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Smuts Government Is Thought Beaten In South Africa

STRIKE IN THE POST OFFICE TODAY'S PARLEY

PARTIAL RETURNS INDICATE WIN FOR HERTZOG FORCES

Smuts Himself Loses Seat in Parliament of South Africa. MAY PROVE SERIOUS London Comments on the Situation Created as of Anxiety to Empire.

(United Press.) Capetown, June 18.—General Jan C. Smuts, former Prime Minister of South Africa, appears to have been defeated in the parliamentary elections held yesterday.

Incomplete returns today—55 out of 135 seats—showed the following results: South African Party, 25. Labor, 18. Nationalists, 12. A majority of the old parliament was wiped out with Gen. Smuts.

Some Satisfaction. The fact that the South African people, headed by General Smuts, apparently has a greater number of members of the new independent parliament than any other group has caused some satisfaction to adherents of the Smuts policy of a close union with the Mother Country, although the Nationalists, headed by General Hertzog, undoubtedly will be able to cause considerable trouble.

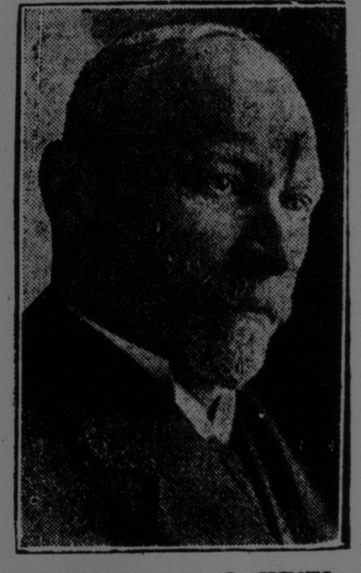
The extreme Nationalists favor an out and out policy of secession from the Empire, and independence. They are largely the old Dutch republic which fought against the British Empire in the Boer War.

The election generally has been considered a straight fight between Smuts and Hertzog, the two outstanding political leaders of the country, with the labor organization supporting Hertzog.

The laborites are headed by Colonel W. Crewell, and comprise British, Dutch and foreign elements, as well as some of the native negroes who make up about one-half the population of this vast country.

The Nationalist party showed great gains in yesterday's election. Smuts was defeated in his own district by George Hay, Laborite, who polled 1,407 votes to 1,022 for the former Premier.

His Defeat at Polls Reported



GENERAL JAN C. SMUTS.

REPORT ON IRISH MUTINY IS ISSUED

Republican Brotherhood Organization Within Army Decried—Mulcahy Criticized. Dublin, June 18.—The report of a committee of inquiry on the recent mutiny in the army, just issued, says the committee regards the reorganization of the Republican Brotherhood within the army as a disastrous error of judgment and declares that Richard Mulcahy, as Minister of Defence, ought to have informed the executive council of this development and of his negotiations with the group of mutineers headed by General Liam Tobin.

DOMINION TO FLOAT 300 MILLION LOAN

Will Refund Victory Issue of 1919 and Provide For Other Obligations. Ottawa, June 18.—The Dominion Government intends to float a loan of three hundred million dollars. Hon. James Robb, acting Minister of Finance, will soon bring down legislation to give the necessary authority.

Wire Briefs

Ottawa, June 18.—Premier King has gone to receive the degree of Doctor of Laws. He is expected back on Thursday. Ottawa, June 18.—Argument for and against completion of the Southern New England Railway occupied the Senate on Tuesday.

St. Pierre, Mig., June 18.—The French fishing boat Glycine was stranded yesterday on the rocks on the south St. Pierre coast. All were reported rescued.

BRITISH LABOR GIVES SUPPORT TO SOCIALISTS

Strong Resolution Adopted and Sent to That Party in Italy. MacDONALD PRESENT It is Said the Incident Will be Aired in the House of Commons.

London, June 18.—Premier MacDonald and his ministerial colleagues are charged by the anti-Government press with an amazingly offensive attitude toward the Mussolini Government in Italy, by at least tacit approval of a condemnatory resolution passed yesterday at a meeting of the British Labor party at which Mr. MacDonald and some of the other ministers were present.

The resolution, after recording the party's "profound detestation" of the kidnapping of the Socialist Deputy Matteotti, sends "warm sympathy and hearty support to the Socialist party, and declares that the forces that are trampling upon the fundamental principles of liberty and democracy." It is not clear whether Premier MacDonald and his colleagues voted for the resolution, but it is stated that they did not cast their ballots against it.

REV. G. C. WARREN IS NAMED MODERATOR

Western United Baptist Association Meets in Fredericton—Institute in Session. Fredericton, N. B., June 18.—The annual convention of the Western United Baptist Association opened yesterday afternoon, with representatives present from Sunbury, York, Carleton and Victoria counties. The session was opened by Rev. G. F. Bolster of Hartland moderator of the Association. Reports of Western and Grand Ligon missions and religious education were received and adopted. Last evening the Association sermon was preached by Rev. E. J. Barras.

At this morning's session the following officers were elected: Moderator, Rev. G. C. Warren; assistant moderator, Rev. G. M. Barton; clerk, Rev. J. E. Gosline; assistant clerk, H. T. Brewer. An address by the retiring moderator and reports from the districts followed. No. 1 had no report; E. I. West reported for No. 2; Rev. G. M. Barton for No. 3; and Rev. J. A. Corey for No. 4. All the reports were most encouraging. The Association has 77 churches; the value of the buildings is \$240,000, and there was raised for all purposes during the year \$28,000, an average of about \$13 per member.

The annual meeting of the Women's Missionary Union was also held this morning and most encouraging reports of the work were presented. Women's Institute. The Women's Institute of New Brunswick opened its 12th annual convention here this morning. An official welcome was extended by Mayor Phillips and replied to by Mr. R. F. Boyce of Lake George. The superintendent, Miss Nutter, reviewed the work of the year.

After registration of delegates the following committees were named: Nominating: Mrs. Porter, Andover; Mrs. Anderson, New Sackville; Mrs. Hedley Jones, Apoliqui; Mrs. Nico,

Taxi Driver Heir To English Fortune

Camden, N. J., June 18.—"I don't know how much I'm going to get, but I feel sure it will be no less than \$200,000," said Phillip Scholke, 28, of 722 Carman street, Camden, as he sat in his taxicab at the Pennsylvania Railroad terminal. A sudden reversal of a serious illness which afflicted him some time ago occurred on Tuesday morning.

LT. COL OSBORNE OF FREDERICTON DEAD

Prominent in Peace and In War, Good Citizen Passes Away in Capital. Fredericton, N. B., June 18.—Lieut. Col. William James Osborne died early this morning at his home, 221 Church street, in his 60th year. A sudden reversal of a serious illness which afflicted him some time ago occurred on Tuesday morning.

ST JOHN WRESTLERS HAD EASY WIN IN PRELIMINARIES

McCrossin's Shoulder Lame, But Expects to Be All Right for Tonight. Montreal, June 18.—The two St. John wrestlers, Leo McCrossin, featherweight, and John "Bud" McCarthy, lightweight, completely outclassed their opponents in the elimination wrestling bouts here last evening, and entered the semi-finals tonight. McCrossin is suffering at present from a lame shoulder, and is having it treated this morning. Each expects, however, to be in good order for tonight's bouts. It is understood that only three wrestlers will be taken over to the Olympics and the boys must demonstrate real class in their bouts tonight. McLean of Halifax also won last night, but Walter Humphrey, Moncton, was beaten.

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St. Charles: Mrs. Douglas, Buctouche, and Mrs. J. D. Seely, St. John. Credentials: Miss Travis, St. John and Miss Martin, Claire. Resolutions: Mrs. Fleming, Pictouville; Mrs. J. Owens, St. John; and Mrs. D. F. Boyce, Lake George.

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WANT EARL HAIG TO VISIT CANADA

G. W. V. A. Asks Dominion Government to Extend Invitation For Next Month. Ottawa, June 18.—The Dominion Command of the Great War Veterans' Association has proposed to the Dominion Government that an invitation be extended to Field Marshal Earl Haig, former commander-in-chief of the British forces in France, to visit Canada next month. He is to spend the first week of July in Newfoundland and will unveil the National War Memorial of the Ancient Colony at St. John's.

TWO CANADIANS HONORED BY YALE

Premier King and Discoverer of Insulin Receive Honorary Degrees Today. New Haven, Conn., June 18.—Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King and Dr. Frederick Grant Banting of Toronto, discoverer of insulin, received honorary degrees from Yale at the 222d commencement.

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Trolley Car Runs Away on Hill—Forty People Severely Injured. Berlin, June 18.—Seventeen persons were killed and 40 seriously injured last evening when a trolley car at Iserlohn hurtled down hill, its brakes useless. It leaped the tracks, and crashed into the wall of a factory.

Weather Report

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REAL CANES FOR LADIES OF LONDON London, June 18.—Many of London's leisurely women have adopted walking canes. These are not of the slender, feminine variety, but really canes of rather sturdy make, of length of 34 to 36 inches.