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British Premier Defies Opposition; Denounces Communism

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MACDONALD MAKES GENERAL ELECTION ALMOST CERTAIN

Is Cheered Wildly When He Predicts Victory at the Polls.

DEFENDS LABOR

Says That Work of Reducing Tax Burden Will be Continued.

BY LLOYD ALLEN (United Press Staff Cor.)

London, Oct. 7.—Defying the opposition and Liberal tactics, Premier MacDonald probably made certain a general election by his speech today before the first Labor Party conference since Labor came into power.

"I should not complain, if a challenge came on vital issues," MacDonald said, "but the Liberal proposal to investigate Editor Campbell, (a communist charged with sedition, proceeding against whom were dropped by the Government), is in the spirit of medieval crookedness and torture."

The Government is not to be censured, the Premier continued. "It is only to be insulted. It is not to be executed; it is merely to be put upon the rack."

"The opposition mistakes their men. We shall surrender nothing. If there is an election, the responsibility for it is not ours."

When MacDonald predicted a victory at the polls, he was wildly cheered. The convention passed a resolution congratulating the Premier on his achievements, and promising almost support, in event of an election.

Convention officials intimated that the Government would be ruled out of office.

Denounces Communism.

This was made even more plain when MacDonald defended the Anglo-Russian treaty, but repudiated Communism, denouncing it as "distasteful."

"Communism is a mischievous stirring up of strife," he said, "whereas the Laborites propose a democracy of freedom and progress. Communism is a product of Capitalism and war, and we shall have nothing to do with it. Unless we are prepared to engage in a crusade against Communism, we might as well put up our shutters."

The speakers' platform resembled the ministerial bench in the House of Commons inasmuch as nearly all the members of the cabinet were present.

Premier Is Cheered.

When the Premier took the platform he was met by a burst of applause. He began his address by defending the accomplishments of the Labor Government.

"We did not enter office hoping to create a new world by agitation," he said, "but we do believe we have created a new spirit in which the old world is showing a new response."

"We are beset on all sides with demands that the unemployment bill be miraculously cured. They are not cured, but no government has done more than we have."

"We have reduced sugar duties, and have otherwise removed from the classes £20,000,000 annual tax burdens. This good work will be continued."

"I believe that some progress has been made toward world peace, and I am hopeful of the Dawes plan."

Rests Both Movements.

The Premier confirmed the overnight indications that the Government purposes resisting both the vote of censure advanced by the Conservatives and the Liberal amendment proposing an inquiry into the circumstances under which the sedition charges against a communist editor were recently abandoned.

N. S. College Head Will Be Honored

London, Oct. 7.—At the special convocation in connection with the formal opening of the new building of the University of Western Ontario an honorary degree will be conferred on President A. S. Mackenzie, Dalhousie University, Halifax.

Fights Son

DO NOT VOTE FOR MY SON



Father will oppose son in the campaign for the United States Senate in Minnesota this fall. Mrs. Birmingham, independent candidate on a base and wine platform, has found that his most bitter opponent—politically—is his own father, the Rev. Thomas C. Birmingham of Millbrook, Neb. The Rev. Mr. Birmingham has addressed a letter to the voters of Minnesota asking that they defeat his son.

QUEBEC PUTS A BAN ON ONE-MAN CARS

City Council Gives Power Company One Month to Remove Them.

Quebec, Oct. 7.—(Canadian Press)—The City of Quebec, through its special committee, composed of all the aldermen and the mayor, has given the Quebec Power Company one month in which to remove all one man cars, now in operation in the city in circulation.

Shenandoah Starts On Long Journey

Lakehurst, N. J., Oct. 7.—The U. S. naval dirigible Shenandoah started on a round trip cruise to the Pacific coast at 10 a. m. today. Rear Admiral W. A. Moffat, in charge of navy aeronautics, was on board. She headed south, with Wilmington, Delaware, as the first city on her route. The dirigible will fly to Seattle.

Wire Briefs

Tours, France, Oct. 7.—(United Press)—"No change" was today's bulletin from the sick room of Anatole France, who is in a state of coma, with death believed near.

Edmonton, Alta., Oct. 7.—Hon. Charles W. Cross, at one time attorney-general of Alberta, has been nominated as Liberal candidate in the new federal riding of Athabasca.

Quebec, Oct. 7.—Mrs. Alfred Corveaux, who sustained a fractured skull early Sunday morning when she jumped from a third floor window during the course of a fire at her home, died last night in the hospital here.

Livingstone, Rhodesia, Oct. 7.—The members of the Empire Parliamentary delegation are returning to Great Britain on the next boat in response to an urgent summons owing to the imminence of a general election.

ANTICIPATE HEAVY BALLOT TODAY IN NORTHUMBERLAND

Fine Weather and Keen Interest Expected to Bring Out Vote.

WOMEN ARE ACTIVE

Copwds About the Polls are Good-Natured—No Sign of Bitterness.

(By Times-Star Staff Correspondent)

Chatham, Oct. 7.—Perfect weather shines on Northumberland today and a heavy vote will undoubtedly be polled in the federal by-election. When The Times-Star representative visited the town hall here during the polls opened he found a line of cars ready for service. Votes were being polled rapidly and the workers for both parties were very busy. Both Mr. Snowball and Mr. Hickey were on hand, greeting the electors.

A notable feature was the presence of young, alert and very business-like members of the Women's Liberal Association, who with care at their disposal were looking after the women voters. Each member had her book and pencil and the manner in which they did their work might well make the men envious.

Among the early women voters was an aged lady who walked with a cane and another who came on crutches. An old timer says he never saw so much interest in the voting so quiet and so good-natured and there is not a sign of bitterness. From the place comes word of an equally keen interest and the glorious weather favors a large vote.

Premier Venlo, who delivered three speeches last night, left early this morning for Rogersville and will go to Fredericton. Hon. Mr. Murray left for Ottawa last night.

GOVERNMENT WILL MEET WEDNESDAY

Education Board Also to Hold Session—Deaths in York.

(Special to The Times-Star)

Fredericton, Oct. 7.—The provincial government will meet here on Wednesday in regular monthly session. The Board of Education is to meet in connection with the meeting of the government, probably on Wednesday.

Dr. W. S. Carter, chief superintendent of education, is to be absent from the board meeting. He is to attend the meeting of the Kings and Queens Counties Teachers' Institute at Sussex and the meeting of the Teachers' Institute of Albert, Westmorland and Kent Counties. Dr. Charles Swain Thomas of Harvard University is to speak at each institute.

Dead in Capital.

Mrs. Jessie Minto, widow of William Minto, Sr., died this morning at the home of Mrs. Walter Burnham, 327 Woodstock road, after a lingering illness. She was aged 86 years. Surviving are one son, William, of Montreal, and one daughter, Mrs. John F. Doherty of Springfield, N. B. The funeral will take place Wednesday afternoon with services in the home at 8 o'clock by Rev. F. H. Holmes. Interment will be in the Rural cemetery.

Mrs. Laura E. Jewett of Kingsclear died last night at her home in Kingsclear, aged 89 years. Death was sudden. One son, Morris, at home, survives, also her husband and parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Morris of Kingsclear. Also surviving are a brother, Joseph Morris of Kingsclear, two sisters, Mrs. James Stockton, California, and Mrs. Jessie Kitchen of Kingsclear.

York County Court.

The York County Court met this afternoon for October sittings. Several cases are entered in the civil docket. The case of John A. Howell, charged with uttering a forged check in the criminal docket, Harold Broad held for trial for breaking and entering is not here, having been on bail. His case probably will be dropped.

Both Contestants Wounded In Duel

Buenos Aires, Oct. 7.—(United Press)—Minister of Agriculture, Lepretre, and Deputy Diego Luis Molinari, were both wounded slightly in a duel with sabres here early today.

The duel grew out of a political quarrel, resulting from a letter written by Molinari, criticizing the minister of agriculture and his assistants. Three of Lepretre's friends have also sent their seconds to Molinari, and will fight a duel with him.

Today's Line-up

The probable line-up for today's world's series game will be—

WASHINGTON: NEW YORK: Liebold, C.F. Lindstrom, 3B. Harris, 2B. Frisch, 2B. Rice, R.F. Young, R.F. Gault, L.F. Kelly, 1B. Judge, 1B. Meusel, L.F. Bludge, 3B. Wilson, C.F. Peck, S.S. Jackson, S.S. Ruel, C. Gowdy, C. Morigdo, P. Barnes, P.

RUM-RUNNER LIMPS TO HALIFAX HARBOR

Catherine Mary, With 9,000 Gallons Alcohol, Had Week of Hardships.

Halifax, Oct. 7.—In an exhausted condition after manning the pumps of her vessel continuously for a week in order to keep her afloat, the crew of the rum-running schooner, Catherine Mary, piloted their damaged vessel into Halifax harbor yesterday afternoon. She carried a cargo of 9,000 gallons of alcohol.

Battered about by a heavy gale which struck her while the lay off the American coast, the schooner was partially damaged when a heavy section of drifting timber struck the vessel and set her leaking as well as breaking up three blades of her propeller. The ship made water rapidly, necessitating the manning of the pumps by the crew continuously in order to keep her afloat. Unable because of her contrary wind to make a return to the harbor, Catherine Mary was forced to head for Halifax, where she finally made after a week of severe hardships.

P. E. I. TEACHER IS BEATEN IN SLEEP

Nephew, Awakened, Summons Aid—Neighboring Farmer is Suspected.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Oct. 7.—Rhiel Tanlon, teacher in Summerside school, who lives alone on his farm at St. Eleanor, was beaten over the head while asleep Sunday night and was discovered some time later by his little nephew, who was spending the night with her and was awakened by her groans. Miss Tanlon was able to tell the police for her father, Tanlon of Summerside before she became unconscious. Her skull is injured, her knees were broken. This morning she was removed to the Prince County Hospital and hopes are held out for her recovery.

Suspicion rests on a neighboring farmer whose cap was found in the kitchen, but who has not yet been located by the police.

Claims Perpetual Motion For Clock

Paris, Oct. 7.—A French inventor, Monsieur Isidore, is exhibiting a "perpetual motion clock" after 36 years of effort. The instrument, if it can be so called, weighs a ton and comprises 12,000 pieces. It is four metres high, two metres wide and has a depth of three metres. There are six secondary hands to mark the time in London, Berlin, Strasbourg, Havana, Petrograd and New York.

There is a movement on foot here to have the invention examined by the Government, not only that the principle may be utilized if his claims are proved, but so that he may be properly compensated for his efforts.

N. S. Premier Is In Halifax Hospital

Halifax, Oct. 7.—Premier Armstrong, who has been in hospital here since Saturday undergoing treatment for an infected injury which had been causing swelling of the wrist and arm, was reported late last night as resting comfortably. The Premier's condition is not regarded as serious.

Times-Star Will Tell Ball Game Story

The Times-Star service in telegraphing the world series baseball reports in detail as the games progress has apparently been much appreciated by the fans eagerly following the classic struggle of the Senators and the Giants.

This service will be given today and on each other day of the series. Play by play, the story will be told from the beginning to the end of the game by the Times-Star news room.

All interested are invited to enjoy this service.

The news usually begins to come over the wires to this office about 10 o'clock.

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Weather Report

Synopsis—A widespread area of high pressure is centered over the Great Lakes, and the weather is fair in nearly all parts of the Dominion.

Forecasts: Gulf and North Shore—Decreasing westerly winds, fair today and Wednesday.

Fine Today and Tomorrow.

Maritime—Moderate west to northwest winds, fine today and Wednesday.

Northern New England—Mostly cloudy tonight and Wednesday, cooler tonight; gentle to moderate variable winds.

Toronto, Oct. 7.—Temperatures: Highest during day, 64; lowest during night, 46.

Victoria ... 46 36 46  
Calgary ... 42 32 40  
Edmonton ... 72 62 60  
Winnipeg ... 32 22 38  
Toronto ... 49 36 47  
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