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New Cabinet Will Likely Contain Twelve Members

Will be Made up of 5 Unionists, 5 Liberals and 2 Laborites—From This Number a Smaller War Council is to be Appointed—Labor Party Will Support New Ministry?

NORTHCLIFFE NOT ANXIOUS TO JOIN NEW CABINET

The Evening News, Lloyd George's organ, says that no names of the new Cabinet will likely include several business men of tried ability, irrespective of party values or ties—New Cabinet Will be Purely National Administration Looking to the Needs of the War Alone

LONDON, Dec. 7.—That David Lloyd George has virtually succeeded in forming a cabinet is indicated by the following announcement in the Court Calendar to-night:—Right Hon. David Lloyd George had an audience with the King this evening, and accepted His Majesty's offer of the post of Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury, and kissed his hands upon his appointment.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—It is regarded this afternoon as virtually certain that Lloyd George will succeed in organizing a Ministry, which will have the support of a majority in the Commons, the Labor party having decided to participate in making up the new Cabinet. It is said that George Nicoll Barnes, Labor member of Parliament and Privy Councillor, and Arthur Henderson, President of the Board of Education in the Coalition Ministry, would be members of the Cabinet, and that one of them will sit on the War Council. In addition it is also said three under-secretaries will be allotted to the Labor party.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—The Evening News, Lloyd George's organ, says that no names of the new Cabinet ministers will likely be published until to-morrow, but that sufficient offices of a powerful Government will include several business men of tried ability, irrespective of party values or ties. Lloyd George's efforts, it is added, is being facilitated by the refusal of help from many former colleagues because it was thus needless to consider their claims. The Evening Standard says it understands A. J. Balfour, First Lord of the Admiralty, will join the new ministry, probably as Colonial Secretary. There is a strong probability that Walter Runciman, President of the Board of Trade will be a member of the ministry, while Andrew Bonar Law will probably be made First Lord of the Admiralty.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—The Chronicle says that David Lloyd George is believed to favor a strong Labor policy, including State control of all coal fields, and other large developments in the direction of collective ownership. It is asserted unanimously in the press that if Lloyd George succeeds, his cabinet will be a National administration pure and simple, looking to the needs of the war alone, which the papers say is the prime necessity of the moment.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—It is understood Lloyd George is aiming at a Cabinet of twelve members, five of them Unionists, five Liberals, and two Labor representatives. From this number a small War Council is to be appointed.

Lloyd George's difficulty at present is to obtain adequate Liberal representation, inasmuch as nearly all the Liberals in Asquith's Cabinet decline to serve under him. It was decided at a meeting of the Liberal Committee held under the chairmanship of Sir Fred. Capley, and attended by thirty members, to support the new Premier actively.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—I have no intention of joining the new Cabinet, prefer to sit in Printing House Square or Carmelite House. Lord Northcliffe thus remarked to a Central News interviewer to-day.

Blockade of Greek Ports

PARIS, Dec. 8.—An official Journal will publish tomorrow decree proclaiming blockade of Greek ports.

Will Enforce Blockade

Allies Protest Against Ill-Treatment of Venizelists—Are Optimistic Government Officials—Allies Hold Up Greek Shipping

LONDON, Dec. 6.—In response to an enquiry at the Foreign Office to-day concerning the situation in Greece, the Associated Press was informed that a despatch had been received from the British Legation at Athens, stating that the American, Dutch and Spanish Ministers there were going to call upon the Greek Foreign Minister and enter a strong protest against the ill-treatment of the adherents of Venizelos in Athens. Notwithstanding, it is generally believed that the Entente blockade will go into effect immediately without notice. Government officials are optimistic after a conference between King Constantine and the Italian Minister this afternoon. It is asserted in Government circles that Greece can withstand a siege of 20 days, although districts that can be reached only by water will suffer more. In consequence of the recent clash of the Entente forces with the Greeks in Athens, the British and French Government have prohibited the sailing of Greek ships from their ports to those of Greece.

French Official

PARIS, Dec. 6.—A communication issued by the War Office to-night reads: "There is nothing to report except spirited artillery action on the left bank of the Meuse, in the region of Hill 304. The Army of the East, Dec. 6.—The enemy bombarded our position on the slopes north of Sokol, which resulted only in the capture of a part of a height recently conquered. South of Seres a Turkish trench was cleared by British troops, who brought back prisoners. The Belgian communication has nothing to report."

Sir Max Aitken

LONDON, Dec. 8.—Apropos of Government reconstruction, friends of Sir Max Aitken are mentioning his name in connection with important appointment. Sir Max, frequently seen with Bonar Law, recently has been spending a large part of his time at the War Office, where he occupies himself with war film work.

THE F.P.U. CONVENTION CLOSURES TO-DAY.

Greater Enthusiasm Than Ever—180 Delegates Are Now Assembled at Catalina—Big Demonstration Was Held Last Night, 500 Voters Take Part—Sitting Members Again Selected for Twillingate, Trinity, Fogo and Bonavista Districts.

(Special to The Mail and Advocate)

CATALINA, December 7.—The Convention yesterday formulated the platform for the coming elections. Messrs. Winsor and Abbott were again selected by Bonavista District Council as candidates; the selection of the third man was left in the hands of the President.

Dr. Lloyd delivered a very able address, covering an hour, at last night's session. It was the ablest ever delivered before a Convention and created great enthusiasm. The Convention rising at the close and cheering repeatedly.

President Coaker delivered an hour's speech, dealing with the platform before the Convention voted. The Convention adjourned at 11.30. Twelve delegates arrived yesterday. The total attending is about 170.

A grand demonstration in honour of the Convention, attended by the L.O.A. Band, takes place to-night.

Twillingate and Fogo District Councils were in session during the forenoon. The other delegates visited the construction work. The Convention which resumes sitting at 2.30 will close to-morrow. The President and company are returning to town on Saturday. The Reid Nfld. Co. are sending the "Dundee" on Friday to take the Bonavista Bay delegates to their homes.

Greatest enthusiasm prevails at this Convention. Business and interest far surpasses all former gatherings of the Supreme Council.

(Special to The Mail and Advocate)

CATALINA, December 8.—Yesterday Twillingate and Fogo District Councils finished their business and selected Messrs. Clift and Jennings for Twillingate and Halfyard for Fogo; the third man for Twillingate will be selected by President Coaker, and must be a local man. The following candidates have been selected:—Messrs. Lloyd, Stone, Targett, Winsor, Abbott, Halfyard, Clift and Jennings. The political platform to be known as the Catalina Platform has been formulated and adopted.

Last night a grand torchlight demonstration consisting of 500 voters was held. The night was an ideal one for such a purpose. The Orange Band was in attendance. The demonstration paraded four miles from the Orange Hall to the great Union Premises and return. It was the greatest of all demonstrations ever held here.

At ten the delegates returned to the Hall and hundreds of members were unable to secure entrance. Speeches were delivered by Dr. Lloyd, Messrs. Halfyard, Jennings and the President.

This Convention is the greatest in every way of all Conventions and the delegates in attendance now total 180. The utmost harmony prevails and greater confidence than ever exists in the President and also his work. Enthusiasm is intense. Speeches are superior than heard at any former Convention.

Dr. Lloyd has become very popular and the Union is universally acclaimed and trusted. Not one discordant note has been heard for the four days these representatives of the people have been considering numerous matters of public importance.

The Convention will close at noon to-day. Lieut. Hicks will address a recruiting meeting this afternoon. The Publishing Company's shareholders will hold their Annual Meeting to-day, and caucus meeting of the M.H.A.'s will be held to-night.

The New Cabinet Will Contain Eminent Business Men Says Daily Mail

Bonar Law to be Chancellor of the Exchequer and Earl Derby as War Minister—Ministry of Labor Will be Established—Arthur Henderson, Rt. Hon. Geo. Nicholl-Barnes or John Hodge is Expected to be Among the Labor Members of the Government—Col. Winston Churchill Will Not be Included in New Government Says The Daily Mail

LONDON, Dec. 8.—The Daily Mail, which for various reasons may be supposed to have inside information, says Lloyd-George has nearly completed his Government, which will contain some eminent business men, who are not politicians, notably Sir Albert Henry Stanley, managing director of metropolitan district, Central London, and other street railways, who, Daily Mail asserts, will almost certainly be made President Board of Trade. Andrew Bonar Law, according to Daily Mail, is expected to be made Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Earl Derby War Minister. It adds that Ministry of Labor is to be established, and that Mr. Labor Minister will be Minister of Labor. Arthur Henderson, Right Hon. George Nicholl-Barnes or John Hodge is expected to be among the Labor members of the Government. Dr. Christopher Addison, Under Secretary Munitions, and S. R. Lever, an accountant who reduced price shells, will have post ministry. The Daily Mail denies that Lord Robert Cecil and Austen Chamberlain are antagonistic to Lloyd-George, and the newspaper says both of them visited Lloyd-George Thursday, as also did Lord Curzon of Kedleston. It has nothing to say regarding the portfolio of Foreign Minister, and fears are expressed that Col. Winston Spencer Churchill will be a member of the new Administration are unfounded is noteworthy statement of the Daily Mail. He will not be included in it, the paper adds.

Crew Saved; One Sailor Dies From Wounds

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—The crew of the Italian steamer Palermo, which was torpedoed and sunk off the Spanish coast on Thursday, were saved, according to a cable received from their home office by Sartifield Solari & Co., local agents of the ship. The cable despatches from Madrid which reported the sinking said that one sailor, said to be an American, died in hospital from wounds, and three others were seriously wounded. The message made no mention of the loss of life.

Roumanians Save Their Bucharest Army

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—A news agency despatch from Paris says:—The Roumanians evacuated Bucharest in good order, saving their army, it was authoritatively stated here to-day. The Roumanian rearguard was forced to fight strenuously to cover the retreat.

Not Satisfied With Germany's Note

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—It may be said that the United States does not regard the circumstances which the German note recites as showing justification for the sinking of the Arabia without warning, or as relieving the Commander from establishing the status of the liner.

His Portion

Bacon they say in some countries they eat giraffes. Egbert—Great guns! Think of getting the neck!

How the German Press Takes Asquith Resignation

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 7.—The resignation of Premier Asquith clears the situation according to the Koelnische Zeitung, commenting on the English political crisis. The paper says the enemy last forces will now be brought into the field and when they, like the others, have hurled themselves vainly against the strength of Germany we shall find England ready for honest peace.

The Cologne Volkzeitung says that the Germans can view the political events in England with complete composure, the leading man, it says, in the most powerful of the enemy countries confirms it by his resignation.

The Mystery of The Bremen

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 7.—From a statement made by Alfred Lohmann, President of the Board of Directors of the German Ocean Navigation Co., in which he declined to say anything about the German submarine Bremen, except that the vessel was neither torpedoed nor captured, the Cologne Gazette infers that she was lost during a storm in the Atlantic.

Germans Seize Dutch Fish

LONDON, Dec. 7.—A Reuter despatch from Amsterdam says a number of Dutch trawlers were towed into Cuxhaven and the German authorities took twenty-five per cent. of their fish on the ground that it was contraband, as that portion of the total Dutch catch has been assigned to England.

Will be Released For Military Service

LONDON, Dec. 7.—The release for military service of all possible semi-skilled and skilled men who are now engaged in the manufacture of munitions, has been agreed upon by the Admiralty, the Ministry of Munitions and the Army Council.

Lloyd George Succeeds In Forming New Cabinet

New Premier in Accepting the Office of Prime Minister Was Partly Able to Submit to the King a Parliamentary Draft of a List of the Principal Proposed Ministers

NEW PREMIER WILL HAVE A WORKING MAJORITY

Political Situation is Now Regarded With Greater Hopefulness and it is Thought the Crisis Will be Surmounted Without the Fear or Need of a General Election Which the Country Would Regard as a Great Disaster in the Midst of the War and so Many Voters in the Field

LONDON, Dec. 8.—David Lloyd George, at Buckingham Palace, last night formally kissed the King's hands on his acceptance of the offices of Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury. In the formation of his administration he was partly able to submit to the King a Parliamentary draft of a list of the principal proposed Ministers. Doubtless much remains to be done in the way of allocation of new posts, and so far as the public are concerned the personnel of the ministry is a matter of pure speculation, but the Premier has still plenty of time before he has to meet Parliament on Tuesday and complete details. He will doubtless be in a position to present to the Commons a new National Ministry, representing all parties with the possible exception of the Nationalists, and if common report is to be trusted, comprising a strong business element.

Little reliance can be placed upon the numerous names canvassed during the day, but it seems certain his field of choice is much wider than was hastily assumed last night when the admittedly difficult task confronting him was uppermost in the public mind provoked misgivings regarding chance of securing any continued support in Parliament. These misgivings to large extent have disappeared mainly owing to the fact that he has been able to gain the support of the Labor Party by an offer of two ministerial posts and three Under-Secretaryships. With the vote of the Laborites, together with the bulk of the Unionists and a large section of the Liberals, demanding a more energetic prosecution of the war, Lloyd George will probably command a working majority in the Commons, while a further asset will be the "benevolent neutral-

ity," even of the supporters of the late Cabinet in national interests.

How Lloyd George proposes to get over the difficulties of his own making, when he declared the Premier too occupied to be able to preside over the War Council, is still one of the problems. Speaking generally, the situation is regarded with greater hopefulness and it is believed the crisis will be surmounted without the need or fear of a general election, which the country would regard as a great disaster in the midst of the war, when so many electors are serving in the field.

As to the effect of the crisis on the war, it is pointed out that Germany suffered a much worse crisis with the disappearance of Admiral von Tirpitz and General von Falkenhayn from their respective posts without any adverse influence on Germany's military operations. Altogether there is a disposition to give the new Administration a fair chance.

Allies Demand Explanation

Entente Ministers at Athens Demand an Explanation of the Greek Military Activity—Allies to Make Further Demands.

ATHENS, Dec. 8.—Russian, Italian, French and British Ministers called to-day at the Foreign Office at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon with the demand for an explanation of the Greek military activity.

The French Commander, General Sarrail, is quoted as saying he prefers to have Greece openly hostile to the unsettled situation.

Members of the Russian Colony leave here to-morrow. Only the Italian Colony of the Entente remains at Athens.

Allied diplomats although they have received no instructions as yet, see no prospect of arrangement by the Greek Government. It is believed they will demand at least the re-establishment of the Allied control of police posts, telegraph, railways, ports, customs and passports.

"Ana" Sunk

LONDON, Dec. 7.—Lloyds announce the sinking of the Russian sailing vessel Ana.

The Roumanian Army Is Still Falling Back All Along the Line

Just Where it Will Stop and Face About With its Russian Allies Make a Stand Against the Teutonic Forces Has Not Become Apparent—Berlin Says the Teutons Were Enthusiastically Welcomed into Bucharest by the Populace and Decorated With Flowers—British and Serbs Meet Reverses at the Hands of Bulgars and Germans

LONDON, Dec. 8.—The Roumanian army at last reports was still falling back all along the line east of Bucharest from the Transylvanian Alps to the Danube. Just where it will stop, face about, and with its Russian Allies make a stand against the Teutonic forces has not yet become apparent. On Moldavian west frontier, further north along Bukovina border, the Russian attacks against the Austro-German forces have failed to make any impression.

An official communication from Berlin says Bucharest was captured without any fighting except by Roumanian infantry northwest of the capital. This resistance was quickly overcome, and stated invaders entered the town from all sides, being received enthusiastically by the populace, and decorated with flowers. On none of the fronts is a sanguinary battle in progress, for most part artillery wings of belligerents are doing greater portion of fighting. Berlin reports Bulgarians forced back the British to Struma River. The Reid Nfld. Co. will effect repairs.

lowlands near Seres Macedonia, that Bulgarians and Germans have compelled the evacuation by Serbs of positions they had previously captured near Orsovo on Cerna River sector west of Lutsk. In Volhynia Teutonic Allies captured Russian positions, and successfully withstood counter-attacks.

Vienna reports Italians launched two attacks on Carso front, but that both of them were repulsed.

Artillery duels, and exploits by raiding parties continue in fronts of Belgium and France. Germans and French engaged in a spirited artillery battle in region of Hill 304, northwest of Verdun, where Germans on Wednesday gained some ground. An explanation of military activity, by Greeks has been demanded by British, French, Russian and Italian Ministers at Athens, according to unofficial despatch.

HER MACHINERY DAMAGED

The Belgian oil tank steamer "Emmanuel Nobel" in water ballast from Rouen, France, to Newport News, Va., arrived here this morning with her machinery damaged to get repairs. She left Rouen on the 17th. November and had it pretty stormy for a time on the run across, her machinery getting out of order in the North Atlantic. She is a fine ship of 4,600 tons gross and is being looked after by Bowring Bros. back the British to Struma River. The Reid Nfld. Co. will effect repairs.

NOTICE!

The Annual Meeting of the Bay Roberts Local Council will be held in the F.P.U. Hall, Bay Roberts, on MONDAY night, December 11th. All members are respectfully requested to attend.

By order,

S. E. MERCER,
Chairman.