

Hon. Stanley Baldwin Is Warmly Greeted In the British House

WILL FOLLOW TRADITION

New Premier and His Ministry Met House Without Ceremony.

London, May 28—The new government, completed by the appointment of Sir Laming Worthington-Evans as Postmaster-General with a seat in the cabinet, started its active career today in uneventful fashion.

Stanley Baldwin, the new Prime Minister was elected leader of the Conservative party in place of the retiring Premier, Andrew Bonar Law, at a party meeting which was noteworthy only for absence of Lord Birkenhead and Austin Chamberlain the latter of whom was evidently agrieved at being ignored in the formation of the Government.

The new Premier and his ministry met parliament without ceremony. The customary speeches of sympathy for the retiring Premier and of welcome for the new head of the Government were delivered briefly by the leaders of the various parties.

Mr. Baldwin made no direct declaration of policy except for the very general statement that he would continue along the lines laid down by Mr. Bonar Law and by Conservative tradition.

The House of Commons plunged forthwith into the debate on the second reading of the indemnity Bill to protect Home Secretary Bridgeman from the penalties threatening him as a result of the appeal court's decision in the case of the Irish deportees. The Government desires to secure the adoption of all stages of the bill in two days and an all-night sitting is not improbable.

Putting Up Fight.

The opposition parties are putting up a bitter fight against the measure and J. Ramsay MacDonald the Labor leader, opened the attack with a slashing speech in which he moved for the rejection of the bill. Premier Baldwin had attempted to mollify the House by announcing that the Government had decided to receive claims from the deportees for their losses in consequence of arrest and deportation, and to appoint a committee of investigation.

This, however, failed to ward off the severity of the attack and Secretary Bridgeman himself aggravated the case by delivering a speech attempting justification for his action, in which he provoked the intense anger of the Laborites by repeating the charge of conspiracy against the deportees, and then leaving the House to debate the bill in his absence. Thus the Government at the threshold of its career meets the worst situation that it is likely to encounter during the present session of parliament.

Lloyd George.

Former Premier Lloyd George, while expressing sympathy for Mr. Bridgeman who, he said, had acted illegally under bad advice, declared Premier Baldwin's offer to compensate the deportees "for their travelling expenses" was quite inadequate. The Government he contended should assume the liability for the illegality of its action and "pay like gentlemen." He said he could not support the bill in its present form and suggested that instead of depriving the deportees of their legal rights, the Government should insert a clause in the bill enabling the deportees to make their claims and creating a judicial tribunal to decide the question of fair compensation.

TUILERIES ABLOOM

Paris, May 29—The Tuileries Gardens are now blooming with flowers all of a single kind, tulips. The long lines of the old royal flower beds are filled with color and the people crowd in to admire. The plants have been furnished by Dutch bulb growers at the suggestion of the Dutch Minister to France.

ROYAL MOVIE FANS ENJOY U.S. THRILLERS

King Fits up Hall in Windsor Castle to Show Pictures.

London, May 29—Film fans can be found in the royal family as well as in the humblest homes of King George's realm, for while in residence at Windsor Castle the King and Queen saw some real American thrillers in a hall of the historic edifice fitted up for the purpose.

Lloyd George and a number of other prominent politicians have become film fans, too. For some time one of the interesting diversions at week end parties in the country has been the film program. Application is made to some purveying concerns to submit in advance a film "menu," and from this are selected wild west thrillers and comics.

Lloyd George's new house at Churt has a spacious room where a screen can be put up, and hardly a week end has passed that the evening's entertainment is not rounded off with a film show. The Duke of Sutherland is also a film devotee. At his country home, Sutton Place, the cinema is a recognized part of the week end's entertainment. Prince George was of his guests recently when the Duke put on a private film of himself and the Duchess, taken while they were visiting in Los Angeles. Douglas Fairbanks and Mary Pickford are in it also, the latter in the role of a parlor maid. The captions to the pictures are in the most up to date American film jargon.

The popularity of the movies at house parties, in fact, has caused a heavy slump in the vogue for bridge and other games.

BUSH FIRES IN ONTARIO

Winnipeg, May 28—White River, Ont., is now surrounded by a semi-circle of fire, according to a special despatch received by the Free Press late this afternoon.

The bush fire, which originated near Depew, is sweeping forward northeast of the town towards Toxaway Lake and only a small piece of rising ground now intervenes between the raging wall of flames and the town itself, the despatch states. Alarm is generally felt for the safety of the town, although it is possible that unless the wind changes the fire may sweep past and elude the town in comparative safety. Already many have their clothing and valuables packed up ready for an emergency and are prepared to flee for their lives at any moment.

WANTS BONUS FOR TRIPLETS

Ottawa, May 28—A policy of bonuses for triplets was suggested to the Government this afternoon in the House by J. L. Brown, Progressive member for Lisgar. He read a letter from a constituent asking whether there was a bonus in cash or land, and passed the query on the Minister of the Interior with a remark that if there were not such a policy he would suggest its propriety.

"Who says the West is not progressive," put in Hon. G. P. Graham, amid much laughter. The Premier remarked that the question was properly the business of the Minister of the Interior, and that minister, Hon. Charles Stewart, responded that he would call the matter to the attention of the Government.

Force Disbanded

The Provincial Police Force of Nova Scotia, organized during the winter to protect the coal mines and public property in Cape Breton has been disbanded. The force was commanded by Lieut. Col. Eric MacDonald, D. S. O. of Wolfville, a former officer of the Canadian Expeditionary Force and a son of Rev. Dr. J. H. MacDonald, formerly of this city.

THE COLLAPSE OF THE GERMAN MARK NEAR

WILL SOON BE WORTHLESS

German Labor Restless. Gold Standard Wage May be Asked.

Berlin, May 29—How long the remains of Germany's shipwrecked mark can stand against the giant waves of depreciated monies pounding it, is the problem which is the problem which is giving more worry than ever to the navigators of German finance.

In financial quarters it is believed that the mark is doomed to a sure and complete collapse in the wake of its record breaking fall of the last few days. Its value has dropped below that of the Polish currency, 105 German marks being needed to buy 100 Polish marks.

Financial experts say that it is only a matter of time, perhaps only days when Germany's paper medium of exchange will have overtaken the discredited Austrian krone. As a matter of fact it is pointed out the mark already has virtually reached level of the krone when it is considered that before the war the dollar was the equivalent of about five kronas as compared with only approximately four marks.

Pessimism General.

Rumblings indicative of demands by Germany's laborers that they be paid on the gold basis as in Austria mingle with the expressions of general pessimism attending the mark's collapse. The newspaper Vorwaerts says sternly that the workers cannot go on and on being made the goats of the exchange situation.

Referring to the manner in which the prices of foodstuffs clothing and other commodities keep pace from day to day with the exchange rate while wages lag far behind. Vorwaerts says:

"For a long time the laborers have refrained from demands for gold wages out of consideration for the dangers they feared for a general economic life.

"If the weapon of gold prices is intended against them if the laborers are to be sacrificed to the operations of the mark's depreciation, if capital on its side undermines the restoration of stable monetary conditions—then there will remain no other means of starvation for the workers but to demand their wages on a gold basis."

The newspapers warn that the government must take this state of affairs into consideration. It says that attempts to stabilize wages heretofore have not met with success because no efforts were made toward regulating the prices of necessities.

EXECUTED FOR SABOTAGE

Dusseldorf, May 29—Albert Schlageter was executed by French troops today for sabotage. He was shot in a stone quarry near a cemetery and his body was immediately delivered forthwith to the cemetery authorities. This is the first execution in the occupied zone.

Besides sabotage, Schlageter, a former Prussian officer, was convicted by a French court-martial of espionage and association with criminals. He admitted blowing up railroad tracks and bridges.

A strong protest against the execution of Schlageter was made this afternoon to the French by Herr Lutterbeck, acting district president of the German administration.

Tent Caterpillars Here

Those who have been predicting that there will be no invasion of tent caterpillars this year are likely to be disappointed. They have already arrived in large numbers and are causing fruit growers a lot of trouble. It was thought that the cold weather of last winter would have put a damper on this insect pest, but such was not the case. Last season was one of the worst on record for tent caterpillars, but if spraying is not done promptly they are likely to be just as plentiful this year.

A DIRECT CHALLENGE TO VATICAN

WILL BUILD UNIVERSITY

An Italian Deputy Refers to Scheme of American Methodists.

(Special to the Daily Mail)

Rome, May 29—In an interpellation in the chamber Monday the populist deputy, Cingolani, declared that the plan of American Methodists to build a university on Mont Mario Hill is a direct challenge to the Vatican. He charged that the ultimate aim of the Methodists was political and the expansion of propaganda and said that Italy's prestige would suffer from the move.

Cingolani asserted that the Methodist plan was "an insult to the religious sentiment of Italians who would be justified in retaliations."

Under Secretary Finzi replying to the charges on behalf of the Government, stated that the government realized the "seriousness of the question but for obvious reasons was unable to give a complete reply."

REBELLION IN IRELAND DYING OUT

(Special to the Daily Mail)

Dublin, May 29—The edict of Eamonn De Valera ordering his followers to lay down their arms suppressed the last sparks of warfare in Ireland. A few scattered outrages reported recently are attributed to ordinary bandit gangs hunting loot.

THE L. R. STEEL AFFAIRS ARE IN BAD SHAPE

Buffalo, N. Y. May 28—A statement issued by the bankruptcy trustees on the affairs of the L. R. Steel organization shows total assets as of March 7, amounting to \$5,179,447.20 against which are liabilities of \$2,090,302.27. This means that the 60,000 stock holders are owners of surplus assets of \$3,089,144.93, all that remains of investments which are said to have amounted to more than \$20,000,000.

The Canadian receiver states that it is his belief there probably will be an equity in excess of \$1,500,000 in the Steel enterprises in the Dominion. The receivers say that it now is impossible owing to the complicated nature of the estate to make a fully detailed statement. The figures submitted are characterized as a provisional statement of assets and liabilities. There still are reports of reorganization but nothing has yet taken form.

LADY PATRICIA RAMSAY OPENS ART DISPLAY

London, May 29—Lady Patricia Ramsay, who opened the spring exhibition at the Three Arts Club seemed quite at home among the artists and their work.

Accompanied by her husband, Capt. the Hon. Alexander Ramsay, Lady Patricia, toured the big clubroom, whose walls were bright with water-colours and etchings.

In a short speech, declaring the exhibition open, Lady Patricia said that she took an affectionate interest in artists, and added: "I paint a little myself."

THRILLS IN CITY STREET

London, May 29—Spectators gasped when a ladder crashed to the ground and left Alfred Preece, a painter, clinging by his fingers to a window-sill on the top floor of an hotel at Hereford.

The baker's cart that had pushed the ladder stopped. Everybody in the street looked up. Three men hoisted the ladder and Preece climbed down. When he reached the ground he permitted himself the luxury of shuddering. He had waited three minutes for that.

Concessions Offered To France For Loss of The Chester Project

ICEBERGS OF UNUSUAL SIZE IN SHIP LANE

Transatlantic Liners are Compelled to Make Wide Detours.

New York, May 29—Dangerous ice floes and huge mountains of ice hidden by heavy fogs menace the northern lanes of the trans-atlantic routes, according to Capt. Peter van den Houvel, commanding the steamship Nieuw Amsterdam, which arrived yesterday from Rotterdam. Due to these unusually large ice fields, he was forced to take an extreme southern course, he said, and the danger which destroyed the Titanic confronts liners making the regular run. This may be due to recent unusually severe weather, he said.

Reports from different United States Coast Guard cutters doing ice duty warned the Holland-America ship that she had better go south. On several occasions the passengers were able to distinguish huge masses of ice floating too close to the ship for mental comfort and the course was changed.

More than 200 Dutch farmers who were at Rotterdam and all ready to set sail for America were refused passage because of the closing of the Holland quota for immigrants, and they returned sadly to their farms. Capt. van den Houvel said. Consequently the seventeen steerage passengers who arrived had all the third class accommodations to themselves.

SAYS N. B. HAS THE HIGHEST DEATH RATE

London, May 28—Great Britain's birth rate in 1921 namely 22.4 per 1000 population was the lowest ever recorded in this country, except in the war years, according to a report just issued by the Registrar General. The number of marriages in 1921 was 60,000 less than in the previous year. However, 1920, was a record year.

The most popular marriage age in the United Kingdom appears to be twenty-four for men and twenty-one for women.

The divorce decrees granted by the courts of Great Britain in 1921 totalled 3,500 the highest number yet recorded.

The registrar general in his report adds some particulars of the vital statistics for some of the districts of the various British dominions. From these it appears that Manitoba has the highest birth rate, 30.3 and British Columbia the lowest, 20.3. New Brunswick has the highest death rate, 13.9 and Saskatchewan the lowest 7.4. New Brunswick has the highest infant mortality rate, 113 per 1000, and New Zealand the lowest, 48 per 1,000.

The highest marriage rate is in Natal, South Africa, eighteen per thousand, and the lowest is in Saskatchewan, 13.4.

INCREASE IN C.N.R. EARNINGS

Montreal, May 29—While the latest net earnings figures of the Canadian National lines were not particularly satisfactory in that they covered the early months of the year when operating expenses were high the gross earning figures are now ahead very rapidly. The increase in gross earnings figures are now going ahead very rapidly. The increase in gross earnings for 1923 over 1922 had already passed the \$10,000,000 mark.

The gross earnings of the Canadian National Railways for the week ending May 14th, 1923, were \$4,812,088, being an increase of \$906,376 or 23 per cent. The gross earnings of the Canadian National Railways from January 1st to May 14th, 1923 have been \$81,727,318, being an increase of \$10,333,707, as compared with the corresponding period of 1922.

RAILWAY TO THE DARDANELLES

England May Not Regard Move with Favor.

(Special to the Daily Mail)

Constantinople, May 29—Compensation for the loss of the Chester project to America, Angora has offered France a concession to build a railway from Broussa to the Dardanelles with construction of a port at the latter. Doubt is expressed however as to how England will regard the move which threatens her traditional claim to the guardianship of the Dardanelles as one of the "Gates of Empire."

Strike is Spreading

Brussels, May 29—The Belgian railway strike is spreading adding to congestion throughout western Europe. Passenger service has been suspended in several places and signalmen and sectionmen on the Liege line quit, causing long delays of trains.

A Belgian Scheme

Brussels, May 29—A share in profits of German industry exploitation of German railways and receipts of government monopolies of sugar and tobacco are urged by Belgium as a means of extracting reparations via a note to the allies. It is claimed that two billion gold marks could thus be raised annually.

DR. MURRAY HEADS ROYAL COMMISSION

Winnipeg, May 28—The Royal Commission to be appointed by Premier Bracken to investigate Manitoba's educational system and costs will have Walter C. Murray, President of the University of Saskatchewan, as chairman.

Premier Bracken was for some years a member of the faculty associated with Dr. Murray, head of the University of Saskatchewan, prior to the Premier's acceptance of the post as head of the Manitoba Agricultural College.

President Murray came from Halifax, N. S., after a distinguished career as a teacher and organizer.

Saskatchewan University has grown from a tiny class in Arts in one room of a city block, to an institution embracing all branches of learning, with a student body running into thousands, under Dr. Murray's charge.

(Dr. Murray, was formerly on the staff of the U. N. B., and his wife is a daughter of the late Mr. Nathaniel Cameron of this city.)

BANKS PROVIDE FOR POLICEMEN

Peking, May 29—To prevent a strike of metropolitan policemen, whose pay is five months in arrears the native banks of the capital have subscribed half a million dollars as a loan to the ministry of finance which is said to have admitted its inability to hold out any hope of relief for the city guardians.

Representatives of the banks, guilds and commercial institutions are agitating for a reorganization of the police force with a view to removing control from the central government and providing a more stable source of revenue for their pay.

PLANE FLIES LIKE A CROW

London, May 29—An improvement of at least 10 per cent in the lifting efficiency of airplane wings is expected to be made by an invention which has been patented by a young ex-officer of the flying corps.

He claims to have discovered the method by which crows and other birds glide at fine angles, and experiments which have been made with gliding models suggest that the wing tip featherers are not merely for balancing purposes but contribute largely to the lifting capacity.