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POLICE DRIVE ON THE PARKS OF LONDON

TRYING TO IMPROVE THE PUBLIC MORALS

Aged Knight Arrested for Molesting a Woman is Appealing the Case.

London, Oct. 24.—Efforts of the police to correct morals in London parks are receiving widespread condemnation as the result of the arrest and conviction of Sir Almeric Fitzroy, 70 years old, a clerk in the Privy Council and prominent in society, who was charged with molesting a woman in Hyde Park.

Sir Almeric, who was fined £5 and costs, immediately filed an appeal. The sensational case aroused public indignation because Sir Almeric was convicted after the testimony of the prosecution's star witness, a woman who was completely broken down and she was dismissed.

The only other witnesses for the prosecution were two constables, who said that Sir Almeric when arrested attacked and struck at them with his cane and later made such a scene at headquarters that he had to be held down. The constables said that they watched him accost three women and arrested him when he sat down and began to converse with one of them.

Sir Almeric, who made a picturesque figure in the dock, stormed against what he called the injustice of such an action. He said he had an appointment with his wife at Hyde Park gate. As he arrived early after dinner he strolled in the park to pass the time. He admitted sitting on a bench and passing the time of day with a girl who was there, "as any gentleman would." The girl appeared against him, but was dismissed when the defense riddled her testimony.

The case promises to be the climax of a series of remarkable arrests in which several clergymen are involved. A curate who was arrested for staring at people in the park, proved when the case was appealed that he is almost blind. Another case involved an archdeacon who was fined, but the conviction was later quashed.

These park scandals have already come up in the House of Commons, where it was stated that no man with any sense would dare to walk in the park alone after dark. The park became notorious in the war days and the close police vigilance established then has not been greatly relaxed.

IRISH NOT WORRYING OVER CRISIS

Dublin, Oct. 24.—The Irish seem to take only an academic interest in the passing of Lloyd George. In general the feeling in Ireland is that England's cabinet change will have no palpable effect on Irish relations.

What Ireland is most interested in is the personality of the man who will succeed Winston Spencer Churchill as secretary for the colonies. Since the Anglo-Irish peace treaty was signed, Mr. Churchill has been the connecting link between Britain and Ireland and all difficulties that arose were discussed with him.

In the south the Republicans represented him as a dictator to the provisional government, but the Free State officials have had no serious friction with him. In the north his dealings with the Ulster government were gratefully acknowledged by Sir James Craig, the Belfast premier.

It is regarded as important in Dublin that Mr. Churchill's successor shall stand by his acts and show the same spirit in carrying on the administration of affairs affecting Ireland.

Dublin feels no apprehension of any possible danger to the treaty because of the change of governments in London.

C. K. Howard in City

C. K. Howard of Toronto, Tourist Agent for the Canadian National Railways, is a guest at the Barker House. Mr. Howard formerly was C. P. R. station agent here and also was connected with the St. John & Quebec Railway. After being located as representative of the C. N. R. at Boston for some time he was transferred to Toronto when that city was selected as C. N. R. headquarters.

DUKE WAS BARRED FROM CONFERENCE

Church Action is Ascribed to His Remarriage After Being Divorced.

London, Oct. 24.—The Duke of Marlborough was barred from the Church of England diocesan conference at Oxford by the Bishop of Oxford today as he was about to enter the hall. The Duke, as Lord Lieutenant of Oxfordshire, is a member ex officio of the conference.

The Bishop told the conference, however that ips facto, all of its members were required to have the full status of communicants. The Bishop said he had had to explain to the Duke of Marlborough that he could not admit that the latter had that status and therefore he had requested him not to attend the conference. The Bishop's announcement was greeted with applause.

Though it was not stated, it is believed the Duke's remarriage to Miss Gladys Deacon, following the divorce obtained by his first Duchess, formerly Consuelo Vanderbilt, now Mme. Jacques Balsan, was the cause of the Bishop's action.

The Duke of Marlborough and Miss Consuelo Vanderbilt, daughter of William K. Vanderbilt, were married in St. Thomas's Church in this city in the summer of 1895. The Duke of Marlborough was divorced by the Duchess in November, 1920, and on June 24, 1921, he married Miss Gladys Deacon of Boston by civil ceremony in Paris, which was followed the next day by a religious ceremony in the home of the bride's cousin in Paris.

THE EX-KAISER'S FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

Doorn, Holland, Oct. 24.—The secrecy that has hidden the life of the ex-Kaiser in Holland becomes more impenetrable than ever as curiosity increases abroad about his forthcoming marriage with the Princess of Reuss but the villagers of Doorn view the approaching nuptial with an air of indifference even of boredom.

Nine-tenths of them are austere Calvinists and look upon pomp and panoply as sinful vanities. Being strict Sabbatarians they disapprove of William's choice of Sunday as the day for the wedding feast. But they do not say so out loud; at least the tradesmen who cater to William's chateau and the workmen who get jobs on the estate are extremely reticent.

Even more silent are those in the ex-Kaiser's entourage. The few Dutch aristocrats who visit the former Emperor's retreat cloak them that even the nerviest reporter can savor with a superior air or reserve not penetrate. All that the correspondents have found out is that both the civil and religious wedding ceremonies are to take place November 5 within the precincts of the chateau and well be attended by a Dutch Government secretary from the Hague the Governor of the province of Utrecht the Burgomaster of Doorn a few of the Dutch nobility and about fifty invited guests from Germany mainly dignitaries under the old regime and army Generals.

TO EXPAND AIR LINERS

London Oct. 24.—An air liner working on the same principle by which a dining room table is expanded is the latest invention of Anthony H. G. Fokker for commercial travel. He promises to use it in the cross Channel service next year.

The machine he says will be made like an ordinary monoplane for carrying six persons. If more want to travel a small lower plane will be added. If a double load is to be carried a lower plane nearly as large as the original one will be added thereby making it a biplane. Fokker says that the arrangement is just as simple as hitching on more coaches to a railway train.

Andrew Bonar Law Takes the Oath as Prime Minister

IS GREAT BRITAIN'S FIRST CANADIAN-BORN PREMIER—HAS UNDERTAKEN THE TASK OF FORMING A NEW ADMINISTRATION—PARLIAMENT TO BE DISSOLVED THIS WEEK AND NEW ELECTION MAY BE ON NOVEMBER 15TH.

London, Oct. 23.—Andrew Bonar Law today, in the traditional phrase of the court circular "kissed hands upon his appointment as prime minister and first lord of the treasury," and thus becomes England's first Canadian-born premier. Mr. Law was born in Rexton, New Brunswick.

Today was devoted to the formalities necessary in Great Britain to a change in government. The king in the morning gave an audience to and took formal leave of the outgoing prime minister, Mr. Lloyd George. Then came the Unionist meeting in the afternoon when Mr. Bonar Law was unanimously elected leader of the party. This was followed by an audience at Buckingham Palace when Mr. Bonar Law at the king's invitation undertook to form a new administration.

ELECTION COMING SOON

The king will hold a privy council probably Wednesday if the prime minister has by then completed his ministry. The king will, on the advice of the prime minister, proclaim the dissolution of parliament on Thursday and, according to present arrangements elections will be held Nov. 15. Mr. Bonar Law is understood to have his cabinet almost completed and it is expected the composition of the ministry will be announced tomorrow. It is the almost universal opinion that he succeeds to a most difficult and onerous task, and many misgivings are heard whether his health will stand the inevitable strain, but he has made it quite clear that if he finds his health unequal to the task he shall be allowed quietly to step aside.

The situation is unique in the annals of British election politics, inasmuch as, with only three weeks to the election date, note of the leaders has yet announced his policy. Each side appears to be waiting on the other. Mr. Lloyd George's opponents are making merry with the suggestion that the sword he announced himself as brandishing when he left London on Saturday must have been lost somewhere on the way to Leeds. The only real question before the electorate is whether they wish to be governed by a coalition. But that cannot properly be described as an election plank, because, except in the quite unanticipated result of a tremendous landslide in favor of one particular party, it is almost certain that no party will be returned strong enough to form a government without the cooperation of some other party.

TO ANNOUNCE POLICY

Mr. Bonar Law confirms the assertion that Ireland is an agreed question and he further intimated clearly and frankly at the Unionist meeting today that tariff reform of protection would not form an item of his policy. And since Mr. Lloyd George has announced himself as a free trader this question cannot come to the front as both the Liberal and Labor parties are in favor of free trade. The prime minister promises to define his policy in his coming speech at Glasgow but in view of his remarks today it will not be of an eventful character.

Previous to the breakdown of his health, which forced him temporarily to retire from politics, Mr. Bonar Law was a very close friend of Mr. Lloyd George and was identified with the entire coalition policy. It is therefore practically impossible that he can in any important measure reverse this policy. Thus unless Mr. Lloyd George should take a strong turn in his policy there will be little difference between the platforms of the two men.

WALLACE REID A NERVOUS WRECK

Los Angeles Oct. 24.—Wallace Reid is a complete nervous wreck in a sanatorium under the care of several physicians and specialists it was admitted here today by Mr. Reid.

The film star is menaced by blindness an affliction which is said to have been brought on by overwork under film studio lights. The location of the sanatorium in which he is confined has not been revealed.

According to his secretary he was taken to his cabin in the mountains but a little later Mrs. Reid issued a statement in which she said her husband was a "very sick man" and had been taken to a sanatorium.

Mrs. Reid's statement said that for two days her husband was totally blind but his vision is now improved somewhat. How long he will be in sanatorium Mrs. Reid could not say but it will probably be several weeks. Mrs. Reid denied strongly that her husband is a victim of paralysis.

Owing to Reid's illness Jack Holt has been substituted to take the lead in a picture in which Reid was to have starred.

A Good Shot

A colored boy named Paine killed three black ducks at one shot in the river near Sugar Island one day last week.

TODAY'S RACE IS CALLED OFF

Gloucester, Mass., Oct. 23.—The international committee in charge of the fishermen's races here tonight reiterated through Chairman W. W. Lufkin, at a banquet in honor of the two racing crews, that Saturday's race stands as no contest and that the series will be resumed on Wednesday.

The postponement over tomorrow was voted it was explained, because of the illness of Captain Clayton Morrissey, of the Henry Ford, and at his request.

The Nova Scotia members of the committee who at one time tonight, had agreed to hand over the championship cup to the Henry Ford if the committee saw fit so to decide, concurred wholeheartedly in the agreement to postpone.

ACADIA BEAT KING'S EASILY

Wolfville, N. S., Oct. 23.—Three converted tries gave Acadia a 15 to 0 victory over King's College, Windsor rugby team here today. The work of the Wolfville half line featured. Acadia plays Mount Allison here on Thursday.

COL. J.A. CURRIE ELECTED FOR TORONTO SEAT

Two By-Elections for the Legislature Held Yesterday in Toronto.

Toronto Oct. 23.—By a plurality of 3,653 votes with two polling places still to report the riding of southeast Toronto resumed its Conservative allegiance in today's by-election by returning Colonel John A. Currie to the seat rendered vacant by the death of John O'Neill (Liberal). The vote was extremely light only 7,000 being cast from a roll of about 20,000. In three sub-divisions no votes at all were cast. The result with two polls missing follows:

Currie, Conservative 4,759; Callaghan, Independent Liberal and anti-O. T. A., 1,106; Pearce official Liberal 742; Mabuire, Labor 488.

The result shows a considerable revision of sentiment in the riding from 1919 when John O'Neill the Liberal candidate was given a majority of 4,585 over his nearest opponent a Conservative.

Today's results in southeast Toronto and in Russell where a Liberal was returned add one to the strength of both the Conservative and the Liberal parties in the house. Following is the present standing of the group in the legislature:

U. F. O. forty four; Liberals twenty eight; Conservatives twenty six; Labor eleven; Soldier one Independent one; total 111.

Previous to today's by-elections there have been three since the general election in 1919. In these the Liberals lost North Oxford which the U. F. O. gained while Kingston and northeast Toronto remained Conservative.

Ottawa Oct. 23.—Ninety one out of 107 polls in Russell gave Goulet Liberal 4,020; Blanchard, Progressive 1,734; Bowen Independent beer and wine 216.

REFUSED BIG PRICE FOR A FILM

Berlin, Oct. 24.—When the Passion players put Satan behind them and flatly turned down an offer of more than \$1,000,000 to make a motion picture of the famous Oberammergau play, they did not know that it was not the tempter seeking sordid gain, but John D. Rockefeller hoping to spread Christianity who was making the offer.

An American attorney interested in the transaction told The New York Herald correspondent that the actors who cut their hair to avoid temptation are now so sorry for their impulsiveness that they are willing to use any hair restoratives to secure a second chance at the fabulous offer. The purpose behind the offer, the attorney said, was not to use the motion picture as an entertainment stunt but for New Testament missionary propaganda in connection with the religious activities backed by Mr. Rockefeller.

Agents appeared in Oberammergau and offered \$1,400,000 for the privilege of filming the play at the end of the season. After the directors had decided to turn down the offer sadly but firmly, the most prominent players rushed to the barber shops and had their whiskers, the cherished growth of three decades, shaved off. Now they think of the dollars that were turned down, but no barber can replace the beards.

BOYS SHOT AT CHATHAM

Chatham, N. B., Oct. 23.—Two shooting accidents occurred here yesterday. Charles McCullum, about fourteen years of age, shot himself in the foot while in the woods back of town with two companions. His friends carried him home. Jack Searle, fifteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Searle, was shot by a companion in the knee with a shot gun. He was taken to the hospital last night and the bullet was removed this morning. He is doing as well as can be expected.

G. H. S. Hevenor of St. John's is in the city.

NO CLUE YET IN NOVA SCOTIA MURDER CASE

DETECTIVES ARE INVESTIGATING

Evidence Shows That Aged Farmer Made a Fight for His Life.

Clementsport, N. S., Oct. 23.—"It is a most difficult case and there is no clue to go by," Chief Detective Horace Kennedy of Halifax, said this evening concerning the murder at Guinea near here, of Thomas Berry, seventy-five-year-old farmer of that place. Mr. Berry's body was found yesterday morning in the kitchen of his home with his skull crushed from the temple to the back of the head. The aged farmer had evidently made a fight for life and almost his entire body was bruised, while his mouth was lacerated as if struck by a heavy blow from a fist. The room was upset and blood splashed on all sides. The farmer's body lay face downwards and he apparently had been dead for some time. Rats had gnawed at his outstretched hands. Detective Kennedy said he had never seen a murder case where the victim had been so badly mutilated.

Several persons were examined today, but without, it is said, any evidence being given which would point to a possible criminal.

It was established today that Thos. Berry was seen on Wednesday of last week. On Thursday evening his cattle were put in the barn, presumably by himself and on Thursday night his sister-in-law, Mrs. Edmund Berry, saw a light in the house. Edmund Berry's property is on the opposite side of the road to that of his dead brother, and both houses are set back.

It had been the dead man's custom to take his cattle to water at a brook near the road, both morning and evening. He was not seen Friday morning nor thereafter.

Mr. Kennedy said that the situation of the late farmer's house was such that the crime might have been committed in daylight without any alarm being necessarily given.

No motive has been established for the crime, except the possible one of robbery Mr. Berry was known to have had \$200 on his person recently. A blood-stained axe and a piece of wood were found in the porch of the Berry house and are thought to have been used in the commission of the crime.

In connection with the Berry murder, the robbery recently of a sum of money from the store of W. C. Rawling, Clementsport, is being discussed. There were no arrests at that time.

CROPS HAVE BEEN SEIZED

Winnipeg, Oct. 23.—Following reports of the seizure of farmers' crops in the Dauphin district, steps have been taken to inquire into the situation and, if possible, extend relief to the farmers.

W. R. Wood, secretary of the United Farmers of Manitoba, it is understood, has written to representatives to learn the actual conditions and to have the differences between the farmers and their creditors submitted to arbitration of the joint board set up by the United Farmers' executive and the mortgage association of the province.

Many farmers in the Dauphin district, according to reports received here, are demanding that a moratorium be granted them.

GAMBLERS PAY COMMISSIONS

Berlin, Oct. 24.—Friday constituted a record day on the Bourse many speculators being obliged to remain at the exchange until 7 o'clock in the evening before they could be accommodated. It is estimated that speculators are now paying bankers and brokers 100,000,000 marks in commissions daily. One bank alone has handled 50,000 transactions. Many institutions are having difficulties keeping up their accounts and statements.

Judge Barry has recovered from his illness and was able to go out Monday.