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COALITION IS PLACED UNDER DIFFICULTIES

An Inspired Statement Denies Lloyd George Intends to Resign Within Fortnight.

EARL OF DERBY DENIES RUMORS

Declares He Didn't Decline India Portfolio Because He Thought Coalition Doomed

London, March 17.—A statement, apparently inspired, was issued tonight, denying that Premier Lloyd George intends to resign a fortnight hence. It adds that he intends to stay at Orton, Wales, another ten days, or a fortnight, and has definitely decided to go to Genoa, and states further, that on his return to London he will seriously tackle the home political situation.

The fact that it should appear necessary to issue such a statement is commented upon as indicating the extreme urgency of the crisis, while the delay in filling Edwin S. Montagu's post as Secretary for India, is generally considered proof of the difficulties under which the Coalition is laboring. There is hardly a single newspaper which does not take it for granted that the Coalition Government is nearing an end, and that the next ministry will be a purely Conservative one. The Premier had arranged to hold a week-end political conference at Orton, next week, when he will consult with his principal colleagues.

No Encouragement in Bye-Election

The result of the Cambridge bye-election affords little encouragement to the Government. Cambridge might at any ordinary time have been regarded as a safe Unionist seat, but instead of a Unionist majority of nearly 8,000 votes, such as was given at the general elections, the new member was elected on a minority vote, as the combined votes of the Labor and Liberal candidates, excepting the Unionist poll, while the Labor party almost doubled its general election vote.

Derby Loyal To Unionist Leaders

Addressing a political gathering in London, tonight, the Earl of Derby denied that he had declined the Premier's offer of the India portfolio because he thought the Coalition ship was sinking. His reason for declining was that he believed he could be of more service to his party and country outside, instead of inside the Government.

Viscount Gladstone, an Important Organizing Leader of the Asquith Liberals, in a letter to a provincial paper, makes what is looked upon as a tentative offer to Mr. Lloyd George of leadership in a re-united Liberal party. Pointing out that the Coalition Liberals would be welcome to rejoin the old Liberal party, if willing to endorse the policy of that party, he declares such re-union involves condemnation by the Premier and an Coalition Liberal followers of their own policy, adding:

"The decision rests with Mr. Lloyd George."

MRS. AMBROSE SMALL UNDER EXAMINATION

Police Question Her Relative To Possession of Watch Carried by Missing Man.

Toronto, March 17.—Arthur Weatherup, barber, and Mrs. Ambrose Small, wife of the missing theatrical magnate are under examination by the detectives today, concerning the recent statement of Weatherup and the missing man's watch. Weatherup showed Small the watch he disappeared, more than two years ago, and declares that Small that day produced a certain watch which was subsequently found among the latter's effects at his residence. The question is, did Small go home before he disappeared, or was his office the last place he is known to have visited. The latter is the theory generally accepted up to date. Mrs. Small says her husband had many watches, and that the one seen by Weatherup was probably not the one found in the house.

PRINCE CONCLUDED TOUR OF INDIA

Karachi, British India, March 17.—The Prince of Wales concluded his tour of India today, and sailed from this port on the battle cruiser *Hermes*, bound for Japan. The Prince was enthusiastically cheered by a huge gathering at the quay to bid him farewell.

SECRETARY OF THE COLONIES THE SPEAKER

King and Irish Free State the Toast at St. Patrick's Day Dinner.

THE NEW REGIME WAS EULOGIZED

Whatever the Consequences England, He Says, Will Firmly Stand by Treaty.

London, March 17.—The King and the Irish Free State were the toast at a St. Patrick's day dinner given by the Irish Club tonight, at which Winston Spencer Churchill, Secretary for the Colonies, was the principal guest. It was honored with enthusiasm. Mr. Churchill replied: "A year ago the name Irish Free State had not been brought in the history of the world; now it has become a name as familiar as that of some of the most powerful countries in Europe and America, long may it prosper and flourish."

Will Stand by Treaty.

After eulogizing the new regime, under which, he said, the future relations between the two islands would be established on an unshakable foundation, the Colonial Secretary continued:

"Whatever may be the decision in Ireland, whatever may be the political reaction entailed by the Irish policy, whatever the consequences to parties, Governments or individuals, we stand solidly by the treaty, the whole treaty and nothing but the treaty in law and spirit. We are marching on that path and you will find we shall make good what we have promised, signed and sealed upon the two islands with you. If we do our part, never again can Ireland reproach Britain."

LINK'S ALLEGED THREAT TREATED AS A JOKE

Sisters of St. Joseph's Convent Have No Intention of Giving Up Daughter.

Hamilton, Ont., March 17.—M. J. O'Reilly, K. C., legal advisor for the Sisters of St. Joseph, today treated as a joke William Link's alleged threat to bring legal action to compel his daughter's return to him and to make her become a Protestant. "Absurd," he said. "The girl is over 18 years of age and, therefore, a free agent to choose where, how and with whom she shall live and what her career shall be. And there is no law to compel a person to change his or her religion. They have been trying to do that all down through the ages by laws and persecution and have failed. The case is closed as far as we are concerned."

SHIP'S OFFICERS REPORT SEEING METEOR

Fifty Miles from Newfoundland Coast Huge Fiery Ball Plunged Into Sea.

Halifax, March 17.—Officers of the steamer *Sable L.*, which arrived here today from St. John's, Nfld., report that fifty miles from the Newfoundland coast a huge fiery ball appeared in the northeast and exploded with a deafening noise some miles from the ship, the fragments disappearing in the Atlantic. The meteor, the officers say had a long tail of brilliant light which illuminated ice and sea for miles. The steamer encountered much ice until she passed Canso, N. S.

N. B. OIL SHALE DEPOSITS TO BE INVESTIGATED

Ottawa, March 17.—On the motion of Senator Fowler, the Senate, today, appointed a committee to continue the investigation into the oil shale deposits of New Brunswick. This investigation has been carried on for two sessions, and it is hoped to complete the work this term.

SIR JOHN EATON MORE COMFORTABLE

Toronto, March 17.—The physicians in attendance upon Sir John Eaton at Ardenwood issued the following bulletin at midnight: "Sir John has rested well today. He is holding his own."

BARBER SHOT DOWN IN WELLAND

Welland, Ont., March 17.—Miss Lebesco, the barber who was shot down by an unknown assailant on the street yesterday, died at noon today, in Welland County Hospital. He had received four bullet wounds. This is the third murder in the Welland district in three weeks.

MISSOULA, MONT. GHOST MYSTERY LIKE ANTIGONISH

Philadelphia Psychologist Relates Investigation Carried on by Him in Western State.

EPISODES COINCIDENT IN MANY RESPECTS

Parallel Even to Names and Temperamental Characteristics of Principal Actor.

Philadelphia, March 17.—Dr. Theodore L. Bolton, professor of psychology at Temple University, today made public an episode, coincident in many respects to the occurrences at Antigonish, said to have been inspired by a ghost "disappearance" in Mary MacDonald, which he investigated near Missoula, Mont., nine years ago and proved a fraud. The Missoula episode, Dr. Bolton said, is parallel, even to names and temperamental characteristics of the principal actor. At the time, Dr. Bolton had the chair of psychology at the University of Montana at Missoula, and the case was brought to his attention by the present Governor, Joseph M. Dixon, then a United States Senator.

Spirit Knockings

The supposedly supernatural manifestations had occurred in the household of a Canadian family by the name of MacDonald, who had been living in a mountain gulch near Missoula, according to Dr. Bolton. MacDonald, he said, was a man of about 36 then. Phenomena at MacDonald's house had concerned spirit knockings, ghostly visions and other peculiar things. Dr. Bolton said he visited the home and found the family consisted of MacDonald, his wife, and a nine year old girl, Mary Ellen. He described a séance at the house where the ghostly rappings were heard daily, but investigation developed, Dr. Bolton declared, that the rappings had been produced by Mary Ellen while in a somnambulistic state induced by self-hypnotism.

Not Same Family

Halifax, N. S., March 17.—According to information here MacDonald mentioned as the possessor of a daughter who produced "ghost phenomena" in Missoula, Montana, which was proved a fraud, was not the Alex. MacDonald of Antigonish, whose foster daughter, Mary Ellen, is credited with perpetrating the Caledonia Mills hoax. Alex. MacDonald, of Caledonia Mills, is now seventy years old. Many years ago he spent some time in the United States, but he had no foster daughter with him then. Alex. MacDonald of Antigonish, who died in the United States some time ago but he had no daughter named Mary Ellen. The Mary Ellen of Caledonia Mills is now only 15 years old.

WEST STOPS 8 BULLETS, WOUNDED MAN BETTER

Model Wears Armor Despite Mishap to Former One in Test Case.

New York, March 17.—The condition of Pierpont Potter sales manager for the United States Army, who was shot yesterday while demonstrating the bullet proof vest manufactured by the firm, was said yesterday to be improved. At Broad Street Hospital it was said his wound would be healed in ten days.

PRODUCTION COSTS MUST BE DEFLATED

Anthracite Operators Have So Notified Mine Workers — Wage Readjustment Necessary.

New York, March 17.—Anthracite operators, today, notified mine workers that a deflation in the cost of production was imperative, and that readjustment of wage rates was the first necessary step in reducing the cost to the consumer and insuring continued stability of the industry.

BELFAST PASSED UP USUAL CELEBRATION

Aside from Observance as Legal Holiday, St. Patrick's Day Not Specially Honored.

Belfast, March 17.—Ulster today had an entirely blank St. Patrick's Day, so far as celebrations were concerned. Shamrock wearing was the sole sign of recognition of the day, apart from its being a bank and school holiday and the fact that services were held in all the Catholic and some of the Protestant churches. Political tension was regarded as entirely responsible for this failure to universally celebrate the traditional Irish holiday.

'THE WAR IS ON-CLASS WAR' IN COAL FIELDS

McLachlan Calls on Cape Breton Miners to Join in "Cutting the Output."

SABOTAGE REPORTED FROM THE MINES

Premier Murray Accused of Being Responsible for Death of Three Children.

Sydney, N. S., March 17.—"The war is on-class war" in these words of a manifesto issued tonight, J. B. McLachlan, Secretary of District 26, United Workers, calls on the 12,000 miners of Nova Scotia to join him in a policy of "cutting the output" as the most effective method of waging a labor war against the British Empire Steel Corporation. In an open letter issued at the same time, McLachlan charges Hon. G. H. Murray, Premier of Nova Scotia, with responsibility for the deaths of three children who recently starved to death at Dominion No. 4, near Glace Bay.

Sabotage Reported

McLachlan is the leader of the more radical element of the United Mine Workers, and proved his leadership last Tuesday by opposing and defeating the new Montreal agreement which was up for referendum by a vote of seven to one. Cases of sabotage in the mines, by tampering with signal wires, have already been reported.

'CHANGE IN STATUS OF IRELAND NOTED

Several Features at St. Patrick's Day Celebration Revealed Altered Conditions.

Dublin, March 17.—The celebration of St. Patrick's Day throughout South-west Ireland was marked by the more radical element of the United Workers of Ireland. The troops of the Union Jack at Dublin Castle, which since 1900 had been an impressive ceremony of the name day of Ireland's patron saint, was omitted today for the first time. Instead there was a trooping and the blessing of the Republic tri-color at Marlborough Hall, which was transferred some time ago by the Crown forces to the Irish Republican Army.

ISLAND TEACHERS WANT SALARIES INCREASED

Petition Gov't for General Increase of 33 1-3 Per Cent. — Not Encouraged.

Charlottetown, March 17.—To the teachers who waited on the Government, today, asking for an increase in salaries, Premier Bell gave little encouragement, stating that the Government had given a fifty per cent increase in 1921 and that finances would not admit of a further increase without imposing additional taxation. The teachers claimed that their present salaries were lower than those in any Province in Canada. The increases asked for range from \$100 to \$200 per annum, according to class, or about 33 1-3 per cent.

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Nova Scotia Assembly, in Respect to Late Justice, Adjourned Until Monday.

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LANGFORD STILL HAS THE WALLPAPER

Huntingdon, W. Va., March 17.—Sam Langford, of Boston, knocked out Clarence Smith, of Denver, in the second round of a scheduled ten round bout here tonight. They are heavyweights.

RESIGNATION OF NORRIS GOVT IN HANDS LT. GOV.

No Action Taken by His Honor—To Announce His Course Monday.

MEMBERS ANNOYED OVER THE DELAY

Admit, However, No Immediate Hurry for Announcement from His Honor.

Winipeg, March 17.—Premier T. C. Norris tendered the resignation of the Provincial Government to the Lieutenant Governor, Sir James Aikins, this afternoon. No action was taken by His Honor, who said he would think over the situation and announce tomorrow morning the course he is adopting. The interview took place at Government House, half an hour after Sir James arrived in the city from Toronto. It lasted about three-quarters of an hour. Premier Norris outlined the circumstances leading to the defeat of the Government on the Talbot resolution, censuring the administration for failing to abolish the Public Utilities Commission, and formally announced the resignation of the Ministry. It is understood he neither recommended dissolution, or the summoning anyone to form a new Government, and left the question for the action entirely with the Lieutenant Governor.

Members Annoyed

The interview over, Premier Norris returned to his office at the Parliament building where he was in conference for the remainder of the afternoon with Cabinet colleagues and some of his supporters in the House. Some disappointment at the delay was expressed by members in the corridors. They admitted, however, that as the House will not be in session till Monday night, according to arrangements made yesterday, there is no immediate hurry for an announcement of the Lieutenant Governor's course of action.

DAMAGES ASSESSED IN NEGLIGENCE CASE

Woodstock Girl Awarded \$3,100 — Record Foundry Co. and Garson Case Judgment.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, N. B., March 17.—This morning Mr. Justice Chandler of the Supreme Court, King's Bench division, delivered judgment in the case of Doris Clark, of Woodstock, vs. August Gauvin, Moncton, assessing the damages in favor of the plaintiff at \$3,100 with costs. This action was tried last week at chambers without a jury and took three days. The action was brought for damages against the defendant for negligence in leaving open an excavation on Church street extension, Moncton, when the plaintiff, on Aug. 28, 1920, when driving along the street, fell into the excavation and broke her left leg. The attorneys on the case were M. G. Teed, K. C., and E. A. Reilly, K. C., for the plaintiff, and H. A. Powell, K. C., and A. A. Allen, for the defendant. Judge Chandler also delivered final judgment in the case of the Record Foundry & Machine Company vs. Frank O. Garson, of St. John. This was tried last week and occupied two days before a judge without a jury. It was an action to recover \$1,804.26. The defendant put in a sett-off for \$254, and counter claim for some \$2,300. The judge delivered judgment in favor of the plaintiff, with costs, on the main action for \$1,804.26. He dismissed the sett-off of \$254, and on the counter claim he allowed \$1,100 in favor of the defendant, making a clear verdict in favor of the plaintiff of \$704.26. The attorneys on the case were M. G. Teed, K. C., and E. A. Reilly, K. C., for the plaintiff, and H. A. Powell, K. C., and M. B. Innes for the defendant.

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DISSATISFIED WITH REPORT OF DR. PRINCE

London, England, Psychologist Declares New York Expert Failed to Deliver Goods.

ADVANCES THEORIES FOR HAPPENINGS

Some Spirits, He Says, Have Power of Maintaining Earthly Manifestations.

London, England, March 17.—Dissatisfaction with the published report of Dr. Prince, following his investigation of ghostly manifestations at the MacDonald homestead in Nova Scotia, is expressed, today, by Dr. Francis L. Watts, F. T. S. R. C. P., London, psychologist. Dr. Watts says that Dr. Prince most certainly failed, and that he would like to have the chance the New Yorker had to visit the Antigonish locality for a few days.

Advances Theories

His own theories regarding the unearthly happenings there include a couple of new ideas. He thinks that wireless currents may have something to do with their spooks and their fires, but also believes someone in the MacDonald family may have been under hypnotic influence while performing some of "occult" manifestations. He also advances the idea that some spirits, which have long since left their bodies, have the power of maintaining an earthly manifestation, and are able to convey the impression of a feeling of flesh against the bodies of mortals. This, he points out, would explain the "slaps" felt by the reporter from Halifax while sleeping in the MacDonald house. He adds that such manifestations are very rare.

SMART MOTION BEFORE QUEBEC ASSEMBLY

Resolution Called for Compulsory Incorporation of Labor Unions in Province.

Quebec, March 17.—(Canadian Press)—The debate in the Smart motion, calling for compulsory incorporation of labor unions in the Province of Quebec, was brought to a close in the Legislative Assembly this afternoon when the House, by a vote of 54 to 4, carried the following motion, proposed by Edward Robert, member for Rouville, in amendment to the Smart motion: "That this House recognizing that the Canadian workers are one of the sanest elements of our population invites the Labor organizations of this Province to give themselves a constitution which will be essentially Canadian, and to continue to cooperate in the industrial development of the Provinces in an orderly manner and with respect to our laws."

SYNDICATE SECURED NFD'S BOND ISSUE

\$6,000,000 is the Total Gov't Issue Carrying 5 1/2 Per Cent. for Twenty Years.

Toronto, Mar. 17.—A syndicate comprising Dominion Securities, Limited, Toronto; Dillon, Read & Company, of New York, and Lee, Higginson, of Boston, has acquired a \$6,000,000 bond issue of the Newfoundland Government carrying 5 1/2 per cent. for twenty years duration, and payable in New York funds. The price paid was 98.763 United States currency, the cost to the ancient colony being 5.59 per cent. on New York basis. Figuring the Canadian dollar cost on a four per cent. premium, the cost works out at about 6.38 per cent. and the price received approximately 105.4.

The transaction will be completed within a day or two and shortly after a public offering will be made at a price yet to be determined. The offering will be made in the United States.

CONVENTION OF ROTARIANS CLOSED

Conference Listened to An Able Address by Canon Armstrong.

Moncton, March 17.—The Rotary conference was closed in the form this afternoon after the introduction of Walter C. Grant, of Charlottetown, the nominee for district governor, who will be elected at the international convention and take office July 1st. This afternoon the conference listened to an address by Judge Wallace of Halifax, on "Some Causes of Juvenile Delinquency," and also an address on principles of Rotary by Cassin R. A. Armstrong, of St. John.

DEBATE IN THE HOUSE WILL RUN INTO NEXT WEEK

Plenty of Pep Added to Debate During Commons Session Yesterday.

SIR HENRY DRAYTON REVIEWED SITUATION

Scathingly Rebuked Sir Lomer Gouin for His Attack on Ex-Premier.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, March 17.—The debate on the address will run well into next week. It was continued today, with more acrimony than has been displayed since its inception. Mr. E. M. MacDonald making a characteristic speech that smacked all the way of the hustlers, and Sir Henry Drayton replying with a stinging rebuke of such electioneering tactics, and making one of the best addresses he has ever delivered in the House.

The ex-Finances Minister reviewed the financial situation, showed that Canada had escaped from the war with more economic strength than any other country; flayed the Liberals for their conflicting policies on the tariff; dealt exhaustively and illuminatingly with the railway question and scathingly rebuked Sir Lomer Gouin for his efforts to print Mr. Meighen as an enemy of the Province of Quebec. Sir Henry's address added greatly to the fighting spirit of the Conservatives who, ever since the opening, have presented a united, enthusiastic front, and are determined to give the Government a full share of trouble in the House.

Will Move Amendment

There is still a possibility that Mr. Meighen, or one of his followers, will move an amendment: if one is moved it will be of a character to win considerable Progressive support, thus giving warning to Mr. King that he cannot play fast and loose with the House, and that he will have to march warily if he doesn't desire to find himself on the wrong side of a division list.

Thus far the session has been without note. One thing it has demonstrated, however, is that the Opposition, though small, is a determined, militant force: that it is led by the ablest critic that Parliament has seen since the greatest days of Laurier and that the Progressives, far from being hard and fast allies of the Ministry, are cautious, suspicious and critical. In a word, Mr. King has had it brought home to him in the first days of the session that his path is a thorny one; that any deviation in favor of any special interest will visit upon him swift and sure defeat.

KU KLUX KLAN GO AFTER BULLOCK

Pledged to See That He is Brought Back to North Carolina.

Hickory, N. C., March 17.—One million members of the order of the Ku Klux Klan, from Maine to Texas, are pledged to see that Matthew Bullock, the negro wanted at Norfolk, N. C., on a charge of attempted murder, is brought back from Canada to North Carolina for trial. Dr. Arthur Talmadge Abernethy, of Asheville, lecturer of the Klan, declared in an address here last night.

Dr. Abernethy said Bullock would be brought back to North Carolina within 90 days, but did not say how this was to be accomplished.

SENTENCED TO TEN YEARS IN "PEN."

Colored Gent Pleaded Guilty to Serious Offence Against 13 Year Old Girl.

Montreal, March 17.—Ten years in the penitentiary was the sentence imposed in the Court of King's Bench here this afternoon on Denis Robinson, 52, colored, who pleaded guilty to a serious offence against a girl 13 years of age. Except for certain information which proved extenuating circumstances, Mr. Justice Bisson said that he could have sentenced Robinson to life imprisonment.

LASSIES ARRESTED FOR "GIGGLING"

Colored Parson Says Duaky Maidens Broke Up Solemnity of Service.

Sydney, March 17.—Because he alleges they giggled so loudly in church that they broke up his service, Rev. Mr. Robertson, colored preacher, of Whittier, has had Caroline Parney, Beulah Bowers, Emma Green and Hattie Desmond, four colored lassies, summoned to police court today. Their hearing was adjourned for a week.