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**CRITICIZE THE PREMIER FREELY**

Lloyd George and The Independent Liberal Press

Irish Affair Declared Grossly Mismanaged by Coalition—Morning Post Describes Premier as Acrobat Graphic Says He is Riding Two Horses

London, Dec. 8.—(By Canadian Associated Press cable)—The Independent Liberal press naturally criticizes at length Lloyd George's speech at Manchester in which he advocated the continuation of the coalition government.

The Manchester Guardian recognizes the unmistakably Liberal tone of his speech and readily admits that the case for a coalition government has force, for socialistic legislation more easily, swiftly and probably more completely than any other would have done. On the other hand "the coalition, called into being to give us a good peace, has given us a bad peace, and has grossly mismanaged Irish affairs." The Guardian declines to be terrified by Lloyd George's assertions regarding the possibility of a labor government and declares that true liberalism will be no party to a Liberal-Conservative coalition against labor.

Such a prospect, it says, only shows how essential it is to maintain a wholly unpledged body of Liberal opposition which will find in labor efforts far more to support than oppose.

The Westminster Gazette regards the speech as the premier's most pronounced attempt thus far to soften outside Liberal opinion and says the weakest point is the premier's assertion that coalition makes possible some solution of the Irish problem in the direction of Home Rule. It says the state of Ireland during the three years of coalition government has gone from bad to worse.

The Bradford Observer considers the speech throughout that of a minister on his defence, conscious of weakening among his own followers and anxious to check any tendency to break away.

The Daily Graphic speaks of the premier's difficulty in riding two horses and asserts that the speech leaves him free to take any course which momentary expediency may at any time suggest.

The Daily Telegraph (Unionist) opens with the declaration that reflecting Liberals may consider the premier has almost too good a case and supports his contentions throughout, but the Morning Post heads its editorial "The Acrobat," and also draws the illustration of the premier riding two horses.

The Daily Express is entirely unfriendly, speaking of the premier's political egg dance, declaring the deal perillous to realities.

The Daily Mail heads its editorial "Still talking" and its news bill "Trying to Fool Everybody."

The Times condemns the speech and says however strongly the premier fulminates against the Labor party, it has at any rate definite principles and is gaining strength as the bye-elections show.

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Fred R. Dauphnel of Lunenburg, N. S., a returned soldier, was killed by a tree which fell during lumbering operations in the Canadian Northwest.

Greeks in Asia Minor. Salomiki, Dec. 7.—Greek troops in Asia Minor have advanced to the line fixed by the peace conference, according to an official statement issued at army headquarters here. The zone of occupation fixed for the Greeks has thus been completely occupied.

Injured By Explosion. Moncton, N. B., Dec. 8.—As the result of an explosion of gas, supposed to have been the result of a five-year-old boy trying to light the gas in the furnace, Mrs. Gordon Hopper and her little son, were severely burned in their home, this afternoon, and barely escaped with their lives.

C. F. R. Director. Montreal, Dec. 8.—At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company held here today Sir John Eaton, of Toronto, was elected a director to fill the vacancy created by the death of Wilmot D. Matthews, of Toronto.

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**LORD J. LALLOE'S VISIT; READY TO RECEIVE HIM**

Representatives of the Navy League, Canadian Club, Premier Foster, Mayor Hayes and A. R. Dufresne, of the St. John Dry Dock Company, the committee to draw up the programme for the visit of Viscount Jellicoe on Thursday, met in the office of the lieutenant-governor yesterday afternoon. His honor presided. Viscount Jellicoe will be met at the station at 1:20 by Governor Pugsley, Premier Foster, Mayor Hayes, Colonel E. T. Sturdee, S. S. D., president of the Navy League, and Sir Douglas Hazen, president of the Canadian Club. He will first inspect the dry dock and after that in company with harbor officials only, he will be shown all points of interest around the harbor.

A period of rest after the sail in the harbor is provided for in the programme for Admiral Jellicoe. At 1:50 p.m. he will be the guest of the mayor and commissioners at a banquet at the Union Club for which about fifty invitations will be issued. At 9 p.m. Admiral Jellicoe will be the chief speaker at a public gathering in the Imperial Theatre at which the downstairs seats will be reserved, at a small charge for members of the Navy League and the two Canadian Clubs, the galleries being free to the public. Seats will be sold only on presentation of tickets of membership of the three societies of this year's date.

Clawson-Church. Miss Helen D. Church and Harold Kennedy Clawson were united in marriage on Nov. 24, in the Pro-Cathedral of the Redeemer, Calgary. Miss Church is the daughter of Mrs. Jessie Elbert Church, formerly of 275 Germain street, St. John, and the late Dr. J. E. Church of Moncton. Mr. Clawson was for some time accountant with the Canada Permanent Mortgage Corporation in St. John and before the outbreak of war was promoted and transferred to Regina.

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**HALIFAX HAS CASE OF SLEEPING SICKNESS**

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 9.—A man has been admitted to the infectious diseases hospital with what the physicians attending diagnose to be "sleeping sickness."

Federal Judge Mayer in New York yesterday dismissed writs of habeas corpus obtained by Alexander Berkman and Emma Goldman to prevent their deportation to Russia and refused to admit them to bail.

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Halifax, N. S., Dec. 9.—The policemen of Halifax are to receive an increase of \$56, to make their pay \$1,200 a year. The higher officials will also receive increases.

Increase will also be voted for the firemen. Such is the intention of the committees now preparing the civic estimates.

**THIRD PERFORMANCE.**

The western play "Burley's Ranch" was repeated for the third time last evening by members of Thorne Lodge, and again the hall was crowded. Miss Mary Owens acted as accompanist. The lodge members already are engaged in rehearsals for another play.

**MUSICAL SOCIETY MEETING**

A meeting of the St. John Musical Society was held last evening in the Retail Merchants' Association rooms. D. Arnold Fox reported that an orchestral meeting had been held and a notice would be put in the papers encouraging instrumentalists to join and report to Mr. Fox. Mrs. A. C. D. Wilson, of the programme committee, reported that they had arranged a programme of twelve numbers. This was accepted. The orchestra committee was appointed as follows: Convener, D. Arnold Fox; J. Fraser Gregory, Louis Boyaner, Miss Pauline Bickerman, Blanchard Fowler. J. Fraser Gregory moved that anyone desiring to become a member of the society will be accepted as an ordinary member, and have all the privileges of the charter members excepting free admittance to the concerts.

The membership committee was appointed as follows: Mrs. A. Crockett, Mrs. Kent Scott, Mrs. D. F. Chisholm.

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