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Church Union May Be Issue In Next Federal Election CITY TO HAVE BIG BUILDING YEAR

MAY CARRY THE FIGHT TO PEOPLE

This Suggested if Church Union Not Endorsed by Parliament.

SO SAYS SMYTHE

Pringle Says Union Will Go on in Any Case—Edinburgh Heard From.

Ottawa, May 1.—"If the Church Union bill now before the Federal Parliament has to be withdrawn the next Dominion elections will be fought on the issue of the spiritual independence of the churches of this country," declared Rev. Principal James Smythe, head of the Wesleyan Church Theological College, Montreal, last night, in addressing the largest and most enthusiastic Church Union meeting yet held in the capital.

A crowd estimated at more than 2,000 entirely filled Chalmers Presbyterian Church for the meeting.

Other speakers were Rev. Dr. John Pringle, ex-moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church; Rev. E. W. Oliver, Presbyterian College, Saskatoon; Rev. Dr. W. Smith, principal of the Presbyterian College, Vancouver; and Theora Gibson, of Montreal, who presented the layman's viewpoint.

Rev. Dr. Pringle said that whether the legislation passed or not, the Union would go on. They would go into the Union, he said, even if they could not take their share of the church property with them.

Edinburgh Heard From

Toronto, May 1.—Rev. Dr. R. J. Wilson, Secretary of the Joint Committee on Church Union, has announced the receipt at headquarters here of a cablegram from Edinburgh, Scotland, indicating that the eastern section of the Pan-Protestant Council has through its executive there intimated that the proposed United Church of Canada would have a right, on application, to be received as a member of the Evangelical Alliance of the Reform Churches of the World. This follows notification some weeks ago of similar opinion from the western section of the Alliance at a meeting held at Newport News, Va., some weeks ago.

The cable received by Dr. Wilson was signed by Rev. Dr. C. W. Gordon of Winnipeg and Rev. Principal Clarence McKinnon of Halifax, who laid the matter before the eastern section of the Alliance in Edinburgh yesterday. The message said:

AUSTRALIAN PAPER DENOUNCES BUDGET

Marlborough Age Says It is a "Little England" Measure.

Melbourne, May 1.—The Marlborough Age, commenting on the British budget as outlined by Chancellor of the Exchequer Snowden, says: "It is a little England budget and takes small account of the Dominions. The reduction in expenditures was largely made possible by the abandonment of the Singapore base scheme and the deserting of Empire interests in the Pacific."

"The reductions in customs and the declaration against preference were made in disregard of the Dominions. During Great Britain's lean years, when her other customers were almost bankrupt, the Dominions kept her industries going and yielded her a substantial income. While Great Britain prefers to trade with the foreigners she must expect the Dominions to suit themselves and fix their preferences accordingly."

Famous Arundel Castle To Let

London, May 1.—Arundel Castle, the most famous of the stately homes of England, is to let on a five years' lease at a rent of \$40,000 a year.

Arundel, a massive mediæval building, with battlemented walls and towers, crowning one of the lovely Sussex hills, is the seat of the 18-year-old Duke of Norfolk, Premier Duke and Hereditary Marshall and Chief Butler of England. More than five million dollars have been spent on it in the last century. It is full of priceless treasures, but mediæval ideas have been followed too closely for comfort. The Baron's hall is 115 feet long. The foundation goes back to legendary days.

KILLED WITH LIFE POLICY IN HAND

Woman Struck By Train in Ontario Carried Insurance Papers.

Hamilton, Ont., May 1.—Mrs. George Windett of Stony Creek, formerly of Sherbrooke, Que., was killed yesterday by a C. N. R. work train near the Stony Creek station. She was carrying at the time the insurance policies on her own life and the lives of her two daughters. The premiums on these policies were due yesterday, and it is thought she was coming to Hamilton to pay them.

LABOR LEADERS ARE HURT IN EXPLOSION

Two May Die in Cleveland—Police Suspect It is Bomb Outrage.

Cleveland, Ohio, May 1.—Eight persons, including five officers of the Sheet Metal Workers' Union, are injured, two probably fatally, as a result of a mysterious explosion which wrecked an automobile in the downtown district here last night. Police are working on the theory that a bomb was placed on the machine, arranged so as to discharge when the ignition switch was turned on to start the car. The blast hurled the labor leader from the car, wrecked the automobile and shattered windows in the section.

Wire Briefs

Moncton, N. B., May 1.—The customs receipt here during April were \$88,864.48.

Toronto, May 1.—Union plasterers are not working today. Their strike will be the only local disturbance of May Day. They ask \$1.40 an hour.

Paris, May 1.—Lt. Pelletier Doisy has postponed his departure from Karachi, British India, in continuation of his flight from Paris to Tokyo. The motor of his plane needs overhauling.

Wheeling, W. Va., May 1.—The last hope that any of the mine disaster victims would be found alive vanished last night when rescue workers penetrated entry No. 8 and found four additional bodies.

Mexico City, May 1.—The Mexican Government has approved the appointment of Thos. B. Hohler by the British Government as special envoy to study the situation here. He was formerly charge d'affaires in Mexico City.

Rome, May 1.—(United Press.)—Premier Mussolini will meet Premier Theunis and Foreign Minister Symons of Belgium at Milan soon to try to reach agreement on a policy to overcome French and German opposition to integral acceptance of the Dawes report on reparations.

Melbourne, Australia, May 1.—(By Canadian Press Cable, via Reuters.)—Commander Goble and flying officer McIntyre, on a seaplane flight round Australia for defence investigating purposes, have reached Carnarvon, having covered nearly 8,000 miles since April 6.

New York, May 1.—(United Press.)—Despite rumors and official notification from the war department, Grover Cleveland Bergdoll was not aboard the Columbus, North German Lloyd liner, which arrived from Germany. The ship was met by officers upon arrival in quarantine.

WAS NOT SO BAD THIS MAY DAY

Demonstrations Occur in Europe But There is Not Much Bloodshed.

SOME BOMBING

Paris Has a Day Strike—Trotzky Issues Message—U. S. Troubles.

Paris, May 1.—(By Webb Miller, United Press Staff Correspondent.)—Europe's labor day—May 1—was recognized by a catenative cessation of work here today. Several hundred thousand employees of factories and shops obeyed the orders of the general Confederation of Labor for a May Day strike to demonstrate the solidarity and power of their organization.

A bomb was thrown into the corridor of an apartment where fascists were holding a meeting. A woman was fatally injured. The police arrested several of the fascists for carrying arms.

Paris, May 1.—(Canadian Press.)—Commandatore Laviosa of the Italian delegation to the Reparation Committee was at the fascist meeting when the bomb exploded. The incident was characterized as a May Day manifestation on the part of Italian Communists.

Bombing in Athens.

Athens, May 1.—(United Press.)—One soldier and three workmen were wounded here today when troops exchanged shots with a group of May Day demonstrators they had ordered to disperse.

In Berlin.

(By CARL D. GROAT.)

(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Berlin, May 1.—Police broke up an extensive gathering of Communist May Day demonstrators here today. Heavily armed mounted and foot detachments swarmed through the garden near the former Kaiser's palace, chasing the Reds before them when an outbreak seemed imminent.

The demonstration followed threats by Communists that "Red May Day" would be observed by widespread activity, despite the police ban on all agitation.

Mild clashes were reported in the suburb of Copenick when demonstrators ignored police orders to disperse. Many persons were arrested, some of them carrying concealed weapons, as demonstrators kept registering throughout the day. Shots were exchanged in some instances, but there were no reports of serious casualties.

Trotzky's Message.

Moscow, May 1.—War Minister Trotzky as Chairman of the Revolutionary War Council has addressed a special May Day order to the Red army and navy in which he says:

"We are for peace and brotherhood. The Red army and navy are weapons of the defence of the Revolution, upon which all other countries are continuously making attacks. The military strength of the capitalist countries continue to grow, and they are using their steel for the purpose of oppression and enslavement, while our opposition steel, for the first time in history, serves the cause of Socialism."

Moscow, May 1.—Bolshevik Russia today departed from its usual custom of observing May Day with spectacular parades of units from the Red army and navy, confining its celebration to peaceful demonstrations at the tomb of Lenin.

In the U. S.

New York, May 1.—More than 8,000 iron workers went out on strike today, demanding a closed shop and wages of \$12 for an eight hour day instead of \$10.50. The strike marred what was expected to be a May Day of complete industrial peace.

New York, May 1.—(United Press.)—Police expect no trouble in greater New York from possible May Day demonstrations, but the usual precautions of the uniformed and detective divisions are under 24 hour orders.

The bomb squad kept down-town. Anarchists under surveillance, and special protection was ordered for the municipal building, City Hall, St. Patrick's Cathedral, and the J. P. Morgan & Co. offices in Wall street.

Rests in Theatre; Is Found Dead

Cleveland, May 1.—Louis Varbrough, 38, of Cincinnati, needed sleep. He sought out a friend who cleans up after the night show at the Grand Theatre here. Long after the last patron has fled out and while away to sleep in a comfortable room on the mezzanine floor of the theatre and sat down on a comfortable couch.

"My, this feels good," he remarked.

At 8:30 a. m. they found him still quiet in an atmosphere of luxury. His life had never been seen. For 10 minutes Ben Fitch, his friend, worked to rouse him from that slumber. It was impossible. Physicians pronounced his death due to heart disease.

IS BILL THAT WOULD HELP THE LIBERALS

Proportional Representation Is Likely to Be Adopted This Session.

London, May 1.—(Canadian Press Cable.)—The Liberal Party is attached to a decision by the Liberal party at its meeting yesterday to press the Government to support and grant facilities for the passage of this session of the proportional representation bill sponsored by A. Rendall, Liberal member for Thornbury, Gloucestershire, which aims at creating county and town constituencies returning on an average five members each.

Heretofore the Liberal party had been divided on the question, but at the urgent request of Mr. Asquith and Lloyd George the meeting unanimously decided to support the bill.

It is obvious that this proposed reform is calculated to relieve the Liberals of the fear of being squeezed out by Labor and Conservative candidates in three-cornered contests in the next general election.

London, May 1.—(British United Press.)—The decisions reached at a meeting yesterday probably mean the postponement for many months of a general election. The Easter recess gave many Liberal members an opportunity to canvass the opinions of their constituents, and it is the general opinion that many months of intensive organization are necessary.

The enthusiastic reception of Labor's first budget was an important factor in changing the trend of Liberal opinion toward an imperial crisis.

It is freely rumored that Labor has made an agreement with Liberal leaders by which more opportunities will be given to the Liberals to introduce certain Liberal measures, especially that of proportional representation, which will probably be passed in some form or other during the present session.

Imperial Crisis

London, May 1.—(British United Press.)—The Conservatives are rallying force a combined attack on the Budget with growing strength. The Daily Express this morning claims that the abolition of the McKenna duties will be given to the Liberals to introduce "The Socialist Government," it continues, "will find the patience of the Dominions very near the breaking point. Failure to grant their great state overseas has puzzled and hurt public opinion throughout the Dominions. When that failure takes active form as a result of the present session, a retaliation is bound to come. Will Canada withdraw the preference granted to British woollens and cotton goods?"

The Express further points out that the abolition of the McKenna duties throws the Canadian wool industry into open competition with American mass production concerns.

URGE THAT U. S. ENTER WORLD COURT

Washington, May 1.—Leaders in church organizations, industry, the bar and the field of education urged U. S. participation in the World Court, at the opening hearings yesterday on the question by a sub-committee of the Senate foreign relations committee. Proponents alone were heard during the day, and when adjournment was taken until tomorrow, the list of delegations to be heard had not been materially reduced.

The Federal Council of Churches, claiming membership of 20,000,000, gave its endorsement yesterday through Bishop Charles H. Brent of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of western New York; the Chamber of Commerce of the U. S. registered its approval through Walker D. Hines, chairman of its foreign relations committee; the favorable views of the United States Bar Association were transmitted by George W. Wickesham; while the National Education Association, through its president, A. D. Lawrence Lowell of Harvard University.

Bishop Brent declared the question of entry into the World Court had the 1923 convention of that body "risen because of its worth above party politics and now is the programme of the people."

DEATHS IN STORMS MAY NUMBER 100

Women and Children Mostly Victims of Tornadoes in South.

DESTRUCTION GREAT

People Whirled Through the Air Hundreds of Feet by Mighty Wind.

Atlanta, Ga., May 1.—With 95 persons known to be dead, more than a score missing, approximately 800 injured, some perhaps fatally, the southeast set about today to relieve the region stricken yesterday and Tuesday by the worst high-tension storm in its history.

Tornadoes, descending with devastating violence upon widely-scattered sections, caused damage estimated at \$10,000,000 in South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, North Carolina, Virginia, Louisiana and Arkansas.

Early today incomplete reports developed by scrippled wire facilities distributed the total list of dead as follows: South Carolina, 66; Georgia, 13; Alabama, 11; North Carolina, 8; Louisiana, 1; Arkansas, 1.

Reports of additional casualties were still being received.

Desolation and Wreckage

A picture of desolation and wreckage which left the wake of the storms which traversed a path roughly estimated at more than 1,000 miles long. Its destructive force, however, seemed partly to have been spent as it spread eastward through Virginia last evening, no deaths having occurred there so far as known. But slight property damage, compared with other sections in which it struck, was reported from Virginia.

Dead and injured and many of those unhurt were picked up by the fierce winds and hurled hundreds of feet. Miles of telephone and telegraph lines were torn down, hundreds of dwellings and other buildings were ripped from their foundations. Numbers of live stock were killed. Several bridges were washed away and roads flooded in many sections by torrential rains.

Women and children make up a large part of the known dead.

Burned In School House

Entire communities were destroyed in some sections and there was not a place in the storm's path which escaped wholly unscathed. In South Carolina, where the tornadoes were most disastrous, Porrell Hill, twelve miles from Columbia was wrecked, seventeen being killed and others more or less seriously hurt. Among the dead were four school children, with 75 other pupils were buried beneath the wreckage of school house.

Eight persons, five of them children, were injured and a score more injured when they were trapped in their crashing houses at Anderson. Nearly fifty residences were razed in the Riverdale Mill village near there, while numbers of dwellings in the city proper were demolished.

At Florence, 15 persons met death, 50 were injured and 30 houses were destroyed. An undetermined number of negroes are reported missing. Other fatalities were 12 in Sumter county, six in Lee county, six in Lexington county, one in Darlington county, and one in Columbus. Many of the dead and injured are negroes.

The village of Pickens, Ga., near Augusta, virtually was wiped from the map. At Chipley, near Columbus, nine persons were killed and 30 injured. In Alabama a white child and four negroes were killed at Union Springs; four negroes were killed at Opelika; ten negroes were killed near Olio; a white woman was killed near Roanoke, and many suffered injuries.

In North Carolina a white man, his wife and son were killed near Bynum, and eight persons injured. Two children were slightly hurt at Charlotte. At Robertsonville, near Rocky Mount, nearly two scores were hurt.

Women Say That Peace Must Prevail

Washington, May 1.—(By Canadian Press.)—Women of 33 countries reaffirmed their unequivocal opposition to war and their belief that there must be peace on earth at all costs, at the opening reception of the Women's International League for peace and freedom here today. Miss Jane Adams welcomed the delegates.

Brig. Gen. J. A. Clark (Conservative, Burrard) and E. A. Lapierre (Liberal, Nipissing) spoke in the debate on the Budget. Today the Senate met at three o'clock. The Commons resumed the debate on the budget.

Result of Eight-Minute Gale



Fifty persons were hurt and a half million dollars damage done by a freak gale that hit New Orleans, lasting but eight minutes. The photo shows four children in the ruins of their home.

Sailor Writes Ex-Magistrate That Kindly Words Have Made Him Man

A demonstration of the fact that a kind word, spoken at the right time and in the proper spirit, often will be more effective in lifting a wayward soul from the depths of disrepute than either punishment or harsh criticism, is contained in a letter received yesterday by Hon. R. J. Ritchie, formerly police magistrate here, from a sailor in Tsanghau, China.

James Morrison here carried out an exemplary character has reason to remember kindly soft words addressed to him by the ex-magistrate in one of those conferences-for-two which took place in the court-room office after a remand on a drunkenness charge. "But there was many other things turning into the right path has stated from some of those informal talks.

The letter needs no comment. Here it is in full—
Tsanghau, China,
April, 4, 1924.

Dear Sir—
Just a kind remembrance to you, hoping that God has spared you in health and strength. Often at night, when I am at sea, I remember every kind word that you said to me and I have kept my word to you that I would drink no more. Hoping that God spares you for years to come,
From a well wisher,

GEORGES IS VICTOR

Carpentier Knocks Out Tomley of England in Second Round.

Dog Dies Saving 8 People's Lives

Lamberton, N. Y., May 1.—The lives of eight persons were saved by a coolie dog when the farmhouse of Leslie S. Morrison here burned to the ground. The dog sacrificed its own life.

AFGHANISTAN TO TEST SANITY

Alienists Appointed in Case of Bobbed Hair Bandit and Her Husband.

New York, May 1.—The sentencing of Cecilia Cooney, Brooklyn's bobbed hair bandit and her accomplice husband, Edward Cooney, has been postponed by County Judge George W. Martin. He appointed four alienists to examine the couple. The alienists are not limited as to time, but Judge Martin expects to have their report returned so he may call the Cooneys before him next Tuesday.

Weather Report

Toronto, May 1.—The disturbance which was centred in Kentucky yesterday has moved to the Upper St. Lawrence Valley, and New England. Rain fell yesterday in Southern Ontario and is now falling in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces. The weather is fair from Ontario westward.

Forecast: Gulf and North Shore—Strong northeast winds with rain. Friday westerly winds clearing. Strong Winds Clearing. Maritime—Sputchast gales with rain. Friday strong southwest and west winds, clearing. Northern New England. Fair tonight and Friday; colder tonight, frost in exposed places; fresh westerly winds.

Stations	8 a.m. Yesterday	Lowest	Highest
Victoria	44	60	42
Kamloops	40	70	38
Calgary	46	—	40
Edmonton	42	68	40
Winnipeg	34	58	28
Montreal	46	62	46
St. John	49	56	40
Halifax	40	52	36
New York	54	50	48

PROSPECT IS \$1,200,000 SPENT HERE

Addition of New Coking Plant Will Double That Expenditure.

HOTEL BIDS CLOSE

Plans for Year Include Two Schools, Hospital and Orphanage Wings.

Not for many years have the prospects for building activities in and about the city of St. John seemed so bright as they are at the present time, and if the plans which are now under consideration are carried out this year, the amount of building done will be at least three to five times that of last year.

The building permits issued for the calendar year 1923 covered construction totaling in value some \$300,000.

Plans already under way and more or less definitely decided upon, call for an expenditure of approximately \$1,200,000.

In addition to those projects which have reached the blueprint stage, there are operations in the process of discussion which if they are realized increase the activity a hundredfold, including the installation of a big coking and by-products plant here.

Hotel Tenders Close

First on the building programme which has already taken definite shape is the Admiral Beatty Hotel, for which tenders closed today in Montreal. The estimated cost of this work is placed at \$600,000. The site of this structure has been cleared of buildings and stands ready for the commencement of work as soon as the contract is signed.

S. Allan Thomas, of the firm of Thomas, Armstrong & Bell, yesterday for Montreal where he will receive the tenders at the offices of Ross & McDonald, architects. He will bring the tenders to St. John and they will be opened at a meeting of the local board of directors, which will be held either at the end of the week or early in next week. Ten firms have been figuring on the job and tenders are expected from all of them. In addition local contractors have submitted bids for sub-contracts of several branches of work which will enter into the construction.

Another large item which will enter into this year's building operations will be the vocational school, for which the tenders closed by ballot on last Monday's voting. The architect's estimate for this building is \$350,000.

Tenders closed yesterday for the addition of a wing to the Protestant Orphan's Home in the Manawagonish road, for which it is anticipated an outlay of about \$135,000 will be made. The tenders were opened last evening at a meeting of the permanent home committee of the home, but action was deferred until a subsequent meeting on May 9.

Also included in the prospective building activity for the coming year is the addition of a wing to the St. John Infirmary, sketch plans of which have been completed and for which the estimated cost has been placed at \$60,000. The plans are now being prepared by F. Neil Brodie, architect.

A new school in West St. John is also being planned for by Rev. J. J. Ryan, which will entail an expenditure of \$100,000, but final decision as to when this operation will be commenced has not yet been reached.

Big Coking Plant

The possibility of the erection of \$1,250,000 coking plant within the city limits is being seriously considered and should St. John be fortunate in securing this new industry it will mean another big boost to the building activity and consequent means of employment for a large number of men.

The New Brunswick Power Company also has plans made for the enlargement of its plant by the erection of additional gas holder capacity, which will call for an outlay of some \$100,000. The erection of a second caisson at the St. John dry dock at a cost of \$45,000 is now being carried out and it is understood that the company proposes grading the caissonment at the head of the dock which

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