

ENGLAND STANDS AMAZED AT GOVERNMENT DEFEAT

LABOR VICTORY IN PARLIAMENT STUNS ENGLAND

Taking of Early Vote Results In Government Defeat By Seven.

MERELY TECHNICAL

Businessmen Fear Party As a Menace To the Welfare of Britain.

By HERBERT CASSON.
Special Cable to The London Advertiser and The Philadelphia Public Ledger.
London, April 12.—At this moment England is stunned by the amazing defeat of the government. The vote was taken at 9.15 instead of 9.50 and the government was defeated by seven votes. Normally the government majority is about seventy-five, but on this occasion it was caught with only a hundred and thirty-eight supporters.

Common Political Trick.

It is a mere technical defeat—a common trick of political procedure, but it is a severe and unexpected blow for the government. It shows the weakness of the government but it also shows the strength and cleverness of the Labor party. It proves the easy-going days of the Coalition government are over and that this government must be eternally vigilant to maintain its existence.

Naturally the Labor party is jubilant. It has scored its first Parliamentary success. It has proved it can play the parliamentary games as well as either of the other two political parties. This Labor victory in short has suddenly compelled business men to take a more serious view of the Labor party. It has pointed out a new danger that must be met.

From the first businessmen regarded the Labor party as a dangerous menace to the welfare of Britain. They have no confidence in its leaders who for the most part are a score of clever, fluent, irresponsible theorists, agitators—men of the Kerensky type, who can talk the nation into disaster.

Demand Capital Levy.

As yet no practical proposal has come from the Labor party. It is demanding a capital levy which would pull down the whole industrial and financial structure on the heads of the British people. It is pro-German in sympathies and was very little "left" during the war. No less than fourteen of its present members in parliament spent the war period in jail as conscientious objectors. Its full strength in this parliament is one hundred and forty-four members out of a total of over six hundred. It is less than one-quarter of the house of commons membership and consequently not likely to dominate the house.

No labor government could possibly be organized without some sort of coalition with the Liberal party or at least with the Liberal wing of it. Such is the prevalent opinion among British businessmen. The Labor party is suddenly thrust up into prominence by a series of political accidents rather than by efficiency or its own efforts.

URGES CHANGE IN EXAM FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE

Past President of Association Does Not Favor Present Methods.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, April 12.—F. W. Patterson, past president of the Associated Federal Employees' Union 66, giving evidence yesterday before the special committee of the house on civil service, suggested that there should be a change in the character of some of the written examinations for positions in the civil service. Less emphasis should be placed on former office experience and more on general education. The slapdash methods of carrying on correspondence in office life were not the methods in the government service.

"Are you suggesting that the speed acquired in business life would be an actual detriment in government service?" inquired a member of the committee to an outburst of laughter.

"No," Mr. Patterson replied, adding that he had wished to lay emphasis on the necessity of a good general education.

NURSE EDITH CAVELL'S DOG WILL JOIN NOTABLE CANINES

Associated Press Despatch.

London, April 11.—A little dog which belonged to Nurse Edith Cavell at the time of her execution, died recently in Brussels. Its body has been brought to London to be placed with other stuffed "notable canines" in the zoological department of the British Museum. On the day before her death Nurse Cavell gave the dog to her devoted friend, Princess de Croix, who cared for the animal until it died.

STEAMER FROM DETROIT MAKES RUN TO SARNIA

Special to The Advertiser.

Sarnia, April 12.—The steamer Waukeg arrived here last night from Detroit on the first run of the summer schedule. Marine men now set the date for opening of navigation to the western lake on account of the thickness of the ice in St. Marys River.

Last year the first vessel bound for a western lake port passed this city April 22.

The S. S. Harmon of the Northern Company has been in readiness to leave Sarnia since.

FINES INDIAN \$300 FOR HEWING TREES NOT HIS PROPERTY

Brantford Magistrate Tells George Miller Laws Must Be Obeyed.

OTHERS IMPLICATED

Case Arises Out of Refusal of the Reserve Council To Recognize Will.

Special to The Advertiser.
Brantford, April 12.—"The Six Nations Indian must realize that the laws in Ontario and Canada are pre-eminent and must be obeyed," declared Magistrate John Blake when he imposed a sentence of \$300 or three months on George Miller, Indian, for trespassing and cutting and removing timber from land not belonging to him. Sentence was stayed for three weeks.

Refused To Vacate.

The case first came into prominence when Mrs. Amelia Garlow, owner of the lands, appeared before the Hon. Charles Stewart, minister of Indian affairs, some months ago and stated that although she had been left some property along the Grand River by her father, the late Josiah Hill, she could not obtain possession of it. She said that the council of chiefs of the Six Nations would not recognize her father's will as she had forfeited her right to the land by marrying off the reserve. She appealed to the department which ruled that the will was quite legal, and instructions were given that Miller, who was on the land with the consent of the council, must vacate. He did not.

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A warrant was issued against Walter Stynes, charged with the same offence, and it was expected that he would appear with his two brothers, Claude and Clifford Stynes, three weeks hence, at which time the case of all four will become effective.

Prosecuting lawyer asked that bail be demanded, but the magistrate stated that an Indian was not allowed to give bail. He merely placed Miller on his honor to appear at the stated time.

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GERMANY PROHIBITS SELLING OF ABSINTHE

Government Passes Law Which Delivers Body Blow At France.

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Berlin, April 12.—The Reichstag delivered a double blow against drink and France yesterday by adopting a law prohibiting absolutely the importation and sale of absinthe under heavy penalty.

The vote showed that the insidious poison, which, though forbidden in France itself, is regularly exported, has no friends in Germany except its own addicts. The wet lobby, which is spending a mint of money to fight the ban on absinthe, was completely defeated.

The dry scored another victory by forcing the government to cancel all contracts for advertising alcoholic beverages on dining and passenger cars and in railroad stations. They were prepared to rejoice also over the strike of Bavarian saloons and restaurants, which planned to suspend serving beer, owing to the high price exacted by breweries and the internal revenue department.

A last minute compromise between the breweries and retailers, however, averted a strike from being plunged into mourning.

WILL NOT ADMIT SHIPS TO CANADIAN REGISTRY

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, April 12.—The effect of the decision of the United States Shipping Board as announced by the U. S. department at Washington will, it is said, mean that none of the ships sold with special conditions will be admitted to Canadian registry.

The Canadian government, it is emphasized, has not objected to the U. S. shipping board selling its ships with the condition attached that they would not be used by the new owners for rum-running. The point taken here is that ships cannot be admitted to Canadian registry with anything but the usual conditions governing. The Canadian department of marine, it was argued, was not prepared to concede to the government of the U. S. the right in any way to exercise jurisdiction over ships registered in Canada beyond such as might from time to time be applicable to all vessels of foreign register while in U. S. waters.

FARMER MOVEMENT.

Special to The Advertiser.

Chatham, Ont., April 12.—A debate, "Resolved, that the farmer movement in Canada is not in the best interests of good government," was held by members of the Macaulay Club, featured the meeting of the "Get-Together" Club of First Presbyterian church this week. Mr. Fancher and Mr. Fred Wood took the affirmative, and Mr. S. J. Smith and Mr. Lowell the negative. Jack Stevenson presided and two well-rendered vocal solos were given by Miss Maud Lane and Miss Mary Cocker. Mr. McCubbin gave the decision in favor of the affirmative. Refreshments were served at the close of the program.

DORTCH HANGED TODAY.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Lethbridge, Alta., April 12.—With the words "One more step to heaven," Otis Dortch passed to his doom on the scaffold without flinching at the provincial jail promptly at 6 o'clock this morning. Dortch was convicted of the murder of Charles Kelly on a farm near Vulcan, Alberta, last October.



MANUFACTURERS' BASEBALL LEAGUE OFFICIALS.

Above The Advertiser photographer shows the officers and club representatives of the Manufacturers' League present at Tuesday's opening meeting in R. M. Brisco's store. Back row (left to right)—L. Smith, D. S. Perrin; G. Southcott, Civil Service; F. Steele, P. L. Ferguson, Civil Service; V. Palmer, C. N. R. Trans.; K. McVicar, McClary Mfg. Co.; W. Greene, H. Smith, C. N. R. A. A.; W. Hueston, W. J. Gurney, McClary.

Middle row—R. H. Brisco, honorary president; P. (Bud) Suddick, secretary-treasurer; J. Fitzgerald, president; Norman (Cap) Graham, vice-president; W. Reeves, Murray Shoe.

Bottom row—T. Brazer, D. S. Perrin; B. Walker, McClary; B. Greene, Murray Shoe; J. Goodman, C. N. R. Trans.; K. Roberts, C. N. R. A. A.; and J. Rose, Scott-McLure.

FINANCE COMMITTEE DECREASES ESTIMATES

Guelph Body Refuses Requests For Several Local Grants.

Special to The Advertiser.

Guelph, April 12.—The civic finance committee will present a report before a special meeting of the city council Thursday night, recommending that Guelph's tax rate for 1923 be fixed at 33 mills, an increase of several mills over that of last year. The larger rate is accounted for by the large expenditure necessary in building the new collegiate vocational institute.

As a result of the large application for school needs, the civic financiers have found it necessary to practice the strictest economy in other departments, and \$77,000 in all was sliced off the original estimates presented by the various committees. This includes \$15,000 from the fire, light and water committee for the purchase of a triple combination fire-fighting apparatus.

In addition to cutting the committee estimates to the bone, the financiers have also made no provision for improvements to the winter fair buildings this year, failed to consider a request from the board of health for \$3,000 to build a small police hospital, and failed to provide for the grant, turned down an application for an increased grant to the Victorian Order of Nurses, refused to deal with the request of a grant of \$1,000 to the Travelers' Aid, and protested the payment of \$37,000 to the provincial government on highway work in the city and that on account of the delay and escaped birds he suffered a loss of \$4,000.

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St. Thomas, April 12.—Charles Cohen, a poultry dealer of Blenheim, has started action for \$1,300 damages against the officers of the Elgin Humane Society of St. Thomas.

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St. Thomas, April 12.—Governor Luton, of the Elgin county jail, established another record for economical and efficient feeding of prisoners during the last quarter.

The average daily cost of each inmate was eleven cents. During the previous quarter the average daily cost was twelve cents per prisoner, which shows that living costs are slightly reduced this year. Forty prisoners were released from the jail during the first three months of 1923, staying 672 days.

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St. Thomas, April 12.—The annual business meeting of the North Dresden Baptist church took place Monday night. Splendid reports were presented and an historical sketch of the church compiled by Mr. J. W. Wilkins was read by the clerk, Chas. Elbert.

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A short address was given by Rev. C. J. Cameron of Toronto, secretary of the home mission board of Ontario and Quebec.

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Chatham, April 12.—Mrs. Manson Campbell was elected president of the Heather Club of the general hospital yesterday, when the monthly meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Clarence Merritt. Other officers are: First vice-president, Mrs. W. McGeachy; second vice-president, Mrs. John Park; corresponding secretary, Mrs. A. I. McCall; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. C. C. Bragg. Plans for the annual bazaar in the fall were talked over and the ladies decided to hold chain teas, the first at the home of Mrs. G. A. Gray.

Fake Magazine Salesman Fools Ingersoll Citizens

Solicits Subscriptions in the Name of New Canadian Magazine Published by the Periodical Press.

Special to The Advertiser.

Ingersoll, Ont., April 12.—There are many people in Ingersoll, who feel that they have been victims of a slick magazine salesman, who visited town during February last, claiming to be there in the interests of the new magazine "published by the Periodical Press, King and Yonge streets, Toronto."

Trials subscriptions of \$1 were solicited, entitling the holder of the coupon, given as a receipt, to five editions of the magazine which was supposed to make its appearance in March.

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Detroit, Mich., April 12.—Declaring his marriage with Ingersoll, who had no word from her until February of this year, when she wrote to him from Toronto, asking that he go to that city to bring her back to her husband, when he had complied with her request, she remained only a short time and then deserted him again. Her husband, Harold G. George, 119 Windsor street, yesterday filed suit for divorce against Olive George, alleging that she "lied travelling about."

STRATFORD JAIL HEAD REPORTS EXPENSES

Costs Twelve and One-Half Cents a Day To Feed Prisoner.

Special to The Advertiser.

Stratford, April 12.—The report of Governor Arthur Tretheway of the Perth county jail for the first quarter ending March 31 shows there were 17 commitments for criminal offences and seven for non-criminal ones. The total number of days served by prisoners was 429. The cost of feeding for the quarter was \$12.50, or twelve and one-half cents per prisoner per day. The report throws an interesting light on the question now under discussion of taking in the prisoners from Huron county.

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Governor Tretheway said today that the largest number of prisoners in the jail on any one day since September was 12.

With the two dark cells included there is a total accommodation for 30 prisoners. When the ones sent from Huron county will overcrowd the institution is a point to be decided at the June session.

SHOWS SHIPPERS LOST BY LAKE GRAIN RATES

Special to The Advertiser.

Ottawa, April 12.—The freight rates on grain during last summer, when the shipping combine was alleged to exist, were justified before Canadian shippers by the fact that by F. W. Grant, K. C., counsel for the Great Lakes Transportation Company, which are the Playfair Interests.

Mr. Grant based his justification on the claim that during the period when the agreement fixing rates was in force the great lakes transportation company lost money. He cited four ships as example, pointing out that up till September dates there was a loss on each, that loss being made up out of the earnings for the rest of the season. In estimating these losses he included an interest charge of seven per cent, but that he claimed was not a profit.

The charge of discrimination against Canadian ports he met by saying that out of 153 trips of the company's vessels, only six had been to Buffalo and the rates in these cases had been equalled on shipments to Canadian ports.

As the charge that there was a shipping combine, he contended that the May meeting was due to congestion, the coal strike and other peculiar conditions of 1922.

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Chatham, April 12.—William Brown, a local colored man, has been arrested on a charge of non-support preferred by his wife. Notification of the arrest was received by Chief Groves in a telegram this morning. Brown, according to the city police, appeared in the police court here about two years ago on a similar charge.

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FORD MAY FORCE BUILDERS TO STOP ERECTING PLANT

Warn Contractors of Dangerous Excavation For \$10,000,000 Plant.

DISCUSS TAX RATE

Aldermen Predict Scale of 25 Mills For the Coming Year.

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Windsor, April 12.—Unless steps are taken immediately to insure the safety of pedestrians on Sandwich street and Belle Isle avenue, Ford, the council of that municipality will ask for an injunction to compel contractors to stop work on the \$10,000,000 plant of the Ford Motor Company of Canada.

Members of the meeting of the Ford council Tuesday night that although the company had been notified of dangerous excavation of property on which the new Ford motor plant is being constructed, no action has been taken.

Warns Contractors.

The building inspector was notified to warn contractors that an injunction will be asked if the instructions of the council are not carried out. A committee was appointed to consult the postmaster at Windsor regarding meeting the Ford City post-office to Walkerville. The government is to be requested not to close the office.

The tax rate was not struck by the council, because the auditors' report had not been received in time to be discussed. A special meeting of the council is to be held this week to consider the report. The rate will be about 25 mills, members of the council predict.

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According to reports in circulation here, Mr. Hicks held a conference with several men who share his views in London some days ago, when he wrote his resignation and decided to send it through to the premier. It was on Mr. Drury's desk for perhaps forty-eight hours before its contents became public.

According to reports at the parliament buildings there have been ominous rumblings within the agrarian party for several weeks, but the rift did not become an actuality until the report reached the anti-broadening out camp that Mr. Drury had been in serious consultation with his more trusted followers, and the Liberal chiefs to make a fusion effective before the next election.

Prepared to go to a previous unlooked for length to unite his followers with the Liberals, and the feeling gained of him among the stand-pat U. P. O.'s that their cherished political movement was to be absorbed by and lost in a party fashioned after the old party lines, in which agrarianism would occupy a subordinate position, status than before the United Farmers stepped into politics and swept their way to power.

Agriarians Suspicious.

The suspicion grew within the past few days that Mr. Drury's visit to Ottawa was for the purpose of reaching a preliminary agreement with the federal chiefs of Liberalism. At the moment when feeling was at an intense pitch, a letter intimating that Mr. Drury would occupy a subordinate position in the fusion plan fell into the hands of the Morrison camp. It is claimed that it revealed that the Liberals had sent out from their national headquarters a questionnaire to the handlers of the organization throughout the province, asking if the rank and file were in agreement on a merger that would give the new unionists control of the legislature and the prospects of a sweep over the Conservatives, stand-pat U. P. O.'s and straight-line Liberals at the next election.

Why Hicks Quit.

The miscarriage of the Ottawa letter had a bombshell effect on the Morrisonites and was, according to report, the cause of the direct action of Mr. Hicks and the band he has lined up against Premier Drury.

Causes Of Trouble.

One of the causes of dissatisfaction is said to have been the allegation raised against the Drury administration that some extraneous influences have been needlessly excessive. It is admitted that the government's roads policy has brought a wonderful improvement in all parts of the province, it has also caused dissatisfaction on the ground of expenditure, in view of the fact that the highway department is planning for a limited provincial highway system was one of the outstanding features of the electioneering of the U. P. O. in 1919.

Another contribution to the dissatisfaction of the dissentients is said to have been the expenditure of half a million dollars on the probe of the Gregory commission into hydro electric expenditures.

The government, according to this phase of the complaint, has been unable to find money with which to bonus the construction of secondary hydro electric distribution lines in the rural districts, though it pays 50 per cent of the cost of primary distribution lines. The claim is made that if the money spent on the Gregory probe had been allotted for the bonusing of secondary hydro lines in the townships, the annual service charge for farm power would have been cut practically in half, and hydro power would have been instead of being distributed at a luxury price, would have been made available in the country almost as cheaply as it is in the city.

There have been bitter passages within the U. P. O. over the troublesome question of redistribution.

W. SAUNDERS ADDRESSES BIRD LOVERS OF SARNIA

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Sarnia, April 12.—W. E. Saunders of London lectured here last night under Chamber of Commerce auspices in conjunction with the Canadian National Audubon Society. There was present a large attendance of boys interested in bird matters, and prizes for the bird-house contest were awarded by Mr. Saunders.

In view of the movement here to establish a bird sanctuary at Lake Huron Park, there was also a representation of adults interested in the question.

HONOR FLORENCE COUPLE.

Special to The Advertiser.

Florence, April 12.—Mr. and Mrs. Jas. A. Beattie were pleasantly surprised Monday night when the Young People's Adult Bazaar of the Methodist church met at their home, following their marriage of recent date, to present with an oil painting as a gift to the church. A social hour was spent with a dainty lunch served.

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HICKS BOMB WAS "MADE IN LONDON" SOME DAYS AGO

U. F. O. Whip Leaves Drury's Camp Because Premier Had Strayed From "Principles."

PARTY SPLIT SURE

Report That Drury Has Made Overtures for Fusion With Liberals.

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