

OPPOSITION TO GOV'T OF LLOYD GEORGE

Asquith and Viscount Grey Lead the Opponents of Coalition Government.

ATTACK METHODS OF LLOYD GEORGE

Declares Transacting of Foreign Affairs by Conference is a Dangerous Procedure.

London, Jan. 23.—The Independent Liberals, at a meeting in Central Hall tonight, definitely placed themselves on record as being opposed to the Government of David Lloyd George. Herbert Asquith and Viscount Grey of Fallodon were the principal speakers. Viscount Gladstone, who presided, declared, amid loud cheers, that "we enter the lists and take the field against Mr. Lloyd George and his Coalition Government."

Mr. Asquith eulogized Viscount Grey as the greatest peace-maker of recent times. "The return of such a man at such a moment as this to our public life," Mr. Asquith declared, "is the restoration to us of a national asset of incalculable value."

Attacks Premier.

Viscount Grey, attacking Mr. Lloyd George's method of transacting foreign affairs by conference, asserted that the Supreme Council of the Allies had destroyed trust and confidence between France and Great Britain, and lately had been fatal to a French Prime Minister. He said the re-establishment of good relations with France was the most vital thing in European policy today, and until they were restored no conference or any attempt to reconstruct Europe would succeed. He advocated a return to "the more usual, quieter and steadier methods."

Criticizes Government's Policies.

Mr. Asquith vigorously criticized the Government's policies. He declared, among other things, that the Irish peace should have been arranged two or three years ago. What the country needed almost as much as an administration with settled and coherent principles, was a vigilant and well organized opposition.

Viscount Grey was given an ovation when he said his reason for returning to public life was that he felt it absolutely essential to restore wholesome and straightforward politics in this country by reviving the Liberal party.

All the speakers at the meeting paid tribute to the late Viscount Bryce, whose death was announced Saturday night.

H. H. Asquith referred in bitter terms to some of Premier Lloyd George's allegations to himself and said, "I am sorry for old friends, I am too old to look for anything like gratitude in politics, nor, unhappily is it possible to teach some people good taste or good manners."

Mr. Asquith declared the country needed good Government, not Government by spasms or expedients and experiments.

Keeping Close Watch On S.S. Harbinger From This Port

Her Cargo of Whiskey Causing U. S. Revenue Sleuths Much Concern.

Boston, Jan. 23.—The British steamer Harbinger, with a cargo of whiskey for Nassau, resumed her voyage down the Atlantic coast today. The vessel which has called at other New England ports on her voyage from St. John, N. B., put in here last Friday.

The Harbinger left port unattended by the coast guard cutter which has escorted her down the United States coast, but coast guard officials were asked to watch for her.

The steamer put in here to refuel and to take on supplies. Her cargo was checked on entering and leaving port.

Answers To Charge of Performing An Illegal Operation

Father of Eighteen Year Old Girl Held on Serious Charge.

Chatham, Ont., Jan. 23.—Conroy Louie Romeo Trevan, 32 years of age in the Kent County jail charged with performing an illegal operation on a Chatham girl, 18 years of age. Trevan appeared before Magistrate Arnold today, and was remanded for one week. Serious charges have also been laid against the father of the girl and a young man. They pleaded not guilty, and were remanded to jail, bail being refused.

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ANNAPOLIS VALLEY RAVED BY GALE TRAVELLING WITH 50 MILE VELOCITY

Number of Buildings Blown Down in Various Sections—No Casualties Reported

Berwick, N. S., Jan. 23.—A sixty mile gale beginning from the southwest and shifting to the northwest swept the Annapolis Valley last night, and today, while the temperature dropped to ten below. A number of buildings were blown down in different sections, but no casualties have been reported.

WORLD'S IRISH PARLEY LACKED DEFINITE PLAN

In Absence of Any Concrete Questions Day Spent in Academic Discussions.

WORLD LEAGUE FOR IRISH CULTURE

De Valera Asks Wealthy Irishmen to Endow Professorships in Irish Universities.

Paris, Jan. 23.—The World Irish Congress, in the absence of any concrete questions on its programme spent the first day's session today in academic discussions of education and the spread of Irish culture abroad. Eamon De Valera, former President of the Dail Eireann, made a brief appearance on the platform this afternoon, taking occasion to invite Irishmen in foreign countries to endow professorships in Irish Universities, and to create scholarships for children of the Irish race to complete their education in Ireland.

The slowness of the Congress to crystallize and get to work on definite plans was explained by its organizers as due to the fact that the meeting was planned before Ireland became a "Free State," so that, naturally, the programme had to be radically altered. The idea of the leaders is to make use of the existing Irish organizations in every country to form a world league through which to work for the spread of Irish culture, to advance Irish descendants everywhere in Irish interests.

Irish Shine in Athletics

Mr. De Valera declared it was also through athletics that the Irish people would be able to make their mark in all corners of the world, since most of the great athletic champions bore Irish names. He recommended that an appeal, also, be made to the highest sentiments by popularizing Irish sports.

W. B. Yeats, the Irish poet, presided at Mr. De Valera with an address on Irish Literature.

Tomorrow's programme calls for the presentation of concrete suggestions for Irish action abroad.

Nominations Made For Civic Elections in Moncton Jan. 30

Mayor Chapman and J. Fred Edgett Candidates for Mayoralty — 17 Aldermanic Candidates.

Moncton, N. B., Jan. 23.—Nominations to take place on Monday January 30, Mayor Chapman and J. Fred Edgett, who were opponents last year, were again nominated today for the Mayoralty, and seventeen candidates are in the field for eight aldermanic seats.

Nominations are as follows:—

For Mayor—A. C. Chapman and J. Fred Edgett.

Aldermen at large, Alderman John Stewart, Clovis LeBlanc and W. E. Marks.

Ward One—Budd Taylor, C. H. Blainey, F. P. Murphy and Col. D. N. Sutherland, all new men.

Ward Two—Ambrose Wheeler, M. A. Hutton, W. P. Hutchinson, B. F. Myles, and Rubino Arsenault, new men.

Ward Three—Alderman L. McKinnon, Alderman George Anderson, C. J. McCarthy, C. R. Wolfe and C. J. Paul.

John F. Clark New Mayor of St. Stephen

Special to The Standard.

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IRISH GOV'T PURSUED BY CRITICISMS

Irish Ministers Now Installed in Offices in Dublin City Hall.

'IRISH REPUBLIC' HOLDS MANSION HOUSE

Dublin Traders Yesterday Resumed Selling of Belfast Goods Long Under Boycott

Dublin, Jan. 23.—The new Irish ministers are now installed in offices in the City Hall. They are there in the capacity of a Provisional Government, but Mansion House continues the headquarters of the "Irish Republic." Arthur Griffith, President of the Dail Eireann, has his offices there. Although he has no post in the Provisional Government, he is keeping in close touch with all of its activities. He spent some time today in the city.

The new Government is being sharply pursued in the newspapers. The Irish Republic, of which Austin Stack is the principal director and editor, and Liam Mellows and Erskine Childers are inspiring spirits. In the name of tomorrow, the Irish Republic will discuss the legal position of the new Government, after the handing over of the powers at Dublin Castle. It will argue that, unless the Ministers have been sworn in as Eire Councilors and given the powers provided for in the Home Rule Act of 1920 their whole status is illegal.

Belfast Boycott Off

It has been pretty clearly recognized all along by lawyers that the new Government cannot, during the transition period, depend on technical legal powers, but must depend on the willingness of the people to obey it. It has been suggested that later all its proceedings can be validated in an act of indemnity.

Many Irish traders, today, resumed the selling of Belfast goods which had lain in their stocks since the boycott was imposed. In some cases, however, the Republican police prevented them from selling on the ground that in the past they had sought to evade the prohibition and now must obtain permits.

No Bodies Found In Ruins of Harvard Vimy Apartments

Every Occupant of Ill-Fated Block Accounted for Yesterday.

Montreal, Jan. 23.—No bodies were found today in the ruins of the Harvard and Vimy apartments, Sherbrooke street, west, Notre Dame De Grace, by the ruins at work there. Every occupant of the ill-fated block was accounted for yesterday.

All day today the firemen played water on the smoking ruins and outbursts of flame were quickly subdued. An examination of the ruins showed that the explosion, which wrecked the buildings and spread the flames, had blown to bits the entire three floors of the Harvard apartment block on a width of 30 feet.

An inquest into the two killed firemen was held at the morgue, and a verdict of accidental death was returned. The victims were laid out at the Craig street station, and will remain there until their burial tomorrow morning at St. James Basilica.

The funeral will be a civic one, and the bodies will be taken to the church on a horse wagon drawn by four horses.

Alberta Hesitates To Provide Seat For Hon. Charles Stewart

Minister of Interior Says He Has No Definite Plans for the Future.

Winnipeg, Jan. 23.—Stating that although his plans were indefinite, Hon. Charles Stewart, Federal Minister of Interior, said here today he had not considered conferring any seat outside the Province of Alberta. While the United Farmers of Alberta are not favorable to the vacating of a seat for him, there is still considerable agitation for that course. Mr. Stewart said. He stated positively that he had not thought of contesting an eastern constituency.

King George Sends Sympathy Message On Death of Pope

London, Jan. 23.—King George today sent a message of sympathy to Cardinal Gasparri, Papal Secretary of State, on the death of Pope Benedict.

The message was sent through Count De-Salis, British Minister at the Vatican.

15,000 MEN AND WOMEN SEARCHING FOR WORK IN CITY OF TORONTO

Of the Number 7,500 Are Receiving Relief — 9,000, of 14,000 Unemployed Males Are Married.

Toronto, Jan. 23.—There are 15,000 men and women searching for work in Toronto at the present time, and of this number about 7,500 are receiving relief.

This was the rough summary furnished by the Superintendent, William Meath of the Government Unemployment Service of existing conditions in the city.

"Of the unemployed 9,000 of the 14,000 males are married," said Superintendent Meath. "There are 4,000 women out of work."

BRITISH WANT SQUARE DEAL IN SIBERIA FOR ALL

Adequate Protection for Lives and Interests of People Should be Assured.

JAPANESE GIVE SOME ASSURANCES

Pledges to Withdraw Her Troops When Ordinary Conditions Are Restored.

Washington, Jan. 23.—A sweeping disclaimer of any design against the territorial integrity of Russia, coupled with a pledge to withdraw the Japanese troops stationed in Siberia as soon as orderly conditions are restored, was presented to the Arms Conference Far Eastern Committee, today by the Japanese delegation, and was received with a general show of satisfaction by the representatives of the other principal Powers.

Formal discussion of the Japanese proposal was postponed until tomorrow, but there was no indication tonight that any of the "Big Five" delegations would oppose acceptance of today's declaration at its face value, or seriously dispute the plan of continuing the occupation of Siberia until the view was that the whole Siberian problem touched upon today for the first time would be disposed of on the basis of the Japanese pledges.

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Of the unmarried men, fifty would have difficulty finding employment if the company did not retain them on the payroll.

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Given as Reason Why Poincare Prefers Diplomatic Negotiations to Settle Disputes.

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Premier Poincare is understood to have firmly determined that Germany must reform her finances and stop the leakage of her wealth abroad before he will consider how much she is able to pay. Consequently he prefers to avoid conferences which he thinks would tend more and more toward compromise.

Quebec Province Has Made Rapid Progress in Past Few Years

Hon. Walter Mitchell Reviews Growth and Condition of the Province.

Montreal, Jan. 23.—Addressing the Young Men's Canadian Club here tonight, Hon. Walter Mitchell, former provincial treasurer, and now Federal M. P. for St. Antoine division, this city, reviewed the growth and present condition of Quebec province. He pointed out that it contained about 705,652 square miles, or about 18 per cent of the entire Dominion, and divided the history of the province into three stages, infancy, from Confederation in 1867; boyhood, 1867 to 1895; and manhood stage from 1895 onward.

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FIRE RAGING IN FINANCIAL DIST. OF MONTREAL

Montreal, Jan. 23.—Fire is raging in the heart of the city's financial district at 55 St. Francois street, where a large office building is menaced with destruction. All available fire brigades are out fighting the flames. No loss of life is reported so far.

CONCILIATION BOARD ENDS ITS ENQUIRY

Concludes Its Hearings Over Wage Dispute Between Steel Corp'n and Mine Workers.

COMPANY CLAIMS REDUCTION NECESSARY

Miners Hold There Has Not Been Corresponding Cut in Prices of Coal.

HRifax, N. S., Jan. 23.—The Glen Board of Conciliation, appointed by the Dominion Government to enquire into the dispute between the British Empire Steel Corporation and the United Mine Workers of Nova Scotia, concludes its hearings today, but at the Board has a mass of typewritten material presented by both sides to digest, its report is not likely to be made for a week or more.

At the afternoon session, Daniel Livingstone, District Board member of the United Miners' Union, said that while the Company claimed it was necessary to reduce prices of coal in order to meet competition, a wage reduction of 37 1/2 per cent had only been followed by a cut of five or seven per cent in prices. The Company argued a need of increasing production, but a reduction of wages would mean decreased production, because the vitality of the miners would be decreased.

Where Company Fits

D. H. McDougall, vice-president of the company, submitted statistics in support of the contention that the Company could not compete against American coal in the Montreal market if the present wage reduction was not maintained. American companies were offering coal in Montreal at 36 1/2 per cent, after paying customs duties and all costs, he said. Mr. McDougall said the average wage of all classes of employees of the Dominion Coal Company, including boys, was \$1,450 in 1920. Of the lowest paid men—those receiving \$2.44 per day—there were a total of 738, subdivided as follows:—

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SINN FEIN MAYOR OF LONDONDERRY WOULD JOIN THE FREE STATE

Expresses Fear That Grave Situation Would Be Created if Londonderry Is Left Out.

Londonderry, Jan. 23.—Alderman Hugh O'Doherty, Sinn Fein mayor of Londonderry, today expressed the opinion that a grave situation would be created if Londonderry was not included in the "Free State," with which, he said, its interests economically were indisputably bound. The Mayor said he feared for the city's peace if Londonderry was left out.

PUBLIC TAKING MORE INTEREST IN C. N. R. SYSTEM

This Because the People Realize Property Is Theirs, Says Pres. Hanna.

1921 BEST YEAR IN ROAD'S HISTORY

Finding Markets for Lumber and Railroad Ties in Foreign Countries.

Toronto, Jan. 23.—"We are doing better than six months before on account of people realizing that the property is theirs," asserted D. B. Hanna, president of the Canadian National Railways, in speaking before the members of the Young Men's Club of the Board of Trade, at their weekly meeting tonight. He said that, in spite of increased operating costs in many departments, and that the wages bill for the 50,000 persons employed had mounted, the National Railways were steadily progressing in the right direction.

1921 Banner Year.

In the year 1919, said Mr. Hanna, the National Railways made a little money. In 1920 they also made a little money, and in 1921 made a little more. In the latter year the C. N. R. were able also to find markets for \$2,000,000 feet of lumber in the Orient, in China, in New Zealand and in Australia. The C. N. R. were also able, in the year 1921, to sell a considerable amount of railway ties in Egypt and in India.

In comparing increases in earnings, Mr. Hanna said, the C. P. R. had advanced its gross earnings from roughly \$100,000,000 in 1913 to \$200,000,000 a month in 1920. The G. T. R. had earnings of \$30,000,000 in 1913, while in 1920 they were \$80,000,000.

Mr. Hanna pointed out that, in operating a railway line between Sydney and Vancouver, a distance of 3,600 miles, they were operating the longest train route of any line.

Will Petition Gov't To Upset Wentworth County Election

Farmers in Ontario Riding Wish to Unseat Conservative Declared Elected.

Hamilton, Ont., Jan. 23.—Representations will be made to the Government at Ottawa in an attempt to upset the Wentworth county election of December 6, on the grounds of irregularities. This course of action was resolved at a representative meeting of farmers throughout the county, held recently at Dundas. Premier King will be asked to institute an investigation regarding the manner in which the election ballots were handled by the returning officers and some deputy returning officers.

Gordon Wilson, Conservative, was declared elected by 123 votes over Fred Woodley, farmer-labor candidate, following a recount conducted by Judge Snyder.

War Memorial Fund Canvassers Are Meeting Success

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, N. B., Jan. 23.—The campaign for funds for the War Memorial Hall at the University of New Brunswick, which was opened a week ago today, is not yet complete. Many prospective subscribers are still considering the amounts they will contribute. On that account, no statement can be made at the present time. The canvassers met with very encouraging responses in many quarters.

Heavy Loss Caused By Fire in Bunker of Italian Steamer

Portland Me., Jan. 23.—Fire today in the coal bunker of the Italian steamer Giovanni Florio, tied up at

INTERMENT OF POPE OCCURS WEDNESDAY

Benedict's Wish Not to be Embalmed Necessitates Burial at Early Date.

CONCLAVE OPENS FEBRUARY 2

American Cardinals Will be Unable to Reach Rome for Opening of Sacred College.

Rome, Jan. 23.—The interment of Benedict XV has been tentatively fixed for Wednesday afternoon. The body will lie in state in the Basilica of St. Peter's only a day and a half more, according to the present plans. Benedict's wish not to be embalmed necessitates departure from the custom that the Pope's body lie in state for three days. Final decision will be taken on this question Wednesday morning, but the present view of the Vatican is that it will be impossible to keep the body exposed beyond Wednesday afternoon.

Old Custom Eliminated

The statement was also made tonight, but not officially, that the coffin would be closed within a few hours and that thus the usual ceremony of worshippers filing past kissing the uncovered foot of the dead Pope, would be eliminated. The removal of the body from the Throne Room to the Basilica this morning was the occasion of an imposing ceremony.

The bier was held shoulder-high by ushers clad in costumes of scarlet, flanked by noble guards. The Sacred College followed, headed by the dean, Cardinal Vannutelli, each taking his position according to his rank. Cardinal Gasparri walked a considerable distance behind the dean, although occupying the post of Camerlingo, or keeper of the Roman church during the interregnum.

On reaching the main door of St. Peter's, the funeral party was received by the clergy of the great basilica, who escorted the cortege down the main central aisle to a position in the center of St. Peter's, where, as the statue of St. Peter, Thiers, abbot solution took place. The bier was then raised aloft and was passed into the chapel of the Holy Sacrament where the public can view the body through the immense iron gates.

American Cardinals

Participation of the American Cardinals in the conclave, the date for the opening of which has been definitely fixed for February 2, is still possible, but is regarded as doubtful by the Secretary of State. A cable message has been received from Cardinal O'Connell, of Boston, announcing that he was taking passage for Rome tomorrow while Cardinal Dougherty has cabled that he will not reach Philadelphia before Friday.

Monignor Pizzardo, who is acting Secretary of State, said today that Cardinal O'Connell had a possible chance of reaching Rome in time, providing the conclave does not choose a new Pope on the first ballot, but he thought the Cardinal Dougherty's chances were very slim, unless the session of the conclave was long and arduous and many ballots were required.

Asked concerning the postponement of the Conclave to permit the American Cardinals to attend, the Secretary replied that the constitution would have to be amended for that purpose, as the Conclave must be called within ten days after the death of the Pope.

A Consistory, under the presidency of Cardinal Gasparri, met this evening and decided definitely on February 2. The Secretary responded to set right the erroneous impression to the effect that once the Conclave began its sessions the late Cardinal could enter.

"Cardinals O'Connell and Dougherty may enter the Conclave at any time it is sitting," he said, "and may even participate in the last ballot."

Thus, should the Conclave be extended over several days—and some of them have lasted many weeks—both the United States Cardinals may be present. No Cardinal is permitted to leave the Conclave while it is sitting, but a belated Cardinal is permitted to enter. This is the rule.

"A fast torpedo destroyer might bring Cardinal Dougherty in time to attend," Monsignor Pizzardo said half-jokingly.

There seems to be a genuine desire in Vatican circles that the United States be represented it is admitted that the Cardinals in Canada and Brazil will be unable to attend.

The secretaries is flooded with thousands of messages of condolence and sympathy from all corners of the globe, signed by the heads of the greatest states and the humblest parish priest, written practically in all modern languages, and many of them in Latin. There has been much speculation on the probable successor of Benedict, but there is no outstanding figure. The Popolo Romano, however, says that Cardinal Madro, Archbishop of Pisa, is the Government's candidate in consequence of his high patriotism.

deck here, caused heavy loss. Steamers from the fireboat of the local department and hydrants played on it throughout the day.