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ANTICIPATE END OF THE COALITION GOVERNMENT

Opinion General That Present Session of British House is Last.

Length of Its Life Seems of More Interest Than Matters to Come Before It—Political Writers Think Resignation Inevitable.

London, Feb. 7.—The approaching end of the coalition government which has controlled Great Britain's destinies since early in the world war was seen in the reassembling at noon today of parliament for what is regarded on all sides as its last session.

The sitting was to be opened by the King and Queen with the customary picturesque formalities. The speech from the throne was expected to include, among other matters bearing on the public mind, an appreciation of the success of the Washington conference.

General interest, however, was taken with any specific subject which might come before the two houses than with the question of the duration of the present parliament, and the government's tenure of office.

The newspapers of all party affiliations, excepting the few definitely supporting the government, for a long time have been indulging the administration for its alleged delinquencies, each party organ having its own grounds for attack.

Uncertainty of Results. The extreme uncertainty of the political situation was revealed at an early date that its resignation is inevitable.

Such headlines as "On the Brink," and "Under the Shadow of Dissolution," which top the political columns today, are sufficiently indicative of the general belief. In these circumstances, the premier's speech, which is expected today or tomorrow, is awaited with keen interest.

Efforts Towards Economy. The Times parliamentary correspondent credits Mr. Lloyd George himself with the desire to enter the present parliament, but thinks the house of commons may adopt a critical mood and make efforts to prolong the situation. He says: "The premier will be quite glad if no unforeseen troubles arise and will bring the session to an end in the hope of securing for the next government the desires to lead, a more homogeneous if smaller, majority."

As regards Ireland, there must be at least two bills, one establishing the Irish Free State, and the other conferring indemnities for acts committed under martial law. How much time passage of these measures will take cannot be foreseen, but in view of the present position of Irish affairs the government certainly will do its utmost to hasten them along although it bills stir up controversy delay is inevitable.

SAVE TWO FROM MONTREAL FIRE. Owner and Another Rescued by Firemen When Cafe Burns—Explosion Follows Flames.

Montreal, Feb. 7.—Two men, Jos. Narisio and John Caffagnone, were this morning rescued by firemen Lachapelle and Carriere from a rear room in the Dominion Cafe, Craig street, which had become enveloped in flames, following a domino explosion caused, it is thought, by gas.

British Parliament Is Opened With Much Pomp

TENURE OF OFFICE IS CHIEF ITEM OF INTEREST AT TODAY'S SESSION

King in Speech from Throne Pays High Tribute to Washington Conference—Refers to Negotiations With France and Belgium re Prevention of German Attack—The Irish Agreement and Unemployment.

London, Feb. 7.—Parliament re-assembled at noon today for a session in which the political situation loomed largely as affecting the present government's tenure of office.

The king and queen again, as in December, opened the session in full state, with all the pomp and ceremony of pre-war days.

The King's Speech. London, Feb. 7.—The imperial parliament, which was prorogued early December 19, to await action on the Irish treaty by the Dail, was re-opened today with the reading of an unprovoked attack by King George.

Regarding the Irish treaty, the king said parliament would be called upon to consider "such measures as may be necessary to give effect to the agreement."

He also touched upon the negotiations for a pact with France to guarantee action in the event of an unprovoked attack by Germany, and paid high tribute to the accomplishments of the Washington conference.

The Washington Meeting. In his speech the king said: "During the last three months the Washington conference on the questions of disarmament and the Far Eastern situation has been in session. A treaty designed to maintain peace in the Pacific has been signed by representatives of the British empire, the United States, France and Japan and awaits ratification."

While this treaty replaces the Anglo-Japanese alliance, I am happy to feel that the long-standing concord between the two countries remains as cordial as ever under the arrangements so concluded. At the same time our American friends enter into closer relations with the United States of phase of friendship.

An agreement also was reached on the question of disarmament and a treaty has been signed providing a large measure of relief from the burden of armaments. In all these respects great results have been attained, and the situation in Paris may result in an early solution which will terminate the conflict in a manner honorable to all parties concerned.

German Reparations. "The problem of securing payment of reparations by Germany in the manner most comfortable to the general interest engages the continuous consideration of my ministers and of our allies. The German government, at the request of the Allies, has themselves submitted proposals which are now under consideration.

"Discussions recently initiated are now proceeding between my government and France and Belgium with a view to conclusion of agreements for common action in the event of an unprovoked attack by Germany.

"The situation in the Near East continues to engage the anxious attention of my government, and it is my earnest hope that the forthcoming allied discussions in Paris may result in an early solution which will terminate the conflict in a manner honorable to all parties concerned.

Efforts Towards Economy. To the house of commons the king said that the estimates for services for the coming year would be submitted today, "with a view to reducing the expenditures to the lowest possible total, in order to relieve the people as much as possible from their heavy burdens. Retrenchment of a great scale would be hard on individuals, but it is a time of great industrial depression such as that through which the world at present is passing that every effort should be made to reduce the expenditures by all, and in every direction and I look for your support in securing essential economies."

To both the house of lords and the commons he said: "The articles of agreement signed by my ministers and the Irish delegation, to which you already have signified assent, have now been approved in Ireland, and the provisional government contemplated in that instrument is at present engaged in taking over the administration of the country.

"Final establishment of the Irish Free State as a partner in the British Commonwealth is anxiously awaited throughout the world. You will therefore be invited at an early date to consider such measures as may be necessary to give effect to the agreement. A bill accordingly will also be submitted to you. Unemployment Problem. "The great continued volume of unemployment among my people causes me deepest concern and will continue to receive the earnest attention of my ministers. The only remedy for this distressing situation is to be found in improvement of international rivalries and suspension and in the improvement of conditions under which trade is carried on all over the world.

"For these reasons I welcome arrangements now making for the meeting of an international conference at Genoa at which I trust it will be possible to establish peace on a fair basis in Europe and to reach a settlement of many important questions arising out of the pressing need for financial and economic reconstruction.

House of Lords Reform. "Proposals will be submitted to you for the reform of the house of lords and an adjustment of the differences between the two houses."

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram" said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "I notice that the former is the subject of considerable solicitation in the United States as well as in Canada. He has become a real necessity."

"Well," said Hiram, "I had to make considerable noise above he got anywhere—all he isn't stay, it's all right to be too quiet. If it wasn't for what he raises in this country wouldn't he be much trade. He's got the biggest job here in Canada. An' it ain't his fault if you've to pay two or three prices for what he raises. If he could get what you pay, or anywhere near it—he'd get rich. The fact nobody has so many poor relations that has to get a slice—from the railroad to the middleman as the feller that sells the goods, is a pretty good thing, but you go to make it with while for farmers to stay on the farm or they won't stay—and there's all there is to it. That's what Canada an' the States ain't doin'—By Hen!"

Board of Guardians Locked Up by Unemployed. Held Prisoners Until 4.30 This Morning—Increased Doles Demanded—The Red Flag on Roof.

London, Feb. 7.—The Poplar Board of Guardians—local officials responsible for levying and distributing relief for the poor in the Metropolitan borough of Poplar—were locked in their board room last night and held prisoners until four thirty this morning by a crowd of unemployed persons who demanded large doles. A number of newspapermen shared the imprisonment of the guardians. The captors effectively prevented use of the telephone or other means of communications to summon relief.

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IRISH SITUATION KEEPS PREMIER FROM OPENING

Lloyd George and Chamberlain Both Absent This Morning—Conference with Griffiths While Royal Procession Passes.

(Canadian Press Cable.) London, Feb. 7.—The critical stage which the Irish negotiations has now reached prevented Mr. Lloyd George and Austen Chamberlain, government leader in the house of commons, from attending the opening of parliament today. It is a somewhat unusual occurrence for the premier not to be in attendance while the king's speech is being read.

Arthur Griffith, president of the Dail, called at No. 10 Downing street, the premier's official residence, before noon, and was in conference with the premier and Mr. Chamberlain at the time the royal procession was passing through Whitehall. The conference had not been concluded when King George delivered his speech. It appeared this-morning that matters connected with the Irish negotiations probably will prevent Mr. Lloyd George from attending parliament until the late afternoon.

BRITISH TRADE THROUGH U. S. Federation of British Industries Take Objection to Practice—Urge Appointment of Canadian Representatives.

London, Feb. 7.—(Canadian Press) The Federation of British Industries announces that every effort has been made to sell their goods, as far as Canada is concerned, through American houses in the United States who act as their agents.

In certain instances manufacturers wrote asking for the names of the clients in Canada so that they could place their goods before them. "Canadian agents" whose addresses were in the United States of America (and were definitely American houses) suggesting that they would get into direct touch with the clients in person through these sources.

Great objection, says the F. B. I., have been taken to this practice by Canadian purchasers. At a time like the present, when Canada is without doubt one of the best potential overseas markets for British goods, the federation declares that firms doing business with Canada who have not as yet appointed Canadian firms as their agents, should consider the matter seriously for the reason above stated.

BRITISH PARTY AT CONFERENCE RETURNS HOME. New York, Feb. 7.—Diplomats and officials of various nations gathered here today to bid farewell to many notable figures in the international affairs sailing on the S. S. Aquitania for Southampton and Cherbourg.

Among the passengers was Arthur J. Bonar, the British delegate to the armament conference, Lord Lee of Fareham, first lord of the admiralty, and Lady Lee; Rear Admiral Sir Chatfield and Lieut.-Colonel M. F. Day.

BOLSHEVIKI TO SPRUCE UP FOR GENOA MEETING. Moscow, Feb. 7.—Special instructions have been issued to the Russian Soviet delegates to the Genoa conference that long hair should be trimmed and leather jackets and top boots discarded, and that those in the party should dress in a dignified manner. All the delegates are buying new clothes in order to present a good appearance and to show the world, as one of them expressed it, that the Bolsheviks are like "ordinary people."

WORD OF STORM COMING THIS WAY

New York, Feb. 7.—The weather bureau today issued the following warning: "Northwest wind warning nine thirty a. m. north of Virginia Capes to Boston. Storm of marked intensity centered near Cape Cod will move rapidly northward during next twenty four hours, attended by strong northeast and north winds, heavy rain, and snow showers, and thick weather, rain or snow."

AGAINST HOLDING AUTO LOTTERY. Resolution Passed by Ministerial Association of Fredericton—News of the Capital.

Fredricton, N. B., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—L. MacNeil, collector of customs, Fredericton, left Monday night for Boston where his wife had gone for consultation with a specialist. An immediate operation is necessary.

The ministerial association of Fredericton by resolution condemned the holding of a lottery for a car in connection with the fair now being conducted by the board of council and Red Cross society for funds for relief work in this city during the present winter. This is in addition to the criticism made from the pulpit by Rev. Z. L. Fash, pastor of the George street Baptist Church.

THE SENATOR. G. Heber Vroom, of Vroom & Arnold, received a telephone call from Chance Harbor this morning saying that men were still engaged removing cargo from the Boston schooner Senator, but so far they have not been able to right her.

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

Synopsis: Marketed depressions are situated over Newfoundland and North Carolina and pressure is high over the west and southwest states and in the far northwestern portion of the continent.

A moderately heavy snowfall has occurred over western Quebec and the maritime provinces and snow flurries in Ontario.

Snow Tomorrow. Forecasts: Maritime, fair and moderately cold today, northwest and northwesterly winds, light local snowfalls or flurries, but generally fair and colder today and on Wednesday.

New England: Unsettled and colder tonight. Snow on the southeast coast. Wednesday fair and colder; strong north and northwest winds, probably gales.

Toronto, Feb. 7.—Lowest Highest during 8 a. m. yesterday night

Table with 2 columns: City, Temperature. Rows include Prince Rupert, Victoria, Kamloops, Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg, White River, Sault Ste. Marie, Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, St. John, N. B., Halifax, St. John's, Nfld., Detroit, New York.

TAYLOR'S FORMER BUTLER CHARGED WITH HIS MURDER

Suspected Man Being Shadowed in Nevada. Actress Under Gruelling Examination—Victim to be Buried in British Captain's Uniform—Firing Squad of Canadians.

Los Angeles, Feb. 7.—A telegraphic warrant charging Edward J. Sanda, alias Edward Fitzstrathmore, former butler to William Desmond Taylor with the murder of the film director in his apartment here, was issued by the Los Angeles police late last night and wired to Constable B. B. Berning, Carlin, Nevada, according to information received by the Los Angeles Examiner today.

The police acted, it was said, following the receipt of a telegram early in the evening from Constable Berning that he had under surveillance there a man whose description was said to answer to that of Sanda.

A complete description of Sanda with instructions to take the suspect there into custody, provided he answered the details pictured by the local police.

The suspicions of Constable Berning at Carlin were aroused when he learned that the man under surveillance at that place planned to board the train today at Elko. He communicated with the Los Angeles police and the latter sent a description of Sanda to him and to Sheriff Hanna at Elko.

The police were hopeful Constable Berning's suspicions might prove correct if they have stated they believe Sanda could solve the Taylor slaying.

Another angle of the case involved the "long and grueling" examination of the detectives described it, of a well known motion picture actress at her home here who had stated they believe Sanda was one of a number who have had intimate friendship with Taylor.

While these developments were in progress and the police were sifting the constantly arriving "tips" on the case from various sources preparations were made for the funeral of the dead director at two o'clock this afternoon.

Taylor's body clothed in the uniform of a captain of the British army has been viewed by thousands of friends and others in the undertaking establishment where it lies awaiting today's interment.

While the funeral is in progress every motion picture studio in Los Angeles will be closed.

Eight active-pull bearers from the members of the motion picture director association and eight honorary ones from the British overseas club have been named. In addition there will be a firing squad of Canadian ex-service men, who will fire a salute over the casket at the cemetery.

Note from Mary Minter. Los Angeles, Feb. 7.—A scented note dropped from one of Taylor's books while police detectives were making an examination of his effects, according to the Los Angeles Examiner.

It was on the butler's monogrammed stationery of Mary Miles Minter. It read as follows: "Dearest: 'I love you—I love you—I love you. XXXXXXXX! Yours always 'Mary.'"

The last X was two inches in height followed by an exclamation point an inch in height. Mary Miles Minter did not deny authorship of the letter, according to the Examiner today.

"I did love William Taylor," she said "I loved him deeply and tenderly, with all the admiration and respect a young girl gives to a man with the poise and culture of Mr. Taylor."

Taylor and Miss Minter met at San Barbara two years ago. He was her director and it was her first venture as motion picture actress. They later went to New York with the company.

N. Y. Man Cleared. The wealthy young New York man who was reported to have left Los Angeles on the day following the murder of Taylor, and who was examined of one of the motion picture actresses, whom police have been questioning in connection with the case, was located late last night by private detectives, according to these investigators he gave an account of himself which they say practically eliminated him from consideration in connection with the case. He was said to be a rejected suitor of an actress reported as Taylor's friend.

NO JUSTIFICATION OF WITHDRAWAL BY CITY OF TORONTO

Premier Drury on Matter of \$32,000,000 "Clean Up" Deal for Mackenzie Power and Radial Interests.

Toronto, Feb. 7.—Premier Drury, if the city to go through with the \$32,000,000 "clean up" deal for the Mackenzie Power and Radial interests, Mayor Maguire having taken away on Saturday the agreement which the city deposited with the hydro-radial commission after ratifying it last December, intimated that there had been no change in the situation which would, in his opinion, justify withdrawal by the city.

The premier said he thought the government would demand the return of the document taken away by Mr. Maguire unless the Conservatives can save Canada.

"I do not think," he continued, "that we can allow anything that has taken place to interfere with the standing of the clean up deal. That was entered into and recommended by the hydro-electric commission, recommended to the government as a matter that was in the general interests of hydro-electric development and that was approved by the wisdom or unwisdom of the act."

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