

CONSERVATIVES LEAD IN BRITISH ELECTIONS WITH MAJORITY OF EIGHTY

A despatch from London says:—Following is the standing of the various political parties in the next British House of Commons. There are still ten seats the results of which will be announced later, namely, some of the universities and distant scattered Scottish constituencies from which the results may not be available before Saturday:

Number of seats	615
Seats heard from	605
Conservatives	343
Labor	136
Liberals	62
Georgians	49
Other groups	15
To be announced later	10

A despatch from London says:—The long drawn out fight between former Premier Lloyd George and Sir George Younger has ended with victory for the chairman of the Unionist party. Younger and his adherents staked their political fortunes at the famous Carlton Club meeting which smashed the Coalition sent Lloyd George into the wilderness on the conviction that the country was ripe for a return to straight party politics and in the firm belief that the nation would support their conviction by sending the Conservatives to the House of Commons with a good large majority.

Their confidence has been amply justified. Wednesday's elections have returned a Parliament with almost the same overwhelming predominance of Conservatives as the last Parliament, elected in 1918 on a wave of grateful enthusiasm to Lloyd George.

In the new Parliament Premier Bonar Law will command a majority over all parties combined of approximately 80.

The downfall of Lloyd Georgeism is the outstanding feature of the elections. The Coalition Liberals at the dissolution numbered 129; they are represented in the new Parliament by only 49 members. There will be many regrets among the former Premier's admirers that he failed to take the advice of some of his well-wishers and retire for a time entirely from the political stage.

The Asquithian Liberals improved their position, rising from thirty-four in the old Parliament to sixty-two in the new, but they did not do so well as they expected. On the other hand, Labor, although it failed to fulfill all the high hopes the party entertained at the dissolution, has done exceedingly well, rising from 76 to 136 seats. It is generally believed that Labor would have done far better but for the tactical mistake in its advocacy of a capital levy.

TURKS SNEAK INTO CONSTANTINOPLE

Strengthens Their Position
Daily—Presence of Allies
Prevents Massacre.

A despatch from Constantinople says:—As the Allies have lost every vestige of authority over the Turkish police and even co-operation between the Allied and Turkish police has gone, it is no longer possible to exercise the slightest control over incarceration of Nationalist soldiers. The Allied military naval forces are not numerous enough to watch all the neutral zone and the Bosphorus, which is over 20 miles long and only 700 yards wide at the narrowest part, so it is very easy for small parties of armed men to cross unobserved. The Turks thus are able to strengthen their position daily, while the Allies remain spectators.

The Inter-Allied control of Constantinople has been essentially a British control, because the French and Italians never wanted to go beyond the terms of the Mudros Armistice. They wanted nothing more than a purely military occupation.

It is a deplorable fact that this occupation has been meddlesome and obtrusive. Perhaps it was not easy to win the loyalty of the Turkish population, but certainly it wouldn't have been impossible. However, it was not attempted. Now, not only the masses, but even the liberal minded Turks have been estranged.

The Turks and the Allies face each other irreconcilably here. Nothing can bridge the gap between them. However, the occupation of the Allied armies is shielding several hundred thousand Christians from a Turkish terror that might even end in massacre. Allied rule at its worst is probably better than Turkish rule at its best, at least for those who are not Turks, and there can be no question of abandoning it at this moment.

The Nationalists are, however, gradually encroaching on the Allied rule by taking steps to control the municipal administration and economic life of Constantinople. Step by step they are reducing the Allied rule to a mere military occupation.

The encroachment of the Nationalists could be stopped by declaring martial law, but that might mean war. The thing that seems wisest to do would be to remove the question from the jurisdiction of the military representatives here and submit it to the attention of the assembled powers at Lausanne.

Just north of Peace River, Alta., which is 550 miles north of the international boundary, a farmer, Pendle Bush, ripened 1,000 pounds of tomatoes of the best quality this season. At Fort Vermilion, 100 miles farther north, tomatoes, cucumbers, pumpkins and musk melons were matured. Wheat is stated to be "No. 1 Hard, as usual," and the hay crop very abundant.

Alberta-bred Scottish Shorthorn stock from the Prince of Wales ranch at High River, Alta., commanded top prices at the recent Shorthorn sale at Calgary. One bull sold for \$610, another for \$575, and the average for eight animals offered was \$494. Though he has owned and operated his ranch for three years these constituted the first commercial sales. In the early winter Alberta-bred Shropshire sheep will be offered for sale from the E. P. ranch. Next spring the Prince, who keeps in close touch with ranch affairs through his manager, is supplementing the ranch stock with more Shorthorns and Dartmoor ponies.



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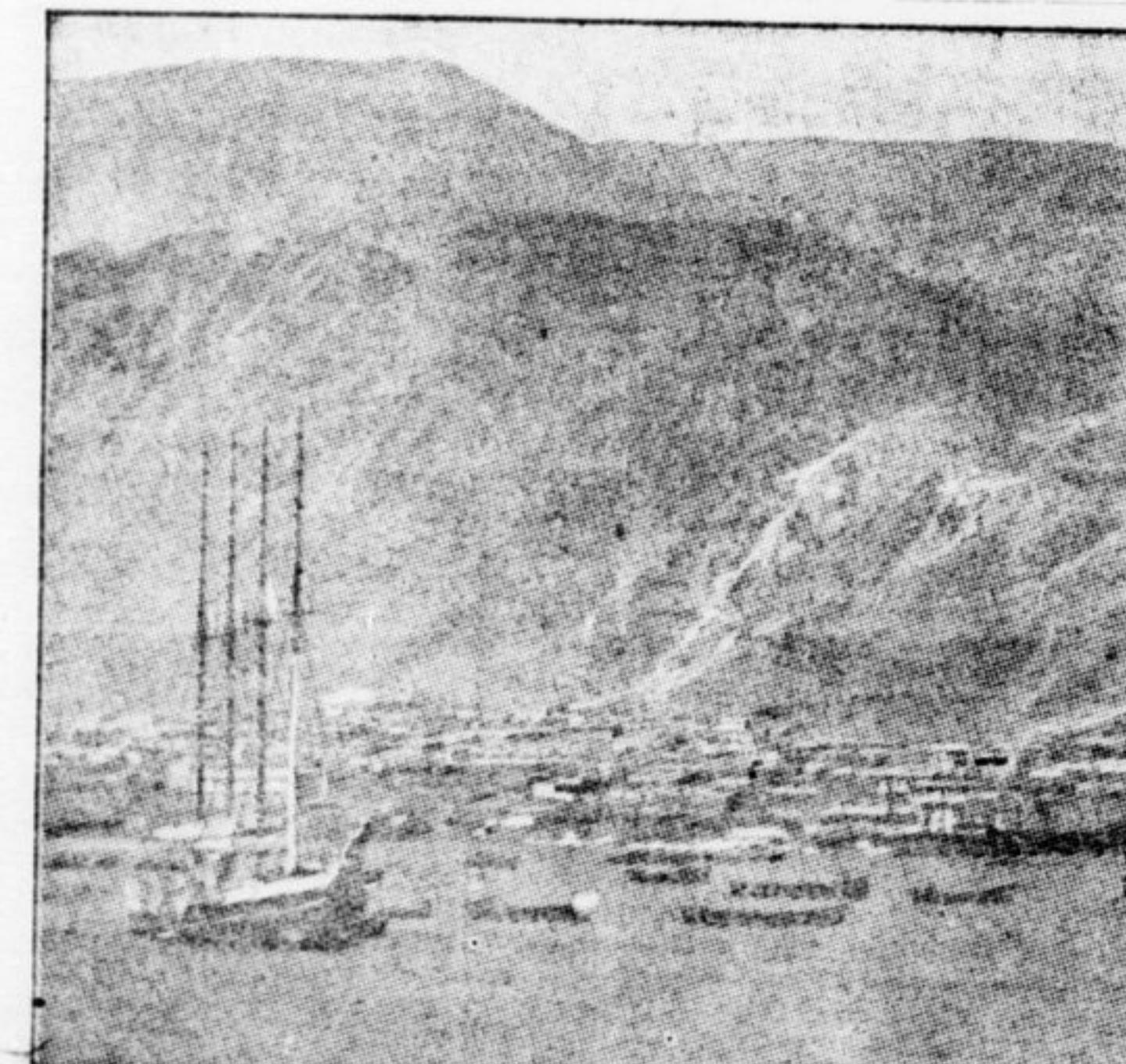
He denies that his wing of the Liberal Party is flirting with Bonar Law with a view to a new coalition in British Policy.

"Made-in-Canada" telephones will be used in carrying out the program of the new works and utilities outlined by the postmaster-general of Australia, according to report.

A total of 1,007 newspapers were in operation in Canada in 1920, of which Ontario accounted for 419, Saskatchewan 147, Alberta 96, Quebec 95, Manitoba 91, British Columbia 76, Nova Scotia 42, New Brunswick 34 and Prince Edward Island 7. The language of publication is stated as English for 912 newspapers, French for 66 papers, German 5, and 24 news-papers representing 12 foreign languages. The average circulation per issue of daily with morning editions was 501,952, or daily with evening editions 1,229,503. Newspapers with a weekly edition had a total average circulation of 1,924,223 each issue; those with semi-weekly edition of 119,671; and those with a tri-weekly edition of 14,998.

By disposing of timber limits which totalled 187 square miles in area, the Ontario Government made a record for this year in the matter of a single day's timber sales. The successful tenderers are the Continental Wood Products Company, of Etobicoke, Ont.; the Mageau Lumber Co., of Port Arthur; and the Hope Lumber Co., of Thessalon. For nine square miles in the township of Henry, in the district of Nipissing, the Mageau Lumber Co. will pay \$11.50 per thousand for red and white pine.

Robert Forke, M.P., elected leader of the Progressive Party of Canada, to replace Hon. T. A. Crerar, who retires from politics altogether. He was seriously considered as premier of Manitoba, when the Farmers' Party in that province formed the government.



CHILEAN COAST TOWNS IN RUINS

A port in Chile typical of the scores of small towns completely destroyed by the recent earthquake and tidal wave. Ships such as shown were washed far up on the rocks and stranded.



SIR HAMAR GREENWOOD ONLY CANADIAN DEFEATED AT ELECTIONS

A despatch from London says:—S. P. Howard, Lady Strathcona's son, defeated his namesake in Cumberland. Sir Thomas Fisher, of the Canadian Pacific Steamships, was, however, defeated in Portmouth.

Canda was to the fore in the election in more ways than one. Col. W. F. Cockshutt, of Brantford, was an effective speaker for Col. Page Croft, who was returned in Bournemouth. In the neighbouring constituency of East Dorset, Captain Guest, late Air Minister, was ousted by a candidate well known in Canada, Ralph Hall Caine, son of Sir Hall Caine. Mr. Caine's success was especially notable in that he had been introduced to the constituents only two weeks before the election.

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From the viewpoint of the Canadians directly engaged, the elections have been a decided success. With the exception of Sir Hamar Greenwood, all the Canadians running are known to have been returned, although their policies were variously representative of every part except Labor.

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With United States funds at a slight discount in some communities in Canada, the surprising improvement in Canada's financial position that has taken place during the past twenty-two months is indicated. In December, 1920, the premium on N.Y. funds in Canada was 19.2 per cent. No country that was a belligerent during the Great War can show a better record than this. If anything is needed to demonstrate the soundness of Canada's position, it is surely to be found in the foregoing.

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