

## SESSION WILL BE DEVOTED TO IRISH QUESTION

New British Parliament Will Convene On Monday Next.

### LYOYD GEORGE PREPARES

London, Nov. 17.—Now that the elections battle has ended, interest turns rather on the future fortunes, first, of David Lloyd George, whose star is temporarily eclipsed, and second, on the Labor Party, than on that of the new Conservative government.

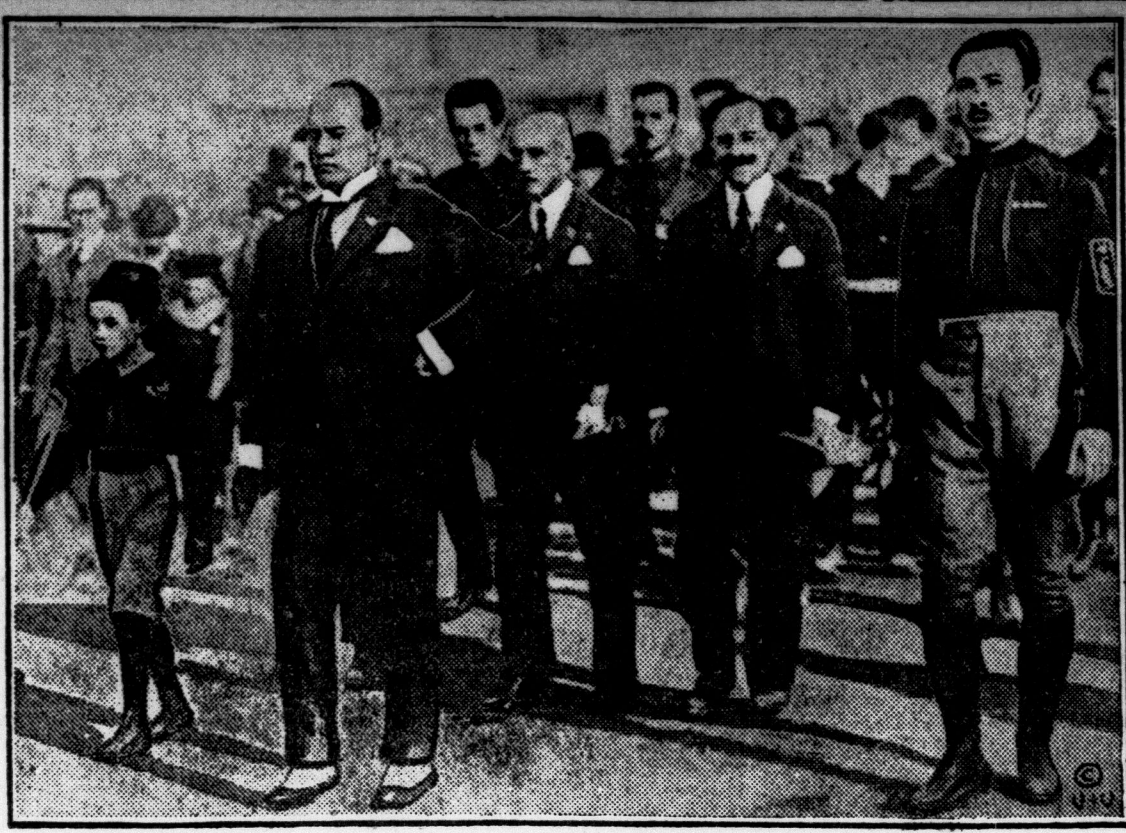
Until the new parliament is shaken down the exact strength of Premier Bonar Law's actual majority will not be known, but it probably will be about 80 votes, which constitutes a good working majority and renders the Conservatives completely independent of help from any other quarters.

The government supporters no longer will want even co-operation from the George Liberals, and although much was heard in the election campaign about possible pacts and co-operation when there was fear that no single group would be returned of sufficient strength to govern alone, it is safe to say that nothing more will be heard of such co-operation and that Lloyd George's small remaining group will be left entirely to its own resources.

Lloyd George prepared. It is already evident that the former premier does not intend to be idle. He has taken up permanent political headquarters in London for himself and his chief supporters, Lord Birkenhead, Winston Churchill and others who form a brilliant group. Mr. Churchill will not long be without a seat in parliament.

The Labor party is preparing to make an energetic opposition in the House of Commons. The party will hold its first meeting on Tuesday to elect officers. It is expected that John R. Clynes will be chosen.

With the exception of Arthur Henderson, the Labor party has now in parliament its most able leaders, including J. Ramsay MacDonald, Philip Snowden and Sidney Webb, together with two important king's counsel, Messrs Hastings and Hemmery, and



This photograph, just received in Canada, shows Benito Mussolini, premier of Italy, leading his triumphant Fascist through Rome, where he was confirmed in office by the king.

Premier Mussolini's first appearance before the Italian chamber on Thursday proved a great personal success. He spoke to the deputies as he had addressed the leaders of his Fascist legions, and his orders were received with similar apparent obedience. He announced his foreign and internal policies, and warned his adversaries that the Fascist government had come to stay. He did not ask, but demanded, a vote of confidence in his government, declaring that if the deputies refused their mandates would be withdrawn.

His bitterest enemies, who had looked forward to his encounter with the experienced politicians on their own battlefield, were disappointed, and his friends are saying that he is the greatest leader Italy has seen since Crispi.

Congratulations were showered upon the youthful leader from all sides after he had concluded his exposition of the government's program. All the parliamentary groups joined in the applause with the exception of the extreme left, who abstained from displaying any emotion. In the lobbies afterward the expression was heard many times repeated that in Mussolini Italy had found the leader for whom she had been looking for many years.

The Independent, Liberal and Labor parties were approximately 7,000,000. This arose from the fact that there were so many three-cornered contests and split votes. There is, therefore, already beginning strong agitation on the part of the Liberal and Labor parties for the introduction of proportional representation in order to secure fairer representation in the nation's voting.

The Liberal press is bitterly lamenting the advent of a Conservative government, which, it says, might have been prevented had the Labor and Liberal parties agreed on a common election policy, instead of fighting each other.

Liberals Lament Advent.

An analysis of the voting in the elections proves that although the Conservatives have been returned in much strength in the number of seats won, the party poll was in the minority. Their total vote in the contested elections was approximately 5,500,000, while the combined vote of

## LADY ASTOR TO SEEK REFORMS

Will Fight For Educational and Housing Improvements.

Plymouth, England, Nov. 17.—Viscountess Astor, who was re-elected to the House of Commons, is still today as a result of the nervous strain of her strenuous campaign. She is also suffering from a cold. Her condition is not serious.

Despite her illness, Viscountess Astor was able to leave her sickbed to receive a press correspondent today. She clearly showed traces of weariness and care.

"The new cabinet is reactionary, but I am confident that there will be an early swing to the left," she said. "There is a possibility of even a Socialist-Labor victory in the not distant future. That is my observation of the election result."

Anti-Americans Rebuffed. "I intend to fight for educational and housing reforms and hope the cabinet will support me."

"I believe the main factor of my own success was the anti-American outcry raised by my opponents. I did not try to hide my Virginia birth. I feel that the British people indicated that they were not prejudiced towards Americans, despite efforts of the liquor interests to arouse such prejudice."

"There is ground for the belief that Great Britain and America are going to continue to co-operate. Prohibition Gaining.

"The American 'pussyfoot' influence, which liquor traders claimed was being used here, is 'the bunk.' It was only empty clamor. Nothing to it. There was a bogey to frighten and prejudice public opinion."

"There is a latent and growing feeling in favor of drink control. Owing to the nature of the new cabinet I have little hope for my local option bill to form the manner in which drink is sold. The bill likely will pass Commons for I believe that the swing towards temperance is growing stronger. It looks as though the liquor interests are going to get it."

Viscountess Astor said she was "fearfully disappointed" because women were not elected for Commons.

## BUY TOBACCO IN SOUTH KENT

One Farmer Disposes of Season's Crop At 15 Cents Per Pound.

Special to The Advertiser.

Chatham, Nov. 17.—It was reported in the city today that tobacco buyers from one well-known tobacco firm are buying up tobacco in South Kent, especially along the lake shore.

The offers made for tobacco could not be ascertained, but one tobacco grower is stated to have disposed of his season's crop for 15c per pound.

The remains of the late Joseph T. O'Keefe were laid to rest in St. Anthony's Cemetery this morning, the funeral cortege being followed by a large number of sympathetic friends.

Solemn high mass was said at St. Joseph's Church at 9:15 o'clock this morning by Rev. Father Maurice Sullivan, assisted by Father Harrigan of the Blessed Sacrament parish as deacon and Father McKeon of St. Joseph's as sub-deacon.

Among relatives and friends from a distance who attended the funeral were Dr. F. McDonnell of Detroit, Dr. and Mrs. O'Keefe of Mount Clemens, Mr. and Mrs. Flattery of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. D. O'Keefe of Detroit.

Owing to the bad condition of the lake shore route between Cedar Springs and Windsor, owing to ditching activities, the Kent Motor Club, assisted by the Essex Motor Club, is erecting special signs warning motorists to take other routes.

It appears that the government had been deepening and widening ditches for a distance of about 30 miles, and the ditching machines have thrown the clay up on the surface of the road.

The result of this, combined with the rainy spell, has made the road well-nigh impassable for both passenger and commercial cars.

The special signs which are to be erected will direct the motorist to proceed via the provincial highway from Chatham. The surface of the highway is reported to be in an excellent condition.

Miss Eva Richard, alias Ricardo Mazzocco, wanted by the Wallaceburg police on a charge of theft, was arrested at the C. P. R. station yesterday when she attempted to take a train for an outside point. She was held here overnight and was taken back to Wallaceburg this morning to be charged.

The most proper manner to handle

the overcrowded condition of the Chatham Collegiate Institute is to build a new collegiate, J. M. Levan, high school inspector, told the board of education at a conference held at the Hotel Sanita last evening.

The inspector pointed out the present overcrowded classrooms, the lack of proper space in which to handle the pupils properly were factors which should be considered at an early date.

The excellence of the present teaching staff and the splendid discipline prevalent in the collegiate institute were highly commended by the inspector.

SWISS PRESIDENT WILL PRESIDE AT CONFERENCE

Berne, Nov. 17.—President Robert Haab of Switzerland has accepted the invitation of the allies extended by means of their envoys today to preside at the opening session of the Lausanne conference on Nov. 20.

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## TWO INJURED WHEN CAR LEAVES TRACK

Seventy-Five Passengers In Miraculous Escape From Death At Detroit.

Detroit, Nov. 17.—Seventy-five passengers on a Flint Limited Interurban car had a remarkable escape from death when the big car, splitting an electric switch in front of the state fair grounds, left its tracks and was rolled over and over for a distance of 50 feet, at 7:15 o'clock Friday evening.

The car, behind time, was being driven at a high rate of speed, according to statements of witnesses, and the motorist is said to have failed to slow down for the switch, which does not operate properly when struck at high rate speed.

While most of the occupants of the car were slightly bruised or shaken up as the big interurban rolled along the roadway, only two persons were seriously injured, 12 others sustaining minor injuries which required treatment.

The car was north bound, and many of those who had lucky escapes from serious injury were placed on board another interurban and continued their journey to Flint.

Final details, including the selection of the site and approval of the architect's plans, are to be discussed at a meeting of the memorial committee of the Women's Patriotic Club of Windsor and a committee of veterans headed by Col. E. S. Wigle at the armories Monday, Dec. 20. It is expected the site proposed by the Women's Club and the monument suggested by them will be approved and work begun within a week.

The committee has about \$5,500, which is to form the nucleus of a fund to finance erection of the memorial.

PRESENT PLAY TO AID TARA MEMORIAL FUND

Special to The Advertiser.

Tara, Nov. 17.—A play, entitled "On a Slow Train Through Missouri," was presented in the town hall in aid of the Tara soldiers' memorial fund. The play was prepared and presented by 25 of the young people of Tara under the auspices of the Women's Institute. The proceeds of the entertainment amounted to \$181.65.

COAL SHIPMENTS TO CANADA DECREASE

U. S. Fuel Distributor Declares Strike Has Greatly Retarded Movements.

Washington, Nov. 17.—(By Canadian Press).—A large falling off in shipments of coal from this country to Canada on account of the recent strike has occurred. This was made plain at the office of the fuel distributor today. It has come about, according to fuel distribution officials, not because they are in any way hindering the movement of coal to Canada, but because of the general shortage of coal. The United States is suffering from this as well as Canada. Fuel Distributor Spens has taken no hand in the movement of coal to Canada, save to ask the anthracite interests here to take care of Canada as well as they do the United States, on the ground that Canada, especially Eastern Canada, has always been a good customer for United States fuel. This is being done, officials say. They add that the United States will be about one-third short its anthracite, but have coal supply this year, and Canada will suffer likewise.

With respect to bituminous coal, in spite of the fact that the fuel distributor has urged that coal be rushed to United States and Canadian lake ports before the freezing weather comes on there is a much smaller movement to these ports than last year. The fuel distributor's figures show that from April 1 to Oct. 31 the shipments of bituminous coal to Canadian lake ports amounted to 2,450,000 tons, as against 4,450,000 tons the preceding year, and 5,250,000 tons in 1920 for the corresponding period. About the same falling off has occurred as to the United States lake ports.

EXPECT SESSION WILL BE BRIEF

London, Nov. 17.—It is predicted by experts that the session of the new parliament will be a short one. T. P. O'Connor, the Irish Nationalist and father of the House of Commons, will move the election of J. H. Witley as speaker on the opening day, next Monday. Speaker Witley also presided over the last House of Commons.

After the king's speech on Thursday the debate on the address from the throne will occur. It is hoped to conclude this debate by Monday to allow for the introduction of the bill dealing with Ireland on Tuesday. It contains only a few clauses, but will probably take a fortnight to get it through the house.

CANADA IS SECOND IN WHEAT PRODUCTION

Ottawa, Nov. 17.—(By Canadian Press).—Canada this year holds second place in the production of wheat. The United States comes first with \$10,123,000 bushels, Canada second with 388,773,000 bushels, India third with 366,351,000 bushels, and France fourth with 235,340,000.

Last year France took second place among wheat-producing countries, leading Canada by about 23,000,000 bushels.

## MOTORBOAT CREW HAS CLOSE CALL

Craft Wrecked in Lake Ontario When Navigators Lose Bearings.

Belleville, Nov. 17.—Wrecked on a rock at McEllan's Point, on Lake Ontario four miles from Coburne, the crew of the Sonora, a motor cruiser owned by J. McQueen of this city, had to swim for their lives. Capt. A. L. George Keegan of Belleville and James McGuinnis were the members of the crew.

The Sonora was returning at night empty from a States port, and in a heavy fog. The crew had lost their bearings and no danger was anticipated until the boat struck against a huge boulder, the craft being wedged between this rock and others around it.

Wilson, Keegan and McGuinnis jumped overboard, and although they could not see the shore they took the chance as the waves were dashing over the cabin of the cruiser. At the risk of being dashed against the rocks they found footing on shore. One of the men in jumping overboard had picked up a waterproof tin box containing matches, and with these the shipwrecked trio started a fire. When the ship broke they saw a farmhouse, where they were warned and fed.

INVERNESS RETURNS GEORGIAN CANDIDATE

London, Nov. 17.—Canadian Press Cable.—The Western Isles division of Inverness reported tonight the election of Sir Mitchell-Cotter (Georgian), with 6,177 votes, over Dr. D. Murray (Liberal), whose vote was 5,238. Dr. Murray was the member for the constituency in the last house. The result increases the Lloyd Georgian forces to 45. There are seven constituencies still to report.

ATTEND OWN FUNERAL SERVICE, DIED TODAY

Hillaboro, Ind., Nov. 17.—James Houser, 70, a retired farmer, who three years ago attended his own funeral services, died today. Brief services in contrast with the elaborate ceremony held while he was alive have been prepared.

Desiring to know what his friends thought of him, Mr. Houser asked Miles Cooper, an old friend, to deliver the funeral oration, taking for his subject, "Prepare to meet thy God." A country church was engaged for the occasion, and Mr. Houser, who occupied a front seat, arose and spoke after Cooper's oration.

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