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LONDON FRIDAY APRIL 30.
LLOYD-GEORGE'S RADICAL BUDGET.

Mr. Lloyd-George has framed the most radical budget Great Britain has known since the introduction of free trade.

He has met the expectations of the progressive wing of the Liberal party, and has put new weapons into the hands of the Government in its fight against the House of Lords, the land monopolists, the liquor interests and the other forces of privilege and reaction.

An Opposition critic stigmatizes it as "the maddest budget ever introduced," but it is democratic to the core, and the Lords will scarcely venture to make it the issue in a general election, which would ensue if they rejected it, as they have the power to do.

The opponents of the Government have been crying that the financing of old-age pensions and other schemes of social reform will be impossible unless the basis of taxation is widened by duties upon imports, but the Chancellor of the Exchequer proposes to find the money without taxing the food of the people, or impairing the free trade system in the slightest degree. He has undertaken to raise nearly \$100,000,000 of additional revenue, without increasing by a farthing the cost of the necessities of life. The poorer classes, excepting the users of liquor and tobacco, are untouched by the fresh imposts. The burden falls upon almost entirely upon the forms of wealth and property which can bear it best.

The outstanding feature of the budget, the provision which breaks new ground and introduces a revolutionary principle into British national finance, is the tax on land values. The treasury will take 20 per cent of the increase in the value of land caused by the enterprise of the community. This is a just tax, advocated by progressive and enlightened men in all countries. It is based upon the theory that values created by the community should belong to the community. It is in harmony with the teaching of Henry George, though Mr. Lloyd-George's measure falls a long way short of the single tax as defined in "Progress and Poverty." It is only a step, an experiment, but the result will be watched by students of economics the world over.

The dispatches describe the increase of license fees as an act of revenge upon the House of Lords for throwing out the licensing bill. This is not the Government's motive; the taxes upon public houses were admittedly too low, and the rejection of the licensing bill left the way open to raise them to a reasonable level. "The trade" had to take either horn of the dilemma. It chose to throw its whole weight against the licensing bill, and succeeded with the help of the House of Lords. Now it has to pay through the nose for opposing the moral sentiment of the country.

The radical and democratic character of the budget is illustrated also in the revision of the income tax and the succession or estate duties. Persons earning under \$2,000 will escape any increase in the income tax, and a parent earning under \$500 will profit by an abatement of \$10 for every child under 16 years of age. Persons earning over \$2,000 a year will pay one shilling in the pound, an increase of threepence. The tax on unearned incomes—i. e., incomes derived from investments—will be raised from one shilling to one shilling two pence in the pound. On all incomes exceeding \$5,000 a year there will be a super-tax of sixpence in the pound. The differentiation between earned and unearned incomes and the curtail on large incomes are based on the principle of taxing according to the ability to pay. It is another challenge to the privileged classes, represented by the House of Lords.

The death and succession duties will be readjusted upon a similar principle. The greater the value the estate, the higher will be the rate of taxation, and

addition of nearly \$4,000,000 is expected from these changes. Last year the estate duties yielded £18,370,000, a tax which, of course, fell entirely upon accumulated wealth.

The new taxes on motor cars and on stock speculation will, of course, arouse the antagonism of many well-to-do people, but the Government must find more money somewhere, and has preferred to take it from those who have it to spare.

The cry of "socialism and confiscation" is already being heard, but the same cry was raised against many of the budgets introduced by Mr. Gladstone and Sir William Harcourt, and still the wealth of the country has continued to increase. Mr. Lloyd-George has shown the courage of his Radical convictions. He has justified his reputation for daring and resourceful statesmanship, and as a friend of the common people, from whom he has sprung, British Liberalism has redeemed its pledges, and it may now confidently meet its enemies.

CANADA'S SEAFARING SONS.

A fact which even many Canadians will learn with surprise is that Canada has a larger seafaring population than any other country in the world, excepting Great Britain.

According to official returns there were enrolled in this country last year 71,251 fishermen, or half the number of men required to man the British navy, and three times as many as were in the United States fleet during the war with Spain. In addition to these are 25,000 fishermen on the Pacific Coast, making over 96,000 "tollers of the sea."

Hon. G. W. Ross made use of this information in a notable speech in the Senate this week in support of a resolution advocating Government provision for the technical education of seamen, with a view both to the development of the shipping interests of Canada and the formation of a trained body of men who could man ships of the proposed new Canadian navy. He pointed out that for success on land or sea education was indispensable, and held that what was being done in this way at present was altogether inadequate. A few lectures are delivered each year on seamanship and about 200 mariners are receiving naval instruction at eight points in Canada, so that it will be seen how meagre is the education provided.

Senator Ross declared there was no parallel for this condition in any other line of business or professional life. During the past 35 years there have been 11,118 shipwrecks, in which 5,830 lives were lost, and \$55,521,823 worth of property was destroyed, and the senator asked if any of these disasters would have been averted if the men in charge of the vessels had been better trained.

Senator Ross does not agree with those who say the seamen would not take advantage of educational facilities. That was said of farmers when experimental farms were started, but the farmers made use of them, greatly to their own and the country's benefit. Mr. Ross declared his belief that if the plan be recommended and better-qualified class of fishermen and seamen would be the result. Great Britain and the United States had set the example of establishing naval reserves and training both officers and men. Ross the present seemed an opportune time to start the work, as it is proposed to begin the construction of naval vessels and officers, and men would be needed for them when finished. He could see no reason why an institution for higher education of naval officers should not be established in Canada which could turn out the officers and even the admirals of the Canadian navy.

In view of the assurance that the Government has now the question under consideration in connection with the scheme of naval aid to the mother country, Senator Ross did not press his resolution. The question raised, however, is an interesting and important one, and more is certain to be heard of it in the near future.

The beautiful snow makes nature ugly at this time of the year.

That British budget bears the impress of Henry George, as well as Lloyd-George.

The Turkish reforms have got rid of the Sultan, but they have still to purge the country of the vicious system he created. "The evil that men do lives after them."

This year two 15,000-ton steamships will run between Montreal and Liverpool. This is an eye-opener as to the improvement in the St. Lawrence channel. The Canadian route is capturing an increasing share of the Atlantic passenger traffic.

It is proposed to exclude the press from the Khrushchev inquiry. This "crown's quest" law would not serve the interests of justice, and so far from shielding any innocent person from public rumor and suspicion, it would have the opposite effect.

The Associated Press is an efficient organization, and has made the world a whispering gallery, but sometimes it "falls down" on its assignment. Its London office yesterday sent out a supposed summary of Lloyd-George's speech, and asserted positively that there would be no new features in the budget. The budget proved to be the most radical one in sixty years. The evening newspapers have a right to complain.

A JUDICIOUS SECOND PRAYER.

(M. A. P.)

Mr. Philip Snowden is quite one of the best orators in the labor party. He is moreover, blessed with a fund of humor, and his speeches are frequently spiced with some excellent stories. A short time

ago, illustrating a point to the effect that Parliament only helps those that help themselves, Mr. Snowden told of a man who coveted a plump turkey belonging to his neighbor. He prayed long and earnestly, but without avail, that this neighbor's turkey might be sent into his backyard. Then he changed his prayer, and asked that he might be sent into the garden where the turkey was. And, curiously enough, says Mr. Snowden, the prayer was granted that very night.

AMBIGUOUS.

(Punch.)

She (effusively)—How nice it is to have met you again after all these years, my dear Capt. Burlington.

He—Major now. That was ten years ago, you know.

She (still more effusively)—How time flies! Well, congratulations and goodbye. I hope you'll be a general when next we meet!

ONLY GOOD GRIT IS A DEAD ONE.

(Calgary News.)

From a casual perusal of the Mail and Empire we have come to the conclusion that the journal doesn't believe there is one honest Grit in Canada.

SAD STORY.

(Chicago Daily News.)

Kind Lady—What drove you from home, my poor man—housecleaning?

Sandy Pikes—No, mum; me wife bought one of dem new-fangled dresses wid 500 buttons.

A SOCIAL SURPRISE.

(Washington Star.)

"So the reception interested you?"

"Yes," answered Mr. Meekton. "I'm glad my wife took me. It was a novel experience to find everybody talking at me instead of listening to Henrietta's opinions."

CHEERFUL ERRAND-RUNNERS.

(Lippincott's.)

"It is really a pleasure, ma'am, to observe how readily your little boy runs your errands!"

"Oh, he's the boy that lives next door. I get him to do my errands because my own boy won't!"

"Ah! What is your boy doing now?"

"There he is, rushing on an errand for the lady next door!"

SCORE ONE FOR WILLIE.

(Boston Transcript.)

Teacher—Now, Willie, how many months have twenty-eight days?

Willie—All of them, and some have three days over.

DOESN'T COUNT.

(Punch.)

Mother—Alice, did I not see you kiss Mr. Brace when you came home from the theatre last night?

Alice—Yes, ma, but it was through my veil.

PITY THE POOR FARMER.

(Saskatoon Phoenix.)

It is pretty galling to the farmer to know that wheat is over the \$1 mark in Saskatoon today, and that when he wishes to sell his season's crop about the end of September, the market will be in all probability be around 70 cents.

PROGRESS OF HIGHER CRITICISM.

(Montreal Star.)

Now that a learned professor has said that Moses is not the namesake of the earthquake destroyed Sodom, a statement may be expected at any moment that Eve is not Adam a lemon instead of an apple.

TOO BUSY TO HEAR.

(Ottawa Journal.)

The cry of the Christian world in Armenia is drowned by the rattle of the hammers on the Christian Drednoughts.

ON THE COMPARTMENT SYSTEM.

(Woodstock Sentinel-Review.)

There is another consideration, of course, and that is the fact that the built on the water-tight compartment principle. They believe in the God of Peace, and they keep the two beliefs entirely separate, and never take the time to consider whether or not there is any inconsistency in harboring both.

HOW WAR SCARES ARE MADE.

(St. Louis Mirror.)

Reading the more popular British papers about Germany today, one is reminded of the mingled hatred and fear that marked all references to Napoleon Bonaparte, when he was at his zenith. It is not so certain, either, that the hatred and fear are not being worked up by the landed and money interests of Britain as a check upon the determination of the Liberal Government to tax land values and to redistribute land among the people forced out of possession by centuries of landlordism. The cry goes up that the Liberals are bent on anti-national, socialist schemes and neglecting the public defense. The peerage, the bourgeoisie, the landlords, would rather have war than old age pensions or a tax on site value of land.

ORNITHOLOGICAL ERROR.

(Boston Transcript.)

Judge—You are accused of snatching a turkey from a grocery window.

Prisoner (a student)—I took it for a lark, your honor.

Judge—No resemblance whatever, sir. You must have been drunk. Sixty days.

DE GUSTIBUS.

(New York Times.)

"The other day," remarked a waiter at a Broadway restaurant, "a man came in here, and what do you suppose he ordered? French fried potatoes and strawberries. How's that for a novel dish?"

"That's nothing," replied the customer, who knew his New York. "I was in a restaurant once when a man put tomato ketchup on his ice cream."

TOUSLED, BUT HAPPY.

(Town and Country.)

Hunting the hare with beagles is a particularly attractive sport for women. The outskirts of the London suburbs ring with the shouts of women beaglers on Saturdays. It is a curious sight to see fifty or a hundred women rushing pell-mell behind the beagles after a hare. "Round and round they go, tousled, bedraggled and faces all aglow. No wonder their complexions are the envy of the world. The sight of an Englishwoman chasing a hare on foot, through hedges and thickets, over hedges and stiles, better-sketcher over everything, would make a German hausfrau find her hands folded helplessly in front of her.

HUMOR IN THE JUNGLE.

(Boston Transcript.)

Lion—Here comes Roosevelt with his gun. Skip before he sees you.

Leopard—What's the use. Can't you see that I'm already spotted?

THE EARLY RISER.

(Cleveland Leader.)

The mistress—My Ann, you got up an hour before we do, but you don't seem to accomplish anything in that time. Isn't there something you might do in that hour?

The maid—Yessum. I might make th' beds.

HOW SHE FELT.

(Chicago Tribune.)

"Some people can stand on the top of a high building and look down," said Mrs. Lapelling, "but I can't. It always gives me an attack of vertigo."

MURDER MYSTERY AT PRAIRIE CAPITAL

Sensational Developments Connected With the Killing of Mrs. Willie James.

Winnipeg, Man., April 29.—The police dragnet is rapidly closing in on the murderer of Mrs. James, who was killed in her home on Dominion street Thursday afternoon last.

The coroner's inquest opened at 7 last night in the court room at the police station.

Mr. James, husband of the murdered woman, was the first witness called. He repeated his story of finding his wife's body, adding nothing to the story already published.

Dr. Gordon Bell, who performed the autopsy, testified that the victim had been killed by two blows on the head with a blunt instrument, probably a piece of wood.

Riddell, an employee at the greenhouses near the James home, said he saw Mr. James go to the greenhouses after his wife had been murdered, but threw no light on the tragedy.

Germane, the carpenter building a house south of the James home, produced the sensation of the evening by telling of seeing a young man hurriedly leaving the James home a few minutes before 9 o'clock. A little later Mr. James came along. Germane had a good look at the young man, and he thought it was the same man who had been seen at the James home.

Such witnesses as were examined last night were simply allowed to tell their story in extempore fashion, and were not cross-examined. This may occur at a further sitting of the inquest, which will be continued from day to day until all the facts have been exhaustively investigated.

The general public was disappointed at the apparently lame nature of last night's proceedings. Nevertheless some startling facts are promised, and probably not of the nature that the general public expects.

SPLENDID PROGRAMME WAS ABLY RENDERED

In First Congregational Church

Last Night—A Supper Also.

The First Congregational Church was well-filled last evening when the choir, assisted by several soloists, gave a concert which proved to be one of the best of the season and was thoroughly enjoyed throughout.

Rev. D. S. Hamilton presided and the choir was under the direction of Mr. J. Gosling, organist and choirmaster of the church. The singing of the choruses was well done and showed the most careful training.

The selection, "The Heavens Are Telling," from Haydn's "Creation," was particularly well rendered by Mr. W. A. Bluetner gave several piano selections and they were all rendered in a most artistic manner.

Miss Alice M. Halls, contralto soloist, of St. Andrew's Church, sang two solos and was heartily cheered by her first core, the "Lullaby Song," being one of the featured songs of the program. Chamberlain's beautiful and fanciful song, "Ere," was sung by Miss Edith McEwen, who rendered it in a delightful manner. A feature of the programme that was much appreciated was the reading of the "Mystic Anthology." Her humorous sketches, particularly, "The Song of the Bow," by special request, were given by Mr. D. S. Hamilton, and replies were made by Messrs. Howell and Zwicker.

POWER COMMITTEE ARE TO RUSH NIAGARA POWER

Will Likely Call for Tenders for Supplies So as to Not Delay Matters.

There is little new in the Niagara power situation, but there will be something of importance transpire within a day or two.

Tomorrow night the power committee will meet, and the advisability of calling for tenders for supplies will be discussed.

It is quite likely that they will decide to call for tenders at once, and not delay the matter of getting the city's plant in operation until after the vote on the London Electric Company's proposition is taken.

Engineer Sifton stated today that if the tenders for poles, wire, cross-arms, insulators, and that sort of thing were let within a reasonable time, it would greatly assist the city in getting ready for Niagara power when it comes.

Mr. Sifton's Opinion.

"If the tenders for the poles and the other equipment needed were let step would be taken toward the city plant," he stated today. "To properly set and equip the poles throughout the city is a large proposition and it takes time. It can be done hurriedly, of course, but it will not be well done, and the city would lose thereby. It is quite a big thing to erect and equip the plant."

The London Electric.

The offer of the London Electric will come up before the council, on Monday night, and will cause a considerable debate.

At one time, it was thought that the city would be no doubt that the council would send the \$400,000 proposition to the people, but there is not the same certainty at the present moment.

Some of the aldermen, who were favorable are not quite so certain that it would be wise to take a vote on that price, as there appears a strong sentiment among the electors against paying that figure for a plant, that while it may be a going concern now, will be of little value to the city for Niagara power.

Of course, the London Electric state that they have said the last word, and among the electors against paying that figure for a plant, that while it may be a going concern now, will be of little value to the city for Niagara power.

Will Mean New Plant.

The city will either pay the price or fight.

If the council decide not to submit the offer to the people, the way will be opened to commence work on the city plant.

It is definitely settled that there must be opposition, the council will get busy on their own plant, and will probably rush the work in order to be ready by Dec. 19.

SOCIETY
NOTE PAPER,
25c BOXES
FOR 15c.

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Continued Sale of Ladies' Sample Silk Dresses, Wash Coat Suits and Shirtwaist Dresses

The sale of manufacturers' samples of Ladies' Dresses and Wash Suits will be continued

Saturday Morning at 9 o'Clock

Notwithstanding the severe storm that prevailed yesterday morning, many enthusiasts braved the elements to participate in this sale of sample garments—many, however, were prevented from leaving their homes, and for their benefit we announce that many of the most attractive bargains are still to be had.

Ladies' Wash Coat Suits, worth from \$8.00 to \$12.50, at	\$5.95
Ladies' Wash Shirtwaist Dresses, worth from \$7.50 to \$10.00, at	\$3.95
Ladies' Princess Wash Dresses, worth from \$9.00 to \$15.00, at	\$4.95
Ladies' Silk Dresses, worth from \$15.00 to \$20.00, at	\$8.95

Special in Men's Suits Saturday

Progress Brand Suits for Saturday only at **\$12.95**—actually picked from our regular stock of \$15.00, \$16.50 and \$18.00 values. About fifty Suits.



A CALL TO OUR SHOE SALE!

Save your shoe money before it's too late.

When our landlord says, "Move," we move. We've no lease now on our stores; any hour may see our Great Shoe Sale a thing of the past.

It will be many a day before you will have another opportunity to buy shoes at the prices we are now offering them.

We've made a whole army of shoe-buyers happy during this sale, and still have plenty of good things left.

Women's Glazed Kid Oxfords, patent tip; per pair	99c	Infants' Kid Strap Slippers, hard soles; per pair	29c
Women's Dongola Oxfords, extension sole, patent tip; per pair	\$1.19	Children's Kid Lace Boots, sizes 5 to 7; per pair	59c
Women's Dongola Oxfords, calf tops, extension sole; per pair	\$1.49	Children's Pebble Bluchers, sizes 5 to 7; per pair	69c
Women's Chocolate Oxfords, extension sole; per pair	\$1.49	Children's Fine Dongola Bluchers; sizes 4 to 7; per pair	69c
Women's Oxblood Oxfords, extension sole; per pair	\$1.49	Children's Pebble Lace Boots, sizes 8, 9, 10; per pair	79c
Women's Dongola Blucher Boots, extension sole; per pair	\$1.39	Children's Extra Good Vici Bluchers, extension sole; per pair	99c
Women's Chrome Patent Oxfords, extension sole; per pair	\$1.49	Children's Chocolate and Black Kid Strap Slippers, sizes 5 to 7; per pair	59c
Women's Chocolate Vici Oxfords, swing last; per pair	\$1.69	Children's Chocolate and Black Kid Strap Slippers, sizes 8, 9, 10; pair	69c
Women's Vici Kid, Mat. Calf Top Oxfords; per pair	\$1.69	Men's Boston Calf Lace Boots, all solid; per pair	\$1.19
Women's Fine Dongola Bluchers, school heel; per pair	\$1.69	Men's Heavy Chrome Split Bluchers, regular \$1.75; per pair	\$1.39
Women's Fine Dongola Bluchers, Mat. Calf Tops; per pair	\$1.79	Men's Fine Dongola Bluchers; per pair	\$1.49
Women's Tan Calf Oxfords, extension sole; per pair	\$1.89	Men's Box Kip Bluchers, solid all through; per pair	\$1.69
Women's Patent Colt Blucher Oxfords, Goodyear welled; per pair	\$1.99	Men's Canadian Kip Bluchers, regular \$2.25; per pair	\$1.89
Women's Patent Colt Blucher Boots, made in Boston; per pair	\$1.99	Men's English Kip Bluchers, regular \$2.75; per pair	\$2.19
Misses' Dongola Bluchers, patent tip, good soles; per pair	89c	Men's \$2.50 Box Calf and Vici Bluchers; per pair	\$2.09
Misses' Vici Kid Bluchers, all solid; per pair	\$1.29	Men's \$3.00 Velour and Patent Bluchers; per pair	\$2.39
Misses' Box Calf Bluchers, solid insoles; per pair	\$1.49	Boys' Boston Calf, lace, all solid; per pair	89c, 99c
Misses' Chocolate Kid Bluchers, extension soles; per pair	\$1.59	Boys' Box Kip Bluchers, neat and good	\$1.19, \$1.49
Infants' Soft-Soled Boots, all colors; per pair			