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25,000 Meetings Are Scheduled in British Election Campaign

GERMAN CABINET STRENGTH TESTED

LIBERALS SEEK VOTES OF WOMEN

Campaign in England is the liveliest since Pre-War Days.

ATTACKS BITTER

Conservatives Fear Protection Policy Will Not Carry Clear Majority.

BY HARRY N. MOORE. (British United Press.)

London, Dec. 4.—More than twenty-five thousand meetings are scheduled to take place today and tomorrow, the two closing days of the campaign. The campaign has certainly been the liveliest since the pre-war days. Increasing rowdiness has led attacks on candidates in many constituencies. The Liberal and Conservative headquarters both issue a statement this morning that these attacks do not emanate from either of their followers, and it is growing increasingly evident that a gang of Communists is abroad attempting to intimidate candidates in many ridings.

The Liberals are centering their appeal of the closing hours of the campaign on the women electors, pointing out how many commodities in their opinion are certain to increase in price if a tariff is imposed, and the private circulars of many firms are being reprinted and being distributed, which inform the customers that there will be a rise in certain commodities as soon as the tariff is in force.

Make Great Impression

These arguments are believed to make a greater impression on the women voters than all the solid economic arguments of the Conservatives. The Conservatives fear that they will not gain a clear majority for Protection throughout the country but they think that a sufficient number of candidates will be returned to carry a modified programme through the House of Commons, while the Liberals are growing more confident of victory. The statement that the general election was forced by Lord Younger, in that the Labor party might be smashed, is becoming substantiated.

Meeting Is Suspended

One Liberal candidate was forced to suspend his meeting when they were broken up by rowdies. It was alleged that gunmen threatened to shoot up his meetings if he continued to speak. A Conservative woman candidate was also attacked being kicked and mauled during a meeting.

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Women voters look anxious at this angle of the political game. About 7,000,000 are expected to go to the polls Thursday and politicians of a party have been trying to win their votes. Rough house may please the men but it does not thrill the lady with the ballot.

The leaders, however, are approaching the women with a different and milder fashion. Their talking being directed to the heart and home. "Keep the home fires burning," is Premier Baldwin's appeal to the women. He claims the tariff which he backs will protect their industries and furnish employment for some of Great Britain's 1,300,000 workless men and women.

Laughs At Letter, But Is Shot Dead

New York, Dec. 4.—Dominick Maggio, who laughed three weeks ago when he received a letter signed with a smug black hand and demanding money or his life, was shot dead early today in his Brooklyn home after his wife, three children and himself had been chloroformed. Gas masks, the empty chloroform bottle, the murder gun and the two empty cartridges were left by the slayers beside the victim's body. Maggio was shot twice. His wife, only semi-conscious from the effects of the fumes that had been sprayed from an atomizer, heard the shots and made a feeble attempt to aid him, but was felled by a blow on the head. With her children she was taken to a hospital.

BEACH BOAT WITH 100 CASES ABOARD

Whiskey Craft Chased, Pistol Shots Exchanged, Crew Swam Ashore.

Perth Amboy, N. J., Dec. 4.—The motor boat K-1239, loaded with 100 cases of whiskey, was beached by her crew yesterday after a five mile chase by customs inspectors, during which pistol shots were exchanged. Three members of the crew swam ashore and escaped.

Railway Wages Being Discussed

New York, Dec. 4.—Warren S. Stone, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and D. B. Robertson, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Firemen, came to New York today with other "big four" officials and central executives for a discussion of wage demands recently presented by the "big four."

Buffalo To Erect Huge Flour Mills

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 4.—A three thousand barrel flour mill costing approximately \$750,000 will be erected in Buffalo, N. Y., by the Russell Miller Milling Company, Minneapolis, and will be ready to mill the 1924 crop of wheat, officials of the company announced here today.

Motor Cruiser Is Seized By Agents

New York, Dec. 4.—The motor cruiser Herreshoff was seized by customs agents off Port Reading, N. J., yesterday after running a battle with riot guns and revolvers.

Wire Briefs

Chicago, Dec. 4.—The thieves jimmied three locks on the front door to gain entrance to the building.

Rome, Dec. 4.—A semi-official communication from the Vatican today states that no foreign cardinals will be created at the coming consistory.

Cape Town, S. A., Dec. 4.—General Jan Christian Smuts, Premier of South Africa, was given a rousing reception on his arrival home from London, where he attended the Imperial Conference.

Montreal, Dec. 4.—Furs valued at over five thousand dollars were stolen early today from the premises of Herman & Co., furriers, of Montreal.

Toronto, Dec. 3.—A parliamentary committee to investigate the work of the Home Bank will be asked for at the coming session of the Dominion House by Joseph T. Shaw, Progressive member for Calgary, west, in the House of Commons.

Washington, Dec. 4.—A crisis in the English cotton industry has been brought about by the ravages of the boll weevil in the cotton fields of the United States, combined with the European situation and conditions in the world generally.

SEEK BODIES OF 600 IN FLOOD ZONE

Searching Parties Make Way Over Where Villages Stood.

RELATIVES SOUGHT

Many of Survivors are in a Pitiful Physical Condition.

(Canadian Press)

Bergamo, Dec. 4.—The work of finding the bodies of the six hundred or more victims of the food disaster continues over the extended zone devastated by the waters, but the rescue parties are encountering tremendous difficulties. The water has receded, leaving Bergamo valley buried under several feet of mud which the rains kept soft, thus rendering progress almost impossible.

Walking through this waste, the searching parties make the best of their way over these areas where flourishing villages once stood. Survivors of the disaster follow close behind, hoping against hope that their relatives and friends may still be alive, although only a miracle could have saved them.

Living Are Aided.

Owing to the almost insuperable difficulties in the way of finding the bodies, the rescuers have concentrated their greatest efforts in caring for the living. Many of these are in such a pitiful physical condition owing to the shock of the disaster that it has been impossible to move them, and they are being cared for in temporary shelters built with materials that have been transported across the deep mud. Food, clothing, blankets and bedding, not only for the survivors but for the members of the relief parties, are carried with great difficulty in ox carts.

N. Y. HOLD-UP MEN REPORTED ACTIVE

Several Thousand Dollars in Money and Jewels Obtained in Raid.

New York, Dec. 4.—Hold-up men became active early today in Manhattan. Two jobs were done, one netted rich haul, but a third attempt by an amateur, resulted in his capture by an intended victim.

Six patrolmen and the proprietor of a Division street cafe were lined faces against the wall and their pockets emptied by three masked men. The net money and jewels amounted to several thousand dollars.

Feigning illness, a white faced youth entered an all night drug store uptown after running a battle with riot guns and revolvers.

Ludlow Schirmer lost at cards, he told the police, then dreamed that he would get lots of money by holding up somebody. He tried a taxi cab driver and pointed a gun in his face. As the chauffeur raised his hands he knocked the gun down, dumped Schirmer into the cab and drove to a police station.

WILL CONSIDER VALLEY RAILWAY

L. S. Brown to Visit Fredericton To Discuss Railway Service On Line.

Fredericton, Dec. 4.—L. S. Brown, general manager of the Atlantic region of the C. N. R., will visit Fredericton next Friday, accompanied by A. T. Weldon, traffic manager, and other regional officials to discuss with the Board of Trade executive and the City Council the train service on the St. John Valley Railway.

The proposed visit is the result of the protest regarding the proposal to discontinue the service on the Valley Railway by taking off the Quebec-St. John trains which now run on Mondays, Wednesday and Friday and run them through to Moncton from McTavish Junction instead of to St. John. Last night the City Council approved the resolution recently passed by the Board of Trade.

Police Go Gunning For Bear On Street

Ottawa, Dec. 4.—Notre Dame street, Hull, assumed a game hunt today, when two constables from the Hull police force went gunning for a bear which appeared on the street, and sent a dozen pedestrians scattering helter skelter for whatever cover was available.

After a short but lively battle burst succumbed to two revolver shots in his brain, and his carcass was borne in triumph to the police station. Weighed, the bear scaled almost 100 pounds and was apparently about a year and a half old. There are no conjectures as to how or why he braved his home in the Gatineau to roam down Hull's white way.

MAINTENANCE MEN GIVEN MORE PAY

Boston and Maine Railroad Among Companies Affected by Increase.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—Increases in wages totaling approximately \$625,429.76 were awarded to track foreman, track laborers and other employees represented by the United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees and Railway Shop Laborers and the Brotherhood of Railway Station Employees in a decision announced last night by the U. S. Railroad Labor Board. The increase range from one to two cents an hour, and according to statistics of the board affected approximately 22,612 employees of seven railroads. The companies affected include the Boston and Maine Railroad.

MILLERAND WAS HIS OWN DOUBLE

French President's Habit of Wandering Alone is Aided by a Convenient Fiction.

Paris, Dec. 4.—The identity of one of President Millerand's ubiquitous doubles, who have given no little anxiety to the plain clothes men detailed to protect the President, has just been discovered. The President's doubles were until very recently seen at various times and places, until the general public became accustomed to their existence and paid little heed to them.

The secret service men, however, did not take their existence with quite so much equanimity. Whenever a new one was discovered they were obliged to trace him to his domicile. One of them appeared the other day in Montmartre, where statesmen seldom are seen in the daylight. He was leisurely pacing the boulevard, stopping from time to time to look into shop windows.

The secret service men sighted him, took up his trail and followed him through the streets of Paris, through the Bois de Boulogne, down to the Elysees quarter, and were astounded when the shadowed man walked boldly into the Presidential Palace. Stepping up to a colleague on duty in front of Elysees Palace, he inquired:

"Who is that fellow that looks so much like Millerand who just went in here?"

The police detective shrugged his shoulders in disgust and replied: "Wooden head! It is the President himself."

This is explained the existence of so many doubles of the President. Millerand loves to escape the chaperonage of his bodyguards. He is always subjected and wanders about town alone, even to a greater extent than did his predecessor, Deschanel. The reported existence of several doubles was a convenient cover for his unattended walks. So long as he was mistaken for his own doubles he could go anywhere. Now he is anxious lest his one real double who appears for him on occasion should fail and make solitary promenades impossible in the future.

CANNING MAN IS HELD FOR MURDER

Bullet Extracted From Exhumed Body is Said to be 22 Calibre.

Kentville, N. S., Dec. 4.—The bullet extracted from the exhumed body of Basil Burns, by Medical Examiner Wm. Finn at Arlington, Kings county, yesterday, was of 22 calibre. A 22 calibre revolver was found beside the body of Burns and the result of yesterday's post mortem sets at rest the question as to whether or not Burns came to his death from a bullet of the same calibre as the revolver found by his side.

Clarence Connors, of Canning, who was arrested on a charge of murder on information laid by the dead man's father, following the report of Inspector Kennedy of the Halifax detective force that Burns had shot himself, is still in jail at Kentville awaiting preliminary examination.

CITY WILL WELCOME BEATTY

President of C. P. R. to Arrive Here in Early Morning.

CITY HALL FUNCTION

Freedom of City Will be Presented — Board of Trade Co-operates.

St. John will tomorrow extend a cordial welcome to E. W. Beatty, president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, who will spend the day in the city. The City Council and Board of Trade have joined hands in preparing to make his stay as pleasant and as interesting as possible and incidentally the freedom of the city will be extended to the distinguished visitor, the first time this honor has been conferred since 1901.

Mr. Beatty will arrive in the city early tomorrow morning in his private car. He will be accompanied by A. D. MacTavish, vice-president, and other officials who are coming to attend the luncheon to be given by President Beatty on the S. S. Montclair.

Some of the Plans

It is planned to have Mr. Beatty attend a luncheon at 10:30 a. m. at which the freedom of the city will be presented to him by the Mayor and Commissioners. The members of the Board of Trade have been asked to join with the City Council in this ceremony.

Mr. Beatty will then be asked to visit the Board of Trade where he will meet the council of that body in an informal discussion of various matters, particularly those pertaining to the port. Matters suggested for this conference were talked over at a meeting of the council this morning.

Mr. Beatty will entertain a large gathering of local citizens at a luncheon to be given at 1:30 o'clock on the steamer Montclair at West St. John. It is understood that Mr. Beatty will spend the night as guest at the residence of Hugh H. McLean, K. C., at Rosedale.

Liquor and Religion Result in Shooting

Architect Wounds Old Friend When Talk Over Drinks Turns to Theology.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—Several drinks, an argument over religion and two revolver bullets ended a lifelong friendship of the South Bend, Ind., today. The bullets, fired by Andrew Sandegren, an architect, wounded Sigurd Henning, superintendent of the South Bend Bath Company of South Bend, Ind., who was hurried to Passavant Hospital, suffering from dangerous wounds in the breast and shoulder.

The shooting occurred in Sandegren's studio. The two friends had spent the afternoon in amiable discussion, with an occasional drink of the architect's liquor. The topic, finally turned to theology. Then the friendly relations grew strained.

"Finally Andrew ordered me from his house," the wounded man said. "There was nothing for me to do but pack my grip and leave, but I guess I didn't do it fast enough, so Andrew got out the revolver and started shooting."

The shots aroused the neighborhood. The police found Sandegren in bed, the sheets drawn over his head. He took him to the hospital, where Henning identified him as the man who shot him.

Sandegren, according to the police, was so intoxicated that he could not talk intelligently.

TWO ARE DROWNED

Lumbermen Lose Lives 16 Miles West of White River, Ontario.

Fort Arthur, Dec. 4.—Drowning of two lumbermen at Brenner Sliding, 16 miles west of White River, is reported today. The men were Ludwig Caisse, aged 20, a native of Bonaventure, Que., and A. LaFrance, 50, address unknown.

Carrying a bag of mail and some provisions the two men attempted to cross the White River on the ice last Friday, but broke through.

Died on November 9; News Just Comes

Fort William, Ont., Dec. 4.—Jabez Williams, for forty years an employee of the Hudson's Bay Company in this district, died at Fort Hope on November 9, according to word received yesterday.

Canadian Girl Wins

Beauty Contest Held in New York City. She is shown here receiving a silver cup from Rodolph Valentino.



Miss Norma Nilblock of Toronto took first honors at the international beauty contest held in New York City. She is shown here receiving a silver cup from Rodolph Valentino.

Fight With Monster Devil Fish Fathoms Deep in Sea Brings Victory to Diver

(British United Press Cable)

Toulon, Dec. 4.—A fight with a monster devil fish, fathoms deep on the bed of the Mediterranean, amid the tangled wreckage of the sunken French cruiser Liberte, ended in victory for the famous French diver Jean Negri. Negri, in his "Tollers of the Sea" depicted as being more terrible than this undersea battle conducted with the diver's waning strength alone pitted against the many armed monster of the deep.

Those holding the ropes were powerless to interfere until Negri caught in the grip of the octopus' multiple suckers, managed to free his arms, speared the creature and signalled blithely to be hauled to the surface, towing the devil fish after him for the coup de grace.

MAKES ATTACK ON CANADIAN PREMIER

Senator Gideon Robertson Criticizes Speeches of Hon. MacKenzie King.

Montreal, Dec. 8.—Speaking here at a smoking concert of the Liberal-Conservative Association tonight, Senator Gideon Robertson reviewed the speeches and actions of the Rt. Hon. W. L. MacKenzie King since his departure from this country to attend the Imperial conference in London. Of his farewell speech in Quebec before calling Senator Robertson said it was such as might have been expected from a ward politician and regarding the Premier's speech at Manchester, England, he described it as a "red-headed free trade speech, one that he dare not make in Canada."

He then took up the immigration question and said that from the beginning of the present year to date 119,000 Canadians had crossed the border into the U. S., while during the same period 106,000 newcomers had entered Canada. The contrary, he said, was day by day exchanging Canadian citizens for people who had yet to be made into Canadians.

As to the tariff the Senator said that sixty nations in the world have raised their tariffs since the war and Canada has been the only nation to proceed in the other direction. Even Great Britain was now finding it necessary to consider protection.

HOTEL IS BURNED

Ten Thousand Dollar Damage Is Done by Blaze in Lunenburg.

Lunenburg, Dec. 4.—Damage estimated at approximately \$10,000 was caused by a fire breaking out in the four-story Queen Hotel here at 2:40 a. m., the flames practically destroying the building. Located in the heart of the business district, the fire for a time threatened the entire section, and a call was sent to Malone Bay for assistance.

The Malone fire fighters responded promptly to the call and it was only by the most heroic efforts that the combined departments prevented the spread of the flames. The fire was extinguished at 7:30 a. m. As far as can be learned the fire broke out on the top floor of the hotel from a cause yet to be determined. There was some insurance on the building.

MARX REIGN IS BELIEVED TO BE SHORT

Test of New Government Comes With Renewal of Reichstag Sessions.

OPENING WEDGE

Chancellor Does Not Want to Dissolve Reichstag at Present.

BY CARL D. GROAT (British United Press.)

Berlin, Dec. 4.—Test of the new German government's strength came today with the renewal of sessions of the Reichstag. Speeches by Dr. Marx, the latest chancellor, and by Dr. Stresemann, his predecessor, pointing to lower food prices and a more stable market—improvements practically imperceptible, but improvements notwithstanding—were the opening wedge with which parliamentary favor was wooed.

Dr. Marx had an empowering bill ready for presentation, but the socialists gave notice they would oppose its passage, so the new Chancellor may keep it in his pocket, electing instead to try to rule by a paragraph in the Constitution which might be interpreted as according him dictatorial powers.

Government Is Doomed.

Marx does not want to dissolve the Reichstag if he can avoid doing so, and this would be inevitable if he introduced his empowering bill and it failed to pass.

There are increasing signs that the Marx Government is likely to be short-lived.

UNION WILL PAY WIDOWS PENSIONS

Organization of Locomotive Engineers Arranges Plan—281 in List.

Cleveland, Dec. 4.—(Associated Press)—The board of governors of the Pension Association of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers put its widows' pension into effect on December 1. On that date, 281 widows were placed on the pension list and commenced to draw a fixed amount each month. In addition there is paid to them an aggregate sum of \$800 in back pay for pensions from the date of the death of their husbands.

Warren S. Stone, president of the Brotherhood, referring to the widows' pension, said:

"Perhaps one of the most historical events that ever happened in the annals of organized labor occurred when the board of governors of the Pension Association decided upon putting into effect the widows' pension."

"We believe we are the first of the railroad labor organizations, if not of any of the labor organizations, to pension the widows of the pension members for life, and we think it marks a distinct step forward in the history of organized labor, and one that will perhaps have a more far-reaching effect than any other single action of the many activities of the brotherhood."

"Eventually we hope that some plan will be worked out whereby not only the widows of the pension members, but also the widows of all members of the brotherhood, will be pensioned from the date of the death of their husbands."

Thirty Injured In Pittsburg Accident

Pittsburg, Dec. 4.—More than thirty persons were injured, three seriously, in a street car accident early today. The rear truck of an outbound car ran into an open switch, derailing the vehicle, which struck an iron pole, wrecking the front end.

All the injured were cut by broken glass from the windows. None were critically hurt.

Weather Report

Toronto, Dec. 4.—Pressure continues high over the Atlantic and Pacific coast and low over British Columbia and the Mississippi Valley. The weather here is mild with showers in the Maritime Provinces.

Forecasts:—East—Strong north-west winds, with rain. Wednesday still unsettled. Mostly Cloudy.

Maritime, West—Moderate to fresh northerly winds; cloudy, with local showers. Wednesday, mostly cloudy.

Gulf and North Shore—Moderate winds; cloudy. Wednesday, fresh winds; unsettled, with local falls of snow or rain.

New England—Rain late tonight and Wednesday; slowly rising temperature; moderate fresh east and southeast winds.

Toronto, Dec. 4.—Temperature:—Lowest 38. Highest during s. a. m. yesterday, night.

Victoria ... 46 58 44
Winnipeg ... 18 36 14
Montreal ... 36 52 36
St. John ... 38 44 36
Halifax ... 42 46 42
New York ... 38 50 38