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Whispering Campaign Against MacDonald Growing Steadily

Suggestions of His Retirement from the Premiership Are Made Almost Daily—The London Times Thinks That the Rumors Emanate From a Common Source.

(By HERBERT BAILEY, British United Press Staff Correspondent.)

LONDON, Nov. 18—What might be termed a whispering campaign against Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald seems to be growing steadily, and scarcely a day passes now when suggestions as to his retirement do not appear in some form or other.

The Times parliamentary correspondent says today that the ministers are beginning to wonder whether the rumors of cabinet changes, all involving the retirement of both the Prime Minister and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, do not emanate from a common source.

Object of Rumors

The Times expresses the opinion that such rumors are really disseminated in order to discover whether any real support is obtainable for such plans, and adds that if the subject were brought up at a labor party meeting, the vote would be overwhelming in favor of MacDonald and Snowden. Much annoyance has been caused by the fact that this whispering campaign was started when Mr. MacDonald's hands are full in dealing with the Imperial Conference and now the Indian round table conference, especially as the Prime Minister is repeating his procedure of the past by attempting to accomplish the enormous task of participating in the common debates as well as presiding at the conferences.

Liberal-Labor Coalition

The general opinion is that behind the feelers regarding Mr. MacDonald's retirement is the realization that a general election held early next year would likely result in sweeping gains for the Conservatives at the expense of both the Liberals and Labor and linked with this fact are rumors also increasing in frequency and strength, of conversations envisaging a working agreement, or even a coalition between the Liberals and Labor—such a coalition being proposed on the basis of Mr. MacDonald's retirement and the assumption that the Premiership would pass into the hands of a "safe" personality, such as Right Hon. Arthur Henderson, the present Foreign Secretary.

Meanwhile, with the growing discussion of such possibilities it is becoming increasingly apparent that behind the smoke of talk is the fire of intended action, but the surprising feature so far in the situation is that not the faintest hint has been given as to who is directing the anti-MacDonald movement.

No Chance Of Success

Many political commentators believe that the movement has no chance of success but it is thought possible that a continuance of the increase in unemployment and the government might alter the complexion of affairs before the winter is over.

727 YEAR ARMY POST TO DISBAND

Isle of Guernsey, Nov. 18—After 727 years of continuous occupation, British troops are to be removed this month from this dot of land in the English Channel.

SPUD MARKET CONTINUES VERY QUIET

Hartland, Carleton Co., Nov. 17—Today's potato market was dull with little or no wire inquiry or demand, only a few odd cars being reported sold to Ontario and Quebec destinations, and no call from any other of the consuming centres. Haulings by farmers amounted only to a few odd loads per day and prices are easier, 50 cents per barrel for Irish Cobbles and 30 cents for Green Mountains, Canada grade one.

Car lot arrivals of New Brunswick potatoes on the principal markets of Canada for the period ending Nov. 14, were, Saint John, two; Quebec, four; Montreal, 71; Ottawa, one, and Toronto, 10.

In Aroostook

Presque Isle, Me., Nov. 17—A slightly firmer undertone was noticed in the Aroostook potato market today, with a steady market and some inquiry. The price to growers held at \$1.60 for U. S. No 1's. There was but little trading at this price. Growers are all holding for more money. Revised figures of shipments from Maine of the 1930 crop to date show about 15,500 carloads forwarded.

OUT OF DANGER

Ottawa, Nov. 18—Mrs. Peter Henan, wife of the former Minister of Labor, who has been undergoing treatment in the hospital here, is not thought to be out of danger, and her physicians are very hopeful.

BOARD OF TRADE OF WOODSTOCK IS SATISFIED

Approved of Statement by Premier Baxter Regarding Tourist Conference in Maine.

Woodstock, Nov. 17—Resolutions approving the statement issued by Premier Baxter denying that a New Brunswick tourist route had been endorsed which did not include the St. John River valley, and complimenting the Canadian Pacific Railway on the improved service in this division, were passed at a meeting of the Woodstock Board of Trade held in the Town Council chamber today.

G. B. True, president of the Board said that the meeting had been called as a result of the publication of News despatches stating that a provincial tourist route had been approved at a conference between Maine and New Brunswick authorities, which route excluded the river valley.

None Approved

Since the meeting had been called a statement had been received from the publicity department of the Provincial Government saying that no route had been approved, that the meeting in Bangor was only for the purpose of discussing plans for closer co-operation and that no route would be approved which did not include the valley.

After some discussion, on motion of W. J. Dibblee, the resolutions committee was instructed to draw up a resolution approving the statement issued by the Premier that no tourist route which did not include Fredericton and the river valley would be sanctioned by the Government.

MILLION ACRES OF IDAHO TO PRIMITIVE

Bosie, Indiana, Nov. 18—A million acres covered by heavy forest at the headwaters of Salmon river have been set aside as a "primitive area" by order of R. H. Rutledge, district forester.

As a "primitive area" the tract will be kept as it was found by the pioneers, unmarred by roads or trails except such as necessary for fire protection. It includes the Chamberlain basin, famed for years as the centre of some of the best big game hunting in America. In it abound deer, elk, mountain sheep and goat and occasional moose, while animals of prey, such as mountain lions, wolves and bear are frequently encountered.

FIND TURTLES ONCE SEVEN FEET LONG

New York, Nov. 18—Time was when turtles were seven feet or more long. Thousands of pieces of a skeleton found in northern India have been put together at the American Museum of Natural History. The nearest living relatives are in the Galapagos Islands, but they are only a foot long.

MANY BANKS IN U. S. HAVE CLOSED DOORS

Now Predicted That They Will Soon Resume Business

ARE SAID TO BE SOLVED

Financiers Say They Are Free From Danger of Ruin

(Special to THE DAILY MAIL by the British United Press.)

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 18—Most of the fifty two banks in the south, west and central states that closed their doors yesterday, will resume business in a few days, it was predicted in well informed circles today.

Leading financiers were unanimous in asserting that the banks which suspended business in Arkansas, Kentucky, Missouri, Illinois and Iowa would be found solvent and would reopen when their boards were assured that the institutions were free from the danger of runs.

ALL SALARIES IN ITALY ARE TO BE REDUCED

(Special to THE DAILY MAIL by the British United Press.)

Rome, Nov. 18—The Government today announced deduction of all governmental salaries because of the budget deficit of 729,000,000 (about \$36,450,000) for the first four months of the fiscal year. A reduction of 12 per cent will be made in all salaries from cabinet ministers down to government employed clerks.

F. E. SHEPHARD IS HEAD OF THE CALEDONIANS

Campbellton, Nov. 17—F. E. Shephard, of Campbellton, will guide the destinies of the Caledonian Society of Restigouche for 1930-31, having been elected president at the annual meeting held in the municipal hall here tonight.

The following officers and executive were also appointed: R. L. Sinclair, vice-president Rev. S. H. MacIntosh, chaplain J. Wesley MacDonald and H. F. G. Bridges, marshals executive, J. S. Benson, Dr. D. Murray, W. F. Korston, Alexander McLennan and H. A. Carr.

The meeting opened at 8 o'clock with C. S. O. Crockett, retiring president, in the chair. The financial report was submitted was adopted, as was also the previous meeting's minutes.

Death of Young Man

Hazen Barnett, aged 18, passed away at the Victoria Hospital last evening, following a few week's illness. The young man is the son of Mrs. Solomon Ferris, of Barkers Point, of Barker's Point, and was very well known and popular. His untimely death will be regretted by a host of friends in this community and other parts of the province and across the border, where he had relatives and friends. Surviving are two brothers, Lewis and Edward of Barker's Point; seven sisters, Mrs. Woodford Hains at home; Mrs. Henry Newman, Lower St. Mary's; Queenie Margaret, Alice, Gladys and Kathleen all at home. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon from the late home in Barker's Point with service at 2.30 o'clock and interment in the Sunnybank cemetery.

How did train callers get their training in the art of making queer noises before cheer leaders were invented?

The Monarchy is Not Threatened by Spanish Strike

Premier Berenguer Gives Out An Interview to the United Press—Says Situation is Under Control in Many Sections—The Strike Non-Political in Motive, Says Premier.

(Special to THE DAILY MAIL by the British United Press.)

MADRID, Nov. 18—Premier Damaso Berenguer told the British United Press last night that the general strike situation in many sections of Spain was under control and that it did not involve any threat against the monarchy or his administration.

"Before the world I am ready and able to declare that neither my administration nor the crown will be affected by these labor movements" the Premier declared. "They are purely social in character and not political."

The premier in his interview with the British United Press emphasized that the strikes were non-political in motive. He said the trouble in Madrid was virtually settled but that neither it nor the outbreaks in Barcelona and elsewhere had anything to do with republican or subversive movements he reported accordingly to King Alfonso who returned from a hunting trip yesterday and was confident that the situation was well in hand, he said.

Are Closely United

The Government is certain the repercussions of these uprisings will not endanger the regime, Berenguer continued. "The monarchial elements and these who favor law and order have become closely united. The army continues to side with the crown, and is ready to maintain order, should anything develop to make that necessary."

The 48-hour general strike which held up business and hampered public utilities over the week end, was practically at an end in Madrid yesterday, although various places in the provinces reported sympathetic strikes called just for the day.

Strike Is Spreading

Madrid, Nov. 18—Strikes and labor unrest spread throughout Spain today. Rioting in Barcelona became so violent that military commanders were reported ready to proclaim a state of seige, and in other cities workers were joining the strike movement started by laborers here over the weekend.

ARREST MADE IN SHOOTING CASE AT MUNIAC

Perth, Victoria Co., Nov. 17—A search by the provincial police for the man who discharged his rifle on Walter and Perry Fitzherbert, Muniac, Victoria County boys, who were on a raft in the St. John River near their home Wednesday evening, resulted today in the apprehension of Fred Innis, of River de Chute.

Innis told the police he and several other men were spending the night together and one of them, Sidney Thompson, saw a light on the river and suggested they discharge a bullet or two just to frighten them. Innis fired, one of the bullets fracturing Walter's leg. The boy is now in the Fisher Memorial Hospital at Woodstock. His brother was not hit. It is understood Innis is being held pending any change in the boy's condition.

Mrs. James Pringle has gone on a visit to Boston.

AUTOISTS FILL UP FROM HOLE IN THE GROUND

Syracuse, N. Y., Nov. 18—For the past three weeks motorists have been getting free gasoline out of a hole in the ground near the factory of a manufacturing company here. More than 200,000 gallons of 80 per cent, pure gasoline have been carted away by public safety officials and burned on the city dump. No one could find out where it came from, although all filling stations in the city were checked.

As a last resort officials decided today to use dyes in an effort to find the source of the apparently inexhaustible well.