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First By-Election Held In Britain Since Government Change

FIVE IN FIRE NEAR CARAQUET

HENDERSON IS FIGHTING FOR A SEAT

Polling is Brisk Today in First Election Since Government Change.

RETURN IS CERTAIN

Death Penalty Bill is Arousing Interest in the British House.

BY HARRY N. MOORE (British United Press.)

London, Feb. 28.—The polling was brisk this morning at Burnley, where the Government faces the first by-election since its assumption of power. The return of Mr. Henderson, the home secretary, is generally conceded, though the debate in the House of Commons last night over revision of the Versailles treaty has reacted strongly against the Labor candidate.

Premier MacDonald's reputation of the statement made by Arthur Henderson that the "revision of the Versailles Treaty was an immediate necessity," was hailed with delight in the camp of the Liberals in the Lancashire town, although they claim that an earlier denial would have been more effective in changing the voting.

Should Arthur Henderson meet defeat it would not only mean that the Premier would have to look round for another home secretary and lose the services of one of the most influential men of his party, but it would necessitate certain changes of government policy especially in the field of social measures.

Death Penalty Bill.

While the new bill regarding offenses against the person which abolishes the death penalty in cases of murder has not yet been presented to the house and is hardly likely to be put forward this session its main features are already public property and it is arousing the keenest interest.

It is exceedingly doubtful, however, if the Government will be able to force this measure through the Commons in the present state of public opinion, especially the section that still pins its faith in the biblical injunction of "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth."

There have been more protests during the last few months from widespread sections of the country protesting against the reprieve granted by the Home Secretary's advice during the last two years.

CONGRESS HONORS HARDING'S MEMORY

Memorial Service Held in House Chamber—Widow of Late President Attends.

Washington, Feb. 28.—Congress laid aside legislative business yesterday to pay tribute to the memory of Warren G. Harding.

The House and Senate joined in a memorial service held in the House chamber, with Secretary Hughes as the only speaker, and President Coolidge, his cabinet, supreme court justices and foreign diplomats in attendance.

In a gallery opposite the Speaker's rostrum sat Mr. Harding's widow.

The service lasted a little more than an hour. After a prayer by the Rev. J. Schera Montgomery, the House chaplain, Mr. Hughes read an address in which he sketched Mr. Harding's career and referred to his accomplishments in public life. Secretary Hughes concluded his tribute to Mr. Harding with the observation that he gave his life to his country.

Alberta to Have Game Sanctuary

Ottawa, Feb. 28.—The Government has authorized establishment of a bird sanctuary at Rideau Island, Alberta, and the killing or hunting of birds on the island has been prohibited.

Seize Drugs, Gems, Liqueur on Ship

New York, Feb. 28.—More than \$100,000 worth of drugs, jewelry, liquors, French brandies and two life size paintings of unknown value were seized by customs officials after a ten hour raid on the steamship Conti Verdi from Italy. Officers said it was the most important seizure of unmanufactured goods made here in recent years. Officers and members of the crew denied all knowledge of the seized merchandise.

BARBER MAY FIND HE'S RICH DUKE

New Jersey Man Has Tip From France That He's Heir to \$75,000,000.

Coyteville, N. J., Feb. 28.—George Dennis, erstwhile army cook and barber in the town of Harrison, N. Y., was reported yesterday to have embarked on a voyage to France to claim a duchy and the fortune of \$75,000,000, which he believes awaits him there, but he has not yet sailed or at least his wife hopes not. At their home here, Mrs. Dennis said that her husband was in New York on business, and that so far as she knew he would be home tomorrow.

Mrs. Dennis said that her husband's correct name was Joseph and that he was considering going to France to establish a claim as a direct descendant of the Duca de Longville, the last of whose line was supposed to have died during the French and Indian war of 1754-60. This belief, she said, was revived by the arrival here several months ago of M. Bertrand, a war-time chum of a Canadian attorney. But that Dennis had actually sailed was quite a different matter.

BARON BYNG IS NAMED COLONEL

Commands Regiment in Which He Was Subaltern at Battle of El Teb.

London, Feb. 28.—(Canadian Press)—Baron Byng of Vimy, Governor-General of Canada, has been selected to command the 10th Royal Hussars. This week marks the anniversary of the battle of El Teb, in which Julian Byng participated as a young subaltern in the regiment of which he now becomes colonel.

Wire Briefs

San Diego, Cal., Feb. 28.—Mgr. William J. Garvey, noted clergyman of Philadelphia, died here last night of heart trouble.

Montreal, Feb. 28.—New testimony in the Delorme case was heard today at the trial of the Abbe on the charge of murdering his half brother, Raoul, on January 6, 1922.

Paris, Feb. 28.—Interesting tests of a medium claimed to possess a mysterious luminosity—the emission of blue light rays with radiographic properties—are announced by Dr. Gustave Geley, of the Metaphysical Institute here.

Moscow, Feb. 28.—The Russian Soviet government has sent a circular note to all the naval powers, including the U. S., warning them that no ships, clearing from or calling at Bulgarian ports will be permitted to enter Russian ports on the Black Sea.

Belfast, Feb. 28.—While wedding festivities were in progress in the village of Letrim, in Connaught, last night, two men entered the house and ordered the guests to put up their hands. James O'Brien remonstrated and was shot dead.

Saranac Lake, N. Y., Feb. 28.—Fire destroyed the farmhouse of the Sisters of Mercy farm at Gabriel's Sanatorium yesterday, causing loss estimated at \$10,000. The sanatorium proper was not threatened.

Quebec, Feb. 28.—(Canadian Press)—By a vote of 35 to 22 the legislative assembly has passed a bill to the effect that household effects should be exempt from seizure on judgments of less than \$50.

Berlin, Feb. 28.—According to the correspondent of the Berliner Tageblatt at Spiez, capital of the Bavarian palatinate, the last of the Separatists have evacuated the government building, which will be occupied by representatives of the "old legitimate" government forthwith.

Constantinople, Feb. 28.—Great applause yesterday greeted the introduction in the National Assembly by Angora of a motion by Deputy Sarouhan. By demanding abolition of the caliphate, removal of the minister of religious affairs from the cabinet, and suppression of the theological schools and tribunals.

PARLIAMENT IS OPENED AT OTTAWA

Impressive Ceremony Marked the Proceedings at Capital Today.

IMPORTANT SESSION

Interest Centres in the Attitude to be Adopted by Progressives.

By Canadian Press.

Ottawa, Feb. 28.—The third session of Canada's fourteenth parliament was opened by the Governor-General, Baron Byng of Vimy, this afternoon. There were lacking none of the ceremonial and display which makes the opening so great a magnet and so important an event in the social life of the capital. The scene was staged in a gorgeous setting. The parliament buildings throughout have been in the hands of workmen for weeks past. The red and gold of the Senate chamber, where His Excellency stepped from the throne and declared parliament formally open, seemed even more brilliant than in the past for over the throne a canopy of gold and maroon has been installed.

Has Mounted Escort.

The Governor-General was accompanied by a mounted escort from the Princess Louise Dragoon Guards, riding in single file. The guard of honor in front of the parliament buildings was from the Queen's Own Rifles and the saluting battalion from the Canadian Field Artillery. As His Excellency stepped from the throne and declared parliament formally open, at the same moment, the battery fired a salute of fifteen guns. Today Progressives met to discuss their policy to tomorrow they meet again for further discussion. Their attitude towards the Government, as last session, is not one of formal opposition. At the same time, there is a wing of the Progressives which favors a more militant attitude and herein lies a field for prediction. Moreover, while Progressives generally take the less militant view indicated, they are looking forward to tariff reductions and expect that tariff reductions will be forthcoming.

The Budget Proposals.

It is with more than usual interest therefore that the Government's budget proposals will be awaited this year, the more so as last session the main body of Progressives voted against the budget proposals which the Government was able to carry only with the narrow majority of eight. Since then, the Liberal party standing in the House has been reduced by the loss of two by-elections.

N. S. Fire Losses Are Reduced

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 28.—Financial loss through fires in N. S. for the year ended September 30, 1923, amounted to \$2,137,062, a slight reduction from \$2,148,274 for the preceding 12 months, according to the report of Fire Marshal J. A. Rudland, tabled in the Nova Scotia Legislature. The number of fires reported was, 1,191 as compared with 1,194 for 1922-23. The per capita loss for the province was reduced from \$4.08 to \$4.07. Fatalities due to fires totalled 16 consisting of two men, five women and nine children.

Up Go Railway Fares In France

Paris, Feb. 28.—First and second class railroad passenger fares will be increased fifty per cent. and third class 15 per cent. beginning March 10. Freight rates will jump from 10 to 20 per cent. The Government has been paying the deficits of the roads, which amounted last year to nearly 750,000,000 francs.

Conservative Chief Quits Post

London, Feb. 28.—(Canadian Press)—Sir Reginald Hall, principal agent for the Conservative party, has resigned his office. He was severely criticized in connection with the calling of the general election last December and was blamed to a considerable extent for encouraging Baldwin to hold the election at an allegedly inopportune time.

Labor M. P. Leads Union Congress

London, Feb. 28.—(Canadian Press)—A. A. Purcell, Labor member of the House of Commons for Coventry, has been elected chairman of the Trades Union Congress.

Loses at Cards; Then Beats Wife

Boston, Feb. 28.—Mrs. William Arthur of the Back Bay was given a divorce from her husband, Judge Pratt in the Probate Court here on the ground of cruel and abusive treatment. She testified that William is fond of cards, but is a poor loser, and whenever he lost he had a habit of beating her when he came home. Since their marriage in Halifax, in 1918, she alleged, her eyes have many times been black and blue as a result of her husband's blows.

TWO RAILWAYMEN KILLED AT WORK

Fatal Accidents in Montreal Result in Loss of Two Lives.

Montreal, Feb. 28.—A powerful crane was required to lift a freight car on a siding in the Canadian National Railway yards here in order to remove the body of Luigi Totore, 33, who fell from the car beneath its wheels and was cut to pieces. Totore had been employed as an extra hand in snow removing work.

Montreal, Feb. 28.—Crushed between the sides of a locomotive and a snowbank at the Angus shops near here, Joseph Mabeu, 24, was struck in the abdomen by the engine's cylinders and died a few minutes later. Mabeu was a foreman at the yards.

HE GIVES \$100,000 AS INSTALLMENT

Lord Atholstan Wires Quebec Premier Re Plan to Fight White Plague.

Quebec, Feb. 28.—(Canadian Press)—In a telegram to Premier Taschereau, Lord Atholstan of Montreal states that he will join your government in a notarial agreement by which we will make a division of the expense and work concurrently in connection with a campaign against tuberculosis in Montreal and district. To this end His Lordship states that he has deposited with the Royal Bank \$100,000 in Victory bonds as a first installment of the expense of the campaign. He offers to find a committee acceptable to the government and says he would be prepared to make a start on the work immediately.

GERMAN DIPLOMAT IS DEAD AT AGE OF 68

Helped Get News Out of U. S. After Washington Went to War.

Munich, Feb. 28.—Prince Maximilian von Rath, German ambassador at Madrid during the war, died in his home at Sterz, Bavaria, at the age of 68.

It was through this diplomat, the contention is made, that the German government kept up communication with its secret service operatives in the United States after the U. S. government broke off diplomatic relations with the central powers. The German agents in Spain were in constant communication by post and cable with Germany in America, and in this way were enabled to relay much information to Berlin concerning activities at the front and in England. They made use also of secret wireless stations, and a regular submarine mail service which operated between Spain and Germany.

MANY SEEK DIVORCE

Applications Before Senate 137—Ontario Leads Provinces, Toronto Heads Cities.

Ottawa, Feb. 28.—(Canadian Press)—There are now before the Senate 137 applications for divorce, compared with 135 at this time last year. It is expected there will be at least 30 more. Of the applications, 69 are by husbands and 68 by wives. From Ontario there are 121, Quebec 13, Manitoba 2, and British Columbia 1. Of large cities, Toronto has 67, Montreal 11, Hamilton 8, and Ottawa 7.

Have Smallpox Under Control

Windsor, Ont., Feb. 28.—The small-pox situation here is reported as well in hand with only one new case reported yesterday, of rather mild type. None of the ten or fifteen cases under observation are severe.

It is estimated at least 40,000 persons have been vaccinated here and in adjacent municipalities.

Peggy's Kept Her Promise



That long anticipated wedding of Peggy Wood, musical comedy star, and John Weaver, poet and literary critic, finally has been solemnized. The ceremony took place in Hamilton, Bermuda. The nuptials culminated a romance of nearly two years, marked by postmortems and rumors of quarrels and reconciliations.

Actress and Authoress Is Dead From Drinking a Shoe Polish Liquid

New York, Feb. 28.—Miss Vallie Belasco Martin, 35 years of age, an actress and authoress, committed suicide by drinking shoe polish in the Riverside Drive apartment of her mother today, after having written a note in which she said her act was due to her inability to secure a stage engagement or dispose of any of her stories.

Miss Martin, who came here from Seattle in 1917, was said to have had a prominent part in a successful musical comedy several years ago, but was unable to obtain engagements since then.

The police said they had learned from clippings found in Miss Martin's room that she was the cousin of David Belasco, veteran theatrical producer.

STAYS OUT OF JAIL

Moosejaw Policeman is Given Year But Sentence is Suspended.

Moose Jaw, Sask., Feb. 28.—Pleading guilty to a charge of theft, S. Wilson, one of seven members of the Moose Jaw police force accused of breaking into and entering local shops, was sentenced to one year imprisonment. Sentence was suspended after counsel for the defence had advanced a plea for leniency.

SEARCH FRUITLESS

Officers Fail to Locate Alleged Assailant of Police Sergeant.

Port Arthur, Ont., Feb. 28.—Officers in charge of the hunt for Peter Tomack, alleged assailant of Police Sgt. Creasy, have returned from Silver Mountain. Two men have been left to watch various haunts of the neighborhood. The general belief is the man has escaped across the U. S. border.

England's Oldest Doctor Is 98

London, Feb. 28.—Dr. George Cook Atfield of Hove has a double claim to distinction. At 98 years of age, and possessing good health, he is said to be the oldest "Bart's" man, and probably the oldest doctor in England. Dr. Atfield, who qualified more than 70 years ago, was a medical student in days when anaesthetics were almost unknown.

Cunarder Is Given New Name

New York, Feb. 28.—The Cunard line has announced that its newest turbine steamer Tyrrenha has been christened Lancastria. This was the old Roman name for the Duchy of Lancaster, England, which later became Lancashire.

FOUR BOYS AND MAID LOSE LIVES AS HOME BURNS

Mother Saves Infant as House Is Burned In Gloucester County—Bodies In Ruins—Father at Home of Neighbor When Flames Are First Noticed.

Fire exacted a terrible toll last night at the little farmhouse of Adelard Savoie, at Maltempeque, a village eight miles from Caraquet, Gloucester county, according to a telephone message received by The Times at two o'clock this afternoon.

Four children and a maid lost their lives when flames broke out in the little home. The dead children are all boys, it was said. The name of the maid is Rosalie Godin, of Waugh. She was 23 years old. Mrs. Savoie and her infant son, four months old, were saved.

The father was spending the evening at the home of a neighbor. Looking out the window shortly before ten o'clock, Mr. Savoie noticed that the sky was red in the direction of his home. He and two other men hastened to the Savoie farm. On their arrival they found the house and barn in flames.

Every effort that was possible was made to save the children and the maid. These proved futile. At midnight the remains, burned and scarred, were found in the ruins of the home.

Details Are Meagre.

According to meagre details which The Times could obtain over the telephone this afternoon, the fire started in the room of the eldest boy, who slept on the second floor of the house. The flames, it was said, spread rapidly and it was impossible for the children and the maid who slept in rooms on the upper floor to escape.

The mother, who was sleeping in a room on the second floor, was awakened by the fumes of the burning wood. Hastily she grabbed her infant and rushed to the barn. Placing the baby in a safe place, she ran back to the house to try and rescue the other children. She heard the cries for help,

but was unable to break through the flames to rescue them.

All Efforts Fail.

On the arrival of the father and neighbors, another attempt was made to rescue the trapped inmates. Other neighbors hurried to the scene, but the ruins were smouldering before the bodies of the five victims were recovered. It was not known as The Times went to press what caused the fire. It is supposed, however, that one of the boys was reading and in some way the lamp was upset or exploded. Mrs. Savoie was taken to the home of a neighbor, where she is being cared for. The parents are nearly crazed with grief, as the victims are said to have been popular in the neighborhood.

The boys, it is stated, ranged in age from four to twelve years.

SCHWAB FOUND A CHANGED GERMANY

Steel Magnate, Home After First Visit Since Before War, Was Astounded.

New York, Feb. 28.—Charles M. Schwab of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation returned yesterday after his first visit to Germany since 1912, convinced that the German Government would do its utmost to pay whatever reparations were fixed by the allied commission.

He expressed astonishment at the extent to which German steel industries had deteriorated since before the war and declared that the well being of all central Europe depended upon an immediate and definite disposition of the reparations question.

Mr. Schwab spent two months in Germany. "What I saw astounded me," he said, "their big plants, which employed 110,000 persons when I last was there, were reduced to a force of 14,000. Other industries were operating in proportion."

Weather Report

Toronto, Feb. 28.—Pressure continues high over the Great Lakes with the southern disturbance has moved quickly northeastward to Sable Island causing gales and snow in the Maritime Provinces. Elsewhere the weather has been mostly fair.

Table with weather forecasts for various cities: Victoria, Kamloops, Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Montreal, St. John, Halifax, New York.

New Cape Breton Hospital Opened

Sydney, N. S., Feb. 28.—With appropriate ceremonies the recently completed New Waterford Hospital was launched on its mission of mercy yesterday in the presence of a large gathering of citizens.

George Cockburn of the Board of Governors acted as chairman, and the guest of honor was Colonel D. H. MacDougall, formerly vice-president of the British Empire Steel Corporation, through whose efforts the erection and equipping of the building was made possible.

Montreal Thugs Rob Blind Woman

Montreal, Feb. 28.—Mrs. Alfred Hetu, 65 years of age and blind, and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Arthur Hetu, were held up in their home in the outlying northeast section of the city yesterday by two men who menaced them with revolvers and robbed them of \$49. The men wore handkerchiefs over their faces. They entered the house by the front door after ringing the bell. The two women were forced to extract the money from their stockings.

Give Women Vote At Age of 21

London, Feb. 28.—Discussion has been set for tomorrow of a private members bill introduced by W. M. Adamson, Laborite, giving all women the same political status as men by granting them the franchise at the age of 21 instead of 30, as now.

The Conservatives oppose the measure on various grounds and several motions against it have been submitted. Among these is one by the Duchess of Atholl, demanding a conference of all the parties first.

Bismarck's Grandson Seeks Election

Berlin, Feb. 28.—Prince Otto Bismarck, grandson of the Iron Chancellor, is the candidate of the German National party for the Westphalia district in the impending Reichstag elections.

The National party has submitted a motion for the Reichstag favoring the election of the president of the Reich concurrently with the Reichstag elections.