

ASQUITH REPEATS LIBERALS ARE NOT TO AID BALDWIN

Asquith Reiterates Determination To Leave Baldwin To His Fate.

LABOR FACES STRIKES

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Jan. 13.—Businessmen of Paisley (Mr. Asquith's constituency) representing both parties who got together yesterday to suggest to Mr. Asquith, the Liberal leader, that he had better assist the Tories temporarily in order to save the country from another election upheaval in the near future, received the answer which the Associated Press foreshadowed a few days ago.

Mr. Asquith refers his interrogators to his National Liberal Club speech, in which he declared he would raise his finger to save the present government, and adds that he sees no reason to recede from the considered opinion then expressed.

PREDICT UPHEAVAL.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Jan. 13.—J. Ramsay MacDonald, the Labor leader, in addition to the natural difficulties inseparable from the taking of office for the first time by a totally inexperienced government at a moment of great industrial and commercial depression, with unemployment increasing rather than diminishing, seems likely to be confronted also with two first-class industrial upheavals. The first is a railway strike, and the second similar trouble with the coal miners, who are discontented with and are trying to upset their national wages agreement. The miners are now taking a ballot on the question of terminating the agreement three months hence, and the result of this ballot will be officially announced next week. It is known that it will be overwhelmingly in favor of terminating the agreement, but it is understood that the vote will not be regarded as a mandate for a strike, but rather for negotiating modifications in the wage agreement.

STILL FIGHT LABORITES.

London, Jan. 13.—In the short period now intervening before the expected battle in the new House of Commons, the most notable feature of the situation observable is the persistence of the agitation to prevent Labor from forming a new government, or, failing that, to make sure that such a government, once it is formed, shall have the shortest possible life.

The latest effort in this direction has been to seize upon pending industrial disputes to afford justifiable grounds for retaining the present government in power. The argument being employed is that in the presence of such a disturbing factor as a big railway strike, a new Labor administration might find its hand forced by the extremist sections of the Labor party to the injury of the public interests and that therefore safety lies in the retention of the Baldwin government.

Liberals Are Firm.
It is impossible to say how far the argument appeals to the Liberal rank and file, but as far as Herbert H. Asquith and the other responsible members of the Liberal party are concerned, it is believed there has been no change in their views on the situation, and that the fall of the Baldwin ministry will come quickly, perhaps next Thursday, the date already predicted for its downfall.

Without doubt big labor disputes would embarrass a new Labor government, but that Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, who would be the new premier, is currently reported as having no intention to give representation to the extremists, and is to be showing no timidity in this respect, and there are predictions that his indifference to the influence of the extremists of his party will bring about his downfall.

May Have Long Life.
Noticeable among the Labor leaders is the firm belief that a Labor government would have a much longer life than it is generally assumed it would. The motive for this confidence is the knowledge that, being limited in its activities to quite moderate measures, differing little from the general principles of the Liberal program, there would be no excuse for the Liberals combining with the Conservatives to unseat a Labor government.

While the past week has seen no change in the actual situation of affairs, it seems at the same time certain that the quite unofficial movement for bringing about a sort of fusion of the Conservative and Liberal parties against the Labor party, which is regarded with supreme suspicion in the Labor ranks, is making headway and winning new important recruits. It is considered unlikely, however, that this fusion will be fruition until after Labor is in the saddle.

WINDSOR CHINESE COLONY IS REDUCED IN NUMBERS

Special to The Advertiser.

Windsor, Jan. 13.—The restaurant and laundry business is not what it used to be at Windsor, at least not for the Chinese, according to an official statement of the assessment department.

A religious census compiled by Alexander Black, assessment commissioner, shows a decrease of thirteen Chinese residents during 1923. Other nationalities are gradually forcing the Chinese out of business by cafe-keeping and steam laundries, the official said. Of 44,177 residents, 14,666 are Roman Catholics, 9,007 Anglicans, 6,996 Methodists, 5,828 Presbyterians, 2,088 Baptists, 457 Salvation Army, 151 Confucian and 1,097 Jewish. Those whose religion is listed as "unknown" number 4,688, an increase of 363, compared with the figures for 1922.

Fire and Wind Sweep Smallman Home, \$100,000 Ruin



Here are two views of the ruins of the newly-completed Smallman mansion, taken by an Advertiser photographer yesterday after the disastrous fire of Sunday morning. The top view shows the

east side of the ruins, with jagged walls and blackened stone. The lower picture gives an indication of the sweeping destruction inside the house. In the foreground is the great fireplace of the library. The floor structure

Great Tragedy of Today Is Misconception of Sex

Declares Noted New York Preacher, Speaking At Mass Meeting Sunday.

APPEALS TO PARENTS

The greatest tragedy in London today is the unfortunate plight of young people, who, through parental prudence and ignorance, have not been taught a proper conception of sex.

Rev. J. Aspinall McCuaig of New York told members of the Adelaide Street Baptist Church yesterday afternoon.

Mr. McCuaig, who is a noted American preacher, spoke on "Man's Relationship to Woman." The most deplorable thing in the world today was the attitude people took toward sex problems. The fruits of this attitude were 500,000 prostitutes in the United States, suffering women and miserable men. Not a man in the congregation, Mr. McCuaig said, but what regards sex matters as being associated with things unclean.

Conception False.
"Men have never been taught the true relationship of man to woman, and women have never been taught the proper relationship toward men," the speaker declared. "The first inkling children receive on sex is from their comrades, who tell them things in phrases and words that leave an indelible impression of 'uncleanliness' on the minds of the youngsters. This impression remains through life. Thus, the noblest, most divine function of humanity is twisted and knarled by a false conception of its meaning."

"It is through love misplaced that many of the stupendous horrors and sufferings are created. Oscar Wilde, a cultured Englishman, became the victim of his own uncontrol, and when in prison he wrote one of the finest epics known in literature, 'The Ballad of Reading Jail.' In this Wilde makes the declaration that all men kill the thing they love. This is pathetically true. It is love founded on ignorance."

"In every little baby is placed the germ of a great, dynamic force, which is the very structure on which society is built, the foundation of all achievement in art, literature and industry. A sexless person has never accomplished anything for the good of society. Yet this great force is regarded as something unclean in the minds of the unfortunates who have started life with a warped attitude toward sex."

Is Misguided.
"A curious boy, denied information by his mother, naturally seeks from his companions, and those companions are usually uninitiated even to teach the boy the alphabet. Consequently the first impression he receives is an entirely misguided one, which leads him to regard all subjects pertaining to sex as impolite and indecent. The psychological effect of those crumbs of information is appalling. The physiological effect is equally bad."

Mr. McCuaig added that what was required throughout the world was a new, purified, unbiased attitude toward this great question. Mothers and fathers must enlighten their children so the latter may all their lives cherish a proper respect for sex.

FIRE DRIVES SICK CHILDREN ON STREET

Suffering From Diphtheria Are Carried From Beds in Toronto Home.

Associated Press Despatch.
Toronto, Jan. 13.—When fire broke out tonight in the home of W. H. Pegler, his two children, Kenneth, aged 9, and Daphne, aged 6, suffering from diphtheria, had to be carried from their beds to the street, where they were exposed to the cold until an ambulance removed them to the Hospital for Sick Children.

The father was burned about the face. Despite his injuries, Pegler, assisted by his wife, removed the children from the house. Mr. Pegler had to go to the hospital to have his injuries attended.

The fire started in the cellar from rags which had been soaked with benzine for cleaning woodwork.

Drifting Steamer On Course Again

Storm Crippled Hickman Is Repaired by Crew.

Associated Press Despatch.
Boston, Jan. 13.—The United States shipping board steamer Hickman, Swedish ports for Boston, which has been drifting helplessly in the mid-Atlantic storms for a week with steering gear crippled, is back on her course, her crew having effected temporary repairs, according to a radio message received here.

OPERA HOUSE RENT RAISED SO KNIGHT REJECTS LEASE

Special to The Advertiser.
Blenheim, Jan. 13.—E. W. Knight, former lessee of the opera house, and who declined to continue an occupancy when the council raised the rental, has decided to remodel the Samson building ground floor, and convert it into an opera house.

Dr. A. R. Hanks, M.O.H., who has been so seriously ill in the Public General Hospital, Chatham, for several weeks, suffering from blood poisoning, is so far improved that it is expected that he will be home the beginning of the week.

Blenheim and Harwich councils will hold their first organization meeting in town on Monday at 11 o'clock.

LABOR AGREES TO HOUSE SPEAKER

English Party, However, Objects To Hope As Chairman of Committees.

OFFICE GROUP POSITION

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Jan. 13.—The Labor party has already demonstrated that they are quite agreeable to Speaker Whitley continuing in office, but the question of accepting the former chairman of committees is said to be quite another matter. The speakership is a non-party or rather an all-party appointment, but the office of chairman of committees, who is also the deputy speaker, is definitely a party appointment. So also is the deputy chairman of committees.

The present chairman is James Hope, nephew of the late Duke of Norfolk. He was for many years a representative of Sheffield in the House. Although personally popular with Labor men, the party will hardly acquiesce readily in the appointment again being given to a Conservative.

JOCKEY UNCONSCIOUS FOR 16 DAYS SUCCEUMBS

England's Premier Gentleman Rider Dies From Injuries in Fall.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Jan. 13.—After having been unconscious for sixteen days, G. H. Bennet, England's premier gentleman jockey, died today from injuries received in a fall from his horse during the Otley chase at Wolverhampton, December 27. An operation was performed Saturday in an attempt to relieve a blood clot on the brain.

Last year Mr. Bennet rode the American horse, Sgt. Murphy, to victory in the grand national steeplechase, England's classic race, over the hurdles.

CHILD HIT BY MOTOR DIES FROM INJURIES

Melvin Couch, of Windsor, Believed at First Only Slightly Scratched.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Windsor, Ont., Jan. 12.—Although believed to have been but slightly scratched when struck down on Pitt street east near his home Wednesday afternoon, Melvin, 3-year-old son of J. Couch, 400 Pitt street east, died at Grace Hospital as the result of internal injuries Friday night. An inquest has been ordered by Dr. H. Crasswell, coroner.

The automobile which caused the fatality was driven by E. J. Coulter, traveling salesman of Tilbury. Police said today that they were satisfied that the driver was in no way to blame and would lay no charge against the driver.

VIGOROUS APPEAL MADE FOR VOTE UPON UNION

Rev. D. R. Drummond of Hamilton Calls For Further Consideration.

TRUST TO PEOPLE

Points to Free Church in Scotland as Example.

A vigorous appeal for another vote on the question of church union by the members of the Presbyterian Church in Canada is issued by Rev. D. R. Drummond of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Hamilton.

After discussing the regularity of another vote stating its conformation to the constitution of the church and its obvious fairness to every member of the church Mr. Drummond says: "If the vote when taken should show preponderating demand for union, and yet some should resolve not to go in, better a thousand times if part we must (which God forbid) that we agree among ourselves when and how, or if the vote should show that the church is not ripe for action, that we should know in time and avoid an irrevocable mistake."

"In any case let us trust the people by another vote, carefully thought out and arranged for, at the next general assembly."

"It may easily be in the end the speediest and most amicable and therefore the wisest solution of our difficulty. It offers to all parts the best and fairest means of discussion and education. It makes possible another year of joint effort in maintaining our work at home and abroad. It may give us all new light by which we may see the next wisest step and in the mercy of God through our prayers and earnest facing of the seriousness of the whole situation may avoid the scandal and heartbreak that cannot but accompany the widespread and calamitous disruption that today is threatening a church which in point of organization, past accomplishments, present capacity and desire for service, is not least among the churches of our land."

Shows Alternative.

Mr. Drummond uses the action of the Free Church in Scotland in 1873 as an example of what might be done as an alternative in the case of the Canadian church.

He says in this respect: "There is an alternative certainly the simplest and probably the wisest. It was adopted by the Free Church of Scotland after years of effort toward union with the United Presbyterian Church and with a seemingly overwhelming majority in the assembly, yet in view of widespread popular opposition, waived her majority power and halted proceedings which none the less years later ripened into union in 1909."

Mr. Drummond favors this postponement for a year to be followed by a ballot of the membership of the whole church for the reasons:

1. Even if the proposed legislation be enacted it would not solve the difficulty, as many thousands would leave the church and many who remained would be so against their will.
2. On the other hand if the proposed legislation is refused, it would still not solve the difficulty as the vision of a united church has stirred the hearts of the public too deeply.
3. In either case we would only have the law attempting to compel large numbers on either side who are convinced that the claim of the other side of having the body of church membership with them is justified.
4. Is it not almost a certainty that if the church had certain knowledge that a clear preponderance of her people were in favor of union, opposition would largely disappear?
5. No lover of the church can love a barren victory and unless the church in its comparative entirety and with enthusiasm is behind this movement whatever happens the legislation is defeated.

Last Assembly.

According to the minutes of the last assembly the union committee is instructed to "use its best efforts to bring about the proposed legislation or otherwise (consistent with the principle and general form of the legislation as approved by the General Assembly) to maintain the unity of the church or if that be impossible to negotiate with the West."



COL. JOSIAH WEDGWOOD.

prospective secretary to India under Labor Party rule, who declares that the Laborites favor emigration from Britain to the colonies.

possible then to reach a satisfactory agreement with the minority in reference to the name and status of the non-concurring congregations and the division of denominational property and the rights of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, without by far as possible having recourse to the commission referred to in the said legislation."

HOME NURSING COURSE.

Watford, Jan. 13.—A course of lectures and demonstrations in Home Nursing and First Aid is being given in the Public Library building by Miss I. E. Bryson, R.N., of Toronto, under the auspices of the Watford branch of the Women's Institute. The course, which is to continue for two weeks, is being taken by about 40 ladies.

HOUSE WILL OPEN LATE IN FEBRUARY

Definite Date Will Be Announced by Premier During Week.

DISCUSS POWER PLAN

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, Jan. 13.—The date of the opening of Parliament will be announced this week. No official intimation of the day selected has yet been given, but the probability is that Parliament will be called to meet on either February 21 or 28.

On Saturday the cabinet met both morning and afternoon, a portion of the time being devoted to consideration of the requests for federal assistance in the development of power on the St. Lawrence. An announcement of the deliberations of the government in this regard may be expected during the week.

Hon. T. A. Crerar and Premier Dunning of Saskatchewan both left the capital Saturday, the former going to New York, and the latter to Montreal. Mr. Dunning, who it was expected, would have some announcement to make in regard to the conferences which took place between him and Premier King, decided against making any statement.

He intimated, however, that he might return to Ottawa before leaving for home, and there is a possibility that he will again see the prime minister. There seems little probability, however, that he will enter the government at present. A great deal will depend on the condition of Finance Minister Fielding, which is said to have been showing improvement of late.

DETROIT ROTARY CLUB WILL VISIT LONDONERS

Paul King, president, and fifty members of the Detroit Rotary Club will be in London on Friday evening, Jan. 22. It was announced on Saturday by Dean W. S. Fox, president of the local club. The Detroit club are "bringing the Rotary wheel" to London. They will be dining at the Trenchard House. The program of entertainment is being arranged by the Detroit club.

It used to be 5 o'clock
but now
It is 4 o'clock

4 o'clock tea is served in many business offices, and the custom is increasing. (In England it is universal.)

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