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SWEEEPING VICTORY FOR COALITION GOVERNMENT

Upwards of Five Hundred Supporters of Lloyd George Elected to House of Commons—Coalition Leaders Given Enormous Majorities—Asquith, Henderson, McKenna, Simon, Snowden, and Other Prominent Men Went Down to Defeat—Nationalist Representation Almost Wiped Out By Sinn Feiners.

London, Dec. 28.—The Coalition Government under Premier Lloyd George won a sweeping victory beyond all expectations in the elections for the new parliament. In a house of 707 members, the Prime Minister will have more than 500 seats for his supporters. Among those who opposed the Coalitionists are Sinn Feiners who have secured 70 seats, but as these members will refuse to go to the House of Commons the strength of the Government will thereby be increased proportionately. Of the 14 women candidates only one will be entitled to sit in the House of Commons, namely, the Countess Markievicz, a Sinn Feiner, who is elected for St. Patrick's Division of Dublin City, but as the Sinn Feiners refuse to sit at Westminster the House of Commons will, as hitherto, be composed entirely of males. All other women candidates, including many of the foremost in the women's movements, were defeated. Christobel Pankhurst came the nearest to being elected, losing by a narrow majority to a Laborite.

The Sinn Feiners as expected, not only swept Ireland, but gained their seats with enormous majorities, leaving the Nationalist representation in the new parliament to a mere seven members. The defeat of the Asquithians, especially former ministers, in most cases cannot be attributed in part to split votes in three-cornered constituencies. Not only has no Coalition minister been defeated, but most of them were re-elected by an extraordinary majority. For instance, Premier Lloyd George had a majority of about 12,000. Winston Churchill 15,000, and Andrew Bonar Law 13,000, and majorities well over 10,000 were quite common among Coalitionists. On the other hand pacifists almost in every case were ignominiously defeated by heavy votes.

Phillips Snowden, James Ramsay MacDonald, William C. Henderson, Labor member for Attleborough Division of Sheffield; Arthur Henderson, Labor leader; Robert L. Outhwaite, Labor member for West Bradford; George Lansbury, former Socialist member for Bow and Bromley Division, Tower Hamlets, and Charles Trevelyan, former Parliamentary Secretary for Education.

DILLON DEFEATED
London, Dec. 28.—John Dillon, Irish Nationalist leader, was defeated in East Mayo by E. de Valera, (Sinn Fein), by a vote of 8843 to 4451. He represented East Mayo since 1895.

London, Dec. 28.—With only four results yet to be announced, the Government Coalition will practically command in the new parliament 519 seats. The sweeping triumph of Premier Lloyd George exceeded all expectations.

London, Dec. 28.—The feature of the British elections up to 3 p.m. today in the sweeping Coalition successes and the failure of Labor to make the headway expected. The defeat of Henderson was a surprise, as was also the big majority of Irish Secretary Shortt over the Labor candidate. McKenna's defeat at Newcastle was not unexpected.

London, Dec. 28.—The Sinn Feiners have secured 70 seats in Parliament, thus sweeping the whole of Ireland except the Unionist section.

The Laborites secured only 74 seats instead of the expected 100. Was Sweeping Victory.
London, Dec. 28.—The broad features of the election results announced today are the sweeping triumph of the Lloyd George coalition, the complete rout of the Asquithian pacifists and women candidates, and perhaps the most significant of all the victory of the Sinn Feiners all along the line. That the Coalition Government would be victorious had been a foregone conclusion despite the rumbling of rumor between polling and the counting of votes that Labor would make an unexpected showing, but that David Lloyd George would command completely an overwhelming majority in the new house in proportion of almost 5 to 1 had never been contemplated even by the most sanguine Coalitionists.

Rt. Hon. David Lloyd George, Prime Minister and leader of the Coalition Government, has been re-elected to his seat in the House of Commons for Carmarvon, Wales. The former Prime Minister was defeated by Colonel Sir Alexander Sprot, a Scottish laird, who has served four years with the British army in France. On two previous occasions Sir Alexander has been defeated by Mr. Asquith. The vote was: Sir Alexander Sprot, Unionist, 3,995; Asquith Liberal, 1,996. W. H. Morrison, Liberal, 1,996.

In Cambridge, Sir Eric Geddes, the First Lord of the Admiralty, coalition Unionist, defeated the Rev. T. R. Williams, Laborite, by 11,553 to 3,784 votes.

Sir Albert Stanley, President of the Board of Trade, was re-elected in Ashton-under-Lyme. He received 10,250 votes to 7,334 for T. F. Lister candidate of the National Federation of Discharged Soldiers and Sailors.

Henderson Defeated
Rt. Hon. Arthur Henderson, leader of the British Labor Party, and a former member of the War Cabinet, has been defeated for re-election to Parliament in the South District of East Ham. The vote there was: Clem Edwards, Coalition Liberal, 7,792; Frank Hamlett, Unionist, 5,661; Rt. Hon. Arthur Henderson, Labor, 5,024.

Sir F. E. Smith, the Attorney-General, a Coalition Unionist, was returned in the West Derby Division of Liverpool. He received 11,622 votes to 5,618 for G. Nelson, Laborite.

McKenna Defeated.
Rt. Hon. Reginald McKenna, former Chancellor of the Exchequer and a staunch supporter of Mr. Asquith, was defeated in the Pontypool Division of Monmouthshire, Wales, by Thomas Griffiths, a Laborite. The vote was: Griffiths, Laborite, 8,436; Sir L. Llewellyn, Coalition Unionist, 7,421; McKenna, Liberal, 6,160.

In the East Division of Walthamstow, Sir John Simon, former Attorney-General and former Home Secretary, was defeated by J. L. Johnson, Coalition Unionist. The vote was Mr. Johnson, 9,992; Sir John Simon, Liberal, 5,751.

Devlin Elected.
Joseph Devlin, Nationalist, was elected over E. de Valera in the Falls Division of Belfast. De Valera was one of the heads of the Sinn Fein movement and is at present in prison. He also was nominated in South Down.

Ben Tillett Elected.
Ben Tillett, the noted Labor leader, was elected for North Salford. The Countess Markievicz was elected in this St. Patrick Division of Dublin. The Countess was a Sinn Feiner and a prominent figure in the rebellion.

Snowden Defeated
In Blackburn, Philip Snowden, a Laborite and pacifist, was defeated. The result there was: Sir Henry Norman, Coalition Liberal, 32,076; Snowden, Coalition Liberal, 32,076; Snowden, Coalition Liberal, 32,076; Snowden, Coalition Liberal, 32,076.

In the Rushmore District of Manchester, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, a (Continued on Page Two)



HERBERT CABINET FALLS
Amsterdam, Dec. 28.—The Herbert Cabinet has fallen, according to the Berlin Kreuze Zeitung. A Liebknecht-Labour-Elchorn cabinet will be formed.

BODY OF LOST HUNTER FOUND YESTERDAY
Search Party Found Remains of Body Near Ghost Mountain But Three Miles From E. & N.

Victoria, Dec. 28.—Light face downward within 100 feet of a goal was found yesterday by a search party. The body was found near Ghost Mountain about three miles from the 17-mile post on the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway tracks, one mile from the spot where Thomas Douglas, who accompanied Peters on the tragic hunting trip was picked up in an exhausted condition Sunday, December 13.

FLIGHT CADET MACEDO RETURNS TO VICTORIA
Flight-Cadet Wm. de Macedo, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. de Macedo, of 1028 Fort street, Victoria, and one of six sons who have served in His Majesty's forces in the Great War, has recently returned to Victoria after a year and a half's service with the Royal Flying Corps and the Royal Air Force, enlisting in the early summer of 1917. After spending last winter and spring in Texas, during the organizing of the U. S. Aviation Service he returned to Canada this spring when he was appointed as an Instructor in Aerial Navigation in the R. A. F. School of Aeronautics, Toronto University. He left this position to undergo training as a pilot, and was completing his course when the armistice was signed. He is well known in the local flying profession, a member of the first class to graduate from Victoria Normal School, and at present Vice Principal of South Wallingford School.

ENEMY BASES WERE INSPECTED
Allied Commission Returned After Inspecting German Naval Bases Airship and Seaplane Stations.

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GOVERNOR OF MONS—Captain E. E. Cing Mars, in civil life King's Printer of the Province of Quebec, and for many years a well-known newspaper man in Quebec, Montreal and Ottawa, is the Military Governor of Mons. His linguistic ability and fine military record won him this distinguished honor at the hands of Sir Arthur Currie.

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CARRYING OUT THE ARMISTICE

Germany Has Turned Over Hundreds of Locomotives and Thousands of Cars.

Paris, Dec. 28.—The conditions of the armistice relative to the delivery of railway rolling stock are being carried out satisfactorily by the Germans. In a single day 3,500 cars and 200 locomotives were turned over to the Allies.

Sweeping Mines.
London, Dec. 28.—The British mine-sweepers will have their hands full for some time in carrying out clause twenty-four of the armistice, which provides that the Allied governments shall have the right to sweep up all minefields and obstructions laid by the Germans.

Throughout the war these mine-sweepers carried out silently and fearlessly a noble work. When the war began the British navy had only a small fleet of sweepers, but the minelaying operations of the enemy and the counter-mining of the Allies made imperative the employment of a much larger number of vessels. As far as possible, small craft of various kinds were put into the service. Around the British Isles alone about 700 vessels were used.

Each month the mine-sweepers combed 45,000 miles of water. To do this they steamed a total of 1,322,800 miles.

In 1916, 21,000 mines were removed, with a loss of fifty-one mine-sweepers. In 1917, 43,000 mines were swept up and eighty-nine mine-sweepers were lost. In 1918, up to the end of September, 1,400 mines were swept up and nineteen mine-sweepers were lost.

WALLACE ST. METH. CHURCH
W. Vance, Pastor
11 a. m.—Morning worship with sermonette for the children.
2.30 p. m.—Sunday school and Bible Class.

7 p. m.—Evening worship, theme: "Taking Stock." Let us get our bearings as we start out upon the New Year. Let us consider our resources for the new adventures.
Music—Solo by Mr. E. Jones and others.
When Night Involves the Sky, anthem, "O Gladsome Light."

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH
Preacher, Rev. Dr. Mackay.
Christmas services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Rev. John Mackay, D. D., Principal of Westminster Hall, will preach at both services. In the evening the choir will render a special service of Christmas song. On the closing Sunday of the year meet for worship.

Order of service for evening:
Organ, Pastoral Symphony (Handel)
Anthem, Shepherd's Abiding (Simper)
Scripture Reading
Hymn No. 30
Solo, The Heavenly Song... (Gray)
Miss Jean Patterson
Anthem, Unto Us a Child is Born... (Nichol)
Announcements and Offertory
Organ, March of the Magi Kings... (Dubois)
Solo, Star of Bethlehem... (Adams)
Mr. T. Lewis
Solemn Thought
Solo, One Sweetly Solemn Thought... (Ambrose)
Mrs. (Dr.) Gill
Anthem, Hark, Hark, My Soul... (Shelley)
Hymn No. 375
Organ, Postlude on Three Christmas Carols... (Fletcher)

WILL LEAVE MADRID.
Madrid, Dec. 28.—(Havas)—The negotiations concerning the departure from Spain of the German Ambassador and his staff have been concluded. Prince von Rathbor, the Ambassador, and his assistants will leave Madrid on January 9.

SINN FEINERS PROCLAIM REPUBLIC IN IRELAND
London, Dec. 28.—The London Express said this morning that posters would appear in every parish in Ireland today announcing that the Irish Republic has come into being.

The newspaper added that the Sinn Feiners in the recent general election swept Munster, Connaught and Leinster. Seventy members of Parliament were elected by the party, but they will not take their seats.

It was stated by The Express that a central Sinn Fein Council will be established in Dublin almost immediately and will call itself the Irish Parliament. If the Government orders its abandonment it is said it will establish itself elsewhere if necessary, and move from place to place.

WAS THE GUEST OF LONDON

President Wilson Presented With Address of Welcome on His Last Public Appearance in London.

London, Dec. 28.—President Wilson made his last public appearance in London today. Officials of the city of London presented him with an address of welcome in the ancient Guild Hall where other famous Americans, including General Grant and former President Roosevelt, had been received. Afterward he was guest at a luncheon at the Egyptian Hall of the Marston House where over the ghosts of decades of civic oratory and where many Americans have partaken of the famed Aldermanic turtle soup. The drive from Buckingham Palace and return was witnessed by immense crowds. There was plenty of enthusiasm abroad, but it hardly reached the volume as that which attended the President's entry into London on Thursday.

The announcement of the results of the general election was somewhat of a counter attraction today.

London, Dec. 28.—Premier Lloyd George, in receiving American newspaper correspondents at his residence at 7 o'clock tonight, said the conferences with the President had brought about an agreement on general principles. The Premier said he felt that assured matters which had been agreed upon between America and Great Britain would prove of great assistance at the peace conference. An agreement virtually already had been reached between the Entente powers regarding the admission of various nations to the peace conference itself, said the Premier. In the conferences in Paris with the Presidents of France and Italy President Wilson had become fully acquainted with their views and he had now acquired the knowledge of the British standpoint.

FINDLAY CASE IS ADJOURNED TO THURSDAY
Vancouver, Dec. 28.—Walter C. Findlay, former Parliament Commissioner of British Columbia, appeared in police court here this morning to answer to the charge of the theft of seventy-four cases of liquor preferred against him in Victoria by the Attorney-General. When the case was called no charge was made and no plea entered, the case being adjourned until next Thursday morning. Bail was reduced from \$10,000 to \$7,500 and it is expected that Findlay will be able to secure the amount.

CARD.
The members of the Great War Next of Kin Association wish to thank the G. W. V. A. and all who assisted for the splendid entertainment and the Christmas presents given soldiers' wives and kiddies on Friday evening.

FROST—STOBART.
Yesterday morning at the Wallace Street Methodist parsonage, the Rev. W. Vance united in marriage Miss Frances Annie Stobart and Mr. Thomas William Frost. The witnesses were Miss Charlotte M. Frost and Mr. Richard Stobart.

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