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Coalition Government to Reform House of Lords

Important Announcement Made by Mr. A. Bonar Law in Glasgow Speech—Not Intended That the Upper House Shall be a Hereditary Chamber—Naval Safety of the Empire will not be Imperilled at the Peace Conference—Lloyd George Likely to be Returned With a Safe Majority—Woman Suffragists are Active.

London, Dec. 14.—The reform of the House of Lords will be one of the tasks undertaken by the coalition ministry if returned to power in the election taking place in the United Kingdom today. Chancellor Bonar Law announced at Glasgow yesterday. Mr. Law said that they believed that a second chamber with adequate strength was necessary in any democratic country, but it was not intended that it should be a hereditary body. The Chancellor further stated that the coalition government intended to give the new Upper House the strength that could alone come from direct access with the people.

Mr. Bonar Law reiterated his previous announcements that the government would see that the Empire's naval safety was not imperilled at the peace conference, and said that he was not afraid of Bolshevism in the United Kingdom.

THE DAILY EXPRESS ESTIMATES THAT THE COALITION GOVT. WILL HAVE MAJORITY OF 163

Balloting for the election of a new parliament is in progress throughout Great Britain today. Indications are that Premier Lloyd George will control a safe majority. The Daily Express estimates that his government will win 435 seats, the Unionists 340 and the Liberals 125, while the opposition parties, including labor, will secure 272, giving the Prime Minister a majority of 163.

Women have been active in the electioneering. There is intense rivalry between Mrs. Lloyd George and Mrs. McKenna, wife of the former Chancellor of the Exchequer, who is a staunch supporter of former Premier Asquith.

Premier Lloyd George has conducted a vigorous campaign in South Wales, violently attacking McKenna in the latter's own constituency and McKenna in reply criticising the Prime Minister.

MISS CHRISTABEL PANKHURST MAKES GLITTERING PROMISES IN AGGRESSIVE CAMPAIGN SPEECHES

Miss Elizabeth Asquith admitted in and served by electricity. The British parliament, she asserted, will be responsible for the electricity that turns the mangles, cooks the meals and warms the rooms, no matter how small. Why should women drag coal scuttles about? asked she, stand over steaming washtubs, spend hours over old-fashioned ranges which not only eat up coal, but cook the cooks, when by legislation and electricity the business of the world could be lifted?

Bonar Law's daughter at Glasgow also took part in the campaign. Miss Christabel Pankhurst, the noted suffragette, promised the voters that when the women's regime prevailed in parliament every house, no matter how small, will be lighted, heated

FLU STILL BAD IN BOSTON

Boston, Mass., Dec. 13.—Reports to the State Health Department for the twenty four hour period ending at noon today showed a total of 1285 new cases of influenza and twenty-two deaths. The reports came from all sections of the state and in most instances the cases were mild.

Children's Aid Society
The annual meeting of the Children's Aid Society of Fredericton will be held in the Council Chamber City Hall on Monday evening the 16th at 8 o'clock. AM interested in the work carried on by this society are invited to attend.

Engagement Announced
Announcement is made of the engagement of Miss Muriel Macdonald of Fredericton and Mr. George Wilbert Currie of St. John. The wedding is to take place early in the New Year. Mr. Currie is employed with Scovil Bros., St. John.

Progressing Nicely
Mr. Elwood Burt received a telegram this morning from manager Bridges, who is in charge of his logging operations in British Columbia. The telegram stated that the men in the hospital were progressing nicely and that work was going on just the same.

Death at Geary
The death occurred at Geary, Sunbury County, last evening of Mrs. Esther Till, wife of William A. Till of that place. The deceased was thirty-four years of age and is survived by her husband, three daughters, Marguerite, Althea and Fernie. She is also survived by her parents Mr. and Mrs. James E. Smith of Geary, and by two sisters and four brothers. Service will be held at the house tomorrow afternoon at one o'clock, and at the Church at two o'clock by Rev. Mr. Gregg. Interment will be made at Geary.

Mr. George A. Stratton of Moncton was in the city yesterday on business.

MILLTOWN BOY GETS POSITION

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—The Civil Service Commission announces that J. W. Tuck, of Milltown, N. B., returned soldier, is a successful candidate for the position of engineering draftsman in the Department of Soldiers Civil Re-establishment.

TORONTO POLICE MAKE A MOVE

Toronto, Dec. 14.—Electing an entirely new set of officers and unanimously declaring in favor of affiliation with the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress, 286 members of the Toronto police this morning at two o'clock rescinded a motion adopted on Thursday to form an association in lieu of a union.

SONG WRITER PASSES AWAY

New York, Dec. 13.—Monroe H. Rosenfield, who wrote "I'm the man who broke the bank at Monte Carlo," and other songs which were played and whistled all over the country a score or more years ago, died of acute indigestion today at his home here. He was 56 years old.

ARMISTICE EXTENDED

Bulletin Copenhagen, Dec. 13.—The German armistice has been extended until five o'clock of the morning of January 17, according to a despatch from Treves.

BRUTAL WORK OF BULGARIANS

Saloniki, Dec. 13.—Travellers arriving here from Bulgaria, particularly Thrace declare that in spite of the fact that the war is nominally over, the Bulgarians continue to oppress and maltreat the Greeks residing in that country. The village of Agathopulos, situated on the Black Sea and inhabited solely by Greeks had been set on fire by Bulgarian troops, it is reported.

Committee Appointed for Organization
A meeting of those interested in the Associated Kin of the C. E. F. was called yesterday afternoon at the large committee room in the Parliament Building. A committee was appointed with His Lordship Bishop Richardson as convener to take action and further the organization of the Association. The committee was composed of Bishop Richardson, Dr. C. C. Jones, Mrs. Martha F. Harvey, R. H. Simonds and Rev. J. S. Sutherland.

EX-PREMIER MURRAY ON STAND IN POTATO ENQUIRY AT ST. JOHN

Swore He Had Not Been Informed on All Details of the Potato Transaction—Says There was Lack of Business Capacity—J. H. Crockett Tells About His Famous \$10,000 Scoop—Mr. Tennant Did Not Show Up.

St. John, Dec. 14.—There are further interesting developments as the potato inquiry draws to a close. William Cruikshank, former deputy provincial treasurer, said yesterday afternoon that the only payment received by the finance department from the potato transaction was the sum of \$32,861, with a small amount refunded by the C. P. R. He had no record of an amount exceeding \$800 received from the sale of culls in Cuba nor of \$280 from the sale of culls here.

James H. Crockett, of the Fredericton Gleaner, admitted receiving \$10,000, but he doubted very much, he said, that it came from the source that was stated under oath. Mr. Crockett seemed astounded when shown by Mr. Hughes a check for \$250, drawn by A. C. Smith & Co., in 1914, and said he knew nothing of it, but when he turned it over he was forced to admit the endorsement was his signature.

William B. Tennant was not present, and the commissioner intimated that a subpoena should be issued to bring him. Finally, however, adjournment was made until next Thursday morning. Mr. Hughes believed he would be able to have Mr. Tennant present then.

A member of the firm of Taylor & White may also be called to testify regarding the purchase of barrels.

Hon. J. A. Murray, Minister of Agriculture at the time of the patriotic potato transactions, proved an interesting witness at the session of the inquiry yesterday morning. Mr. Murray frequently said he was unable to answer questions of the counsel for the government because the matters referred to had not been brought to his attention in detail, because he had been too busy or because he had not been informed.

Relating to the somewhat involved financial transactions which marked the closing of A. C. Smith & Co.'s account, it was his impression that the figure agreed on in settlement of their claim was in the vicinity of \$9,000, and he supposed that their draft for \$9,201 represented the amount. In view of this, he said he could not understand why the government check had been issued for \$9,531. He had taken Mr. Daggett's word for the amount.

Mr. Murray said he had arranged the advance of \$5,000 to Smith & Co., pending the settlement, and this was to be deducted. When this had been done he did not know why the department accepted a draft for a further amount of \$4,000. He paid Colby Smith \$1,500 to return a personal loan, and did not know why it should be credited as a government payment, nor why the department should accept another draft for \$2,500. The former Minister also had some explanations to make regarding statements appearing in reports of his speeches. He admitted that some of them were not "literally" correct.

Hon. J. A. Murray, M. P., former minister of agriculture and later premier of the province took the stand when the morning session opened.

Examined by Mr. Hughes he recalled the arrangements for the purchase of potatoes in 1914 under which responsibility for the matter was placed in the hands of the witness. The main portion of the work was turned over to his deputy but the witness kept in touch with him and advised him, instructing him to spread the purchases over the province as widely as possible.

The witness authorized Mr. Clements to make sales of the surplus potatoes; he did not remember but thought it probable that he had authorized

HONORED THE MEMORY OF MISS CAVELL

London, Dec. 13.—The grave of Edith Cavell, the British nurse who was executed by the Germans, in the Tir National Cemetery at Brussels is believed to have been definitely located from a German plan of the cemetery in the hands of the Belgian Authorities and on Tuesday last the British community held a commemorative service at the grave. The service was attended by the British Minister who laid on the mound of earth a wreath from King George and Queen Mary inscribed "In Memory of a brave and splendid English woman".

Sir F. S. Villiers deposited a wreath bound with the British colors in the name of the British Legation and Colony and Brand Whitlock, the American Minister added a tribute of his own. The Spanish Minister, the Belgian Foreign Minister and the members of the Legation's staff were present at the ceremony.

One of the first acts of King Albert after his re-entry into Brussels was to visit the cemetery in company with Queen Elizabeth who laid a wreath on Miss Cavell's grave.

Discharges Given
About six discharges were given yesterday at the District Depot but none are reported today.

OLYMPIC AT HALIFAX WITH FIVE THOUSAND RETURNED SOLDIERS

Famous White Star Liner Docked This Morning and was Given a Noisy Welcome by the Populace—Her First Trip to Halifax Since the Armistice was Signed—Colonel Bishop, of Ontario, Noted Airman, Among Passengers—Western Men the First to Disembark.

Halifax, Dec. 14.—The giant White Star Liner Olympic arrived here this morning from England with over five thousand returning Canadian soldiers and some civilian passengers. The big transport arrived off the harbor mouth at eight o'clock and is now proceeding to her pier.

As this is the first trip of the Olympic to Halifax since the signing of the Armistice, she was greeted, as she passed up the harbor, with a perfect pandemonium of steamer whistles and sirens. The wharves of the water front were black with cheering crowds, while a strong guard was stationed at Pier No. 2 to keep away hundreds of people who had not passes and were therefore not permitted within the enclosure on the pier.

ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE FOR THE SPEEDY TRANSPORTATION OF TROOPS TO THEIR HOMES

Several score of prominent railway officials from Moncton, Montreal and other centres are here to receive the Olympic and arrange for the speedy transportation of the troops to their various military districts. These officials will board the steamship as soon as she docks and, until their conference with the authorities on board is over, it is expected that press correspondents will not be allowed on board.

THE OLYMPIC DOCKED AT TEN O'CLOCK, AND WORK OF DISEMBARKATION BEGAN IMMEDIATELY

Halifax, Dec. 14.—The Olympic docked at ten o'clock this morning. Lieut. Colonel Montieth was in command of the returning veterans, who included among their number Lieut. Colonel W. A. Bishop, V. C., D. S. O., M. C., D. F. C., of Toronto, who won his decorations as an airman. The work of disembarking the troops was begun at eleven o'clock and the first men to come down the gangplank were the Westerners, who will be immediately rushed to Quebec by three special trains, and clared there. In all, twelve special trains were in waiting to forward the Olympic's passengers to their destination, including several for the accommodation of civilian passengers.

learned of the size of the surplus. Mr. Daggett and Colby Smith had informed him that the quantities ordered would be sufficient only for their needs. In order to secure sufficient potatoes of the proper grade, it was necessary to accumulate some surplus, but it did not know that there were so many until afterwards.

Mr. Hughes remarked that the surplus came from only four sources, the bulk about 10,000 being from B. F. Smith. The witness said he did not know the details. The potatoes were not thrown back on the shippers because they had been purchased.

The witness did not remember to whom the Cuban shipments had been sent. He had received a statement from Mr. Daggett, showing the record of all the sales.

Witness—Has Mr. Daggett said these were not bona fide sales?

Mr. Hughes—No, he said they were but that the department did not get the money.

The witness said this statement had not been prepared according to instructions from him, but possibly at his request. He did not know whether A. C. Smith & Co. had purchased 5,000 barrels at \$1.30 or culls to the value of \$867. He had no reason to believe the account was not correct.

Referring to the fact that the statement showed returns of \$38,861.30, counsel asked if Mr. Murray had believed that it would be paid when the returns came in.

From G. B. Jones

The witness asked George B. Jones if he could lend him \$5,000 to help out A. C. Smith & Co., or for some purpose of the department. Mr. Jones got the money for him and the witness deposited it to the credit of A. C. Smith & Co. in the Bank of Nova Scotia, Fredericton. This was a matter of personal accommodation for Mr. Smith. It was to enable Mr. Smith to make payments on the outstanding drafts.

Afterwards when he still could get no statement, the witness sent Mr. Atherton to St. John to get the information. The witness did not remember if Mr. Atherton handed him the vouchers; he remembered seeing the

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