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Winston Churchill Is Defeated In British By-Election

ASK THE ELECTION AGENTS TO CHANGE

RECOUNT IS FUTILE FOR CHURCHILL

Former Lloyd George Cabinet Member is Beaten by Conservative.
VOTING IS CLOSE
Many Autos Used to Pick Up Stray Voters in London.

(British United Press.)
London, March 20.—Right Honorable Winston Churchill, former Liberal and holder of several Cabinet posts in the Lloyd George government, was defeated in a by-election in the Westminster Abbey district by Otho Nicholson, Conservative.
The result was announced today. Churchill had broken away from his party, dissatisfied with the attitude of Asquith toward Labor, and ran as an "Independent Anti-Socialist." Because of his extreme attitude of hostility toward the Labor government, Churchill's candidacy aroused great interest.

RECOUNT IS FUTILE

The election was very close, so close, in fact, that Churchill requested a recount, which has been granted. The election figures first given were: Nicholson, Conservative, 8,186; Churchill, Independent, 8,153; Brockway, Labor, 6,165; Buckers, Liberal, 2,090.

After the recount had been made, it was confirmed that Nicholson had been elected.

(By Canadian Press.)
London, March 20.—Winston Churchill, standing as an Independent and anti-Socialist candidate, lost his fight in the election for the Abbey division of Westminster to Otho Nicholson, Conservative, by 87 votes.

The battle, a four-cornered one, was hotly contested and attracted the widest attention.

The result was—Otho Nicholson (Conservative), 8,186; Winston Churchill (Independent), 8,153. A. F. Brockway (Socialist), 6,155. Scott Buckers (Liberal), 2,090. A recount of the votes was ordered. The recount, speedily completed, did not affect the result, Nicholson still leading the pool and with a margin of 10 additional votes.

Mr. Churchill's defeat by this narrow margin was the culmination of the former Lloyd George cabinet member's effort to get back into parliamentary life after having been defeated by a Labor candidate in the general election last December. Mr. Churchill selected the Abbey division of Westminster in which to make his fight, a vacancy having occurred there by the death of Brig.-Gen. J. S. Nicholson, the Conservative member.

Mr. Churchill declined to submit himself for nomination by the regular Conservative organization, because that would have cut him off from the Liberals, so he elected to stand as an Independent Anti-Socialist, as opposed to the present Labor regime. The candidate who defeated him was a nephew of the late Conservative member.

The district was naturally a strong Conservative one, and Mr. Churchill had admitted that his chances of victory lay only in obtaining votes of electors who ordinarily never take the pains to go to the polls. During the balloting yesterday he had more than 200 motor cars carrying them to the polls.

Eighteen Alive In Japanese Submarine

Tokyo, March 20.—Eighteen men were still living today within submarine 43, sunk yesterday off Sasebo naval base in collision with the warship Tatsuha, according to dispatches from that port to the Tokio newspapers.

New Swindler Uses Honest Man's Name

New York, March 20.—A brand new swindler was launched in New York a few days ago. A well-dressed man applied at an employment agency for a position in a bank, giving the name of a prominent banker as reference. The agency telephoned the references, all of whom testified to the splendid character of the applicant.

WANTS INSURANCE MATTER PROBED

T. L. Church Thinks Too Much Goes to Companies in Lapsed Policies.
Ottawa, March 20.—That the whole question of insurance in Canada should be made the subject of a special investigation and that further steps should be taken at that further steps should be taken by the Government to protect interests of the policy holders, was the subject of a resolution introduced by T. L. Church, Conservative, member for North Toronto, in the House yesterday. The acting Minister of Finance, having promised the co-operation of the department of insurance in any investigation undertaken, adjourned the debate for wider discussion at some future date.

Audacious Robe Seen in Paris

Paris, March 20.—The most audacious robe in the world was exhibited at Patou today. The skirt has a double split, extending almost to the waistline, in approved director style. Here, too, the new fashion gives the effect of a loose front panel.

Second Caisson For Dock Coming

It was announced this morning by F. M. Ross, manager of the C. L. Johnson Dry Dock and Shipbuilding Co., that materials for the second caisson for the dry dock would begin to arrive tomorrow and work would be started at once on putting together and placing it in position. The putting of it together would provide employment for fifty riveters for three months, he said.

Wire Briefs

Paris, March 20.—It was officially announced today that the date of the French general elections will be May 11.

Lisbon, March 20.—Fifteen persons were killed when a four-story house collapsed here today. Thirty persons were buried under the ruins.

Amherst, March 20.—C. H. Carter, manager of the local branch of the Bank of Montreal, has been transferred to Hespler, Ont. Mr. Carter has been stationed in Amherst since 1919.

Glouce Bay, March 20.—At a meeting of the Glouce Bay mechanics' local held last night a resolution sponsored by No. 24 local, calling for the holding of a district convention, was rejected. The vote on the resolution was 39 to 18.

Glouce Bay, March 20.—A contract for the construction of a new steel corporation-United Mine Workers agreement has been entered into between the Indian Cove Coal Co. and its employees. The contract was arranged on behalf of the miners by Messrs. Brown, Heustis and Baxter of the U.M.W.

FREE STATE ARMY MAY BE CHANGED

Early Morning Raid at Dublin to Have Far-Reaching Results.
MINISTER QUITS

"Mutiny" Brought to Head by Demand for Change in Policy.

(By Canadian Press.)
Dublin, March 20.—The early morning raid on a meeting of army officers in Parnell Square yesterday is having far-reaching results, and a complete new regime for the Free State army is foreseen.

Among the sensational developments following the raid were the resignation of Richard Mulcahy as minister of defence and a meeting of the executive council at which in addition to Mulcahy's resignation the members decided to ask for the resignations of General MacMahon, chief of the staff; Gen. O'Sullivan, adjutant general, and Gen. O'Murphy, quartermaster general. The whole affair grows out of the army "mutiny" which was brought to a head by the issuance of a letter by Gen. Liam Tobin and Col. Dalton demanding a change in army council and denouncing the policy of widespread demobilization of officers who had "endeavored to place the country on the road to freedom."

ONE MAN IS KILLED IN NEW YORK FIRE

Two Passersby Prove Heroes in Saving Twenty Families From Death.
New York, March 20.—One man was killed and 20 families were heroically saved in fires which partially destroyed small apartment buildings yesterday.

AIMS AT FATHER KILLS HIS MOTHER

Lad, 16, Then Puts Two Bullets Into Father's Body.
Baltimore, March 20.—Russell Gibson, 16 years of age, trying to protect his mother yesterday when his father, James L. Gibson, attacked her with a chair, shot and killed her in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Annie Strahl, near the Back River district.

Mrs. Gibson had left her husband and had gone to live with her daughter two weeks ago. Her own home had been in the same block, with her daughter's home, three doors away.

Yesterday morning at about 10 a.m. he came to Mrs. Strahl's home to see his wife. The daughter refused to let him into the house, but he forced his way in and found Mrs. Gibson in the dining room. He picked up a chair, Mrs. Strahl said, when Russell, the son, who had been home from school for several days, came in.

When he saw his father about to attack his mother with a chair, he rushed away and came back with a .25-calibre automatic pistol. Leveling it at his father, he was pulling the trigger, when his mother rushed in from the kitchen. The bullet entered just below the heart. As she fell the boy fired two more shots, both of which hit the father, one in the left shoulder and one in the right side.

Americans Curtail Appetites in Berlin

Berlin, March 21.—Americans here who take their meals at the cafes and hotel restaurants have lost their taste for grape fruit, sliced pineapple, and even the old-fashioned baked apple. A grape fruit, served in the restaurants, costs a dollar or more for one scarcely larger than an orange. A slice of canned pineapple costs 75 cents, and a baked apple about the size of a walnut, without cream or sugar, costs 80 cents.

Ticklish Problem Is Presented To Court

Boston, March 20.—Moses S. Lourie, president of the Boston University Law School Alumni Association, told recently of an unusual problem presented to him over the telephone from the clerk of court in New Bedford. An elderly woman of very small means, was summoned to appear in court in strict accordance with the law for failure to keep the sidewalk in front of her humble dwelling free from ice and snow. On her way up the court house steps in answer to the summons, she slipped on the ice and snow that lay there in great layers, fell and injured herself. The situation between the court and the old lady is still pending. But it looks as though the court will deal very leniently with her.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR PROVINCE

Gain is Made For Public Buildings, But Reduction For Harbors and Rivers.
Ottawa, March 20.—The large appropriations for public works in New Brunswick, provided for in the Edmundston, public building, \$30,000; Edmundston, customs and immigration building, at International Bridge, \$4,100; St. John, customs house, repairs and improvements, \$8,000; St. John, post office, repairs, \$3,900; St. John quarantine station, Parkside Island, repairs and improvements, \$10,000; Partridge Island, water supply, \$6,000; St. John quarantine, \$20,000; Sackville, public building, \$22,000; Caraquet, re-building wharf, \$27,000; Cocagne Cape, \$14,000; Harbors and rivers generally, repairs and improvements, \$45,000; Robichaud's (Savo's) Landing, \$11,000.

PARLIAMENT WILL Consider Pensions

Ottawa, March 20.—Old age pensions will be the subject of investigation by a special committee of parliament this session. It was stated yesterday in answer to a question.

Ada Blackjack Will Accept Stefansson Aid

Seattle, March 20.—Ada Blackjack, who survived the strain of life on Wrangell Island, when four white men, composing the remainder of an expedition led there by Allan Crawford, of Toronto, perished, but who was brought down with tonsillitis, in this city, received an offer of help today from Vilhjalmur Stefansson, Arctic explorer.

Alberta Farmers Get More For Wheat

Winnipeg, March 19.—Alberta farmers who marketed their grain through the provincial wheat pool of that province will receive an additional 10 cents a bushel shortly, according to D. L. Smith, selling agent for the pool of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange.

Ontario To Vote On Liquor Issue

Toronto, March 20.—Further supplementary estimates to a total of \$1,632,285 were brought down in the legislature yesterday. Included is an item for \$500,000 "to provide for the expenses of a plebiscite upon certain questions of questions affecting the Ontario Temperance Act." As this item was not reached in committee there was no comment on it in the House although it has created much interest among members in the lobbies.

SINN FEINER TAKES SEAT IN LONDON

Is First Ever to Attend Session of British House of Commons.
LOUDLY CHEERED

Attempts Speech, But Quits After Several Calls to Order.

London, March 20.—Cahir Healy, fresh from internment in Ulster, took the oath and assumed his seat in the British House of Commons yesterday, being the first Sinn Feiner ever to do so.

He was given a cheering reception from the Labor and Liberal benches as he went to the table between his introducers, "Tay Pay" O'Connor and T. J. S. Harrison, to swear allegiance to the King and constitution. Later he launched his maiden speech, in which he attacked the Government of Northern Ireland. He was repeatedly called to order, owing mostly to breaches of the House rules, with which he was unacquainted. After a few minutes' struggle under these adverse conditions he threw up the sponge and was down smiling at his fall.

JAILED AS HOTELS FORD MEN

Men Seeking Work in District Find no Other Accommodations.

Iron Mountain, Mich., March 20.—The city and county jails here have become temporary rooming houses. Last night and for several nights lately all calls have been occupied by persons unable to procure rooms.

TEVIOT SIGHTS A FLOATING SPAR

Fears of Marine Disaster Follow Radio Report to Halifax.
Halifax, N. S., March 20.—Indications of a marine disaster were reported to C. H. Harvey, agent for the Marine and Fisheries Department, in the form of a radio message from Cape Sable. The message read: "S. S. Teviot reports at 0.05 a.m. off Cape Sable Light, 31 degrees nine miles, passed large spar standing vertically twelve feet out of water. Apparently ship's spar attached to wreckage. Message to navigation."

Republic Scheduled In Persia Tomorrow

London, March 20.—It is expected that a republic will be proclaimed in Persia tomorrow, according to dispatches from Teheran. The dispatches indicate that the change in regime may be made by the government itself. There has been an increasing growth in the strength of the republican wing of the Majlis of parliament, ever since the Shah departed for Europe.

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Britisher Seized by U. S.



Photo shows the S. S. Orduña, the \$3,000,000 British trans-Atlantic steamer. This vessel has been seized by U. S. customs officials for alleged rum and narcotic running. It is now in New York harbor.

Robber Gang Opens Store to Dispose Of Loot Taken From Berlin Residence

Berlin, March 20.—Ingenious thieves ransacked the palatial home of Baron von Plessen in Berlin recently, and so successful was their one night's work that a dummy jewelry store was opened a few days afterward to sell in disposing of the stolen goods to a few selected customers. Among the precious stones obtained by the robbers was a 550 carat aquamarine, said to be one of the most valuable in all Europe. The stone came originally from Russia, and at various times has been in possession of European royal families.

BISHOP IS DEFIED

New York Congregation Refuses to Cancel Eurythmic Dance Plans.
New York, March 20.—The vestry of the Episcopal church of St. Mark's in the Bowery, decided last night after a three hour meeting to defy Bishop William T. Manning and uphold their pastor, Rev. Dr. Wm. Norman Guthrie, in the holding of eurythmic dances, the so-called pagan ritual which he has introduced into church festivities.

White Sox Chief Is Operated On

Chicago, March 20.—Charles A. Comiskey, owner of the Chicago Americans, is in a hospital to undergo an operation today for gallstones. According to attending surgeons he is in good physical condition and should suffer no ill-effects.

Weather Report

Synopsis—Pressure is high over and to the north of the Great Lakes, while an important disturbance from the Gulf of Mexico is moving northward towards the middle states. The weather is comparatively mild throughout the Dominion.

War Debt Cut

Most of Great Britain's Indebtedness to Canada is Now Wiped Out.
Ottawa, March 20.—Most of Britain's indebtedness to Canada on war account has been wiped out by credit certificates and the handling of Canada's commitments overseas. At February 29, 1924, Britain had been debited with \$65,880,496. She had been credited with \$62,000,000. The debt owed by other European countries makes a total of \$1,000,000,000. They comprise:—Roumania—\$23,909,720. Greece—\$8,774,275. Belgium—\$5,709,847. France—\$5,300,000. Russia—\$55,571. Including Britain's unpaid proportion, this makes a total owed Canada on war account of nearly fifty million dollars.

LABOR MEN AND CABINET IN SESSION

Large Delegation at Fredericton This Morning to Present Claims.
ASK AMENDMENTS

Memoranda Submitted in Reply to Requests of Lumbermen's Assoc.

(Special to The Times.)
Fredericton, March 20.—A large delegation from the Federation of Labor waited upon the government this morning and presented replies to the requests of the Lumbermen's Association for changes in the Compensation Act, and made as well several other requests of and recommendations to the executive.

Commendation of the action of the government in appointing a commission of enquiry on the Mothers' Allowance Act and Minimum Wage Act for women and children was expressed in the final section of the memoranda submitted.

Opposition to a Moncton city bill, No. 18, now before the Legislature, giving the police magistrate additional powers with respect to the penalties for women of disorderly character, was expressed.

Development of the water powers of the country by the government under public ownership, with particular reference to Grand Falls and Petitcodiac, was also recommended, as were free school books, of which the delegation said there was immediate need in all the public schools.

Amendments to the factories and public health acts were suggested with respect to the examination and licensing of stationary engineers and regulations respecting examination and licensing of master and journeymen plumbers.

The election and mining acts also came in for a share of attention, and an amendment was suggested to the former to provide for a proportional representation with single transferable votes in provincial, municipal and civic elections. In connection with the latter act, legislation is to be enacted for the regulation and inspection of mines to conform to the decisions of the federation of labor laws commission.

A request was made to give legislative effect to the recommendations made by the International Labor Conference with respect to an eight-hour day; the maintenance of employment agencies; and the abolition of private agencies; the restriction of the employment of women immediately prior to and subsequent to child birth; a prohibition to the employment of women and young persons during the night; fixing the minimum age of young persons entering industry, and providing one day's rest in seven for all workers.

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