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FIRST LABOR PRIME MINISTER LEADS BRITAIN

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MACDONALD BEGINS TASK OF SELECTING CABINET MEMBERS

Labor Leader Accepts King's Offer To Form New British Government.

HOUSE MEETS FEB. 12

New Premier Will Also Assume Portfolio of Foreign Affairs.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Jan. 22.—Prime Minister Baldwin shortly before noon today tendered the resignation of his ministry to King George and advised the sovereign to send for James Ramsay MacDonald, the Labor leader, for an audience at noon.

Mr. Baldwin's audience with the king came after a meeting of the cabinet. He remained in Buckingham Palace for 40 minutes.

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As the son of a Scotch peasant, however, he early in life learned the privations of the average laborer's lot.

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FORECASTS.

Today—Strong southwest winds; moderating; light snowfalls.

Wednesday—Northwesterly winds; fair; much colder again by night.

An area of depression which was in the Western Provinces yesterday is now passing eastward across Northern Ontario, while high pressure, with a cold wave, is coming into Manitoba and Saskatchewan from the north.

The weather is very cold, with high winds in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces.

Temperatures.

The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

Stations	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	42	40	Cloudy
Calgary	24	18	Snow
Winnipeg	12	6	Snow
Port Arthur	4	4	Fair
S. S. Marie	0	4	Snow
Kingston	0	2	Cloudy
Ottawa	0	10	Snow
Montreal	2	16	Fair
Quebec	2	12	Snow
St. John	12	18	Clear
Halifax	0	28	Cloudy

Ninus (—) means below zero.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 5; lowest, 3 below.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 13; lowest, 5 below.

Barometric Readings.

Monday—8 p.m.—29.44.

Today—8 a.m.—29.15.

New British Labor Cabinet

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London, England, Jan. 22.—The new Labor cabinet was officially announced this afternoon, as follows:

Ramsay MacDonald, premier and secretary for foreign affairs.

John Robert Clynes, lord privy seal and deputy leader in the House of Commons.

Lord Parmoor, lord president of the council.

Viscount Haldane, lord chancellor.

Philip Snowden, chancellor of exchequer.

Arthur Henderson, secretary for home affairs.

J. H. Thomas, secretary for the colonies.

Stephen Walsh, secretary for war.

Sir Sydney Olivier, head of the India Office.

Brig.-Gen. Christopher Thompson, air minister.

Viscount Chelmsford, first lord of the admiralty.

Sydney Webb, president of the board of education.

John Wheatley, minister of health.

Noel Buxton, minister of agriculture.

William Adamson, secretary of Scotland.

C. P. Trevelyan, president of the board of education.

Thomas Shaw, minister of labor.

Vernon Hartshorn, postmaster-general.

Colonel Josiah Wedgwood, chancellor for the Duchy of Lancaster.

F. W. Jowett, commissioner of works.

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THIRTY-EIGHT WITNESSES ARE NAMED

Sheriff Given List of Subpoenas in Connection With Murrell-Williams Trial.

SEEK NEW EVIDENCE

Thirty-eight witnesses will be summoned by the crown in the murder trial of Sidney Murrell and Henry Jack (Slim) Williams, it was learned today. Sheriff Donald Graham has been given a list of subpoenas to serve and will immediately get in touch with the witnesses.

All persons who gave evidence in the October trial of the two bank robbers are again being summoned and will be on hand when the court is called to order on February 4.

One additional witness is being called by the crown and his evidence is deemed of the greatest importance. Just who he is and the exact nature of his testimony is being closely guarded by those in authority.

One witness who was expected to testify at the last trial could not be located at the time, and every effort is now being made to find this man.

There may be other persons summoned, who were not in court last fall, to tell what they know about the shooting of Russell Campbell in the laneway next to the Home Bank at Melbourne in April, 1921.

ELLIOTT PROTESTS ELECTION METHOD

County Councillor Calls Body "a Band of Rebels" at Meeting Today.

A peaceful county council meeting was rudely disturbed this afternoon when Councillor Tom Elliott of West Williams took decided objection to the method employed in the election of a warden. Councillor Elliott, in a heated denunciation of the system, declared that the plans in force were nothing short of a conspiracy, labeling the councillors "a band of rebels."

Before a warden is chosen it is the practice of the councillors to go into caucus to consider the matter. Mr. Elliott contended the system was contrary to statutes, and asserted that he would oppose it "to the last ditch."

"Your oath isn't worth a scrap of paper," he declared.



BRITAIN'S FIRST LABOR PREMIER.

Ramsay MacDonald, Labor leader in the British house, has accepted the position of prime minister and is now busily engaged in the work of forming a new Labor cabinet. At the upper left, Mr. MacDonald is shown with his daughters, Sheila, Joan and Isabel, in his Hampstead home. Lower left, he is shown being hailed by a London crowd after the general election of last December. In the center, he is seen in golfing togs, and, at the right, in an interesting pose when he captained a tug-of-war team.

Former Stable Boy Called By King To Direct Affairs Of the British Government

Ramsay MacDonald Offered One of Most Vaunted Positions in World.

HOUSED AS TRAITOR

Britain's New Premier Has Had Amazing and Dramatic Career.

Fifty years ago Ramsay MacDonald was a poverty-stricken stable boy. Eighteen years ago he became leader of the Independent Labor Party.

Nine years ago he was hounded from the streets of London with cries of "coward" and "traitor."

Now he has been summoned to Buckingham Palace by King George and asked to form a cabinet.

The stable boy, who became a Labor leader, and who was hailed by his fellow countrymen as a traitor during the war, has now been elevated to one of the most vaunted positions in the world—prime minister of Great Britain.

There have been careers in the history of Great Britain more dramatic than the amazing rise and fall and return to power of this doer, persevering Scotsman, who goes down in history as Great Britain's first Labor premier.

His whole life is a paradox. Born in poverty, he now has plenty. Leader of the British Labor Party, he was himself never a laborer in the true sense of the word. Ostracized from society and branded as a traitor, he now dines with the King and is hailed as a savior.

He might well be said to possess the elegance of Mr. Balfour, the rusticity of Mr. Asquith and the fervor of Mr. Lloyd George, but it is only in his speeches that he shows any fire or spirit. From the standpoint of personality he is not one-half as striking a figure as his teacher and disciple, Keir Hardie. Neither does he command the confidence in Labor ranks that Mr. Arthur Henderson does.

Embittered Against Capital. Always he has held himself aloof from the business world.

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Next Winter Coal Supply Likely To Be Considered

Owing to the fact that S. F. Lawton, chairman of No. 2 committee of the board of education is contemplating a trip to Bermuda, to last three or four weeks, a meeting of the committee will be held in the boardroom on Friday at 4:30, at which any matter referred by the board will be dealt with, as well as new business.

One of the matters that will likely be considered is that of next winter's coal supply for the schools, and permission will probably be given to advertise for tenders.

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PREMIER LENINE DIES SUDDENLY

Soviet Statesman Is Victim of Paralytic Stroke at His Villa Near Moscow.

Associated Press Despatch.
Moscow, Jan. 22.—Nicolai Lenin, premier of Soviet Russia, is dead.

The end came at 5:50 o'clock Monday afternoon, but the death was not announced for some time afterward.

Lenin's death occurred at his country villa near Moscow, where he had been living in retirement. It came after a sudden turn for the worse culminating in a stroke which paralyzed his respiratory organism.

Official announcement of his death was made by the all Russian Soviet this morning. News of his death, while not unexpected to those who had been closest to him in the Soviet councils, came unexpectedly at this time to the great majority, as the most recent reports had been that the premier was considerably improved in health. While there has been continuous anxiety for Lenin's condition since he was stricken in

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KNOW LITTLE OF LAW

Believes "Noted Financier" Not Versed in Laws of the Dominion.

Richard G. Ivey, vice-president of the London Street Railway Company, states that he is willing to personally indemnify any member of the city council who voted in 1923 for the resolution permitting the company to pay its track allowance in ten annual installments, and who may now fear that he can be held liable with his associates for the \$51,000 involved.

The vice-president is quite amused, but in no way concerned, over a leading article in last night's edition of the Free Press, which charged in effect, that "the aldermen could be held liable for this amount if the company did not choose to pay as their agreement was not legal."

"I note that it is an opinion by a noted local financier," Mr. Ivey stated. "But the outstanding phase of the story is that his name is withheld from publication. I am not surprised at that, however, when I read his opinion. He may know something about finances, but he doesn't seem to know very much about law."

"If, however, any of the aldermen feel that the noted, but yet unknown, financier is correct, and that they are liable, I have no hesitation in saying that I will personally indemnify them against any responsibility they may have assumed by voting for the resolution last year that permitted us to pay for the paving in ten annual installments."

"They need evince no worry as to this opinion from the noted financier. I don't give me any concern, and I am willing to stand behind the city councillors if it gives them any."

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