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LABOR PARTY WILL STAND BY ASQUITH

George Wardle, Chairman of the Labor Party in the House of Commons, confirmed the Report That His Party Will Stand by Premier Asquith

LABORERS AGREE TO SMALLER WAR COUNCIL

Present Political Crisis is Result of Lloyd George's Demands for Smaller Council Which Would Act Independently of the Cabinet and Would not Include Asquith—Asquith Has Been Premier Since 1908 When He Succeeded Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman

LONDON, Dec. 5.—The assertion that the Labour Party was standing by Premier Asquith, was confirmed by George Wardle, chairman of the Labour Party in the House of Commons, who said the Party is prepared to see the speeding up of the war and is prepared to accept a smaller War Council, but I do not think it would be arrived at by the means adopted. We recognize the driving force of Lloyd George, but feel that in a crisis of this kind a proposal to overthrow the Premier is not proper policy, or one to be supported.

Herbert Henry Asquith became Premier of Great Britain in 1908, succeeding Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman. Asquith at once began a policy of reform, parliamentary, socially and constitutionally, of a radical nature, aided by Lloyd George, with whom to-day he apparently is at odds. Shortly after the outbreak of the war, the Liberal Cabinet of Asquith began to be assailed by its political enemies, mainly on the conduct of the war, but particularly in regard to the naval branch of the British forces. So bitter was this campaign that on May 26th, 1915, a Coalition Cabinet was formed, with Asquith, however, retaining the portfolio of Prime Minister. The present political crisis in Britain had its origin in a similar situation, especially on account of the Government's postponement of consideration of the British Air Board's demand for powers to meet the situation created by the German air raids on England, and the recent changes in the command of the British Fleet, by which Vice-Admiral Sir David Beatty was made head of the Grand Fleet, and especially Lloyd George's demand for a smaller Council, which would have powers to act independently of the Cabinet. Mr. Asquith, in the House on Monday, admitted there was trouble in his Cabinet, and that he had asked King George to permit a reconstruction of it. Just how it was proposed to change the Ministry was not stated, but the Prime Minister said that he desired to make it perfectly plain that whatever method of reconstruction was effected, it would involve no departure from the policy already announced and pursued by the Government since the beginning of the war.

Attacks on Vaux Village Fails

PARIS, Dec. 5.—A bulletin issued by the War Office to-night reads:—A minor attack against our position north of the village Vaux completely failed under the fire of our machine guns. We took some prisoners. In the course of the day there was moderate artillery activity at various points along the front. The Belgian official says that artillery fighting took place at various places on the Belgian front, especially in the sectors of Ramschapelle, Dixmude and Steenstraetes. North of Dixmude we took under our fire enemy groups.

Food Supplies

LONDON, Dec. 5.—The Board of Trade under the Defence of the Realm Act, has issued an order to the effect that after December 18, no meal exceeding three courses between 6 p.m. and 9.30 p.m., or two courses at any other time, will be served in any hotel, restaurant or public place. The announcement adds that it is proposed to issue another order at an early date, forbidding both in public places and private houses the consumption on certain days of meat, poultry and game.

Reasons Why Von Jagow Resigned

LONDON, Dec. 5.—A wireless despatch from Berne to-day, quotes Maximilian Harden in the Kukunif as saying that Herr Von Jagow left the German Foreign Office because he disapproves of the submarine policy, which offended us. Herr Von Jagow also disagreed with the policy of deporting the Belgians and French from occupied territories, the article declares.

Tonnage and Coal

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Great Britain has given notice that because of the scarcity of tonnage and coal, the Government can no longer guarantee coaling facilities at British ports to other than British and Allied ships and to the neutral owners who have undertaken to utilize their vessels in such a way as to be of benefit to the British Allied Powers.

Two Enemy Planes Are Brought Down

PARIS, Dec. 5.—Sub-Lieut. Nugeesser shot down two air-planes within three hours yesterday, the War Office announces. This brings up to twenty the number of air-planes brought to earth by this aviator. There were no developments of importance on the French front last night, the statement says.

Casino Theatre!

(Kindly lent for the occasion by Mr. J. P. Kielly.)

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, December 12th, 13th, 14th.

"THE LIARS."

(Under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency the Governor and Lady Davidson, in aid of W. P. A. Local Red Cross Fund for N.I.D. Soldiers and Sailors and the Newfoundland Highlanders.)

An original comedy in four acts. "Above all things, tell no untruth; no, not in trifles; the custom of it is naughty."

CAST

- Colonel Sir Christopher Deering... LT. COM. MacDERMOTT, R.N. Edward Falkner... CAPT. J. J. O'GRADY Gilbert Nepean... MR. JOHN BAXTER George Nepean... MR. H. BELL Freddie Tatton... MR. ANGLUS REID Archibald Coker... MR. W. R. WARREN Walter at "The Star and Garter"... MR. L. E. EMERSON Gadsby, footman at Cadogan Gardens... MR. JACK PATTERSON Taplin, Sir Christopher's Servant... MR. A. HAYWARD Ferris, Lady Jessica's Maid... MISS FRANCES GOSLING Mrs. Crespin... MISS EMILE MARE Beatrice Ebernoe... MISS MARGARET DOYLE Dolly Coker... MISS AGNES HAYWARD Lady Rosamund Tatton... MRS. R. C. GRIEVE Lady Jessica Nepean... MRS. JOHN BAXTER

SYNOPSIS.

ACT I.—Freddie Tatton's House, in the Thames Valley. ACT II.—"The Star and Garter," Shepperton. ACT III.—Lady Rosamund's Drawing-room, Cadogan Gardens. ACT IV.—Sir Christopher Deering's rooms, Victoria Street. The Play under the direction of Mr. T. H. O'Neill. The Orchestra under the direction of Mr. Chas. Hutton. Plan of Hall at Gray & Goodland's. Dress Circle, 75c; Numbered Reserved Seats, 50c; Gallery 30c; Pit 20c. Doors open at 7.15. Curtain rise at 8.15 sharp. Dec 6, 9.21

Norway Agrees Gerard Off for Berlin

Will Supply Germany With 15 Per Cent of Her Entire Catch of Fish.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 5.—The Politiken, from Stockholm, says that Norway has agreed to modify the recent decree concerning the operations of belligerent submarines in Norwegian territorial waters, and that she has agreed to supply Germany with 15 per cent. of her entire catch of fish as compared with 10 per cent. heretofore. Germany, in return, according to the despatch, agrees to supply Norway with more coal and fishing.

Part of Crew Missing

LONDON, Dec. 5.—The English liner Vesna has landed here 18 men of the crew of the Portuguese steamer Sao Nicolau, formerly the German steamer Dora Horn, of 2,679 tons, which has been sunk by a submarine. The fate of the remainder of the crew is unknown.

Austro-Italian Front

ROME, Dec. 5.—The failure of an attempted surprise attack on the Italian positions north of Santa Carina, east of Gorizia on the night of Dec. 2 is reported to-day. Otherwise there has been only artillery, aviation and patrol activity along the whole Austro-Italian front.

Losses in Men

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 5.—As quoted in an Overseas News Agency summary, Britain has lost 1,200,000 men, Russia, 8,500,000. France 3,700,000, Italy 600,000, Serbia 480,000, Belgium 220,000, and Rumania 200,000.

More Ships Lost

LONDON, Dec. 5.—The Norwegian steamers Kitteroy, 1,260 tons, and Erik H. Lindoe, are reported sunk. The Greek steamer Demitrios Inglesis is believed sunk, and the French sailing vessel Therex.

"Americans Aboard"

MADRID, Dec. 5.—The Italian steamer Palermo, with 47 Americans aboard, has been torpedoed off the Spanish coast. One sailor, reported to be an American, was wounded by a shell and died in hospital.

From Berlin

BERLIN, Dec. 5.—The total losses of the Entente in the present war has been 15,000,000 men, according to figures given out by the Association for Research in social consequences of the war.

Dowager Duchess Dead

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 5.—A telegram from Neustrelitz, Germany, announces the death of the Dowager Grand Duchess Augusta Carolina, of Mecklenburg-Strelitz.

Serbian Success

PARIS, Dec. 5.—The Serbians are continuing their advance in the Cerna region and the Macedonian front and have reached the outskirts of the village of Stravina.

Oil Magnate Dead

TARRYTOWN, N.Y., Dec. 5.—John D. Archibald, President of the Standard Oil Co., died this morning.

The schr. Dorothy Baird, Capt. Churchill, and the schr. Gaspe, both owned by James Baird, Ltd., arrived at Gibraltar yesterday from the Mediterranean, all well, on their way to St. John's.

A boy, 7 years of age, was sent to Hospital from Holdsworth Street yesterday, ill of diphtheria. This is the second case to develop in the same house within the past couple of days.

Sgt. Kent arrived to-day by the train with an insane man from Placentia for the Lunatic Asylum.

The S.S. Diana left here this morning for Sydney to load for this port.

Gerard Off for Berlin

Brings With Him Wilson's Views on Submarine Warfare and Deportation of Belgians.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—Jas. W. Gerard, U. S. Ambassador to Germany, returns to his post to-day, bearing the view of President Wilson regarding submarine warfare and the deportation of Belgians, for presentation to the Imperial Government. Before boarding the steamer the Ambassador declared he carried no peace plan back to Germany. Mr. Gerard took with him the equivalent of 100,000 marks, which was raised through a thanksgiving appeal issued by the American Relief Committee, for distribution through the Embassy to the needy widows and orphans, and war sufferers in Berlin.

TEUTONS WILL JOIN HANDS WITH GREECE

LONDON, Dec. 6.—A despatch to the Times from Amsterdam quotes a message from Sofia to the effect that after Bucharest is taken the Central Powers will capture Avlona, Abania and join hands with Greece.

NEW APPOINTMENT

LONDON, Dec. 6.—Admiral Sir Cecil Burney, who was Admiral Jellicoe's Second in Command of the Grand Fleet, has been appointed Second Sea Lord of the Admiralty.

CARSON AND THE CABINET

Carson Will Not Take Office Under Asquith—Times Says There is No Telling What Will Happen—Asquith May Return to Power Adds The Times

LONDON, Dec. 6.—Although Carson is universally mentioned as a member of the new administration, one of his friends is quoted as saying that Sir Edward's position is one detached from the crisis, and that he has not been approached with a view to joining the War Council. One thing was certain only, and that was Sir Edward would not take office under Asquith. According to the "Times," Carson since he resigned his post as Attorney General in the Coalition Government, has made a great name for himself, and gained the respect of many members who previously were his bitter opponents. Summing up the outlook the "Times" says everything is in the air at present, and there is no telling what will happen. The suggestion was made here and there on Tuesday night that Asquith was not done with politics and that the Parliamentary situation might compel his return to power, adds the "Times."

JESS WILLARD MAY RETIRE

Unconfirmed reports from the west indicate the retirement of Champion Willard. The big fellow says that there is no more money for him in the fighting game for the reason that his challengers are of little or no account. Ever Willard made a punching bag of the overrated Moran he has talked of quitting the ring. His managers have tried to persuade him to box Fulton, but Willard regards the latter as a soft mark. As for Dillon, Willard says he is too small and that the public would ridicule a match with the Giant Killer. Willard has other reasons for getting out of the boxing game. He weighs 300 pounds, perhaps more, and he says that he doesn't care to train again. He declares that he would need four months of hard work to get down for the weight at which he might be too slow and heavy to do himself justice. The champion, it is said, is worth nearly \$200,000. He can travel with a circus for several years and draw a fat salary. He isn't fond of fighting and prefers an easy life. By surrendering his title Willard probably figures that his managers will leave him alone.

Now is the time to begin training your appetite so that you may do full justice to your Xmas turkey.

Peace Talk Again Heard

Berlin Tageblatt Says Moment is Near When a Business Peace May be Possible.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—An article, predicting the approach of peace negotiations, appeared in the Berlin Tageblatt, and is quoted in an Amsterdam despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Co. The Tageblatt says that the moment is near when a business peace may be possible, a peace which the Allies and the Central Powers can discuss, in view of the securities they possess. Of course those who consider such a proposal must not be allowed to return home empty-handed. The status quo ante bellum is impossible since the independence of Poland is proclaimed, but it is remarkable that the number of Germans who wished to annex Belgium has shrunk recently almost to nothing, while many Pan-Germans are ready to-day to listen to the word pacifism without protest.

DIVER AT WORK.

Mr. W. Butler, diver, has been engaged for some days past affecting repairs to the intake at Winsor Lake. The job is a difficult if not dangerous one and he is operating in about four fathoms of water. Yesterday he cut one of the sleeves of his suit and had to come very quickly to the surface to get it repaired. He reports the water extremely cold.

OPORTO MARKET.

This week: Nfd. Stocks 17,213 Consumption 8,870 Last week: Nfd. stocks 5,522 Consumption 10,045 Entered the Lewlyn, Phylis West-hover, John Parker and Ada West-hover. Sent to Alcaete "W. C. Smith.

REID'S TRAIN REPORT.

Monday No. 1 arrived at Port aux Basques at 11.05 p.m. yesterday. Yesterday's No. 1 left Quarry 8.35 a.m. Yesterday's No. 2 left Glenwood 6.40 a.m. Today's No. 2 leaving Port aux Basques after arrival of Kyle.

WILL BE ARRESTED.

To-day a woman from a nearby settlement had her husband summoned to Court on a charge of failing to support herself and family. The man did not appear on the summons and immediately a warrant was executed for his arrest. He will likely be prosecuted for contempt of Court.

POLICE COURT NEWS.

Mr. Morris, K.C., J.P. presided in Court to-day. A drunk was fined \$2 or 14 days and another was fined \$1 or 7 days.

Two negro sailors of the schr. Alconda, who were given in charge by the Captain for using threatening language, were remanded for 8 days until the ship is ready to sail.

HEARD IN CAMERA.

To-day the case of the man Lannon, who indecently assaulted a boy named Melvin at the Seamen's Institute is being heard before Mr. F. J. Morris, K.C., in camera.

The evidence of several witnesses was taken and the further hearing was postponed until 3 p.m.

PATIENTS ARE IMPROVING.

The outbreak of diphtheria, to which we alluded a couple of days ago, occurred at the Goulds Road about 1 1/2 miles from the town of Brigus. All the patients are doing well.

APPOINTED R. C. INSPECTOR.

We hear to-day on pretty good authority that Mr. C. Kennedy of Hr. Grace, school teacher, has been appointed Catholic Inspector of Schools, replacing the late Dr. J. Hanrahan.

Not Moved That Way.

Are you ever moved by a sublimated altruism? No. As a rule we get the moving auto truck vans.

ASQUITH RESIGNS; BONAR LAW TO FORM THE NEW MINISTRY

After a Day of Extraordinary Political Excitement and Activity Premier Asquith Decided to Tender his Resignation to the King—Premier Explained His Motives for Resigning

BONAR LAW TO FORM NEW CABINET

Westminster Gazette Upholds Asquith's Position—Grey and Most of His Principal Colleagues Support his Stand—Political Leaders Spent a Busy Day and Asquith Met Several Unionist Leaders in Consultation Over the Crisis—King Accepts the Resignation of Asquith

LONDON, Dec. 5.—The Premier's decision to resign and advise the King to summon Andrew Bonar Law to form a Cabinet, was taken after a day of extraordinary political excitement and activity. There were constant comings and goings of the political leaders between Downing Street and the various Government departments. Mr. Asquith met several Unionist leaders in consultation, including Earl Curzon, Lord Robert Cecil and the Earl of Derby. Noticeable absentees from this conference were A. J. Balfour, who is ill, Andrew Bonar Law, J. Austen Chamberlain, and Walter Hume Long. Later in the afternoon the Premier met his supporters, including Viscount Grey, Lewis Harcourt, Edwin S. Montagu, Marquis Crewe, Reginald McKenna, Walter Runciman, H. Samuel, Lord Reading, and Arthur Henderson. The meeting lasted for more than an hour, and it is supposed Asquith explained that

he was forced by almost insuperable obstacles to the reconciliation of the conflicting interests, and intended to tender his resignation. Almost immediately after, the Premier drove to the Palace and had an audience with the King.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—The Westminster Gazette says that Asquith has declined definitely a proposed for the formation of a War Council, of which he would not be a member, and other consequential changes which would have followed the acceptance of that proposal. Naturally the next move will remain for these members of the Cabinet to make a suggestion. Asquith has approved a smaller War Council, the newspaper continues, but held that the Premier necessarily must be chairman of any such body. His attitude is said to be supported by Foreign Secretary Grey and most of his principal colleagues in the Cabinet.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—King George has summoned Andrew Bonar Law, Secretary for the Colonies, to the Palace. It is understood that Asquith will advise the King to entrust Law with the formation of a new Ministry.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—The Court Circular announces to-night that The Right Hon. Mr. Asquith had an audience with His Majesty the King, and tendered his resignation as Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury, which the King has been graciously pleased to accept.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—The resignation of Premier Asquith is officially announced.

London Press Review Of the Political Crisis

Hope is Expressed that Asquith will Continue in New Cabinet—Future Lies in the Hands of Bonar Law, Carson and Lloyd George.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—An Associated Press cable from London to-day says: "The morning papers wear to-day the familiar face of peace time politics. This anti-Asquith Press assails the fallen Premier for failing to conduct the war efficiently. His especial champion, the "Daily News" comes to his defence and violently attacks Lord Northcliffe on the ground that he uses public men as pawn in his own game. None of the papers attempt to forecast the future. Indeed non conceal their ignorance of what is going to happen. There is a pretty general concurrence that the situation lies with Bonar Law, Carson and Lloyd George, who are regarded as necessary in forming the nucleus of whatever Cabinet is formed, but beyond these three, there is very little speculation as to the personnel of the new Government.

John Redmond, in an interview on the political situation said the Irish Party is excluded from any responsibility in the affairs of the Empire, as long as self-government is denied Ireland.

BONAR LAW REFUSES TO FORM NEW GOVERNMENT

LONDON, Dec. 6.—The Westminster Gazette says that Bonar Law has declined the invitation of the King to form a Cabinet and that presumably David Lloyd George will be called upon.

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LONDON, Dec. 6.—The Exchange Telegraph Company says it has the authority for the statement that Mr. Bonar Law has declined the offer to form a new Government.

CONSCRIPTIONISTS ARE EXPELLED

LONDON, Dec. 6.—Bitter feeling against conscription was manifested by the delegates to the Australian Inter-State Labor Conference. A despatch from Melbourne reports Senator Lynch and Mr. Burchill, member of House of Representatives for West Australia, who favoured conscription, were expelled. The Conference also decided to remove from the Australian Labor Movement all Federal members who supported conscription.

BULGARIAN OFFICIAL

SOFIA, Dec. 6.—The repulse of Allied attacks in Moglencia Valley, east of the Cerna region of the Macedonian front, is reported in an official statement issued by the War Office to-day.

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In many comments there is a marked note of anxiety lest the crisis have had an effect on the Allies and be misconstrued by the Germans, to say nothing of injuring the unity of

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