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NEW MINISTRY TO FACE MANY DIFFICULTIES

Difficult Problems and Curious Situations Will Have to be Met in Next House.

FIRST TEST WITH ADDRESS FROM THRONE

Suspicion That Conservatives and Progressives Will Oppose Adoption of Address.

Ottawa, Dec. 12—(Canadian Press)—Although the new Ministry has not yet assumed office, there is much gossip in political circles here over the difficult problems it will have to meet and the curious situation it will have to face in the new House. Ordinarily following a general election, the first session is mild and not of long duration. But, it is now evident that Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, Liberal leader, cannot, after the Speaker has been elected, be expected to have a clear majority over all other parties combined. Even if he wins the Yukon— a constituency which has, in the past, run alternately Liberal and Conservative, Mr. King's followers will, numerically, be on a par with their opponents, each side of the House numbering 117.

Liberals claim that they will always be able to count on the support of some section or other of the opposition forces, as has proved to be the case in the legislative assemblies of Ontario and Manitoba, where, in neither case has the Government of the day a technical working majority. On the other hand, it is asserted that the problems, which provincial governments have to face, are minor as compared with those which Mr. King will have to meet and that divergencies on questions of principle are not so wide in legislative assemblies as they are in the Dominion House.

First Test

The first test of the new Government will naturally come on the address in reply to the speech from the throne. In case of an amendment, by either Conservatives or Progressives, it is probable that the Liberal Government would have some support from the opposite side of the House and defeat the amendment with a fair majority. But, it is asked, what will be the position on the main motion. While Conservatives and Progressives might not agree on the terms of an amendment, they would, quite possibly, vote together in opposing the adoption of the address.

A similar situation might arise, it is argued, if the new Government attempts a tariff revision. Amendments will be unlikely to have the full support of the opposition, but, on the main motions, the Government might easily have to face the united forces of Conservatives and Progressives—the Conservatives voting against the Liberal policy because, in their view, it was going too far, and the Progressives opposing it because it was not going far enough.

The session, when it does come, will be keenly followed. The general opinion here is that it will afford great opportunity for skilful opposition leadership. Whips will need to be on constant watch for the unexpected.

New Committee of Naval Experts For Arms Conference

New Body to Take up Naval Ratios, and Probably Submarine Question.

Washington, Dec. 12—The naval experts' committee of the arms conference, it was announced today, has been disbanded and a fresh committee consisting of delegates from the five powers and experts were named to deal with all naval questions.

Mr. Balfour, head of the British delegation, Lord Lee and Rear Admiral Chatfield were named as the British members of the committee. It was stated that this body would take up the proposed naval ratios for France and Italy, and also, in all probability, submarines.

Home Sold While Owner Was Serving Term In Prison

Court Orders Same Returned to Foreigner — City Authorities Lose Out.

Sydney, N. S., Dec. 12—While a Sydney foreigner named Dominicky was serving a term in Dorchester the city sold his house at Whitney Pier for $11.88 back taxes to Frank Fitzgerald, brother of the Mayor, who bid it in for $70. On his release Dominicky protested the sale on the ground that he had not been notified of the delinquincy or the impending sale. Mr. Justice Longley upheld his claim, and ordered the property restored.

Fitzgerald and the city appealed, and the city authorities were notified today that the decision of Justice Longley had been sustained.

LORD BEAVERBROOK AND PREMIER LLOYD GEORGE BECOME RECONCILED

London, Dec. 12. — Lord Beaverbrook's week-end visitors included Lord Birkenhead, Lord Chancellor and Sir James Dunn. Premier Lloyd George also was a caller on Lord Beaverbrook, the Premier's appearance being regarded as specially interesting in view of assertions having been made that the former had become politically estranged from the Premier.

FLOODS DOING HEAVY DAMAGE IN WASHINGTON

Ten Persons Killed, Many Injured from Train Wrecks and Landslides.

RAINS CONTINUED SINCE SATURDAY

Flood Conditions the Worst Ever Experienced in Years by Western State.

Seattle, Wn., Dec. 12.—Ten persons are known to have been killed, a number of others injure and heavy property damage has been done by railroad accidents and landslides caused by the worst flood Western Washington has known in years. Heavy rains starting Saturday and continuing to the present, have sent rivers out of their banks, washed out bridges, torn through railroad embankments and interrupted rail and wire communication in many directions.

Weather bureau officials held out no hope for relief for tomorrow, the forecast being for further heavy rains. The precipitation at Tacoma from Saturday morning to noon today measures five inches.

Inundations of a large area was feared as a result of a jam of flotsam behind wreckage of a Northern Pacific train in Miller River, and workmen were busy trying to remove the wreckage before the river was dammed up enough to crash through the jam suddenly and send a dangerous body of water to overflow nearby farm lands. Two lives were lost when the train plunged through the bridge, weakened by the floods.

In the Grays' Harbor region flood conditions were said to be the worst in years. Near Aberdeen four persons were killed and several were injured in two logging train accidents and landslides.

Stewart Murder Case Before Judge McKeown At Newcastle Today

Brother of Alleged Slayer of James Ross Also Held on Serious Offence.

Special to The Standard

Newcastle, N. B., Dec. 12—When the Supreme Court opens here tomorrow morning before Chief Justice McKeown two brothers, Millett Stewart, of Neguac, and William Stewart, will face the Grand Jury on the most serious charges possible, Millet Stewart will be tried for the murder of James Ross at Neguac, on August 2nd, while William Stewart was today committed to stand trial for attempting rape, by Magistrate Lawlor, the complainant in the case being David Mutch, of Newcastle. Hon. W. F. Jones will prosecute the criminal cases, and George M. McDade and Daniel Mullin, K. C., will defend Millett Stewart.

Premier Silent As To His Future

Ottawa, Dec. 12—(Canadian Press)—Following the meeting of cabinet council this morning, Premier Meighen said that there was nothing yet for publication.

"Have you decided whether or not you are going to remain in politics," asked the reporter.

"No, I have a great many things to decide before I consider that," the Premier replied.

PRISONERS RELEASED

Dublin, Dec. 12—It is officially announced that twenty-five convicted Irish political prisoners have been released from the Mount Joy and Galway prisons.

SHOOTING IN BELFAST

Belfast, Dec. 12—Further shooting occurred this evening in the Newtownards Road district. Several women were wounded.

GUTHRIE'S MAJORITY.

Guelph, Ont., Dec. 12—Lieut.-Colonel W. W. White, returning officer for South Wellington, announced today that the official majority for Hon. Hugh Guthrie, Minister of Militia, is 121.

POURING INTO DUBLIN FOR GREAT EVENT

Hotels Crowded With Politicians from All Parts of Ireland—Sinn Feiners Predominate.

PRIMATE AND ALL BISHOPS PRESENT

Expected They Will Vote for Acceptance of Anglo-Irish Agreement.

Dublin, Dec. 12—Dublin is like a convention city tonight: its hotels are crowded with politicians from all parts of Ireland. Sinn Feiners are in the majority, but there is a fair sprinkling of Nationalists, while Cardinal Logue, the Primate and the Bishops of every diocese are here for their meeting tomorrow, at which it is expected they will vote, possibly, for acceptance of the Anglo-Irish agreement.

The executive committee of the Gaelic League is also meeting, but any action of that body is not considered likely to affect the decision of the Dail Eireann on Wednesday.

Nationalists from counties such as Limerick, Clare and Wexford feel convinced that the members of the Dail Eireann from their region will vote for the agreement. On the other hand, there are those who believe Eamonn De Valera is gaining strength in his opposition to the treaty.

Art O'Brien, president of the Gaelic League in London, who issued a statement recently in that city against acceptance, said this evening he considered that the supporters of a plebiscite would win the day.

Sensational Break Made From Sydney Police Station

Real Circus Stunt Performed by Prisoner Held on Stealing Charge.

Sydney, N. S., Dec. 12—The police of Cape Breton are still searching tonight for Hubert Boudrot, of Dominion, who made a daring getaway from Sydney police station last night.

To accomplish his escape, Boudrot climbed out of the top of his cell, balanced himself on a narrow beam twenty-five feet above the concrete floor, and then jumped and drove his hands through a skylight in the roof, taking a chance on being able to get a grasp of the frame.

The least slip would have meant death or serious injury. The desk sergeant heard the crash of glass and ran outside, but too late. Boudrot slid down the sloping roof and made off in the darkness. He was being held on a charge of stealing and wrecking an automobile here several days ago.

Six Hundred Arrested In India During Recent Days

Government Adopting Stern Measures in Lining Up the "Hooligan" Gang.

London, Dec. 12—The arrests throughout India in recent days have reached a total of 600, according to official advices received here. The greatest number of persons were taken into custody in Calcutta, where what is termed the "hooligan" element is becoming more evident in the volunteer societies in view of the coming visit of the Prince of Wales. The Government in India has adopted sterner measures for handling agitators by enforcing two repressive acts, the criminal act of 1908 and the prevention of seditious meetings' act of 1911, under which the membership of societies which have been declared unlawful are subject to arrest.

Moonshining Most Profitable Industry In Cape Breton

Stills De Luxe Seized by Revenue Officials — Reaping Huge Profits.

Sydney, N. S., Dec. 12—"Apart from bootlegging itself, moonshining is the most profitable industry in Cape Breton at the present time," declared Inspector Horace Karn tonight, describing a still de luxe which he had just seized at a house on the outskirts of the city. The outfit cost about $1,500. Usually moonshine plants are crude affairs, but according to the inspectors the pioneers in this line of work have been reaping such profits that they can now afford first class equipment.

IRELAND'S ACTION KNOCKS PROPS FROM UNDER INDIA'S ASPIRATIONS

London, Dec. 12—Ireland's acceptance of continuance in the Empire as one of the points in the peace agreement says a despatch to the London Times from Lucknow, India, dated Saturday, cuts the ground from under the feet of all advocates of the total independence of India, since the extremists have largely taken Ireland for their model.

MEMBERS NOT LOBBYING FOR CABINET BERTHS

Premier - Elect Says There Have Been No Demands Made on Him for Portfolios.

VERY BUSY WITH HIS CORRESPONDENCE

Visits from Members, He Says, Were for Discussion of Other Questions.

Ottawa, Dec. 12—Speaking to Canadian Press tonight, Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, Premier-elect, expressed regret that "there seemed to be an impression that Liberal members from all parts of the country were lobbying for cabinet position." This impression he said, was erroneous. "One of the things I appreciate," said Mr. King, "is that the members have done nothing in the nature of lobbying, but, knowing that there was a great deal of work awaiting my attention when I returned to Ottawa, they have given me a chance to turn my hand to that. Several of the members-elect have been in the capital and have seen me some of them at my invitation but their visits were for discussion of a great many other matters besides cabinet formation."

Attending to Telegrams

The Liberal leader stated that he was still devoting most of his attention to the many telegrams and letters from all parts of the Dominion and from several outside countries, which he had received during the last few days. Some of these, he said, would have to wait several days for acknowledgment because of the pressure of work, and, up to the present, he had had little time for anything else.

Mr. King stated that he had no knowledge as to when he might be called upon to form a government. He did not know what plans, Rt. Hon. Mr. Meighen might be making as to the resignation of his government.

Effective Hartal In Force When Prince Arrived

Drove Through Vacant Thoroughfares Into Silent and Empty City.

Allahabad, British India, Dec. 12—The Prince of Wales, arriving here this morning on what was described as on informal visit, found the city practically deserted and the most effective hartel, which has been carried out anywhere since his arrival is in full force.

Alighting from the royal train at the small outlying station of Prayag, the Prince drove through vacant thoroughfares into the city, where the streets were festooned and garlanded, but silent and empty and without traffic. Hardly a single native was anywhere visible, and the Prince passed without encountering any sort of a welcoming demonstration. Indeed, then, but for Europeans and a comparatively small number of higher class Indians the city of 150,000 inhabitants, might have been a city of the dead.

The pre-arranged official programme was carried through without a hitch. The Prince visited a number of native rajahs, played polo and then took the train for Benares.

Conservative Wins Over Liberal In Yukon Poll

Dawson City, Y. T., Dec. 12—(Canadian Press—With but one poll to hear from Captain George Black, Conservative candidate for Yukon, has had his lead over T. T. Congdon, Liberal, increased to 50. Black is certain of election as in the one poll to report, there are but 28 votes. Returns from Scroggie, the missing poll, will not be in for several days.

MOPLAHS KILLED

Calicut, British India, Dec. 12—Eighty-one Mopiahs have been killed and fifteen made prisoners during a clash with the military near Chervar. The British ha deaty one Sepoy wounded.

PROMINENT PERSONAGES TO BE HEARD

Making of Irish History Brings Viscount Morley and Earl of Dunraven from Seclusion.

TO MOVE AND SECOND TREATY RATIFICATION

Their Appearance Signifies Reconciliation With the Prime Minister Lloyd George.

London, Dec. 12—Of the remarkable episodes which have followed swiftly, one upon the other, through the past few crowded days of Irish history, there will be none more interesting than the reappearance, and perhaps the last appearance, of Viscount Morley, of Blackburn, as a public figure, coupled with one of the rare entrances of the Earl of Dunraven into the House of Lords.

These veterans, who will move and second the ratification of the Irish treaty, are eighty-three and eighty years of age, respectively. John Morley was one of the pioneers of Home Rule in Gladstone's campaigns, and served two terms as Chief Secretary for Ireland. Lord Dunraven, who is one of the great Irish landlords, has advocated Dominion Government in the last stages of the Irish agitation.

Opposed World War

Viscount Morley has not been seen or heard in the House of Lords, since he withdrew from the Cabinet on the declaration of war—a step for which no explanation was ever given to the public, although it went without saying that he and John Burns, who walked out with him and is now talked of as planning to run for Parliament once more, were opposed to the war. Morley's emergence from retirement as an advocate of Premier Lloyd George's treaty may signify personal reconciliation with the Prime Minister. No one who has read Morley's volume of reminiscences has failed to note that he did not even mention the name of his one-time cabinet colleagues, while he had much to say of less distinguished figures, and the British public has marked this silence as significant.

Morley's years have brought feebleness and this excursion from the seclusion of his study for speech-making will mean a heavy effort. The House of Lords seldom competes with the House of Commons in interest on great occasions.

Funeral of Late Senator Crothers Held Yesterday

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen and Members of Government in Attendance.

Ottawa, Dec. 12—(Canadian Press)—The funeral of Senator T. W. Crothers was held at the late residence, Carling avenue, here this evening. Interment will be at St. Thomas, Ont., tomorrow afternoon. The service here this wening was conducted by Rev. W. T. G. Brown, of Dominion Methodist church, assisted by Rev. Dr. Milne. In addition to the immediate members of the family those present included Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, Sir James Lougheed, Senator G. D. Robertson, Hon. Martin Burrell, Hon. Dr. Roche and F. A. Ackland, deputy minister of labor. Their Excellencies Baron and Lady Byng were represented by Captain W G. H. Joliffe, A. D. C.

Among the floral tributes were wreaths from Their Excellencies, members of the federal cabinet, Senate of Canada, members of the House of Commons, and from officials of the Department of Labor.

Laws Are Alike For High And Low

Toronto, Dec. 12—Judge Widdifield, of the County Court here, in dismissing an appeal today by Charles Carr against a police court conviction and a sentence of seven days' imprisonment for being intoxicated while driving an automobile, said: "I cannot help the accused because his standing in society or in business circles may make the punishment serious or degrading. There must be one law for all, and it would not make for the proper administratio nof justice if the court made any distinction."

Italian Steamer Gilda In Distress

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 12—The Italian steamer Gilda, 5,187 tons, which left Philadelphia December 5 for Gibraltar, is in trouble in latitude 39.26 north, longitude 49.10 west, about 800 miles southeast of this port, according to wireless messages received by the Furness Withy offices here tonight. The messages said "gear broken" but did not specify whether trouble was with engines or steering gear.

NORTHERN PARLIAMENT IS GOING TO REMAIN SAYS LAWSON BATES

Belfast, Dec. 12.—Sir Lawson Bates, Home Secretary, in the Ulster Cabinet, speaking here tonight, said he did not desire at this time to enter into a discussion, but would say that the Northern Parliament was going to remain. The future of Ulster might appear black, but he was very optimistic. Ulster had made up her mind and would come out victorious.

FORMER COM. OF NAVAL EXPERTS NOW "SCRAPPED"

New Machinery to Expedite Action on Naval Limitation Set Up at Washington.

THE COMMITTEE OF FIFTEEN IN POWER

Will Provide Means to Short Circuit Delays in Division of Labor.

Washington, Dec. 12—New machinery to expedite final action on naval limitation agreements was set up today by the arms conference. The former committee of experts was "scrapped" in favor of a "committee of fifteen," including both plenary delegates and civil and naval experts of the five powers. The whole subject of naval limitations, including the cornerstone "5—5—3" ratio was turned over to the new committee to be put in final shape for the conference.

Meanwhile, it became known that the Japanese delegation had received instructions from Tokio regarding the "5—5—3" ratio. The nature of this communication was not disclosed. There were many indications, however, that it marked a long stride toward final acceptance of this vital point in the naval limitation project.

Committee of Fifteen.

"The committee of fifteen" was described by a British spokesman as a means to "short-circuit" delays unavoidable in the previous division of labor between committees of delegates and separate committees of naval experts. The new committee will be able to reach decisions as to direct recommendations to the conference. Several intermediate steps will be eliminated to save some time. No other official or semi-official explanation of its creation was given.

The new steps thrown into prominence for the first time in the conference, the question of the French and Italian place in the naval ratio. That must be worked out by the "committee of fifteen." Spokesmen for Italy said she was willing to stop where she is in naval strength, provided she was allowed equality with France in ratio. The attitude of the French group on this point was not disclosed and British statesmen indicated that Great Britain must consider the place of the French and Italian navies as following in general the "5—5—3" ratio agreement between the other three powers.

Abolish Submarines.

Another point was particularly stressed by all British spokesmen. This was the firm conviction that submarines should be wholly abolished as naval weapons. It was arrested, however, that British acceptance of the "5—5—3" ratio was in no sense conditional upon such action. Great Britain does hope, however, her spokesmen said, for a chance to "state her case to the world" as to submarines before a plenary session of the conference.

The "big three" of the naval conference—Secretary Hughes, Arthur J. Balfour and Admiral Baron Kato—met today and are understood to have considered the naval ratio problem, but no announcement of what occurred at the meeting was made. They will confer again tomorrow, and it was regarded as probable that they were shaping up the programme for deliberations of the "committee of fifteen."

Calls It A Job For Englishmen

Nationalist Member of Imperial Parliament to Absent Himself from Parliament Today.

Belfast, Dec. 12—Joseph Devlin, Nationalist member of the Imperial Parliament, said today that he would not attend the opening of the body Wednesday, feeling that the business was for British members only, and that the Irish representatives should not interfere.

"Ireland's decision will be taken at Dublin the same day," he added, "and I am sure it will be loyally accepted by the Irish Nationalists."

CONJECTURES RIFE OVER THE IRISH TREATY

All Guessing as to Decision Dail Eireann Will Make at Its Meeting Tomorrow.

LITTLE TO SHOW TREND OF THOUGHT

Conservative and Moderate Elements Throughout South Pressing for Treaty Ratification.

London, Dec. 12.—Conjecture continues rife regarding the decision the Dail Eireann will take at its momentous meeting on Wednesday of the Irish treaty. Conference continued at the Mansion House today, but little leaked out to indicate the trend of the discussions. A statement issued by Eamonn De Valera at Dublin tonight, in which he declared that any agreement was subject to ratification by the Dail Eireann, is considered in some quarters to lead support to those who think the Dail Eireann will make no decision, but refer the issue to the electorate, on the ground that th members of the Dail Eireann were not authorized by the Irish people to accept the settlement the delegates signed.

Mr. De Valera's statement, apparently, was occasioned by the persistent argument in the newspapers that the treaty must be ratified because the Irish signatories were plenipotentiaries. It is reported from Dublin that Professor MacNeill, speaker of the Dail Eireann, and S. Hayes, a noted figure in the "Irish Republican Army," are in favor of ratification.

Pressing For Ratification.

Conservative and moderate elements throughout the South are pressing for ratification and a powerful impetus will be given this movement if, as expected, the hierarchy, which meets tomorrow, comes out with a plea for acceptance of the Treaty.

At Belfast the Ulster party held a meeting to hear Sir James Craig's report of his visit to London. After a discussion described as "stormy," it failed to decide whether Ulster should join with Southern Ireland or contract out of the all-Ireland parliament. Sir James informed the parliament that the situation was grave and complicated as never before by the agreement between the British Government and the Sinn ein. He charged Mr. Lloyd George with violating the pledge given to Ulster, but advised against taking any action not constitutional. He concluded with a plea that Ulster's interests be left in the hands of its leaders.

Every Effort Being Made To Keep Jones From Parliament

Liberal Lawyers Employed to Do the Fancy Work—Mr. Jones Has 117 Majority.

Special to The Standard.

Hampton, Dec. 12—A bunch of Liberal lawyers was rushed here today in an effort to ferret out some astounding irregularity in election returns that might invalidate the work of the electors on Dec. 6, when, by their votes, they declared George B. Jones, Conservative candidate their choice for representative of Royal in the next Parliament.

The official returns showed Mr. Jones elected over Dr. McAlister, Liberal candidate, by a majority of 117. Dr. McAlister and Mr. Perkins, Progressive candidate, were satisfied with the returns and requested the sheriff to declare Mr. Jones elected. The Liberal lawyers objected to this. They insisted that returning officers be called and put through a course of sprouts.

Irregularities in two polling places are claimed by the Liberal law sleuths. From one poll, held by Frank Roach, former candidate in Provincial elections last fall, the returns were enclosed in an envelope with the ballots, instead of an envelope provided for the purpose. It is assumed "Little Peter" will claim that the returns, being jostled about among the ballots, erasure of some of the figures credited to Dr. McAlister occurred.

William Upham, from Canning No. 10, mailed the returns to the sheriff, who had not received them up to the time court adjourned today, but he later did receive them.

After all checking was done Mr. Jones still had the comfortable majority of 117. For the accommodation of the Liberal lawyers present today, an adjourned session of the sheriff's court will be held Thursday afternoon at 4.30 o'clock, when it is expected Mr. Jones will be declared elected.

Sir Robert Borden's Condition Improved

Washington, Dec. 12.—Sir Robert Borden, Canadian delegate to the Washington Conference, is still confined to his suite at the Lafayette Hotel, though his condition was reported to be somewhat improved today. He is suffering from a severe bronchial cold.