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ASQUITH DEPRECATES

A NOVELTY, DANGEROUS AND OBJECTIONABLE

IMPORTING OPINIONS

Still Less Legitimate to Secure the Supposed Sentiments of the Colonies, He Says,

LLOYD-GEORGE ASSERTS MAJORITY IS SECURE.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

LONDON, Jan. 19.—Mr. Asquith, speaking in East Fife, deprecated the importation into a domestic, constitutional, parliamentary struggle of the opinion of foreign countries.. It was a novelty of a dangerous and objectionable character.

"It is still less legitimate," he continued, "to import the supposed opinion of the colonies. We are agreed in our affection for the colonies, in our desire in every way compatible with the interests of the people of this country, to cement the imperial fabric, to tighten the bond and deepen the common sense of attachment, of loyalty and affection, but the colonies, and the wise, prudent and far-sighted statesmen who govern their destinies, would be first to deprecate that any kind of pressure should appear to be exercised by them on the free judgment of the people of this country." (Cheers.)

Mr. Asquith proceeded to say he remembered well the colonial conference and the premier of the great self-governing Dominion saying, when discussing the question of preference, that if he thought the granting of a preference would lead to any increase in the cost of living to the poor, he would be the last person to advocate it.

Majority on Firm Footing.

Mr. Lloyd-George, at Conway, Wales, said: "At the present moment Liberals have a majority of votes which is quite out of proportion to anything we have got in the matter of seats. Therefore we feel our majority rests on a firm footing. Unless I am mistaken it is going to be a bigger majority than the Tories got at the khaki election of 1900. (Cheers.)

"As that was powerful enough to do a lot of mischief, we shall be able to prove our majority to be potent enough to do a lot of good."

He believed the country had probably heard the end of protection for a generation.

Liberals Satisfied.

The Liberals profess contentment at the results of to-day's pollings so far as known. They are again full of hope of a majority independent of the Irishmen. The results in 51 county divisions which polled to-day will be made known to-morrow morning.

UNIONISTS GAINS

Only About Half of the Results Are Known, However.

LONDON, Jan. 19.—(Associated Press).—All the returns of to-day's elections, which are likely to be received to-night, show that the Unionists gained five seats and the Liberals one, leaving the present position of the parties as follows:

UNIONISTS	129
LIBERALS	119
LABORITES	22
NATIONALISTS	44

Thus far the Unionists have a net gain of 45 seats. They must obtain at least 168 net gains to wipe out the Liberal majority in the last parliament.

How closely the Unionists are fighting their opponents is shown by the following figures of the aggregate polling to date:

UNIONISTS	1,390,598
LIBERALS	1,224,878
LABORITES	263,463
SOCIALISTS	16,271

Of the elections for 81 members of the new parliament held to-day the result of less than half was announced to night, the others being in widely scattered districts, where it takes considerable time to collect the ballot boxes.

Unionist Gain in London.

In London, where four boroughs polled, two remained true to the Liberals and one to Labor, while the fourth went over from the Liberals side to the Unionists.

In Northern England the Liberals generally hold the seats won in 1906. This also is true of Scotland, but the Midlands continue to go over to the party of tariff reform.

All the London seats, with the exception of Westminster, have now been polled, and show a Unionist gain of 12. In 1906 the division was: Liberals 36, Labor 4, Unionists, 19; the present results are Liberals 26, Labor 1, Unionists, 33.

The London seat which the government lost was Hackney north, where Raymond E. Greene, the Unionist candidate, defeated T. Hart-Davies. C. W. Bowerman, laborite, retains his Deptford seat, and Sir A. Spicer, president of the London chamber of commerce, and H. Bottomley were re-elected for central and south Hackney respectively.

Liberal Loss in Glasgow.

The Liberals also lost one of the boroughs of Glasgow, that of Camlachie, where A. Cross, who was elected as a Unionist in 1906, but went over to the government side soon after he was returned, suffered defeat thru the intervention of a labor candidate. The Liberal and laborite together received 5146 votes against 3227 for the successful Unionist, H. J. MacKinder.

The central division of Glasgow re-elected the Right Hon. C. Scott-Dickson, Unionist. Blackfriars division of Glasgow is again in the labor column, G. N. Barnes winning with an increased majority.

Glasgow Tradeston goes over to the Liberals, A. Cameron Corbett, who was elected as a Unionist in 1905, but left the party on account of its opposition to the licensing bill, being elected as a ministerialist. The other divisions of Glasgow, including Strollox, which was represented by T. McKinnon Wood, under secretary of foreign affairs, gave increased majorities for the government.

Nottingham for Reform.

Nottingham, like all the Midland towns is partial to tariff reform. Sir H. Y. Cotton, Liberal, and A. Richardson, Laborite, losing in their fight to represent the east and south divisions respectively, altho they had substantial majorities in 1906. Sir J. H. Yoxall, however, retained the west division seat for the government, but with a decreased majority.

The Liberals were defeated in the Denbig borough, Wales, by eight votes.

The Yorkshire, Lancashire and Scottish divisions, from which returns have been received, continue their allegiance to the Liberal party.

Kildare returned two Nationalists unopposed, and Newry sends back a prominent young Nationalist in the person of J. J. Mooney, one of John E. Redmond's lieutenants, with a large majority over the Unionist opponent.

Three-Cornered Fights Costly.

Sir John Nicholson Barran was again elected to represent Hawick burghs for the Liberals, with almost double the vote of the opposition candidate.

C. P. Trevelyon, parliamentary secretary for education, is another of the prominent Liberals retaining their seats. He was successful in the Elland division of Yorkshire.

The Liberals continue to lose thru three-cornered fights, Labor candidates invariably receiving just sufficient support to allow the Unionists to succeed.

Already this has occurred in five constituencies, and there are 24 more thus threatened.

The Unionists faced the same difficulty in Canterbury, J. Henniker Heaton being opposed by an independent Conservative besides a Liberal.

UNIONISTS ELECTED.

LONDON (Hackney N.)—
Green (U.) 5620
Hart Davis (L.) 4773
Previous Lib. majority, 224. Unionist gain.
MIDDLESEX (Ealing)—
Nield (U.) 12916
Hulbert (Lib.) 8210
Previous majority, 1279.
MIDDLESEX (Hornsey)—
Lord Ronaldshay (U.) ... 12014
Emmett (Lib.) 8653
Unionist acclamation previously.
NOTTINGHAM EAST—
Morrison (U.) 5877
Cotton (L.) 5725
Previous Lib. majority, 1740. Unionist gain.
NOTTINGHAM SOUTH—
Lord H. Bentinck (U.) ... 6434
Richardson (Lab.) 5050
Previous Lib. majority, 800. Unionist gain.

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STANDING OF THE PARTIES

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

	Standing to date.
Unionists	131
Liberals	117
Labor	22
Nationalists	44
Gains.	
Unionists	56
Liberals	12
Labor	2

YESTERDAY'S GAINS

Unionists.
Hackney (London)
Nottingham, South
Nottingham, East
Camlachie (Glasgow)
Denbigh Boroughs (Wales)

Liberal.
Truderton (Glasgow)

WHAT WILL ASQUITH'S MAJORITY BE?

The question is: What will the Asquith majority be?

Winston Churchill makes answer: Larger than any ever enjoyed by Gladstone or Salisbury, who did some notable things in their day.

The London Times makes a logical division in its figures: it classes the members-elect into Ministerialists and Opposition, giving to the former, Liberals, Laborites and Nationalists, and, to the Opposition, all Unionists and Conservatives.

The Nationalists may be Liberals only at sufferance, or by whim; more and more, however, it is evident that the Liberals, Socialists and Laborites are one united party in this contest. In fact, they line up in the most solid way against the lords and for lords' reform.

Asquith's strength for practical purposes, then, is the Liberal vote and the Labor vote combined; it may mean, if he cares to give the Nationalists a measure of home rule for Ireland, their support as well.

Up to the last return last night, the figures show:

LIBERALS	117
LABORITES	22
	139
UNIONISTS AND CONSERVATIVES	131
LIBERAL MAJORITY	8
NATIONALISTS	44
GOVERNMENT'S MAJORITY	52

PRESBYTERIANS HAVE YEAR OF GROWTH

Extension Feature of Church Reports—Dr. Milligan Will Spend Summer in Scotland—Parkdale Will Erect Halls.

Abndant prosperity both in means and membership is the dominant note in the reports received at the annual meetings of the Presbyterian Churches of Toronto last night. Several congregations have completed extensive additions to their buildings during the past year, and others are contemplating building in the coming year. The salaries of pastors were increased in a few cases.

Rev. Alexander Gilray, D.D., completed his 35th year as pastor of College-street church, and was heartily congratulated by his congregation.

Rev. Dr. Milligan made the announcement that he would again pay a visit to the Orkney Islnads, his old home, and hoped to return in the fall with increased strength for the work. The congregation appointed Rev. Prof. Robert Law of Knox College as assistant pastor.

Parkdale Church will build halls for the use of the congregation with gymnasium and baths. The pastor's salary was increased from $3500 to $4000.

Avenue-road gave their pastor an increase of salary from $2250 to $2200. Riverdale gave an increase of $100.

High Park Church will complete their church in about two weeks. Rev. S. C. Graeb was given an increase of stipend.

Bloor-street Church during the past year erected a new Sunday School building and installed a new organ. After considerable discussion, a resolution for individual communion cups was carried by a large majority.

Grosvenor-street congregation has wiped out the debt on the church and the new year is started with a balance.

Chalmers' Church will build an addition to the Sunday school.

In addition to the Presbyterian, a number of Baptist and Congregational churches also held their annual meetings last night.

Old St. Andrew's.

The annual meeting of Old St. Andrew's congregation was held last night. Prof. Robt. Law of Knox College was appointed to assist Dr. Milligan, who will preach but one sermon each Sunday. Owing to the condition of the pastor's health he will leave shortly for the Orkney Islands to return next fall.

The receipts of the church for the year amounted to $10,850,an excess over expenditures of $509. A retiring allowance of $500 had been made to the former beadle, Mr. McLaren, and to this the congregation added $500. Mr. McLaren had served the church for 30 years.

A committee was appointed to erect a slab in the school room to bear the names of those who had gone out from the Sunday school to serve in missionary and other fields.

William J. Fraser, James Litster and R. M. Spiers were re-elected members of the board of managers.

The membership of the church is 777, a net gain of 15.

St. Andrew's, King Street.

At St. Andrew's Church, West Kingstreet, annual meeting all the officers and the retiring members of the board of management were re-elected, without exception. All the reports showed progress in every department of the church's endeavor with increased receipts, greater enthusiasm and larger numbers of members. The total amount of the church givings to all purposes was somewhere in the neighborhood of $20,615.21, of which $13,615.21 was given for congregational perposes; over $4000 for missions, about $10,000 for Knox College, and about $5000 for Queen's

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A POSER

MR. BULL: It's a jolly cute little navy, that of yours, Wilfrid, but 'oo's goin' to protect t when all my dreadnoughts are away fightin' the henemy?

FIERCE STORMS IN ALPS AND IN EASTERN FRANCE

French Towns Submerged and Swiss Villages Are Flooded—Unusual Weather.

PARIS, Jan. 19.—Storms of exceptional violence have been raging for the past 48 hours, the centre being in the east of France. Rivers have overflowed their banks in many places.

Belfort is completely under water and Moselle is partially flooded.

Wind 110 Miles an Hour.

GENEVA, Jan. 19.—The scores of American visitors at the fashionable Alpine resorts are imprisoned indefinitely on account of the heavy continuous rains.

Such a condition has never been known before in Switzerland. In the upper regions the snowfall measured from three to ten feet, and large sections on the mountain railroads have been washed out or are buried under the snow. Miles of wire are down and it will take weeks to repair the damage.

The wind blew at times at the rate of 110 miles an hour. A dozen towns and a score of villages are suffering from the floods, torrents running thru the streets.

No deaths are reported so far, but three Americans are missing from Davos. They left on a skiing expedition a day or two ago and have not since been heard from.

CARNEGIE HERO AWARDS

Two Nova Scotians and an Editor Are Included in Prize-Winners.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan. 19.—A newspaperman with a comfortable income, a bank account and no debts was unearthed by the Carnegie hero fund commission. This became public to-day when the commission announced that 17 heroes had been added to the list. George F. Burba of Dayton, Ohio, is the lucky newspaperman, who, under rare difficulties, rescued Catherine Murty, 12 years old, from drowning at Snydersville, Ohio, on Aug. 12 last. Mr. Burba is editor of The Dayton Daily News. The only way in which the commission could recognize his act was to award a bronze medal.

Five silver and 12 bronze medals were awarded and about $19,000 in money. The acts of heroism cover rescues from drowning, electrocution, trains, fire and suffocation.

John A. Grady of East Baltic, P.E.I., and Duncan J. Campbell, Campbell's Cover, P.E.I., receive bronze medals and small cash awards for rescuing three foreigners from a ship that had broken its back on a reef in the Gulf of St. Lawrence at Priests' Pond in November, 1906.

I. C. R. CHANGES.

OTTAWA, Jan. 19.—(Special.)—It is understood that David Pottinger, of the I. C. R. board of management, will become general manager, and that Mr. Herbert, general traffic agent of the C. P. R., will be placed on the board of management, as the French Canadian representative.

TO COLLECT BAD DEBTS.

OTTAWA, Jan. 19.—The Retail Grocers' Association will establish a collection bureau.

The men who will do the collecting will be dressed in an exceedingly brilliant uniform.

PANIC IN FACTORY FIRE RESULTS IN FOUR DEATHS

Building Equipped With Escapes, But Frightened Employes Jumped From Windows.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 19.—Four girls and one man leaped to their death to-day in a panic caused by a fire in the four-storey factory building at 208-10 Chancellor-street, near Second and Walnut-streets.

Five others received injuries from which they will probably die, and many more were less seriously hert.

The building was perfectly equipped with fire escapes and nearly every window had a rope.

These proved useless, however, to the panic-stricken shirt waist makers.

One man, instead of lowering the rope and sliding down it, jumped from the window with the noose in his hands. He died with a fractured skull.

Others had their hands burned to the bone by their rapid descent.

FRENCH LANGUAGE OF HEART

Sir Wilfrid Laurier Contrasts It With English.

OTTAWA, Jan. 19.—(Special.)—A public meeting in connection with the French-Canadian Educational Congress of Ontario was held this evening in the Russell Theatre, which was filled to overflowing. Senator Belcourt presided and amongst a number of apologies for absence he read one from R. L. Borden, the opposition leader, written in French, in which he said he would meet the delegates to-morrow at a dinner he was giving.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier described the English language as the business language of to-day and French the language of the heart. He regretted that in Quebec English was somewhat neglected in the schools. Every child should learn both languages.

Hon. Frank Cochrane said he regretted the absence of Hon. Dr. Reaume but he promised that the Ontario Government would do everything possible to forward the bilingual movement in Ontario.

Hon. Adam Beck, whom the audience insisted upon hearing, reiterated the promise made by Mr. Cochrane.

Other speakers were Mayor Hopewell, Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, Mgr. Routhier and Hon. Charles Murphy.

$16,000,000 FIRE

Turkey's Parliament Buildings Are Destroyed, With Contents.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 19.—The Palace of Cheraga, where the Turkish parliament meets, was entirely destroyed by fire to-day.

The loss is great, as the building alone cost about $16,000,000.

The fire originated between the private apartments reserved for the Sultan and the chamber of deputies, and is believed to have been due to defective heating apparatus, altho reports are current that reactionary agents were responsible.

Little furniture and very few of the important documents were saved. Practically all the archives of the chamber of deputies, including important bills and the budget estimates were burned.

The superstitious orientals regard the fire as an evil omen.

GOVERNMENT V. CHURCH IN FRENCH SCHOOL WAR

Minister of Public Instruction Declares That Opponents of Public Schools Are National Enemies.

PARIS, France, Jan. 19.—Minister of Public Instruction Doumergue replied to-day to the violent attacks made by the Catholic deputies upon the character of the teaching in the public schools.

He declared that the war proclaimed by the church against the public schools was directed exclusively by enemies of the republic, insisting that the letter of the episcopate constituted an attempt by threats to enforce the superiority of the church's authority over that of the government.

M. Doumergue declared that the Catholics' complaint against the text books on histcryr used in the public schools was due solely to the fact that these histories gave the facts impartially. The histories used in the Catholic schools taught, not history of the world's events, but the history of the church, and condemned everything inimical to the church interests.

The minister instanced a case where preists had refused the last sacrament to a farmer unless he would agree that his son should be placed in a Catholic school.

Nevertheless he asserted that the campaign which the country understood to be purely political had failed except in a few isolated districts.

M. Doumergue announced that in addition to the measures already made known, the government would introduce bills requiring diplomas from Catholic school teachers in conformity with the laws of hygiene, etc., that were applicable to the faculties of the public schools.

SURPRISE FOR MR. CREELMAN

Has No Intention of Entering the Political Arena.

GUELPH, Jan. 19.—(Special.)—Prof. G. C. Creelman, of the Ontario Agricultural College, was to-day in receipt of many inquiries from friends and politicians thruout Ontario, anent the suggestion in this morning's World that he should become leader of the Ontario Liberal opposition.

Mr. Creelman has no inclination toward political life, and he stated to-night that the matter had never been broached to him before by anyone.

$10,000 PURSE FOR PEARY

Will Be Feature of a "National Reception" at New York.

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—A national testimonial, with a purse of $10,000, for Robert E. Peary, is planned for the evening of Feb. 8 when Gov. Hughes will preside at the Metropolitan Opera House. The testimonial will be under the auspices of the civic forum. Commander Peary will tell the story of his trip to the pole.

TWINS BORN ON ICE FLOE.

GALLIPOLIS, Ohio, Jan. 19.—While being buffeted about on an icefloe on the Ohio River last night, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Shields became the parents of twin girls.

The family lived on a house-boat that had been torn loose by ice. The babies have been named "Ohio" and "Virginia."

"POOL" SMASHED BROKERS GO UNDER

Two Failures, and Perhaps Four, Result of Forced Trading in Columbus and Hocking.

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—There was an episode on the stock exchange to-day more spectacular in many respects than the recent Rock Island fiasco.

With a break of more than 60 points, the so-called Columbus & Hocking coal and iron pool was smashed, two stock exchange houses were forced to suspend, and the market generally underwent severe declines, involving the heaviest trading since the day of Edward Harriman's death. Total sales aggregated 1,634,500 shares.

An inquiry by the governors of the exchange will probably be the aftermath.

The firms involved are J. M. Fiske & Co., of 42 Broadway, and Lathrop, Haskins & Co., of 60 Broadway. The failure of both was caused by the collapse of the pool, and involuntary petitions in bankruptcy were filed against both companies. Fiske & Co.'s liabilities are placed by creditors at $750,000, with assets of $400,000.

Counsel for the firm, however, estimated the firm's liabilities at $2,500,000, at the close of business on Tuesday afternoon, with assets of $2,900,000. He did not estimate the firm's financial resources after to-day's developments.

In the bankruptcy petition, creditors alleged preferential transfer of property to one or more creditors, and further charged that the alleged bankrupts permitted a considerable portion of their property "to be concealed or removed, with intent to hinder, delay and defraud creditors." Federal Judge Hand appointed a receiver tonight.

Assets and liabilities are not stated in the petition filed against Lathrop, Haskins & Co., altho it is alleged that the claims of creditors on stock accounts aggregate $16,200. Admission of insolvency is also alleged. No receiver had been appointed for this firm.

The collapse in the pool to-day was brought about primarily by the refusal of banks to make further advances on the stock as collateral and the inability or failure of those who were long of it to make good impaired margins. The suspension of the two firms most vitally concerned was therefore, a natural result. Several individuals are also said to have lost heavily.

In all, about 45,000 shares of Columbus & Hocking changed hands at a range of from 88½ to 25. The stock closed at 33, a net loss of 54¾ points. The entire market closed weak with prices at low ebb.

According to common belief, James R. Keene was active in the market movement of Columbus & Hocking. Mr. Keene could not be found at his office, but some of his associates said that the Keene interest in that stock had been withdrawn some time ago. The pool had been in existence for about a year.

United States Steel was the feature of the market to-day in point of activity. Trading in this stock aggregated 361,000 shares, approximately 25 per cent. of the day's business.

The capitalization of the Hocking Iron is only seven millions of common stock, of which there is outstanding $6,924,000.

May Be Two More.

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—It was reported to-night that two other stock exchange firms would be forced to suspend to-morrow. It was expected in some quarters that the failure of the two additional firms would be announced before the market closed, and there was talk of the filing of a third petition in bankruptcy.

Few local people were interested in the stock, having been frightened out by the continuous and remarkable advances which have been carried on for about a year.

The episode, however, was of vital interest to a large number of traders who are heavily involved in the New York market, and the local brokerage houses were crowded yesterday when the prime break in the market was on.

Buy Your Fur-lined Coat To-day.

The best investment that you can make is to buy furs to-day. For a man there is nothing just so tempting as a fur or fur-lined coat. Look here! A fur-lined coat will last you ten years at least, and then be not even shabby. True there may be only a few weeks in the year that it is absolutely necessary if you live in the city, but then it is "so comfortable." Also all furs are going up in price by leaps and bounds, so to buy to-day is to make good investment. The Dineen Co. have some splendid fur-lined coats with a special exclusive line at fifty dollars. These are lined with muskrat and with wide otter or Persian lamb collars and lapels.

CONSERVATION CONGRESS.

OTTAWA, Jan. 19—(Special)—Among the speakers at the Conservation of Natural Resources Commission today were Prof. Fernow, on forestry; Eugene Haanel, on minerals and peat; Hon. Adam Beck and C. R. Coutlee on hydro-electric power, and Dr. P. H. Bryce on public health.