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Lloyd George May Resign Unless Party Gives Him Support

The Liberal Party of Great Britain Approaching a Crisis—No Indication of a Union to Keep the Labor Government in Power—A Meeting to be Held Tomorrow.

LONDON, March 23—The Liberal party of David Lloyd George, carrying with it the fate of the Labor Cabinet, approached a major crisis today without any indication of a solution which would unite the party to keep Prime Minister J. Ramsay MacDonald's government in power.

The parliamentary Liberals will meet again tomorrow to hear the demand of Lloyd George that the party unite its ranks and probably to hear his threat to resign unless his leadership is reaffirmed.

On the ability of the white haired Welshman to hold most of the Liberals in line will depend the future of the MacDonald cabinet and its policies.

Mistress of the Seas

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 23—Great Britain maintained her position as dictator of the world's merchant shipping in 1930, a report made public today by the United States Shipping Board revealed. British merchant ships totalled over 18,000,000 gross tons, the United States in second position with less than half that amount.

NEW HAMPSHIRE FAMILY WAS TRAPPED BY FIRE

Several Children Were Burned to Death; Three Others Dying in Hospital.

Holderness, N. H. March 22—Seven children of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Avery were burned to death in their back roads home early today in a fire which consumed the building in less than a quarter of an hour. Three others are said to be dying in hospital.

The dead; Sterle, 20; George 14. Harry 10; Alfred, 11; Milton, 5; Daisy 3; and Joseph, five months.

Those critically burned or injured; John, 19; Frank, 17; and Harold, 16.

The father and mother and 16 sons and daughters were trapped by flames started from wood drying in the kitchen oven which fell to the floor at 2 a.m. The father and mother panicked, rushed into the kitchen and saved a two-year old daughter Rose, but smoke drove them from the place and the five-months-old infant smothered or burned to death.

In Wild Panic

Upstairs slept the 14 others. They rushed in mad panic to the ground floor only to be trampled to death, burned to a crisp or frightfully injured by flames and wounds in their efforts to crawl through broken windows.

Two of those in the hospital besides having first degree burns, suffered from severed arteries. All three are on the danger list.

The Averages were the largest family in Central New Hampshire. They lived on 20 loaves of bread a day, secured at the nearest town, four miles away, the remainder of their food coming from last summer's harvest on their little farm. None of the family never had been to a city, and most of those of working age labored in the woods as lumber hands. One had a few dollars

C.P.R. TO TAKE OVER AROOSTOOK VALLEY RY.

Montreal, March 22—Subject to the approval of the Interstate Commerce Commission of the United States, the Canadian Pacific directors have concluded an agreement with Hon. Arthur R. Gould, Presque Isle, Maine, for the acquisition of 2,000 shares of the stock of Aroostook Valley Railroad Company which owns and operated an electric line approximately 32 miles in length through one of the most productive portions of the potato-growing district of the state, "forming a valuable feeder to your system," says the annual report of the C. P. R. Upon completion of the purchase the Canadian Pacific will have control of the Aroostook line.

S.S. LADY NELSON DOCKED SUNDAY AT SAINT JOHN

St. John, N. B. March 22—The Canadian National West Indies Liner "Lady Nelson" Capt. T. R. Coffin arrived here this afternoon with passengers mail and cargo. Among the passengers landing were from Demerara, British Guiana, Col. B. A. Weston and Mrs. Weston, Halifax, N. S. Mrs. W. B. Armit, wife of Capt. Armit of the Canadian National Liner "Prince Robert" which took the Canadian Goodwill and Trade Mission to Buenos Aires and which is about to commence the return journey with the delegates back to Halifax.

saved in a bank the others were almost destitute.

Their home was a storey and a half shack, most of the family sleeping in the attic.

The survivors this afternoon were at neighbors' homes.

REV. D. S. O'KEEFE PASSES AWAY AT WOODSTOCK

Well Known R. C. Priest Succumbs After Several Weeks' Illness; Once Stationed at Kingsclear

Woodstock, March 22—Rev. David S. O'Keefe, pastor of St. Gertrude's Roman Catholic Church here, died at his home this afternoon. He had been ill for the last three weeks, but had been improving steadily for several days and was believed to be well on the road to recovery. He suffered a sudden relapse about 2 o'clock this afternoon, passing away about two hours later. According to present arrangements, there will be pontifical high mass of requiem at St. Gertrude's Church Thursday morning, after which the body will be taken to Saint John for burial Friday.

Father O'Keefe was taken seriously ill three weeks ago, and for several days his condition was critical. He then took a decided turn for the better and a few days later was pronounced out of danger. For the last three or four days he had been able to be up for a time each day and this morning he was able to dress and shave himself. This morning, Rev. A. W. Kinsella, of Saint John, who celebrated mass at St. Gertrude's, announced that Father O'Keefe was improving rapidly and hoped to be with his congregation again in the very near future.

Early this afternoon the relapse occurred, and Dr. T. W. Griffin and Dr. N. P. Grant were hurriedly summoned. In spite of all that could be done, he sank rapidly and shortly after 4 o'clock the tolling of St. Gertrude's bell announced to anxious waiters that the end had come. His sister, Mrs. J. J. Mitchell, of Saint John, and Father Kinsella made feeling reference to the At this evening's devotions, Father Kinsella made feeling reference to the death of the pastor.

To Lie in State

According to the present plans, the body will be taken Wednesday afternoon to the church, where it will lie in state Wednesday night. Pontifical high mass of requiem will be celebrated Thursday morning. On Thursday afternoon the body will be taken to Saint John, where the funeral will be held from the residence of his sister, 247 Waterloo street, on Friday morning to the Cathedral.

News of the death was received with great sorrow here. Father O'Keefe had endeared himself not only to the people of his own congregation, but to those of other denominations.

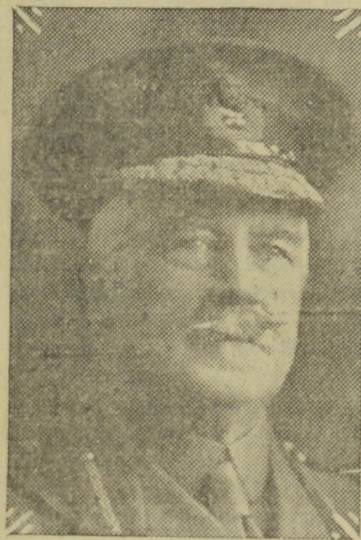
He was born on Dec. 31, 1879. He studied at St. Joseph's University and Grand Seminary, Quebec, and was ordained in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Saint John, on June 29, 1905, by most Rev. Timothy Casey, now Archbishop of Vancouver. He spent nine years as curate on the staff of the Saint John Cathedral, during seven of which he was editor of the New Freeman. From 1914 to 1917 he was stationed at Kingsclear and from 1917 to 1927 at St. Andrews. Since 1927 he had been pastor at St. Gertrude's. He celebrated the 25th anniversary of his ordination here last June, at which time a notable gathering of the priesthood and laity assembled to do him honor.

Visited Capital

Miss Phoebe Blaney, of Millville, N. B. was in the city on Saturday and visited many old friends. Miss Blaney attended Normal School here several years ago, and made many friends.

77 YEARS YOUNG

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor Major General Hugh Havelock McLean yesterday observed his seventy-seventh birthday at his home, "The Grove," at Rothesay. His Honor who is now on his third year as Lieutenant



LIEUT. GOVERNOR MCLEAN

Governor is a native of this city and studied law here with his uncle the late Col. John L. Marsh, K. C. He moved to Saint John when quite young and soon afterwards formed a partnership with the late Charles W. Weldon, K.C., M.P., the firm being known as Weldon and McLean. His Honor has the distinction of being the second oldest barrister in the province, A. B. Connell, K.C., of Woodstock being his only senior. Governor McLean was for thirteen years a member of the Federal Parliament having been elected for Sunbury-Queens in 1908 and 1911 and for Royal in 1917. He was appointed Lieutenant Governor on Dec. 28th, 1928.

MR. HOOVER ON A VISIT TO PORTO RICO

President Landed Today From the Battleship Arizona

WAS GIVEN A GREAT WELCOME

Large Crowd Greeted Him in a Typical Porto Rico Setting

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

Ponce, Porto Rico, March 23—President Hoover landed here today from the U. S. S. Battleship Arizona on the first stop in his Caribbean cruise.

The President came ashore at 7.45 A. M., after he had conferred with Governor Theodore Roosevelt aboard the Arizona. A large crowd was gathered to greet him in a typical Porto Rican setting of palm trees and tropical weather.

A Busy Week

The Legislature will resume at eight o'clock this evening, following the week-end adjournment. It is likely that consideration of supply will be resumed and consideration given to some government bills. The Public Accounts Committee will meet at ten o'clock tomorrow morning to hear future evidence in connection with charges of alleged irregularities in connection with road expenditures in Albert County. It now looks as if prorogation will take place either on Thursday or Friday of this week.

Left For Woodstock

O. C. Hicks, and E. M. Taylor, officials of the Department of Agriculture left today for Woodstock, where tomorrow they will attend the New Brunswick Seed Fair and Short Course, which is being held under the supervision of the New Brunswick Seed Board tomorrow and Wednesday.

To Meet at Paris To Organize Pan Europa Scheme

Germany and Austria Appear to Have Stolen a March on Aristide Briand in Forming the Basis of an Economic Federation—May Protest Tariff Agreement.

PARIS, March 27—Germany and Austria appeared today to have stolen a march on Aristide Briand in forming the basis for a European economic federation and to have upset the plans of the committee which meets here tomorrow to organize Brinad's pan-Europa scheme.

Three, and possibly four, foreign ministers will be in Paris for the meeting, but instead of discussing plans for harmonious progress with the Briand scheme, they are expected to turn their attention to protesting against the Austro-Germany tariff agreement as contrary to existing agreements and to the peace treaties.

Planning a Protest

Plans for the protest probably to the League of Nations will begin this afternoon when Arthur Henderson, British Foreign Secretary, arrives from London. With Henderson and August Zaleski, Polish Foreign Minister, Briand will discuss the nature of measures to be taken in protest against the Austro - Germany commercial "anschluss."

It is considered likely that the discussions will continue when the pan-Europa committee meets and will dominate the session.

CAPT. PHILPOTT WOULD DO AWAY WITH GOVERNORS

Hamilton, Ontario, March 22—Urging abolition of the posts of Lieutenant Governors in Canadian provinces, Captain Elmore Philpott, Liberal candidate in the recent West Hamilton by-election, addressing the Hamilton Kinsmen Club, yesterday, claimed that no country in the world was equipped with such costly governmental machinery as Canada.

"The position of Lieutenant-Governor should be abolished forthwith," he said. "The Chief Justices of the provinces should discharge all the constitutional duties of the crown in the provincial field."

"In Britain, New Zealand and the Irish Free State, one King—or one King's envoy—is sufficient. One Parliament does all the work, yet here in Canada we pay the enormous expense of 10 Parliaments and 10 representatives of the King."

Admitting the impossibility of one Parliament for Canada, due to racial and geographical conditions, he urged amendments to the British North America Act in order to clarify "the relative fields of action between the Dominion and the Provinces."

"The task of this generation is to build on the foundation laid at Confederation—to regard Confederation as the beginning rather than the end of reform."

York Regiment Led

A district order by Brigadier General Constantine shows the number of signally points by units of the active militia in the district last year. For the Cavalry the 8th Hussars led with 4262 points against 2364 for the N. B. Dragoons. The York Regiment led the Infantry with 5,557 points, with the N. B. Rangers in second place with 2662. The 90th Field Battery of this city was in sixth place with 2318 points.

BIRTH CONTROL CONDEMNED BY CATH. GUILD

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

New York, March 23—The practice of contraceptive birth control is condemned as contrary to the dictates of "Sound medicine and sound morality" in a resolution adopted by the Catholic Physicians guild of the Bronx.

The resolution directly criticized the statement of last week by the Federal council of churches giving "guarded approval to the use of Contraceptives."

MRS. SABATINI GETS A DIVORCE FROM HUSBAND

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

London, March 23—A divorce decree nisi was granted by Divorce court Justice Bates on today to Mrs. Ruth Goad Sabatini in her suit against the novelist, Rafael Sabatini. The charges were misconduct and the case was not defended.

Sabatini, noted author and dramatist, was born in Jesi, Italy, and married Ruth Goad, daughter of Lancelot Steele Dixon, in 1905. The writer's books included Scaramouche, and the Sea Hawk.

York Birds Lead

A pen of Barred Rocks owned by W. A. Sansom of Durham Bridge, York County still leads in the New Brunswick egg-laying contest with a total of 863 eggs which scored \$33.3 points. Last week this pen produced 58 eggs, which scored 64 points. The total egg production of the twenty pens last week was 1002 which is a remarkable showing for a winter month.