

BIG MAJORITY FOR LLOYD GEORGE

COALITION LEADING IN BRITISH ELECTION

Returns Today Show Unionists to Have 127 Seats; Union Liberals, Next in Line, Have Only 56

By Courier Leased Wire.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Bulletin.—At 1.30 o'clock the election returns showed this result: Coalition Unionists, 127; Coalition Liberals, 56; Unionists, 5; Liberals, 2; Labor, 23; Irish Nationalists, 1; Sinn Fein, 26 and one Independent.

Mrs. Despard Not Elected.—The first election return received today shows the defeat of a woman candidate, Mrs. Charlotte Despard, sister of Viscount French, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. She was defeated in North Battersea by Richard Morris, Coalition Liberal. Morris received 7,231 votes and Mrs. Despard, who was a Labor candidate, 5,634 votes.

The coming parliament—the first under the new reform act—will have 707 members, or thirty-seven more than the last parliament. Of these, 122 have returned either unopposed or for the universities where conditions enable an immediate declaration of the results. Those returned comprise fifty-one Coalition Unionists; thirty-one Coalition Liberals; twelve Laborites; one Independent Irish Nationalist, and twenty-six Sinn Feiners.

The general indifference over the election justifies the explanation of small polls, and with the exception of the professional politicians, nobody is excited over the results.



Map showing route of the German forces in their retreat from Russia.

ALD. HURLEY HOWLED DOWN BY LABOR MEN

Criticized Mayor's Policy at Meeting in Victoria Hall Last Night and Was Given Stormy Reception

Fireworks flew thick and fast during the meeting held in Victoria Hall last evening in the interests of Mayor MacBride and the other Labor Candidates. Alderman Hurley was present as a representative of the Brantford Municipal League and during his address he did not prove very satisfactory. The Mayor gave a lengthy resume of the business transacted by this year's council and of the work that he would endeavor to cover in 1919. The audience was composed largely of Labor men and the supporters of Mayor MacBride who gave him hearty support and applause.

Mayor MacBride opened the meeting with a brief explanation of the purpose of the gathering which he stated was to state his reply to some of the insinuations that were being made by the Upfilthers. Alderman Spence occupied the chair and invited many members of the Municipal League who might be present to the platform. None appeared and various uncomplimentary cries were heard from the crowd. Ald. Symons then proceeded to deal with the Municipal League stating that they had taken for their cry the huge tax rate that is being paid by the ratopayers of the city. Following this he gave a concise analysis of the present taxes stating that it had not been for the patriotic grants that were made this year the tax rate would have been below normal. Wages have enormously increased within the past few years and it has been necessary for the city to increase the remuneration of their employees in a like manner. This had been done and naturally necessitated a slight increase in the tax rate.

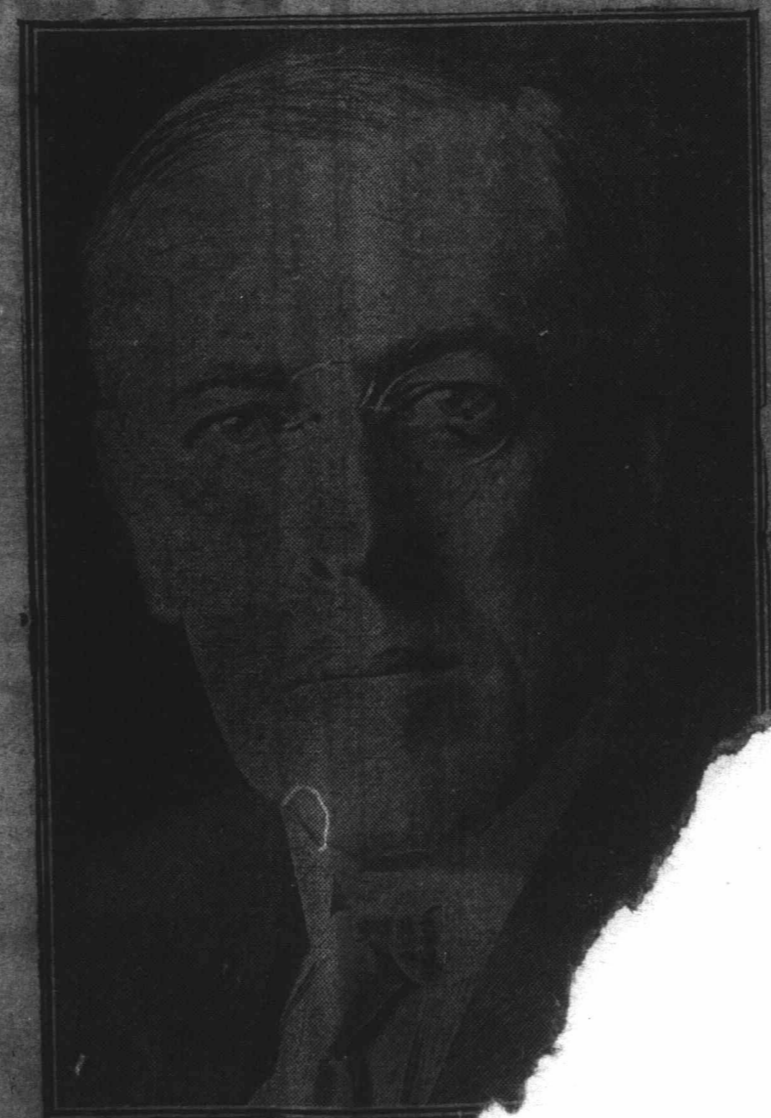
Alderman Hurley entered the hall at this moment and signified his desire to address the meeting. As Alderman Hurley approached the platform the crowd apparently was of the opinion that the speaker was to address in the interests of Mayor MacBride. This opinion however did not last long after the speaker began. Ald. Hurley got right to the point and began to criticize the actions of Mayor MacBride in the Council. As soon as he began to speak the audience began to heckle and it was only through

repeated calls for order by the chairman that a hearing was secured. The mayor, Ald. Hurley stated had bailed up the fuel situation and went on to explain the many different branches that he claimed had suffered as a result of the mayor's policy. He stated that the Mayor's policy was to support both the Conservative and Liberal organizations for the same purpose, that of being a canvasser. Then he was discovered by Labor and consequently became their candidate for the Dominion Government. Alderman Hurley continued to expostulate but the crowd continued to exert their vocal powers and he was howled down.

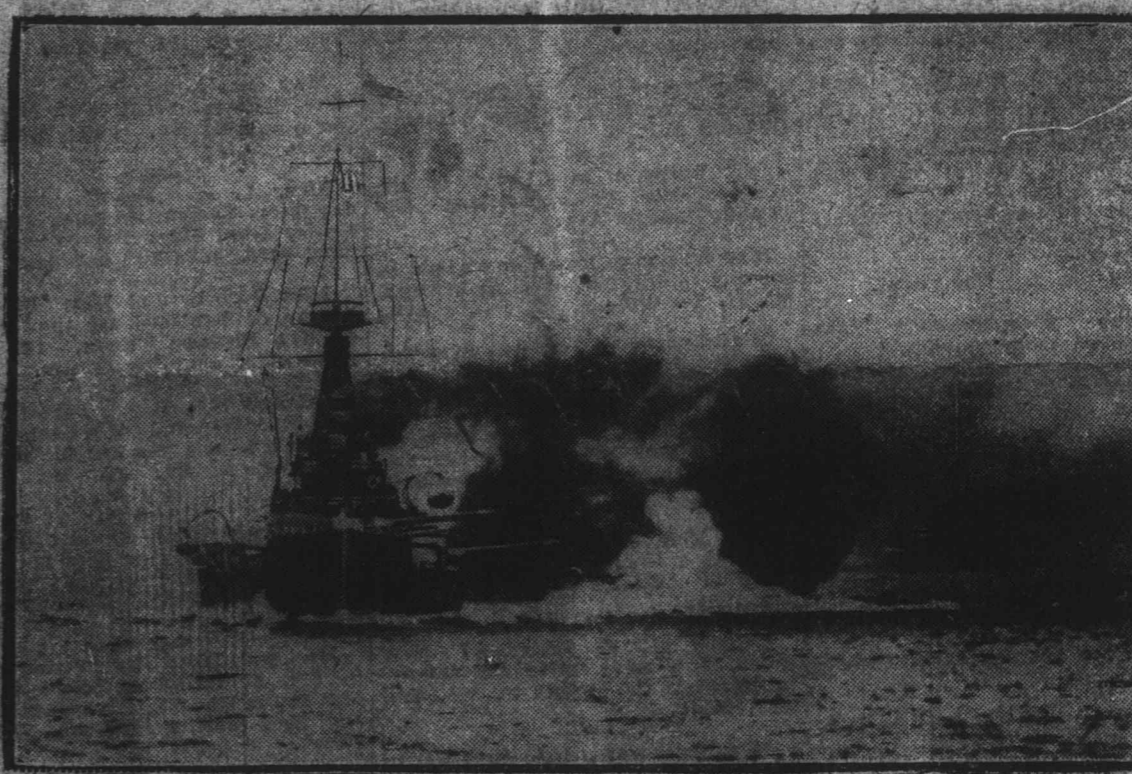
Alderman Clement stated that the end of the war had been astonishing of democracy but apparently this was not true enough judging from the language that Alderman Hurley had used against the Mayor. He also explained that it was some of these scenes that caused the mayor to call a cop. The work covered by this year's city council, showed the great asset the city had in the person of Mayor MacBride. Considering the hard things that the city council had been up against and the way in which they had overcome them they had done remarkably well. In regard to the Municipal League the speaker stated that he had no comment and that the literature that they were spreading about was sufficient for anyone to judge of the calibre of men that were at the head.

Mayor MacBride, the speaker of the evening gave a long address upon all the subjects that concerned the public and himself. In regard to the coal situation and the way that J. H. Spence had acted he stated that before he had left for the North Mr. Spence had been satisfied with the situation and immediately after his departure he had approached the council to find fault and to stand the mayor behind his back. The mayor refuted the statement of Alderman Hurley showing how that gentleman had erred in all his attitude on all his departure he had approached the council as a daily paper. It had originally been intended to continue publication until Tuesday next, Dec. 31st but in order to accommodate a number of the staff who have already obtained positions elsewhere, this decision has been reached. It is with deep regret that the staff and readers of the paper alike will look upon its passing from the ranks of newspaperdom. Commencing with Monday of next week, The Expositor will be supplied to County subscribers. The Expositor will also continue the thread of The Courier's serial story, "The Wife," concerning which many queries have been received. With this, its last issue, The Courier wishes its readers every prosperity and success for the New Year.

HANDS ACROSS THE SEA



The Anglo-American union was formed by George and President...



BOUND FOR KIEL.

Photo shows Hercules, flagship of Rear Admiral Sir Montague E. Browning, proceeding with a flotilla of destroyers to Kiel to ascertain whether Hun warships have been disarmed in accordance with armistice conditions.

SINN FEINERS CLAIM IRISH REPUBLIC HAS COME TO BEING

By Courier Leased Wire.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Posters will appear in every parish in Ireland today announcing that the Irish republic has come into being, says The Express.

The newspaper adds that the Sinn Feiners in the recent election, swept Leinster, Munster and Connaught.

Seventy members of parliament were elected by the party, but they will not take their seats. It is said by The Express that a central Sinn Fein council will be established in Dublin almost immediately, and will call itself the Irish parliament. If the government orders its disbandment it is said, it will establish itself elsewhere, and if necessary, move from place to place.

KING GEORGE AND PRESIDENT MAKE SPEECHES OF HISTORIC IMPORTANCE

A State Banquet to Wilson Brings About a Notable Change of News—A Common Brother-Hood for the Two Great Nations

LONDON, Dec. 27.—In his speech at the State banquet to President Wilson at Buckingham Palace last night King George said: "This is an historic moment and your visit marks an historic epoch. Nearly 150 years have passed since your republic began its independent life and now, for the first time, a President of the United States is our guest in England."

"We welcome you to the country where stand the homes of those from whom sprang Washington and Lincoln. We welcome you for the one whose insight, calmness and dignity in the discharge of his duties we have watched with admiration. We see in you the embodiment of the gift of a scholar and a statesman. Your studious academic life and your delivery of a breadth of world problems in a lofty diction are the great orators of our own age."

"You come to us as a spokesman of a people whose wealth is bound to the destinies of the world. Its people speak the language of Shakespeare and its life is yours as well as ours. We and men of letters have joined in a comparative study of your literature."

COURIER BIDS ADIEU TO ALL ITS READERS TODAY

With to-day's issue, The Courier bids its readers adieu after forty-seven years of publication.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Toronto, Dec. 28.—Except for some light snow in a few localities the weather over the Dominion has been fair, moderately cold from Ontario eastward and comparatively mild in the Western Provinces. Forecasts: Westerly winds, some light local snow, but mostly fair and moderate to cold to-day and on Sunday.



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