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Baldwin Government Will Fall Monday, London Reports

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LABOR WILL CONTROL COMMONS

Baldwin Government Will Resign Monday Night, London Reports.

LIBERALS ACTIVE

Railway Strike to Prove a Fizzle as Labor Unions Hold Back.

BY HARRY N. MOORE (British United Press.)

London, Jan. 17.—The Baldwin Government will inevitably fall on Monday night and the premier will hand in his resignation to the King on the day following. This decision on the part of the Labor leaders, who hold the whip hand, means not only that the Liberals will be granted an opportunity to express themselves in denunciation of the present administration, but it also indicates that the leaders are confident of controlling the threatening strike situation. While the railways have been called out, the strike, if it comes, is doomed to failure owing to lack of support and cooperation from other unions who regard the threat to strike as a political blunder at this time. The miners, however, are on a different footing. They have polled an overwhelming majority against the acceptance of the new wage schedule of the national board and the possibilities of a strike grow every day more threatening.

Swamped With Requests. It looks as if it could only be staved off by some promise on the Labor government's part of a scheme of nationalization of the mines. The trouble with this solution is that no sooner has the promise been made than the government will be swamped with requests in other branches of industry. Discussing the suggestion of Labor that very soon after its induction into office it will take steps to put into force once more the full Fisher education bill which has been curtailed in powers owing to lack of funds, a leader of the party said today that what Labor seeks to achieve drastically is that the State will pay all the expenses of education just as it pays for the royal family which produces splendid citizens. We do not want to bring up families in the gutter, but to raise them from the gutter, he said, "to give every workman's child the same opportunities as the royal princes have. We want every young Englishman who goes to Canada to have the same culture after the same advantages as the Prince of Wales, to be able to speak the same language as he does, and to have the same refinement. We do not want to disturb Oxford, Cambridge and the older universities, but we want to create many more new universities along the lines of those already established in the large industrial centres, such as Manchester, Leeds, and Birmingham, where without the old traditional limitations boys can obtain the same training as they have at the present established institutions, especially in science. The general opinion of close observers is that Labor will carry on the Liberal traditions.

French Planes Must Carry Parachutes

Paris, Jan. 17.—Since January all French aeroplanes carrying passengers have been obliged to carry parachutes. This fact was made public at a conference of members of the French aerialists.

Regarding the value of the parachute, a conclusive experiment was recently carried out by Mlle. Collin. While traveling in an aeroplane at 90 miles an hour, she dropped off the aeroplane a parachute, which unfolded itself in a normal manner. Scientists had said that such a feat was impossible.

Has Been Clerk Of Court 66 Years

(By Dominion News Service.)

London, Jan. 17.—In recognition of 66 years of service at Bloomsbury County Court, Charles Stamer, the chief clerk, has just received a silver tea and coffee service. The gift was subscribed for by members of the legal profession, and the presentation was made by the judge. It is believed that Mr. Stamer's 66 years of service is a record for a County Court official. He began as a boy in 1857, and has served under four judges and five registrars. When he began work at the court he had to walk to and from Bloomsbury, at least ten miles a day. There was no bus service, and the Underground Railway, then known as the "Subterranean," was just being constructed.

GOT FROM UNDER IN HOME BANK CRASH

Ontario Government Deed Out Large Sums a Little Before Collapse.

Toronto, Jan. 17.—Large withdrawals by the Ontario Government on the eve of the Home Bank crash may prove to have been a factor, it is said, in hastening the end of that institution. The bank's withdrawals amounting to \$850,000 were made between August 18 and 19 and the bank closed its doors on August 17. The suspension of payment followed close on the heels of the presentation of the two checks at the Toronto clearing house. The first of a series of large withdrawals by the Ontario Government, the Globe has been informed, was made on June 26, when the Government's balance stood at \$2,100,000. That day the sum \$100,000 was withdrawn. On July 12, \$300,000 was withdrawn. The third largest withdrawal was made on August 13, when \$400,000 was taken out, and a further withdrawal of \$100,000 was made the day before the directors decided to close the bank's doors. All these checks passed the clearing house.

BANK LOAN RATE TO FARMERS CUT

Interest Reduced by Montreal Bank One-Half Per Cent.—Others to Follow.

Edmonton, Jan. 17.—Cheaper money for Alberta farmers belonging to rural credit societies will be available through an arrangement that Premier Greenfield made while in the east. The rate of bank interest will be reduced one-half of one per cent, bringing the charge down from seven to six and a half per cent, which will mean a corresponding reduction in the charges to the borrowing members of the several societies. Premier Greenfield discussed the matter with Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor, general manager of the Bank of Montreal, who agreed in behalf of his own bank to make the reduction indicated. A considerable portion of the funds now being used by the rural credit societies comes from the Montreal Bank and will therefore be affected by the reduction thus agreed to.

Wire Briefs

Guayaquil, Jan. 17.—Dr. Gonzales Cordova, was chosen president of Ecuador yesterday.

Toronto, Jan. 17.—Hon. Featherston Osier, former judge of the Ontario court of appeals, died here last night aged 86.

Christiana, Jan. 17.—The threatened strike of the transport workers began yesterday in Christiania and virtually all other Norwegian ports.

Rome, Jan. 17.—The Banca Italiana di Credito Valori, closed its doors yesterday. The institution had deposits of 75,000,000 lire (\$14,500,000).

Christiana, Jan. 17.—Airplanes carrying supplies to 50 ships wedged in the ice in the Cattagat and off the Danish coast. The aircraft dropped sacks of food and other stores near the imprisoned vessels.

London, Jan. 17.—A strike of British locomotive men, who have refused to accept the reduction in wages authorized by the railway wages board, will begin at midnight on Sunday, according to an announcement made this noon.

GODWIN BOY WILL FACE JURYMEN

Mystery of Mrs. Whiteside Murder Expected to be Learned Tonight.

GET NEW EVIDENCE

Coroner Porter Uncertain if Inquest Will be Ended This Session.

The mystery connected with the murder of Mrs. Clara Whiteside and the veil of secrecy which has enshrouded the movements of the authorities, who have been investigating the crime, may be penetrated this evening at the resumed hearing of the inquest. The Times learned this morning that one or two citizens have volunteered to come forward and shed new light on the case and it is expected that evidence will be forthcoming which will prove beyond a doubt that the unfortunate woman was alive and well later than December 17.

Public Is Barred. The public will not be allowed in until 8.30 a. m. to attend the inquest on the body of the boy from Little River, who appeared before the jury. It is understood that he will not be placed on the stand, but will be questioned so as to give the members an opportunity of judging what kind of a boy he is. Coroner Porter announced that he did not expect that the boy would be sworn, but would likely be examined on general subjects. The Coroner when asked if he expected to complete evidence this evening said he was unable to say as some volunteer witnesses were to be present in addition to a number of others already summoned.

CANADIAN UNITY IS STRONGLY URGED

Governor General and Premier on Same Strain at Toronto Banquet.

Toronto, Jan. 17.—Outstanding among the notes touched upon by Governor General Byng, Premier King, Sir Arthur Currie and Sir Edmund Walker at tonight's 25th anniversary banquet of the Canadian Club of Toronto, was that of Canadian national unity. It was held up by the Prime Minister as an ideal to which Canada must if she is to make the great forward strides her resources and position promise, and by Sir Arthur Currie as a goal which she must win.

Mr. King said that in his opinion no time is the history of the Dominion was the need greater for organization to foster a patriotic Canadian sentiment in all parts of the country than the present.

Summing up, in conclusion, the source of Canadian unity, Premier King said: "We seek to be only a united people, happy under the British flag, and prepared to do our part for the British Empire wherever its common interests, its integrity or its honor are imperiled or threatened."

"If you were to ask me where I thought a Canadian Club did good," said His Excellency the Governor General, "I would say at once I think it means the start of national expression of opinion, and a national expression of opinion is simply the private expression of a lot of people. I think the Canadian Club goes a very long way toward producing public opinion."

Milton Volume Sells For \$15,500

London, Jan. 17.—A William Blake "Milton" (1804) was sold for \$15,500 at Sotheby's. No other copy of the Milton with 56 leaves is known. Three copies have been recorded, the first at the British Museum, the Huntington example purchased in the Bute sale 13 years ago for \$9,000, and the Beckford Hamilton copy now in the New York Public Library. It is understood that this rare literary treasure will go abroad.

Acadia Refinery Manager Resigns

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 17.—F. A. Bodenhein has resigned as manager of the Acadia Sugar Refinery, the resignation taking place immediately and follows four years of service.

French Taxes Go Up 20 Per Cent

Paris, Jan. 17.—The French Cabinet today adopted, without important changes, the final draft of the Government's programme of fiscal reform, including the measure providing a 20 per cent. increase in taxation. The legislation will be presented to the Chamber of Deputies today by Minister of Finance De Lastoyrie.

The Government will insist that the financial committee of the Chamber report out the bills immediately so that they can be brought before Parliament for discussion next Tuesday.

TEMPEST IS RAISED OVER TEAPOT DOME

Charge of Corruption in Oil Reserve Deal Made in U. S. Senate.

Washington, Jan. 17.—Corruption in connection with the lease of the Teapot Dome Naval Oil Reserve to the Sinclair interests was charged yesterday in the Senate against Albert B. Fall, former secretary of the Interior, by Senator Caraway, Democrat, Arkansas.

Moreover, Mr. Caraway assailed Secretary Denby and Assistant Secretary Roosevelt in connection with their approval of the lease and attacked Attorney General Daugherty. He declared that so long as Mr. Daugherty remained in office the Department of Justice may sell the White House and be absolutely immune from any legal proceedings.

Reviewing the lease and dwelling on the several statements by Mr. Fall and Edward B. McLean, Washington newspaper publishers, as to the source of the funds used by Mr. Fall in enlarging and improving his New Mexico ranch, Mr. Caraway summed up his address with this declaration:—

Betrayal of Trust Charged. "We are faced with this humiliating situation, for the first time in the history of America, so far as I know, and I hope it will be the last time, a cabinet officer betrayed the trust imposed in him, and for a moment consideration sold the very means by which our national defense is to be protected."

Senator Caraway declared that after President Harding, without authority had transferred the naval oil reserves from the control of the Navy Department to the Interior Department, Mr. Fall had betrayed the trust which he had accepted in negotiating some kind of a deal with two oil people and parted with the nation's oil reserve.

SHENANDOAH IS AT MOORINGS AGAIN

Giant Airship Breaks Away in 72 Mile Gale and Has Tough Fight.

Lakehurst, N. J., Jan. 17.—The Shenandoah, largest airship of the U. S. navy, was placed in the hangar at Lakehurst air station at 4.24 o'clock this morning after she had broken away and fought her way back to moorings against a wind that blew at 72 miles an hour. This gale lashed the craft from her towering mooring mast at 6.23 o'clock last night and swept her on a mad chase up the Atlantic coast to Staten Island, New York City, where Captain Anton Heinen, in command when she broke away, turned her nose into the teeth of the storm and manœvered her back to Lakehurst.

None of the crew of 22 was injured. The men took it as a joke. "If you were to ask me where I thought a Canadian Club did good," said His Excellency the Governor General, "I would say at once I think it means the start of national expression of opinion, and a national expression of opinion is simply the private expression of a lot of people. I think the Canadian Club goes a very long way toward producing public opinion."

Use Pigeons To Smuggle Cocaine

Paris, Jan. 17.—Arrests made in the last few months have done little to stop the wholesale traffic in cocaine between France and Germany, but the police believe they have hit on the right trail, and he took it to the police.

The authorities claim to have discovered an organization with 30 carriers pigeon-carrying on the contraband drug service.

Italy Engaged In Treaty Matters

Rome, Jan. 17.—According to the Giornale d'Italia, a treaty between Italy and Russia is expected to be signed in a few days. This, the paper declares, will be followed by full recognition by Italy of the Soviet Government.

Early ratification of the Lausanne treaty by Italy was discussed at an interview yesterday between Premier Mussolini and the Turkish ambassador, according to the Tribuna.

SAINT JOHN FISHERMEN ARE RESCUED

John Dawson and Gordon McIvor Safe on Nova Scotia Side.

SEARCH SUCCESSFUL

Story of Experiences to be Related When Men Get to Telephone.

(Special To Times.) Digby, Jan. 17.—John Dawson and Gordon McIvor, the two stray St. John fishermen who were given up as lost, are safe at Victoria Beach, on the Annapolis side of Digby Gut.

They are some distance from the nearest telephone and cannot be reached in person, but the men at the life-saving station at Digby say that their boat was driven ashore at Green Point, about a mile northeast of Digby Gut, about one o'clock yesterday, and the men, after scrambling ashore, made their way to the residence of Charles Boudreau.

Search Is Started. As no telephone was handy they made no attempt to notify their friends. A telegram from St. John to the life-saving station started the lifeboat crew this morning.

The boat cruised down as far as Sandy Cove and then at a distance of about fifteen miles returned up as far as Parker's Cove without seeing anything of the missing men. About five o'clock the guard left at the station saw a boat being towed into Victoria Beach Breakwater bottom up.

The missing men with the wrecked boat he started a telephonic inquiry which revealed the safety of the men. The life boat returned from the search late last night, but the men were still at Victoria Beach this morning.

BRING 5,000 BOYS TO HOMES IN CANADA

Forty Families to Settle in Saskatchewan in Comment on British Immigration.

Montreal, Jan. 17.—A despatch to the Star from London on Canadian immigration complains that the British press, or at least the British press, is trying to champion the cause of the underdog in the case of the British emigrant to Canada, ignore the fact that the Canadian immigration officials are bending all their energies to secure farmers and farm laborers. A campaign of half-truths, it is said, is being carried on and it is urged that the Canadian government would be well advised to treat the antecedents of the writers of "grousing" letters and place the facts before the British public, even if stronger action is not taken.

On the other hand, W. J. Black, Canadian national colonization head, announced that the rate of British settlement move. Forty families will be placed at Tisdale, Sask., and will sail in the middle of April. In addition 5,000 boys between 14 and 17 will be placed in Canadian homes.

Berlin Butchers Feed the Poor

Berlin, Jan. 17.—The Butchers' Union of Berlin has opened a dining-room in the halls of its executive committee headquarters, where between 300 and 400 persons daily collect a good meal.

A committee of butchers obtains from different members of the organization each day sufficient meat to meet the requirements.

The cooking is done by a committee of butchers' wives.

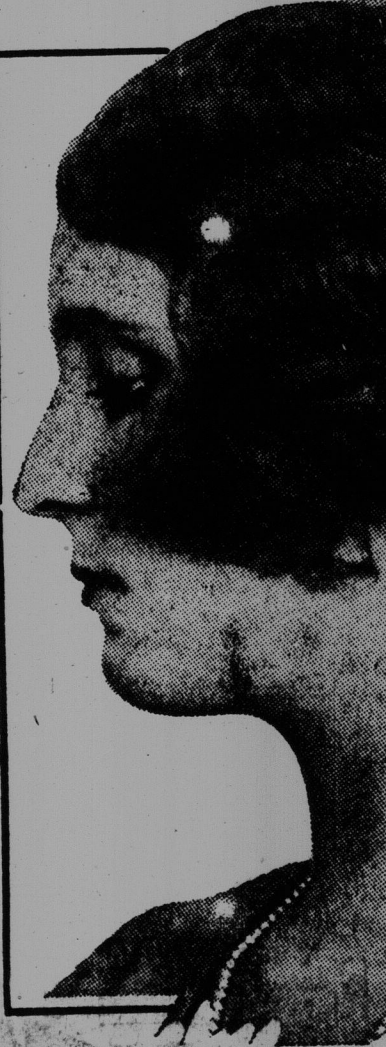
TALK HYDRO RATES. A delegation of Fair Vale residents met Hon. Dr. E. A. Smith this morning and discussed with him the matter of rates for hydro. After the new rate had been explained by Dr. Smith the delegation withdrew perfectly satisfied. Dr. Smith said. The delegation was composed of L. T. Wetmore, I. Tapley, E. W. Long and H. G. Burnett.

DIED IN NEW YORK

A special dispatch from New York to The Times today announced the death this morning of Phoebe, widow of James Munroe Page, in the eightieth year of her age. Interment will be at Asbury, New Jersey.

MATCH IS CANCELLED. It was announced this afternoon that owing to the mild weather the match game between St. Andrew's Curling Club and Carleton Club has been called off.

Will She Marry Prince?



This is a recent photo of Lady Mary Thynne, whose visit to South Africa has renewed the gossip that the Prince of Wales may make her his bride. Lady Mary was one of the bridesmaids at the wedding of Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon and the Duke of York.

Chinese Christians Ask for Ban on Playing Mah-Jongg Game in America

Chicago, Jan. 17.—A protest against the playing of Mah-jongg by American church members on the ground that it is the leading gambling device in use in China by means of which as much as \$1,000,000 is won and lost in a single night, has been made by the National Christian Council of China, according to a statement made today by the Rev. Paul Hutchinson of the committee on conservation and advance of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The adoption of the game in America has appalled China Christians and through the Federal Council of Churches of Christ to discourage its use in America," said Mr. Hutchinson, explaining they did not raise the question as to the ethics of the game itself, but only the fact that it is used for gambling in China.

FOR NEW SEMINARY To Probe Winnipeg Grain Exchange Soon

Winnipeg, Jan. 17.—Extensive inquiry into the procedure on the Winnipeg grain exchange is being carried on at present by Professor A. H. McGibbon, a member of the Turgeon Royal Grain Enquiry Commission. Prof. McGibbon is compiling statistics and assembling facts which are considered of great importance, in preparation for the next sitting of the commission, which will be held in Winnipeg soon.

Ontario Wine Makers Take Government Hint

Toronto, Jan. 17.—Following a conference last yesterday with the Attorney General a delegation representing the manufacturers of native wine decided to comply with the hint given by the Attorney General and to cease sending out advertising matter in any form. They had been notified by the Ontario License Commission that they were offending against the Ontario Temperance Act by the sending out of circulars and price lists. The tin was given that unless they kept within the letter of the law, there might be additional restrictions put upon the industry.

Opposition Leader Plans Quebec Tour

Montreal, Jan. 17.—Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, leader of the opposition, will arrive here Friday evening and will meet political friends and associates. On Saturday morning early he will leave for Valleyfield where a mass meeting will be held in the Theatre Royal in the afternoon at which Mr. Meighen will be the chief speaker. He will return Saturday night to Montreal. The next occasion on which Mr. Meighen will speak here will be on Jan. 28 when he will formally open the headquarters of the Liberal-Conservative Association here. He is further scheduled to address a meeting in Quebec City on Jan. 29 and one at Lewis the next day.

RESULT OF INQUIRY IS ANNOUNCED

S. H. Mildram Issues His Report on Rates in New Brunswick.

ROTHESAY RATE CUT

Pay Station Guarantees are Also Recommended to be Reduced.

The long looked for report in connection with the inquiry of S. H. Mildram, the public utility expert, into the telephone rates of the New Brunswick Telephone Co. has been received in the shape of a summary sent to Chairman J. MacMillan Treuman of the New Brunswick Board of Public Utilities. In accordance with the promise of the Board, given to the public, the same was handed out for publication as soon as possible after its reception today.

Mr. Mildram says that as near as he can estimate it, there will be available to apply to rate reductions throughout the province a total of somewhere in the neighborhood of from \$40,000 to \$45,000, and he has distributed those reductions in such a way as he thinks will prove equitable to the service as a whole.

Reductions Summarized. To summarize briefly some of these reductions:—

Short term service rates are eliminated other than for distinctly seasonal service.

There is also a reduction in the pay station guarantee charges. Hitherto when a pay station was requisitioned from the N. B. Telephone Co. it was necessary for the owner of the property in which the pay station was located to guarantee a certain monthly return from that telephone. The reduction in these guarantees ranged from 50c to \$1 a month.

There was a change, in connection with service connection charges, moves and so forth, and this has been reduced from 25 per cent. to 20 per cent.

An extension of the free mileage limit from one mile to one and two fifths miles means a reduction in revenue of about \$3,000.

The reduction in flat rate subscribers' rates which include the telephone exchanges are having their rates reduced \$3.00 a year—from \$54.00 to \$51.00—and those on the Fredericton exchange have a similar reduction.

The total amount saved to the private branch exchanges is \$5,000 and this probably applies almost wholly to the City of St. John.

Rothsay Is Pleased. Probably no community will be better pleased with the recommendation than both summer and winter residents of St. John and Rothsay and those of Chatham and Newcastle where the tolls will be reduced, if the Board approves of Mr. Mildram's report, from 10c to 5c. Users of the St. John-Rothsay lines will save \$3,000 a year by this reduction and the St. John-Westfield subscribers, \$1,200; while the toll between Chatham and Newcastle will be reduced \$500, making a total of \$4,800.

Long distance "report charges" have sometimes caused a good deal of discussion and Mr. Mildram recommends that these be made approximately 10 per cent. of the station to station rate for long distance messages, instead of the present 25 per cent. of the station to station rate. This will make a saving of about \$2,500.

It is not quite clear, when the total of items amounts to \$30,000, where Mr. Mildram gets his total rate reductions of from \$40,000 to \$45,000, but the report submitted is not a summary and no doubt there will be a fuller explanation when Mr. Mildram arrives in the city next week.

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Vancouver Grain Receipts Are Record

Winnipeg, Jan. 17.—With less than five months of the 1923-24 crop year past, the Canadian National Railways report that there have been more cars than during the whole year of 1922-23.

Do You Know

Fire on Water and Prince Wm. St. vicinity and vicinity here, caused \$540,000 loss, Nov. 15, 1841?

Table with weather data for various locations including Victoria, Kamloops, Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Montreal, St. John, Halifax, and New York. Columns include temperature and wind direction.