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MacDonald's Speech Followed with Attention and Respect

Tutenkhamen Operations to be Discontinued--5 Children Perish in Two Fires--Naval Conference to be Held at Rome--Coolidge will Investigate Oil Scandals Without Fear or Favour.

THE PRIME MINISTER DOMINATES THE HOUSE.

LONDON, Feb. 12.

From the crowded visitors' gallery in the House of Commons the final scenes of the British Labor Party's session to power were unfolded today with the increasing dramatic interest of a play whose climax was the eloquent peroration of Premier MacDonald's two-hour speech which ended with a burst of cheering from the Labor benches, and left the members of the Government, Opposition and Independent groups freely exchanging comment about the parliamentary giant who had come to rule over them.

That the new Premier intends to rule while he and his party remain in power, despite the fact that it will be a minority government, there could seem little doubt to anybody who heard MacDonald proclaim his policy. He did it with the sound of an ancient crusader and with the physical energy of a man who has strength to carry his convictions to success. Once Mr. MacDonald was a schoolmaster; he still retains the manner, dominating the House of Commons as a schoolmaster is expected to handle boys. His every word demanded closest respect and attention. He got both as no other speaker in the House has during recent years. To all appearances the Labor Ministers went through the first day in the House without any trouble and the benches behind them seemed to be filled with serious men fully conscious of being component parts of His Majesty's Government.

The Prime Minister's exposition of his policy, as was expected, dealt with concrete proposals rather than the general considerations which should govern the policy of the first Labor Government. It was devoted mainly to the matter of domestic concerns, such as finance, trade and employment; many of which, as MacDonald explained, depended largely upon the success of foreign policy. He dilated upon the new conditions in Parliament where no party possesses a working majority. He contended this would necessitate new parliamentary habits, and that henceforth there would be less room for tactics and party squabbles. Individual members would have greater responsibility in voting for policy rather than for party. He proposed to claim the privileges attaching to this responsibility as head of a minority government. In the light of this position the Government will discard snap divisions and will concern only if defeated on a substantial issue or direct vote of non-confidence. On the general question of Labor difficulties, Premier MacDonald declared, we are going to succeed.

CRITICISM OF MILD OPPOSITION.

LONDON, Feb. 13.

Premier MacDonald's remedies for dealing with the evils in Europe and the problems of his own country were searchingly analyzed in the House today by former Premier Baldwin and Asquith and other members of the Opposition. The most criticism was directed against his policy of recognizing Russia before the Soviet gave any pledges concerning fulfillment of obligations to the British Government, corporations, or individuals. Mr. Baldwin declared that Italy has not accorded recognition to Russia until she had secured valuable concessions and privileges from Moscow. The Prime Minister was also taken to task for his failure to present details of the proposed solutions of such vital questions as unemployment, etc.

It was during the Minister's speech that the Poplar Guardians considerable interest in the distribution of unemployment relief, was vigorously assailed by Mr. Asquith, who, however, in other respects exhibited an extremely lenient, almost parental,

ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE NEW PREMIER.

Mrs. Baldwin, who opened the attack, said Premier MacDonald's policy of sweet reasonableness in dealing with Europe might be carried to excess without any of the rewards which were due it.

PRESS COMMENT TOLERANT.

LONDON, Feb. 13.

The general goodwill attitude, extended to the Labor Government by the London Press is not withdrawn as a result of Premier MacDonald's statement of policy in the House of Commons yesterday, but his declaration naturally does not entirely escape criticism. Remembering, however, that the papers, with one exception, are now avowed supporters of the new ministry, it cannot be said that this criticism is severe. Comment that the Premier dealt in platitudes and said much the leader of any party might have said is fairly general, and there is some sharp dissent with the attitude towards the action of the new Health Minister, John Wheatley, in giving Poplar Guardians rather a free hand in the distribution of relief to unemployed this reversing the policy pursued by his predecessors. Otherwise the criticisms are mostly indulgent. Several of the Parliamentary writers agree in saying the rank and file of the Laborites were profoundly disappointed by the speech. They declare the greater part of the cheers, which accompanied the declaration, came from Conservatives, while the Premier's own followers sat glum and unenthused, not attempting to conceal their dissatisfaction.

FRENCH DUBIOUS OF AGREEMENT.

PARIS, Feb. 13.

Premier MacDonald's speech before the British House of Commons is received with sympathy tempered with certain skepticism and disappointment by this morning's Paris newspapers. Pertinax, the political expert of the Echo De Paris, states the speech does not add much to our knowledge of the designs formed in Downing Street. He says the British Premier hesitates to commit himself to any definite line of action, and in conclusion, remarked, when it comes down to hard facts, he does not believe Premier Poincare and Mr. MacDonald will succeed in reaching an agreement as easily as is now predicted.

U.S. SEVERS RELATIONS WITH HONDURAS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.

Diplomatic relations between the United States and the Government of Honduras have been severed by the State Department. The step was taken because of the failure of the three

political factions in Honduras to reach an agreement under which Constitutional Government can be restored by peaceful means.

PORT OF VERA CRUZ OPENED.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 13.

Pres. Obregon to-day opened the port of Vera Cruz to international commerce, it was announced by the Mexican Consulate here. The port has been closed by Federal order since December, following its occupation by rebels.

HERE'S WASTE.

LONDON, Feb. 12.

In memory of the birds, beasts and fishes that died in the service of the empire during the war, an animals' cemetery will shortly be built near Hyde Park corner. The Royal Society for the prevention of cruelty to animals has raised over £2,000 for such a memorial.

RETIREMENT OF VENIZELOS TEN-PORARY.

ATHENS, Feb. 12.

Announcing the new Government program at the reopening yesterday of the National Assembly, Premier Kafantaris said the retirement of Venizelos was only temporary, and the Government was convinced the people's wishes could only be met on the basis of the principles advocated by the retiring premier.

NOMINATIONS IN BOMBEY.

LONDON, Feb. 13.

The bye-election in Bombay necessitated by the death of Dag Irvine, Labour member, opened in earnest today with the nomination of H. E. J. Camps, Conservative, as opponent of Arthur Henderson, Secretary of State for Home Affairs.

NAVAL CONFERENCE IN ROME.

ROME, Feb. 13.

Delegates are arriving for the Naval Conference which is to be held in Rome on February 14th, under the auspices of the League of Nations. The extension of the principles of the Washington Naval Treaty to other powers will be considered.

DECISIVE REBEL DEFEAT.

VERA CRUZ, Feb. 13.

After five days' fighting the forces of Rebel General Sanchez attacking Santa Lucrecia have been finally and decisively repulsed by General Demingues and Izquierdo, according to an announcement made by Secretary of War Serrano. This latest defeat of Sanchez the War Secretary says, foils and plan of entering Tehuantepec region and also leaves Sanchez army between two fires, since the troops of General Topes are moving forward against him from the vicinity of Sierra Blanca.

FIGHTING IN BAVARIAN PALATINATE.

BERLIN, Feb. 13.

Fighting between Separatists and the inhabitants of Pirmasans in the Bavaria Palatinate last night, resulted in the killing of 13 persons and wounding 20, according to despatches received from Pirmasans this morning. The casualties occurred during fighting for possession of the Govern-

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ment Building, which was eventually set on fire.

SYDNEY MINERS DISSATISFIED.

SYDNEY, Feb. 13.

The feeling of optimism that prevailed here last night and this morning over the announced settlement of the wage difficulty between Besco and workers, was considerably modified when the attitude of the miners, became known this afternoon and evening and it began at first to be rumored that the miners would not accept the settlement, which rumors were later some what confirmed when it developed that all U. M. W. locals in Glace Bay area, except one, had rejected the wage offer. The men are taking the position that they will not return to work until a referendum is taken. Public sympathy which up to the present has been strongly with the men seems to-night to have swung the other way.

NO FURTHER WORK ON TUTENKHAMEN.

LUXOR, Feb. 13.

The following notice was posted in the hall of Winter Palace Hotel this afternoon: Owing to impossible restrictions and discourtesies on the part of the Public Works Department and its antiquity section, all my collaborators in protest have refused to work any further upon the scientific investigation of the discovery of the tomb of Tutenkhamen. I am, therefore, obliged to make known to the public that immediately after the press view of the tomb, between ten o'clock and noon, the tomb will be closed, and no further work will be carried out. Signed, Howard Carter.

RAISING OF LID OF SARCOPHAGUS REVEALS SPLENDID UNSURPASSED.

LUXOR, Feb. 13.

The greatest discovery in history of Egyptology, and many claim in Archeology, was made this afternoon in the Sepulchral Chamber of Tutenkhamen in the valley of the Kings, in the presence of a gathering representing the allies of Egyptology when the lid of Tutenkhamen's great pink sarcophagus was raised, and a splendidly magnificent mummy case covered with plates of solid gold was brought to light. The moment was the most dramatic since the discovery of the tomb. By general consent the mummy form case which indubitably encloses the King's mortal remains, immeasurably surpasses in splendor and beauty even the previous magnificent treasures the excavators have brought to light.

WILL CLEAN UP OIL SCANDAL.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.

The United States to-day has the definite promise of President Coolidge that there will be immediate, adequate and unsparring prosecutions, criminal and civil, in the oil land leasing disclosures. Speaking here last night Mr. Coolidge declared he was intent on the enforcement of our laws without fear of favor no matter who is hurt or the consequences.

DR. ALLISON DEAD.

HALIFAX N.S., Feb. 13.

Dr. David Allison, former President of Mount Allison University, Sackville, N.B., and former Supt. of Education of Nova Scotia, died at his home here this morning at the age of 83 years.

NORWAY RECOGNIZES RUSSIA.

MOSCOW, Feb. 13.

Norway has given the Russian Soviet Government recognition. De Jure, the Foreign Office was informed today in a telegram received from Madame Alexandra Kollantay, Soviet representative in Norway.

TWO CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH.

CORNWALL, Ont., Feb. 13.

Lloyd and Gordon Kyer, aged four and two years respectively, sons of Mr. and Mrs. A. Kyer, were burned to death to-day when fire destroyed the double tenement in which they lived. The father of the children made frantic efforts to save them.

NATIONAL MOBILIZATION.

PARIS, Feb. 13.

A Government bill dealing with measures for "national mobilization" in the case of war, was distributed to

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Just Folks. By EDGAR A. GUEST

LITTLE CHILDREN. Little children make a clatter. Always something is the matter. Shriek and shout and bang and noise. Follow little girls and boys; Many a treasured thing is broken. Many an angry word is spoken. Many a youthful brawl or riot interrupts the hour or quiet.

Little children in a dwelling oft indulge in needless yelling. There's a trail of cookie crumbs, Smudgy fingers, muddy thumbs, Muddy feet and toys discarded. Howsoever the home is guarded; Constant scolding and foreboding Where the little ones are living.

Little children keep you busy. Picking up until you dizzy. There's no end to it, seems, until All the things you have to do. And in spite of your endeavor, Only disorder seems forever. Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday. Any day the home's utility.

What you are, oh, weary mother! That I'll take soon to another. Hence where all is strangely still. Where no racket ever will. Set the owners to complaining. And where order never is returning. Leave home! But could you hear it? If you had no child to share it?

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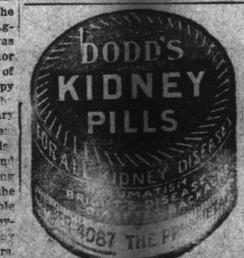
When a meat-loaf has nearly finished cooking, pile around it sliced bananas, and continue baking until done.

Wedding Bells. MAHONY-FITZGERALD.

A quiet wedding was solemnized Tuesday evening in the Oratory of the Sacred Heart, Marry Convent, Military Road, when Mr. J. J. Mahoney, City Clerk, was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Miss Agnes Fitzgerald. The ceremony was performed by Rt. Rev. Monsignor MacDermott, V.G., in the presence of the immediate relatives of the happy couple. The groom was supported by Mr. E. G. Hagen, while Miss Mary Fitzgerald, sister of the bride, performed the office of bridesmaid. Miss Eva Harris presided at the organ and very beautifully rendered the wedding march. After a reception at the home of the bride, the happy couple left for Carboneau where the honeymoon will be spent. The many friends unite in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Mahony every happiness.

The More You See and Hear the More You Want. This is just what can be said of the colored trio, Foster, Hawkes and

As advertised last evening for Monday next they are preparing a special programme, consisting of all the old time and popular Southern melodies and as all these or the most of them are well known to our people, everyone will be able to sing along and effort to sing them. The numbers they will sing are: Old Kentucky Home, Good Old Dixie, The Black and Tan, etc. etc. etc. All those to take part in this Southern programme and who desire tickets will also be arranged.



By Bud Fisher.

MUTT AND JEFF. HERE'S A THING NOBODY KNOWS ANYTHING ABOUT. LET'S SHOOT ANOTHER GAME, JEFF. SORRY, MUTT, BUT IT'S 7:30 NOW AND I'M DUE AT THE RADIO STATION AT EIGHT BELLS. OH, I SEE! YOU'VE GOT A JOB AS A RADIO MECHANIC AT THE BROADCASTING STATION, EH? NOPE! DON'T YOU GIVE ME CREDIT FOR HAVING NO BRAINS AT ALL? I'M GOING TO BROADCAST HOW TO MAKE OUT AN INCOME TAX REPORT. BUT YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THAT STUFF. NEITHER DOES ANYBODY ELSE. THAT'S WHY I'LL GET AWAY WITH IT. I GUESS HE'S RIGHT AT THAT.