

Astonishing Utterance May Bring Two Empires to Verge of War

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Bulletin London, Jan. 15.—(By Associated Press.)—David Lloyd-George, in closing his campaign with a speech at Grimsby this afternoon, referred to the invincibility of the British navy and declared: "If the German fleet in a moment of madness ever attacked Great Britain, it would be at the bottom of the German Ocean in a very few hours." This news is of gravest import.

RECORD VOTE IN BRITAIN IS INDICATED

Party Workers Are Making Every Effort to Get the Voters Out—Unionists Returned Unopposed.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—Polling is taking place in 66 constituencies to-day, returning 74 members.

In 1906 these constituencies returned 49 Liberal, 17 Unionist and 8 Labour candidates. To-day's polling will show a considerable change in the party figures. This is generally conceded as the election is being contested with entirely new lists, and the fight has been so bitter that a much larger number of voters undoubtedly will be polled.

Heavy Balloting. Everything to-day favored heavy balloting. The weather throughout the districts was clear and the party workers made every effort to bring out the voters. From early morning motor cars and carriages were kept on the move, and the number of early voters was very large. It was expected that the rush to the polls would be greater during the afternoon when the workers released from office and factory returned to their homes.

Unionists Unopposed. Seven more Unionists became members of the new Parliament this morning without contests, the Liberals, as usual, offering no opposition to the return of members from the three Universities at Oxford, Cambridge and Dublin, and of Speaker Lowther, member for Pontefract.

The Nationalists also scored one unopposed election, Patrick O'Brien being chosen by acclamation for Killkenny.

Candidates Unopposed. LONDON, Jan. 15.—At 2 o'clock this afternoon the state of the parties in the general elections for members of the new parliament was as follows: Ministerialists, Irish Nationalists, 3; Radicals, 1; Opposition, Unionists, 11. All the candidates thus far chosen were unopposed, and so little significance attaches to their election. The Unionist member chosen to-day was G. W. Wolff, for the East Division of Belfast. The Nationalist addition were Timothy Harrington for Dublin, Henry Division; W. Field for Dublin, St. Patrick's Division; and John J. Clancy for Dublin County, North Division. The Radical chosen was John Wilson, from Durham County Middle Division.

Free Trade Centre. Special interest is felt to-day in the balloting at Manchester and vicinity, the stronghold of free trade. The results there can hardly fail to indicate, strongly what progress, if any, has been made by the protection campaign of the opposition.

Today's list of unopposed candidates was completed with the choice of Stephen Gwynn, Irish-Nationalist for Galway City.

The Issue. Despite the attempts of the opposition to bring the main issue by the introduction of questions of tariff reform, a stronger matter than other matters designed to appeal to the masses, the matter to be determined by the present British general election is whether the house of lords shall be permitted to hold up or modify financial legislation heretofore the unchallenged prerogative of the popular chamber.

The rejection of the budget by the budget precipitated the struggle and left but one clean cut issue. Briefly put, the budget provided for unprecedented taxes upon wealth and all this was as a condition of the lords as it was popular among the classes directly represented in the house of commons.

The necessity for offering some revenue raising means to offset those provided by the budget brought about the introduction into the campaign of a policy of protection upon which, however, the opposition is by no means united.

BETTING ON UNIONISTS. Financial Interests Manifest Belief in Opposition Chances.

(Special Cable to The Sunday World.) LONDON, Jan. 15.—(Special.)—Betts odds on the election at the Baltic Mercantile and Shipping Exchange this afternoon were 5 to 2 on the Unionists.

The betting odds at Lloyds' and on the stock exchange, which have for weeks persistently favored the Liberals, have been modified these last few days, and this modification of view partly explains the rise in consols and English railway shares on the stock exchange since the middle of the week. Belief still exists on Lombard-street that the result of the voting as a whole may be close.

Is Wanted in Winnipeg. W. C. Morden, 27 years of age, a married man and a former merchant of Winnipeg, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Detective Murray at 446 Sherburne-street in this city. He was taken at the request of Chief of Provincial Police McKenzie of Winnipeg, upon charges of theft and false pretences, the particulars of which are not given and of which Morden declares he is ignorant.

Watch for the Election Extras

The Sunday World will receive the returns of the British elections to-night (Saturday) by direct wire connection with the Commercial and Anglo Cable terminals. The information will come right into the building over special wires, and, as soon as practicable after the appearance of this edition, an extra will be put on the streets, giving the trend of the results. This will be followed by later editions until the complete results for the day are set forth. The Lancashire returns will be particularly interesting in view of the view prophesied, "What Lancashire says to-day, England will say to-morrow."

STREET RAILWAY IS THE GREAT ISSUE

Council of 1910 Cannot Sidestep This Important Question—It Will Not Be Put Down.

The Street Railway has been the outstanding topic at the city hall during the past week. At Monday's civic inaugural Mayor Geary, in his address, dealt with the company's service as the issue overshadowing all others, and he must be given due credit for a declaration of proper loyalty to the interests of citizens, the real test of his professions is yet to come.

Many notices of protest had to do with the company, the most clear-cut and pronounced of all being Ald. May's flat-footed proposal to expropriate. Whatever may be the result, there is no denying that all other civic problems are temporarily relegated to the background.

Cannot Sidestep It. The city council of 1910 can't sidestep the question. Ald. May has 'put it up' to his colleagues. They must either approve the plan of getting expropriation powers or go on record as opposed to taking a firm grip of the big city. The scheme is also a club, and a good one, but it hasn't the persuasive power of the right to take over the company's plant, lock, stock and barrel.

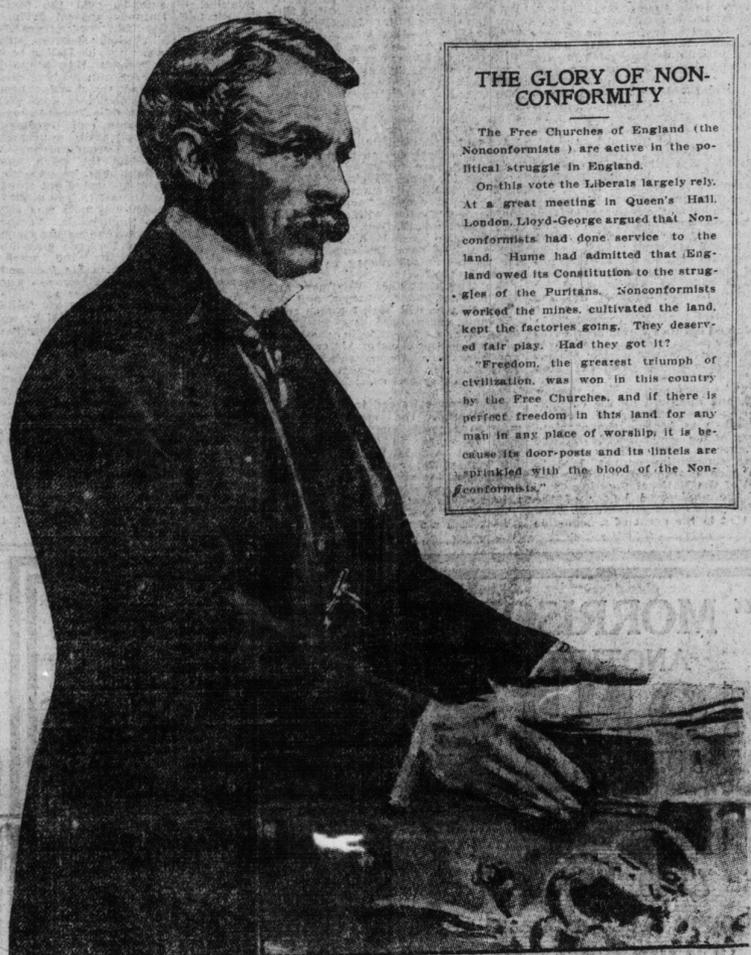
Those who are lukewarm in the street railway fight are trying to foster the idea that the expropriation idea conflicts with the issue. The truth is that there is no clash at all. Toronto will need the underground railway before many years anyway, irrespective of the expropriation issue that can be given by a city-owned railway. But it should be always remembered that the securing of permission to expropriate is only a first step. Before the city could take over the plant, the ratemakers would have to be consulted. If they voted nay, the company would continue its franchise until 1921, provided an upheaval of public opinion didn't upset the program before the eleven years expired.

One Enemy Disclosed. The expropriation plan has already had a preliminary skirmish, which has disclosed the fact that it has one enemy in Ald. McMurrich who, during the recent campaign, was conspicuous for his onslaughts on the existing service. At the meeting of the legislative committee on Thursday he objected to the scheme as involving a serious concern, pointing out that in 1921 it could be taken over as "scraps of iron." Granting that the city might have to pay to expropriate on a basis of the estimated value of the franchise, it would simply mean that the revenue would be diverted from the company's private treasury to the civic coffers and would thus balance the liability incurred.

Were From Missouri. Controller Spence will have to show his hand when the board of control, to whom Ald. May's proposal was referred at the controller's suggestion, takes it up this week. His election at the head of the poll was largely due to his hot denunciation of the service and strong advocacy of expropriation as the one certain cure. At the committee meeting he said no word in favor of expropriation, whereas he had disappointed many of his followers in judgment, should be suspended in the meantime.

Ald. O'Neill and several others have revived the old suggestion of a goodly piece of the street railway. No good has ever in the past resulted from such contests.

READY TO SEND TROOPS. BERLIN, Jan. 15.—A despatch to The Cologne Gazette from Constantinople says that the Turkish Government is holding 12,000 troops in readiness to be sent to Crete. Turkey alleges violation of its sovereign right.



WORLD'S FORECAST HAS STIRRED THE POLITICIANS

Hon. L. P. Brodeur for the Supreme Court

Senator Dandurand Competitor With Rodolphe Lemieux for Control of Canadian Navy—Templeman Averse to Change of Departments.

GUTHRIE'S ELEVATION SURE

DANGER OF IRISH C. P. R. RAILWAY CONTROL HELPS UNIONISTS

COMPLETIN PRAIRIE SECTION.

A Defi That Brings Two Angry Peoples To the Brink of War

Utterances of Lloyd-George at This Time Unnecessary and Ill-Advised—Touched Match to a Magazine.

Rt. Hon. Lloyd-George on Saturday, at Grimsby, touched a match to a magazine that may explode at any minute by practically hurling defiance at the German Empire.

It is safe to say that not since the present Anglo-German situation assumed the proportions of international concern has anything happened to so inflame the Germans as the utterance made at Grimsby by the chancellor of the exchequer of the late government.

The utterance, if made for political advantage, was ill-advised, and will call for the immediate application of diplomacy from the nation's most influential sources.

At the hour of writing to-night, it has cast the gloom of uncertainty and concern over the British Empire that cannot, or will not, be allayed until news of a reassuring character is received of the effect of the news received from Germany.

CANADIANS NOT BEHIND THE ROCK ISLAND MOVE

OTTAWA HIGHLANDERS. OTTAWA, Jan. 15.—(Special.)—It is stated here that a Highland regiment will be organized in Ottawa this summer. It will have as a nucleus the Sixty-second Pipe Band. It is understood that the difficulty of expense has been surmounted.

JAPANESE PUBLICATION SNEERS AT U.S. PROPOSAL

Cannot Imagine Yankees Sending a Force Competent to Overpower Japan.

BLOODTHIRSTY TEDDY

ROUSING BY-ELECTION

YOUR SUNDAY WEATHER

Fair and Mild.

Dr. F. S. Pearson, if in Deal at All, Acting on His Own Initiative—Not Logical Connection for Canadian Railway.

The story from New York in relation to the Rock Island financing in which Dr. F. S. Pearson is said to be the moving spirit and to have allied himself with several prominent Canadians is altogether dislocated by an interview which Mr. Byron E. Walker, president of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, gave to The World Saturday. Both Messrs. Mackenzie and Mann, who are supposed to be the only Canadian interests with any stock in the Rock Island venture, were out of the city, and the president of the Bank of Commerce, who is well informed in connection with all the leading financial movements in Canada, stated distinctly that as far as he knew Dr. Pearson had no relations with Canadians in his venture in the Rock Island deal.

On His Own Initiative.

"Dr. Pearson," Mr. Walker said, "is an eminent engineer who has undoubtedly made a lot of money in several ventures and was associated with Mr. Knox in his venture in the Rock Island Light and Power Co. and the Sao Paulo Light and Power. I am satisfied, however, that he has entered the Rock Island venture on his own initiative. He was originally introduced to Messrs. Spelling & Co. of London, who are leading financial interests in that center, by Mr. Mackenzie, but he has acquired great wealth and his Rock Island venture is clearly one without affiliations in connection with his former Canadian associates.

Not a Logical Connection.

"There can be, of course, no close connections between the Canadian railroads and the Rock Island system, and any venture into this American railway would be entirely outside of any considerations in connection with the Canadian roads.

"Dr. Pearson is an exceedingly clever man, but he is evidently not allying himself with any Canadian interests in connection with his latest venture."

The Rock Island company stock is the one which did most sensational stunts in the New York market a few days ago, rising 31 points and declining an equal amount in about 12 minutes. The belief that there is something doing in connection with this railroad proposition is enhanced by the way in which the stock withstood the break in the market on Friday and Saturday, the common shares closing three points above the low of Friday.

Several profitable businesses in North Toronto have been purchased by representatives of the C.P.R., one of these being that of Gibb Brothers at 1174 Yonge-street, who, it is understood, were paid \$22,500 for their property.

In the angle formed by the C.P.R. right of way and Macpherson-avenue extending west from Avenue-road to Rathnally-avenue, the C.P.R. have acquired some half dozen houses that stand on land required by the company. So far as can be judged from the extent of the real estate transactions in which the railway figures, it would seem that the site was being chosen for a passenger terminal rather than combined freight and passenger traffic.

If logic as the C.P.R. have decided, rather than submit to the order of the railway commissioners in reference to the studies to being their passenger traffic into North Toronto.