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CRITICAL STAGE FOR MR. ASQUITH FEARS SNAP VOTE

British Government Laboring Under Accumulation of Troubles Which May End in Defeat.

THE MARCONI AFFAIR

Is Damaging the Liberals, The Nothing Is Proved—Lord Murray's Absence Looks Bad.

(Special to The Sunday World.)

LONDON, June 7.—The Asquith Government is passing thru another critical stage of its existence. Great depression and apprehension prevail among the ministerialists in the house of commons, and they hardly conceal their fear that the crowning catastrophe may come any day, thru another snap vote, leaving the government in the minority.

The government is laboring under an accumulation of troubles.

The Unionists are still keeping the Marconi affair open, knowing it is damaging the Liberals. The nothing in the nature of corruption is proved. The belated disclosure of another 3000 share deal by the former Liberal chief whip, now Lord Murray of Elibank, in American Marconis enables the Unionists to stimulate suspicion that not all the facts have been brought out. They now suggest, but dare not openly charge, that Murray, who had control of the party funds, paid for these shares out of the party funds.

Asquith ignored this peremptory message and gave the woolpack to Lord Haldane without consulting Murray, whereupon the latter resigned.

Insurance Act. Moreover, a campaign against the Insurance Act is being vigorously continued and the Unionists are persuading the working class that they have an alternative scheme which will provide greater benefits without anyone feeling the cost. These desperate expedients of the Unionists are inspired not only by hunger for office, but to defeat the operation of the Parliament Act by getting the government out by any means before home rule and other bills can be passed over the head of the house of lords next summer.

A regular system for rushing snap divisions at short notice on a favorable opportunity has been perfected by the Unionist whips, who know where to find every man on their side at any moment during the sitting of the house. This imposes a terrific strain on the ministerialists, which is wearing out their patience. Those who are to retire at the next election are getting indifferent.

Play on Fear. The Unionists continue to play on the absurd fears of their countrymen. The aeroplane scare has come to stay. Every week it is dished up in new guise to make the public's flesh creep. War Minister Seeley is seriously accused of being a traitor to his country because he does not purchase a thousand aeroplanes right away, altho the type is constantly changing and he has only enough men to fly two hundred.

Derby Suffragette In Sinking Condition

Doctors Declare There Is No Hope For The Recovery of Miss Davidson.

EPSOM, June 7.—Miss Emily Wilding Davidson, the suffragette who was severely injured in attempting to stop the King's horse while it was running in the Derby on Wednesday, is in a sinking condition at the local hospital. The doctors in attendance declare that there is no hope for her recovery.

All Competition Must Go Toronto's First Requirement

Sir William Mackenzie Has Mayor's Proposition for the Taking Over of Street Railway and Electric Light Plant and Negotiations Will Be Resumed In A Week

"I'm not playing tag, and I'm not bluffing. I'm quite willing to sell to the city at a fair price." That was the way Sir William Mackenzie put it to Mayor Hocken when an agreement was made to negotiate for the municipalization of the Toronto Railway Co. and Toronto Electric Light Co. systems. Sir William has now in full detail Toronto's requirements in the bargain. He will give his reply in a day or two, and will have a conference with Mayor Hocken when the mayor returns from his week's trip to Baltimore and New York. One of Toronto's requirements is that the city will be swept clean of all competition with rapid transit service and electric light and power service. That means that complete municipal control of those services would be established.

What is rather more of a suggestion than a requirement is that the radial lines operate only to the city limits. There each car would be taken over by a conductor of the municipal rapid transit service and by him operated until it returned to the city limits. Thus the radial cars would be operated as a part of the municipal service within the limits. This would render unnecessary a terminus in the city for the radial lines. It is expected that Sir William will fall in with the suggestion.

TORONTO AGAIN TO SEE "DEBORAH"

Play Condemned in Police Court and Given Clean Bill by Judge Morson to Be Revived.

Toronto will see "Deborah" after all. It ran for three nights late in May, was "pinched" by Rev. Mr. Coburn, prohibited by Police Magistrate Denison and suppressed by Inspector Stephen.

But there was a come-back. Judge Morson quashed the conviction against the manager and players for producing an immoral play, and the play, which was presented for the first time on any stage at the Princess Theatre on May 19, is revived.

Carlotta Nilsson and the complete cast that presented the piece here before will be seen in the revival. It will be played as passed and approved by the official censor of the City of Toronto.

Manager Maynard Waite stated on Saturday that he felt that in justice to the members of the company and the author, the piece should have a further hearing in Toronto now that the courts had stated that the play was opportune and taught a great moral lesson.

"I believe that there are a great many Toronto players who will want to see 'Deborah,'" said Manager Waite, "and we want to give them the opportunity, and at the same time we feel that we should play our engagement here, which was interrupted by attacks upon us."

"There is a possibility that we will play other Canadian cities, possibly Kingston and Ottawa, and then the production will be taken to New York preparatory to a Broadway opening early in the season. A number of prominent producing managers will come from New York to see the performance on Monday evening."

Head Set on Fire By Lightning Flash

Remarkable Experience of Young Irishman on Moscow Avenue.

To be struck by lightning and set on fire was the unusual experience of a young Irishman in the east end on Friday night. Yet he escaped without the slightest noticeable injury.

The young man had recently met a severe injury to his head, as a result of a train accident, and was returning to his home from the doctor's who had dressed the wounds.

When approaching the corner of Moscovy and Crutchshanks avenues the storm suddenly burst open him, and he was driven back by the terrific force of the wind, which also caused him to lose his hat. Just as his hat left his head a flash of lightning struck and ignited the lining of the bandages. Fortunately, however, the blaze only lasted a second and did not take hold, and on his being taken into a house close by he was found to have been but little the worse for his adventure, except slightly dazed.



LATEST ARREST OF MRS. PANKHUKST. THE SUFFRAGETTE LEADER TRIED TO GET AWAY FROM THE GUARDED HOUSE AT WORKING AND FOUND A TAXICAB WITH A DETECTIVE WAITING FOR HER. SHE FAINTED AND WHEN RESTORED SHE WAS TAKEN TO PRISON.

Lumberjack Slips Cuffs Shoots Two Sheriffs Dead

James Sutton and Alfred Scribner Killed by Russian After They Had Arrested Him For Stabbing at Camp Near the Soo.

SAULT STE. MARIE, Ont., June 7.—Two men are dead and one seriously wounded as the result of a fight last night at Brimley, 12 miles from the Soo.

Joseph Tovens, in custody of Deputy Sheriffs James Sutton and Alfred Scribner of Brimley, slipped his handcuffs, and drawing a revolver, turned it on both men and shot them dead.

Tovens, a Russian lumberjack, was wanted for stabbing Joe Teeple during a fight at Brimley 1st night. The double shooting occurred at the lumber camp of Otto Schoales, near Wellburg. Tovens made his escape and is hiding somewhere in the woods.

A posse of lumberjacks, farmers and river men, armed with axes, rifles, pitchforks, canthooks and anything they could lay their hands on, are scouring the woods.

Tovens had not been found at noon. Sheriff Bone and five deputies left this morning to join the searchers and protect Tovens in case he is found.

Brimley is in a high state of excitement, and officials fear for Tovens' safety.

Author's Brother Guilty of Libel

Cecil Chesterton Heavily Fined For Criminal Libel Against Godfrey Isaacs.

LONDON, June 7.—A verdict of guilty was returned against Cecil Chesterton, a brother of G. K. Chesterton, the author, at the central criminal court today on a charge of criminal libel.

Accused had charged Godfrey Isaacs, managing director of the Marconi Company, in articles written in The Eye-Witness and The New Witness, with corruption in connection with the British Government's wireless contract. Some of the most prominent counsel at the English bar were engaged in the case.

Chesterton was fined \$500 and all the costs of the prosecution, which will be exceedingly heavy, as the trial lasted ten days. He is to be kept in prison until the fine has been paid.

RAIN HELPS CROP CONDITIONS SMALLER AREA SOWN TO WHEAT INCREASES IN OATS AND BARLEY

Wheat, Oats and Flax Could Never Be Excelled at This Season Is Report From Saskatchewan and Manitoba—Some Crops Yet to Be Sown in Wet Lands.

Special to The Sunday World.

WINNIPEG, June 7.—Latest reports from all parts of the west regarding the growing crops indicate favorable conditions. Rains have fallen everywhere and the weather otherwise has been favorable for rapid and vigorous vegetation.

Seeding has been finished, or practically so. Some flax and a few catch crops may yet be sown in districts where plowing was belated owing to wet lands. As very little fall plowing was done last year, and spring being too backward to enable farmers to make up for lost time, there will be a decrease in the area sown to wheat on old lands that will scarcely be made up by new land that has been cropped this season for the first time; but there will be very considerable increases in oat and barley acreages.

Farmers, in their anxiety to get in their crops, resorted to the expedient of discing in their seed on unplowed stubble. With favorable conditions throughout the season they may get a fair return, but the result of this method of sowing is always uncertain and more often results in failure than otherwise.

However, it is too early to make any surmises or predictions respecting the possible outcome of the crops, sufficient to say, that at the present moment conditions are satisfactory and reasonable, the rapid growth of the past week or so having fully compensated for the lateness and the unusual chilliness of the spring. The wheat in some localities is fully ten inches high.

Southern Alberta sends highly gratifying reports regarding all cereal crops, and from Saskatchewan and Manitoba the message is: "Wheat, oat and flax could scarcely be better and were never excelled at this period of the growing season in any previous year."

A great deal of new land is being broken in the three provinces, and an enormous area will be added to next year's grain producing acreage.

Much interest is being aroused among farmers in the matter of alfalfa growing, and experiments are being made in many parts of the country. Serious shortage of live stock and consequent high prices is reviving interest in mixed farming, and farmers are disposed to devote more attention to this system than they have been doing during the past few years, tho they complain that unless prices can be maintained at the standard figures stock raising will not pay in this country, as labor is high and as

a rule inefficient and untrustworthy, and building material also is so expensive that one requires considerable capital to erect necessary building for proper winter housing of stock.

Farmers in some of the well established grain growing districts have disposed of all their live stock and buy their butter and eggs, etc., in town. They claim they can afford to do this and besides their wives and daughters are relieved of unpleasant chores. They maintain that it was the labor problem that finally induced them to abandon the stock business, tho a few years ago, when cattle was plentiful in the country, prices were so low that there was no money in it, and they were

TO VACCINATE WHOLE SCHOOL

Outbreak of Smallpox in Wallace Township Traced to Lebanon High School.

LISTOWEL, June 7.—(Special.)—Owing to an outbreak of smallpox in Wallace Township the local board of health met this afternoon and took steps to prevent the spread of the disease.

Provincial Officer McNally was summoned and today diagnosed at least three or four cases which were formerly thought to have been chickenpox, and found them to be smallpox.

The disease originated in the Lebanon School, Wallace Township. Two students attending the local high school from that section were taken down with the disease, and on that account the town board of health has ordered that the school be thoroughly disinfected, and that before any of the pupils be allowed to return they must be vaccinated.

Monday and Tuesday have been set as vaccination days. A medical officer will be in attendance, and the scholars will be vaccinated free. It has been decided that all of the students except those writing on examinations, shall be dismissed. The others, before being allowed to write, will be required to produce a certificate of vaccination.

Many of the pupils are reluctant at being vaccinated, and it is thought that the outbreak will play havoc with examination results.

So far there are no cases of the disease within the limits of Listowel, and the town board of health is doing all in its power to prevent such. Dr. McNally has met with representatives of the township board of health to devise the best way of handling the cases in Wallace. No doubt the Lebanon School will be ordered closed.

Rev. Coburn Would Risk Going to Jail

"I am going to say some things today if I have to go to jail for them. I don't care about contempt of court," said the Rev. John Coburn, in venting his feeling at the Congregational Union Saturday morning. He went on to take Judges Morson and Morgan and Hartley Dewart, K.C., over the coals. As a result of his address a resolution was passed condemning such public amusements as "Deborah" as preying on the undisciplined imaginations of the young and undisciplined.

Colonel Denison, who convicted the players in the "Deborah" case, was amused at the action of Judge Morson in quashing his conviction. "I convicted the company on the performance of Tuesday and distinctly said so. This performance, the judge said, was immoral and quashed the conviction because what happened the next two days was authorized by the censor."

CARPENTERS WILL RETURN TO WORK

Two Hundred Employers Sign Agreement to Pay Higher Wages—Boilermakers Returning to Work.

Arrangements have been completed whereby 1200, or almost half, of the striking carpenters will return to their work on Monday morning. This is the outcome of over 200 employers signing agreements to pay the men their demands. The men, whose employers have not signed agreements, will continue their strike until places are found for them.

Two mass meetings were held Saturday at the Labor Temple, and as a result the strike was officially declared off at noon.

"We won't have a striking carpenter on our hands by Tuesday night," said Mr. Moore of the Brotherhood of Carpenters to The Sunday World Saturday afternoon. "Contractors are now coming to us right along, as they realize that the longer they hold out the more probable it is that they will secure incompetent workmen. They are beginning to realize that a man who will work for 42 cents an hour will not likely be as good a mechanic as those receiving 45 cents."

"We anticipate no trouble in either placing those men who are still on the strike roll," continued Mr. Moore. "Beside the additional men required to catch up lost time, the regular general rush in building will soon be starting, making a greater demand for the men."

Fifty boilermakers and helpers are now off the strike roll. A settlement was reached between the men and the Polson Iron Works, and the men have received increases on a graded scale. Over 200 men are still out, but it is expected that agreements will be signed by the other firms within the next few days.

Civic Reception To the Delegates

About five thousand people attended the reception given by the city to the Presbyterian delegates on Saturday afternoon on the university quadrangle. The quadrangle part of the campus were enclosed with red and white awnings. There were two immense marquees and the table decorations were red roses and yellow iris in big silver bowls. The 45th band and pipers were present and addresses were given by Controller McCarty and Dr. Murdoch MacKenzie, the moderator.

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