

THE LATEST RETURNS FROM BRITISH ELECTION

RUMORED BALDWIN AND TORY CABINET WILL RESIGN POSTS

Conservative Party Will Meet to Discuss Next Step—Ramsay MacDonald Mentioned As Next British Premier—British Convinced Supporters of Free Trade.

LABOR RESENTMENT PART CAUSE OF DEFEAT

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Dec. 7.—It is understood that Premier Baldwin has summoned a meeting of the cabinet for Monday to consider the situation and that a meeting of the Conservative party to debate its next step and possibly to elect a new leader to replace Mr. Baldwin will be held in the course of the coming week, as it is generally held that Mr. Baldwin, whose policy the country has rejected, will resign as premier. In any case, owing to the unseating of the minister of labor and the minister of agriculture, reconstruction of the government is unavoidable, unless a coalition government is formed, and the cabinet seems extremely likely to resign with Mr. Baldwin.

Moral of Election.

The moral of the general elections which have resulted so disastrously for the government of Premier Baldwin is that the British people still are, as they were in 1906, convinced supporters of free trade.

The fate which has come upon the Conservative party so soon after it discarded the coalition leadership of David Lloyd George, is due primarily to the free trade convictions of the people, but also partly to a number of other attendant circumstances. The first of these circumstances is that the party itself was divided on the wisdom of choosing the plank of protection upon which to challenge a new mandate from the country, since, during the last election, the Conservative party was every prospect of a repetition of the disaster which overtook the party when it tried a similar path pointed out by Joseph Chamberlain. No other policy, other than that of protection, could have been selected with a greater prospect of reunion with the Liberal party and bringing to the Liberal side the surpassing talents of David Lloyd George in electioneering and in the political game generally, according to astute political observers.

No Achievement.

The second circumstance was, say these observers, that the Baldwin Government during its year in office, had no single achievement to its credit to recommend it to popular favor, and, moreover, it had shown such weakness in its foreign policy, so much so that it even had been asserted that the recent concessions in the reparations problem made by Mr. Poincare, the French premier, had as their motive the desire to influence the British elections and keep Mr. Baldwin in power, because it was feared if the Liberal party obtained the premiership, Mr. Poincare would find either of these parties much harder to deal with.

The resentment against the Labor party at Premier Baldwin's tactics constitute the third circumstance. Labor alleged that the premier's tactics had a selfish aim, the securing of a quick succession of elections, with the aim of exhausting the Labor party's attenuated election funds, and thereby giving aid to the wealthier rivals of the party.

The fourth circumstance was the women's vote, which is believed to have been given with much unanimity than ever before in a determination to prevent at any cost a possible rise in the prices of commodities.

APPEALED AND REJECTED.

Special Cable by Canadian Press.

London, Dec. 7.—The Evening Standard today insists that Premier Baldwin, "having appealed to Caesar and been rejected," has no alternative but to submit the resignation of his government.

The situation now is one of the most complex that has ever occurred in British politics. It is generally believed that the Conservative party will continue to conduct the government until it meets with defeat in the Commons. Since it will be impossible for him to push through the protection measures which formed the only purpose of his campaign, he probably will invite defeat as the most graceful way out of his position by proposing any motion in the House which the Laborites and Liberals oppose.

The government would thus be overthrown, and the King, according to custom would name Mr. Ramsay MacDonald as leader of the official Opposition party, to form a cabinet.

Cabinet Ministers Succeed.

Among the cabinet ministers and under-secretaries who were successful in their contests, Sir Laming Worthington-Evans, postmaster-general, retained his seat for the Colchester division, Essex; Lt. Col. Agnew, first lord of the admiralty, for the Sparkbrook division of Birmingham; Rupert Wynne, financial secretary for the war office, for the Eastbourne division of Sussex; Mr. Ormsby-Gore, parliamentary under-secretary of state for the colonies, for the Stafford division of Staffordshire, and Viscount Wolmer, parliamentary secretary to the board of trade for the Aldershot division of Hampshire.

Robert Smilie, the miners' member, retained his seat for Morpeth, but Geoffrey Shakespeare, once Lloyd George's secretary, was defeated by a Laborite at Northampton.

Home Secretary Beideman was successful in the Oswestry division of Shropshire.

It was rumored today that Winston Churchill, defeated in yesterday's polling in West Lancashire, would be asked to contest the seat for West Derbyshire, whose member has just died, against the Marquis of Hartington.

Hon. Edmund Harcourt was only successful by 44 votes over the Liberal, R. L. Lait, for the Isle of Thanet division of Kent. Harcourt's majority in the last election was 5,890.

Sir John Simon, Liberal, retained the Spen Valley division of Yorkshire; Philip Snowden, Laborite, was



WOMAN RE-ELECTED.

Mrs. Wintringham, Liberal woman, re-elected for South Lincoln. Mrs. Wintringham was first elected to succeed her husband who died in the summer. She has now been chosen again in succession to herself.

successful in the Colne Valley of Yorkshire, while General Sir W. Alexander, Conservative, was elected for Bonar Law's old seat, Central division of Glasgow, with a majority of 416 over the Laborite, H. J. Tennant.

Lloyd George's Opinion.

Captain Hilton Phillips, Liberal, the husband of the Mrs. Phillips, who was elected for Berwick-on-Tweed, was defeated in the contest for the Wansbeck division of Northumberland, which was retained by S. H. Warner, Labor.

George Lansbury, Labor, was successful in Poplar, defeating the Conservative, Irving Albery. Commander Eyres-Mondell, chief Unionist whip, retained the Evesham division of Worcester.

The former Liberal whip, Hon. Frederick Guest, gained the Stroud division of Gloucester from the Conservatives, represented by S. W. Tubbs.

The political leaders were hurrying back to London this evening from the constituencies for the party councils. Prime Minister Baldwin arrived this evening. He declined to talk to reporters at the railway station. Former Premier Asquith, with his wife and daughter, also arrived.

In an interview on the election result, former Premier Lloyd George said: "The result has made it clear that the trickery of the honest man has been through both. The most remarkable, in many ways the most gratifying, feature of the election is the rejection by the agricultural districts of the huge bribes offered them by the incorruptibles."

Suffolk, East.

Sir Arthur Churchman, C., 10,605.

R. E. Elliston, L., 7,528.

Unchanged.

Surrey, Epsom.

Sir Roland Bladen, C., 14,230.

H. Knight, L., 5,807.

Unchanged.

East Sussex, East Grinstead.

H. S. Cautley, C., 14,215.

T. Crawford, L., 6,451.

Unchanged.

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