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Undismayed By Defeat, MacDonald Retains Office
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PREMIER IS SUPPORTED IN COURSE

Press as a Whole Upholds Him, But Labor Organ Has Criticism.

ELECTION TALK

Division in Liberal Ranks Emphasized Over Vote on Evictions Bill.

BY LLOYD ALLEN, (United Press Staff Cor.) London, April 8.—Undismayed by last night's defeat, Premier MacDonald today reiterated his determination to carry on until the Government is beaten on a "substantial issue, a matter of principle or a direct vote of confidence."

The Labor cabinet met to attempt to devise a method to handle the evictions bill in another form. It was on this measure that the Government met defeat by nine votes, 221 to 212. Parliamentary orders prohibit re-introduction of a defeated bill in the same session.

The British press generally upholds MacDonald in not resigning. The Premier spent the morning about his foreign office duties. He showed the strain of last night's harrowing experience when he sat with folded arms and deathly white face in a maelstrom of jibes from the Tory opposition, refusing to resign. Only 25 Liberals voted against the Government; the rest either refrained from voting or supported the proposition of the ministry.

Second Defeat. The Government suffered another defeat in the committee on ways and means in the Commons tonight, when an amendment on a minor financial question was carried against it by a vote of 207 to 170. These defeats do not involve political consequences.

London, April 8.—(British United Press by Harry N. Moore)—Hostile criticism from his own party is freely directed against Premier Ramsay MacDonald for bowing before the will of the Clydesdale Socialists in refusing to drop or amend in form agreeable to a majority of his followers Clause 1 of the evictions bill. The result of the division in the House of Commons, although not unexpected altogether, is causing unalloyed joy in Conservative ranks and to a lesser extent among that group of the Liberals which is dissatisfied with the Asquith policy of giving undivided support to Labor. Even the Daily Herald, organ of the Labor party, maintains that the tactics pursued by the Premier were wrong, stating "it must be said that a bolder determination on the part of certain members of the cabinet would have prevented defeat." These words are regarded as extremely significant in the political world although it is not the first time that the Herald has ely attacked MacDonald, indicating a lack of perfect cohesion on the part of the Labor party.

Election Nearer. While it is fully admitted by all parties that the Premier is justified in refusing to resign, it is generally believed that the prospect of an early election has been brought appreciably nearer by the defeat of last night.

The Labor Government is not likely to meet any further serious crises before the Easter recess, and the tactics of the opposition after the re-assembly will be decided upon after the members have had an opportunity of feeling out the sentiment of their constituents during the holidays.

There is no doubt that the Liberals are showing signs of increasing weakness throughout the country, having lost many of their followers through their blind acceptance of the policy of supporting Labor whatever happens. Other Liberals are dissatisfied with the leadership of their party through the belief that this support to Labor is not sufficiently whole-hearted.

This division on the evictions bill demonstrated the wide difference existing within the Liberal ranks which is generally reflected through the conventionalities but it is almost assured that there will be no general election before June.

Remington Gave Much; Died Poor

Syracuse, N. Y., April 8.—Virtually impoverished by his philanthropy toward Syracuse University, Eliehalet Remington, 95, of Ithaca, died today at a hospital in Merkin. Benefactions by Mr. Remington and his brother in favor of Syracuse University totaled more than \$250,000, beginning nearly half a century ago, when he was a young man. He was one of the first to give to the university. He continued gifts until financial reverses came upon them. The concern they founded for the manufacture of firearms was of world standing, but after reverses they made an assignment of stock in favor of creditors. The typewriter taking its name from them was too late to save their fortune. In a public tribute, Chancellor Fitch said: "He gave until he had nothing left; he was kind and was happy to have helped make his last days more comfortable."

ITALY IN ACCORD WITH JUGO-SLAVIA

Makes a Defensive Alliance That Settles All Former Disputes.

Geneva, April 8.—The texts of accords signed by Italy and Jugo-Slavia in January have been jointly registered by the League of Nations. They show, in the opinion of League officials, that they can be classed under the heading of regional guarantees and defensive alliances, provided for by the pact of mutual guarantees elaborated by the last League Assembly. There are nine of the accords, of which the first three are the most important.

The first is called a pact of friendship. In it Italy and Jugo-Slavia engage mutually to support one another for the maintenance of order established by the League. It defines the attitude each signatory shall take in case of unprovoked attack against the other, or in the event of a security or interest of one of the parties is menaced in consequence of an aggression or because of international complications. The second is a protocol under which the signatories promise to communicate to each other any agreement entered into touching upon their policies in central Europe.

Italians Emigrate To The Argentine. Buenos Aires, April 8.—The Italian government proposes to carry out an excessive scheme for promoting the emigration of Italian agricultural laborers to Argentina. It is effective this month with the departure from Italy of the first contingent of workers. These laborers will be provided by the Italian government with the necessary resources for starting work on land of their own.

It is understood that this colonization scheme is closely connected with another one to augment steamship services between Italy and Argentina. Machine Guns Ready At Kentucky Mines. Straight Creek, Ky., April 8.—Under the protection of machine gun nests, established on the mountain-sides and manned by the National Guardsmen, mines of the Liberty Coal and Coke Company, closed because of differences over a wage scale, were re-opened yesterday.

Wire Briefs

London, April 8.—(United Press)—The British submarine L-28 which went aground near the Needles Channel, has been refloated, undamaged.

Tehran, April 8.—(United Press)—Eliaz Khan, who rose from being a Cossack soldier to the Premiership of Persia within four years, resigned today, when parliament rebuffed republicanism.

New York, April 8.—The New York Giants celebrated John McGraw's fifty-first birthday yesterday by winning their fifth consecutive game—a 3-0 victory over the White Sox at Chattanooga.

Newcastle, N. B., April 8.—In the police court today Thomas Alcorn of Glenelg was charged by Daniel Casey, also of Glenelg, with fraudulently converting about ten cords of pulpwood for his own use last October. The case is going on.

London, April 8.—(Canadian Press)—With the budget only a fortnight away it is undeniable that neither Mr. Asquith, the Liberal leader, nor former Premier Stanley Baldwin are anxious to take the reins, but once the budget is out of the way, MacDonald, it is predicted, will not survive many defeats.

INTEREST IS INTENSE IN THE BUDGET

Acting Finance Minister is to Reveal Tariff Policy on Thursday.

GUESSING KEEN

Speculation is That Extensive Cut in Taxation Will be Announced.

(Special to The Times-Star.) Ottawa, April 8.—All interest in the proceedings in the house yesterday was subservient to the statement by the Acting Minister of Finance, Mr. Robb, that the budget would be brought down on Thursday—almost the earliest date within recent memory. The inference would seem to be that the end of the session may be looked for not later than the middle of June.

Much Speculation. As this culminating point of interest in the session arrives, speculation grows more intense as to what the budget will contain. Mr. Meighen's venture in the role of a prophet at Windsor on Saturday, when he made the prediction that "all the reduction you will see on farm implements you can place in the left hand corner of a dunghill," is regarded with surprise here, where the best information obtainable is that the government undoubtedly contemplates important reductions.

"It will be," says one Quebec minister, "a real Liberal budget," and while it is not to be expected that all the hopes of the Progressives will be realized, it is scarcely conceivable that the Government will not fall to come through with reductions, after buoying up the hopes of the lower tariff elements so repeatedly and so high.

It is true that Mr. Fielding said last year that the time of tariff stability had come, and further reductions might not be expected, but there is a very pronounced change in the political atmosphere here since Mr. Fielding and Mr. Gouin withdrew their presence. It is believed to be the desire of the Prime Minister to do something substantial now towards implementing the 1919 platform, and in addition, the interest of the Government points in that direction. It can no longer expect to carry on business satisfactorily without Progressive support, and it is believed that the breaking point with the Progressives will be not far distant if they should be disappointed at their hopes have been raised.

All these considerations make Mr. Meighen's utterances the more surprising, and it has been taken in some quarters as an attempt to lead the Government into an action which Conservatives believe will tend to disrupt the party in Quebec.

Effect of Reduction. If the tariff contains that reasonable measure of reduction which is anticipated, the Government will have little to worry about so far as support in the House is concerned. The present session so far has gone with unexpected smoothness. It has, indeed, been duller than usual for the reason that the expected Conservative attack has been notable by its absence and the position of the Government has been free from anxiety than any time since its formation. That it will imperil this sense of security and create an enraged and aggressive body of Progressives ready to attack it is inconceivable.

The budget speech of Thursday, therefore, will be one of the most important ever delivered in the House. It will be the parting of the ways for the Liberal party if it is what is expected to be. Henceforth their course will lie in the direction of a gradually stronger rapprochement with the Progressive party of the west, with the possibility of a certain degree of alienation from the high tariff element centered in the Liberal party on the Island of Montreal. This is a determination which the Prime Minister must now make and a course which he must choose if he hopes to retain power. The indications all point to the fact that he has decided that his hopes lie with the low tariff element of his party.

Death in Flood in Massachusetts

Westfield, Mass., April 8.—A toll of one life and many thousands of dollars of damage was taken by flood waters in the Westfield district yesterday. An unidentified man, about 26 years of age, was drowned at Frog Hole, last night, when he attempted to wade through a portion of the Springfield road inundated by the swollen stream.

No Terrors For Spencer in "13"

Ventnor, Isle of Wight, April 8.—"The superstition that 13 is unlucky is, in my opinion, base," says Charles E. J. Spencer of Ventnor Isle of Wight. "I was born on July 13, was married on July 13, and my left hand was on a ship on July 13, and returned in 1914. I came safely through the war as a petty officer in the Naval Transport Service, and no ship I was in had either a gun or other protection against undersea craft, always voyaged 'on my own' (that is, never in convoy), and was never wrecked, torpedoed or hit by a mine, though we navigated many areas in the Aegean Sea and Black Sea, which had never been swept."

CHURCH BILL IS SENT TO N. B. HOUSE

Committee Reports Measure at Fredericton, But Makes No Recommendation.

COMPENSATION ACT

Lumbermen and Bankers Gather to Take Up Points in This Legislation.

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BRITISH MINERS ARE VOTING TODAY

Ballot May Not Mean Strike, as Count of Enquiry Will Likely Follow.

BY HARRY N. MOORE. (British United Press.) London, April 8.—Throughout Great Britain the miners in every coal field are halting today on whether or not they will accept the final peace terms offered by the colliery owners, which the National Conference of delegates representing the entire industry has declined to recommend. It is fully expected that these terms will be turned down by the men by a large majority, but it does not necessarily follow that a strike will ensue as a result of the declaration of the balloting for the holding of a court of enquiry and the subsequent introduction of a minimum wage.

MEDERIC MARTIN NO LONGER MAYOR

Went Down to Defeat in Montreal Yesterday—Seven New Aldermen.

Montreal, April 8.—Mederic Martin, ten years Mayor of Montreal, and prominent in the civic life of the city for twenty-five years, passed from civic office yesterday, after being defeated by Charles Duquette, practically unknown to the voters, who became a candidate, was elected the new Mayor of the city by a majority of 3,104 over his veteran opponent. The votes were: Duquette, 42,183; Martin, 39,079; J. H. Petit, a third candidate, polled 1,320 votes.

CASS SCORES POINT IN THE PIRACY CASE

Evidence That Throws Doubt on Previous Testimony is Accepted.

Boston, Mass., April 8.—Counsel for Ray Cass of Somerville, former boxing promoter, whose extradition to Halifax for trial on a charge of piracy against the British schooner J. Scott Hanksin is being sought by Nova Scotia authorities, scored a tactical victory yesterday, when two depositions said to have been signed by the captain and one of the crew of the schooner, were accepted as evidence by U. S. Commissioner Wheeler, over the strenuous opposition of counsel for the Canadian authorities. The deposition, vouchered for by a Gloucester police officer and Essex county officers, were said to have been signed by Capt. Arthur Moore and the cook, Harry Harris, while they were at the point of death in a Gloucester hospital. Descriptions of the pirates given in the depositions differ from subsequent testimony of the pair in which they identified Cass as the man who boarded Cape Ann last August.

Sealers Getting Very Large Fares

St. John's, Nfld., April 8.—Reports from the sealing fleet are that up to last Saturday seven vessels in the north had killed 118,000 seals, equalling the catch of the entire fleet last year. Most of the seals are still on the ice floes, and must be picked up by the ships when they are able to force their way through the pack. Three steamers operating in the Gulf of St. Lawrence have taken no seals as yet, but are close to large herds.

Killed Classmate; Gets Life Sentence

Cincinnati, April 8.—Without displaying a sign of emotion or nervousness, Halton P. Siddall, 26, a dental student, son of a banker of Equality, Ill., pleaded guilty here yesterday to the murder of his classmate, Juan Muzzle, 28, of Panama and was sentenced to life imprisonment.

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Section 3, which is regarded as the most important provision in the bill, was also defeated. There was no doubt that a majority of the committee were opposed to the measure. It is somewhat unusual for all of the members of this committee to be on hand, ready to take part in the decision, but the lobbying of those opposed to the bill has been of such an intense character as to put everybody on the alert.

The committee's action transfers the fight over the bill to the floors of the Legislature. Lumbermen Gather. A considerable number of the members of the Lumbermen's Association arrived last evening from different parts of the province and more are expected today, when a meeting will be held to determine the line of criticism of the amendments now before the House in connection with the Workmen's Compensation Act.

Several bank managers are also expected to discuss with the Government the proposed revision of the act which gives the Compensation Board a lien upon the property of an employer until the Compensation Act tax is paid. It is understood the contention of the bankers is that this interferes with Section 88 of the Bank Act, but the proposition of the bill point out that by federal law compensation taxes and income taxes are among the prior liens in cases of bankruptcy.

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Will Make Busy Time at Week End

Three Steamships Near Canada's Gateway With People for Dominion.

Will Require Nine C. P. R. Trains to Whirl New-comers to West.

Many immigrants are due at this port over the coming week-end. The Canadian Pacific steamships, Melita, Montclair and Marburn will land 2,548 passengers. The Melita is due from Antwerp and Southampton on Saturday with 135 cabin and 977 third class passengers. The cabin passengers comprise 121 adults, 12 children and two infants, and the third class 874 adults, 89 children and 14 infants.

Will Require 84 Cars.

The Montclair will also arrive here on Saturday from Liverpool with 210 cabin and 772 third class passengers, comprising 195 adults and 15 children in the cabin, and 678 adults, 84 children and 10 infants in the third class.

The Marburn is due here on Sunday with 453 passengers.

She took on 32 cabin and 217 third class passengers at Glasgow, and 13 cabin and 191 third class at Belfast. They comprise 387 adults, 55 children and 11 infants. Will Require 84 Cars. On the Montclair there are two parties, one land party comprising 75, and one for the Salvation Army consisting of 20 passengers. There are also two parties on the Melita, one land party consisting of 73 passengers, and one consisting of 10 passengers for the Ontario Government.

They Will Sail From St. John

Montreal, April 8.—It was announced yesterday that the Canadian Pacific Pavilion at the British Empire Exhibition would be guarded by specially selected members of the company's own investigation department. A sergeant and three constables have been detailed for duty overseas, and they will sail on the Canadian Pacific S.S. Montrose on the 11th. Those to go are Sergt. C. Rippington and Constables F. Corbett, A. Doro and C. Lapper.

Americans Lose In Thirteen Cases

Washington, April 8.—The mixed claims commission has decided that Germany is not obliged to compensate for ships operated by the U. S. at the time of their destruction during the war for purposes directly in furtherance of military operations against Germany. Thirteen cases submitted by a test were decided by the commission.

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