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## Effort Made Tooust Baldwin As Conservative Leader

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### CAUCUS TO DETERMINE TORY LEADER

Rival Factions of the British Conservative Party Start Activities.

BALDWIN ATTACHED

Rank and File Point to Honesty and Faithfulness of Leader.

BY H. N. MOORE  
(British United Press.)  
London, Jan. 29.—Rival factions within the Conservative party are preparing feverishly for the general caucus Feb. 11, when the leadership and future policy of the party are to be decided. Powerful influences having the support of most of the Conservative press are determined that Baldwin must go. Upon his weakness in foreign policy and his lack of political sense in party tactics they blame the recent defeat, and see no hope for party success under his continued leadership.

The great body of the rank and file on the other hand, particularly among the country members, still give Baldwin their determined loyalty, admitting his inexperience and the fact that he was misled by the die-hards wing in his cabinet.

Stand By Baldwin  
They point to his transparent honesty and sincerity and to the unquestioning confidence in which he is held personally by all classes of the country as qualities more essential for Conservative leadership at this critical time than mere political shrewdness. Baldwin, himself, his friends say, will not move a hand to retain the leadership but will simply state his case as a man responsible for the recent election and loyal to accept the caucus decision.

Joynson Hicks, undoubtedly, has ambitions, and pressure is being exerted on his behalf, but there is a change the odds seem to favor Sir Robert Home. His absence from the country rather strengthens his position than otherwise and his recent speech in Montreal demanding a more active role for the Conservative movement, has not weakened him with the ruling element of the party.

Hodge, the recent attorney general, has a strong following and is admitted to be perhaps the ablest man on the government side of the House, but he is probably not well enough known in the country for leadership.

### R. Z. WALKER DIES

C. N. R. Superintendent at Fredericton Dies in Montreal Hospital.

Fredericton, Jan. 29.—Private telegrams received here today announced the death of R. Z. Walker, C. N. R. superintendent of this city, at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal at 8 a.m. today.

Mr. Walker came to Fredericton about fifteen years ago as station agent for the Canadian National Railways, being transferred here from Campbellton where he held a similar position. He later became assistant superintendent in charge of the St. John Valley Railway and the Canada Eastern Railway subdivisions with headquarters here.

His long connection with the government railways made him well known to the traveling public in New Brunswick and brought him in contact with many notable. His wife spent the long ordeal of his illness and operations at Montreal with him. His only son was killed playing football several years ago.

Paris Raises the Price of Bread

Paris, Jan. 29.—Beginning Friday the price of bread in Paris will be 114 francs a kilogram. The increase was authorized because the necessity of importing foreign wheat. There is a movement afoot to bring back the wartime restrictions on bread, notably the prohibition of rolls and fancy breads.

### No New Clothes, She Tries Suicide

Orange, N. J., Jan. 29.—Eleanor Egerer, thirteen-year-old Orange school girl, leaped fifty feet from the Lackawanna Bridge to the pavement because she "had to wear her sister Minnie's hand-me-downs." Now she wants to live. Her spine is strained, bones broken and there is a slight concussion of the brain. She said she wanted pretty things of her own. She is the seventh of eight daughters of John and Minnie Egerer. The father is a forger of a road gang. Minnie, the eldest daughter, who is 19, has "a fur coat and other pretty clothing." Eleanor said wistfully. Minnie works in a factory.

### WANTS COLLEGES TO AFFILIATE IN SPORT

A. W. Covey Seeks to Have A. U. of C. Control Intercollegiate Athletics.

Fredericton, N. B., Jan. 29.—The Maritime provinces branch of the A. U. of C. is seeking control over intercollegiate athletics in the Maritime Provinces and if successful will become the court of last resort for athletic disputes of the colleges.

President A. W. Covey, of the M. P. A. U. of C., discussed affiliation of the University of N. B. Amateur Athletic Association with the body of which he is the head here yesterday afternoon and urged the colleges to affiliate with the A. U. of C. He promised that one of the results of affiliation would be elimination of bickering in disputes which are now handled by an executive composed of representatives of the various colleges and which, he said, would be quickly adjusted by the A. U. of C. authorities.

No definite results came from the proposals. U. N. B. representatives said that the matter would be considered, but it has since been learned that, if affiliation is decided upon, it will not go into effect before the next academic year.

### Will Give Name of Dean to Building

Montreal, Jan. 29.—When the new arts building of McGill is created its name will be that of Dean Moyes, for forty years connected with the work of the university, particularly as dean of the faculty of arts. Funds are provided by a subscription of \$100,000 from Lord Atholstan.

### Wire Briefs

Stockholm, Jan. 29.—Dr. Ernst Westerland, a famous Swedish physician, died yesterday at the age of 85.

London, Jan. 29.—Philip Snowden, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced today the British Government was not prepared to dispose of its holdings in the Anglo-Persian Oil Company.

London, Jan. 29.—A satisfactory sign that the foot and mouth epidemic among animals is being brought under submission by the authorities is that in the past week only 46 cases of foot and mouth outbreaks were reported.

Fredericton, Jan. 29.—Walter Henry of Lake George, arrested at St. Stephen for the local police on a charge of forgery in connection with a raised check, appeared in police court this morning and was remanded to jail until Feb. 7.

New York, Jan. 29.—Helen Golden, 29, was held by police today charged with grand larceny in connection with thefts of jewelry worth \$130,000 from the Hotel Ambassador here, and the hotel of the same name in Atlantic City.

Washington, Jan. 29.—Albert B. Fall, former U. S. Secretary of the Interior, is on the verge of a nervous breakdown, the Senate oil committee was told today by his counsel, Levi Cooke.

Kington, Jan. 29.—Delegates from the different British West Indies colonies met in conference here today to discuss subjects of common interest to the welfare of the island.

Lyndonville, N. Y., Jan. 29.—Four men who robbed the state bank here of \$17,000 in silver were still at large early today despite efforts of state troopers and deputies to apprehend them.

### MAN IS LOST OFF DECK OF METAGAMA

Three Hundred and Twenty-nine Passengers Landed at St. John.

PROMINENT PERSONS

Travellers Tell of Trips Abroad, and Return After Stormy Passage.

When the Canadian Pacific steamship Metagama was breasting the gigantic combers of the Atlantic ocean Sunday evening the cry of "man overboard" resounded along the main deck engine room and the liner was brought to a halt. After an hour's search she again straightened away on her course and an entire night was spent in looking for the missing man.

Story of Accident  
The story of the accident as told to The Times was as follows: Shortly after leaving the Irish coast the Metagama encountered a heavy sea and strong wind. On Monday the weather continued unfavorable and on Tuesday it was that an exceptionally strong wind or a hurricane was blowing. On Wednesday the storm broke in all its fury and the wind had reached a velocity of eighty miles an hour.

The sea was running mountain high and the progress of the steamer was impeded. All went well. The liner rose up to meet each wave and was able to maintain her position. The sea subsided and conditions were favorable until Sunday when another gale sprang up and the seas were lashed into racing combers.

### Waves Wash Ship

About 6 o'clock five of the seamen were sent forward to the winches to keep them clear. While thus occupied two huge waves came over the bow. Shaw had been with the men and as they scurried to shelter no one noticed that he had been caught. He was swept overboard and disappeared into the icy waters. A cry had been heard by one of the men and when the waves had passed over it was seen that Shaw was missing. It was then the cry of "man overboard" rang out.

329 Passengers

The Metagama came here from Liverpool and brought 329 passengers and 270 third class passengers. The cabin passengers consisted of 37 adults and 222 adults, 16 children and two infants.

There were two unaccompanied children on board, Gertrude and Margaret Messenger, one ten years old and the other fifteen. They are en route to join relatives in Detroit. Among the prominent passengers were: Sir Wm. F. Coaker of Port Union, Ont.; R. W. McEllan of Fredericton, E. S. Jennings of London, Miss W. Paterson of Toronto and H. Baker of London. The passengers were all sent forward to their destination in a special train which left St. John about noon. Prior to their departure the passengers all had highly complimentary words for the skill of Commander Henderson and for the Metagama, which they claim is a wonderful sea boat.

R. W. McEllan, K. C., is a member of the firm of McEllan & Hughes and had been in England and Ireland on business in connection with the Brookfield Lumber Company of which he is a director. He said that the linen trade has been making a slow recovery following the depression largely due to the fact that considerable difficulty was being experienced procuring the raw material. He said, however, that the best minds of the trade are now convinced that they have turned the corner and that better times are pending.

### Has Extensive Tour

G. O. Barber of Auckland, New Zealand, is en route to his home after an extended tour through Europe. He left his home last August and since visited the United States, England, Holland, Germany, Poland, Switzerland, France and Belgium. He is a prosperous farmer and owns over 3,000 acres of land on which he has a large herd of cattle, sheep, horses, etc. He sends large quantities of butter, wool and beef to the Continent. After his extended tour in Europe he said: "I am proud to say that I came back to England from the Continent content to be a Britisher."

### Holland Is Rich

Mr. Barber said that Holland is undoubtedly the richest country in Europe and property is apparent on all sides. He said that in Germany conditions are very bad. Many of the people are actually starving. He was which is an outgrowth of the 1919 baseball "scandal."

### Saves \$50,000 By Being Married

New York, Jan. 29.—A breach of promise suit in which \$50,000 damages was asked was used as an effective restorative for a relapse of the affections when Joseph Dauchas, a 40-year-old Brooklyn Romeo came to terms with the complainant, Miss Alice Petristis, 18, and of the same borough and the couple were married immediately after obtaining their licenses.

They were engaged a year ago, the bride said, but Joseph suddenly changed his mind, advancing his age as a reason. She filed suit and Joe again made a switch in his opinion of the age question. He reconciled his ideas as to 18 and 40 by retention of the \$50,000.

### AGED MINISTER IS FROZEN TO DEATH

Housekeeper is Found Dying From Cold—Distress Flag in Window.

Granite, N. H., Jan. 29.—Rev. L. A. Jones, an aged retired clergyman, was found frozen to death in front of the store in his lonely home here yesterday. In a hallway nearby, his housekeeper, Mrs. Sarah Westworth, 87 years of age, was found unconscious and dying from cold. Physicians said last night that she would not live. From an upper window fluttered a tiny bit of white cloth, a signal for help placed by Mrs. Westworth before she collapsed.

### CRISIS NEAR IN MINERS' STRIKE

General Impression in Cape Breton End or Break to Come Today.

Sydney, Jan. 29.—There is a general impression prevailing here that the crisis in the miners' strike will either settle or break before the day is over. Just where this "hunch" originated it would be difficult to say, but it is shared by a number of conversants of members of the U. M. W. executive.

To many it looked as if the conference were merely a delaying time until John Lewis has leisure to take up the Nova Scotia case in detail, which may not be before the end of next week. Owing to the policy of "covenants secretly arrived at" which is being enforced by the conference, no news whatever is being given out to the public, which is thus left entirely to its own speculations.

The conference re-assembled at ten a.m. today and is still in session.

### FUNDAMENTALIST IS DEBATE WINNER

New York Baptist Pastor Given Decision Over Unitarian on Logic.

New York, Jan. 29.—Dr. John Roach Straton, pastor of Calvary Baptist church, a leader of the Fundamentalists, was the winner last night of a debate with Rev. Charles Francis Potter, pastor of the West Side Unitarian church, on the subject "Resolved that the earth and man came by evolution," in which Dr. Straton upheld the negative.

### GRANITES DEFEAT SWEDISH PLAYERS

Canadians Win 22 to 0—Great Britain Trims France 15 to 2 in Olympic Hockey.

Chamonix, Jan. 29.—Canadian hockey team today triumphed over Sweden by a score of 22 to 0.

Chamonix, Jan. 29.—Great Britain defeated France by the score of 15 to 2 in their hockey match in the Olympic winter sports series played here today.

### "Noblest Roman" To Be Witness

Milwaukee, Jan. 29.—Charles A. Coniskey, owner of the Chicago Americans, and Joe Jackson, former White Sox outfielder, are expected to take the stand today in Jackson's suit for \$18,000 back pay against the Chicago Club. Two women are sitting on the jury hearing the case, which is an outgrowth of the 1919 baseball "scandal."

### DAUGHTER OF BANK CHIEF IS SUICIDE

Margaret Elliot, of Boston, Shoots Herself in Rich Home.

SOCIAL LIFE CAUSE

Loved Dancing and Cigarettes, Had Lung Trouble, Says Father.

(By Canadian Press.)

Boston, Jan. 29.—W. P. G. Harding, governor of the Federal Reserve Bank, Boston, last night admitted that his daughter, Margaret Elliot, who was found dead at their home on last Saturday, committed suicide by shooting herself with his revolver.

Miss Harding, her father said, had left notes addressed to him, to relatives and to friends. In the note to her father the young woman asked forgiveness for what she had done and was about to do.

"I could not stand life any longer," was one phrase of the note, Mr. Harding said.

Mr. Harding said his daughter's act was due to her love for social life, dancing every night and smoking cigarettes. She also had been suffering from lung hemorrhages.

### Vancouver Passes Heavy Grain Crop

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 29.—Vancouver has passed more grain to date this season than the entire crop movement of the previous season over the western route. About twenty million bushels of grain have been moved to far this crop year. Last year's total was 19,000,000.

Should the limit facilities of the port successfully handle all the grain that is booked, the year's shipments of 1923 would be more than 50,000,000 bushels, it is stated.

### Littleton Has \$200,000 Fire Loss

Littleton, N. H., Jan. 29.—A six-hour battle by firemen in a bitter cold brought under control yesterday the worst fire in the town's history. It swept along the east side of Main street, destroying four buildings, including a theatre and a lodging house, and driving twenty-five families to the streets. The damage was estimated tonight at about \$200,000.

### Belgium Planning International City

Brussels, Jan. 29.—The Belgian cabinet yesterday devoted part of its time to discussing the proposed "international city" and college which it is planned to erect in Belgium. The plan would make the Belgian capital centre of international life, grouping an international city, university and museum.

### Mine Disaster Makes Hundred Fatherless

Shanktown, Pa., Jan. 29.—With the removal of five bodies from the workings in the Lancashire mine of the Bards and Tucker Coal Company here at the time of the explosion on Saturday afternoon were accounted for. The death list totals 36. Twelve men were saved. Of the 26 victims, 31 were married, and the children made fatherless total 110.

### To Debate Hydro In the Commons

Ottawa, Jan. 29.—The St. Lawrence waterway project will be debated again in the House of Commons this session. Joseph Archambault, Liberal member for Chamby-Verchere, has given notice of motion for correspondence, both in regard to the waterway project proper and the construction of dams for the development of hydro power.

### Make Landlords Keep Homes Warm

Quebec, Jan. 29.—Outraged, in a bill before the Quebec Legislature, asks for power to regulate the installation of aerials and their accessories for radio purposes, in the neighborhood of high tension wires. The same city also wants power to set the minimum degree of heat in apartments, houses and dwellings when the lease calls for heating on the part of the landlord.

### No Rush for This Job



There's one public job in Minneapolis that folks aren't clamoring for. It's Mrs. C. V. Wylie's "fido" issue. In the Minneapolis Public Library's museum. Every day, she feeds this rattlesnake. He's just recovering from an attack of pneumonia.

### Bride Left at Altar Gets Fortune From Man Who Left Her 17 Years Ago

Frederick, Md., Jan. 29.—The story of a seventeen-year-old romance of a woman disappointed at the altar by a man who remained true to her for the rest of his life came to light when the will of Harry Wilson Jones, wealthy real estate operator, of Garrison Avenue, Baltimore, became known. The will, filed for probate in the Orphans' Court, after directing that the just debts and funeral expenses be paid, leaves the balance of the Jones' estate to Mrs. Caroline S. Holland, wife of George A. Holland, Mount Pleasant, Frederick County. Jones was 68 when he died on Jan. 20.

Seventeen years ago Caroline Stone, daughter of Dr. O. S. Stone of Mount Pleasant, was to have been married to Jones. The day was set for the wedding, the bride-to-be was dressed in her wedding gown. Only the bridegroom was missing. The time passed and he failed to come. Messengers were sent to the railroad station. Hurried calls were sent to Baltimore. From the city came word that Jones had been stricken ill on the eve of his wedding and had been taken to a hospital. Subsequently it was stated he had decided not to marry because of heart disease.

Time passed and several years later Miss Stone became Mrs. Holland. A girl baby came to the couple. When the child was six years old Jones, still unmarried, reappeared. His old friendship for the Stone family was resumed. He met and became friendly with the Holland and grew very fond of the daughter, who is now 10 years old.

Jones left two sisters, a brother in Baltimore and a brother in Chicago.

### PROHIBITION DIES Earthquakes Shake South America

Turks in National Assembly Vote to Restore Liquor as State Monopoly.

London, Jan. 29.—Prohibition in Turkey came to an ignominious end Sunday, as a Constantinople dispatch to the Daily Mail, when Premier Ismet Pasha's proposal to restore liquor as a state monopoly received the unanimous approval of the national assembly.

### IS FOUND DEAD

Former President of Portugal, Who Helped Dethrone Manuel, Dies in Home.

Lisbon, Jan. 29.—Theophile Braga, former president of Portugal, was found dead in his residence yesterday. One of the leaders in the Republican movement which resulted in the revolution of 1910 and the dethronement of King Manuel, Dr. Braga was the first man to head the Portuguese Republican government.

### NO 1924 ELECTION

That's How They Read Signs in Alberta—Legislature Opened Yesterday.

Edmonton, Jan. 29.—Yesterday saw the formal opening here of the fourth session of the fifth legislative assembly of the province, the proceedings were confined entirely to the usual duties. It is rumored that the government does not plan to have redistribution this session, thus discounting reports that a provincial election was on the programme for 1924.

### RAILWAY SERVICE IS BROKEN UP

Death of Lenin is Used as Opportunity to Take Action.

NO U. S. CHANGE

President Coolidge Hopes Good Will Result From Leader's Efforts.

(By Canadian Press.)

Tokio, Jan. 29.—White forces in Siberia have seized upon the occasion of the death of Nicolai Lenin to proclaim a free state in Amur province, and have interrupted railway service to Vladivostok and eastward, according to advices received by the Japanese government from Mukden.

NO CHANGE IN U. S.

Washington, Jan. 29.—The death of Nicolai Lenin will not affect the attitude of the United States government toward the question of recognition of the Moscow regime.

Following the receipt of despatches regarding the death of Lenin, it was stated today on behalf of President Coolidge that the departure of Lenin from the scene has no particular significance so far as the American government is concerned.

Hopes For Good

President Coolidge took the position that it would be unbecoming on the part of officials of this government to indulge in criticism of the foremost leader of the Russian revolution, adding that it was better to hope that the work he had done and the purposes he worked for would ultimately be productive of some good, although it is difficult to see how the methods pursued will advance the cause of civilization.

It was made clear on behalf of the President that the change of attitude rests on the Soviet Government and not on the United States. The President's position being that there can be no change on the part of the Government until Russia has complied with the principles laid down as American policy in the President's address to Congress.

Although Premier Lenin exercised a paramount influence in the Russian revolution and the organization of the Soviet regime, officials do not feel that his death is likely to result in any drastic or immediate change in the Russian attitude in international relations that are the basis of the American refusal to grant recognition.

### Weather Report

Toronto, Jan. 29.—Pressure is now high over the greater portion of the U. S. and relatively low in northern Canada. The weather has become quite mild in all the provinces except Quebec and New Brunswick where the temperature is now rising.

### 44-Hour Week In Railway Shop

Quebec, Jan. 29.—The employees of the St. Malo C. N. R. shops in this city, commencing yesterday, were placed on a 44-hour working week instead of a 40-hour period, which has been in effect practically since November, 1920, or over three years.

### One Boy Killed; Second May Die

Colborne, Ont., Jan. 29.—Melville Hodges, aged 16, was killed instantly, and Clifford Ayles, a boy of the same age was injured so seriously that his recovery is doubtful, when the truck in which they were riding was struck by the C. N. R. flter, the "Capital City" yesterday.

### Cocaine Imports Alone in Excess

Ottawa, Jan. 29.—With the exception of cocaine, the imports of narcotic drugs into Canada during 1923 shows a decrease from the 1922 figures. Morphine imports were materially reduced and the importation of opium dropped off considerably, according to Dominion Bureau of Statistics figures.