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MacDonald Faces Crisis Anew In British Parliament

HEBRIDES MAY COME HERE

EVICITION BILL COMES UP AGAIN

Cabinet Holds Special Session in Preparation for Meeting Commons.

FIRST IMPORTANCE

Belief is, if Beaten, the Government Will Not Resign Office.

BY HARRY N. MOORE (British United Press.)

London, April 7.—Although the MacDonald government has again escaped defeat, yet it is moving inevitably towards a crisis which must shake it to the foundations. Today the second reading of the eviction bill will take place in parliament, and not all Mr. Wheatley's adroitness or the skill of the labor leaders can avert a real test of strength, with Conservatives lined up solidly against the measure and Liberals protesting that they will support the Conservative opposition in defeating this obnoxious bill.

The evictions bill is only one trouble, for if a compromise is effected and it is safely piloted through the House in modified form, or withdrawn through expedience, there will be a heated debate on the second reading of the Lausanne Treaty with Turkey.

The Premier's statement with regard to Canada shows an absolute variance with the version of the negotiations given by MacKenzie King. The opposition is planning to force the Government to reply in detail to pointed questions regarding Canada's attitude.

Today's debate on the eviction bill will probably reveal the extent of the split within the ranks of the Government following Wheatley's insertion of the crucial clause in the very forefront of the measure preventing eviction of the unemployed from houses and tenements which they may be occupying on the ground of non-payment of rent.

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Choir Boys Strike; Discord In Church

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The matter really began when three of the choir boys, arriving late for a practice were threatened with the loss of their attendance marks.

Most of the other boys at once sympathized with the three, but three "blacks" succeeded in getting into the church although pickets were posted outside. The strikers followed them in and sitting in the body of the church, sang the hymns a line behind the "blackies."

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Skull is Fractured in Auto Collision Near Leominster, Mass.

DIES IN HOSPITAL

Several Others Hurt in Accident That Claims Life of New Brunswicker.

(Special to The Times.)

Woodstock, Mass., April 7.—Leonard Slipp, aged 34, of Worcester, whose home is in Woodstock, N. B., died early this morning in the Leominster Hospital of a fractured skull.

The other car was driven by P. J. Tirney of Worcester and all of the four occupants were slightly injured.

Mr. Averill sustained a broken rib, and a fractured arm, and was taken to the hospital.

Police are investigating. The dead man was a brother of G. Wendell Slipp of Woodstock, druggist, who was mysteriously shot on the Woodstock-Houlton road three years ago.

The mother, Mrs. James Slipp, was notified immediately after the accident.

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Dawes, Irritated, Spurs Committee

(British United Press.)

Paris, April 7.—Irritated by delays in submission of the experts' reports to the Reparations Commission, General Charles G. Dawes, chairman of the committee, today delivered Wednesday as the day for delivery of the reports, barring unforeseen mechanical difficulties.

Dawes presided over a session of the experts this morning and told his associates bluntly that they must finish re-examining and translating the reports today.

The U. S. chairman plainly was extremely annoyed by the delays occasioned by adjusting the language in the French and English texts and kept the committee sitting long after the usual lunch hour.

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Lunch For San-Toy



San-Toy, the four-legged ball ringer of the home of rest for horses at Crickhowell, England, is shown here enjoying a meal of sliced carrots, apples, bread and sugar. He belongs to the English War Office, and is a veteran war horse.

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The party consisted of 203 adults, 77 children and nine infants. They were in charge of Rev. Fathers MacDonnell and MacMillan and Angus Campbell. On their arrival here they were met by Captain A. MacDuff, of the C. P. R. colonization department and arrangements were made to have their tickets purchased, baggage examined and other details attended to prior to their departure.

Away to West.

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Montreal, April 7.—Montreal electors voted today to elect a mayor and 21 aldermen. Mayorally candidates are Medicer Martin, who has held office since 1914; Charles Duquette, who is considered as the present mayor's most dangerous rival; and T. H. Pettit. Out of the thirty-five aldermen to be elected, fourteen were elected by acclamation.

The present mayor at a meeting held on Sunday, not liking some remarks of a local lawyer, descended from the platform and attempted to chastise his interpreter. His efforts were successful for he sent the lawyer to the wall with a punch that hit him in the belt.

The Montreal Gazette says—"A review of the situation indicates quite clearly that only the final push is needed in order that Mayor Martin be defeated."

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GOVERNMENT OF SMUTS RESIGNS

Sensation in South Africa Follows Defeat in By-Election.

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London, April 7.—Central News dispatch from Capetown says that the Government headed by Premier Jan Smuts has resigned.

The resignation of the Smuts' Government is reported to have created a sensation throughout South Africa, despite the fact that it has been expected, following the defeat of a Government candidate in a by-election at Walkerstrom, which reduced Smuts' majority to four.

Capetown, South Africa, April 7.—(Canadian Press cable.)—The resignation of the Government headed by Premier Jan Smuts has been reported as a result of the by-election at Walkerstrom, Transvaal, where the Nationalist candidate Naude defeated Robertson, the Government candidate, by a substantial majority. The seat was formerly held by a Ministerialist, who died. The Walkerstrom by-election is regarded as pivotal as regards the feeling in the country districts, where the Nationalists on the whole easily predominate.

THE POSTAL STRIKE MAY BE AVERTED

Toronto, April 7.—Representatives of the Canadian Federation of Postal Employees have been asked to appear before the Civil Service Commission in Ottawa at 10 o'clock Tuesday.

With this news the possibility of a strike becomes more remote, as it is felt by the postal employees that a better understanding of their case by the authorities will result in appreciation of their demands.

In a communication received by G. R. Jackson, chairman of the federation, it was announced the Civil Service Commission would proceed immediately with the preliminary revision of men in the postal and customs services who had been affected by the bonus reduction.

Fredrickton Votes.

Fredrickton, N. B., April 7.—Fredrickton postal clerks have voted on the strike question in connection with the proposed walk-out throughout the Dominion on April 14. The Fredrickton vote is understood to have been in favor