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HOME RULE MUST WAIT

Six Ulster Counties Will Be Excluded.

Premier Lloyd George Makes Important Statement Regarding His Policy in Opening Election—Says Coalition Government Would Be Best for the Country and He Also Favors Imperial Preference.

LONDON, Nov. 19.—Premier Lloyd George has sent a letter to Chancellor of the Exchequer Bonar Law, leader of the Unionist party, outlining his policy regarding the general election and the principal issues of the day.

The Premier says he is convinced there should be a general election, his principal reason being that it is essential there should be a fresh Parliament possessed of authority to deal with the difficult transitional period which will follow the cessation of hostilities.

Mr. Lloyd George considers it should be a coalition election, the constituents being invited to return candidates who will undertake to support the present Government, not only to prosecute the war to a final end and to negotiate peace but to deal with problems of reconstruction.

The Prime Minister says he is convinced such an arrangement would be best for the country, adding:

"The problems with which we shall be faced immediately on the cessation of hostilities will be hardly less pressing and will require hardly less drastic action than those of the war itself. They cannot, in my opinion, be dealt with without disaster on party lines.

"It is vital that the national unity which has made possible victory in war should be maintained until at least the main foundations of national and international reconstruction have been securely laid."

The Premier says a Parliament returned to support the coalition Government would fulfill this essential condition and would also be possessed both of the necessary authority and the unity of purpose alike as to principles and methods to enable the British Government to deal effectively with the peace problems which will confront it.

If an election on these lines takes place, he recognizes there must be a statement of policy as will retain the support of the Unionist and Liberal parties.

Dealing with Imperial preference, the Premier says: "I have already accepted the policy of Imperial preference as defined in resolutions of the Imperial Conference to the effect that preference will be given on existing duties and on any duties which may subsequently be imposed.

"On this subject I think there is no difference of opinion between us. I have at the same time stated that our policy does not include a tax on food, but that does not, of course, interfere with the duty of the Government on any article of tea or coffee on which for our own purposes we have imposed a duty.

"One of the great objects which must be aimed at in the future is to maintain an improved agricultural position, and for this purpose a deal can be done in many directions, including, for instance, an improvement, and, indeed, a complete change, of the transport situation. As regards other aspects of this problem I am prepared to say that the three industries on which the life of the nation depends must be preserved."

"I am prepared to say also that in order to keep up the present standard of production and develop it to the utmost extent possible it is necessary that security should be given against unfair competition to which our industry would be subjected by the selling of goods below the actual cost of production.

"We must face all these questions with new eyes without regard to pre-war speeches."

Dealing with the Home Rule question, Premier Lloyd George said: "I can support no settlement which would impose a forcible coercion of Ulster. Eighteen months ago the Government made alternative proposals for a settlement of the Irish problem. It offered either to bring Home Rule into immediate effect, while excluding the six northern counties of Ulster from its operation, or to set up a convention of representative Irishmen to endeavor to find a settlement for themselves.

"The second alternative was adopted, but, unfortunately, after nearly a year of earnest deliberation the convention found themselves unable to arrive at anything like an agreement.

"In these circumstances I claim the right to bring a settlement into effect based on the first of these alternatives. I recognize, however, that such an attempt could not succeed and that it must be postponed until the condition of Ireland makes it possible."

Hurricane in Newfoundland.
CURLING, Nfld., Nov. 19.—A southeast hurricane, blowing 95 miles an hour, accompanied by a tidal wave, swept the west coast of Newfoundland Sunday, causing heavy losses. Virtually all the waterside property in this vicinity, including that occupied by the Gortoa Pew Fisheries Co. of Gloucester, was swept away. Huge seas swept over Channel Head Lighthouse, blinding the light 100 feet above the sea level. At Grand Bay the railway tracks were torn away. The damage is estimated at a quarter of a million dollars.

A radio message received here yesterday from the British steamer Cascaopia of the Federal Line said that she was in a sinking condition off Cape Race. No further particulars were given. It was thought here the ship was damaged in the hurricane which swept this coast for twenty-four hours.

The Saskatchewan Legislature is called to meet on Tuesday, Dec. 24.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The Daily News correspondent at Rome, under date of Dec. 16, says "There is every reason to believe that secret negotiations toward conciliation between the

BIT OF HUN HISTORY

Machine-gun Was Hidden Behind a Cross in French Cemetery.

From my dugout entrance I can see the cross—crosses that hold out the promise of victory and peace to the Allies and that furnish a concrete example of German infamy.

One cross stands behind our front lines, many feet above the ground, on what was once a tower of a machine-gun. It is untouched by German fire. Around it all is ruin. The town is desolate, the cathedral itself stands a mass of ruin. That part of the tower that holds the cross aloft seems but a narrow needle jutting out of the horizon. Every day the boche shells this tower, and many missiles fall on the ruined shell of the cathedral. But the cross still stands untouched. As though some unseen hands guides the whistling shells from this emblem of the Christ, the cross is protected.

Every afternoon as the sun sinks down the west—crosses that hold out the promise of victory and peace. The triumph of right over wrong.

The other cross stands in No Man's Land. It is in the centre of a small village cemetery. It is the largest cross in the churchyard, and stands out prominently among the smaller headstones in the city of the dead.

For several months we have been losing men from machine-gun fire in this section. We have been unable to locate the gun that was playing such havoc on our lines. Our best patrols went out in an effort to discover this particular machine-gun emplacement. Our best aviators circled so near the ground in an effort to locate the gun that they were in danger of making a sudden landing in No Man's Land. But still the machine gun was undiscovered. Every night its pat-pat-pat-pat would ring out, and often some one paid the price.

It was as though some phantom machine gunner was operating a phantom gun.

Then came the order to advance. Over the German lines, right on to the German lines. But still the phantom machine gun worked.

As we pressed closer and closer to the boche lines we came into the cemetery. Then some one discovered the secret of the phantom gun.

The boche had violated the sanctity of the tomb. With all his sacrilegious cunning he had placed his machine gun beneath the cross. His death machine was placed within the very shadow of the Holy Cross.

This is the story of the two crosses. One a silent sponsor of the Allies cause. The other a silent rebuke to "German Kultur."—Capt. O. Q. Melton in Atlanta Constitution.

White Flag Ways.

To many people the mere mention of a white flag in war at once suggests a desire to surrender. But it is important that it should be more generally understood that a white flag in international law possesses a significance quite different.

For an officer or soldier to display a white flag or other token of surrender in the presence of the enemy is a disgrace equivalent to showing the white feather, and the British regulations make it unmistakably clear that the offender will be tried by general court-martial. The surrender, by an officer charged with its defence, of any garrison, post, guard, or position, whether fortified or not, which was a detachment may be ordered to hold, can only be justified by the utmost necessity.

Unless this necessity be clearly shown, the surrender becomes an act of shame and disgrace, punishable by death; or, if the offence is not so grave as to warrant such a charge the offender, if an officer, is liable to be cashiered, or if a soldier to suffer punishment.

The hoisting of a white flag means, in itself, nothing more than that one party is asking, whether it will receive a capitulation or not, which was a detachment may be ordered to hold, can only be justified by the utmost necessity.

The white flag is the universally understood flag of truce. Great vigilance is always necessary, for the question in every case is whether the hoisting of the white flag was authorized by the senior officer. In consequence, during the siege of Port Arthur, in 1904, when a party of British soldiers hoisted a flag, the Japanese general, Baron Nogi, did not immediately cease firing on that fort; he looked upon it merely as a preliminary to negotiation.

Blackberry Tea in Holland.

Tea is now extensively being made in Holland of blackberry leaves. Some working class families earn an extra \$4 to \$8 a week by collecting the leaves. We made some blackberry and strawberry leaf tea, but did not like it.

The brown bread is now so bad that most people cannot eat it. In consequence every new bread card period shows greater demand for the so-called "white bread" which in reality is gray. In Amsterdam alone 25,000 more white bread cards had to be issued. From well informed sources I learn that the bad quality of the brown bread is caused by the addition to the flour of a quantity of pea meal which was "partially" spoiled, but "cleaned" again. Since the more regular arrival of grain ships from America the white bread is to be made of better quality. For instance, the linseed meal, which is eliminated from its composition.

Chaplain Becomes a Noble.

Emperor William recently conferred the order of the Black Eagle on his Lutheran court chaplain, Dr. Dryander, as the order carries with it the patent of hereditary Prussian nobility. It is believed to be the first time that a Lutheran clergyman has been raised to the Prussian nobility.

Experience.

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