

# BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND "DIE-HARDS" IN PROLONGED DUEL OVER COMMITTEE STAGE OF IRISH FREE STATE BILL

### Churchill Caused Storm by Declaring If the House Should Extend, Modify or Otherwise Change the Treaty, the Bill Would Be Dead, the Treaty Would Be Dead and the Government Would Be Dead.

London, March 2.—The committee stage of the Irish Free State bill in the House of Commons today developed a protracted duel between the government and the "die-hards." The discussion was quiet except at one point where Winston Spencer Churchill, who was in charge of the bill, raised a storm by declaring: "If the House should extend, modify or amplify or otherwise change the Government would be dead."

This caused considerable laughter, and Sir Frederick Banbury, Unionist, retorted: "In that case I must persevere with my amendment." The discussion was the Banbury amendment, proposing to make it plain that the Treaty was between Great Britain and Southern Ireland, not Great Britain and Ireland.

Bitter speeches followed from Captain Charles Craig and other Ulster members. Captain Craig said he hoped the House would accept the challenge of Mr. Churchill, who was trying to frighten Parliament with threats of the death of the Treaty and the Government. The Banbury amendment was then defeated, 254 to 65.

An interesting point arose when Charles Percy, Coalition Unionist, moving an amendment in favor of giving the Free State power to succeed from allegiance to the King, or set up a Republic, was answered by Mr. Churchill, who opposed, such an amendment, saying it did not alter the Treaty it was unnecessary, and if it did alter the Treaty the change could not be made without agreement by the other party.

Ireland was being placed on the same constitutional status as the other Dominions, and he thought it inadvisable to define the status more precisely than had been done in the Treaty. He reminded the House

that the Imperial Conference had decided that the question of constitutional relations of the Empire had best be left alone, so that the Empire could have complete freedom for growth.

Mr. Churchill maintained that the dominions had never claimed, nor had Great Britain admitted the right of secession. It was a question, however, best left to the easy forward movement of unity and confidence.

"We should never in any circumstance countenance the creation of a foreign republic of Ireland," he declared. "There is absolutely no room for discussion on that subject; there is no weakness on that issue."

The signatories of the treaty had explicitly stated that they stood by the whole treaty, and nothing but the treaty and that they would put this issue to the Irish people with the constitution so that the Irish people might choose freely between a Republic and a Free State.

The discussion was closed and the amendment defeated 250 to 63. Refusing to accept Lord Hugh Cecil's amendment, dealing with the Irish boundaries, Mr. Churchill said he looked for a resumption of the boundary negotiations in Ireland. Considerable time would elapse before definitive action by the Boundary Commission would be necessary and, in the event of the Irish people rejecting the treaty, the whole question would fall to the ground and all parties resume their original freedom.

On the other hand, if the people accepted the Free State, and a new Parliament came into existence, he was certain the relations between the North and South would enter a far better period than was possible now. He reiterated that it was impossible to depart from the treaty without an agreement by both sides. The Cecil amendment was still under discussion when the House adjourned.

Mr. Churchill's declaration that the House would be dead if it altered the Treaty, caused a storm of laughter and retorts from other members.

## SUED FOR DIVORCE, HE PREACHES ON MARRIAGE

### Pastor Says It Takes Nerve to Face the Ceremony.

Ottawa, March 2.—The Rev. Edgar Merrill Brown, pastor of the Diets Memorial Methodist Church, who is being sued for divorce, told his congregation in his sermon yesterday that a man of nerve and a woman who is a man of nerve and a woman who is brave to face the marriage ceremony today.

"Each time I unite a couple in the holy bonds of matrimony," he said, "I say to myself: 'Sit you are a sportsman, tried and true.'"

"There is need for these men and women, who will take a chance on making a home in the midst of other homes that are crumbling, because they are beset by the evil influences, the unseen forces of the spirit of the times. Without such men and women Christianity would fail."

The Rev. Mr. Brown, whose wife is a cradly charge alleges he treated her as a servant, asserted there would not be wrecked homes if there was team work.

## ONTARIO LEADS IN MINERAL PRODUCTION

### Their Value for Year 1921 Totalled \$54,505,770—B. C. Comes Second.

Ottawa, March 2.—The principal mineral producing province of Canada, according to the returns for 1921, was Ontario, where the value of mineral production was \$44,667,770. British Columbia came second with a mineral production valued at nearly \$35,000,000. Nova Scotia was a close third with \$12,500,000. Alberta ranked fourth with \$29,000,000. Quebec was fifth with \$14,000,000, and Manitoba, Yukon, New Brunswick and Saskatchewan followed in the order named, with production between one and two million dollars each.

## PRICES OF WOOL SHOW ADVANCE

Boston, March 2.—The last Government wool auction was held here today with a large attendance and good interest. The entire offering was sold at prices which show generally slight advance, perhaps five per cent, over the February sale, although the prices were very irregular and difficult to compare evenly.

## Scientist Leaves New York To Hunt Antigonish Spooks

### New York, March 2.—Dr. Walter Franklin Pierce, director of the American Institute for Scientific Research, left today for Halifax, N. S., whence he will descend on the famous ghost of Antigonish.

Dr. Pierce was induced to undertake the ghost hunting task after several amateur parties of ghost hunters had been driven off by demonstrations they regarded as unscientific.

Alex. MacDonald left the place with his family several months ago, asserting the ghost had made life miserable for them and started two fires and killed several head of farm stock.

## FATHER AND SON GIVEN TERM IN PENITENTIARY

### Brenners Convicted on Various Counts of Conspiracy and Theft.

Toronto, March 2.—Nathan and Meyer Brenner, father and son, respectively, who were convicted on February 9 of this year on various counts of conspiracy and theft, involving some \$700,000, in connection with the failure of the N. Brenner & Company, Limited metal and exchange dealers appeared in court this morning for sentence. Mayor Brenner received sentence of seven years imprisonment in the provincial penitentiary while his father was sentenced to two years, less one day. The charges against Nathan Brenner included conspiracy and theft, while those against Meyer also included destruction and mutilation of books.

## REOPENING TEXTILE PLANT CAUSES RIOT

### Despite Heavy Guards of Police Pickets in Pawtuxet Valley Attacked Workers.

Providence, R. I., March 2.—Minor disorders today accompanied the reopening of the Hope Company's textile plant at Hope Village, in the Pawtuxet Valley significant as the first test of strength between mill owners in the valley and the operatives who have been on strike for almost six weeks.

In spite of a heavy guard of police and coast artillerymen, Arthur Robinson, a striker, was attacked by pickets and roughly handled. At Arkwright another mill village, two textile workers were attacked and beaten when they attempted to enter the Arkwright print works.

As a further development in the Rhode Island strike situation today, President Thomas F. McMahon, of the United Textile Workers, issued a statement in which he reiterated his demand for public hearings on the financial condition of the mills, and declared again that the strikers would accept any settlement based on the results of such an investigation.

The Imperial Printing & Finishing Company at Belleville, notified its employees today that the plant was to be run as an open shop. A strike has been in progress for several weeks crippling several departments, but the mills have been kept running under police guard.

## STEEL SUFFERED FROM DEPRESSION

### Schwab Predicts Early Return to Prosperity, Equal to That of Normal Times.

Wheeling, W. Va., March 2.—Charles M. Schwab, president of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, in an address here today, declared that America has come through the worst steel depression experienced in his forty-one years in the business. He predicted an early return to prosperity, equal to that of normal times.

## "SLICKERS" TRIMMED BOOTLEGGERS

Newark, N. J., March 2.—Bootleggers who operate on the "whiskey curb" at Halsey Street and Brantford Place, were mickering today at two of their fellows who let themselves be taken in by a couple of city slickers from New York to the extent of \$15,000.

The gentleman from New York arrived with tales of an aged and contented man who had 25 barrels of smuggled whiskey. The Newark bootleggers accompanied them to the docks, tested the liquor, found it thoroughly unscientific and paid over \$15,000 for 12 barrels. As they were carrying it away one of the pair decided to take another sample. He soon every barrel without finding anything worth mentioning then he was to be in luck.

## NO CHANCE OF RE-ENACTING 1911 RECIPROcity ACT

### Chairman Fordney of Ways and Means Committee So Informed Hon. W. S. Fielding.

### U. S. LEGISLATORS OPPOSED TO FACT

### Members of Agricultural Bloc Make It Plain They Will Fight Reciprocal Agreement.

Washington, March 2.—The possibility of a reciprocal trade agreement being negotiated between Canada and the United States, after the passage of the pending United States tariff legislation, is being widely discussed in political circles here tonight as a result of developments of the day in connection with the visit of Hon. W. S. Fielding, Canadian Minister of Finance, to Washington.

Mr. Fielding this afternoon had a conference with Chairman Fordney of the Ways and Means Committee of the House. Afterwards Mr. Fielding retained his customary reciprocity, but from Mr. Fordney it was learned that the Canadian Minister was definitely informed that the United States is not ready to discuss a general reciprocal trade agreement at the present time.

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Mr. Fielding asked me what were the prospects re-enacting the law of 1911. I informed him there was nothing to be done along that line. I also advised him that, under the new tariff measure, any dealings with respect to reciprocity would have to be taken up through the President.

Mr. Fordney explained the workings of the pending tariff measure in respect to reciprocity as follows:

"Under the measure now pending the President himself could modify rates to a certain extent. He would have power to deal, for instance with discriminatory tariffs imposed by another country. However, under the new measure, if he made any general reciprocity arrangements, he would have to obtain the ratification by the Senate."

Mr. Fordney declared that he had been informed by President Harding that, as soon as the tariff bill became a law, negotiations would be opened with the Canadian Government.

### No Chance Now

The consensus of opinion in Washington, tonight, in view of Mr. Fordney's statement, is that the expressed opposition of several other United States legislators, is that no immediate negotiations looking to reciprocity will be undertaken.

There appears to be a feeling that such an agreement may be reached at some later date, after the passage of the Fordney bill, but it is pointed out that very strong factors of opposition put any immediate move in that direction completely out of the question.

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Members of the agricultural bloc in the situation is that while the new law the United States President can arrange for reciprocity on specific articles, he will, in practice, consult the tariff leaders in Congress before doing anything.

### DISCHARGED MEN HELD ON SUSPICION

Six Arrested Tuesday Freed from Connection With Taylor Murder.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 2.—The six men arrested Tuesday on information furnished by Mrs. John Kapp, their housekeeper, have no connection with the murder of William Desmond Taylor, motion picture director, here Feb. 1, it was announced today by Detective Sergeant Norman Cline, in charge of the investigation.

After examination of Mrs. Kapp and other investigation convinced the detectives that there was no foundation for her statements that they had threatened the life of Taylor.

## LABERGE ASSETS SAID TO TOTAL OVER \$75,000

### Chateauguay Notary Alleged to Have Embezzled Sums Running into Thousands of Dollars.

Montreal, March 2.—Assets of Fernand Laberge, notary public, of Chateauguay, charged with embezzlement of trust funds amounting to a large sum, running into thousands of dollars, will amount to \$16,000 and may possibly total \$100,000, it was stated today at the office of Toronto & Montreal, authorized trustee of the Laberge estate. The actual amount of the liabilities will not be available for at least two months, it was declared.

The business view of the opinion that having regard to the length of time the estate, the affair will not be as serious as first anticipated. No action has yet been taken against the notary, who is believed by many to be in luck.

## POLITICAL CRISIS IN ENGLAND IS NO NEARER SOLUTION

### Reformers Won Great Victory in Elections

### Laborites and Socialists Badly Trounced in London Municipal Contests.

### Conflict Resolves Itself Into Struggle Between Three Leading Parties in Politics.

London, March 2.—Laborites and Socialist candidates were badly beaten in the London municipal elections today. The results, as far as have been announced late tonight, give the municipal reformers 67 seats, the Progressives 17 and the Laborites 10. In three constituencies Laborites met defeat by narrow margins but elsewhere they were swamped by majorities varying from 1,000 to 5,000. The remaining returns will be announced tomorrow.

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### ROUGH-HOUSE AT LONDON GO. COUNCIL ELECTION

### Minister of Agriculture Given Lively Reception at Fulham—Reformers vs. Socialists.

London, March 2.—(Canadian Press Cable)—The London County Council elections which are held only every three years, are being held today. Municipal reformers, practically the Conservative party in wider politics, are working the "socialist menace" for all it is worth in their endeavor to retain a majority in the County Council.

Mr. Arthur Griffith-Boscawen, Minister of Agriculture, who has entered into the fray on the municipal reformers' behalf, was given a lively reception at Fulham last night. There was an uproar which caused him to lose patience, and he shouted at the disturbers: "You ought to go and live in Bolshevik Russia."

Order was restored in a few minutes. The meeting finally broke up with the sections singing the National Anthem and the Red Flag at the same time.

## KILLED CHUM AFTER QUARREL OVER BET

### George McCormick Electro-cuted at Sing Sing Prison—Refused to See Relatives.

Ostina, N. Y., March 2.—George McCormick, 21 year old murderer of his chum, Edward Shannon, whom he killed in New York after a quarrel over a bet, was electrocuted at Sing Sing prison tonight.

He prayed audibly as he was strapped to the chair and was still praying when the current was turned on. He died at 11:12.

The condemned man had steadfastly refused to permit any of his relatives to visit him in the death house. At seven this evening, however, he relaxed and saw his twin sister, Irene for a few minutes. He would not permit his mother and brother to come in.

## LADY BORDEN ON ROAD TO RECOVERY

Ottawa, March 2.—(Canadian Press)—At Sir Robert Borden's residence this evening it was stated that Lady Borden's condition is much improved. She has been ill with pneumonia for some weeks. The crisis is now passed and she is on the road to recovery.

## CROSS PETITION

Toronto, March 2.—General Arthur Edward Ross, Conservative M. P. for Kingston, against whom the Liberals have lodged a protest, today filed a cross petition.

## POPULARITY OF PRINCE HAS NOT WAVERED

### Proves Himself Most Democratic at Capital of Punjab—Given Magnific cent Send-off.

London, March 2.—The Prince of Wales' popularity has not wavered throughout his stay in the capital of Punjab, says a leader despatch from Lahore, India. Crowds everywhere have been cheerful and responsive. The Prince highly delighted the common people on the Queen's birthday and a night concert.

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### Although Head of Gov't Premier Has No Direct Control of Electoral Machinery.

London, March 2.—The political crisis projected by the Prime Minister yesterday, has made no progress toward solution and nobody ventures a prediction as to how it will eventually be solved. In its essence, it is less a personal conflict between Mr. Lloyd George and Sir George Younger, leader of the Conservative economists, than a symptom of the struggle on the part of the three principal political parties, Conservative, Liberal and Labor, to abandon the coalition system, which is generally considered to have outlived its usefulness, and get back to the old party system.

In this struggle Mr. Lloyd George occupies a somewhat anomalous position inasmuch as, although head of the Government, he has no direct control of the party funds or the electoral machinery, since he is the accepted leader of neither the Conservative nor the Liberal party, each wing of the coalition having retained its own party machinery.

Sir George Younger is chairman of the Unionist organization, which controls the party funds, and represents the whole Conservative party of the country. He was appointed to this position by A. Bonar Law, who, although he retired from the leadership of the House of Commons on account of ill-health, is still titular leader of the Conservative Party as a whole.

Younger, therefore, cannot be destroyed, except by a vote of the whole party, and, if he elects to stand firm, will continue to control the party's funds.

"50 Die Hards in Revolt"

The revolt includes about fifty of the "die-hard" members of the House of Commons, but it has the sympathy of a great number of the other Conservative members and their followers in the country. Presumably, therefore, the crisis will continue until a meeting of the whole Conservative Party is held.

Much is held to depend upon whether the Conservative members, A. J. Balfour, Lord Bitcham and Austen Chamberlain, will be able to exert sufficient pressure on the Youngerites to mend the schism in the party. If they cannot it is believed certain that the Premier will resign leaving the Conservatives to form a government. Probably Mr. Chamberlain would head an administration because Mr. Balfour is supposed to be content with the laurels brought from Washington and would not seek any premier'ship under such precarious conditions.

While the Conservative administration thus formed was engaged in clearing up the legislative business of the parliamentary session, Mr. Lloyd George would be free to devote himself to the work of forming a National Party of Constitutional complexion. Whether he could still retain his former ascendancy in the Liberal estimation, or would be compelled to form a new party, from the moderate elements in both Conservative and Liberal ranks, is a theme of keen speculation.

Discussion Expected

While everything is yet in the realm of speculation, there is one indication tonight of the swift approach of either dissolution or some new development. It is announced that the King has accepted the resignation of Lord Trevelyan (formerly Sir Alfred D. Lawrence) from the office of Lord Chief Justice. Lord Trevelyan was appointed to this position only about a year ago. The natural successor to the Chief Justiceship at that time was Sir Gordon Hewart, but the Premier would not retain Sir Gordon as Attorney General in his Government.

It is unofficially announced now that he will succeed Lord Trevelyan and this would involve changes in the Ministry, or might be considered in some quarters, as an indication of the coming end of the present government.

## U. S. MARSHAL TAKES SCHOONER EMERALD

Northolt, Va., March 2.—The Nova Scotia schooner Emerald, loaded with liquor, captured by the coast guard cutter Manning, after a chase off the Virginia Capes on Saturday, was taken over today by the United States marshal. The crew, including her captain and five of the crew is still pending.