

MAJORITY OF 25 FOR GOVERNMENT

Vote in the Commons at 4.30 a.m. Friday—The King Amendment For a General Election Was Defeated.

Ottawa, March 4.—By a majority of twenty-five in the House of Commons, the national liberal and conservative government of Hon. Arthur Meighen was sustained on the first division of this session, taken about 4.30 a.m. to-day. The vote was on the amendment of Hon. W. L. M. King, leader of the liberal opposition, expressing want of confidence in the government and demanding a general election. The result was 91 for and 116 against. Another amendment, proposed by a "cross-bencher," J. A. Campbell, member for Nelson, Manitoba, providing for a general election "after redistribution," had been previously defeated without division. After the defeat of the King amendment, the house passed the address on the speech from the throne on the same division, and adjourned at 4.45 o'clock.

The majority proved a much larger margin than even the most hopeful of government supporters had anticipated. The result created great enthusiasm among the members to the speaker's right, who consider they now have a mandate to carry on until the census figures are available and redistribution is effected. The debate was much shorter than last year, concluding after two weeks of speech-making, whereas the debate occupied a month during the previous session. The government's attitude in not putting up speakers for two sittings had the effect of curtailing the debate.

Major Andrews (Centre Winnipeg) and L. J. Gauthier (St. Hyacinthe) voted with the government. Sir Thomas White was not in the house and did not vote.

There was a tense atmosphere in the house. The galleries were crowded, many women waiting for the division.

The government quit the debate cold, without replying to Hon. Mr. Fielding, F. F. Pardee or Ernest Lapointe. Its "majority" was on hand, and it let it go at that.

Hon. Hugh Guthrie was the last government speaker. Since then such able men as Ernest Lapointe, Hon. W. S. Fielding, the veteran liberal statesman, and F. F. Pardee, the prominent Ontario liberal, put up arguments, but the government rested its case.

CAN GIVE AUTONOMY ONLY STEP BY STEP

Prof. J. L. Morison, of Queen's, Discusses the Situation in India.

Toronto, March 4.—"There is only one thing in front of the British as an imperative duty," said Prof. J. L. Morison, of Queen's University, discussing the question, "Will Britain Hold India?" at yesterday's Empire Club luncheon. "The people of India must be taught self-government, but they must be educated to recognition and fitness for the discharge of their responsibilities. The Montagu scheme is the beginning of a self-governing India.

"The one thing for us to do, realizing that we are governing more than 300,000,000 people, is to give them autonomy step by step. We will not be forced, and we will say to the Indian people: 'We must take our time—which is your time.'

"It is too bad that the Prussians have spoiled force as a moral instrument," regretted Prof. Morison. "In the face of dissensions, Bolshevism, propaganda, intrigue and domestic discord making for revolution, we must use force."

WON'T JOIN AN ALLIANCE

Of Permanent Military Nature, Says President In Inaugural.

Washington, D.C., March 4.—President Harding in his inaugural address today declared that "the United States seeks no part in directing the destinies of the Old World, and is unwilling to become 'entangled' in European politics. Nevertheless, speaking in behalf of the people of the United States, he expressed a willingness to associate with the other nations of the world in seeking an agreement for the reduction of armaments, in suggesting plans for mediation, conciliation and arbitration, in clarifying the laws of international relationship, and in establishing a world court for the disposition of justiciable questions.

"Today, better than ever before we know the aspirations of humankind and share them," he declared. The recorded policy of the United States, Mr. Harding said, proved the wisdom of the policy of non-involvement in old world affairs. "We will accept no responsibility except as our own conscience and judgment in each instance may determine.

No Entanglements.

"Our eyes never will be blind to a developing menace, our ears never deaf to the call of civilization. We recognize the new order in the world with closer contacts which progress has wrought. We sense a call of the human heart for fellowship, fraternity and co-operation. We crave friendship and harbor no hate. But America can be a party to no permanent military alliance. It can enter into no political commitments, nor assume any economic obligations or subject our decisions to any other than our own authority.

"I am sure our own people will not misunderstand nor will the world misconstrue. We want to do our part in making offensive war so hateful that governments and peoples who resort to it must prove the righteousness of their cause or stand as outlaws before the bar of civilization."

Yielding to the less minute entreaties of his family and physician, President Wilson took no part in the ceremonies, other than to accompany Mr. Harding from the White House to the capitol.

Curfew Law Division.

Fort William, March 4.—At the request of the local council of women the city council a few days ago passed a nine o'clock curfew order. A deputation of eight mothers waited on a committee of the city council, protesting against the order, declaring they "would not be dictated to nor made the butt of some fad foisted on them by women who had no children of their own."

TOLMIE'S O.T.A. VICTORY

W. D. Black Seeking Legislation Regarding the Hounds of Hunters.

Toronto, March 4.—(Special to the Whig). There is chuckling in the lobbies over the victory of Tolmie, of Windsor, in forcing the attorney-general to back down on O.T.A. appeals. I wrote about this and said he had Raney in such a hole Raney had to adjourn the debate and think it over. Result: Appeals to the county judge. This has enhanced the prestige of the Windsor M.P.P., who is a man to be reckoned with as a leader. He has a nice parliamentary style, a pleasing voice and is always well informed on his subject, and sticks to it too. I look upon him as one of the big men here. McBride, of Brantford, is also coming fast and is in nearly every big discussion. He is doing well. He has a way of saying things definitely in simple language that is usually about right.

A PRIEST BRANDS DIVORCE AS IMMORAL

Admits Separation Permitted by Christ But Not Remarriage.

St. Thomas, March 4.—Monsignor West of the Holy Angels' Catholic church of this city opened a series of sermons on the much-discussed divorce question last evening, in a discourse in which he insisted that divorce and subsequent re-marriage was immoral and directly contrary to the teachings of Jesus Christ, who, he declared, allowed the separation of man and wife for one cause only. "But," he said, "separation does not give the right to re-marry again, for, although separated, they are still lawfully married. They are, as before separation, man and wife."

CROWBAR PIERCES NECK.

Workman in Manhole Meets With Bad Accident.

Toronto, March 4.—With a large hole in his neck, John McKnight, aged thirty-five years, of 16 Bright street, lies in the Toronto General hospital in a critical condition.

Employed by the city, he was at work at the bottom of a manhole on Indian road, when a fellow employee fell in on top of him with a crowbar, which struck McKnight on the neck.

Woman Badly Burned.

Brookville, March 4.—Mrs. Percival, an elderly resident of Frankville, had a narrow escape from death yesterday, when her clothing took fire from a lighted candle. As it was, she was severely burned about the legs, and her daughter-in-law, in going to her assistance, also suffered injuries.

The newly appointed British minister of agriculture, Sir Arthur Griffiths Bosworth, was defeated in the Dudley bye-election by Wilson, labor.

The Crown withdrew charges under the O. T. A. against four defendants at Brantford, because the spotters employed are discredited.

BOYS OF FOURTEEN COULD GET LIQUOR

Rev. Thomas Green Gives Evidence at the Dunnville Enquiry

Cayuga, March 4.—Testifying yesterday afternoon at the investigation into law enforcement and administration by Magistrate David Hastings, Rev. Thomas Green, pastor of Dunnville Methodist church for three years, said his church influenced one-third of the population. Since importation had been permitted again, things had got pretty loose, he declared.

Liquor had been obtainable by boys of fourteen, and he believed sentences had been suspended in some cases that came before Mr. Hastings. Witness took the ground that the authorities and officers were responsible for law enforcement.

He had never "snooped around," but had given his moral support to the authorities. He was not satisfied either with the enforcement or administration of the O.T.A., and considered the fines imposed were too light.



HON. HUGH GUTHRIE
Minister of Militia, who asks: "What does Hon. Mackenzie King lead but the remnants of a once great party?"

DOCKYARD DESTROYED

55,000,000 Damage Done by Communists in Italy.

Milan, March 4.—As a reprisal for the destruction of the Trieste labor chamber by the Nationalists, 300 communists armed with rifles overpowered the customs guard, seized the great dockyard of San Marco, flooded the offices and workshops with benzine and set the whole ablaze. At San Marco are the largest naval construction works in Julian Venice, employing 6,000 persons, the adjoining oil factories which also were involved in the conflagration, affording work for another 1,000.

When troops of the Sassari brigade were able to force their way in three hours later, 55,000,000 worth of property had been consumed, with all the supplies of material for the transatlantic liner Duchessa of Aosta, which was in the course of construction.

In the military assault an officer of the Carabinieri was shot through the heart and a considerable number of combatants were wounded. All the dockers captured inside the works were sent to prison in motor trucks. San Giacomo, the working class quarter, is being held by the military with armored cars.

Factional fights at Vercelli and San Remo have been followed by general strikes in both cities, and the electric light supply has failed.

THE GOLD PROSPECTS OF ONTARIO BEST

The Deputy Minister of Mines Urges Development of Canada's Resources.

Montreal, March 4.—Gold prospects in Northern Ontario surpass those of every known field on the North American continent, according to T. W. Gibson, deputy minister of mines for Ontario, addressing the 23rd annual meeting of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy in convention here. Further, he added that the province of Quebec had maintained during 1920 its unique record of having never permitted its production to fall below a previous year's record.

Progress this year depended on the group of mineral products known as "non-metallic" such as clay, lime, cement and similar resources, which, in contrast to metal products, are realizing top prices just now. It was stated that asbestos production in Quebec had netted in 1920 nearly \$4,000,000 worth in excess of production the previous year.

President Whiteside, of Coleman, Alta., spoke of widespread propaganda to rouse public sentiment to the realization that Canadian development rested on the fullest development of Canadian resources.

A good attendance of mining and metallurgical experts from every part of Canada marked the opening. A brilliant field of utility for the Association was unfolded by President O. E. B. Whiteside in his annual address. He urged co-operation with manufacturing and other such organizations for the better development of the Dominion's mineral resources.

Briefly, Ferguson claims they have nothing personal on him in the timber probe and he claims that his government carries out rules and practices inherited from previous governments and that there has not and cannot be any substantial change. He finds fault that there was a press propaganda against him which has not fastened anything on even the old government.

GUILTY AND MUST SUBMIT

Lloyd George Says German Blame For War Finally Established.

London, March 4.—Lloyd George, in his address to the Germans yesterday declared there was no intention of oppressing them.

They must accept responsibility for the war, however, and interpret their obligations accordingly, he said.

"The German people are under the impression that the allied demands are intolerable and designed to enslave them. We regard them as free. We contend that a prosperous Germany is essential to civilization and regard a discontented and enslaved Germany as a menace and a burden to European civilization."

Lloyd George declared the German counter-proposals were a mockery.

"Von Simons' statement was a definite challenge of the Versailles treaty," he said.

"The Entente proposals were conciliatory. The German counter-proposals were a mockery of the peace treaty.

"The allies have established finally Germany's responsibility for the war and will treat it as a thing already judged."

French Fleet Under Orders

Paris, March 4.—A detachment of the French Mediterranean fleet has been ordered to prepare for "an unknown destination."

The entire fleet was ordered by wireless to proceed to Toulon for coaling. Two cruisers and three torpedo boats will the sail on a secret mission.

It was assumed the orders were issued in connection with the allied ultimatum of German reparations. It was reported previously that the British navy would blockade important German ports if action were decided upon.

DRURY MAKES FUNNY FACES

Tells MacBride He Was Not Listening to His Speech.

Toronto, March 4.—Resuming the debate on the motion for the adoption of the special report regarding the O.T.A., M. M. MacBride, South Brant, said that criticism throughout the province was not directed against the act, but against the administration of the act. He deplored the fact that a minister of the gospel, Rev. J. O. L. Spracklin, should have been selected to enforce the act on the Essex border.

"A very serious and regrettable tragedy resulted. A widow and two fatherless children are there," continued Mr. MacBride. "The prime minister smiles. I have sufficient of the milk of human kindness that I am unable to laugh at tragedies of that kind."

"Mr. Speaker, I was not smiling at the tragedy," said Premier Drury. "I was deeply affected by the tragedy. As a matter of fact, I was not listening to what the hon. member was saying."

AN ARMY COMPROMISE

United States Enlisted Men to Number 150,000.

Washington, March 4.—Senate and house conferees on the army appropriation bill reached an agreement to provide for an army of 156,000 enlisted men for the next fiscal year. The agreement was a compromise between the senate figure of 175,000 and the house maximum of 150,000 and apparently insures passage of the \$355,000,000 army budget at this session.

WAIVE POWER TAX BY \$250,000 GRANT

This May be the New Policy of the Ontario Government.

Toronto, March 4.—The Star says: The hydro electric legislation, when it is brought down in a few days, will provide, it is learned on high authority, for a grant of \$250,000 to lessen the burden of providing the small urban centres and rural districts with hydro-electric service. This will mean that the report of the committee appointed by the legislature will not be adopted in so far as it recommended that a rental of \$2 per horsepower be charged upon power developed within the province.

Much controversy was engendered by the committee's report in this regard, and Sir Adam Beck strongly opposed the proposal. The chairman of the hydro commission suggested the grant of \$250,000, and it is understood the government will accept this.

CANNOT GIVE AN INCREASE

Board of Education Cannot Meet Wishes of Collegiate Staff.

"On the request of the teachers of the staff of the Collegiate Institute, that an increase of \$400 be granted to each teacher for the year January 1st, to December 31st, 1921."

"That an increase of \$200 be granted in 1921, at schedule periods, instead of \$100 as specified by schedule, provided the maximum permits of such being done; and that the maximum in no case be increased. This would make an increase over the schedule figures of \$1,160."

The management committee of the Board of Education made the above recommendation at a special meeting of the Board of Education, held on Thursday night, but an amendment by Trustee J. G. Elliott, to have the clause of the committee's report struck out was carried by a vote of 11 to 4 with the vote recorded as follows on the amendment.

Yeas—Trustees Bishop, Best, Campbell, Cooke, Elliott, Farrell, Mills, Henderson, Jones, Repton and Smythe—11.

Nays—Trustees Anglin, Godwin, Macdonald, Newlands—4.

These recommendations of the management committee were adopted:

"That another teacher be engaged for the Collegiate Institute in September next, at an estimated salary of \$800 for the four months.

"That the sum of \$400 be placed in the estimates for salaries in view of anticipated changes in the Collegiate staff during the September term.

"On the request of the four male Principals of the Public schools, viz., Messrs. Ettinger, of Victoria school, MacDougall, of Frontenac school, Scott, of Macdonald school, and Inman, of Central school, and Model School Master, for increases in salary for 1921:

"That Messrs. Ettinger, MacDougall and Scott be granted \$100 each in addition to that provided by schedule, and that Mr. Inman, who is not under schedule, be granted an increase of \$100. This will mean a total increase over schedule figures of \$400, and make the salaries as follows: Mr. Ettinger, \$2,400; Mr. Inman, \$2,100; Mr. MacDougall, \$2,000, and Mr. Scott, \$2,800."

On the recommendation of the Playgrounds committee the board decided to have another playground opened, making four in all, and that the new one be operated in connection with Frontenac school. The cost will be, equipment, \$350; salaries, \$300, total \$650.

On the recommendation of the playgrounds committee, no action was taken on the request of Rideau school Home Club for a playgrounds in connection with that school.

Salaries Under Discussion.

Trustee Macdonald, chairman, presented the report of the management committee. He said that the recommendation of the committee did not give the teachers at the Collegiate quite all they had asked for, but a majority of the committee had favored the recommendation submitted. The committee did not know what the teachers would say to the recommendation, but the members favoring the proposed increase felt that in giving this amount, they were going just as far as they could.

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NOTHING HEARD FROM BERLIN YET

London, March 4.—Vague hints that discussions were going on between the Allies regarding the possibility of bridging the gulf between them and the Germans were heard last night. Nothing tangible developed, however, and members of the German delegation told newspaper men at midnight that they had heard nothing from Berlin relative to the address made yesterday by Lloyd George in presenting an ultimatum to Dr. Simons.

YOUNG TELLS OF RUSSIAN HORRORS

If a Man Develops Glanders He is Taken Out and Shot.

Vancouver, B.C., March 4.—Speaking of his work in Russia, Lieut.-Col. D. D. Young recalled incidents that serve to tell of the horror that has overwhelmed Russia. On one of his journeys he brought relief to a train load of people whom he found lying in tiers of three along the cars and reduced to such a condition through want of medicine and surgical supplies, that they were operating on themselves and each other with kitchen knives, without an anesthetic.

In another case, he found 2,000 men of Kappell's army in hospitals, with either hands or feet frozen off. Typhus is devastating Siberia, he said, and glanders, which is known to the Russian as "sap," if a man develops "sap" he is taken out and shot, for it is so infectious.

Lieut.-Col. Young was formerly in the Royal Canadian Dragoons. It was reported from Vladivostok about a year ago that his Red Cross train had been captured by the Bolsheviks and that he and others had been executed.

NEWS OFF THE WIRES IN CONDENSED FORM

Tidings from Places Far and Near Are Briefly Recounted.

The revolts in Petrograd and Moscow have been put down by Soviet troops.

The Georgian Diplomatic Mission has been placed under arrest at Moscow.

An aviator flew from Camp Borden to Ottawa, 210 miles, in two hours forty minutes.

The first bread riot in Detroit, Mich., in a decade, took place Thursday. The police suppressed it.

There was ten million less at the credit of the public in post office banks in 1920 than in 1919.

The bill amending the Dominion Election Act in regard to the Ontario prohibition referendum has received royal assent.

The Crown withdrew charges under the O. T. A. against four defendants at Brantford, because the spotters employed are discredited.

OFFERED NEW POST.

W. L. M. King's Secretary May Be License Board Officials

Quebec, March 4.—The position of secretary to the Quebec liquor commission has been offered to Lucien Giguere, secretary to the Hon. Mackenzie King, leader of the opposition in the federal house. Mr. Giguere has not yet accepted the position.

Daughter Born to Zita, Former Austrian Empress

Geneva, Switzerland, March 4.—Former Empress Zita of Austria gave birth to a girl baby Wednesday. Mother and child are reported to be doing well. This was the second child born to former Emperor Charles and Zita during their exile. The former royal pair now have eight children.

English and Scotch Iron and Steel makers have cut prices sharply, particularly in shipbuilding steel, in order to capture the overseas markets.

Rumania, Poland and Hungary have formed a defensive alliance against the Bolsheviks.