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DEFEAT IN COMMONS INDUCES GOVERNMENT TO YIELD TO CERTAIN URGED REFORMS

Foremost Among Them is a Return to Cabinet Responsibility and More Regular Attendance of Premier.

IRISH QUESTION DIFFICULT ONE

Cabinet Committee Having Question in Hand Will Not be Able to Make Report This Session.

London, Oct. 27.—Last week's defeat in the House of Commons and the seriousness of the country's finances revealed in the revised estimates submitted to parliament today, showing that the estimated deficit for the year exceeds £447,000,000, instead of £250,000,000, as fixed in the budget, seems to have induced the Government to yield certain reforms long demanded by the press.

Foremost among these demands was that for a return to cabinet responsibility and also more regular attendance of the Prime Minister in the House of Commons. The former apparently has been granted in the announcement of a return to the peace time form of cabinet, whereby all the ministers will be responsible for the decisions taken, instead of the few ministers forming the war cabinet.

With regard to the second demand, an inspired statement was issued tonight to the effect that as soon as his duties in connection with the Peace Conference are ended, the Premier will revert to his old practice of personally answering questions in the House. He will begin by doing this once weekly, and later may attend on two days.

The cabinet, at a meeting today, drafted a motion which will be proposed by Right Hon. Austen Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer, on Wednesday, "that this House, realizing the serious effects upon the trade and industry of the nation of the enormous financial burdens resulting from the war, promises its hearty support to the Government in all reasonable proposals, however drastic, for the reduction of expenditure and the diminution of debt."

It is expected that the debate on this motion and the amendments moved by the independent Liberals and Laborites will extend over at least three days. The Laborites advocate a levy on capital and the reversion to the state of all fortunes made as a result of the war.

The Irish question still provides the Government with a difficult problem, and it is stated that the cabinet committee having the matter under consideration will not likely be able to present a satisfactory scheme in the limited time now available. It is thought that the Government will be compelled to introduce a bill, again postponing the operation of the Home Rule Act, which otherwise would become automatically operative with the formal ending of the war.

The war cabinet has been changed into a peace cabinet, announced Right Hon. Bonar Law, by inviting the following to become members: Lord President of the Council; Lord Lieutenant of Ireland or Chief Secretary for Ireland; Lord Chancellor; Home Secretary; the secretaries of state for foreign affairs, the colonies, war and air and India; First Lord of the Admiralty; Secretary for Scotland; President of the Board of Trade; Minister of Health; President of the Board of Agriculture; President of the Board of Education; the Ministers of Labor and Transport; Lord Privy Seal, and George Nicoll Barnes, minister without portfolio.

FROST DAMAGES APPLES ON TREES IN ANNAPOLIS

Shortage of Barrels Adds Many Difficulties to Trials of the Shippers.

Halifax, Oct. 28.—Reports from the Annapolis Valley say that frost has greatly damaged apples on the trees, the loss exceeding several hundred thousand dollars. There is a scarcity of barrels and fruit companies are contemplating stowing quantities of apples in bins until barrels are available. Large quantities of vegetables, such as squash and pumpkins are left lying on the ground, for want of barrels, boxes or bags in which to ship them to market.

Old Clothes League Becoming Very Popular In London Now

London, Oct. 28.—Fashionable London tailors are said to be somewhat perturbed over the reported popularity of a clothes conservation "movement."

The "movement" has manifested itself in the organization of "old clothes leagues"—societies with the single pledge slogan—"No more clothes of the new variety until prices go down." Those who assume this pledge are expected to regard patches on trousers, shiny coat sleeves and sewn-up splits in boots and shoes as badges of honor. The turning of old suits, sewing in of new linings and other things which make old trousers, old coats and vests serve the purpose of new suits at a third the cost, is another of the league's precepts.

WINTER, MOVING SOUTHWARD FROM ARCTIC REGIONS, PROVING GREAT AID TO BOLSHEVIK FORCES

The Ability of Yudenitch to Capture the Former Russian Capital Before Cold Weather Puts An End to His Campaign Seems Doubtful.

London, Oct. 28.—Winter, moving southward from Arctic regions, is coming to the aid of Bolshevik troops in Petrograd, and the ability of General Yudenitch to capture the former Russian capital before cold weather puts an end to his campaign seems doubtful. Soviet forces, fighting desperately against the northwestern Russian army, have succeeded in recapturing Tsarakoye-Selo and Pavlovsk, south of Petrograd, and appear to be in a position to prolong the defense of the city for an indefinite period.

Yudenitch troops are reported to have fallen back along the front, south of Petrograd, but unofficial reports would seem to indicate they have moved nearer Petrograd on the line running from Gatchina to Krasnaia Gorka.

Furious fighting is going on in and around Kiev, which was taken last week by General Denekine's forces. At some points the Denekine troops have been forced to retire slightly.

Lettish troops are now holding Dunannunde, below Riga, and have maintained their control of the right bank of the Duna River.

N. B. CHAPTERS I. O. D. E. APPROVE WAR MEMORIAL

The Chapters Unanimous in Their Approval of the Proposal to Establish a Fund of $500,000.

Moncton, N. B., Oct. 28—At the quarterly meeting of the Provincial Chapter of New Brunswick Imperial Daughters of the Empire, held here today, with the president, Mrs. Robert FitzRandolph, of Fredericton, presiding, the proposal of the Dominion Chapter, with all provincial chapters co-operating, to establish a war memorial fund of half a million dollars was discussed. The delegates from the different chapters unanimously approved of the proposal and all agreed to participate in the work and help to make this worthy cause a success. The war memorial fund proposed has for its purpose the assisting of dependents of those who fell in the war, and to educate children of fallen heroes. The chapters of the I. O. D. E. represented at the meeting included St. John, Fredericton, St. Stephen, Chatham, Sackville, Hampton, Rothesay, Moncton and others.

MARIE EMPRESS DISAPPEARS FROM THE LINER ORDUNA

Popular English Comedienne Was on Her Way to New York from London—Presumed She Was Drowned at Sea.

New York, Oct. 28.—Some time between six-thirty p.m. Saturday and ten a.m. Sunday morning, Marie Empress, the popular English comedienne disappeared from the Cunard liner Orduna, while the vessel was on her way from Halifax to this port.

A general search of the ship failed to find her and it is presumed that she was drowned in the ocean. There were travelers on the Orduna, however, who discount this, as they had found Miss Empress to be in cheerful spirits throughout the run from Liverpool to Halifax.

A vigorous search of the vessel today failed to give any clue to her disappearance. Her effects will be turned over to the British consul-general.

STILL A CHANCE FOR THIRSTY ONES IN UNITED STATES

Wilson Announces That War-Time Prohibition Law Will be Annulled Moment Senate Ratifies Peace Treaty.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 28—The Senate passed the Prohibition Enforcement Act over the President's veto today and made immediately effective machinery for preventing sale of beverages containing more than one half of one per cent alcohol.

The vote was 65 to 20, or eight more than the necessary two-thirds majority.

Before congress finally clinched enactment of the enforcement law, despite Presidential objection to linking war time and constitutional prohibition acts, there came from the White House the announcement that the war time, which was put into effect after the cessation of hostilities, would be annulled the moment the Senate formally ratified the German peace treaty.

Despite the clamor set up by Wet and Dry forces over the White House pronouncement Senate leaders said they would proceed with consideration of the treaty as heretofore.

Formal denial was issued from headquarters of the Anti-Saloon League, that its officers would take part in any movement calculated to delay the treaty.

$1,000,000 PRIZE FOR AROUND THE WORLD AERIAL DERBY

Scheduled to Start July 4th, 1920, and End on or Before January 3rd, 1920.

Los Angeles, Oct. 28.—The first aerial derby around the world, for prizes totalling $1,000,000, is scheduled to start July 4, 1920, and end on or before January 3rd, 1920, according to announcement made here last night by O. Hawley, president of the Aero Club of America, and a member of the commission which is making a tour of the world to locate central stations for the aircraft expected to participate in the derby.

TRAINMEN STRIKE NOT SANCTIONED BY BROTHERHOOD

Washington, D. C., Oct. 28—The strike of trainmen in the Chicago switching district called by local union leaders for Thursday unless certain wage demands are granted "in full," would be "wholly unauthorized and without the sanction of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen," it was said here tonight by W. G. Lee, president of the brotherhood.

WERNER HORNE ACTING AS HIS OWN COUNSEL

Refuses Offer of Legal Help and Tells Court He is Capable of Conducting His Own Defense.

ACTED UNDER GERMAN ORDERS

Deputy Sheriff Ross of Vanceboro Gives Damaging Evidence Against the Accused.

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, Oct. 28.—After a true bill had been brought in against him by the grand jury on an indictment charging him with having blown up the Canadian end of the International Bridge at St. Croix, N. B., on February 2nd, 1915, the trial of Werner Horne, who declares he is an officer in the German army, was commenced in the York circuit here this afternoon before Mr. Justice Barry.

Attorney-General Byrne conducted the prosecution, with Major Hugh H. McLean, Jr., appearing for the C. P. R. Horne pleaded not guilty, and when asked if he desired to have counsel detailed by the court to conduct his defence, said he understood the English language well enough to get along all right. Addressing the court he said he was a German army officer and had acted under orders from the German government. This, however, did not prevent the trial of the case proceeding under the criminal laws.

All of the crown's witnesses, except one, had been called before the court adjourned this evening, the remaining witness being Christopher Kyle, who in 1915 was master mechanic of the C. P. R. at McAdam Junction. He will arrive here from Montreal at noon tomorrow and the case will be resumed when he arrives.

Aubrey Tague, hotel proprietor of Vanceboro, Maine, James Rideout, merchant, of St. Croix, N. B.; Geoffrey Fletcher and Fred Mills, employes of the Maine Central Railway at Vanceboro, were the witnesses called today. Their testimony was similar to that given at the preliminary examination, about the only new feature being that Deputy Sheriff Ross swore that Horne had told him after being arrested that he had tried to get back to Germany from the United States, but could not get passage and was told by two members of the German Embassy, who were returning by that boat, that there was work for him to do in America. He said he was then given a nitro glycerine bomb, blue prints of the location and sent to St. Croix to blow up the International bridge.

Heavy Death Toll When Seas Pound Steamer To Pieces

Great Seas Smash Muskegon to Pieces on Piers at Entrance of Muskegon Harbor

Muskegon, Mich., Oct. 28.—With fourteen known dead and six or more missing, only time can bring an accurate count of the toll of the great seas which early this morning bodily lifted the Crosby passenger steamer Muskegon, formerly the City of Holland, and smashed her to pieces on the piers at the entrance to Muskegon harbor. The list of dead is being added to almost hourly. The steamer, a side wheeler, bound from Milwaukee, after outriding a night of gale, made for the harbor in the early morning darkness but is said by Captain Edward Miller to have struck the bar at the entrance. The wheel paddles jammed in the sand, checking the headway and the great combers threw the ship about and hurled her on to the pier, the huge mountainous seas pounding into the wreckage.

Fifty of the seventy-two passengers and crew, guided to safety by a signal flashed by a light in the hands of a coastguard, were tonight known to have been saved from the vessel. Fear is held that several were caught between the decks. Survivors, most of whom escaped only in their night clothes, were being cared for by the Red Cross.

SHOOTS HIS WIFE AND ATTEMPTS TO KILL POLICEMAN

Night Clerk of Postal Telegraph Co. Enraged by Jealousy Commits the Act.

Rochester, N. Y., Oct. 28.—Jos. Perry, night clerk in the Postal Telegraph Company's main office here, shot and killed his wife, Grace Perry, night chief operator in the Stone Exchange of the Rochester Telephone Company at their home on the outskirts of the city last night. Jealousy is believed to have been the motive.

Perry turned his revolver on a policeman who attempted to arrest him, but it failed to work. He was arrested on a charge of murder in the first degree.

Slang, Army, Navy And Every Day Gets Recognition In New Dictionary

London, Oct. 28.—Cassells' new English dictionary contains many new words which it was stated in the introduction are likely to make good their claim to be included in the English language.

Following are some examples:—

Cushy, meaning a soft job; conchy, meaning a conscientious objector; bud, meaning a close friend or companion; eyewash, meaning humbug; fed up, meaning to have a sufficiency; funkhole, meaning Government job; hot stuff, meaning an unscrupulous or formidable person; cut no ice, meaning to fall flat; movies, meaning moving pictures; the push, meaning the select, or the advance; strafe, meaning vent of hatred; tophole, meaning feeling fine; umpteen, meaning an unknown number; the wind up, meaning to show fear; old bean, meaning the head; bus, meaning an airplane; brass hat, meaning a staff officer.

PROROGATION OF PARLIAMENT THIS WEEK REGARDED AS A PRACTICAL IMPOSSIBILITY

The Failure of the Commons to Get the Grand Trunk Bill Out of Committee Stage is Cause of Delay.

BILL TO SENATE MIDDLE NEXT WEEK

Opposition Attitude Suggests Possibility of Liberals Keeping up Fight for a Long Time Yet.

Ottawa, Oct. 28—The failure of the Commons to get the Grand Trunk bill out of committee stage yesterday, makes prorogation of parliament this week a practical impossibility. With only two of the twelve clauses of the bill disposed of, consideration of the measure in committee is certain to take up another day or two. The bill cannot reach the Senate until the middle of the week and the debate in the upper house is certain to occupy several days.

Although the attitude of the Opposition in the House yesterday suggested the possibility of the Liberals keeping up the fight for a long time, they say that they have no intention of persisting in their opposition to an unusual length. It has occurred to suggest that the bill might have to put through by closure, the government stating that the opposition have as much time as they desire to consider it.

While the government is confidently counting on a majority for the Grand Trunk legislation when the bill reaches the Senate, it is realized that the margin of safety for the measure may not be a wide one and that the situation is one which will keep the ministerial whips on the alert until the final vote is taken.

This being the situation in the upper house, the progress of the bill in that chamber will be watched with intense interest at the capital. Then the railway legislation is finally out of the way in the commons, it is anticipated that the government's prohibition legislation will be proceeded with.

There have been rumors this week that these bills would be dropped for the session, but there has been no official intimation from the government to warrant such an assumption.

The indications are they will be proceeded with. The amendment to the Dominion Temperance Act, the more important of the two bills, will make provision for bone dry prohibition in any province following an affirmative vote on a referendum taken on the authorization of a resolution passed by a provincial legislature.

It is expected that the report of the special committee of the commons, which under the chairmanship of Hon. J. A. Calder, has been considering the bill to amend the act relating to soldiers' civil re-establishment will make its report to the commons today. The house will probably devote a couple of days to the discussion of the report and the bill to which it relates.

In addition there are a number of government bills of minor importance to be dealt with so that parliament is not likely to conclude its business before the end of next week.

SENATE FIGHT OVER TREATY IS AT STANDSTILL

Washington, D. C., Oct. 28—The Senate fight over the Peace Treaty is at a standstill today and the only reference to the treaty, during the session was incidental to prohibition debate.

Tomorrow, leaders hope to get a vote on the last of the amendments reported by the foreign relations committee, that by Senator Ross, New Hampshire, to exclude all of the British dominions from taking part in any league decision affecting any one of them.

MANY CRIMINAL CASES BEFORE W'LAND COURT

Grand Jury Unable to Finish Labors on the Opening Day —Many Serious Offences.

Moncton N. B. Oct. 28—Not perhaps within the memory of the younger generation has the sheriff's calendar in the County of Westmorland contained so many criminal matters as that which was before the Supreme Court, King's Bench Division, which opened at Dorchester this afternoon with Chief Justice McKeown presiding. Some thirteen cases were presented to the Grand Jury for consideration with the result that the grand inquest was unable to get through with half its business this afternoon. The present outlook therefore, is that there will be a lengthy sitting of the court in consequence of the large criminal docket. There is an unusually large number of barristers and witnesses in attendance. The Attorney General is being represented by T. T. Goodwin, of Moncton.

The sheriff's calender contains the following cases:

The King vs. Mike Bonniferro and Toni Rinaldo, charged with robbery at Moncton.

The King vs. Sam Brown and wife, charged with theft of $3,000 worth of diamonds at Moncton. This is the celebrated Chinese diamond robbery from Melanson's jewelry store last summer.

The King vs. Stanley Crossman, charged with escape from jail.

The King vs. Stanley Crossman, charged withe assaulting the matron of Dorchester jail.

The King vs. Jack Knesjwick, charged with theft.

The King vs. Wm. Buck, charged with an attempt of breaking jail.

The King vs. Henry LeBlanc, Louis Melanson, J. Hebert, Hebert L. Gaudet, A. Dujay, charged with theft.

The King vs. Joseph Melanson, charged with theft and escape from jail.

The King vs. Wm. Nickerson, charged with receiving stolen goods.

The King vs. Ben Poirier and Tim LeBlanc, charged with breaking and entering.

The King vs. Wetmore Steeves, charged with adultery.

The Grand Jury was instructed by the Chief Justice to bring in their findings as they came to a decision in each case in order that the court might proceed with the trial.

A true bill was found in the case of the King vs. Stanley Crossman, charged with assault and having caused bodily harm, and the trial was immediately proceeded with. Three witnesses for the Crown were examined when adjournment was made until Wednesday morning.

When the court adjourned the Grand Jury had disposed of the following cases. The King vs. Stanley Crossman. True bills on four counts. The King vs. Mike Bonnefero and Toni Renadi, true bills. The King vs. Jack K. Knejinck, true bill. The King vs. Wetmore Steeves, no bill. The King vs. Herbert Obleins, charged with adultery, no bill. The King vs. Henry LeBlanc, J. Hebert, A. Hebert, L. Gaudet, A. Dujay of Shediac. The boys after being given a lecture by the Chief Justice were allowed to go. They were charged with theft from the C. N. R. cars. The remaining five cases will come before the grand jury tomorrow. There are three civil cases on the docket.

BANKERS ADVANCE CREDIT TO KOLCHAK

London, Oct. 28—A wireless message from Moscow says that a group of international bankers has advanced to Admiral Kolchak a credit of $50,000,000.

BILL DESIGNED TO AMERICANIZE ALIENS IN U. S.

There Are 8,000,000 Illiterates Over Ten Years of Age in the U. S.—Fuel for American Melting Pot.

DRASTIC MEASURES TO BE PURSUED

Government Does Not Intend to Allow a Few Hundred Thousand Anarchists to Overthrow the Country.

Washington, Oct. 2—Legislation designed to Americanize aliens is contained in a bill reported today by the senate committee which investigated the steel strike. The bill, which was placed on the calendar with a view to early consideration, provides for co-operation between the states and the federal government in educating aliens.

In presenting the bill, Senator Kenyon of Iowa, chairman of the committee, emphasized education of illiterate aliens as a measure to curb radicalism. The senate, he said, will be "astounded" at facts gathered in the steel inquiry regarding alien illiteracy.

"Give those illiterate aliens a chance to become good citizens," said Chairman Kenyon, "and after that if they do not do it they ought to be compelled to leave the country."

Referring to the anniversary of the birth of former President Roosevelt Senator Kenyon said he was "the supreme American" and it was fitting that the Americanization bill should be launched on his birthday.

There are 8,000,000 illiterates over ten years of age in the country, Senator Kenyon estimated, "fuel for the American melting pot."

"We should deal with an iron hand with radicals," Senator Kenyon added "America will not tolerate anarchy. It does not propose that a few thousand anarchists shall overthrow the government. There is no place in America for the red flag of anarchy."

Members of the labor committee at a meeting today discussed the report which the committee will submit to the senate as a result of its strike inquiry but Chairman Kenyon said no understanding was reached. The committee, he said, will beet again Thursday, at which time each member will submit a draft of a report and from these the committee's final report will be prepared.

There is understood to be some difference of opinion among the members of the committee as to the causes of the strike and also inclination upon the part of some to criticize Judge Gary of the United States Steel Corporation. Chairman Kenyon however is anxious to adjust these differences so that an unanimous report can be submitted.

CABINET READY TO FIGHT MINERS

Plans Perfected for Handling the Strike Should it Occur Friday Night.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 28—How to deal with the soft coal strike, in event the miners ignore President Wilson's command to stay on the job and walk out on Friday night, was definitely agreed upon today at a two-hour meeting of the cabinet.

The plan of action was not disclosed, but it is known that the cabinet stood as one man for protection of the rights of the public, which would suffer with the closing of the mines, in which ordinarily more than half a million members of the United Mine Workers of America are employed.

SPRINGHILL MAN KILLED WHEN AUTO TURNS TURTLE

Halifax, N. S., Oct. 28.—An automobile accident at Springhill Mines this morning resulted in the death of Malcolm H. Sprague, a prominent shoe dealer of the town. Mr. Sprague was driving along the road near the park when his car skidded into the ditch, crashed into the park fence and turned over. The body was found about five o'clock by men going to work. Mr. Sprague managed one of the largest retail shoe stores in the province. He was prominent in boosting sport, and this season donated a trophy to the local baseball league. He belonged to Charlottetown. His wife at present is visiting in Western Canada.

ALLIED COMMISSION LEAVES SOON FOR BALTIC TO EVACUATE GERMANS THERE

Paris, Oct. 28.—The Supreme Council decided today that the Allied commission to supervise the evacuation of the Baltic provinces by the Germans should leave for the Baltic within a few days. This decision was reached at a meeting of the council presided over by Premier Clemenceau and attended by Marshal Foch, General Niessal and numerous Allied military and naval experts.

The commission is composed of General Niessal, representing France, who is chief of the body; General Turner, of Great Britain, Gen Meriotti, Italy; Commandant Takeda, Japan, and Brigade-General Chaucy, United States.

WASHINGTON PINS ITS HOPE ON U. M. W. OFFICIALS TO PREVENT STRIKE

Washington, Oct. 28.—Officials today pinned their hope of averting the strike of bituminous miners called for Saturday on the meeting tomorrow in Indianapolis of the executive board of the United Mine Workers of America.

Study of union by-laws, officials said today, revealed that the executive board has power to call off the strike, or at least to order a postponement. Should President Wilson's appeal to the miners be heeded, to the extent of a postponement, officials here are of the opinion that the strike will be averted, for a postponement would be certain to bring with it negotiations for a new wage agreement.