

BRITISH GOV'T TO GO BEFORE PEOPLE SOON

Revolt Against Coalition Has Grown Rapidly Since Conclusion of Irish Treaty.

RECENT REVERSES REGARDED AS OMINOUS

Principal Ministers Preparing to Make Speeches Throughout the Country.

London, Feb. 26.—The reverses for the Government in the three by-elections recently held for the Clayton division of Manchester, on February 18, the North division of Camberwell on February 20 and the Bodmin division of Cornwall yesterday, are regarded as ominous for the cause of the Coalition whenever the general elections may come. Nothing is known of how soon this will be but all parties are pursuing the election campaign with the greatest energy.

There will be speeches throughout the country by the principal Ministers, including the Prime Minister, in the coming two months.

Mr. Lloyd George will make a big speech at Manchester and possibly speeches in other cities, and it is considered that he would hardly be likely to do this amid the difficulties presented by the Irish question, the Genoa economic conference and other matters unless an appeal to the country was believed to be near.

The revolt of the Extreme Tory wing against the leadership of Mr. Lloyd George, and the continuance of the Coalition has given rise to a rapidly since the Irish treaty was concluded, and unless the Premier is able to stem the revolt, it promises to have very serious effects on the Coalition.

Labor and Liberals in Accord.

The victories by two Labor candidates and one Liberal in the recent by-elections were due, largely, to the tacit understanding between the Labor and Independent Liberal parties to avoid irregularities. Therefore the Labor party had readily refused any compact with the Liberal party, although the policies of the two parties in many questions are almost identical; hence most of the electoral contests found Labor candidates opposing Liberal candidates, the consequence being that a Coalition candidate usually secured the seat on a minority vote. This system was avoided in the three foregoing contests which were straight fights between Labor and Coalition or between Liberal and Coalition.

If the success thus gained by the anti-government parties should induce the Labor and Liberal parties to agree upon a definite allocation of seats between their respective candidates instead of opposing each other it is recognized that a serious situation would arise for the Government whenever an appeal to the country was made. The strength displayed by the Labor and Liberal parties in these by-elections is attributed generally to unemployment and bad economic conditions. It is thought, also, that the proposed attack on education made by the recommendations of the Gordon committee involving big cuts in education grants, had a considerable effect. It is interesting to note that Isaac Foot, who defeated Sir Frederick Peel for the Bodmin seat, was a Labor opponent of Lady Astor in the Plymouth election of 1919.

DE VALERA RECEIVED WITH ENTHUSIASM

High Honors Paid Him When He Visited His Constituency at Ennis.

Belfast, Feb. 26.—Eamon De Valera, in continuing his electioneering campaign, was received last night at Ennis, County Clare, with enthusiasm. He was met at the station by a uniformed guard of honor and escorted to a procession to a hotel. The town was illuminated. In acknowledging the reception accorded him, Mr. De Valera said he and his followers had heard strange things in Dublin—that eighty per cent. of the Irish people were willing to fling away the nation's birthright.

DEATH RESULTED FROM ACCIDENT

Regina, Sask., Feb. 25.—The funeral of A. D. Miller took place at the city Regins, and prompted for many years as a real-estate and grain dealer, he held this afternoon. Mr. Miller was found dead at his home three miles north of the city Thursday. Beside him was his shotgun and his left side was shattered by discharge of shot from close range. The death was reported first as suicide, but friends maintain it was a case of accidental death.

U. S. In Reply Evades Genoa Acceptance

Acknowledges Receipt of Invitation But Fails to Indicate Decision as to Attendance.

Washington, Feb. 26.—The State Department, it was learned today, has made formal acknowledgement to the Italian Government of the invitation to the Government of the United States to participate in the proposed economic conference to be held in Genoa, Italy. The reply, however, does not indicate what will be the decision of this Government as to attendance at the conference.

HALIFAX IDEA TO BOOST TRADE FOR CANADIANS

Suggest Gov't Fit Out Steamer With Exhibition of Canadian Products.

Have All Countries See What Canada Has to Offer the World.

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 26.—(Canadian Press)—Canada's principal need now being an increased export trade, it is being suggested here that the Canadian Government should fit out one of its idle steamers as a floating exhibition of Canadian products and send it on a voyage to the principal trading ports of the world. Such a floating exhibition could, it is pointed out, be fitted into the plan of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association to run a special train bearing exhibits of Canadian products through France, Great Britain, and other countries. In Great Britain, arrangements have been made for the construction of a ship to tour the world with an exhibition of British goods. The "Good Ship" British industry, as she is to be called, will have a capacity of 2,000 gross tons, and will be propelled by Diesel engines.

Exhibition stands and show cases will be laid out on the four main exhibition decks, and accommodation for trade representatives, exhibition officials, etc., will be provided on the upper decks. There will be a ballroom, cinema, and restaurant capable of seating 500 people.

The British Government is also being urged to utilize some of the money saved by cancelling warship contracts to construct several "peace ships," to be employed for a term of years, for industrial exhibition purposes. The revenue, derived from renting space in such ships, would, it is claimed, go a long way to meet the cost, though the possible impetus to foreign trade would be the principal consideration. While the ships of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine are not adapted to the creation of a floating exhibition on a grand scale, it is said the utilization of one of them for such purposes would not present great difficulties.

In the opinion of some exporters here, the important thing for Canada is to inaugurate a floating exhibition before Great Britain and France does as the first venture is likely to receive the most advertising.

WILL ATTEMPT TO UNSEAT HON. W. R. MOTHERWELL

National Policy Political Association Decides to Take Action Against Agriculture Minister.

Moose Jaw, Sask., Feb. 26.—From a source which is regarded as authoritative, the Evening Times was informed Saturday that the new National Policy Political Association has decided to take action to unseat Hon. W. R. Motherwell, Minister of Agriculture, and Liberal candidate in Regina at the recent general election.

It was stated by the Evening Times informant that the measure would be one of reprisal for the action taken in Moose Jaw to unseat R. M. Johnson.

What effect the action would have was not discussed, although it was pointed out that Mr. Motherwell had since that time received an acclamation at Regina City.

CONSOLIDATED RAILROADS

Dallas, Tex., Feb. 26.—The Texas and Pacific and Missouri Pacific railroads are to be consolidated, it was announced here yesterday by John L. Lanham, president and member of the Texas and Pacific.

CHURCHILL MET IRISH DELEGATES

Representative of Irish Provisional Gov't Journeyed to London for Conference.

BOTH SIDES CHEERFUL OVER SITUATION

Griffith Satisfied British Government is Standing by Terms of the Treaty.

London, Feb. 26.—The delegates of the Irish Provisional Government conferred for an hour and a half, this afternoon, at the Colonial Office with Winston Spencer Churchill, Colonial Secretary. Sir Hamar Greenwood, Chief Secretary for Ireland and Sir Laming Worthington Evans, Secretary of War.

Both sides are reported to be taking a cheerful view of the situation. The discussions are said to have proceeded so smoothly from their commencement that Mr. Churchill was able to inform Premier Lloyd George, who has been in readiness for a call, that he need not disturb his week-end. Arthur Griffith and his colleagues started on their return to Ireland tonight.

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CONVENTION OF CONSERVATIVES TO BE HELD SOON

Members and Ex-Members of Parliament to Discuss Policy to be Pursued.

BUSY WEEK FOR PREMIER KING

Question of Who Will Lead Opposition to be Decided Upon This Week.

Ottawa, Feb. 26.—Premier King and the members of his cabinet have just come through a busy week, and indications are that the weeks ahead will also be strenuous. Last week, the cabinet received the usual pre-sessional delegations, heard two appeals against decisions rendered by the Board of Railway Commissioners, and held the usual number of council meetings. This week, the last before the opening of Parliament, will probably be crowded with last minute preparations for the session. Members will be flocking to the capital, and the Prime Minister and his colleagues are likely to be besieged by callers on a variety of matters.

Franklin's opening week by taking a hasty trip to Montreal tomorrow, where he is to be entertained by Sir Lomer Gouin at a luncheon in the Mount Royal Club. The Premier will leave in the morning and return the same evening.

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DULL WEATHER THE FORECAST FOR TUESDAY

The Air Ministry's Weather Prediction Failed to Lessen Interest in Tomorrow's Event.

GORGEOUS SHOW OF GOWNS AND JEWELS

Forthcoming State Wedding Furnished Welcome Stimulant to Trade of Dressmakers and Shopkeepers.

London, Feb. 26.—The Air Ministry's weather forecast of dull, rainy weather for the first few days of this week has failed to lessen popular enthusiasm over Tuesday's great event—the wedding of Princess Mary to Viscount Lascelles in Westminster Abbey. It is fairly certain that a combination of one of London's worst fogs and a torrential downpour would not prevent multitudes from lining the route which is to be traversed by the State carriages bearing the bride and groom to the Abbey.

The carefully selected lot of the more than one thousand women guests will make the event a gorgeous show of gowns, jewels and other finery, the furnishing of which has been a welcome stimulant to the trade of the dressmakers, shopkeepers and business people in general.

The dressmakers and milliners, who made the dresses and hats of Princess Mary, are to be guests at Buckingham Palace tomorrow when they will have a glimpse of the marvelous accumulation of wedding gifts exhibited in the State rooms.

Window Seat Sales

Some of the enterprising tenants of offices in Piccadilly and other streets, which are to be traversed by Viscount Lascelles and his bride, will realize a year's rental from the sale of seats in windows, so soon is the desire of the people for a glimpse of the couple. The inland revenue officials have decided that a wedding, not even with a royal participant, can be termed "free church" ministers.

The scene within the abbey during the ceremony will be preserved for future generations by Frank O. Salisbury, the painter, who already has begun painting a large canvas by Royal command. The Abbey will be closed tomorrow. It will be opened to ticket-holders at 8.45 o'clock Tuesday morning and a few hours after the marriage ceremony it will be re-opened to the public, when a charge of one shilling will be made for a view of the scene of the ceremony. All the warships in Portsmouth will dress ship and at night will be illuminated in honor of the wedding.

Announcement is made that King George has appointed Viscount Lascelles a Knight of the Order of the Garter.

STEWARTS TO CONTROL HOUSE OF COMMONS

Smiths Have Been Routed and Browns Thrown into the Discard.

Ottawa, Feb. 26.—The Stewarts have a majority, as far as the family name is concerned, among the new members of the House of Commons. At present there are four Stewarts in the House and a fifth, Hon. Charles Stewart, Minister of the Interior, hoping to get there by the acclamation route. According to the printed list of members, issued today, there are Stewarts from Lunenburg, New Brunswick, and Hamilton West already selected to membership while the fifth representative of the clan is a candidate in Antigonish, Que.

Next in strength are the Kennedys, four in number, from Edmonton West, Fort Arthur, Oshington and Stornoway and North Essex. The Kings, including the Prime Minister, John W. King of North Huron and J. H. King, the candidate in East Kootenay will stand third in the matter of family strength. Two of them are Liberals and Cabinet Ministers and the third a Progressive.

And the honored family name of Smith falls to claim even a single representative, while the Browns have only one voice in the Commons Chamber in the person of John L. Brown, of Lisgar, Man. Though there are only three parties in the House there will be four leaders, the fourth being Harry Leader who defeated the former Premier in Portage La Prairie riding.

BRAKEMAN KILLED

Toronto, Feb. 26.—George Patterson, of Toronto, a brakeman, was killed in the C. P. R. yards at West Toronto early this morning when he slipped on the ice and fell in front of moving cars that were being switched. He was 35 years of age and married.

Thought Their Victim Was One Of "Specials"

Young Man Killed by Three Men While Crossing Sinn Fein Section of Belfast.

Belfast, Feb. 26.—James Hughes, twenty years old, was the victim of a fatal attack on Saturday night by three men who rushed out on him from a side street. The killing was witnessed by the young man's mother. Two men were fired on while crossing Mill Field, a Sinn Fein section of the city. The men who did the shooting afterwards apologized saying they had mistaken their intended victims for specials.

LOYD GEORGE FINDS TIME TO TALK RELIGION

Urges Upon Free Church Leaders Necessity of Religious Revival for England.

SUCH, HE DECLARES, IS NEED OF COUNTRY

Says Material Conditions of People Would be Improved from Spiritual Revival.

London, Feb. 26.—(Canadian Press Cable)—Religious crises in England, including the established church and the non-conformists, are much interested in the outcome of a breakfast gathering in Downing Street, yesterday, when Premier Lloyd George, with Mrs. Lloyd George and their daughter, Miss Mogan, entertained at the early morning meal a number of leading "free church" ministers.

It has been suggested, more or less jokingly in some quarters, that the Premier who, as a free churchman, always enjoyed much non-conformist support, is perturbed by the fact that two independent Liberals are coming to speak at the coming National Free Church Council meeting. Instead, however, of any reference being made to politics, at the breakfast, these present hours that the Premier devoted two hours in the midst of his multifarious duties to discuss the state of religion in the country.

Mr. Lloyd George submitted to the Free Church leaders the proposition that it was urgently necessary for the churches to stimulate a spiritual revival in order to improve the material conditions of the people. The Premier supported his contention by references to European and British history, and declared that at the present time England needed a religious revival more than anything else.

"SPOOKS" BECOME CHIEF TOPIC IN NOVA SCOTIA

Problem of Alleged Haunted House at Caledonia Mills Becoming Political Question.

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 26.—The problem of the alleged haunted house at Caledonia Mills is becoming a political question. Since a provincial detective, after a brief investigation, ascribed the mysterious fires and other extraordinary phenomena which drove Alex. MacDonald and his family from their home in winter, to supernatural agencies, there has been so much talk of "spooks" in Nova Scotia that many imaginative children have been seeing things in the dark.

Angry parents are now declaring that the Nova Scotia Government should take immediate measures to get the alleged spooks.

The haunted house has also become a business problem. Five undertakers are discussing suggestions that the mysterious fires were due to electric phenomena, caused by the powerful wireless station at Glace Bay. Several other families in Antigonish county are now reported to have been driven from their homes by mysterious fires during the last dozen years.

According to inquiries received here, a small army of American newspaper men are preparing to follow Dr. Walter Franklin Pierce, director of the American Institute for Scientific Research, who has accepted the invitation of W. H. Dennis, of the Halifax Herald, to undertake an investigation of the mystery.

MABEL IMPROVED

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 26.—Mabel Norman, film actress, who has been ill from influenza and nervous breakdown, was said by her physician today to be well on the way to complete recovery.

LAVISH ARE DECORATIONS FOR WEDDING

Riot of Color, Enhanced by Artists' Skill, Marks Route of Royal Party.

KING AND QUEEN REHEARSED PARTS

Their Majesties at Westminster Abbey Saturday to Go Through Parts They Will Play.

London, Feb. 26.—King George and Queen Mary were rehearsed yesterday in the parts they will take at the state wedding of their daughter, Princess Mary, to Viscount Lascelles next Tuesday. Shortly before noon, their Majesties arrived at the door of Westminster Abbey in a big limousine and were met by the Dean.

They spent an hour in examination of the elaborate arrangements made for the accommodation of the great assemblage of wedding attendants, and in being conducted through the positions they will take during the ceremony. Their visit was a surprise to scores of curious persons, who came for a last peep at the scene of the wedding of England's Princess.

The principal pillars of this neighborhood are triangular in shape, and they have been draped in blue banners bearing the monograms "M" and "H" on panelled tops. (Viscount Lascelles' christian name is "Henry").

From masts surrounded by gilt cordons, fly large banners of the British national colors and flags of the Empire. Projecting arms bear on either side of the pillars flags of the heraldic lineage of Princess Mary, and the coat of arms of Viscount Lascelles. These masts, fifteen yards apart, alternate with simple pillars, twenty feet high, topped with capitals carrying gilt ballustrades. The heads of these capitals are linked to the main masts by ropes of white floral garlands, seven inches in diameter, carrying large gilt lines. On each intermediate mast is an oval medallion, bearing in relief the superimposed heads of the Princess and the bridegroom. Leading the decorations are festoons of red and white roses leaves with sprays of hutton roses.

Mighty Arches

The bridal party will drive under two arches made of motto banners. One of these is near Trafalgar Square at the top of the Mall, and the other in Parliament Square. They are thirty-five feet high with thirty foot spans and carrying large, gold-leafed banners with the mottoes "May Your Path Be Lined with Brightness" and "Westminster Wishes All Happiness to the Bride and Bridegroom."

The bridal party will step from carriages and motor cars on to a great red carpet, which extends from the altar steps to the west door and thence, under a long red and white striped canopy with closed sides, to the sidewalk. Its straight line is broken only where it diverges to the right to avoid passing over the unknown warrior's grave.

Inside the Abbey, rows of seats, twelve deep, have been erected on either side of the central aisle to the walls of the nave all extending as close to the altar as possible. These have been ingeniously built around the pillars and over the stalls. There are six passages beneath which the wedding guests will proceed to their seats, as none but those composing the three royal processions to the altar may pass through the central red-carpeted aisle.

The framework of the stands has been coated with gray paint, making them harmonize with the ancient stonework.

ROBBER CHOKED WOMAN INTO UNCONSCIOUSNESS

Ransacked House, Securing \$15 in Cash and Jewelry to Value of \$100.

Windsor, Ont., Feb. 26.—Mrs. Herbert M. Paul, of this city, was choked until she became unconscious by a youthful robber, wearing a false "Charlie Chaplin" mustache and eye brows, in her home, 448 Carleton avenue yesterday. The robber escaped with \$15 in currency and jewelry worth more than \$100, which he took from a bedroom.

According to the story of the robbery told today, Mrs. Paul had returned home from visiting a friend when the robber surprised her in the parlor. She hurried a heavy vase at him, but he succeeded in dodging it.

ROWED 200 MILES IN AN OPEN BOAT

St. John's, Nfld., Feb. 26.—The crew of the Newfoundland fishing schooner Howard Pike rowed 200 miles in an open boat, after their vessel had foundered, and reached Barbados yesterday. News of their arrival received here today, said the vessel had been driven far to the southward by contrary winds before she sprang a leak.