk afore. It never seemed to come into that feller's mind fer a minit that he was breakin' the laws of his country an' tryin' to encourage other folks to do it. Aint it queer how some people kin do what's wrong an' make believe it's right? A law's a law—an' the feller that breaks it is a law-breaker. If he kin git away from the constable he can't git away from himself—an' if he's got any conscience at all he must hev a mighty poor opinion of himself when he stops to think about it. Mister—I wouldn't envy no man that pretended to be a law abidin' citizen an' broke the law every time he got the chance. An' if fellers like that thinks they kin bring the booze back they're barkin' up the wrong tree. The thing aint goin' their way—no sir."

NOT IN FAVOR OF ABANDONING PORTLAND, ME.

Toronto Globe Comment on Matter of U. S. Terminus for Grand Trunk.

Toronto, Ont., March 4.—Commenting on the agitation in the maritime provinces for national protection for the ports of that section as against Portland, Maine, in the operation of the Canadian National and Grand Trunk Railways, the Globe editorially this morning says:

"Everything in reason should be done to bring business to Canadian ports, but it is surely not expected that Portland shall be abandoned as the Atlantic terminus of the Grand Trunk Railways. There is no more reason for doing that under public than under private ownership. A large part of the freight carried out and in that way is not Canadian but American, coming from or going to Chicago or other points in the United States.

"To abandon Portland and to carry that freight over the national lines by the long haul to St. John and Halifax would be simply to throw away one of the most profitable parts of the Grand Trunk business and give up revenue that is much needed in view of the huge deficits. It would do our own ports no good. Neither American nor Canadian shippers could be forced to take the long haul if they preferred the short one, and if we, as owners of the Grand Trunk, refused to do business with the shippers on their own terms as to routing, they would quickly find some corporation that would do so."

STORM WARNING

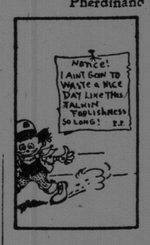
Washington, March 4—An advisory storm warning was issued today by the weather bureau for the portion of the Atlantic coast between Norfolk, Va., and Eastport, Me.

A disturbance central early today in the vicinity of Cape Hatteras, the bureau said, will move rapidly northeastward, increasing in intensity to be attended by strong east and northwest winds and gales along the middle Atlantic and Southern New England coasts today and tonight reaching the Northern New England coast tonight.

KEMEL PASHA CHOSEN AGAIN

Athens, March 4. — Mustaph Kemal Pasha has been re-elected head of the Turkish nationalist government by the National Assembly, says an Angora despatch received here.

Phelix and Pherdinand



WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries. R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—Pressure is now low over the western and northwestern portion of the continent, while disturbances are situated over Labrador and just south of Cape Hatteras. Rain is falling in the coast regions of British Columbia, while elsewhere in Canada fine mild weather prevails.

Forecasts:—

Rain and Sleet, Then Fair.

Maritime—Fine and mild today. Sunday easterly, winds with rain or sleet at first, fair later; not much change in temperature.

Gulf and North Shore—Fair and mild today and most of Sunday.

New England—Rain, sleet or snow this afternoon and tonight, probably clearing on Sunday morning; not much change in temperature; strong easterly winds and gales, shifting to northwest late tonight.

MILLION LOSS IN MONTREAL FIRE

City Hall of Metropolis in Ruins.

Spectacular Blaze in Early Hours of This Morning—Fate of Bonds of Great Value as Yet Unknown.

(Canadian Press)

Montreal, March 4 — A spectacular blaze lit up the centre of the city from around midnight until three o'clock this morning as the Montreal City Hall was practically destroyed by a fire which called forth at one o'clock the whole available fire fighting force in the city. A general alarm was sent out, something not done since November, 1920, on the University.

A property loss of $1,000,000 is involved and in addition $5,000,000 signed debentures recently raised on the city loan may be lost since it is not absolutely certain that they are in the fireproof safety vaults. Jules Crepeau, director of services, says that the city documents in his charge were certainly in the vaults.

Thousands of people assembled on Champ de Mars to watch the flames. Injuries to firemen were comparatively few and not serious, with the exception of the case of Fire Captain Riley, who will probably lose an eye as the result of glass falling on his forehead.

Mayor Martin was early on the scene and with the assistence of his bodyguard, Sergeant Lafleur, made a gallent effort to rescue some of the city's papers. His Worship succeeded in reaching the third floor but was there beaten back by smoke. Lafleur succeeded in saving the mayoral chain and some private papers belonging to the mayor.

The City Hall clock continued to mark the passage of time until seventeen minutes after one when the flames reached it and the tower and roof collapsed. Houses in the narrow Gosford street opposite was menaced by the flying sparks and the firemen had to work hard and fast to prevent the spread of the conflagation.

At 2:25 a. m., the two upper floors of the City Hall were totally destroyed. The fire traveled downwards and flames spouted from every window. Furnaces in Gosford street houses were put out by the vast quantities of water entering cellars.

A loss of at least ten million dollars is Mayor Martin's estimate. This does not include, he says, the incalculable loss of historic documents, works of art and records of sentimental rather than financial value. His Worship includes not only the value of the building and its contents, on which, he says, there was no insurance, but also the cost of replacing and re-compiling lists of assessments and taxation, the gurnishing of temporary accommodation for the city hall and all other expenses inflicted on Montreal by the loss of the City Hall.

Mayor Martin said this morning he thought it possible that the government would falicitate recovery from the loss by authorizing a special loan of two and a half or three million dollars.

Mayor Martin thought it probable that the fire had originated in boxes of paper and rubbish near the elevator shaft. He had given orders, he said, that these should be removed daily.

Edouard Rouselle, watchman, who first saw the fire and rang in the alarm from a city fire box, said that none of the glass fire boxes on any of the floors of the city hall had responded when he attempted to raise the alarm by breaking them.

FIUME HAS SURRENDERED

Fiume, March 4.—The committee of national defence proclaimed the final overthrow of the provisional government under President Zanella and the constituent assembly yesterday. The government capitulated after fierce fighting. The committee, upon assuming power, asked the Italian government to send a representative to administer the government until quiet is restored.

Rome despatches on Thursday declared that President Zanella and his followers had fled to Buccari, near Fiume, after issuing a declaration transferring the authority to the national committee of defence. The capitulation followed an attack on the government palace by Fascisti, who fired twenty cannon shots into the building.

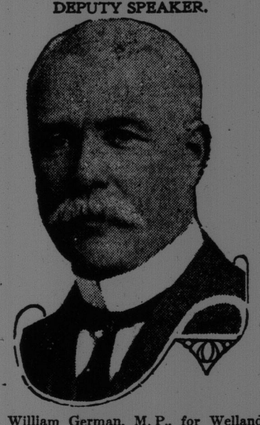
Rome, March 4—A council of ministers today discussed the crisis in Fiume, which has greatly complicated the already difficult situation confronting the new cabinet. Signor Castelli, who has already represented the government at Fiume, was dispatched there immediately to investigate the situation and advise the best means to adopt.

The attitude of President Zanella, who has been forced to hand over power to the national committee of defence does not appear quite clear here. Soon after he assummed power in October last he came to Rome and obtained a loan of two hundred million lire. He than expressed a great belief in the Italian aspirations in Fiume, but upon his return to that place almost immediately incurred the enemity of the Italian element. The details of yesterday's fighting are now becoming available here. From early yesterday morning forces of Fascisti, Legionairies and Republicans have been in possession of the city. They captured the posts and telegraphs, and before their advance the body of police organized by Zanella retired to the government palace.

HYDRO CONFERENCE.

Mayor Schofield announced this morning that he had arranged a conference this afternoon with Herbert Phillips, M. E. I. C. and C. C. Kirby, district engineer of the C. P. R. in his office this afternoon. Matters in connection with the hydro question will be taken up. His Worship said he was unable to get a representative of the N. B. Power commission to attend.

DEPUTY SPEAKER.



William German, M. P., for Welland, Ont., has, it is officially announced, been appointed Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons.

CRIME RAMPANT IN PETROGRAD

Night Cafes Open and Wine Flows for Those Who Can Buy.

Petrograd, March 4.—The police are taking energetic steps to combat a wave of street crime which developed simultaneously with the opening of night cafes and to stop the tide of feverish spending of millions of rubles by profiteers who are thriving on the new free trade. The reduction of the Cheka forces has contributed to making things easier for the highwaymen, who for nearly three years have been kept down. In some districts, where the streets are dark, the night crimes recall the experiences of 1917 and 1918, when it was scarcely safe to venture out except in large numbers.

The robbers generally take the victims' clothing as well as their valuables, leaving them to run home in their underwear through the snow.

Last January, according to the police, was the worst month of the renewed criminal activities. Many bandits have been shot and criminality has decreased 80 per cent. as a result of the repressive measures.

Petrograd presents a strange spectacle. Most of the old world famous cafes have re-opened and are selling wines and champagne at rapidly soaring prices to a well-dressed clientele, but the streets are mostly lightless and tram service has been curtailed on account of the fuel shortage.

THEY WANT HYDRO ALL ALONG LINE

In its report of the address of C. C. Foss on the subject of hydro electric development, the Moncton Transcript says:

"Following Mr. Foss' address many questions were asked by engineers present regarding hydro-electric development, referring especially to the local phase of the situation. In an interesting informal discussion it was learned that a double transmission line will convey the power to Moncton, thus safe-guarding the service against interruptions. The cost of constructing the line will be in the vicinity of $7,000 a mile. It is estimated the maximum transmission loss will be 10 per cent. The distance is a little less than eighty-eight miles. Last summer was the driest for sixty-one years. They were assured of a minimum of 21,000,000 k. w. hours, and it would average between 23,000,000 and 24,000,000. Moncton has asked for 5,000,000 k.w. hours with a maximum of 7,000,000, cost not to exceed 2¼ cents. Mr. Foss did not anticipate decrease in consumption. It would go the other way he thought—probably 10,000,000 within the next ten years. It was expected there would be another million used along the route. Sussex wants half a million, Hampton is figuring on the proposition. Every house in Apohaqui, it is stated, will want the power. It is not definitely known yet what St. John will do. A little over 12,000,000 electric current is used by St. John. Mr. Foss spoke optimistically regarding the amount of power available."

OTTAWA SPEECH ON COMMONWEALTH OF THE FUTURE

Ottawa, Ont., March 4.—The commonwealth of the future was the subject of an address delivered to the weekly luncheon of the Kiawanis Club yesterday by Hon. B. P. Wadia of India, labor delegate to the peace conference. He denied that the present world restlessness wos entirely due to the aftermath of the war, and maintained that the war had been rather one of the fruits of such restlessness. Civilization was making its headway under very peculiar circumstances, in the east particularly, these days. He asked, however, who would be able to save the situation in the not very bright future if not the people under the common flag of Great Britain. He appealed that instead of each country in the British Empire regarding itself from a detached standpoint, they would put their heads together and might be able to shape a policy of the commonwealth that would impose a definitely lasting peace.

CONTINUE EXPERIMENTS IN BLACK FOX FEEDING

Ottawa, March 4—The government has authorized the scientific research council to continue for another year its experimental station at Hull for the best methods of feeding black foxes in captivity. The foxes used were donated by breeders in Prince Edward Island.

ALL COAL MINERS MAY GO ON STRIKE

Ballots Sent to Workers in U. S. and Canada.

International Board Member Makes Statement in Calgary—Votes in by March 15 and Decision Made Before April 1.

(Canadian Press.)

Calgary, Alta., March 4.—Canada and the United States face an international strike of coal miners to commence on April 1, according to a statement issued to the Canadian Press by Robert Livett, international board member for District No. 18 of the United Mine Workers of America.

Mr. Livett said that ballots have already been sent out to all locals of the U. M. W. A. in both Canada and the United States and that the members are being asked if they desire to give power to the policy committee, appointed at the Indianapolis convention, to call a general strike on April 1, if agreements are not consummated by that date. The ballots are to be returned to the various district headquarters by March 15.

Mr. Livett would not express an opinion in regard to the probable outcome of the vote further than remarking that the decision rests with the members collectively.

He will leave Calgary today for Indianapolis, the U. M. W. A. headquarters, where he will attend a special board meeting to be held next week.

Recommend Acceptance.

Glace Bay, N. S., March 4.—A circular letter is being sent out from headquarters of District No. 26, United Mine Workers of America, to the different locals, recommending the acceptance of the wage proposition given at Montreal by the British Empire Steel Corporation to the executive of the district this week. It is signed by five members of the committee. Secretary-Treasurer J. B. McLachlan did not sign.

THE CABINET OF POLAND HAS RESIGNED

Action Follows Failure of the Negotiations Over Annexation of Vilna.

Warsaw, March 4 — The cabinet of Premier Ponikowski has resigned following failure of the negotiations with the Vilna delegation on the text of an act of annexation of the region of Vilna to Poland.

The Vilna delegates refused to sign the act because it did not provide for immediate union but only a later adjustment of the question. The cabinet held out for the Polish terms, and in its stand is reported to have the secret support of the Entente Allies.

The delegates were closeted with the cabinet all of Thursday night, the session finally ending in a deadlock at five o'clock yesterday morning. A three-day celebration which had been planning in connection with the signing has been called off and the delegates are reported to be returning to Vilna.

The Vilna diet on February 21 voted 96 to 6 for complete incorporation with Poland and repudiating all Russian or Lithuanian claims for the district.

AGRICULTURAL ESTIMATES CUT

Boscawen Speaks of Reduction and of the Cattle Embargo.

London, March 4—(Canadian Press)—Sir A. Griffith-Boscawen, minister of agriculture, speaking at Wells last night said the Geddes economy committee proposed to reduce the estimates of the minister of agriculture by £285,171, which came on top of a cut of £1,161,000 effected by the ministry. It was possible, he said, to adopt all the Geddes recommendations except that agreed to cut off £215,000. There would be no reduction in compensation for the slaughter of diseased animals. The number of animals destroyed had been greatly increased by the six outbreaks of foot and mouth disease which was being gradually mastered.

Referring to the Canadian embargo, he said the government was not disposed to sacrifice the great breeding industry of Great Britain in order to enrich certain trades. If Canadian cattle merely replaced British-bred animals, as almost certainly would be the case, how would the butcher benefit? It seemed to be generally forgotten that any number of Canadian cattle could be sent to the British market for slaughter at the ports of entry.

BERRY AGAIN HEADS THE INTERNATIONAL PRESSMEN

Knoxville, Tenn., March 4—Completion of the official canvass of the vote of the International Printing Pressmen and Assistants Union of North America, in the election of officers, showed the re-election of George L. Berry as president and Joseph C. Orr, as secretary, according to a statement issued today by Thomas E. Duncan, chairman of the election board.