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Reparations Feature as Germans go to Polls on Sunday  
LABOR REPARATIONS IS WIDENED

Marshal Suspects Fire Bug at Work in St. John

GERMANY WILL VOTE TOMORROW

Acceptance of the Dawes-Young Report is the Real Issue.

BITTER CAMPAIGN

Communists and Reactionaries are Expected to Make Gains.

BY CARL D. GROAT (United Press Staff Cor.) Berlin, May 3.—German political parties wound up a bitter campaign today as the nation prepared to go to the polls on Sunday in elections for the new Reichstag.

As the campaign closed, it was apparent that the real issue was acceptance or non-acceptance of the Dawes-Young report as a basis for settlement of the reparations problem. Reactionaries, terming the experts' report a "second Versailles," condemned the proposed programme as "subjecting Germany to new slavery," while the Government party and the Socialists advocated complete acceptance of the report as "the sole method of achieving peace." The Government accused the reactionaries of "wanting a new war" and Chancellor Marx coined this popular sentence: "We can't fight with canes and umbrellas, hence it is silly even to think of non-fulfillment of the experts' recommendations."

Ludendorff Threatened. Conservative political observers said the election had translated itself into a battle between reaction and republicanism. Earlier predictions that both the reactionaries and the Communists would show considerable gains in the election still hold good, but during the period since the Dawes-Young report was published it is apparent that the extremist tides have been stemmed somewhat.

Berlin authorities are already awaiting with anxiety the convening of the new Reichstag, probably about the middle of the month, as it is feared that the extreme Communists will utilize the occasion for riotous demonstrations, particularly against General Ludendorff, who is certain to be elected a deputy on the Volks party, "extreme nationalist ticket."

Predictions that Ludendorff will be assassinated if he appears in parliament are already being circulated. Gains on both extreme wings, for the Communists and for the Volks and Nationalists, are expected.

For the purposes of the election the nation is divided into thirty-five election districts, which in turn are grouped into sixteen election units. Each election district has its sub-districts, like "wards" in America. The voters have a wide choice, with between one and two dozen parties listed on the "unified ballot"—an innovation this year in comparison to the separate "party tickets" previously issued at the polling places.

All Over 20 Votes. Germany has equal suffrage, and everybody over 20 years of age has a vote insofar as he or she does not belong to the army, is not a convict, is not insane, and has not been deprived of the honors of citizenship by a criminal process.

The woman's vote is expected to be heavy, but without unusual influence, as past experience here shows the women vote about as their men folk do—only perhaps slightly more reactionary. Every 60,000 votes means one Reichstag deputy. A system has been devised for pooling partial electors in a district and again for pooling them in an election unit.

Coached Him in Law As He Shaved Them

Boston May 3.—Jimmy Guaragna, barber at a fashionable hotel here, who has just been admitted to the bar, admits that he owes his success largely to the assistance given him by Judges and others whom he shaved. He is twenty-eight years old, and has been shaving for nine years. Judge McCool, of the Probate Court, was one of the first in whom Jimmie confided his desire to become a lawyer. The judge coached Jimmie on some of the more difficult phases of his studies, while Jimmie took an interest in Jimmie's ambition. Still another was Charles M. Schwab, Major General Clarence McCall were among Jimmie's customers who encouraged him.

POSTAL EMPLOYEES ARE RESENTFUL

Ottawa Letter Carriers Discipline Their Two Representatives—No Word Yet.

Toronto, May 3.—Considerable dissatisfaction is expressed among postal employees that no official information is yet forthcoming from Ottawa regarding the reported offer of a salary increase. The letter carriers had a meeting at the Labor Temple last night when it was decided to do nothing until the federation executive had interviewed the Dominion Cabinet today. Feeling ran so high that a vote of want of confidence in E. V. Browning and J. Arthur, representatives of the men on the federation, carried by a practically unanimous vote. Having done this, it was decided to defer further action until after official information was received showing what increases had been granted. A suggestion that a strike of the men be taken to decide whether or not the carriers will call a strike on their own account was not favorably received. The general impression at the Labor Temple is that there will be no strike.

FIJI CHIEFTAINS ON WAY TO WEMBLEY

Distinguished Black Men Will Sail From Montreal Next Week.

Vancouver, May 3.—Hereditary chieftains of two of the oldest Fiji tribes, Ratu Jona Iqbal, O. B. E., and Ratu P. Yeli, reached Vancouver this afternoon, on board the R. M. S. Makura from Suva. These two burly South Sea Islanders, the former chief of the Legislative Council of Fiji, and head of the province of Cakandova, the latter a chief and governor of the province of Macuata, are on their way to represent their native island at the British Empire Exhibition, in recognition of the golden jubilee of Fiji, and will sail from Montreal on May 9, on the Canadian Pacific steamer Montcalm.

Both the chiefs are large, powerfully built men, and their shining black faces seem to smile perpetually. Ratu Iqbal was given the O. B. E. in recognition of his services to the Empire during the war, in connection with the organization of Fijian labor corps. Both are highly thought of in government circles in Fiji, and are traveling in company with R. C. Higginson, a member of the civil service in Suva, who is returning to England, on furlough.

This will be Ratu Iqbal's first visit to England, but Ratu Yeli was one of the Fiji members of the native constabulary who travelled to London in 1903 to attend the coronation of His late Majesty King Edward the Seventh.

They will leave for Winnipeg and Montreal on Saturday evening.

Wire Briefs

New York, May 3.—J. P. Morgan, newly appointed passenger on the steamship Homeric, from Southampton, on his way home from Europe.

Agra, India, May 3.—Lieut. Pelletier Doloy, French aviator, flying from Paris to Tokyo, arrived here today at 1:30 p. m., having made the 1,300 kilometers from Karachi, British India, in less than seven hours, despite fog and torrid heat. He expects to continue to Calcutta tomorrow.

Binghamton, N. Y., May 3.—A body believed to be that of Eleanor Aylesworth, 16-year-old high school girl for whom a nationwide search has been made since her mysterious disappearance from her home here February 26, has been found in the Susquehanna River nine miles west of this city.

RECENT CITY OUTBREAKS ARE PROBED

Man was Seen Crouching in Ogilvie Building Lobby Just Before Alarm.

NOT IDENTIFIED

Business Man, Entering Office, Saw Him in Corner of Entrance.

That a firebug is at work in St. John is the suspicion entertained by Hugh H. McLellan, fire marshal. As a result of investigations he held in connection with the fires in the Central Police Station building and the Ogilvie building he said today that he is convinced that both fires were set by some irresponsible person. He said that in both instances there were evidences of incendiarism and he is sparing no effort to bring the perpetrator to justice.

The Ogilvie fire broke out in the Ogilvie building one of the upper section hurried there to send word to friends regarding the outcome of the civic election. When he entered the hall he noticed a man wearing an overcoat and a peaked hat sitting on a trunk in one corner near the entrance to the cellar. As he approached the man hurriedly left the room and he decided to investigate and when he opened the door of his office he was surprised to find the hall filling with smoke. He hurriedly sent a message to the fire department and was forced to get out of the building as the smoke was very thick.

The two alarms, which resulted, attracted the majority of citizens abroad and also summoned all of the fire apparatus in the central part of the city. It is the belief that the same person then went to Central Police Station building and, realizing that no one was about except in the guard room, sneaked upstairs and entered the closet adjoining the City Coroner's room where the fire there was first seen.

The fact that the flames had already partially destroyed sections of the electric light wires is said to have been responsible for the lights not burning when the button was worked in the hall. It is explained that once the fire struck any of the wires it would put the system out of order.

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OFFICIAL DROWNED IN VAT OF VODKA

Falls in During Desperate Battle Over Possession of Distillery.

London, May 3.—(United Press)—Fifty workmen seized the Lithuanian state distillery as part of a May Day celebration, with tragic results, according to the Rigga correspondent of the Daily Mail. Superintendent Radlin fell into a vat of vodka and was drowned, and 12 policemen and 20 workers were injured as the Lithuanians fought desperately to recapture the distillery.

Bank Depositors May Invade Ottawa

Toronto, May 3.—At a meeting of a committee representing Toronto depositors in the Home Bank, held yesterday, it was decided to arrange for the sending of a large delegation to Ottawa in effort to secure relief from the Government.

The Home Bank liquidators reported yesterday only about ten per cent of the double liability money due had as yet been paid in.

Window Washer Rises to Fortune

New York, May 3.—(By Canadian Press)—Another window washer joined the ranks of the comfortably wealthy when Jake Wiederhorn, East Orange, announced his purchase of two apartment houses in East Orange, and several dwellings. A few years ago Jake came to the U. S. from Austria.

MAGISTRATE JAS. R. LAWLOR IS DEAD

Prominent Citizen of Newcastle Succumbs After Nearly Four Months' Illness.

(Special to The Times.) Newcastle, N. B., May 3.—Newcastle today mourns the loss of one of her most active and prominent citizens in the death of Police Magistrate James Roger Lawlor, which occurred at his home here at 6 o'clock this morning, after illness since January 5, following an attack of pneumonia and pleurisy.

Born at Newcastle about 67 years ago, he was a member of the church of the Episcopalian denomination. He was several times alderman and was an unsuccessful candidate for mayor in 1910. He had been a school trustee for many years. He took an active part in all sports, was president of the Newcastle Baseball Club for the last two years, had been both vice-president and president of the Newcastle Curling Club, and represented Newcastle on many outside committees. In his younger days he was one of the best rifle shots on the Miramichi. For many years he was an officer in the Newcastle Field artillery.

Amendments to the church union bill are expected when it comes back from the legislative council to which body it went in its original form.

A FAMOUS SOLDIER HAS PASSED AWAY

Veteran of Red River, South Africa and Egypt, Sir Hugh McCalmont.

London, May 3.—(Canadian Press cable)—Major-General Sir Hugh McCalmont, a veteran of the Red River expedition in 1870, died here yesterday. He was a fine horseman and once rode a horse for a wager from New Bridge to Island Bridge barracks, Dublin, a distance of 2 1/2 miles, in an hour and 16 minutes, or four minutes with the time limit set in the wager.

General Electric Plans New Radio

Schenectady, N. Y., May 3.—The General Electric Company plans to erect in this vicinity during the coming summer a \$100,000 radio experimental station. The present station, WGY, in operation for two years, will continue entertainments and educational programmes. It was said, while the new station, not yet licensed, will be given over entirely to experimental work.

"Conscience" Roll Of \$350 Arrives

Halifax, N. S., May 3.—At the City Hall yesterday afternoon City Treasurer C. T. Hopewell received an envelope with the word "Conscience" written thereon. On opening the envelope he discovered a large roll of bills, amounting to \$350.

Times-Star Want Ads Do The Work

Forty-five replies were received as the result of two insertions of the following ad in The Evening Times-Star classified columns:

WILL SPEND \$1,500,000 ON HIGHWAYS

N. S. Legislature Passes Estimates for Work on Roads.

RUSHING BUSINESS

Amendments to Church Union and Liquor Act to be Dealt With.

(Canadian Press) Halifax, N. S., May 3.—The legislative assembly in committee of supply last night, passed the highway estimate of more than a million and a half dollars and today the House was again in session, the first Saturday meeting since the assembly opened.

It is generally conceded that the most contentious part of the estimates have been dealt with and further business will be rapidly put through. There are still several bills outstanding that may cause prolonged debate, notably the church union bill and the amendments to the Nova Scotia temperance act. Rumors from the latter, which is expected back in the assembly today from the upper house, are that the latter body will strike out the clause granting the privilege of writing prescriptions for liquor to veterinary surgeons.

THE PAGE BOYS' DAD

Senator Blimeon D. Fess of Ohio is the page boys' idol. He understands the kids, for he was a teacher before he got into politics. Here he is asking one of them about his school report. And from all appearances the report is satisfactory.

WAR TO KNIFE SAY VEXED LIBERALS

Will Continue Budget Support, Then Seek to Oust MacDonald.

FLAT REJECTION

Asquith's Demand Defiantly Refused—Conservatives See Power Coming.

(Canadian Press.) London, May 3.—Members of the Liberal party today made no effort to conceal their mortification and anger over the rejection in the House of Commons yesterday of the proportional representation electoral bill, which they declared was due to the vindictive action of about 80 Laborites.

These members of the government party were declared by the Liberals to have opposed the bill in resentment against what they regarded as the attempt of Mr. Asquith, the Liberal leader, to dictate to their party through his recent "ultimatum" to Premier MacDonald.

The Laborites themselves made no secret of this resentment and were quoted by Liberal lobbyists as saying they did not vote on the bill's merits, but for the purpose of hitting back at the Liberals.

The Liberal newspapers today are bitter in their comment, implying that when the budget, which the Liberals will support, is disposed of, it will be war to the knife between the two parties.

Elections Must Come Soon. The Daily News says: "The result of a complete or even a partial breakdown of the Liberal-Labor understanding can only be a Conservative victory in the general election which is not likely to be long deferred."

London, May 3.—(United Press)—What is interpreted as a grave blow to the Labor party, and a step which brings a general election nearer in Great Britain, has come as a result of Labor's defiant refusal of a flat demand by the Liberal party to support their legislation.

The House of Commons on Friday rejected the proportional representation bill by a vote of 288 to 144, despite the fact that H. H. Asquith, Liberal leader, had written Premier MacDonald asking the Laborites to support the bill.

Arthur Henderson, Labor's Home Secretary, announced that the Government would leave the bill to a free vote, namely that it would not instruct Laborites how to vote on the measure. The defeat followed.

Go Different Ways. It is generally considered that the Laborites and Laborites have parted company as a result of the vote, and after the passage of the budget, the Laborites will obstruct Laborite legislation. General belief is that when they consider that the proper moment has come, they will join the Conservatives in defeating the Labor party and forcing a general election.

During the discussion on Friday a Liberal member interrupted Mr. Henderson with the cry: "All right, go on with it." Henderson defiantly answered: "When a Government fails to take a certain course this threat is hung over it. We are governing under circumstances more difficult than any faced by any government in history."

Then, in a more conciliatory manner, he explained the reasons why it was impossible for the Government to give the bill official support.

In reality the bill providing for proportional representation in elections was made a test case in order to feel out Labor sentiment toward the Liberal party. Nearly 100 Laborites, including some members of the Government, voted against it.

The Liberal party will hold a meeting next week to decide on its course of action. The budget is so popular that they would not venture to try to defeat Labor until the budget is passed. (Continued on page 2, fifth column.)

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Playing Cards Used as Receipts For Liquor In Rum Runners' Row

New York, May 3.—(By Canadian Press)—Torn playing cards, the sections fitting together like a jig-saw puzzle served the double purpose of a receipt and an identification card in liquor transactions carried on by the skipper of a rum-running vessel, customs agents discovered after the seizure of the motor boat K-10723. This method was devised to protect the cargo of rum from highjackers and rum pirates, according to information furnished by one of the crew of the seized motor boat.

After seizing the motor boat, customs agents salvaged papers and cases of liquor that had been thrown overboard. Among the papers were a large number of sections of playing cards carefully cut in a queer jagged shape. On these sections agents discovered such notations as "100 cases," "200 cases," etc.

The system was devised by the Rum Row skipper after he had lost valuable shipments of liquor to pirates. He now gets paid for all of his liquor in advance and gives part of a playing card, cut in a jagged shape and with the purchase of liquor noted on it in ink as the buyer's receipt. This transaction takes place in the Bahamas.

The skipper keeps the other part of the playing card, which also bears the notation of the amount of liquor sold. Some time after his arrival in Rum Row, according to the prearranged plan, the liquor purchaser sends a runner out in a speed boat to bring the liquor ashore. The runner has been supplied, either by mail or messenger, with the playing-card receipt for the liquor he calls for.

The wary skipper, standing armed on the deck of his boat, demands that this receipt be handed up over the side to him, and no liquor is lowered into the waiting runner's craft unless the jagged edges of the bits of card will fit together perfectly.

GENERAL STRIKE Commons Still Discusses Budget

Argentine in Throes and Violence Marks Start of Struggle.

Buenos Aires, May 3.—(By Bryant Powers, United Press Staff Correspondent.)—Argentine's general strike, effective throughout the country last midnight, was ushered in by violence as a bomb exploded in a coach of the southern passenger train leaving Buenos Aires, causing serious injury to a guard and lesser injuries to a number of passengers.

The guard suffered a broken leg. The strike was called by Socialists and labor unions as a protest against the new pensions law, which would allow all workers to retire on pensions from a government fund after 25 years of service.

Arab Steeds Are Gift to Mussolini

Naples, May 3.—King Hussein of the Hedjaz, who recently was proclaimed Caliph by the Arabian Moslems, has presented to Premier Mussolini a pair of magnificent Arabian horses.

Weather Report

Toronto, May 3.—Since last evening the barometer has risen on the Atlantic Coast and in Manitoba, while an area of depression has developed over the Great Lakes. The weather is showery in southwestern Ontario. Elsewhere in Canada it is fine.

Forecast: Gulf and North Shore—Southerly winds fair today and Sunday, a little warmer.

Fair. Maritime—Light winds, fine and warm. Sunday southeast winds, fair.

Northern New England. Showers late tonight and Sunday; moderate temperature; moderate southerly winds.

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

Confirms Word of Bout For Dempsey

Los Angeles, Cal., May 3.—Confirmation of Tex Rickard's announcement that Jack Dempsey, heavyweight boxing champion, will meet Harry Wills, the negro fighter, in Jersey City next September, was given out last night by Jack Kearns.