

LABOR GOV'T MAY GO OUT SOON

MANY VICTIMS OF PLAGUE IN INDIA

A GERMAN STATESMAN WAS KILLED

Dr. Helfferich a Victim of the Terrible Accident Which Occurred Yesterday When Two Express Trains Collided.

NEWS HAS BEEN

CONFIRMED

(Special Cable to the Daily Mail by the British United Press) Berlin, April 24—Dr. Helfferich, leader of the German Nationalist party, was among a score of persons killed when the Zurich and Milan expresses collided near Bellinzona Wednesday morning in the most disastrous train wreck in years, it was confirmed today.

The statesman's friends were without word of him for twenty-four hours following the crash but had hoped against hope that he was not on either of the wrecked trains. Confirmation of Herr Helfferich's death was received here this afternoon.

One gas-lighted wooden coach is reported to have been consumed by the flames following the collision, all the occupants burning to death.

MME. DUSE TO BE BURIED IN NATIVE LAND

(Special Cable to the Daily Mail by the British United Press) Rome, April 24—The Italian Government has advised that the body of Mme. Duse, actress, who died in the U. S., be returned to Italy at the nation's expense.

STEAMER MAJESTIC DUE SATURDAY

Ice Jammed at Wheelers Island but is Breaking Away — Drives Make Good Progress.

W. J. Southern, local agent for the Crystal Stream S. S. Company was notified this morning that the steamer Majestic would arrive here Saturday on her first run of the season from St. John. The steamer will run next week but as she will have to attend to both Grand Lake and river service the runs will not be regular. The new steamer D. J. Purdy will not be placed on the route before the latter part of May.

The tugs Latona and Randolph have arrived from St. John to work in connection with the St. John River Log Driving Company. These were the first steamers to make the trip from St. John. A pile-driver was towed in.

The reports from the drives today are that progress has been satisfactory and that the water remains at a good pitch. The majority of small drives in this section should be in safe waters by the end of the week. Driving on the Nashwaak also has started.

The ice in the St. John River jammed yesterday at Wheelers Island some eighteen miles west of Fredericton but since that time much ice has broken off the jam and made a heavy run past the city.

The St. John River continues to rise slowly.

PARLIAMENT RESUMED WORK THIS AFTERNOON

TARIFF TO HAVE

STAGE CENTRE

Speeches of the Leaders are Looked Forward to With Much Interest

Ottawa, April 24—The tariff will hold the centre of the stage in parliament for a week or two after the House of Commons which resumed this afternoon. The budget debate out of which this issue has risen sharply will be the first order of business and will hold precedence until it is concluded.

No front bench speakers are expected in the debate at the outset but before long the leaders of the three chief parties in the House are likely to intervene. Neither the leader of the official opposition, Right Hon. Arthur Meighen nor the Progressive leader Robert Forke, has yet spoken and their deliverances are looked for with much interest. It is considered probable that Premier King will reserve his speech until after Mr. Meighen has spoken.

May Move Amendment.

No announcement has yet been made as to whether there will be a Conservative amendment to the budget. Gossip on the subject is pretty evenly divided, but if a Conservative amendment is moved it is regarded as likely to be in the form of an assertion of the historic Conservative faith in protection and a charge that the King Government has been unfaithful to the Laurier-Fielding policy of a stable tariff.

The National Railways.

One of the early events of the session as soon as the debate on the budget is concluded, is the statement in regard to the National Railways to be made by Hon. G. P. Graham, Minister of Railways and Canals. He will review the finances of the Government railways during the last year and is expected to announce a net result including fixed charges of about \$45,000,000 on the debit side of the account. The gross revenue of the National Railways during the year was \$254,000,000 and the operating expenses \$234,000,000 leaving an operating surplus of about twenty millions.

The Church Union question will come prominently to the front very soon after the House resumes. On Friday there is to be a meeting of the private bills committee when the day for the consideration of the Church Union Bill is to be set. The day at present in view is Wednesday of next week, but this has not yet been finally decided.

TABLET TO THE LATE B. B. LAW IS UNVEILED

Ottawa, April 24—A bronze tablet in memory of the late Mr. Bowman B. Law, M. P., of Yarmouth N. S. who lost his life in the fire which destroyed the Parliament building in 1916 was unveiled in the corridor of the House of Commons this afternoon. A large number of members and Senators were in attendance at the ceremony. The list of speakers included Premier King, Hon. Arthur Meighen, Speaker Lemieux, Robert Forke, M. P., Hon. E. M. MacDonald and P. L. Hatfield, M. P.

The combination memorial and tombstone is a cast bronze tablet with an ornamental canopy and a medallion portrait. Mr. Law was born in the United States and on the memorial are the coats of arms of that country and of his adopted province of Nova Scotia.

Predicts That Labor Government in the Old Country Will go Soon

A Vital Division Expected in the Course of a Few Weeks — Recent Speeches by Lloyd George Have Set the Political Pot Boiling — Sir Kingsley Wood Gives His Views.

(By Lloyd Allen, British United Press Staff Correspondent)

LONDON, April 24—The Labor Government has only a few weeks in office before a vital division comes that will necessitate its resignation and a general election, Sir Kingsley Wood, M. P. writing in the "Wesleyan Methodist" declares. His opinion is shared by many political observers who point out that Premier Ramsay MacDonald is in daily need of at least sixty Liberal votes in the House to protect him from overthrow.

LLOYD GEORGE'S DECISION

Recent speeches by Ex-Premier Lloyd George at Llanfair Frehan and Premier MacDonald at York have set the political pot boiling faster than ever. With the Government more and more dependent upon every available Liberal vote Lloyd George's position becomes increasingly stronger. J. A. Spender, representing another branch of the Liberal party, wrote in the Westminster Gazette "Mr. MacDonald may be quite sure there are enough Liberals ready now to withdraw their support and 'damn the consequences' if their views continue to be flouted by the Government." Not having a majority in Commons, the Labor Government counts on some votes from one or the other of its opposition parties to support it in division.

MURDERER LEAPED TO HIS DEATH

Wife-slayer Springs from Third Story of Detective Bureau — Murdered Wife for Burning Breakfast.

(Special to the Daily Mail by the British United Press) Chicago, April 24—James DeJoy, 27, after confessing to killing his wife, leaped from the third floor of the detective bureau and landed head first on the concrete pavement. His skull was crushed and he died on his way to the hospital.

DeJoy was being posed for a photograph when he broke away from a detective and dived head first out of the window taking most of the window with him.

If Mrs. Ann DeJoy and Mrs. Fred Potenza had only been a bit more skilful about preparing breakfast they probably would be alive today. DeJoy and Fred Potenza, confessed wife slayers admitted to police that displeasure over their breakfasts played a large part in the murders. After an all night examination DeJoy early today blurted out to Captain William Schoemaker. "Yes, she would not get up mornings to get my breakfast, so I cut her throat." To this was added aggravation of poor breakfasts when he got them and constant bickering DeJoy said.

Patenza shot and killed his wife in the street here late yesterday and also shot his sister-in-law and told police a burned breakfast constituted one of the chief reasons for the murder.

Electric Light Charges.

At a meeting of the Board of Public Utility Commissioners at St. John yesterday an application was received from the city of Fredericton for the investigation of electric light charges there. The chairman was authorized to fix a date for the hearing.

ELECTION IS LOOKED FOR IN ENGLAND

Parliamentary Constituencies Show Signs of Activities — Lloyd George's Speech the Cause of Comment.

By HARRY N. MOORE
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LONDON, April 24—The effectiveness of the speech delivered by former Premier Lloyd George to the Labor delegates assembled at York in which he lectured the Labor men for their cavalier treatment of Liberals who had given them such valuable support and made their retention of office possible is not likely to be lasting.

Labor knows perfectly well that when the Liberals think the hour is opportune to turn them out of office they will not hesitate to do so by combining with the Conservatives, and they make so secret of the fact that they are making hay while the sun shines. Parliamentary constituencies throughout the country are beginning to show increased activity which means nothing less than preparation for another appeal to the country and it is generally admitted that a general election this year is inevitable.

Keen observers believe that the speech of Lloyd George was directed largely toward the members of his own party in an endeavor to arouse keener enthusiasm in those ridings where Liberal votes helped to elect Labor members last election and it is believed that the Liberal leaders will continue to do this by arousing resentment against Labor methods both in and out of parliament.

Sailing For England.

Rev Canon Allan Smithers and Mrs. Smithers of Fredericton, will sail from St. John on Friday for England on the Montclare.

BRITISH AIRMEN ARE MAKING VERY GOOD PROGRESS

AHEAD OF THE

U. S. FLIERS

Will Likely be Delayed at Karachi for a Few Days.

(Special Cable to the Daily Mail by the British United Press) Simla, India, April 24—The British round the world flight, now at Karachi, will not get under way again before Friday or Saturday, according to advices today.

Some minor defects developed in the big amphibian when it reached Karachi, yesterday, it was said, and Major Stuart McLaren, commanding the British expedition, decided to overhaul his plane.

From Karachi, the British flyers, now well ahead of their United States army competitors, who are held up in Alaska, will fly to Nairabad and then to Calcutta.

FRICTION IN FIRE DEPT. HAS APPEARED

A General Meeting Tonight — Some Members Not Favorable to Appointment of New Chief.

Rumors of probable changes in the personnel of the Fire Department upon an extensive scale are current. A meeting of the Department is called for tonight. Such a meeting usually is held shortly before May 1st to consider details of pay and other matters but it also is said by members that other matters will be discussed.

Change Caused Trouble.

The recent change by which Roy W. Smith was appointed Fire Chief as a permanent official in succession to Harry C. Rutter, who retires as part-time official, is the cause of the trouble. What the outcome will be is uncertain, but tonight's meeting should decide. The resignation of a considerable number of the members in the event of William M. Clark failing to continue as Assistant Chief has been reported a probability. Mr. Clark at the time of the decision of the Fire Committee to appoint Mr. Smith Chief, informed the chairman, Ald. Smith that his name was not to be considered for the appointment of Assistant Chief. He was appointed nevertheless and since it has been stated that he would resign. As May 1st is the date from which appointments go into effect, developments must occur soon.

Several Names Mentioned.

At the time of the consideration of the appointment of a permanent Fire Chief along the line suggested by the report of the Canadian Research Institute which conducted a civic survey here during the winter, several names were mentioned. Among them were those of Melvin Beristo, permanent driver of the motor truck of the Department R. W. Smith Assistant Chief W. M. Clark and Wm. Cruikshank formerly chairman of the Fire Committee and for fifteen years member of No 1 Salvage Corps of St. John. Members of the Fire Department stated that the passing over of Assistant Chief Clark is resented by many of their number.

Mr. R. B. Hanson, M. P., has returned to Ottawa to resume his parliamentary duties.

Miss Eileen Keenen who was the guest of Miss Jean and Miss Clement Fenton, West St. John, has returned home.

THOUSANDS CARRIED OFF BY PLAGUE

The Death List in the Punjab Since the First of the Year Totals More Than Fifty Thousand.

TO RECOGNIZE

THE SOVIET

(Special to the Daily Mail by the British United Press) Allahabad, India, April 24—More than 70,000 persons have died of the plague, which has been ravaging the Punjab since the first of the year, during the past fortnight according to statistics made public yesterday. Of 70 thousand cases reported since January first, fifty four thousand have been fatal.

To Recognize Soviet

Amsterdam, April 24—Holland will grant Dejure recognition to Russia within a short time, it was forecast authoritatively today. Russia according to this information, has made recognition by the Dutch movement a condition for resumption of commercial relations between the two nations and Holland has agreed. Negotiations between the Dutch and Russian representatives will be resumed forthwith in Berlin.

MINTO SUFFERS FROM BAD FIRE THIS MORNING

Fifty Thousand Dollars Damage Caused at an Early Hour—Several Business Places Destroyed.

(Special to the Mail)

Minto, N. B., April 24—The most disastrous fire in the history of Minto occurred this morning at about three o'clock. Before the fire burned itself out damage to the amount of at least fifty thousand dollars was done. This place is without means of fighting fire and little could be done except to remove property from the doomed buildings. The business portion of the place suffered the most although some residences also were burned. The cause of the fire is uncertain.

Kennedy & Sleep in business in groceries and meats, Smith & Kilburn in business as drygoods merchants, Dominic di Carlo conducting a general store and Hugu C. Kearney druggist all lost their places of business with the greater part of their stocks. A barber shop also was destroyed. Dr. H. B. Law son had his residence and other buildings burned and lost his car also. Smith & Kilburn are formerly of Fredericton the firm being composed of Albert Smith and Frederick Kilburn.

Capt. Bynton Dead.

The death is announced of Captain Paul Brynton, a well-known sportsman, who for many years conducted what was known as a water circus. The captain was a close friend of the late Mr. F. B. Coleman of this city, and had visited here a number of times. It was at the suggestion of Mr. Coleman that he took the late Gabe Aquin, of the St. Mary's Indian Reserve to the Colonial and Indian exhibition in London forty years ago. Gabe held forth at the show in a bark canoe and attracted a great deal of attention.