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MacDonald Government Nears Crisis on Vital Division

LIBERAL BOSS AT GOOD PRICE

DEPENDENCE ON LIBERALS IS MARKED

Position of Lloyd George in British Political Situation is Stronger.

LIBERALS VEXED

Many Ready to Withdraw Support From MacDonald Despite Consequences.

BY LLOYD ALLEN.

London, April 24.—The Liberal Government has only a few more weeks in office before a vital division comes that will necessitate its resignation and a general election, declares Sir Kingsley Wood, M. P., writing in the "Wesleyan Methodist."

His opinion is shared by many political observers, who point out that Ramsay MacDonald now is in daily need of at least six Liberal votes in the House to protect him from overthrow.

Recent speeches by ex-Premier Lloyd George at Llandaf-Bechan and Premier MacDonald at York have set the political pot boiling faster than ever.

Not having a majority in the Commons, the Liberal Government counts on some votes from one or the other of its opposition parties to support it in divisions.

GERMAN LEADER KILLED IN WRECK

Dr. Helfferich, Head of Nationalist Party, Lost Life When Trains Crashed.

Soviets Condemn 6 Firms to Death

Lenin, April 24.—Six firms were condemned by a Soviet War Tribunal here to death by shooting for alleged espionage. Six others were sentenced to imprisonment up to nine years.

Will Sail From St. John Tomorrow

Toronto, Ont., April 24.—Hon. Charles McCrea, Minister of Mines for Ontario, left Toronto last night en route to England, where he is bound on a mission to interest British capital in Ontario's mining development.

Toby Leaves Cigars For Punch Dinners

London, April 24.—In the will of Sir Henry Lucy, for many years the famous "Toby M. P." of "Punch," a provision is made that at the annual dinner of the "Punch" staff a box of cigars is to be passed to the guests to be smoked in memory of the donor.

LUIS FIRPO NOW SAYS HELL BATTLE

Terms He Suggests Do Not Meet With Approval of Tex Rickard.

Buenos Aires, April 24.—Luis Angel Firpo, South American heavyweight champion who recently declared his intention to retire from the ring, announced today that he was willing to go to the U. S. and fight Quintin Romero, Chilean heavyweight, provided Romero fought no other boxer previous to their meeting.

HOLLAND MEETS RUSSIAN TERMS

Grants Recognition in Return For Resumption of Commercial Relations.

Amsterdam, April 24.—Holland will grant de jure recognition to Russia within a short time, it was forecast authoritatively here today.

Evelyn Nesbit In the Limelight

New York, April 24.—Sult for divorce brought by Jack Clifford, dancer, against Evelyn Nesbit, formerly wife of Harry K. Thaw, was restored to the trial calendar of the Supreme Court yesterday.

Wire Briefs

Boston, April 24.—The bill to establish the tax limit for the city of Boston for this year at \$12.75 per thousand has been ordered to a third reading in the Senate.

San Salvador, April 24.—A violent earthquake was recorded at the observatory here yesterday.

Paris, April 24.—The tool of a steam whistle has replaced the boom of the sunrise and sunset gun in French navyyards, in pursuance of the programme of economy now under way.

Berlin, April 24.—Dr. Helfferich, killed in the Swiss train wreck, was one of the most bitter opponents of the Dawes-McKenna reports. He was a pronounced monarchist.

New York, April 24.—A man was burned to death and two were injured in a fire which destroyed the larger part of an old wooden pier at Twenty-ninth street and the Hudson River; damage estimated at \$100,000.

London, April 24.—A conference here between representatives of the Northern and Southern Ireland for adjustment of the boundary between Ulster and the Irish Free State broke up this afternoon without result.

Moncton, N. B., April 24.—The car ferry plying between Cap Tormentine and Borden is still encountering heavy ice in Northumberland Strait. At noon she was just outside Tormentine, and expected to reach the pier soon.

SECESSION IN S. AFRICA DANGER YET

Smuts Scores Nationalist Leader in Outlining Election Programme.

VOTING IN JUNE

Promises a Reconstructive Policy in Industry—Tells of Achievements.

(Canadian Press Cable via Reuters.)

Pretoria, South Africa, April 24.—Premier Smuts of the South African Union last night announced his Government's programme for the general election to be held about the middle of June.

He declared that the Labor-Nationalist pact against the Government must be kept seriously. He said his Government had achieved its greatest object, which had been to destroy racialism.

The Government's second object had been the defeat of recession, which was the fundamental plank in the Nationalist platform.

The Nationalist leaders had made it perfectly clear that the danger had only been postponed. The Government's third great object was to steer the country with safety and credit through the troubled times ahead.

The severity of the country's depression had been deepened by revolution in the Rand, the means of unemployment, and the greatest scourge in fifty years, together with a plague of locusts on an unprecedented scale.

General Smuts reminded his audience that the Government had carried out a record programme of railway and harbor construction, had opened up European markets, and intended to appoint a special commissioner of commerce for North America.

The opposition, on the other hand, had helped to jeopardize acceptance of preference by the British Parliament, thereby rendering the greatest assistance to South Africa's producers.

The Government, he added, intended to develop agriculture, promote settlement of the country's irrigable lands, and give help to suitable South African applicants and also to approved settlers from abroad who had undergone training in South Africa.

Outlining his new industrial policy, Premier Smuts said that the Government would constitute a new portfolio of industries and trade in the cabinet; secondly, he would give banking facilities for industries similar to those afforded by the land bank, and, thirdly, he would establish great railway workshops for the building not only of all rolling stock, but also all engines needed for the government railways.

European imports, therefore, from abroad as in the past. If simultaneously an iron and steel industry could be established, it would be a great step forward in South Africa's industrial development.

Lastly, the Government proposed to push forward technical education energetically.

Attacks Hertzog. In conclusion, Premier Smuts said that the past political record of Hertzog, the opposition leader, was such that South Africa could not choose him as Premier without being untrue to herself and running the gravest risk for the future.

The Premier characterized the Nationalist-Labor party as a conspiracy hatched in the darkness, an election dodge meant to obscure the real judgment of the country. He appealed to the electors to vote for clean politics.

BRITISH FLIERS AGAIN HELD UP

Big Plane Needs Repairs When Karachi, India, Is Reached.

(United Press.) Simla, India, April 24.—The British round-the-world flight, now at Karachi, will not get under way again before Friday or Saturday, according to advices today.

Developed in the big amphibian when it reached Karachi yesterday, it was said, and Stuart MacLaren, commanding the British expedition, decided to overhaul his plane.

Stillman Fights Award to Lawyer

New York, April 24.—James A. Stillman has posted a \$25,000 bond in the Supreme Court at White Plains to enable his attorneys to appeal from the decision of Justice Morchauer allowing John E. Mack, lawyer \$12,500 for services in defending the rights of Guy Stillman.

After dark the Canadian building again stood out, owing to the flood lighting system which strikingly illuminated the white dignity of the structure.

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LOYD GEORGE ASSAILS PREMIER

Asserts That MacDonald is Talking Humbug to the People.

(British United Press.) Llandanow, Wales, April 24.—David Lloyd George delivered an attack on Premier MacDonald in the course of a speech here today.

"MacDonald says he will remain in office three or four years and will carry out Labor, not Liberal or Conservative ideas," said the former Premier. "He must know that such talk is humbug. Labor ideas are overthrown the theory of private enterprise and private property and substituting therefore national enterprise and communal property."

PLAGUE CLAIMING MANY THOUSANDS

Fearful Ravages in India Continue—17,000 Deaths in Two Weeks.

(United Press.) Allahabad, India, April 24.—More than 17,000 persons have died during the last fortnight of the plague which has been raging in the Punjab since the first of the year, according to statistics made public yesterday.

Of 70,000 cases reported since January 15, 60,000 have been fatal.

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BANDIT GIRL NOT AFRAID OF COURT

Faces Fate With Expectation of Legal Sentence—Speaks Little of Dead Babe.

New York, April 24.—Celia Cooney, Brooklyn's bobbed hair bandit, is not afraid to face punishment for her crimes.

Apparently unrepentant for her dead baby and glorying in the attention her exploits have aroused, the twenty-year-old girl was returned from Jacksonville, Fla., in company with her husband, Ed Cooney, in Irons.

"I want to get this thing over with as soon as possible," she said. "I know it's all up with Ed and me, but we didn't kill no one, and I guess we won't get it very hard. I'm through with this kind of game. It don't get you nothing. When I get out of this I'm going to look for a decent job."

"Are you not afraid to go to jail?" Celia was asked.

"What's there to be scared of?" she answered quickly. "No, I ain't scared of nothing."

"Are you not sorry for your poor little baby who died?" she was asked.

"Hans and eyes were strained for the answer and the effect of this question. If Celia had any tears she was expected to show them.

But the question brought no tears. If it touched her heart it touched a hard one, for Celia answered without the quiver of an eyelash.

"Wasn't that a shame?" "That was all she said of the baby."

S. A. LEADER IS TO VISIT MONTREAL

General Booth Expected There on June 5 on Way to England.

Montreal, Que., April 24.—It is learned at C. P. R. headquarters that General Booth of the Salvation Army who, with a small party of associates is touring Australia in the interest of his cause, will be in Montreal for two days on his return journey to England. If he adheres to the itinerary planned he will arrive here on June 5 and sail for home on June 7.

Trouble Ended When "Trouble" Came



The four-legged hero of the South today is, strangely enough, named "trouble." The faithful 3-year-old scold saved the lives of Virginia Hastings (shown with him in the picture) and Harvey Alexander, aged 4, when the two children were attacked by vicious hogs on the Hastings farm near Jonesboro, Ga. The swine had chewed an ear from the Alexander child and were menacing the little girl when the dog hero arrived and drove them off.

Once Held as Incompetent, Man Files Up Fortune in West

New York, April 24.—Alexander Ross, now 30 years old, who was adjudged incompetent in 1915 in the Supreme Court because of retarded mental development, and was released from Bloomington in 1916 to buy a ranch in New Mexico, now owns \$250,000 in real estate and has a personal estate of \$255,116, from which there was an income of \$10,250 last year.

He bought the New Mexico ranch, thirty-five miles from Santa Fe, for \$10,000 and spent \$2,000 in improvements. He lives there with a tutor companion and is said to have been helped by the outdoor life.

The case of Ross came before Supreme Court Justice Ingraham, when the court approved a report of Samuel S. Koenig, a referee, recommending that the trustee of his property be permitted to join in the sale of a four-story house at 45 West Fifty-second street, in which he has a third interest, for \$85,000. This is the best price obtainable, it was said, because the block is restricted to private residences without stores on the lower floor.

Ross was adjudged incompetent on the application of his mother, Mrs. Florence Potter Sheppard, who said that he had "fratious tendencies" of the highest bidder, the Royal Securities Corporation, at \$9,875, be accepted.

Commissioner Thornton asked if the sale of these bonds over the counter had been taken into consideration. He expressed disappointment at the price offered, as he had expected far at least.

The Mayor said the matter of selling over the counter had been considered, and he called on the comptroller and chamberlain to tell why this course had not been adopted.

The comptroller said that in view of the money market at present he felt that a very good price had been secured. He doubted if the issue could be sold over the counter without considerable delay.

The chamberlain said that there had been paid out in commissions on the last lot of bonds sold over the counter a larger sum than was represented by the difference between par and the bid of the Royal Securities Corporation for this issue, and he was in favor of accepting their tender.

The motion to accept the bid of the Royal Securities then passed.

NEWPORT FEARS FOR FAMOUS BEACHES

Newport, R. I., April 24.—Aid from the government at Washington is sought by this city to save its fashionable bathing beaches. The tanker Lewellyn Hoyland went aground near Fuel oil. It is feared that the oil may spread over the Newport beaches.

Weather Report

Toronto, Ont., April 24.—Pressure is high from the Great Lakes southward and near the Pacific Coast, while a moderate depression is centred over Nebraska. Snow and rain have fallen in eastern Quebec and the Maritime Provinces and rain is falling this morning in Manitoba. Elsewhere the weather has been fair.

Forecasts: Fair. Maritime—Moderate to fresh westerly winds, fair tonight and Friday not much change in temperature.

North Shore—Moderate winds, partly cloudy today and Friday, a few scattered showers.

Northern New England—Fair tonight and Friday, little change in temperature; moderate to fresh west and northwest winds.

Toronto, April 24.—Temperatures: Highest during night 8 a.m. yesterday night

Table with 4 columns: Location, 8 a.m., Highest during night, Lowest during day. Locations include Victoria, Kamloops, Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Montreal, St. John, Halifax, and New York.

BIDDING IS KEEN AT CITY HALL

Offers From St. John and Other Cities are Received.

COUNTER QUESTION

City Finance Officials Called in to Tell About Method of Sale.

What was declared a very satisfactory price was received for a \$600,000 issue of St. John city debentures, tenders for which were opened this morning by the City Council.

The bids ranged from 98.66 to 99.378, and were received from Toronto, Montreal and local bond dealers. The chief competition for the bonds was between two local concerns, the Eastern Securities Ltd. and the Royal Securities Corporation, there only being .048 between the two bids. The latter company won and secured the issue.

The question of selling over the counter was brought up at the meeting and finance officials of the city were called on and told why the course had not been followed.

The bids were as follows: Royal Securities Corporation... 99.378 Eastern Securities Co... 99.38 Bell, Guinness Co., Toronto... 99.17 Thomas, Armstrong & Bell... 99.16 McLeod, Young & Weir... 98.76 McNeil, Graham & Co., and C. H. Burgess Co., Toronto... 98.83 A. E. Ames & Co., and J. M. Robinson & Son... 98.86 Mayor Fisher moved that the offer of the highest bidder, the Royal Securities Corporation, at \$9,875, be accepted.

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PASSENGERS LAND AT HALIFAX TODAY

Five Hundred and Fifty Disembark from Two Steamships—Two Delegations.

Halifax, N. S., April 24.—Five hundred and fifty passengers were landed here from Europe this morning when two big ocean liners called here en route to New York. They were the White Star liner Pittsburg from Hamburg via Cherbourg and Southampton, and the Norwegian American liner Bergenford.

On the Pittsburg was a delegation of five ladies who will attend the conference of the Women's International League of Peace and Freedom to be held in the United States. They were headed by Lady Clara Annesley.

There was also a delegation of six to the conference to be held in Springfield, Mass., of the Methodist Episcopal church. They were from India and Africa.

James "Sallow" Cox, English prizefighter, was among the New York passengers, and will try his luck with American pugilists he said.

A death occurred on the Bergenford on Good Friday, when six-month old Joanne Hanson, whose parents were coming to Halifax, died and was buried at sea.

Both steamers sailed this afternoon for New York.