

WILL THERE BE A COALITION GOVT IN GREAT BRITAIN?

As The Result of the General Election No Party has a Majority In The House Of Commons And The Question is Will There Be a Resurrection Of The Lloyd George War-Time Coalition.

(Canadian Press) LONDON, Dec. 7.—The returns from the various constituencies continued to come in during the morning and afternoon in quick succession and it was evident at an early hour that there was little prospect of the Government maintaining a majority over all parties in the House. The Labor gains from both Conservatives and Liberals were considerable and gradually as the day advanced it was evident the Liberals would be the smallest party in the House.

The hope of the Conservatives that the counties would offset to a great extent the opposition of Lancashire and some of the other Free-trade centres was doomed to disappointment when the first returns from that section were considered. What were considered strongholds of Conservatism wavered considerably and Labor and Liberals shared in the representation with the Conservatives.

Prime Minister Baldwin was re-elected by his constituency, the Bewdley division of Worcestershire by a majority of 6,369 over Sardin Hancock, Liberal, this being an increase of 926 over his last year's majority. Former Prime Minister Lloyd George was re-elected from the Carnarvon district of Wales over Austin Jones, Conservative. Ramsay MacDonald retained the seat for Aberavon, Glamorgan, Wales, with a majority of 3,515 over his Conservative opponent. Mr. Austin Chamberlain and his brother Neville Chamberlain were re-elected for Birmingham.

Although Arthur Henderson, the Labor Leader, was defeated, his son Arthur Henderson, also Labor, won a victory in South Cardiff over a Conservative. Of the lady candidates seven are accounted for as victors, namely: Lady Astor, (Conservative); the Duchess of Athol, (Conservative); Miss Lawrence, (Labor); Miss Margaret Wintingham, (Liberal); Lady Torrington, (Liberal); Miss Jawsom, (Labor) and Miss Bondfield, (Labor).

Manchester Results Disappointing. Manchester results were disappointing to the Conservatives and Liverpool also failed to come up to Mr. Baldwin's expectations. With 586 seats out of 615 accounted for up to 6 p.m. the standing of the parties was: Conservatives, 252; Labor, 182; Liberals, 142; Other parties, 10. The Laborites are thus definitely assured of being returned as His Majesty's Opposition in the House of Commons, as the Liberals could not overtake them even if they won all the remaining seats. The greatest number of seats the Laborites ever held before was 144.

The situation now is one of the most complex that has ever occurred in British politics. It is generally believed that Premier Baldwin will continue to conduct the Government until he meets with defeat in the House of Commons, since it will be impossible for him to put through the Protection measures which formed the only purpose of his campaign. He will probably invite defeat as the most graceful way out of this position by proposing any measure in the House which the Laborites and Liberals will unitedly oppose. The Government would thus be overthrown and the King, according to custom, will summon Mr. J. Ramsay MacDonald as the leader of the official Opposition, to form a Cabinet.

LATEST LONDON, Dec. 7.—With the exceptions of a few seats in Orkney and Shetland Islands and some of the Universities the returns from which have not yet been received, the new House of Commons is now complete. At 11 o'clock tonight the returns showed standing of parties as: Conservatives, 259; Labor, 185; Liberals, 148; Other parties, 10.

BEWDLEY, Dec. 7.—After the declaration of the poll here today showing him winner with more than six thousand majority over his Liberal opponent, Mr. Stanley Baldwin said to his constituents: "I think from the looks of things I am going to have a rather difficult time in front but I'm never afraid of difficulties and at all events I shall be able to face them knowing I have your confidence and support."



PREMIER'S SON A SOCIALIST. Oliver Baldwin, son of Premier Baldwin of Great Britain, who fought against his father in the election Thursday. He supported the Labor-Socialists under Ramsay MacDonald, and declared that "the only protection needed was protection from such a government," referring to his father's regime.

SCREAMING COMEDY BY THE HARKINS PLAYERS

Last Night's Performance At The Prince Edward Theatre Was Greatly Enjoyed.

The popular W. S. Harkins Company again distinguished themselves at the Prince Edward Theatre last night before a large and appreciative audience in the daring comedy of modern life "Twin Beds," the latest New York production to be seen in this city. The play, dramatised from Salisbury Field's book of the same title, contained farcical matter enough to make up a half dozen lesser comedies and laughable situations followed each other as in last night's comedy, are purposely exaggerated. It was in the way this was "put across," however, and in the careful attention which had evidently been given to every detail that made the production, which in poorer hands might have become merely vulgar, a successful, amusing and quite harmless bit of fun from start to finish.

The Harkins Players have got very far away indeed from the old time slapstick comedy and the melodramatic sob-stuff which formerly used to form the stock in trade of too many visiting theatrical companies. Every performance so far given has carried a plot adhering closely enough to nature to make it intensely interesting, even when the lines as in last night's comedy, are purposely exaggerated. It is the combination of events ordinary enough in themselves to Liberals but in spite of this the opposition Labor increased its representation by about forty members. Labor remains the official opposition party second in power. With the possible retirement of Baldwin as Premier a Labor-Liberal coalition is now regarded as likely. If this should develop the Laborites would undoubtedly insist upon Ramsay MacDonald for Premiership in view of their second party strength. The cooperation of the Liberals would also be doubtless demanded for tax reform of some description whether or not Labor is able to realize its desire for straight capital tax. On the other hand some predict the possibility of a Conservative Liberal combination under Lord Derby Herbert Asquith or David Lloyd George. This would be virtually the resurrection of Lloyd George's wartime coalition. One big outstanding certainty, however, is that in the event that no coalition is effected, the marked and unexpected gains of Labor, taken with the Liberal gains makes another general election inevitable in the near future.

LLOYD GEORGE CHAGRINED AND VENOMOUS. LONDON, Dec. 7.—Lloyd George whose energetic campaigning had much to do with the result at the polls gave the following statement to the United Press today. "Although the final result is not yet known the returns thus far make it clear that the attempted trickery of the honest man ignominiously failed. The most gratifying feature is that the farming districts rejected the huge bribes of 11,000,000 pounds sterling offered them by the incorruptible honest man." Lloyd George means Premier Stanley Baldwin who went before the electors under the title "Bribes to Farmers" to which he refers were the proposed farm subsidies in lieu of tariff on foodstuffs.

MR. ASQUITH SATISFIED. LONDON, Dec. 7.—Former Premier Asquith returning to London tonight as leader of the reunited Liberal party was greeted by crowds with shouts of "good old Asquith." Speaking from a motor car he said: "We have killed protection, free trade is safe, protection is dead and buried."

RESULTS Bethnal Green, Southwest, X.—P. A. Harris, Liberal, (unchanged). Swansea, X.—D. Williams, Labor, unchanged. Bethnal Green, Northeast.—W. Windsor, Labor, (Labor gain over Liberals). Cardiff East.—Sir H. Webb, Liberal (Liberal gain from Conservative). Finsbury.—R. Gillett, Labor, (Labor gain from Conservative). Liverpool, West Toxteth.—Sir R. Hueston, Conservative, unchanged. Bradford East, X.—F. W. Jewett, Labor, unchanged. Middlesex, Twickenham, X.—Sir William Johnson-Hicks, Conservative, 12,903; S. Herman, Labor 5,509; H. Baker, Liberal, 4,858, unchanged. Leyton East.—Major Church, Labor (Labor gain from Conservative). Bristol Central.—Sir T. Inskip, Conservative, unchanged. Lancashire Middleton and Prestwich.—Sandeman, Conservative, 10,029. (Conservative gain from Liberals). Hastings.—Lord E. Percy, Conservative, 11,913. (unchanged). Portsmouth Central.—Bransford Liberal, (Liberal gain from Conservatives). Middlesex Finchley.—T. A. Robertson, Liberal (Liberal gain from Conservatives). Lancashire West Houghton, X.—R. J. Davies, Labor, unchanged. Middlesex Woodgreen, X.—C. Locker-Lampson, Conservative, unchanged. Paddington North, X.—W. G. Pering, Conservative, unchanged.

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LOCAL G. W. V. A. HELD ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Charlottetown Branch Great War Veterans Association, was held in the Association rooms last night with the president, Comrade P. E. Palmer, in the chair. The reports of the various committees showed very satisfactory work for the year. The secretary's report which appears below, was first read and was followed by the report of Comrade P. E. Noonan, chairman of the financial committee, which showed net receipts to Nov. 1st of \$3,561.95, and an expenditure of \$2,616.50. After paying a grant of \$500 to the Dominion Command the cash on hand and in the bank was shown to be \$74.17, plus cash on poppy sale amounting to \$372.18. This satisfactory balance in commanding the work accomplished was highly gratifying. The usual interest and installment on the mortgage had been paid, as well as necessary repairs to the building and the insurance premiums, which are now paid up for three years.

SECRETARY'S REPORT To the President, Executive and Members of the Charlottetown Branch, G. W. V. A. Comrades:— Your secretary-treasurer begs to submit for your approval the more important phases of the activities of the command during the fiscal year ending November 30th, 1923. The year has been one of important happenings in demanding great and sustained effort on the part of those who showed their willingness to work, in order to make it possible to carry on. The devoted and untiring energy displayed by the members of the Executive certainly deserve recognition.

Executive meetings were held, where all matters pertaining to the association were dealt with. The financial requirements for the year have been heavy, necessitating a special endeavor for the raising of funds. The amount received from membership subscriptions, being insufficient to meet the needs of the command, it was necessary to raise funds through the holding of entertainments, dances etc., a number being held during the year which were all successful both financially and socially, being made so by the unselfish services of the committees in charge.

During the early part of October a communication was received from Comrade C. G. MacNeill (Dom. Secretary-Treasurer) stating that he was unable to carry on through lack of funds, the Dominion Command being financially embarrassed through struggle caused by officials of the D. S. C. R. and Board of Pension Commission proving delinquent by the Royal Commission. The support of this Command was given financially to the extent of five hundred (\$500.) dollars, in addition to the support of other branches. The Dominion Command, though with a much reduced staff, was enabled to continue the adjustment work, and now provision has been made for a continuation of the unparalleled work done by the G. W. V. A. in the past few years.

The success of the celebration during the visit of their Excellencies (The Governor General and Lady Byng of Vimy) was wholly due to the efforts of this Association. A grant was received from the Provincial Government, to defray the expense of fire works set off at Victoria Park. Pardonable pride may be taken in the fact, that a representation from this branch of the Association, was among those who welcomed their excellencies on arrival at this city, and before their departure an address was presented by the G. W. V. A., and in a very fitting reply His Excellency said "Comradeship to me means everything." The portrait which hangs in this room, was presented to us during His Excellency's visit. Service was given to a great many comrades in various ways; cases pertaining to pensions were dealt with, a number of which have been satisfactorily adjusted. Recent adjustments were:— A pension increased from fifty (50) to one hundred (100) percent. Pension granted to a dependent mother.

Only yesterday transportation was obtained for a comrade to proceed to Halifax for treatment, the man being discharged with a disability, which was claimed to exist previous to enlistment. A number of medals were secured for comrades, who were unable to obtain them through their own efforts. Relief work was carried on to some extent during the last winter months, and already this season, we have been called upon for assistance. Our Association was instrumental in having a separate Soldiers' Advisor appointed for this Province, otherwise, the nearest Soldiers' Advisor would be at Halifax, and would be of much assistance to the returned men of Prince Edward Island.

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In closing President Palmer commended the work of his executive officers and of the Ladies Auxiliary. He was convinced that the Charlottetown Branch will continue to perform invaluable service not only to returned men but to the country generally. Col. H. D. Johnson Col. H. D. Johnson reviewed his duties as Soldiers' Advisor and gave some interesting examples of cases of disability which have come to his attention. He referred to the establishment of the Board of Appeal. As advisor he was prepared to present to the authorities matters of grievance relative to soldiers' treatment, pensions or disability, due to war service, could of course be taken up. Since his appointment in October, thirty-eight cases have come to his attention and evidence in these is being collected. Five of these cases are now in the hands of the Fed December 20th

AGAIN ELECTED

Lady Astor, the witty woman M. P., who was forced to enter and leave some of the halls in which she spoke in the recent British campaign, by way of a rear window, not because of unpopularity, but because of popularity, so great were the crowds attending to hear her witty handling of hecklers.

PACIFIC COAST STORM TAKES TOLL OF 16

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 7.—Sixteen persons are believed to have perished as a result of a 24 hour gale which swept the northwest coast territory Wednesday night and early yesterday causing great property damage, crippling communication facilities and inundating portions of several States. Fifteen persons are believed to have been drowned when the steamer T. W. Lake sank yesterday in Rosario Strait.

to express to the Ladies Auxiliary and other ladies, our sincere thanks for their excellent support in making the sale of poppies the success it was, and for all support given us during the year. The parade and memorial service held on Armistice day is also worthy of mention. All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. E. SHERREN Secy-Treas. Ch'ottown Branch G. W. V. A. Other reports were submitted by Comrade Woodside for the House Committee, Comrade McDougall for the Membership Committee and Comrade Larter for the Entertainment Committee, the latter committee having had a particularly busy and successful year.

The President's Address President Palmer in his address spoke of the work which the Association has accomplished throughout Canada for returned men and their dependents in securing pension bonuses and gratuities, medical and dental treatment, vocational training and further concessions to widows and orphans. Other organizations such as the Red Cross and the I. O. D. vision has been made for a continuation of the unparalleled work done by the G. W. V. A. in the past few years.

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MEXICAN UPRISING SPREADS

(Canadian Press) VERA CRUZ, Mexico, Dec. 7.—Troops in the entire Maritime Zone, have joined in rebellion against President Obregon and General Calles, according to a report received here this morning. The rebellion is said to embrace the whole of the Huasteca oil region. Leaders of the movement, including Adolfo De La Huerta, General Sanchez, chief of the military operations in this district and Jorge Prieto Laurens are preparing to set up a provisional government here and plan to elect one of their number as provisional president. Rafael Zubaran Capmany is reported to be slated for a position. The purpose of the movement appears to be to prevent federal interference with the affairs of the States.

Plans Survey of the North Pole Region EXPEDITION BEING ORGANIZED BY UNITED STATES NAVY

(Canadian Press) WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Next Summer a comprehensive expedition organized by the United States Navy will undertake an extensive survey of the North Polar region. The exploration, which is intended to wrest from the far north the secrets which have been sought by scientists and hardy navigators for centuries will be made largely, if not wholly, via the air. On announcing to-day the appointment of a board of officers to work out detailed plans for the expedition, Secretary of the Navy Denby said nobody yet knew whether the giant airship, Shenandoah, will be used or heavier-than-air craft employed. The board, which is headed by Rear Admiral William E. Moffett, chief of the Bureau of Aeronautics, is to determine this question and work out all plans. President Coolidge has formally authorized the expedition in a letter addressed to Secretary Denby, which was made public to-day. Apparently Secretary Denby shares the view of Admiral Moffett and many others that the Shenandoah would be the ideal craft for the expedition provided a detailed study of all conditions which must be met and overcome in order to succeed does not operate to bar the big rigid. The fact that Mr. Denby has called into the active naval service Captain Robert A. Bartlett, who commanded the "Roosevelt," on which the late Admiral Robert E. Peary made his last successful journey to the Polar regions, is construed as meaning that the navy will exhaust every possible channel of information to seek to profit by the experience of those who have gone before.

PRES. BEATTY AT HALIFAX

(Canadian Press) HALIFAX, Dec. 7.—E. W. Beatty, President of the Canadian Pacific Railway, was officially received at the Halifax Board of Trade Rooms this morning by Hon. D. A. Cameron, Provincial Secretary of the Province, Mayor Murphy on behalf of the city, and the President and Council of the Board of Trade. President Beatty in his remarks made reference to tourist trade in Nova Scotia. At noon there was a public reception given President Beatty, at which some two hundred persons were present. President Beatty in his address was non-committal and conservative but breathed an air of hope for the ultimate prosperity and greatness of Canada.

Death Last Night Of Mrs. W. G. Lewin

It is with deep regret the Guardian reports the death at the P. E. Island Hospital last night of Mrs. Olive A. Lewin, wife of Commander W. G. Lewin, of this city, which took place about 9 p. m. after an illness of only a few hours. It was learned yesterday afternoon that Mrs. Lewin was seriously ill but her decease will be a shock not only to the immediate family but to a host of friends to whom Mrs. Lewin has endeared herself since taking up her residence in this Province a few years ago. Mrs. Lewin was a native of Western Australia and was the daughter of a prominent citizen there, the late Mr. Jas. Butler. Her mother and five brothers, all of whom served with the Australian forces in the Great War, survive her in Australia. There are also two sisters in Italy and at Malta. In this city there are left in mourning the bereaved husband three children, Willie, aged nine, Joan, aged six and Jimmy, aged three. Mrs. Lewin possessed a personality of rare charm and was devoted to her home and family, where her loss will be very deeply felt. She was a qualified nurse, was well versed in music, possessing a splendid voice. She was identified with the I. O. D. E. since coming to this city and had a large circle of warm friends and acquaintances. Her death occurred at the early age of thirty-nine years. The funeral announcement will appear later.

Free State Loan Oversubscribed

(Canadian Press) DUBLIN, Dec. 7.—It is announced that the Irish Free State loan of ten million pounds has been over-subscribed. The books were closed today.

Laval Wins French Prize

(Canadian Press) PARIS, Dec. 7.—The French Academy at its annual meeting today awarded the prize for faithful service in the cause of the French language abroad to Laval University, Quebec.

The Weather, Etc.

13 MORE SHOPPING DAYS. TORONTO, Dec. 8.—Maritime south westerly winds fair and mild. High tide this morning at 11.01 and tonight at 10.30. Sun sets this afternoon at 4.15 and rises tomorrow morning at 7.30. First quarter moon Friday, Dec. 14th, 9.30 p. m.

Announcements, Coming Events, Meetings, Etc. RATES—2 cents per word each insertion. *The annual meeting of Long Creek Farmers' Institute at Cliff Hall on Saturday evening, Dec. 8, at 7 o'clock. Please attend. 246-12-7-21. **There will be a bazaar and chicken supper in Cliff Hall Wednesday, Dec. 12. 261-12-7-21. **The Annual Meeting of the Brackley Point Road Telephone Co., will be held in Harrington Hall, Wednesday evening, December 12th at 7.30 p. m. 12-8-21. **The Methodist and Presbyterian Sunday School of Hunter River will hold a Union Christmas tree and concert at Hunter River Hall, Dec. 12. 379-12-8-21.