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THE BRITISH ELECTIONS.

The victory of Premier Lloyd George was even more sweeping than had been anticipated. Out of a house of 707 there are 571 coalitionists. The Asquith Liberals are nearly wiped out, only thirty-seven gaining seats in the new house. The Laborites, who had hoped to make enormous gains, have only sixty-five seats. The coalition Unionists are the strongest single body in the house, as they number 334, compared with 187 coalition Liberals. They make up nearly half the house, and if we include the Sinn Féiners, who will not take their seats, they are numerically stronger than all the other parties put together. That is to say, the new house is conservative rather than radical in tendency. The votes of the women evidently did not go against the coalition. None of the women candidates, save one Sinn Féiner, were elected; and this, perhaps, is not surprising when we remember how short a time has elapsed since the franchise was extended to their sex. The next general elections will doubtless find women among the successful candidates.

The triumph of Lloyd George is the essential fact in the contest. He and his colleagues go to the peace conference with the country overwhelmingly behind them. It is also significant that the coalition Unionists have endorsed his radical home policy. Unhappily as he now is, he can proceed to carry out that policy without fear or favor.

The election of so many coalition Unionists may be regarded as an answer to the challenge of the Sinn Féin. Ireland has not improved her chances for home rule by the course her people have pursued. The spirit that prompted the destruction in the city of Cork of the monument to heroes of the South African war will not help Ireland. The task of the friends of Ireland is made all the harder by the course pursued by this irreconcilable element. The various Irish factions must get together before their problems can be solved.

A feature of the British elections was the defeat of Mr. Asquith, Reginald McKenna, Walter Runciman, Sir John Simon, Herbert Samuel and other leaders in the Asquith party. A seat will doubtless be found for Mr. Asquith. Remarkable also is the defeat of Arthur Henderson, James Ramsay MacDonald and Philip Snowden of the Labor party. In Ireland John Dillon was defeated, and only seven Nationalists were elected. Thus many familiar and striking figures will be absent from the new house.

THEY SHOULD RESIGN.

The patriotic potato enquiry is ended. Hon. J. B. Macdonald on Saturday testified that he loaned Mr. W. B. Tennant \$40,000 in cash in June, 1917, and that half of it had been repaid. Mr. Baxter admitted that the statement in the auditor's report regarding the potato transaction was incorrect, but if private people were willing to hear the loss he believed it was nobody's business. At the conclusion of the evidence Mr. Hughes summed up the salient features of the transaction, showing the connection of Hon. J. A. Murray, Mr. George B. Jones, Hon. B. Frank Smith, and Hon. Mr. Baxter with the whole wretched business. Mr. Hughes is of opinion that there is in the evidence submitted good ground for criminal proceedings. There is yet to come the report of the committee, and after that whatever action the government may deem necessary in the public interest.

This enquiry has made clear to the public the necessity for cleaner politics and more honest public service. There are in the legislature today several members whose seats should be vacated. No more public business than is actually necessary should be transacted by that body until those seats are empty or the people given an opportunity to pronounce upon the conduct of those who have figured in the money transactions revealed at recent enquiries.

RECORD SPEAKS FOR ITSELF.

Extract from the summing up by Mr. Hughes in the patriotic potato enquiry: "About September 10 Guy Porter offered to supply potatoes at cost plus five per cent commission. The offer was refused and he was told the potatoes were ordered, all but ten cars. He immediately offered to supply these without commission. This was refused and the order went to another. Two days later Mr. Daggett gave Mr. Smith an unlimited order under which he sent in the next fortnight an additional 125 carloads of potatoes, making 160 carloads from Mr. Smith. In these 125 cars Mr. Daggett's troubles began. Daggett says he has sweat blood over it since. He has done more than that; he has succeeded in getting his chief, Mr. Murray, guilty of participating in falsifying the public records in order to cover up the transaction, and of handing down lying answers to questions put in the legislative assembly. He has Geo. B. Jones, M. P., becoming a party to misapplication of the funds of the Valley Railway to meet the shortage, and of swearing falsely before a royal commission to try to hide the truth; he has his friend, Mr. Baxter, putting up \$3,000 in order to enable Mr. Daggett to silence complaints coming from Cuba concerning the shipment of potatoes there, and of Mr. Baxter putting up an additional amount to enable Mr. Tennant to prove that no funds coming from the Valley Railway were used for potato purposes, and to enable him to cover up the fraud—and all this because Mr. Daggett, as secretary of agriculture, took upon himself the right to give a letter of credit to B. F. Smith by which he was enabled to buy all the potatoes that were offered and pay for them through the credit of the province."

A CONTRAST.

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Noting the fact that 2,271 students are enrolled at the Ottawa Technical School, and that a new school building will soon be ready for an extension of the work, the Ottawa Citizen says: "Vocational education, including as it does industrial training and technical education, is the necessary next step to keep Canadian industry abreast of the more manufacturing and producing enterprise of other countries. It is something more than merely giving the young worker a knowledge of the use of tools and machines and processes. Along with it there must be the study of mathematics, applied mechanics, and even history and literature. The federal government is sure to be called upon, in the very near future, to invest liberally in vocational education throughout Canada. There is a responsibility upon employers, however, as well as on government to afford better facilities to the younger workers to get the benefits of vocational education. The new Education Act in Great Britain will provide for continuation classes for all boys and girls up to the age of eighteen; and where they are employed between the compulsory school age of sixteen and the continuation class age, employers must allow them the necessary daily time off to study, with pay. Most alert British employers are not only heartily in favor of this better education, but are offering special rewards and inducements to those who avail themselves of it."

The province of New Brunswick has an excellent law relating to the introduction of vocational training in the schools. It is not necessary here any more than in Ottawa or elsewhere to await action by the federal government. St. John should have vocational classes under the provisions of the new law this winter. Only the indifference of the civic and educational boards prevents it. When will they wake up?

The appeal of Senator Dandurand for compulsory school attendance in Quebec province, applies also in New Brunswick. The province that fails to give all its children the benefits of the school is guilty of a great wrong. The people of this province are shirking their duty in this matter.

If there was nothing deserving of censure in the patriotic potato and Valley Railway transactions, as Mr. Powell would have us believe, then Messrs. Murray, Jones, Baxter and Smith must be shining statesmen who should still be in power. Who believes that?

Only one Socialist was elected to the British house of commons. The women's vote and the soldier vote appear to have had a steady influence in British politics.

The visit of President Wilson to his mother's girlhood home in Carlisle was a delightful incident that must have stirred in him tender and precious memories. Today he is the honored guest of the great city of Manchester.

With the news that Lloyd George has received an overwhelming vote of confidence from the people comes the announcement that the French Chamber by a vote of 380 to 184 has reaffirmed its confidence in Premier Clemenceau.

President Wilson's phrase "concert of powers" is decidedly more acceptable than the old "balance of power." It means more and is a surer guarantee of peace.

Congratulations to Col. C. W. Weldon McLean, D. S. O., M. P., member for Brigg in the British house of commons.

THE PASSING YEAR.

(Rev. George Scott.) I heard the chiming of the bells That marked the passing of the year, But in their cadences and swells Was naught of sorrow, naught of fear.

Naught of the lurking doubts that kill The best traditions of our youth, The cares that paralyze the will And falsify God's fairest truth.

A new belief in human kind, A new conception of the good, A strengthening of the ties that bind Our universal brotherhood.

So while the bells are pealing high, I seem to hear through their refrain The dirge of earth's captivity The dropping of the captive's chains.

And still the riot of sweet sound Swells over every city street, Where mortals lie in sleep profound, And watchers move with muffled feet.

Until the echo of their mirth Reaches to where the pine trees nod, Proclaiming that this weary earth Swings nearer God, swings nearer God.

In The Churches

Rev. J. A. Scrimgeour, M. A., from the mission fields of British Guiana, preached in St. Andrew's church in the morning and in the First Presbyterian church in the evening.

Rev. George M. Young, president of the Methodist conference, who was in the city to represent the conference at the funeral of the Rev. Dr. G. M. Campbell, conducted services in Zion church yesterday in the absence of the minister, Rev. F. E. Boothroyd.

The Rev. Dr. B. G. Borden, president of Mount Allison University, was the preacher at the morning service in Centenary church yesterday. The preparation for reconstruction was touched on.

The Rev. G. B. Cutten, D. D., president of Acadia College, preached at the morning service in German Street Baptist church yesterday. At the evening service Rev. H. R. Boyer gave an address on the Bible study movement.

A memorial service was held last evening in the Waterloo Street Baptist Church in memory of the late Edmund H. Duval, a former member and deacon of the church. The pastor, Rev. F. H. Wentworth, conducted the service. The solemn closing of the Forty Hours devotion took place in St. Peter's church last evening. His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc officiated and was assisted by Rev. William Duke and Rev. Rogers of St. Thomas' College of Chatham, N. B. Rev. William Hogan, C. S. S. R., and Rev. George Daly, C. S. S. R., were in the sanctuary and took part in the closing exercises. Following the chanting of the litany of the Saints, a procession of the Blessed Sacrament took place in which the priests, altar boys, children and men of the parish participated. Solemn benediction then took place after which His Lordship gave his pontifical blessing.

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Last Tribute To Rev. Dr. Campbell

An impressive service was held in Centenary church yesterday afternoon on the occasion of the funeral of the late Rev. Dr. G. M. Campbell, who died at Hornell, N. Y.

A short private service was held at the residence of Chief Justice McKeown at which Rev. George Dawson, Rev. G. M. Young and Rev. H. A. Goodwin officiated. Following this the body was removed to Centenary church, where a special service was conducted. The large edifice was crowded, there being a large number of ministers from various churches of the city, representatives of fraternal organizations, more particularly the R. K. Y. C., of which deceased was chaplain; St. Andrew's Society, the executive committee of the N. B. Bible Society, as well as representatives from outside societies, including members from the Oddfellows of Moncton.

Those who took part in the impressive ceremony were Rev. G. F. Dawson, chairman of the district, who presided; Rev. G. M. Young, president of the N. B. Bible Society; Rev. P. E. Boothroyd; Rev. Dr. Steele, superintendent of mission; Rev. Thomas Marshall, Rev. Neil McLaughlan, Rev. J. C. Berrie and Rev. H. A. Goodwin, pastor of the church. During the service Mrs. A. Pierce Crockett sang very feelingly Teanyon's Crossing the Bar, while the choir sang several appropriate and touching hymns.

The pall-bearers were Rev. Thomas Marshall, Rev. Dr. Steele, Rev. Neil McLaughlan, Rev. E. A. Westmacott, Rev. George Morris and Rev. Mr. Penna. The floral offerings were numerous and exceptionally beautiful, coming from all parts of the province. Burial was made in Fernhill cemetery.

Goethe's Home Robber. Basel, Switzerland, Dec. 2.—Burglars recently carried off the former home of Goethe, the poet, and carried off a quantity of mementos of Goethe.

GRAND CROSS FOR FRENCH ARMY LEADER

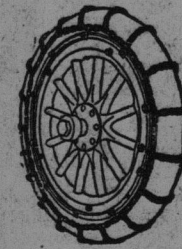
Paris, Dec. 30.—(Hayas Agency)—General Gouraud, who commanded the French armies in the Champagne sector in the final days of the war, has been awarded the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor.

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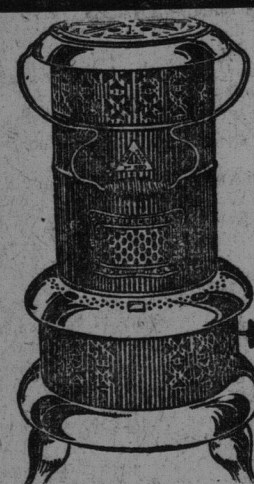


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OUTLINES FRANCE'S TERMS FOR PEACE

France's peace terms were outlined in the French chamber of deputies yesterday afternoon by Stephen Pichon, minister of foreign affairs, amid violent interruptions by the Socialists and counter demonstrations by government supporters. He announced that intervention in Russia was inevitable, but it would be of a defensive character as far as French troops were concerned.

The terms as stated by Mr. Pichon were as follows: First—That the government was in accord with the utmost publicity should be given to the peace conference, thus replying to the interpretation of the Socialist deputy, Marcel Cachin, of last Friday, when he asked Premier Clemenceau to state whether secret diplomacy would be abandoned in the peace conference and the discussion given all publicity.

Second—That the French government has adopted the principle of a league of nations and is now busy working towards its effective realization, thus replying to the interpretation of the socialist, M. Bracke.

Third—That the government does not desire any annexation, but reserves the right to fix the Alsace-Lorraine frontiers, to guard against future attack, thus replying to M. Franklin-Bouillon.

Fourth—That the government does not think that the question of diplomatic representation of the Vatican arises at the present moment.

FIFTH—That intervention in Russia is inevitable.

ST. PETER'S Y. M. A. CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY.

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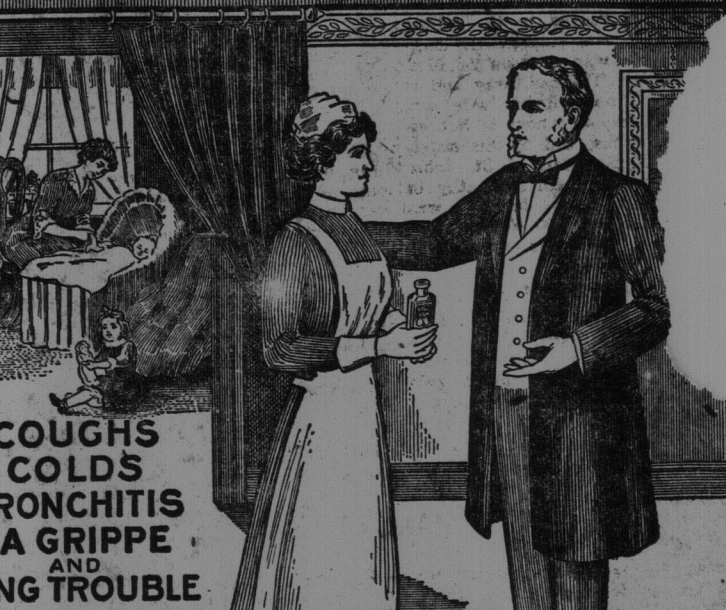
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president, E. N. Harrington, who dwelt on the work being accomplished by this society. A pleasing programme was then carried out as follows: Vocal duet, A. and J. Moore; solo, M. Howard; piano solo, H. Hurley, who had been engaged to renovate the rooms of the society, and whose great work prompted the "boys" to give him a nice silver cigar case.

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