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Proportional Representation Bill Is Rejected, 238 To 144 MOBILIZATION OF ULSTER DENIED

LIBERALS' MEASURE DEFEATED

Revival of Talk of Early General Election in Great Britain. BREACH WIDENS MacDonald Left Question to House After Sounding Labor Party.

London, May 2.—(Canadian Press) The House of Commons this afternoon rejected by a vote of 238 to 144 the proportional representation bill sponsored by the Liberals.

London, May 2.—(British United Press) The Liberals hoped by the proportional representation measure to make a better showing at future elections, but so far the Laborites stand firm for the "free vote" and show no inclination to support the Liberal policy in return for Liberal endorsement of the budget. It is believed that the Government's attitude will have the effect of again widening the Liberal-Labor breach.

The Evening Star (Liberal) today calls the Labor attitude "short-sighted," and the Evening News points out that it will probably hasten a general election.

Duchess Protests The Duchess of Athol moved rejection of the bill in the House today on the grounds that proportional representation would make the candidacy of women difficult.

Former Premier Asquith supported the bill, saying it would ensure an accurate reflection of national opinion in parliament.

London, May 2.—(Canadian Press)—The Government's non-acceptance of the Liberal "ultimatum" demanding support for their proportional representation electoral bill, is declared by several political writers to be regarded as a rebuff and a challenge to the Asquithians. This it is said, brings nearer the fall of the government which is the favorite topic of some of the political prophets.

It is asserted that the cabinet yesterday was disposed to accede to Mr. Asquith's wish to have official support for the Liberal bill, but in view of the known hostility of a large section of the Laborites to the idea of proportional representation, the ministers finally resolved to take the opinion of the parliamentary Labor party, which was also meeting. The latter is said to have shown a good deal of resentment against the Liberals' "ultimatum," and it was under the influence of this feeling that the House determined to reject the bill.

The outcome of today's vote on the second reading of the bill was uncertain, as no party was unanimous, and all were much divided on the proportional question. This is shown by the fact that the bill itself was backed by six Liberals, three Conservatives and two Laborites.

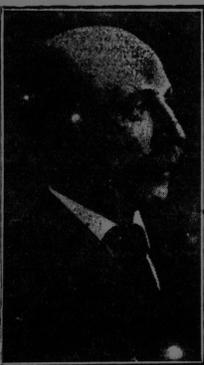
Make Inspection of Halifax Facilities

Halifax, N. S., May 2.—G. Hilmer Lundbeck, U. S. representative and general manager of the Swedish American Line, New York, accompanied by several agents of the line in U. S. and Canadian cities, arrived here yesterday on an inspection tour. They propose to investigate the port and immigration facilities here and the handling of passengers from Scandinavian points. The purpose is to familiarize the agents with the facilities here in a campaign to bring Scandinavian passengers to Canada through this port.

Nice Collar Is Reward For Find

Chicago, May 2.—Rekbon Luxemburg found a pocketbook containing \$125 lost by Myron Appleyard, real estate man. Rekbon was rewarded with a handsome dog collar. He is a collie.

Lieut.-Governor Is 70 Years Old



Congratulations are in order today to His Honor William F. Todd, Lieut.-Governor of New Brunswick. He was born on May 2, 1854, at St. Andrews. He is the sixteenth anniversary of the province, and assumed office February 28, 1923, on the retirement of Hon. Wm. Pugsley.

SHAREHOLDERS ARE SLOW IN PAYING UP

Only \$200,000 of \$2,000,000 Paid in Home Bank Account.

Toronto, May 2.—Of \$2,000,000 due from Home Bank shareholders on the double liability call, time for payment of which expires today, barely \$200,000 had been remitted up to last night. Very few of those who paid did so in person, the vast majority being content to mail in their contributions. Warrants were taken to group up delinquent payments now rests with the liquidators.

It is expected, however, that a large number of remittances will be received within the next day or so, many of which are no doubt now in the mails.

STANDARD OIL IS AFTER CONTRACTS

Reported Co-Operating With Germans Following Death of Hugo Stinnes.

Berlin, May 2.—(United Press).—The Standard Oil Company is reported co-operating with large German concerns for extensive Russian oil and benzene contracts. It is indicated the new deal supplants negotiations which a group headed by the late Hugo Stinnes had been trying to conduct.

Wire Briefs

Athens, May 2.—The Republic of Greece was inaugurated yesterday with the singing of a solemn Te Deum in the Cathedral.

Geneva, May 2.—The League of Nations has officially announced the convocation of the fifth annual assembly of the League for September in Geneva.

London, May 2.—(United News).—It is said officially that Belgium is disposed to begin negotiations for resumption of normal relations with Russia.

Berlin, May 2.—(United Press).—It is reported that Adolf Hitler and his companions, imprisoned for the abortive "beer hall" rebellion in Munich last year, will be pardoned in the near future.

Ottawa, May 2.—Exports of Canadian agricultural products to the United States in the six months ended March were \$41,180,000, as against \$39,841,180 in the corresponding period last year.

London, May 2.—(Special cable).—The Finance Times declares today the abolition of the McKenna duties will mean the liquidation of fifty per cent. of the British motor industry, which embraces the abortive "beer hall" rebellion in Munich last year, will be pardoned in the near future.

False Pass, Alberta, May 2.—Likelihood that Major F. L. Martin turned the nose of his cruiser over the Aleutian range of mountains, instead of taking the longer route of skirting the Alaska Peninsula, after his departure from Chukchi, Alaska, for Dutch Harbor, Unalaska, caused searches today to turn inland in the hunt for the world flight commander and his mechanic who have been missing since Wednesday morning.

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SAYS POSTAL EMPLOYEES REJECT IT

Declares Civil Service Commission's Recommendation Will Not Do.

PRESIDENT SPEAKS

Says 15 Per Cent. Increase Would Not Make Up for Loss of Bonus.

Ottawa, May 2.—(Canadian Press).—The recommendation of the Civil Service Commission to the Government as to revised salary schedules for the postal employees of Canada will not be accepted by the employees, says the Citizen this morning. A definite statement to this effect was made by G. R. Jackson, Toronto, president of the Dominion Federation of Postal Employees last night, according to the paper.

"If the report as published in the Citizen is the substance of the official report from the Civil Service Commission the terms offered are entirely unsatisfactory and will not be accepted," said Mr. Jackson, who is in the capital pending the outcome of negotiations which are being carried on with the Government.

"Mr. Jackson would say nothing further, stating that he had not been able to get a substantiation of the report as published, and would have desired comment to make when the official decree is given.

"Officials of local unions, however, were not so backward in stating their feelings," continues the Citizen, "and it is evident that the employees consider that a fifteen per cent. increase, which is reported to be offered, would not, in their opinion, make up for the loss of the bonus, and in any case they maintain that the increase should cover a little more than the bonus covered, as the cost of living, they hold has increased again over last year."

A Western Protest. Winnipeg, May 2.—If the report of the civil service committee recommending a fifteen per cent. increase in the basic salaries of the postal workers means the abandonment of the bonus, it will not meet with the approval of the men," according to leading officers of the Postal Federation interviewed here. The increase, it was said, would only benefit those receiving the maximum salaries, and other workers would receive less than the bid with the bonus.

THE MONTREAL REDS HAVE SYMPATHIZER

Ald. Joseph Schubert Stands Up For Red Flag in Procession.

Montreal, May 2.—Montreal Socialists yesterday carried out their traditional May Day parade, and Montreal police performed their time-honored function of capturing the red flag. Three large blood-red emblems, two emergency flags hoisted on an open umbrella, the brilliant scarlet worn by Michael Duhay who headed the procession, and the red trappings from two auto buses filled with women and children fell to the police, who despatched the booty to headquarters to be stored away with the May Day loot of other years.

Seven times the officers raided the mile-long line, for the Socialists had all kinds of ruses for concealing their colors. The seizures were made without trouble beyond a burly red who received a stiff punch on the jaw for resisting the police. Rain forced abandonment of the usual Champ de Mars speeches, but a mass meeting was held last night.

"I say that the repeated seizures of red flags are only provocative, and lead the people from whom they are taken to wonder if there really is such liberty in Canada as they had been led to believe," said Alderman Joseph Schubert, of St. Louis ward, Labor member of the City Council, at the afternoon's meeting of the council. Schubert stated that Premier Ramsay MacDonald had participated in such demonstrations.

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For Children's Sake Leaves Them Little

New York, May 2.—Charles M. Baker, of Mohegan Lake, whose estate is estimated at more than \$100,000, made only small cash bequests to his heirs in his will, filed with Surrogate George A. Slater at White Plains.

His purpose was explained by the instrument was fashioned by the desire that "my children shall be strong and sturdy and courageous; that my boys strive for honor, fame and a reasonable competency, rather than go at fortune; that they reverse women; that my daughter may have for her husbands men of character, thrift and industry, rather than of fortune and title."

No instance was the cash bequest more than \$5,000.

SUSSEX MAN DIES SUDDENLY AT WORK

Robert Price Stricken While at Duties With Sussex Manufacturing Co.

(Special to The Times). Sussex, N. B., May 2.—Robert Price, an employee of the Sussex Manufacturing Co., dropped dead this morning at 3:30 o'clock while employed at his duties. He was leading a sack into a cart when he was suddenly stricken with an attack of acute indigestion, and passed away almost immediately, and before the arrival of medical aid, which was at once summoned.

Mr. Price, who was 65 years of age, had been in the employ of the Sussex Manufacturing Company for twelve years and was much esteemed by his employers and fellow-workers. He is survived by his wife, two sons, Ralph and Earl, and one daughter, Mrs. Walker of Vancouver.

STORM DEATH TOLL NOW PUT AT 109

Injured Number 500 and Property Loss Said to Exceed \$10,000,000.

Atlanta, Ga., May 2.—Reports gathered placed the total death list at 109 in the terrible storm which swept through seven southern states Tuesday. There still was no definite estimate of the persons injured, but belief was expressed that the number would be 500. Property damage was greater than at first thought, it was indicated today. The only estimate attempted,—that of \$10,000,000 probably will be exceeded.

South Carolina was the worst stricken of the seven states visited by the tornadoes. Red Cross workers and others were at Anderson, and the Hoped Hill settlement state troops were on guard. Property damage at Anderson alone was \$750,000. Latest tabulations disclosed the following deaths—South Carolina, 81; Georgia, 13; Alabama, 11; North Carolina, 6; Louisiana, 1; Arkansas, 1; Virginia, 1.

The additional deaths were reported from Columbia, where two injured persons died in hospitals; and at Robertsonville, N. C., where related reports told of a twister striking there. Twenty homes were said to have been destroyed and an appeal for aid was sent out by Mayor G. H. Cox. One unidentified woman was killed.

TRYING TO BLOCK THE UNION BILL

Fight in Nova Scotia is Transferred to Legislative Council.

Halifax, May 2.—The Legislative Council was last night the scene of renewed efforts of opponents of the church union bill to block the passage of the measure, which is now in the hands of that body. Walter Crowe, K. C., Sydney, was heard for the anti-unionists, and Hector McInnes, K. C., apparently for the unionists, at a public hearing granted by the council committee. Several amendments were submitted by Mr. Crowe, practically all of which had been previously submitted.

BRITISH TO TEST GIANT AIRSHIP

Will Build Great One as Possible Auxiliary For Ocean Reconnaissance.

London, May 2.—The Daily Mail says that the cabinet is understood to have approved a recommendation by one of its sub-committees to experiment with airships of greater size, speed and power than any hitherto produced.

The paper says that the air ministry will build a big airship station and a very large long range airship with which the navy will make tests as an auxiliary air cruiser for ocean reconnaissance.

Using Boys As House Servants

Nottingham, Eng., May 2.—The acute domestic servant problem here apparently has been solved by housewives engaging lads trained at a home for destitute boys. It was said that the demand for the services of the boys during the last year had been greater than the managers of the home could meet.

REBELLION IN CUBA IS SPREADING

New Uprising in Province of Cienfuegos is Reported Today.

SEVERAL CLASHES

Zayas Seeks Fighting Money—U. S. Cruiser Reaches Havana Harbor.

(United Press). Havana, Cuba, May 2.—The situation created by revolt of some soldiers in Santa Clara province assumed more serious proportions today following a persistent report that General Velez has landed on the north coast and will assume charge of the movement against the government of President Zayas.

Armando Soto, brother of the secretary of the Veterans and Patriots Association, was reported killed when government soldiers fired on rebels in a clash at Abreus, in Santa Clara province, late yesterday.

The military has issued an order for search of all automobiles and other vehicles leaving Havana for the interior.

Zayas Wants Money President Zayas has asked an appropriation of \$1,000,000 to combat the rebellion and has put censorship on news from the interior and the press has been asked to print only such reports as are authorized.

CAPE PAPER IS AGAINST BUDGET

Expresses Practically the Same Views as Did the Melbourne Age.

London, May 2.—(Canadian Press Cable).—The London Morning Post's Capetown correspondent quotes the Cape Times as commenting on the new British Budget as follows: "From the Imperial viewpoint, unless the Commons reverses the Government's adverse views on preference, it may easily live in history as the Budget which dealt a far-reaching and vital blow at the commercial duty of the Empire. Should parliament fail to record a majority vote in favor of the conference scheme the Dominions may be driven to make trade arrangements outside the Empire which may ultimately mean a serious loss of markets to the manufacturers of the United Kingdom."

ETHERIZE DOGS TO PULL QUILLS

South Londonderry, Vt., May 2.—Two local surgeons had to etherize a pair of hounds here after the dogs ran a hedgehog down and filled their jaws and heads with quills. The doctors etherized and operated as they would on a human being.

The dogs ran a hedgehog in the woods and came whimpering into town after a battle with the porcupine with their muzzles transfixed with quills. Dr. A. C. Walker and Dr. G. V. Heffron administered ether, strapping the dogs to a table and pulled or cut out quills from lips, ears, tongues and gums. The dogs will recover.

BRITISH AND BELGIAN PREMIERS IN CONFERENCE

London, May 2.—(United Press).—Premier Theunis and former Minister Hyams of Belgium were here today to confer with Premier MacDonald at the Premier's country house, Chequers.

In an effort to harmonize the British and French views on reparations, so that the Dawes Young reports will be approached in the same spirit by each nation.

The Belgian statesmen were guests of honor today at a luncheon in the Belgian Embassy, which was attended by Frank Kellogg, U. S. Ambassador.

Would Make Money Itself on Stamps

Dublin, May 2.—The Free State Post Office department proposes to make money out of stamp collectors on its used stamps. Since August 1922 special instructions have been in force to retain the stamps on telegraph forms with a view to their value on the market. There are nearly 5,000,000 of cancelled stamps, and of these nearly 800,000 are of the higher values, from two to ten shillings.

The idea of the post office is to invite tenders of purchase. From the nature of the tender, only firms able to take large lots will be able to compete. It is estimated these cancelled stamps will bring \$100,000.

Spain's Fairest Maiden



Spain has grown tired watching beauty contests in the United States, England, France and other countries. So she stages one of her own. And here is the pretty maid whom the judges decided was the prettiest in all Spain. They call her Senorita La Goya.

Bank Note Company Head Wills Business to Woman Secretary

New York, May 2.—Ownership of the New York Bank Note Company, 75 Sixth avenue, is transferred to Miss Ethel Graham Allen, its treasurer, by the will of George H. Kendall, president of the company, filed in Surrogate's Court. Miss Allen also was secretary to Mr. Kendall.

Miss Allen was named as executrix, but has withdrawn in favor of Mr. Kendall's widow, who, with other members of the family, is said to be completely satisfied with the disposition Mr. Kendall made of his property. In his will, Mr. Kendall said the gift of the business which he regarded as his "monument," is in recognition of faithful and efficient service for which Miss Allen had refused bonuses, saying she would accept nothing she had not earned.

"She is thoroughly honest," the testator declared, "knows the vast complications of my business as well as I do, and in many instances, better, and is the only person who does. Be the choice a wise one or not, it is the only one that can save it from immediate wreck. My only fear is that she will not accept the gift and I ask the protection of the court for her against any attempt to make it difficult for her to do so."

Mr. Kendall provided in his will for members of his family, left a specific bequest of \$10,000 for Mrs. Allen, and named her as residuary legatee. He increased this amount to \$150,000 in a codicil, saying that while Senorita would have been ample in 1915, costs had mounted so much since the war that the larger sum would be necessary.

THE PACE TELLS Girl Kills Boy With a Hatpin

Omaha, May 2.—Jabbing at neighborhood girls with a pin-tipped stick cost the life of Robert Effenberger, fourteen, when Aileen Ralph, thirteen, plunged a hatpin into his chest, puncturing a blood vessel. The lad died in ten minutes.

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Weather Report

Toronto, May 2.—The disturbance which was centered in New England yesterday has moved northward in Quebec, with diminished energy. Rain has been general in eastern Canada, while from the Great Lakes westward the weather has been fair, rather cool in Ontario and Manitoba, and quite warm in Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Forecasts:—Gulf and North Shore—West and southwest winds; mostly fair and cool today and Saturday; a few scattered showers. Unsettled; Showers. Maritime—Moderate southwesterly winds; fair and warmer. Saturday, unsettled, with a few showers. Northern New England—Generally fair tonight and Saturday; little change in temperature; probably frost in the interior tonight; fresh southwest winds, shifting to west and northwest.

Toronto, May 2.—Temperatures:—Lowest 8 a.m. yesterday night

Table with 2 columns: Location and Temperature. Locations include Victoria, Kamloops, Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Montreal, St. John, Halifax, and New York.

IRISH ISSUE TO THE FRONT ONCE MORE

MacDonald Government to Stand by Boundary Treaty.

NO MOBILIZING

Report That Ulster Constabulary Ordered for Service Denied.

London, May 2.—(British United Press) Reports of the mobilization of the famous Ulster Constabulary, following a definite ultimatum issued yesterday evening by Premier Craig, brings the Irish problem once more into the forefront of the day's news.

Belfast, May 2.—(Canadian Press) Reports that the Ulster government had ordered one of the border sections of its special constabulary to prepare for mobilization have no foundation in fact, it is declared in competent quarters here. The reports, it appears, arose from the circumstance that this special branch of the Ulster constabulary has an annual training period, like the British Territorials, and that this period now is approaching.

Press View Changes. London, May 2.—(British United Press).—A strange reversal of opinion in Conservatives circles on the Ulster question is revealed in those journals of London that still reflect their viewpoint.

The Times takes the lead with a strong request this morning that Ulster cease trifling with the question, and take steps to appoint a commissioner of the boundary conference at once, provided that it is clearly and definitely understood beforehand that the duties and objects of such a representative are merely to adjust the boundary for the mutual convenience of both sides to the dispute for the purposes of administration.

Changes Front. The London Express turns a complete somersault, and abandons the stand which it took three days ago when it maintained that the question was invulnerable. Today it gives special prominence to the decision of the government to stand four square to the terms of the treaty.

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