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Extremists Are Beaten In National Elections In Germany

POTTS WOULD CHANGE VOTING PLAN

MODERATES TRIUMPH AT POLLS

Communists and Nationalists Make Gains; Beaten by Coalition.

BALLOTING HEAVY

Result is Approval of Dawes-Young Reparations Report by People.

BY CARL D. GROAT
(United Press Staff Cor.)

Berlin, May 5.— A coalition government pledged to fulfilment of reparations obligations, and carrying out the Dawes-Young plan probably will take office as a result of the national elections in Germany on Sunday, in which 25,000,000 men and women voted.

Whether the new cabinet will represent the present coalition, or a new alignment of liberal parties, depends upon the final returns, which are still somewhat confused owing to the presence in the field of more than 30 parties. Although the Moderates won, substantial gains were registered by parties on both extremes. The German Nationalist party, at the extreme right, polled a heavy vote, while an official foreign office statement referred to the frightful growth of the Communist vote."

Dawes Report Safe

There were numerous conflicts between extreme Nationalists and Communists in different parts of the country, two Communists and one Nationalist being killed in street fighting in Berlin, but the elections on the whole passed off in comparative quiet.

The heavy gains scored by the Nationalists, added to a strong Folkist vote, gave rise for a time to some apprehension in government circles, but on the strength of returns up to noon today it seemed the new Reichstag would be sufficiently balanced to prevent sabotage of the Dawes report.

The foreign unofficial but apparently reliable count this morning was as follows:

Deutsch National, 4,500,000.
Socialists, 5,600,000.
Folkists, 2,000,000.
Folks Partei, 2,000,000.
Democrats, 1,600,000.
Centrists, 3,700,000.
Communists, 3,600,000.
Evarian Folkspartei, 750,000.
Hanoveraner Party, 100,000.

Some Notables Chosen

Among the prominent personages elected were the following:—Chancellor Marx and Foreign Minister Stresemann, Count Von Bernstorff, General Ludendorff, who however, ran behind Admiral Von Tirpitz in Munich, ex-Chancellor Wirth, and "Tony" Sender, the prettiest woman member of the last Reichstag, and young Prince Von Bismarck, grandson of the Iron Chancellor.

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Made 750 Miles in Six Hours and Half

Calcutta, May 5. — Lieut. Pelletier Doisy arrived here at 1 o'clock this afternoon in his flight from France to Japan. He covered the latest 750 miles of his journey in six and one-half hours. He will probably remain here two or three days for repairs to the wings of his airplane.

Karachi, May 5.—The Portuguese aviators who are making a flight to China arrived here yesterday from the Indo-Persian frontier. They encountered strong head winds and dust storms, which greatly hindered their flight.

Freshet Halts At Fredericton

Fredericton, N. B., May 5.—Halted by a sudden change today back to cold weather again following a severe midsummer-like electrical storm last evening the water in the St. John River stopped rising this morning. Official measurements showed the river here to be standing at 18 feet 4 inches above summer low water level, which is five feet one inch lower than the high water mark reached last spring in the heaviest freshet in forty years.

Comedian Falls Dead on Stage

Northampton, May 5—All unknown to the audience, comedy was converted to tragedy during a performance at Northampton Hippodrome, a comedian falling dead while acting the part of a "drunken man."

were appearing in a comedy turn in John O'Halloran and his brother which there was a good deal of "knockout" business, and in which they had to pretend drunkenness. While reaching for a bottle of "champagne" for his partner, John fell and failed to rise. When carried to the wings he was found to be dead.

The curtain was rung down, but members of the audience thought it was part of the knockout business and the tragedy was not revealed.

At the second house a plea of illness was screened as an explanation of his non-appearance.

HARDING PORTRAIT GOOD WILL TOKEN

Sir Esme Howard Will Present and President Coolidge Receive It.

Washington, May 5—An oil painting of the late President Harding, showing him making his address last summer in Stanley Park, Vancouver, will be presented to the newspaper men of the U. S. through the National Press Club on Thursday evening, with Sir Esme Howard, the British ambassador, making the presentation and President Coolidge receiving it. It is the gift of the Vancouver Sun. Whether the Press Club will keep the painting in its own rooms or send it to an art gallery will be decided later.

Receive $750 For Their $50,000 Cow

Sacramento, Calif., May 5—The owners of Tillie Alcartra, famous milch cow, killed because she had foot and mouth disease, will receive $750 state compensation, although the animal once was worth more than $50,000 and had produced calves which sold for $61,000. Tillie no longer was a breeder, and it was said her value principally was advertising and sentimental.

With Tillie Alcartra were killed other members of the famous Hartsook dairy herd, including a $27,000 bull. The average compensation to be paid for the destroyed animals will be $427.40 a head.

Strabane Again Is In The Limelight

Belfast, May 5—An explosion which was heard for miles around occurred Saturday night in the grain market at Strabane, on the Tyrone-Donegal border. No one was hurt.

Special dispatches say the whole town was shaken, the market damaged and telegraph wires torn down. Belief that bombs were used is expressed.

Wire Briefs

Ottawa, May 5.—Senator Fowler's condition is unchanged today.

Madrid, May 5.—An official statement issued yesterday dealing with the military operations in Morocco shows that the Moors are still attacking Spanish convoys in Morocco.

Ottawa, May 5.—The appointment of Hon. C. W. Robinson of New Brunswick to the Senate has gone through the council and awaits the signature of the Governor-General, which is expected today.

London, May 5.—Earth shocks equal in intensity to those occurring in the Derbyshire coal fields on April 4 were registered at the West Bromwich observatory last night.

Detroit, Mich., May 5.—Mrs. Henry Ford, wife of the automobile manufacturer, has undergone a surgical operation at Henry Ford Hospital here. The operation was necessitated by an abdominal ailment of long standing.

Methuen, May 5—Joseph Lynch, 2½-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lynch of Arlington street, fell into a newly dug cellar near his home and was drowned in water that had flowed into the cellar during a heavy rain.

Buenos Aires, May 5.—(United Press).—Practically all work was suspended in prominent cities of the Argentine Republic today as the nation entered the third day of its general strike in protest against the new pensions law.

Hong Kong, May 5.—The passenger motorboat Oporto, sailing for Canton from Kongmoon, was seized today by pirates, who killed the Portugese skipper and an Indian guard and kidnapped forty passengers.

REPARATION SOLUTION IS NEARER

Theunis of Belgium and MacDonald of Britain Confer.

HOPEFUL OUTLOOK

Belgian Premier Will Now Meet Mussolini—General Conference Later.

(By H. N. MOORE.)

London, May 5—(British United Press)—A further step towards the solution of the long delayed reparations problem is believed to have been reached during the week-end, with a visit by Premier Theunis and M. Hymans to Chequers to confer with the British Prime Minister.

While these conversations were entirely confidential it is generally understood they centred around two main points, the question of sanctions and the difficulties raised by the recommendations of the Dawes committee in the matter of the restoration of the economic sovereignty of Germany throughout the occupied territory.

It is believed that on the whole the Belgians are inclined to favor the French standpoint, opposing the policy of unlimited trust in German good faith and intentions, and considering the necessity of the retention of certain sanctions as absolutely necessary.

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FREE STATE NAMES BOUNDARY MAN

John McNeill is Representative—Ulster Asked to Designate One.

London, May 5. — (British United Press.)—Despite Ulster's objection to the re-opening of the boundary question, Colonial Secretary Thomas announced today that the Irish Free State had appointed John McNeill and its representative on the boundary commission.

Ulster has been requested to make a similar appointment, while the British will endeavor to name a suitable chairman.

FOUGHT SHARKS WITH HIS KNIFE

Was Saved After Twenty-three Hour Battle in The Water.

New York, May 5.—To the list of plain men made remarkable by caprice of the sea has been added the name of Clarence L. Staden, erstwhile able-seaman on the tanker Frederick W. Weller, which arrived yesterday from Panama.

Staden, adrift in the wide circle of the Gulf of Panama, alone except for sharks, fought the man-eaters hour in, hour out, with the long blade of a sailor's jack until the steamer Dorset picked him up. He had engaged in this bizarre warfare with the blood-hungry fish for twenty-three hours, had eaten no food, had had no sleep, and despite all emerged unscathed.

A note pinned to a forecastle post reading: "Goodbye, Tanker Weller," was the first inkling Captain Samuel Purdy, of the Weller, had that Staden was missing. From the shelf above his bunk his life belt was gone as well as the knife the seaman had taken pride in tempering.

Staden, shipmates and officers said, was inclined to be melancholy, and they offer this as an explanation for his jumping overboard. The assumption was, they said, that once adrift fear of the sharks dethroned any other thought and he desperately slashed and stabbed at the encircling fins.

Houlton Lawyers Are Found Guilty

Houlton, Me., May 5.—Willard S. Lewin and Herschel Shaw, lawyers here, have been found guilty of conspiracy to defeat the operation of the Volstead Act. Shaw was a former county attorney. Lewin is a well known local attorney who was convicted in the U. S. district court at Bangor last December and who is under sentence to serve two years at Atlanta, Ga., pending the decision of the U. S. court of appeals which has his appeal now under consideration. In the case here sentence has been deferred.

Gutters Deep in Hot Tea as Fire Rages

London, May 5—Large quantities of hot tea poured from a blazing warehouse at Tower Bridge during a fire which raged for many hours. The tea was produced by water being poured on the huge quantity of burning tea leaves in the building.

Hundreds of tons of tea was destroyed in the warehouse, which is seven storeys high and one of the largest in London.

Nearly 40 pumps were at work at one time, and water was poured into the building from two floats on the river.

The adjacent gutters were several inches deep in hot tea, which had been brewed by the water being pumped on to the burning leaves.

FAMOUS ARTISTS IN MOTOR CRASH

Two in Hospital, Badly Hurt, and Two Others Injured.

London, May 5—Four famous British artists were injured in a serious motor car smash after midnight Saturday. Sir Aston Webb, president of the Royal Academy, and Sir Luke Fields are in the hospital, badly hurt, and Sir William Llewellyn and S. Melton Fisher are being attended at their homes for less serious injuries.

They were returning after the banquet of the Royal Academy through Kensington in Sir Aston's automobile when a motor lorrie crashed into the car, wrecking it. Policemen extricated Sir Aston and Sir Luke, both unconscious. They are progressing as favorably as can be expected, considering their advanced ages.

NOTABLE MEN ARE LANDED AT QUEBEC

Archbishop Emard Had Eight Private Meetings With Pope While in Rome.

Quebec, April 5.—Among the saloon passengers on the R. M. S. Canadian Pacific steamer Empress of Scotland, which arrived at Quebec at 5 o'clock yesterday morning, were Senator J. S. McLennan, W. C. T. O'Hara, deputy minister of trade and commerce, Ottawa; Mgr. J. M. Emard, Archbishop of Ottawa; Rt. Rev. J. N. McCormick, Grand Rapids, Mich., and a large number of Canadian business men and travelers.

Senator McLennan visited the battlefields in France, and was very much impressed with the work of the War Graves Commission in the cemeteries. The Canadian monument at St. Julien, he said, was also very beautiful.

"You may just say that I am back from my first visit to Rome in the last ten years, and that I enjoyed my trip very well, it having proved a genuine period of rest to me," said Archbishop Emard. He said he never gave interviews, but admitted that he had been favored with eight private meetings with His Holiness the Pope. While in Rome he assisted at the ordination of Cardinals Hayes and Mundelein, and said he had never assisted at any ceremony so impressive in his life.

The Empress of Scotland carried 163 first class, 188 second, 6 orchestras and 603 third class passengers, the majority of the latter, including a party of 47 Dutch farmers, being destined for Ontario and the western provinces. Another party of 31, mostly Americans, were tourists returning from a cruise of the Mediterranean.

Special C. P. R. trains left with the saloon and cabin passengers at 9 and 9.20 for Montreal, New York, Toronto, Chicago and western Canada respectively, while the two other trains departed with the third class passengers later in the day. The steamer also brought over a large number of mail bags, among which were several for the Orient.

RESUME WORK

Forty Thousand Coal Miners in Southwest Take Up Tools Again.

Kansas City, Mo., May 5—(United Press)—Forty thousand coal miners in the southwest, on strike since April 1, returned to their jobs today, under a wage agreement reached by a joint committee of operators and miners on Saturday night. The agreement provides for renewal of the 1923 wage scale for three years.

Would Sell Canada Coal From China

Ottawa, May 5.—Lo Chong, new Chinese consul general, who arrived here on Sunday says he intends to take up the question of establishing a market in Canada for Chinese coal. He says there is sufficient surplus coal in his country to supply Canada for 100 years.

C.N.R. MAKES RECORD IN MARITIMES

Moncton Division Shows 20 p. c. Gain in March Over 1923.

CAMPBELLTON 40 P. C.

New Manager Says Increase Chiefly Due to Forest Product Movements.

Halifax, N. S., May 5.—March this year was a record month on the Atlantic Region of the Canadian National Railways in the volume of business handled, according to W. U. Appleton, general manager, who arrived here last night on this first tour of the road since his appointment to the vacancy created by the death of L. S. Brown. Mr. Appleton will inspect the Halifax activities today and then go to P. E. Island. He intends to go over the Halifax and Southwestern division as soon as possible.

March was a record-breaker, he said, 20 per cent. increase over the same month last year being reported on the Moncton division and 40 per cent. on the Campbellton division. The increase was largely due to unusually large movements of forest products.

A heavy programme of repair work is in hand on the Southwestern, where the greatest construction activity of the region will be carried out this summer. As a result of substituting heavy rails for the lighter ones in use when it was taken over the Canadian National, the running time of passenger trains from Halifax to Yarmouth will be shortened by one hour.

Mr. Appleton is accompanied by A. T. Weldon, general traffic manager, and R. W. Simpson, assistant to the general manager. Mr. Weldon said that the Canadian National System was extending its advertising largely in the New England states and would make a powerful bid for U. S. tourist traffic.

MAY LIGHTEN BAN ON DANCING; CARDS

Methodist Conference in Springfield, Mass., Receives Pronouncement of 40 Bishops.

Springfield, Mass., May 5.—(United Press).—The Methodist Episcopal ban on dancing, card playing and theatre going may be lightened considerably, possibly lifted altogether as a result of a pronouncement by forty bishops of the church, which was considered by 800 delegates to the quadrennial general conference today.

The bishops' address, put before the conference the proposition that the Methodist Episcopal Church was hampered in its work among the young folks by its ban on amusements.

"A direct appeal to their freedom in Christ would be the most effective way of dealing with the matter" said the pronouncement, which was written by Bishop Berry of Philadelphia and approved by two score other bishops.

The latter also went on record as favoring prohibition, entrance of the U. S. into the World Court, unification of the churches of the north and south and as opposing the Ku Klux Klan and divorce.

LAST OUTPOST 7 DAYS FROM LONDON

Great British Airship Plan is Recommended to The British Cabinet.

(British United Press.)

London, May 5.—The cabinet committee which has been sitting under the chairmanship of Hon. J. H. Thomas, colonial secretary, has concluded its investigations and has made certain recommendations relative to the future of the airship problem in Britain which have been sent on to the whole cabinet. If the latter accepts, work will be begun immediately on the first super-airship which will bring the very remotest parts of the British Empire within seven days of London.

This new airship will carry about 200 passengers and eleven tons of mail and will have a speed of at least 80 miles an hour. It is expected that the first service will be to India and Australia, later linking up Canada, New Zealand, China and South Africa with this initial route.

The new scheme is announced as a compromise between a purely state-controlled service and the plan of private ownership put forward by Commander Burney. His scheme would in all likelihood have been accepted but for the heavy expense it involved, which would have made it impracticable as an independent enterprise.

23 Brothers and Sisters

Roosevelt would have been proud of the Merroquin family of San Francisco. This youngster here is the 24th that has come into the Merroquin home. There are nine boys and 15 girls. Mrs. Merroquin, now 44, is a native of Porto Rico.

Aged Boston Sisters, One In City Home, Get Word Of Fortune Of Millions

Boston, May 5—Advised by a telegram from a relative in Oregon that an estate, appraised at $21,000,000, awaited them in England, Mrs. Peter Fenster, 72 years old, who lives in Cambridge City Home, and Mrs. Charles Sullivan, 69, of Howland street, Cambridge, sisters, are making preparations to investigate the reported bequest.

Both women have toiled hard all their lives and had little hope, they said, of ever spending their declining days in wealth and comfort, when a telegram from Mrs. Sarah E. Elliott, a niece, of Wooburn, Ore., was received notifying them of the bequest from a forgotten relative, they were scarcely able to speak. Mrs. Elliott has been striving to locate her aunts for several months, she said, to notify them, and only located them by a chance advertisement inserted in Boston papers a few weeks ago seeking news of their whereabouts.

The telegram stated that the two elderly women had fallen heirs to a huge estate in England, but it did not state by whom it had been left to them. The wire said that the value of the estate was $21,000,000.

Mrs. Sullivan and Mrs. Fenster left Liverpool over half a century ago when their parents came to America to seek their fortune. They were married and in struggling to raise their own children lost track of all their English relatives.

Two brothers, John and Alfred Holmes, went West to seek fortunes in newly opened government lands. Alfred Holmes went to Lodgepole, Neb., and John went to Oregon. They dropped out of sight and communication with them was broken.

Neither of the sisters can imagine who the relative is who has left the reported fortune. They can recall hearing rumors, years ago, that Robert Martin, a cousin, was on the road to high fortune in the shipping industry, but when years passed by and they heard no word from England, he was almost forgotten.

46 ARE KILLED

Victims of Terrific Storms in India—Three Villages Destroyed.

London, May 5.—(Unjted Press).—Forty-six persons were killed and three villages destroyed by terrific storms in the Hardoi district of the United Provinces of India, according to a news agency dispatch from Allahabad.

Now Wear Wigs Of Spun Glass

London, May 6. — Glass wigs for women threaten to supersede the popularity of the wig of gold or silver threads. It has been discovered that the fine threads of spun glass that are so fascinating on Christmas tree ornaments or carnival favors can be made into wigs for evening wear. No bobbed or shingled beauty shows a handsomer head of hair than the woman who wears, above her delicate evening dress a glittering glass wig executed in pale blue, sea-green or silver.

The great advantage of these wigs lies in the fact that the fine glass can be dressed like a head of hair, combed and curled so that the ends fall in rippling waves.

One great drawback is not that the glass wig will break, but that it will burn. Spun glass is highly inflammable, and even if the glass-wigged woman sits near a light the glass threads will melt.

Many Attended Newcastle Funeral

Newcastle, May 5.—The funeral of James Roger Lawlor took place this morning and was attended by citizens from all parts of the county. High mass of requiem was celebrated in St. Mary's church by Rev. P. W. Dixon, assisted by Father Urideau. Interment was in St. Mary's cemetery.

Reports Attempt to Rescue Prisoners

Montreal, May 5. — Le Canada, French language newspaper, asks this morning whether an attempt to rescue eight suspects held at Bordeaux jail, pending hearing of a charge of murder in connection with the hold-up of the Hochelaga Bank collection car April 1, was not made on last Friday night. The paper says it hears that an automobile carrying several men pulled up that night at the principal entrance of the jail and its occupants enquired of a prison guard the whereabouts of the exact spot where the suspects' cells are located. The guard fired in the air, it is said, and about fifty guards rushed up. The automobile made off at speed.

Weather Report

Toronto, May 5.—A disturbance centred in Nebraska will probably move slowly to the Great Lakes. The weather is cool throughout Canada excepting in the Maritime Provinces, where it is fairly warm. Heavy showers occurred in parts of the western provinces.

Forecasts:

Gulf and North Shore—Fresh westerly winds fair and cool today and Tuesday.

Fair

Maritime—Moderate to fresh southwest and west winds, fair and moderately warm today and Tuesday.

Northern New England—Fair tonight, light frost in exposed places. Tuesday increasing cloudiness, warmer, moderate westerly winds.

Toronto, May 5.—Temperatures:

	8 a. m.	Highest yesterday.	Lowest during night.
Victoria	44	56	44
Kamloops	44	64	42
Calgary	40	56	36
Edmonton	34	46	34
Winnipeg	36	52	32
Montreal	42	52	36
St. John	50	60	38
Halifax	50	46	40
New York	52	60	48

WOULD ELECT COUNCIL AT ONE TIME

New Mayor Suggests Alternative in His Inaugural Address.

MANY TOPICS

Advocates Fair Representation—Taxes and Industries—2 Farewells.

A new method of civic election, by which all the members of the Council would come before the people at the same time, was advocated by Mayor Potts in his inaugural address at noon today. His Worship expressed the opinion that this would give fairer represntation at City Hall.

The Mayor's office and his ante-room were filled to capacity as the new mayor and Commissioners Frink and Harding were sworn in by H. E. Wardroper, Common Clerk. Immediately afterwards the Mayor took his chair, shaking hands with Mayor Fisher, who is retiring, and the new Council was organized as follows:

Council Organizes.

Mayor and Commissioner of Finance and Public Affairs—Frank L. Potts.

Commissioner of Public Safety—William L. Harding.

Commissioner of Public Works—Dr. James H. Frink.

Commissioner of Harbors, Ferries and Public Lands—Thomas H. Bullock.

Commissioner of Water and Sewerage—Rupert W. Wigmore.

Mayor Potts then commenced his address.

"Before proceeding with my remarks on the election," he said, "I would like on behalf of the council, the citizens and myself, to extend my sincere sympathy to the Common Clerk in his recent bereavement, coming as it does in the midst of a change in government at City Hall.

"It is not so hard to sympathize with those who meet losses in the early morn of life, but when you attempt to sympathize with one who has travelled the early morn, the noon day of life and entered the third period of companionship together, until the golden sun has almost set in the West, words of mine would fail to express the deep sympathy I feel for you.

"May the enjoyment of health and the sympathetic feelings of your friends, help you in a small measure to bear your burden of sorrow."

Mr. Potts said that he had no regrets in taking Mayor Fisher's place; he would not be honest if he said otherwise. One of the pleasing things in his election, he said, was the fact that he had not been chosen by any party, organization or group of citizens, as it would be seen that in all but two wards he had a majority of the votes cast.

In carrying out the duties of his office he would attempt to do justice to all. He hoped that he would have the co-operation of the other members of the council, as well as that of the chamberlain, the comptroller and members of their staffs who were in the department over which he was to preside. He said he would keep in constant touch with the board of assessors and he hoped for their co-operation in carrying out what he had planned.

"I have come here with a mandate from the people," Mr. Potts continued, "and whatever else has taken place at the elections, mine was a fairly fought contest. I come here on a platform of economy and I propose to carry out that plan of economy in the interests of the taxpayers."

He referred to his stand in regard to the raising of valuation on houses which had been painted and drew a laugh from the audience by remarking that already it had caused quite a stir in the painting business. He said that he hoped to be able to show that the people really wanted to do things which they were deterred from doing on account of the taxes.

Hydro Matters.

Touching upon the question of hydro, he said he would not deal extensively today with that question as there were differences of opinion and his might not be the right one.

"But, as my opponent in the finals," he said, "was the chief upholder of hydro, and as he was defeated, it must show that there is something wrong. I do not wish anyone who has been connected with hydro to hold any-

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