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Ex-Premier Asquith Gains Favor In Speech In England

CROWN ASKS GOVERNMENT TO HOLD

EX-PREMIER
MAKES STIR
IN ENGLAND

Famous Wife Shares Honors With Noted Husband in Commons.

WILL BOOST LABOR

Railway Strike to be of Short Duration if Called.

BY HARRY N. MOORE.
(British United Press.)

London, Jan. 18.—The most delighted person in the House of Commons yesterday when Ex-Premier Asquith made his triumph speech was his almost equally famous wife, who could scarcely restrain her delight and with difficulty held back her applause as the former Premier made his telling points. Mrs. Asquith was seated in the place in the ladies' gallery which nearly half a century ago was occupied by Mrs. Gladstone when her celebrated husband made his great orations.

Among those who also listened with eager interest to Mr. Asquith were the Prince of Wales and the Duke of York, both of whom showed amused appreciation at the sallies of the man who was Britain's prime minister when war broke out.

Makes Brilliant Speech
Mr. Asquith's speech was admittedly one of the finest he has ever delivered and it certainly had the effect of converting many Liberals who were elected after a straight fight at the polls against Labor men, but who almost to a man will vote on Monday evening with Labor.

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CANADIAN NATIVE
SUICIDES IN PARIS

Montreal Man Leaves Note Saying He was Tired of Life.

Paris, Jan. 18.—A man who registered as Archie Kert and who is said to have been born in Montreal in 1890, committed suicide yesterday in the Hotel Normandy. Kert left a letter in which he wrote he was tired of life and had decided to die. His only regret was that he would be unable to bid a farewell to his parents and his brothers and sisters.

French Markets
Resume Quotations

Paris, Jan. 18.—Wholesale dealers in cereals and flour decided yesterday to resume quotations on wheat, flour, oats and rye, which had been suspended since Monday's drop in the value of the franc. The futures market also resumed operations. It is understood the ministers of commerce and agriculture would have liked the suspension of quotations to have prevailed for some time longer, but that the Paris Produce Exchange feared a prolonged cessation of business would be interpreted badly in agricultural and commercial centres of France and abroad.

Lay For 24 Hours In Snow With Throat Cut

Lake Umbagog, Jan. 18.—Although in a pool of blood in the snow for twenty-four hours after, it is alleged by the police, he attempted to commit suicide by cutting his throat with a razor, James McQuarrie, whose home is believed to be in Nova Scotia, was alive when found by his son. He was engaged in a lumber camp and he thought to have been depressed. He was sent to Cobalt in charge of the provincial police.

Serves 41 Years In One Printing Office

Cleveland, Jan. 18.—After 42 years of service with The Cleveland Press, John Work, 71, veteran printer, was retired on pension today.

PREMIER REFUSES TO TABLE LETTERS

Declines to Bring Lieut. Governor into Manitoba House Debate.

Winnipeg, Jan. 18.—Declaring the principle applied that "the King can do no wrong" and that it would not be a matter of good policy to bring the representative of the King into a public controversy, Premier John Bracken refused in the Legislature yesterday to table correspondence between the Government and the Lieutenant Governor, Sir James Aikins.

Ferry Has 18-Hour Battle With Ice

Mackinaw City, Mich., Jan. 18.—The Mackinaw Transportation Company's car ferry Chief Wawatam, which left St. Ignace yesterday morning at four o'clock with 80 men aboard, arrived here shortly before midnight after an 18-hour battle against ice floes.

Sir Robert Borden Suffers From Cold

Ottawa, Jan. 18.—(Canadian Press.)—Sir Robert Borden is confined to the house with a cold, but is expected to be around again soon. He was reported today to be considerably better.

Wire Briefs

Tokyo, Jan. 18.—Ren Nakashoji, member of the House of Peers and one of the noted legal experts of Japan, died yesterday.

London, Jan. 18.—Newspaper despatches from Cairo report the resignation of the Egyptian Cabinet in consequence of the electoral victory of the Zagloulists or Nationalists.

Port Arthur, Ont., Jan. 18.—A vein of gold, 20 inches wide, was discovered on the McElliar-Longworth gold property at Schreiber, Ont., yesterday, according to information received here.

Cornwall, Ont., Jan. 18.—Sleeping in his residence here Wednesday night Fester Myers was burned to death in a fire of unknown origin which destroyed his house and one adjoining.

Saskatoon, Jan. 18.—The heavy toll taken by the foot and mouth disease in Britain should mean that Canada will have an increase of exports of stocks this year, said H. S. Arlett, Dominion live stock commissioner.

London, Jan. 18.—Among the names of barristers created "King's Council" appearing yesterday is that of H. H. Siewer. It is understood that he will become solicitor general in Ramsay MacDonald's Cabinet.

Washington, Jan. 18.—A sweeping investigation of general propaganda in the U. S. will be started by a special senate committee with the help of the police, he attempted to commit suicide by cutting his throat with a razor, James McQuarrie, whose home is believed to be in Nova Scotia, was alive when found by his son. He was engaged in a lumber camp and he thought to have been depressed. He was sent to Cobalt in charge of the provincial police.

APPROVAL IS GIVEN BANK MERGER BILL

Action Urged to Avoid Panic in La Banque Nationale Affairs.

ASK COMMITTEE

Legislature Assembly Favors Issue of \$15,000,000 Bonds.

(By Canadian Press.)

Quebec, Jan. 18.—Under the insistence of Premier Taschereau that speed was requisite if there was to be no panic on the part of depositors of La Banque Nationale, the Legislative Assembly late last night gave formal approval to the Government's bank merger bill providing for an issue of \$15,000,000 of bonds to be turned over to the Hochelaga Bank when that bank absorbs La Banque Nationale.

The Premier said that there had been a run on La Banque Nationale yesterday and if the people were to learn that the Legislature had hesitated in the matter of the credit, the run would "swallow" the Government. He was willing to grant all the enquiries the population wanted once the measure was adopted, and even a royal commission, but not before.

SAY SMALL MADE LAST WILL IN 1919

Wife, However, Seeks to Probate Will Dated September 1903.

Toronto, Jan. 18.—Disclosure of the names of beneficiaries under a will made in 1919 by Ambrose J. Small, millionaire theatrical magnate who disappeared December 2, 1919, was made yesterday by the Misses Florence and Gertrude Small, sisters of the missing man, according to the Evening Telegram today. The will which Mr. Small's wife, Theresa Small, seeks to probate is dated September 6, 1903, and makes her the sole beneficiary.

The missing theatrical man's sisters claim they have evidence that the will was made on July 26, in the year of his disappearance, bequests being made to Mrs. T. Martin in 1919, the sisters and all connected with the case refuse to state at the present time. This information, they state, with other startling evidence, will be produced at the proper time and place.

Predicts Revolution In Germany in '24

Moscow, Jan. 18.—A representative of the Russian Communist party here yesterday that, in spite of setbacks, revolution in Germany is a question of only a few months.

The membership of the Russian Communist party on November 1, last, including active members and candidates, was 434,400. It was officially announced that the number of active members decreased four per cent, while the list of candidates was larger than in the previous year. On January 1, 1924, the party strength was 427,864.

Argentine Expects Record Crop Year

Buenos Aires, Jan. 17.—Argentine crops for the 1923-1924 season will be the largest and most valuable ever harvested, according to the Ministry of Agriculture, which announces that the estimated production of the six principal crops, excluding maize will amount to 10,284,000 tons, valued at \$1,169,890,000. This tonnage exceeds that of the previous year by 2,699,000 tons, and its estimated value is \$742,085,000. The other crops covered by the report are linseed, oats, barley, rye and canary seed.

3 N. S. CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH

Avonport Father is Badly Burned in Rescuing His Wife.

Avonport, N. S., Jan. 18.—Three children of Lewis Duncan, farmer, were burned to death when his home was destroyed by fire this morning. Duncan was badly burned in rescuing his wife and may not recover.

Asks \$15,000,000 For Shattered Nerves

York, Pa., Jan. 18.—Mary Kelester, a trained nurse, who said her nerves were shattered by the blasting of stone while working near a road near her home, claims \$15,000,000 for the damage to the county. It is the largest claim ever made against York County, Controller Bartenhager said. In her bill for damages Miss Kelester said that her nerves have been so shattered by the blasting that she is now unable to gain a livelihood in her profession.

CHARGE COMPANY BROKE AGREEMENT

New Waterford Miners Claim Officials Kept on Maintenance Crews.

(By Canadian Press.)

Sydney, N. S., Jan. 18.—The first dispute of the present suspension of work in Cape Breton is now in progress in New Waterford.

KRASSIN PLED FOR MORE CAPITAL

Tells Communists of Russia's Need For Foreign Assistance.

Moscow, Jan. 18.—Leonid Krassin, Commissioner for Foreign Trade, renewed his campaign for more opportunity for foreign capital in a speech at the Communist conference yesterday, asserting that it was becoming more and more obvious that Russia was in need of foreign assistance in re-establishing herself economically.

Mr. Pyatakov, former head of the Concessions Committee, and now chairman of the Federal Supreme Economic Council, took the view that Russia already was leaning too much towards capitalism. Alone of those who are listed in opposition to the controlling faction of the party, Pyatakov remains an ardent spokesman of that element which openly regrets the rise of private capital over state-controlled enterprises.

SAYS CANADA IS BEST FARMING LAND

Progress in Development is Traced by Ontario Cabinet Member.

Toronto, Jan. 18.—"There is no country in the world in which farming is carried on under better conditions than in Canada today," said Hon. J. S. Martin, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, addressing the Empire Club, on the subject "Canada's Future as an Agriculture Country."

Mr. Martin pointed out that in 1871, 48 per cent of the population of Canada was in Ontario. In 1921 only 33 per cent of the population was in this province. This did not indicate that Ontario was retreating, but that the west was improving.

Half a century ago only 100,000 bushels of wheat were harvested west of Ontario, while last year 446,000,000 bushels were harvested in addition to the coarse grains. Today 30,000,000 acres of land were under cultivation. During the past ten years the acreage of wheat had been doubled.

"I am optimistic as to the agriculture future of Canada," he continued. "Canada has come through much more trying times than those in which we live ourselves today."

Bishops Discuss Emigration To U. S.

Montreal, Jan. 18.—The conference of Catholic bishops and clergy from all over the province and the Dominion on a problem of emigration from Canada to the U. S. opened here last night. Proceedings were on camera, and the statement was made that a full record of proceedings would be given out next Monday.

His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc left here for Montreal about the first of the week.

RESIGNATION OF TROTSKY IS REPORTED

Unconfirmed Reports State Russia's War Minister Quits Post.

SUCCESSOR NAMED

German Currency Commissioner Accepts Invitation to Paris Conference.

(By Canadian Press.)

Berlin, Jan. 18.—Unconfirmed reports have reached Socialist quarters here that Leon Trotsky, Soviet Russia's war minister, has resigned his post and that Leo Kamenetz has been appointed his temporary successor in the war council.

General Budenny is said to be the prospective commander of the Red army.

Invitation is Accepted.

Paris, Jan. 18.—Dr. Schacht, president of the Reichsbank and German currency commissioner, who has accepted the invitation of the reparations experts to come to Paris for consultations in connection with the inquiry into Germany's finances, is expected to arrive Sunday morning. The technical advisors attached to the expert committee continued today their study of the documents at hand concerning the German currency commissioner, who has accepted the invitation of the reparations experts to come to Paris for consultations in connection with the inquiry into Germany's finances, is expected to arrive Sunday morning.

TAKEN; SAYS HE IS RUSSELL T. SCOTT

Alleged Former Head of Toronto Firm Arrested—Once Had Branch in St. John.

Chicago, Jan. 18.—Arrested in a dingy hotel, a man claiming to be Russell T. Scott, former head of the Russell T. Scott Company, Limited, of Toronto, a \$10,000,000 financial service company, is being held on charges of obtaining money under false pretences by substituting one kind of grape juice on orders for another.

Less than a year ago, according to his story, Scott was worth more than \$2,000,000 and had engineered the financing of the \$30,000,000 bridge between Detroit and Windsor. When his company failed for \$2,000,000 he paid it and turned the bridge contract over to the U. S. Steel Corporation, he said. In fact, he expanded the company from a single office with two salesmen to an international concern with eighty branch offices, he told detectives.

After his company failed he was sued for \$50,000 and a judgment of \$10,000 awarded against him, according to his story. Fleeing from Canada he assayed the role of actor. Later, a salesman for the Wheeler Grape Co. of Hammondport, N. Y., he is alleged to have bought cheaper grape juice and substituted it for the more expensive which his customers ordered. Officials in Toronto and of the Wheeler Grape Co. were notified of his detention.

GETS THREE YEARS

Former Bank Teller is Convicted on \$18,000 Theft Charge.

Edmonton, Jan. 18.—Harry C. Davidson, former bank teller, who was found guilty of the theft of \$18,000 from the Imperial Bank here, also of making false entries, was yesterday sentenced to three years in the Prince Albert prison by Judge Simmons.

Reports of Trotsky's Arrest Are Denied

Moscow, Jan. 18.—Reports of the arrest of Minister of War Trotsky, which have reached Moscow officials through various newspaper correspondents, are emphatically denied.

Take Another Look



She's a beauty, isn't she, boys? Would you mind if she took advantage of the privilege of Leap Year and did a little proposing? The only drawback is that she isn't a "dame," after all. "She's" name is Albert E. Padman, one of the stars of the Ohio State University musical comedy, "The Cat and the Riddle," produced entirely by men students.

Highwaymen Forego Chance to Take \$15,000 and Add \$10 to Charities Fund

New York, Jan. 18.—Herman Brickman, Assistant Director of the Brooklyn Federation of Jewish Charities, said that two highwaymen not only refused to steal \$15,000 in charity money which he was taking home on Monday night, but actually contributed \$10 to the fund.

Mr. Brickman was bound for his home when his automobile broke down. A taxi towed him to a garage and was taking him home, when two men in a small touring car ranged alongside.

On the seat beside Mr. Brickman was the \$15,000.

"You don't want this bundle," Mr. Brickman said he told them. "In the first place most of it is in checks, in the second place it is charity money and I don't think that even you fellows would want to take money that was raised for the sick, the poor, for the orphans and for the families of prisoners."

"Oh, hell!" was the reply of one of the men, "we can't take this money. Here is a little bit of our own."

The men tossed over \$10 and a peddled off.

IS A GOOD SIGN

Paris Optimistic of Germany's Agreement to Discuss Budget.

Paris, Jan. 18.—The prospects that the Germans willingly will furnish needed co-operation in the effort to find a basis upon which to balance the German budget and renovate German money, was the outstanding feature of the reparations situation yesterday.

The committee of experts which is delving into the German situation, feels that little can be done until the Germans collaborate earnestly in their work, especially in the matter of covering exported capital. The prompt acceptance by Dr. Schacht, president of the Reichsbank, of the committee's invitation to come to Paris and confer with the budget committee, has created an excellent impression.

Women Plan Egg And Poultry Pool

Edmonton, Jan. 18.—United Farmers women of Alberta in convention yesterday decided to launch as soon as possible an egg and poultry marketing pool along the lines followed in some of the western states, although Hon. Geo. Headley, Minister of Agriculture, and Hon. H. G. Held, Provincial Treasurer, warned of the obstacles which would have to be overcome with such a scheme in this part of the world.

Denies He Wants The Presidency

St. Petersburg, Fla., Jan. 18.—Milton Young, secretary to Newton D. Baker when he was Mayor of Cleveland, announced today that Baker would be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for President of the U. S.

Cleveland, Jan. 18.—Newton D. Baker, former U. S. secretary of war, laughed when he read the St. Petersburg dispatch. "Nothing is further from my thoughts than a candidacy for any political office," he said.

CHARGE OF MURDER TO BE LODGED

Attorney General Byrne Says That Evidence Warrants Action.

TELLS JURY'S DUTY

Claims Jurors Should Have Been Held and Not Dismissed.

(By Canadian Press.)

That information will be laid against Stewart Godwin, 16, charging him with the murder of Mrs. Clara Whiteside, who was found dead in her home in East St. John Christmas night, was announced this afternoon by Attorney General Byrne at Bathurst, while in communication with the Times over the long distance telephone. He said that under the circumstances he did not see what other action he could take.

It was stated in legal circles here this morning that there was some doubt as to the legality of dismissing the coroner's jury last night. It was pointed out by a prominent lawyer that the jurors should have enumerated their claims, pointing out what ones they could agree on and those upon which they could not. The Attorney General then could have summoned another coroner's jury to hear the evidence and decide on the points which the first jury had failed to agree on, it was stated.

Sergt. Detective Power said at 2.30 p. m. that he had been instructed to charge Godwin under arrest and place him with the murder and that William M. Ryan would take charge of the case.

Only Course.

It is now explained that there was nothing left for Mr. Byrne to do but order that an information be made against the boy.

When asked today as to what action he was taking, Corner Porter informed The Times that he had been in communication with Attorney General Byrne, who, after considering the evidence brought out during the inquest, would render a decision. The coroner said he expected a reply from the Attorney General some time this afternoon.

C. R. Mercereau, attorney, who has been acting for Stewart Godwin, when interviewed said he was waiting for a reply from the Attorney General. In the meantime, he says, no action will be taken.

Weather Report

Synopsis—Another area of high pressure has come into the western provinces from the north and a shallow depression is moving southeast over northern Ontario. The weather continues very cold to the westward of the Great Lakes and moderately cold from Lake Huron eastward.

Forecasts:

Fair; Moderately Cold. Maritime—Fresh north and northwest winds, fair and colder. Saturday west and southwest winds, fair and moderately cold. Ottawa Valley—Fresh to strong southwesterly winds, mostly cloudy and moderately cold today and Saturday, light local snowfalls. Gulf and North Shore—Southwesterly winds, fair and cold today and on Saturday.

New England—Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday. Somewhat warmer Saturday; moderate north shifting to south winds. Toronto, Jan. 18.—Temperatures:

Table with 2 columns: Location, Temperature. Rows include Victoria, Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, St. John, Halifax, New York.

*Below zero.