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War Has Shattered Old Party Lines in Britain

Political Conditions Never so Chaotic as They Are Today

Coming Elections to Decide Whether Country Will Permit Lloyd-George to Carry on Work of Reconstruction; Six Million New Female Voters a Big and Uncertain Factor

London, Nov. 14.—The issue in the coming elections is whether the country will endorse Lloyd George's proposal that at the present coalition government, with himself as premier, shall be continued after the war for the work of making peace and carrying on the labor of reconstruction. Never before British political conditions so chaotic as they are today. The war has shattered the old party lines.

The electoral reform bill adopted by parliament during the summer of 1917, virtually doubled the number of voters. It gave the ballot to all women over 30, men over 21, and soldiers and sailors under 21. This added 6,000,000 males and 2,000,000 males to the voting lists. How the women will vote and what parties the soldiers will support none can predict.

The prospect of plunging the country into the excitement and expense of an election at such a time as the present has excited strong opposition. On the other hand, the legal life of the present house of commons expired three years ago, and it has extended its own tenure of office from term to term by resolutions. This has been an informal proceeding which would have been impossible except that it had the endorsement of public opinion, because no one wanted an election during the great war.

As the new voters will be entitled to take part in choosing the government, Mr. Lloyd George has before him the difficult task of trying to keep together that majority of the Conservative party which supported his war measures and enough Liberals to give him a balance of power. The decisive factor will be how many Liberals will follow him and what the Labor party will do.

No Organization Behind Him.

Herbert H. Asquith remains the official leader of the Liberal party, while Mr. Lloyd George has no party without any party organization or party funds behind him. He wishes to continue the coalition which all parties declared at the beginning of the war, and trusts to the slogan that he is the "leader who won the war" to attract votes.

The program of his followers is apparently to continue Lloyd George's Liberalism in all districts where the regular Liberal candidates will not endorse the premier's plan. This is a serious situation. It means a split in the Liberal party, which will have to decide whether the Lloyd Georgians or the Asquithians control it. How many candidates the Labor party will nominate and how many votes it will muster is an uncertain situation.

So far as Ireland is concerned, the election probably means the almost total disappearance of the old Nationalist party of Redmond, leaving the Sinn Feiners in the center. The Sinn Feiners are expected to sweep Southern Ireland, but he members elected by the Sinn Feiners always refuse to take their seats.

In addition to trying to hold together his Conservative and Liberal supporters, Mr. Lloyd George is trying to reconcile the Asquith faction.

Mr. Asquith could have had a high seat in the present cabinet if he would have accepted it. There were two obstacles, however, home rule and protection. One of these the Conservatives will not have, and the other is objected to by the Liberals.

FRANCE DOES AWAY WITH POLITICAL CENSORSHIP.

Paris, Nov. 14.—It is understood that there is to be no further political censorship on press despatches leaving Paris and that there is to be full recognition of the principle of open diplomacy. Premier Clemenceau has expressed himself positively in favor of being the freest of press telegraphic facilities now that military precautions are unnecessary.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL ON CHARGE OF MURDER.

Drumheller, Alta., Nov. 14.—Albert Arnold, the Verdant Valley farmer who on Monday night last shot and instantly killed Tip Blaine of Drumheller, was today committed for trial on the charge of murder.

U. S. MISSION TO SPA.

London, Nov. 15.—An American mission commanded by Major General Rhodes will leave on Saturday for Spa, German headquarters. Marshal Foch announced in a wireless message to the German high command. The German high command is asked to give instructions to allow the mission to pass through Leucelle, Beaumont, Philippeville and Liege on the way to Spa.

MINOR LEAGUES TO BOOM.

Peoria, Ill., Nov. 15.—With the signing peace terms, baseball in the minor leagues will be resumed on a larger scale ever in the opinion of John H. Farrell, of Auburn, N. Y., secretary of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues, who today closed up affairs of the annual meeting.

SWISS STRIKE REVOKED.

Washington, Nov. 15.—Unconditional vacation of the general strike order in Switzerland by the Socialist committee as reported today in an official message to the Swiss minister here.

ST. JOHN HAS DONE WONDERS BUT THERE'S A CROWN TO BE WON; NOW FOR THAT LAST \$600,000

Victory Loan Committee Confident Of Success In Attaining Super-objective If The Citizens Will Stand Behind Them; Small Amounts Will Do It If There Are Enough Of Them

With their primary objective realized and the goal of their ambition in sight the Victory Loan committee are striving to secure \$600,000 in small subscriptions in the remaining short time before the drive is terminated. The grand total of the city and county of St. John is estimated to be \$5,520,000, and if St. John can get a crown for their honor flag they will make a showing second to none in Canada.

In the city proper, Lansdowne ward continues to forge to the front and these committee men are the sensation and, in reality, the dark horses of the big campaign. Their objective was \$160,000, but they have more than doubled that amount and are out to lead the city in round figures as well as applications. Queens ward is leading with \$440,000 odd, but Lansdowne is after them, and from the smile of John C. Chesley, he seems confident of running a great race. Like all men after big things he is not saying much but doing a whole lot.

Lorne ward and Brooks ward went over the top today, and the county went over a few nights ago. The county's objective was \$93,000 and they had up to last night \$99,000.

The firm of E. Leonard & Sons, of London, Ont., through their local agent, G. H. Evans, this morning subscribed \$10,000 towards the local campaign.

MORAL REVOLUTION NEEDED BEFORE HUNS CAN BE NEIGHBORLY

Paris, Nov. 15.—Germany must undergo a moral revolution as well as a political upheaval before she can be admitted to a league of nations, says Leon Boulogne, former cabinet minister, who is president of a commission recently appointed to study the plan for a great combination of states for the future.

"The universal war has demonstrated to all nations the necessity for an international constitution," he says. "This would assure to each nation the sanctity of its rights. Diplomatic and judicial measures could place a discordant state in intolerable solitude, and not only the state, but its citizens would suffer. President Wilson has admitted the legitimacy of economic penalties and hinted that they might possibly be used against the central powers.

"If this weapon should fail, there would remain international military intervention. But economic measures, which would deprive a country of raw materials and interrupt land and sea transport, would be sufficient to crush resistance."

QUEBEC WILL DO ITS PART TO BRING ABOUT CANADIAN UNITY

Toronto, Nov. 14.—Declaring that the province of Quebec will do its duty in the future in bringing about national unity in Canada and at the same time strongly condemning the national leader, Henri Bourassa, for his "scoundrel and shameful course" in the last few years, Lieut. Col. Desjardins, of Quebec tonight delivered an address to members of the Ontario committee of the "Bonnie Entente" at a dinner in the national club.

"We have done our best to help win the war," he said, "we have now to undertake with equal courage to solve the new numerous and difficult problems sure to be the outcome of the restoration of peace."

SAYS EXPLOSION WHICH COST ONE HUNDRED LIVES WORK OF ENEMY AGENT.

Perth Amboy, N. J., Nov. 14.—Conviction that the explosion last month at the T. A. Gillespie shell loading plant at Morgan, which cost nearly 100 lives, was the work of an enemy agent, was voted at the senate investigation of the tragedy here today by Hugh A. Leonard, superintendent of the unit in which the explosion occurred.

GERMAN AUSTRIAN REPUBLIC HAS NO ROOM FOR FORMER EMPEROR

London, Nov. 14.—Vienna newspapers announce that the German-Austrian republic will be proclaimed tomorrow and that former Emperor Charles' request to be permitted to reside in Vienna as a private citizen has been refused, according to an Amsterdam despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company.

BUILDING A SCHOONER.

J. Willard Smith has returned from Hillburn, N. S., where he is having another large vessel built. The schooner is to be 500 tons. He said they were making good progress considering the weather conditions and the loss of workmen through sickness.

ORGANIC UNION OF ALL EVANGELICAL CHURCHES IS AIM

New York, Nov. 14.—Representatives of nine Protestant denominations have accepted an invitation of the Presbyterian church in the United States of America to meet in Philadelphia, December 8, to 6, to consider a proposal of the Presbyterian General Assembly for "organic union of the evangelical churches in America," it was announced here tonight.

The denominations which will be represented at the conference are the Presbyterian church in the United States of America, Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, Reformed church in the United States, United Presbyterian church of North America, Methodist Episcopal church, Congregational churches, Disciples of Christ, Evangelical Synod of North America and Moravian church in America.

NATION-WIDE WAR ON VICE IS LAUNCHED

Toronto, Nov. 14.—A nation-wide war on vice was launched tonight at a representative meeting of social workers held at the King Edward Hotel under the auspices of the advisory committee on vice, organized by the military district of Toronto. There were present representatives from Montreal, Hamilton and Toronto.

THE CONFERENCE WILL BE RESUMED TOMORROW.

In opening the meeting Dr. J. W. S. McCollough, provincial health officer, expressed the hope that a national council would be formed in Canada to fight vice and prevent the spread of venereal diseases.

FORMER MAYOR VAN WYCK IS DEAD IN PARIS

Paris, Nov. 15 (4.35 a. m.)—Robert A. Van Wyck, former mayor of New York, is dead here.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stuart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis.—The disturbance which was near Nova Scotia yesterday has now passed to Newfoundland. It has given gales and snow and rain in the maritime provinces. Elsewhere in Canada the weather has been fine.

Fair and Cool.

Maritime—Fresh northwest to southwest winds, fair and cool; Saturday, moderate southwest to south winds, fair and a little milder.

America Must Share In the Responsibility And Take Up Her Burden In World Politics

Close Co-operation Between Great Britain and America Best Guarantee for Peaceful Development of Civilization, says General Smuts

London, Nov. 14.—(Reuter's Limited)—Lieutenant-General Christian Smuts entertained a party of American editors on behalf of the government tonight. Addressing the guests he said that the greatest and most fruitful fact of the great war had been the coming together of Europe and the United States.

"Old Europe is dead, and a new world is slowly emerging," he said. "In the upbuilding of this new world the co-operation of America is essential. It is for the good of both America and Europe that the former henceforth take an active share in the councils of the old world and take up her burden in world politics. America has become jointly responsible with Europe for the new order which will arise from the ruins of this war. America and Great Britain are bound to the same great principles and ideals. Their close co-operation henceforth will form the best guarantee for the future peaceful development of civilization."

Helping Hand Needed.

Not only the liberated territories of our Allies, not only our small neutral neighbors, but the enemy countries themselves require our helping hand. Let us extend it in all generosity and magnanimity. The idea of organizing food supplies for these lands will help to purify an atmosphere cursed with war, hate and untruth. It would all have been so much easier if Germany had fought a clean fight and not stained her hands with such crimes, but even so we must be influenced by the larger considerations.

A Call to Humanity.

"We must feel that in the call to common humanity there are other purposes besides the prevention of war, for which a league of nations is a sheer practical necessity. One of the first steps must be to create an organization against hunger and ration in all the countries where disaster threatens.

"The existing inter-ally machinery, which is the nucleus of a league of nations, probably will undertake this task. At this period of reconstruction after the war, all countries, Allied, neutral and enemy, will have to be rationed for certain raw materials. Here again international machinery is necessary. We thus are making straight for a league of nations charged with the performance of these international functions.

More Danger of War.

"Then, as regards the primary object of the league, from Finland to Constantinople, the map will be covered with small nations divided by profound antipathies and most of them with minorities conducive to internal weakness. We may, therefore, expect more dangers of wars in Europe than in the past. Therefore it is imperative that we create an international organization to keep peace."

Scope of the League.

"The league also would be useful in solving other problems. For instance, when the league is established, America might be asked to act in some trouble in Turkey or Russia on behalf of the league which would give her general directions. Or take the case of the former German colonies. Some of them must fairly and properly be given to the British dominions who conquered them and for whose future development and security they are necessary. But there may conceivably be others which the Allies, while refusing to restore them to Germany, as they cannot force what course the future development of Germany might take, might transfer to certain powers until their ultimate disposal is settled.

Probably other knotty territorial problems could be deferred in the same way. The task will be as difficult as it is great, but where the United States joins hands with Europe and Great Britain in attempting to solve it, I have no doubt a solution will be found.

The age of miracles is never past. The history of South Africa since the Boer war bears immortal testimony to the wisdom of a policy of conciliation. If the victors of this greatest of all wars imitate the temper of Great Britain that occasion I have hope that the bitterness of this war may lead to a great reconciliation of peoples in the future, perhaps even to the disappearance of war."

SOVIETS STORM AUSTRIAN PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS IN VIENNA

Paris, Nov. 14.—Socialists stormed the Austrian parliament buildings in Vienna Wednesday and tried to enter the chamber where the new state council was in session. Shots were fired before order could be restored and twenty persons in the crowd outside the building were injured, according to despatches reaching here. President Dinghofer denied that the firing began from the parliament buildings.

The new national flag of three bands, red, white and red, was hoisted over the building, but soon afterward some one removed the white band and the crowd cheered the red flag.

A party of Socialists occupied the offices of the Neue Freie Presse and brought out special editions advocating the establishment of a socialist republic, as in Germany.

\$200,000 Damage.

Elkin, W. Va., Nov. 14.—Fire tonight totally destroyed the Elkins Box Company plant here with an estimated loss of \$200,000.

ROME WELCOMES VICTOR EMMANUEL

Rome, Nov. 14.—All Rome turned out today to welcome Victor Emmanuel, the king, who had been at the Italian front since the beginning of hostilities. From the railway station to the Quirinal there was one black mass of cheering people.

The king drove to the palace in an open carriage. After his arrival here he was found to arrive at the windows several times with the queen, in response to the continuous storm of applause from the crowd.

THE POPE AND AUSTRIA

Rome, Nov. 15.—Pope Benedict has written a letter to Cardinal Gasparri, the papal secretary of state, in which the pontiff says:

"We pray that the question between Austria and Italy will receive a solution confirming the just aspirations of the peoples.

The pontiff's letter continues:

"We have given instructions to the nuncio at Vienna to put himself in friendly relations with the nations of Austria-Hungary which are now being constituted into independent states."

SPAIN REAFFIRMS HER FOREIGN POLICY

Madrid, Nov. 15.—(By the Associated Press)—At the first meeting of the new Spanish ministry, held early this week, it was unanimously decided, after an address by Premier Romanones, to continue the policy which was initiated in 1902, and re-affirmed in 1907 and 1913. The ministry has issued a note saying that the new government will be directed in a democratic spirit and guaranteeing that order will be maintained throughout Spain.

The foreign policy referred to in the above despatch apparently alludes to pacific agreements with France and Great Britain by which the integrity of coastal and insular and colonial possessions in the east Atlantic and Mediterranean were mutually guaranteed by the three countries. This foreign policy of Spain was considered a step aimed against German aggression. In 1907 the signing of a treaty between Spain, France and Great Britain carrying out the above objects was looked upon as the foundation of a future United States of Europe.

STOCKS IN COLD STORAGE

Ottawa, Nov. 14.—The cost of living branch makes the following report to the minister of labor regarding stocks of goods in cold storage in Canada on Nov. 11:

The stock of butter reported amount to 18,806,240 pounds of creamery and 1,819,000 pounds of dairy. This is a distinct decline in the quantity of creamery butter as compared with last month.

There are on hand 6,064,187 pounds of cheese, which is a slight increase over last month, but only about one third of last year's stock.

The egg stocks are 6,821,176 dozen in cold storage.

Oleomargarine shows total stocks of 684,842 pounds.

Supplies of all kinds of meat show increases.

Fish also shows an increase compared with last year.

WE HAVE WON A FLAG; WE CAN WIN A CROWN. WHY NOT BUY ANOTHER BOND?