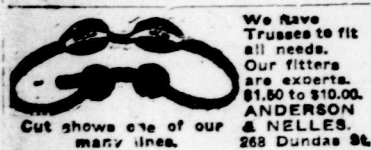


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ELECT DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE.

London, England, March 5.—(Canadian Press.)—The contest between the Duke of Devonshire, former governor-general of Canada, and a local builder, W. Marsden, for a seat in the Derbyshire County Council, resulted in the duke polling 1,366 votes against Marsden's 596.

CHURCHILL IN PLEA FOR NEW BRITISH PARTY

Intimates Resignation of Premier Lloyd George Looms In Near Future.

DEMANDS CENTRIST BODY

Gets Mixed Reception of Groans and Cheers at Loughborough.

LONDON, March 5.—What is regarded in political circles here today as seemingly a plain intimation of the forthcoming resignation of Prime Minister David Lloyd George, with an endeavor to form a new national centrist party out of the Moderate Conservatives and Coalition Liberals, was given by Winston Spencer Churchill, secretary for the colonies, in his address at Loughborough Saturday afternoon.

"This party," Mr. Churchill described it, in the reports of his speech received here, would be "liberal, progressive and pacific in its outlook, at home and abroad, and resolute also to uphold and maintain the traditions of state and the power and unity of the empire."

"One Common Opponent." During the course of his address Churchill declared:

"We have one common opponent in the socialist and semi-socialist party, whose doctrines are as hateful to the principle of liberalism as they are pernicious to the empire's best interests."

The colonial secretary's speech received a mixed reception of groans and cheers. His address was a strong justification of the coalition policy, only referring indirectly to outside critics.

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Drury and Biggs Will Attend Roads Parley.

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TORONTO, March 5.—When the premiers of the nine provinces meet in conference in British Columbia a few months hence to outline a uniform good roads policy for all Ontario will have double representation—Premier E. C. Drury and Hon. F. C. Biggs, minister of highways and public works—it is understood.

The parley is scheduled for the first week in June.

was to enter the great political battle with skillful leaders, a good organization and combined armies or without plan, unity or organization, and with their general engaged in quelling insubordination in headquarters. He hoped that when the time came wisdom would prevail, and they would enter the struggle with good comradeship and discipline.

Has Little Effect.

Austen Chamberlain's declaration of the solidity of the cabinet helped Lloyd George has had little appreciable effect on the situation which threatens to bring about the resignation of the prime minister, in the opinion of the majority of the political writers here.

It is generally conceded that the crisis continues at an acute stage, and even the newspapers most anxious to preserve coalition government candidly admit that the position is about as serious as it possibly can be.

No important development is looked for Monday. Mr. Lloyd George has gone to Chequers Court, his country estate, where he has as his guests over Sunday Mr. Chamberlain, Lord Chancellor Birkenhead, Arthur Balfour, probably Sir Robert Horne and possibly Andrew Bonar Law, and the situation naturally is being exhaustively discussed.

A movement is reported among the Conservative coalitionists in the House of Commons who disagreed with the "die-hards" to get together at the earliest opportunity and formulate an address to the premier, assuring him of their support and urging him to remain at the helm.

Another movement is that by the new coalition group, consisting of about 120 members belonging to both wings of the coalition, who have recently been working for the formation of a new centre party. These members whom the "die-hard" Morning Post calls "an association of parliamentary babies," propose to adopt a resolution to the effect that the next election must be fought upon a constructive national program, which can best be carried out under the joint leadership of Lloyd George and Chamberlain.

EXPECT CRISIS TUESDAY.

LONDON, England, March 5.—David Lloyd George returned late today to London from Chequers Court, where he spent the week-end. Shortly after arriving at his official residence in Downing Street the premier was visited by Lord Birkenhead, the lord high chancellor, and Winston Churchill, secretary of state for the colonies. The conference between the two lasted an hour.

The disposition in political quarters in London seems to be to believe that the climax in the crisis is not likely to be reached before next Tuesday, when Arthur J. Balfour is expected to deliver an important speech in London. According to an apparently inspired statement issued today there is no change in the situation. Mr. Lloyd George's offer to resign has been held in abeyance but not withdrawn. He still is awaiting assurances of the continued loyalty of the Unionist party to the coalition government.

It is further understood that the premier insists in the event of a general election, that there shall be a more equal allocation of seats between the Unionists and Liberals in the coalition, whereas the Unionists claim the preponderance of the seats. The situation is complicated by the fact that while the Unionist members of the cabinet are earnestly urging the premier not to resign, the coalition members of the government are almost as anxious that he should resign.

MAY PROCEED IN COURTS AGAINST BANK DIRECTORS

Committee of Ontario Shareholders Send Out Circular Calling For Action.

MONTREAL, March 5.—A circular has been received by a number of shareholders of the Merchants Bank of Canada, who assets and liabilities have been taken over by the Bank of Montreal following severe impairment of the former's reserve.

From a committee of Ontario shareholders demanding co-operation in taking legal action against certain directors of the defunct institution. It is said that it is the intention to engage the best legal advice available for the purpose of proceeding both in the civil and criminal courts against the men whom this committee thinks are responsible for the losses the shareholders of the Merchants Bank have suffered.

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