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SOUTH AFRICAN LABOR TROUBLES MAY RUIN ASQUITH GOVERNMENT WITH THE HOME RULE MOVEMENT

LABOR PARTY MAY DESERT MR. ASQUITH.

British Laborites Supported By Some Liberals and the Rank and File of the Conservative Party, Will Demand the Impeachment of Viscount Gladstone.—Home Rule Will Be Defeated if Premier Refuses Satisfaction.

London, Feb. 1.—The enormous importance of the South African labor question in home politics is gradually being realized. It is not to be disputed that if Mr. Asquith fails to do what is asked of him and disavow General Botha's action, through Lord Gladstone, the result will be disastrous to the Government.

Signs of Dissension

Already there are signs of dissension in the Cabinet. Redmond is gravely alarmed at the possibility of the defeat of the Government and the consequent ruin of the Home Rule Bill.

It is significant that the Liberal newspapers refrain from expressing an opinion about Lord Gladstone and are evidently awaiting information as to the Cabinet's intentions. The Westminster Gazette, in an editorial this afternoon, talks all round the question. It says: "The question broadly before us is first whether the action of the South African Government can be brought into line with well-established constitutional principles, and whether the emergency justified this deportation under martial law, thereby depriving the Laborites of their recourse to law."

Question of Rights

Secondly, there remains another grave question as to whether any government under the British Crown has the right to exclude British subjects from British territory and prevent them from re-entering it, unless it has armed itself with statutory power for that express purpose. We do not desire to judge these questions beforehand and would rather wait until the South African Government has put its own case before the Union Parliament, but we must point out that if any government has the right to suspend law in dealing with the people whose demands it thinks contrary to public policy, it will have plenary and arbitrary rights over the whole public. The only justification is that the Laborites literally became an urgent danger to the community and inciters of civil war, controlling forces that actually threatened the security of the whole social fabric."

Don't care what it is, nor where you find it; But nothing takes the place of a pretty face With a girl behind it.

BOTHA'S ACT VERY WIDELY CONDEMNED.

Deportation of Labor Leaders Has Created a Grave Situation.—Will Be Resented by the British Electorate.—British Government is Powerless to Act in the Matter.

London, Jan. 29.—Condemnation of Premier Botha's action steadily increases and is shared by the leading organs of both parties. The Times, Daily News and The Manchester Guardian unite in regrets. Responsible publicists however recognize that England is powerless. Nothing can be done to coerce the South African Government, it possessing complete autonomy.

The Times warns the Union Government that while the act of indemnity will make their legal position regular it is unlikely to end the controversy. The gravity of the situation lies in the fact that the legislature and the electorate of South Africa may not approve this step which is certain to provoke the strongest possible resentment among large and powerful classes of the electorate in some and possibly the electorate of the other Dominions.

Deplores the Secrecy.

The Daily News deplores the secrecy of the move, urging, before the final judgment can be passed, "we must await Botha's explanation." The Daily News says the proposition that the majority of the electorate is sufficient authority for abolishing by mere act of force any legal right or liberty possessed by the minority is the most dangerous ever put forward and empties all law of meaning therefore of reverence.

The Manchester Guardian, which is traditionally sympathetic towards Botha, says: "South Africa must work out her own fortunes and like other countries, will make mistakes. Experience in other parts of the Empire may help her perhaps to evade some dangers with which her inexperience now threatens her."

Tamts the Liberals.

The Morning Post gleefully taints the English Liberals. "If we give South Africa responsible government and take precautions to ensure that the Boer shall control the government, then we have no right to grumble that the Boer governs South Africa according to his own ideas." The Daily Citizen declares that "the British Government should exert its power and influence to bring home to these Dutch Doppers that pantomim acting like frightened rabbits, in the belief they are taking strong measures, is utterly inconsistent with freedom. Acquiescence of the trade unionists in the challenge of the South African government means the abolition of all civil rights and the setting up of a rigid despotism and the political and economic enslavement of the workers."

The labor parties demand for the recall of Viscount Gladstone meet with little sympathy, the people recognizing that Gladstone is merely clay in the hands of Botha.

WIFE'S 'GHOST' FAILS TO SCARE ALLEGED SLAYER.

Police Try Weird 'Third Degree' in Effort to Get Husband's Confession. Woman's Body Dug Up.

Los Angeles, Jan. 29.—The "third degree," with a ghost as the central figure was applied by police in a futile attempt to obtain from John H. Grondin, a young druggist, a confession that he killed his wife, Zella, according to his attorney.

Grondin's counsel declared that shortly after he was arrested last night the prisoner was taken by the detectives into a darkened room where a "ghost" appeared and demanded in gloomy tones, "Why did you murder me?"

His attorney said he considered such methods outrageous, but at the same time positive proof of their client's innocence as the shadowy form and dismal question alike failed to cause any display of emotion.

Grondin, who was charged with having poisoned his wife, contends that she had killed herself by inhaling gas. He is said by the police to have tried to kill his wife while living in Portland, Me.

When Mrs. Grondin was found dead October 30 last Grondin made public a note he said had been left by her as an explanation of her alleged suicide. It contained an admission of infidelity and expressed the hope he would be happy with the "woman who truly loved him."

Handwriting experts declared the note was a forgery, and their assertion, coupled with the arrival here from Maine of a widow in whom Grondin was said to be interested, caused the examination of Mrs. Grondin's body, although a coroner's jury had declared her a suicide.

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Catholic, and, as the figures show, Newfoundland itself sends 73,000 quintals to the British West Indies and 14,000 quintals to the American, in addition to what reaches them through Canadian ports.

Brazil is Newfoundland's largest customer for fish, the exports there every year being valued at upwards of \$2,000,000, a large proportion of the total product and valuation.

Spain comes next, with Italy a fairly close competitor, and it is curious that Portugal should be almost as good a customer as Spain. The explanation is that France supplies a great deal of fish to Northern Spain, and, until recent years, did, indeed, supply much more; but Newfoundland, by enforcing her Bait Act, has so crippled the French industry that she is gradually regaining control of these markets.

Large Customers Italy is a very large customer, and Greece has gradually but steadily increased her purchases from a few thousand qtls. to upwards of 60,000 within the past decade, thus creating a new and valuable market for the island's chief product.

In all of these countries, it will be noted, except Greece, the Roman Catholic faith is that of the mass of the people. In Greece the Eastern or Russian form of Catholicism prevails, with much the same regulations as to Lent and the observance of abstinence from flesh.

There is, by the way, no country in the world in which so much fish is eaten as in European Russia. This is doubtless because the Greek Church has many more fast days, and observes them more strictly than do the Western Catholics. The use of meat is prohibited or restricted on nearly half the days of the year, with the result of giving the greatest importance to the prolific home fisheries in river, lake and sea, which supply 100,000,000 people with fish food.

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