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OVERWHELMING VICTORY  
WON BY LLOYD GEORGE

British Election Returns This  
Afternoon Indicated  
Great Majority

Premier in Carnarvon Has Notable Personal Triumph; Arthur Henderson, Labor Leader, Defeated; Some Outstanding Features of Returns

London, Dec. 28.—All indications at three o'clock this afternoon were that Premier Lloyd George and his government would have an overwhelming majority in the new house of commons.

London, Dec. 28.—(Associated Press)—Counting began this morning of the ballots cast at the recent general election and the final result will likely be known before the day is over. With the counting starting at ten o'clock a large portion of the outstanding returns were expected to be available about midday and all the rest before night, with the exception of one constituency, where, owing to the death of a candidate, the polling has been postponed.

The coming parliament—the first under the new reform act—will have 707 members, or thirty-seven more than the last parliament. Of these 322 already have been returned, either unopposed or for the universities where conditions enable an immediate declaration of the results. Those returned comprise fifty-one coalition Unionists, thirty-one coalition Liberals, twelve Laborites, one independent, one Irish Nationalist and twenty-six Sinn Feiners.

The general indifference over the election justifies the expectation of small polls, and with the exception of the professional politicians, nobody is excited over the results.

Some newspapers confidently predict a big victory for the coalition government under the leadership of Premier Lloyd George.

**Victory for Premier.**  
David Lloyd George, prime minister and leader of the coalition government, has been re-elected for Carnarvon. The premier, who stood as a coalition Liberal, received 11,903 votes to 1,408 for Austin Harrison, son of Frederick Harrison, a writer. Mr. Harrison was an independent candidate.

**Sir Harry Peckitt**, secretary of the London branch of the Pilgrims, was returned for the Acton division of Middlesex. Sir Harry, a coalition Unionist, received 12,341 votes to 1,121 for J. H. Dunmore, Laborite.

In the east division of Walthamstow, Sir John Simon, former solicitor and former home secretary, defeated by L. S. Johnson, coalition Unionist. The vote was: Johnson 9,492; Simon, Liberal, 6,781.

**Sir Frederick E. Smith**, attorney general, coalition Unionist, was returned for the West Derby division of Liverpool. He received 11,622 votes against 5,618 for G. Nelson, Laborite.

**London, Dec. 28.**—Election returns received up to 12:30 o'clock today favored the coalition government. At this hour the coalitionists have returned 108, the Unionists three, the Liberals one, Labor fifteen, Irish Nationalists one, Sinn Fein twenty-six, and one independent.

**Arthur Henderson**, leader of the British Labor party, and former member of the war cabinet, declared that no section of the people in this country would give more hearty co-operation and support in its efforts to establish a league of nations than the labor movement.

In reply, Lord Robert pointed out that such a league would be more than a league for preventing war. It would have to consider, he said, the problem of the reduction of armaments, it must protect smaller states, it must safeguard the races that are yet unborn to protect themselves, and it must act as the guarantee of international order and peace. Products essential to the welfare and prosperity of mankind, he declared, must be made available for all.

Lord Robert added: "That is no light undertaking, but one thing is certain, namely, if the British people show they are in earnest in pressing forward this reform, they will carry it through as they have carried many another scheme for the freedom and improvement of mankind."

**DEATHS IN YORK COUNTY**  
Frederick, N. B., Dec. 28.—Mrs. Hosca Barton of Burtt's Corner, died last night of pneumonia. She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Wood Fracy, two sisters, Mrs. Elwood Burtt of Fredericton, and Mrs. Howard Brewer of Burtt's Corner, and two brothers, Percy Jones at home, and Edward Jones in France, also her husband and four small children.

George Gould, aged thirty-six, died at the temporary hospital in this city last night from pneumonia. Four sisters and two brothers survive.

Thomas Cassidy, aged resident of Long Creek, died last night after a lingering illness. He was aged eighty-five years.

**NOT GOING TO BELGIUM FOR ANOTHER MONTH**  
Paris, Dec. 28.—President Wilson's trip to Belgium, to include a visit to Brussels as the guest of King Albert, will probably be deferred to the end of January.

**For Big Paris Exposition.**  
Paris, Dec. 27.—(Havas Agency)—The municipal council has decided to ask the government to take steps toward the holding of an inter-allied colonial exposition in Paris in 1920 or 1921.

**BRITISH PUT GERMANS IN COLOGNE UNDER ARREST FOR DISOBEDIENCE**  
Geneva, Switzerland, Dec. 28.—(Havas Agency)—The population of Cologne, not having respected the hour of nine o'clock, at which all should be in their homes, the British troops have made numerous arrests there, according to reports received here. Arrests were made after flags had moved ineffective.



BACK HOME

It is all very well to sing "Home, Sweet Home," but the reality is not so sweet when it is located in a section of France first devastated by the Germans, as in the case of this family.—British official photograph.

A CRUSHER FOR THESE TWO GERMANS  
Hoover Consigns Von Der Laucken and Reith to a Very Warm Place

Washington, Dec. 28.—Food Administrator Hoover, who is in Europe, arranging relief for the peoples of the war devastated territories, has refused in emphatic terms to discuss German food conditions with Baron Von Der Laucken and Dr. Reith, who sought a meeting with him.

A message from Paris says these two German officials who were prominent in the German administration of Belgium, wired from Berlin to Walter Lyman Brown, director of the committee for relief in Belgium, that they had been appointed by the German government to assist in the relief work.

In answer to the request for a conference, Mr. Hoover sent this message: "You can describe two and a half years of arrogance toward ourselves and cruelty to the Belgians in any language you may select, and tell the pair personally to go to hell with my compliments. If I do have to deal with Germans it will not be with that pair."

WHAT OF SERBIA?  
A Question That is Attracting Attention—Reported Visits by Cardinal Bourne and Anglican Bishop

Paris, Dec. 28.—In conference circles the opinion prevails that several difficult questions which will come before the Allies at some time during the peace conference may be left over for arbitration. One party there desires the re-establishment of the status quo ante bellum in the Balkans after an agreement has been reached as to a league of nations.

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A question which attracts attention is the status of Serbia, where there is a conflict of European influences. Cardinal Bourne, Archbishop of Westminster, went to Serbia recently, and he and Pope Benedict. It is reported that an Anglican bishop also has visited Serbia.

**Fined \$500 in Liquor Case.**  
Toronto, Dec. 28.—George C. Dore of Kitchener was fined \$500 and costs or four months yesterday for bringing in liquor. License Inspector Ayscough said there was a group of men in Kitchener who were sending motor liquor to Toronto.

WEATHER REPORT  
Phelix and Pheridan

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stuart, director of meteorological service.

**Synopsis.**—Except for some light snow in a few localities, the weather over the Dominion has been fair, moderately cold from Ontario eastward and comparatively mild in the western provinces.

**Maritime.**—Winds increasing to strong breezes, or moderate gales from eastward with snow; Sunday, clearing. Gulf and North Shore—Cold and misty, but some local snowfalls on Sunday.

**New England.**—Cloudy tonight and Sunday; probably light shifting snows; little change in temperature; light shifting winds.

FRANCE TO SEEK TRADE  
IN THE UNITED STATES

New York, Dec. 28.—The Franco-American board of commerce and industry has been organized to develop American markets for French products, with headquarters in Paris and New York. Branches are being established throughout France. It is considered by French merchants that conditions are favorable for a campaign to replace German goods with French products in this country.

WILSON, IN GULDHALL, RE-AFFIRMS STAND ON BALANCE OF POWER

Speaks of Assembling of Powerful Group of Nations That Will Be Trustees of The World

London, Saturday, Dec. 28.—Speaking today in the historic Guildhall at a ceremonious gathering of Great Britain's most distinguished statesmen, President Wilson reaffirmed his principle that there must no longer be a balance of power which might unsettle the peace of the world, but that the future must rest on a council of power which would preserve it.

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Germans Tried Many Ways To Block The Allied Commission

Visits To Naval Bases And Airplane Stations  
TRIP THROUGH KIEL CANAL

British Found German Discipline Very Slack—Many Difficulties Encountered But They all Were Overcome

London, Dec. 28.—(British Wireless Service)—Reporting an Allied commission which inspected German naval bases and airplane stations under the terms of the armistice, the British battleship Hercules has returned to her home port. During a trip fraught with peril, many German ports were visited and preliminary arrangements for the surrender of German warships were made.

A dramatic episode was the passage of the Kiel Canal, a Deceit of power which would preserve it.

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STRIKING LETTER TO KAISER FROM PRINCE OF MONACO

Bids Fair to Outrival Lichnowsky and Muehlen Revelations

REBUKE BY INTIMATE OF FORMER EMPEROR

Says William Might Have Been Greatest Figure of all Time—But Instead Maintained Brutal Customs of Military Monarchy

Paris, Dec. 27.—Prince Albert of Monaco has given to the Associated Press a remarkable letter he has addressed to former Emperor William which promises to rival the notable revelations made by Prince Lichnowsky, German ambassador at London at the outbreak of the war, and Dr. Muehlen, former Krupp director.

Prince Albert's letter gives textually many conversations with the former emperor on his war projects, and also letters from the former German ruler to the prince. The letters are addressed to the prince as "my dear cousin" and are signed "our highest, devoted friend, cousin and admirer, William I. R."

The conversations between the former emperor and the prince cover years of close intimacy, during which Prince Albert was a frequent guest of the emperor at Berlin and Kiel, and at the emperor's summer palace on the island of Corfu.

The prince's letter is addressed: "To His Majesty William II." It addresses the former German ruler directly throughout as "sire." It recalls to the former emperor the conversations in which the emperor expressed his ideas for Germany's future, and then gives the successive steps in which he yielded to the military element.

Explaining the purposes of his letter, Prince Albert writes: "I speak with solemnity, after seventeen years of effort to enlighten you upon the only path which would maintain the rival nations within the limits of justice and dignity, and would result in peace, the interests of France and Germany. I speak with firmness of soul in revolt against the spectacle of the plot of force to annihilate law and honor."

**TROUBLE REPORTED NOW IN ABYSSINIA.**  
Washington, Dec. 28.—A report from Cairo to the state department says trouble has arisen in Abyssinia. It is reported that the Abyssinian government is sending troops to aid the Christians against the Moslems.

**SECOND BAR TO D. S. O.**  
Halifax, Dec. 28.—Lieut.-Colonel J. L. Ralston, M. P. P., officer commanding the 88th Nova Scotia Battalion in Belgium, has been awarded a second bar to his D. S. O., according to word received today by his wife.

**LARGE LIQUOR SEIZURES.**  
Quebec, Dec. 28.—Liquor valued at \$2,000 was seized yesterday at Beauce Junction, St. Joseph and Beauceville, in Beauce county, by High Constable Dulac. At Chicoutimi, \$800 worth of liquor was seized yesterday.

Ebert Cabinet About To Collapse

Berlin, Dec. 28.—(By the Associated Press)—While the government continues to deny the existence of a crisis, developments appear to be rapidly approaching the point where the Ebert-Hase cabinet will no longer be able to assert its authority.

LIEUT. A. H. BELLIVEAU IS SAFE IN FRANCE  
Brother of Father Belliveau of Battalion Here Was Prisoner—Pte. Walter Burden Heard From

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 28.—Prof. A. Belliveau, of the staff of the Provincial Normal School, was notified this morning that his son, Lieut. A. H. Belliveau, was safe in France after being a prisoner in Germany for four months. He was serving in the Royal Air Force when captured on August 27, after his machine was shot down in action. Capt. (Rev.) Hector Belliveau, Catholic chaplain to the New Brunswick Depot Battalion and Sergt. Edouard Belliveau, wounded in France with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry are brothers.

Pte. Walter Burden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Burden of this city has written his parents after a long silence, caused it is believed, by the fact that he was enduring extra punishment for attempting to escape a second time from a German prison camp. The letter is from Holland.

Pte. Burden expressed the hope of reaching England early in the New Year. At the time of writing he was in hospital with inflammation of the lungs.

A young soldier enlisted in Fredericton on August 10, 1914, and went overseas with the 12th Battalion. Early in 1915 he was transferred to the 18th Royal Highlanders of Canada, then in France. He served in the trenches sixteen days when wounded and made prisoner in the fighting around Ypres.

**THOUSANDS OF ARMENIANS DESTITUTE AND STARVING**  
New York, Dec. 28.—Thousands of Armenians are destitute and starving throughout Persia, and hundreds of thousands of dollars monthly are needed to provide for them, according to cable messages from representatives of the American committee for Armenia and Syrian relief.

**ALLIES ARE GETTING HUN ROLLING STOCK**  
Paris, Dec. 28.—Armistice conditions report are being carried out satisfactorily by the Germans. In a single day 8,500 cars and 200 locomotives were turned over to the Allies.

The Boston & Maine.  
Boston, Dec. 28.—George W. Anderson, justice of the United States circuit court, yesterday accepted election as a member of the board of trustees which holds the majority of stock of the Boston & Maine Railroad Company and stock in its subsidiary companies owned by the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad.

**New Lumber Company.**  
Ottawa, Dec. 28.—Incorporation has been granted to the Gravel Lumber Company, Limited, Lewis, capital \$600,000.

**RETAIN CENSORSHIP ON MILITARY NEWS ONLY.**  
Paris, Dec. 28.—According to the Temps, Premier Clemenceau intends soon to recommend the suppression of the political censorship in France and the retaining of control only over military news, probably before the peace preliminaries begin.