

LABOR GOVERNMENT DEFEATS PROPOSE POLITICAL CLUBS

News of Financial Secretary's Failure to Win By-Election Spreads Rapidly.

CABINET IS CALLED

Neville Chamberlain Will Probably Be New Minister of Health.

Special Cable to The Advertiser.

London, March 7.—Bonar Law's government reeled today under its third successive defeat at by-elections, and it is unanimously agreed that the outlook is serious.

Defeat of Major Hills, financial secretary of the treasury, by J. H. Hays, Labor candidate, at Edgely, Liverpool, is regarded as particularly ominous for the government, because he represents the first break in Conservative representation of this district in 20 years.

Defeat of Sir Arthur Griffith-Boscawen and Col. Stanley, the former minister of health, the latter under-secretary of the home office, were announced Monday. All three defeated members of the government are forced to resign unless they can successfully contest other by-elections.

There is speculation on the possibility of a general election, in view of the government's precarious position, but it is generally agreed this will not occur until the cabinet is largely due to popular dissatisfaction with the housing situation. Hundreds of families are without homes.

Full meeting of the cabinet was summoned today to consider the serious situation. The setback was discussed, and it was announced that the vacancy created by Sir Arthur Griffith-Boscawen's resignation, following his defeat at the polls, probably will be filled tonight.

Neville Chamberlain, minister in Lloyd George's cabinet, probably will be appointed to the vacant post—that of the minister of health.

POLITICIANS EXCITED.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, March 7.—The excitement aroused in the House of Commons and the political clubs over the defeat of John Waller Hills, financial secretary of the treasury, in a parliamentary by-election today when the result became known through the newspapers. Aside from the unprecedented defeat of three ministers in succession, only a few months after the new government came into power, the significance of the breach in the solid Conservative phalanx of Liverpool impresses the house.

Mr. Hills was defeated in the Edgely division of that city by a plurality of about 1,000 votes. The seat was won by J. H. Hays, the Labor candidate, who it is said have been surprised at the result.

With the exception of the Scotland division of Liverpool, which the veteran Nationalist, Thomas P. O'Connor, has represented since 1885, every one of Liverpool's eleven divisions has been represented by a Conservative for many years. Sir W. W. Rutland, who retired to provide a seat for Mr. Hills, after the latter was taken into the cabinet, has been returned by large majorities in every election for the past twenty years.

It is noteworthy that only 58 per cent of the electorate voted yesterday. This showing is generally attributed to a refusal to support a nominee of the government whose policy on the housing question and some other matters is held in profound disapproval by a faction of the Conservatives.

Another factor in Mr. Hills' defeat, according to some observers, was the women's vote. There are more than 14,000 women electors in the constituency and it is among the women that the hostility to the government is generally manifest.

From whatever angle the result is viewed, Mr. Hills' defeat is regarded as a staggering blow at the government, eclipsing the results of the Mitcham and Willesden by-elections in which Sir Arthur Griffith-Boscawen and Major-General G. F. Stanley, both members of the government, were defeated.

Mr. Hays, the new member, is a former London policeman. He is now secretary of the National Police Union.

The Morning Post, the staunchest organ of Conservatism in London, says today that the government is now reconsidering its housing program, adding that the cabinet is to make peace with the party's intransigence, such a step seems imperative.

LABOR LOSES CONTROL IN SNEYDY CITY COUNCIL

Associated Press Despatch.

Sneydy, N. S. March 7.—Labor lost all but normal control of the city council, and Mayor William Fitzgerald was returned for his sixth successive term at the civic elections here yesterday.

As a result of the voting, Labor loses the absolute control of civic affairs, which it has exercised for the past three years. It still has a voting majority of two, but only by the support of three aldermen who are businessmen, and nominally adhere to the Labor cause.

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EVERYBODY'S "SPYING!"

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One dollar awaits A. C. D., who contributed the winning item today. On Monday, March 5, four young men, playing tennis at Thames Park, while snoring on the courts—A. C. D.

A boy, going down Richmond street, selling evening papers, and hollering: "Morning papers!"—CRAZY.

A mistake in a local paper, where a big league 1923 team had left for the south—TWENTIETH CENTURY.

A man, on Talbot street, dressed in a summer suit, straw hat, and slippers, chopping the ice from off his sidewalk—A SPECTATOR.

The motorman of a Ridout one-man car, filling in at the window at the corner of Dundas and Richmond street, at 6:45 o'clock last night. He got out of the car to turn a switch, closed the door behind him, and couldn't open it again—N. J.

A man's hat blew off his head and

roll down Richmond street toward King. A small bulldog saw it and picked it up and ran back to within ten feet from the owner of the hat when another dog barked at it, and immediately the bulldog dropped the hat and it rolled into a mud puddle.—I SAW IT.

Saturday afternoon, a outlier, pulled by a team of horses, tried to cross the tracks at Talbot street. As the snow had all gone, the runners got caught on one of the tracks; the horses got frightened at an approaching train and jumped forward. This broke the whippletree, and the horses made a dash down the street. The man and his wife, just managed to push the cutter out of the way before the train went by. He caught his horses down at the end of the street, where they had slid down the hill, and he was scratched up. He got his cutter fixed up, and went on his way, muttering things against city streets.—W. G.

City Hall Briefs

Ratepayers of Ward 2 should have no cause for complaint this year, when they have two chairmen in the city council.

Both are aggressive fellows—"Al" Judd and Leonard Douglass. Never afraid, apparently, to speak right out and get their ribs rubbed in an incorrect manner.

Speaking about Ward 2—there was a vacant chair in the last council parley. Ald. "Billy" Wilson was among the missing.

Since his return from Ottawa, the ex-chairman of the board of works has been under the weather—attack of the flu.

He expects to be about soon, however. Sing up everywhere, "William, We Have Missed You."

Still confining the discussion to Ward 2, the contention had been advanced by Ald. Judd that there is but one way to successfully approach the taxpayers with a school building program—ask for a new school in every ward.

To hear the aldermen in regular caucus sometimes, it looks as if the "new city hall" question will have to be settled in a similar fashion.

Mayor Wenige says to the street railway company, "How much for the use of the city hall?" The question replies, "How much have you got?" Others wish the local transportation problem continues that well-known "even tenor of its way."

In order to avoid possible \$250 per diem arbitration proceedings, how does this idea appeal to the citizens? Wait until the new civic purchasing agent is appointed, and he can buy the road during his office hours.

Quite a reasonable suggestion? Eh, what? That's a fairly decent mark for No. 1 committee to shoot at.

But Sir Adam will be along in a few days, and he'll shoot holes in it.

As an afterthought, Adam Palmer's opinion of Trustee Silverwood and his colleagues is fairly well-established.

While others talk about modern schools and education, Ald. Watt directs attention to the old grammar school, long since abandoned, where he states they produced some of the best scholars in the Dominion, and some of the best judges on the bench.

W. S.

Church Circles

The regular meeting of the Ladies' Aid of Colborne Street Church, which was held at the home of Mrs. J. A. Dickinson, 426 Pall Mall street Tuesday afternoon, took the form of a fruit shower for the Children's Shelter. Three dozen quarts were brought in, with promises of more. The society voted grants to the Grenfell Mission and the Women's Missionary Society; also \$25 towards the piano fund for the Sunday school. Following the business part of the meeting, which was presided over by Mrs. Dickinson, a pleasant social hour was given by Miss Lydia Proctor. Afternoon tea concluded the meeting, and the hostess was assisted by Mrs. F. H. Westbury and Mrs. W. J. Hickson. Daffodils and pussy-willows were used as decorations on the tea table.

PLAN RUMMAGE SALE. At the regular meeting of the Parish Guild of St. John the Evangelist Church Tuesday plans were made for a rummage sale, to be held early in April. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. C. K. Bluet.

LECTURE ON JOHN BROWN. An interesting feature of the meeting of the Young People's Society of St. Andrew's Church held this week was a historical sketch of the life and accomplishments of "John Brown" given by Fred Landon of the public library. During the business part of the meeting, which was presided over by D. J. E. Griffen, arrangements were made for the church social being held March 19. The committee appointed includes Miss Ruth Stephenson, Jessie Manson, Jessie Scott, Catharine McLen, and Messrs. L. J. Patterson, O. Hord, H. B. White and Dr. Tucker.

CONSERVATION MEETING. The meeting of the First Methodist League held Monday evening took the form of a conservation meeting, in charge of Miss Grace Mann. Rev. J. F. Rogers gave the third of a series of talks on "The Apostles' Creed." Solos by Mrs. Ed Wrayt and readings by Miss Gladys Marsh were enjoyed.

SONG WRITER USES GAS IN COMMITTING SUICIDE

San Francisco, March 7.—Discouraged and dependent over failure to have published songs she composed, Miss Kathryn Bernard, 25 years old, committed suicide by gas asphyxiation in her room yesterday, according to the police who found her body. They said she left two notes. She wrote "Moonlight Hours."



The Liverpool to London express has a radio compartment, where concerts are broadcasted from all over the old land and Europe are "picked up" for the entertainment of passengers.

STATES JULIUS CAESAR STARTED NEWSPAPERS

Arthur Ford Addresses Members of Boyle Memorial Mothers' Club.

Describing to the members of the Boyle Memorial Mothers' Club last evening the process of making a newspaper, Arthur Ford gave to Julius Caesar the credit for originating the newspaper idea. The famous conqueror had paved the way for newspaper development with the bulletins sent out announcing the results of battles and athletic contests.

The speaker lucidly explained the mechanical process of production, and the functions of editors and reporters.

Referring to charges of mistakes laid against newspapers in "reporting" events, Mr. Ford drew attention to the speed and precision for the under-estimated to print an hour after it was delivered.

A number of incidents were related to illustrate the rivalry which exists in getting news first on the part of a paper.

The trophy won by the Boyle Memorial boys this winter in the interschool hockey matches was exhibited by Principal D. J. Ferguson and much admired by the proud mothers, who decided to show their appreciation of the team by giving a banquet in their honor at the next meeting, which will be held on April 19.

With the meeting accepted, with most appreciative comments to attend the meeting of Regency Street Mothers' Club on April 9.

Here's a sporting proposition for the London Street Railway Company, and Mayor Wenige is emphatic that he is serious about the matter.

"I maintain that the street railway company is making money now that the bus competition has been eliminated," he stated this morning. "And I could prove it if they want to give the bus company the right of way."

"The company would win in any event with a 'rake-off' from the earnings, say 10 per cent."

This was Mayor Wenige's idea of what the city should propose to the company, reasoning that it would end the bus competition for that corporation, providing of course that there were no buses in operation.

When questioned if the "show was on the road" and he was the manager, would he still continue the terms fair to the company, he replied in the affirmative. "And if I fail to make good, my services would be nil. I would agree to that," he stated.

"This is the mayor's latest solution for the local transportation problem. The rest is 'up to the companies'."

ALL COUNTY JAIL INMATES ARE THERE AS PUNISHMENT

The county jail today is minus any infirm and aged men who in the past had been accustomed to spend the cold, lonely winter months in the warm cells of Castle Dawson.

The last case of this nature has been removed with the old man in the county jail. The man in the county jail is now in the House of Correction, a charge of the county. A week ago the city removed another of its inmates to the House of Correction, and all who are guests of Governor Dawson today, are serving time for misdemeanors.

ALD. DOUGLASS FAVORS LONDON WEST SCHOOL

Ald. Leonard Douglass, chairman of the board of works, lined up today with Mayor Wenige and Ald. Albert Judd, chairman of the finance committee.

"If there is to be any school built this year, it must be over in London street," he stated, "that is my stand upon the understanding that the expenditure is considered at all advisable."

A general attitude of the council seems to be "West London or nothing."

Y. M. C. A. RIFLE CLUB.

Unit No. 1234 has been doing great things lately. On Feb. 40 the boys competed against Unit 1711 of Jamaica, and were successful, the score being 500 to 483. On Feb. 17 the same unit competed against Essex Falls, N. J., and again successfully. The score this time was 500 to 483. The boys comprising this unit are Joe Collins, Wilf Sankey, Elroy Perry, Lawrence Clements and Walt Horner. E. H. Murtagh, the instructor of the rifle club, is developing some fine marksman in the boys of the Y. M. C. A. There have been several medals won and the matches mentioned above, with outside units, are proving very interesting to the boys, and their record so far has been splendid. The rifle club is open to all boys who are members of the "Y."

Where Firemen Are Police Sirens May Mean Anything

Citizens of Essen-Organize Unarmed Militia To Patrol Streets in Search of Bandits.

By A. R. DECKER.

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Essen, March 7.—When residents in Essen hear the clang of fire apparatus and the heavy motor fire apparatus going through the streets, they do not know whether the firemen are responding to a fire alarm or a riot call, because the firemen are also doing duty as policemen, the police having been disbanded and expelled.

The citizens have organized an unarmed militia to patrol the streets. They are formed in sections, and when bandits try to break into shops, they ring alarm bells. They cannot telephone, the French having closed the switchboards on account of the "passive resistance" of the girl operators, who sit at their places sewing, instead of giving customers the numbers they ask for.

Telegraphing is tied up in the same way. When an alarm sounds, the firemen rush to the scene, ready for a blaze or for a fight with a gang of rascals. Usually the firemen jump from their trucks, draw their black-jacks, just added to their equipment, and rush the bandits, who scatter and flee, when they feel the weight of the loaded rubber cable sections.

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Hobbs Manufacturing Co., Ltd., and Hobbs Hardware Co., Ltd., users of Ruggles Trucks for some time, recently placed a repeat order for trucks to run in Montreal, Toronto and London. These Companies now operate ten

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ATTRIBUTE DEFEATS TO HOUSING POLICY

British Government Reverses Due to "Wobbling" on the Part of Conservatives.

By HENRY SOMERVILLE. Special Cable to The Advertiser.

London, March 7.—Three ministers have been defeated in by-elections since Saturday in what were considered safe Conservative seats. All suffered from the fact that they had previously been defeated elsewhere, and constituents don't like having unsuccessful ministers dumped upon them.

The main cause of the defeats, however, has been the government's lack of housing policy. At the present time, there is a system of control which gives tenants security, and limits the rents landlords can charge. While this system gives protection to tenants against profiteering, it deters private enterprise from building new houses.

The cabinet has been divided as to how or when the control system should be ended. The orthodox Conservative policy would be to discontinue control at the cost of temporary unpopularity, in order to restore confidence amongst investors in house-building. The peers in the cabinet who have not to face election have urged this heroic policy, but the house of commons members would show a greater deference to the opinions of the electorate. The result of this dissension is continual waffling of the question, and the government has displeased everybody.

PRINCE TO ATTEND BALL

Associated Press Despatch. London, March 7.—The Prince of Wales has promised to assist the members of the London post of the American Legion by attending a masked ball on March 23, from the returns of which the legion expects to fill the depleted exchequer of the post.

ENVOY GOING TO ANGORA. Associated Press Despatch. London, March 7.—The diplomatic story and half hour will pay easily the Vatican is giving effect to its declared intention of establishing direct relations with Ankara by sending to the Turkish capital a special envoy who is familiar with the Near East.

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REPORT GREAT DAMAGE FROM STORMS IN FRANCE

Associated Press Despatch. Paris, March 7.—From all parts of France come accounts of damage wrought by storm and rain. The provinces are suffering far more than Paris, and it is feared that the situation in the department of Maine-et-Loire will become still more critical than during the terrible floods of 1910 when the Maine River rose 20½ feet above normal level.

The situation in the town of Angers is already worse than in 1910. Many streets are flooded and many districts are cut off. The municipality has called out the police and sent the engineers to organize the food supply in parts of the town where the inhabitants are imprisoned in their houses.

C. J. DOHERTY PENSION PLACED ON ORDER PAPER

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, March 7.—The pension of Hon. C. J. Doherty is coupled with the fees paid to W. N. Tilly, K.C., for his work in connection with the Grand Trunk arbitration, in a series of questions placed on the order paper by A. J. Benoit, Liberal member for St. John and Ilerve. Mr. Benoit asks for details of the number of hours per day spent on the arbitration board work by Mr. Tilly, and also asks if the minister of the crown, entrusted with the engaging of counsel for the arbitration proceedings, was at the time drawing a pension from the government, if so, what amount was he drawing.

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