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SOUTH AFRICAN PARTY WON IN YESTERDAY'S ELECTIONS

General Smuts Wins Decisive Victory Over Nationalists Who Ran a Campaign for Separation from Empire and Appealed to Racial Prejudices of Boers.

(Special to The Guardian.)
LONDON, March 12.—In the South African elections yesterday, it is understood that the Nationalists shirked the Republican issue. A forecast of the result given the South African Party 48 seats; the Unionists 34; the Nationalists 40; and Labor 12.

The present position of the parties in the South African parliament is: South Africans 55; Unionists 38; Nationalists 27; Labor 5 and Independent 6; vacant 2.

The forecasts of the results, evidently based on nearly incomplete returns, which is given in the above cable indicates that the South African Party under the leadership of General Smuts has scored a decisive victory over the Nationalists. The leaders of the Nationalists in the recent campaign came

out for separation from Great Britain and endeavored to rally all the forces opposed to British connection to their standard. They waged a bitter campaign making political capital out of the charge that Yorkshire spinners have been profiteering at the expense of South African wool growers and appealing to the racial prejudices of a section of the Boers. It was claimed that they also had the support of a faction of the Labor Party.

As in the previous parliament Premier Smuts it is expected, will have the support of the Unionists in Imperial matters and the result of the elections, as shown by early returns, is taken to indicate that there will be no attempt to withdraw South Africa from the Empire.

CAPTAIN AND CREW RESCUED AT SEA

Terrible Experience of Three Masted Schooner and Heroic Rescue of Crew by S.S. Adriatic.

(Dom. Press Special.)
NEW YORK, March 12.—Captain Hayes and five men constituting the crew of the British three masted schooner "Maid of La Have" arrived in New York today on the

White Star liner Adriatic which rescued them from impending death on March 10 when their vessel, battered to a helpless condition by a long succession of storms was adrift at the mercy of the sea about 750 miles east of Sandy Hook. The "Maid of La Have," sailed from St. John's Nfld., February 12 for Bahia, Brazil with a cargo of fish. Captain Hayes reported that from Feb. 11 to March 1 the vessel encountered an unbroken series of violent gales and tremendous seas which finally tore off the bowsprit and carried away all her sails and headgear. The schooner became unmanageable on March 7 but her signals of distress were not observed until Wednesday when the Adriatic went to her rescue, lowered a lifeboat and took off the crew. Before abandoning the schooner the crew was set adrift in a lifeboat which was seen at sea on the direct line of navigation.

CONDENSED SPECIALS

- WANTED—RELIABLE ERRAND boy for drug store. Apply at Guardian Office. 7495-3-3ME1F.
- WNO. ALFRED McDONALD, Land Surveyor, Souris. 7565-3-12-ME91pd
- WANTED—FURNISHED HOUSE by 1st of May. Apply Dr. E. C. Harris. March 7-1wk
- WANTED A MAID ABLE TO DO plain cooking. Another maid kept. Apply Mrs. Edwin Aitken, 291 Euston St. 7595-3-13-ME1F
- WANTED—TWO GENTLEMEN can be accommodated with room and board in private family. Apply 75 Upper Prince Street. 31

U. S. Navy Affected By Hun Propaganda Says Admiral Sims

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Charges that the navy department was the victim of German propaganda were made by Admiral William S. Sims before a Senate Naval Sub committee today. This propaganda misled the department in a misconception of the problem of defending the American coast during the war and prevented full co-operation with the allies. Sims told the committee which is investigating the navy's part in war.

Anti-British Propaganda In United States

CHICAGO, March 12.—Charges that anti-British propaganda stickers have been placed on its coming officers were referred to the Postoffice authorities today, by the Postoffice Refrigration Company, West Adams Street. Postal inspectors, under the direction of General James E. Stuart, began an immediate investigation. According to officers of the Refrigration company, the firm has received a number of letters from Customers either protesting or praising the printed labels "but nothing that is made in England" on McClellan envelopes. Several customers wrote to ask where the labels could be found and others wrote criticizing the propaganda. The postoffice department is investigating.

Irish Unionism And Tomorrow

(Dom. Press Special.)
LONDON, March 12.—"Belfast Unionism seems to care nothing for tomorrow" the Times asserts in commenting on the decision of the Belfast council to support Lloyd George's new plan for Home Rule in Ireland. Most unionists, the Times believes, "will find it hard to disguise their profound disappointment at the decision which threatens to confine the unionist area of influence to six Irish counties."

EMPIRE COTTON GROWING NOW A STRONG PROBABILITY

Fifteen Million Pounds to be Invested by English Capitalists to Produce Cotton on Commercial Basis in Cotton Growing Parts of Empire.

(Special to The Guardian.)
LONDON, March 12.—Empire cotton growing on a commercial basis immediately is foreshadowed from a meeting held yesterday in the House of Commons which was attended by some of the Lancashire members of the House and other persons financially interested in the cotton trade, according to the Man-

chester Guardian. The suggestion was approved, says the newspaper that the Lancashire capitalists provide £15,000,000 sterling for commercial development to be invested in cotton growing in some sections of the empire subject to reasonable facilities by road and rail to be provided by the colonies where cotton is grown.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF SIR ROBERT'S COURSE

Caucus of Unionist Members and Senators in Message to Sir Robert Express Approval of His Course and Allegiance to Acting Premier and Government.

(Dom. Press Special.)
OTTAWA, March 12.—"We approve of the rest you are taking and which you have so justly earned and we assure you of our determination to carry on and to give our whole-hearted support to the acting Prime Minister and the Government during your absence," says the message which the caucus of Unionist Senators and members of the Commons today unanimously decided to forward to Sir Robert Borden.

The Government's supporters were called upon to pronounce upon the arrangements whereby Sir Robert remained at the head of the administration and was enabled to

seek in a long holiday restoration of his health and to entrust the duties and responsibilities of his office to Sir George Foster.

In consenting to this arrangement the Prime Minister insisted that it should be submitted to his followers in parliament for their ratification. Events which have transpired since the opening of the session made it a foregone conclusion, embodying the legislators' consent and their message to Sir Robert was introduced by H. H. Stevens of Centre Vancouver, a conservative, and seconded by S. S. Mowat of Parkdale, a liberal unionist. It was carried without a dissenting voice.

Condensed Telegrams

(Dom. Press Special.)
RECEPTION AT ONTARIO GOVERNMENT HOUSE

TORONTO, March 12.—His Honor the Lieut. Governor of Ontario and Mrs. Lionel Clark gave a very pleasant luncheon at Government House yesterday for the members of the Ontario legislature. More than 115 guests were present.

Want Civil Servants Excluded from G.W.V.A. Positions

OTTAWA, March 12.—That civil servants be excluded from holding any executive positions in the Great War Veterans' Association of Canada, is the latest demand of veterans in different parts of the Dominion. Strongly worded resolutions voting this demand have been received by the Dominion Secretary Mr. McNeil from many branches in Canada with the request that they be submitted to the general convention which takes place in Montreal this month. The place in objection is raised because of the desire of the members to keep the association absolutely free of any government favoring influences.

U. S. Sends Help To Pussyfoot

(Dom. Press Special.)
WASHINGTON, March 12.—Canada is expected to issue in the near future a decree placing drastic restrictions on the importation of non-essentials, according to an official despatch today to the Department of Commerce. The unfavorable foreign exchange situation was said to be the reason for the proposed action.

Prince of Wales Hon. Com. C.M.P.

(Special to The Guardian.)
LONDON, March 12.—The Prince of Wales, it is understood has accepted a position of honorary commandant of the Canadian Mounted Police.

OTTAWA KNOWS NOTHING OF IT

(Dom. Press Special.)
OTTAWA, March 12.—The Government has taken no action, said Hon. N. W. Rowell, President of the Privy Council, when shown a despatch from Washington to the effect that Canada was expected to issue a decree placing drastic restrictions on the importation of non-essentials because of the unfavorable exchange situation. There is really nothing to say about it he stated.

London to Rome by Wireless

(Special to The Guardian.)
LONDON, March 12.—Wireless telephone communication has been established between England and Rome, the Daily Mail announces. The distance is more than 1,000 miles.

BASEBALL METHODS IN SPELLING

(Dom. Press Special.)
KANE, Pa., March 12.—The baseball method of teaching spelling has been adopted here in the schools. Three words correctly spelled constitute a hit, while one misspelled word is an out, and sends the striker to the bench.

BRITISH MINERS DEMAND INCREASE

LONDON, March 12.—Conference of British miners in session here today decided to demand a wage increase of three shillings a day (75 cents normal exchange).

ALL ALIENS IN CANADA RELEASED

(Dom. Press Special.)
OTTAWA, March 12.—All aliens who were interned during the war and who have not already been repatriated have been released in Canada, Hon. C. J. Doherty, Minister of Justice said in the Commons yesterday.

ADVOCATES SPECIAL TAXATION FOR REDUCTION OF H. C. L.

British Controller of Finance Declares two Billion Pounds Must be Refunded or Paid off Before Vicious Circle is Stopped and Recommends Special Taxation.

(Special to The Guardian.)
LONDON, March 12.—Giving testimony today before the committee on taxation of war wealth, B. H. Blackett, Controller of Finance to the Treasury advocated special taxation. He said there was real necessity for large contributions to the reduction of the national debt and urgent necessity to obtain cash by taxation. For this it would be desirable, he said, to get rid of

what we termed the everlasting rise in prices. He said the longer the situation was left the worse it would be for the vicious system would continue and a crash would come. Mr. Blackett said there were one billion pounds in treasury bills and one billion pounds in ways and means advances to be refunded or paid off and until this was done it would be impossible to stop the present vicious circle.

STARTLING BOLSHEVISM REVEALED IN OTTAWA

Attempt to Make Anglican Clergyman Take Part in Plot to Kill Canadian Official. Plot Frustrated. Clergyman Guarded by Police.

OTTAWA, March 12.—The residence of Rev. George Bousfield is today guarded by police as the result of a statement made to the authorities by the Anglican clergyman that an attempt was made to become an accomplice in a Bolshevik plot against the life of a high Canadian Government official.

The plot itself has been frustrated, it is said, as a result of the minister's report to the Dominion Police but the Rev. Bousfield is under such close guard that even newspaper men have been unable to obtain a statement from him. The case is a most serious one and he has flatly refused to give inside facts.

British Warship Fired on by Turks

(Special to The Guardian.)
LONDON, March 12.—It was stated in the House of Commons today that the British warship Steadfast had been fired on in the Black Sea by Green Guards and struck by a 60 pound shell. No details have yet been received of all the casualties or the damage.

Blame Massacre On Greek Troops

LONDON, March 12.—Responsibility for the recent massacre of Turkish civilians in the Vilayet of Aidin is placed upon the Greek army of occupation by an International Investigation Commission, appointed to enquire into the results of Greek occupation of Smyrna and the surrounding districts. The commission, which consists of Generals Buncust for France, Hare for Britain, and Dalloio for Italy, and Admiral Bristol for the United States, report their enquiry has proved that the general condition of Christians in the Aidin Vilayet has not been satisfactory and their safety has not been threatened, but that the Greeks did nothing to prevent the manifestations of religious hatred round Smyrna.

Forbid Display Of German Flags

LONDON, March 12.—Irritation prevails in the second Schleswig plebiscite region in consequence of the International Commission's prohibition against the display of German flags, says a wireless despatch received from Berlin. The despatch adds that on Sunday at Flensburg the crowds sang German songs wherever the Danes appeared. The police intervened and arrested many persons.

Bolsheviki Prepare For Spring Campaign

(Dom. Press Special.)
LONDON, March 12.—In preparation for a "vigorous Spring campaign the Bolsheviki in South Russia are equipping a river fleet on the Volga and other vessels for operations on the Caspian Sea to begin as soon as the ice goes out, it was learned from an official at the War Office today. The British regard the situation in the Crimea and Turkestan as decidedly favorable to Bolsheviki Northern Russia. Skobeltins counter revolutionary forces are believed to have perished of cold and disease on the barren wastes along the Murman railway. Treatment of Kolchak's former officers in Siberia is regarded as a sign of a new policy. The fall of Irkutsk without subsequent terrorism is cited as an instance of this new style of Bolsheviki campaigning.

Senate Discusses Geographical and Mines Branch

(Special to The Guardian.)
LONDON, March 12.—There is now \$5,000,000 worth of furs in Montreal awaiting the Canadian Fur Auction Sales, which take place beginning on March 22nd. Everything has been so successful that another sale is planned for the latter part of June, when furs valued at the same amount, will be offered for sale.

5,000,000 WORTH OF FURS

OTTAWA, March 12.—The resignation of officers of the geological and mines branch was discussed today in the Senate. Senator Tessier said that he hoped the Government could do something to stop the movements of experts from the mines branch, who were paid higher salaries elsewhere. Senator Doherty said that while the Government had to have experts it would be difficult to advance the pay of the whole technical staff of the Government beyond private bidding.

THE ALASKA SERVICE

The C.P.R. steamer Princess Mary and Princess Alice are resuming the Alaska service this summer. The Princess Alice, sailing from Victoria June 18th, and Vancouver 19th, will open the weekly schedule.

SERIOUS SITUATION PREVAILS IN DAMASCUS AND SYRIA

Son of King of the Hedjaz has been Proclaimed King of Syria and Much Excitement Prevails. Beirut Celebrates its Independence. Arabs Threaten to Join Turks.

(Special to The Guardian.)
LONDON, March 12.—Official advice, state that the situation in Damascus is serious. Prince Feisal, son of the King of the Hedjaz has been proclaimed King of Syria according to advice received in Cairo from Beirut. Emirfeisal, it is explained, thought it advisable to summon the Syrian Congress which had threatened to declare the complete independence of the country and proclaim him King. Emir, it is stated, succeeded temporarily in forestalling such action, requiring the postponement of the meeting of the congress which had been called for March 6 but the excitement was said to be so great that he was compelled to accede to the demands. Much opposition has been evidenced in Syria, over the proposed arrangement for the future government of the country. It was reported from Paris in January that Emir Feisal had reached an agreement with the French Government under which he would recognize a French mandate for the whole of Syria in return for which France would recognize the formation of an Arabian state to include Damascus, Aleppo, Hama and Haman under the administration of the

Prince. Later advice however indicate that the Syrians were enlisting upon independence.

Syria Proclaimed Independent

BEIRUT, Syria, March 12.—The Syrian Congress at Damascus has declared Syria to be an independent state. There were fireworks tonight and Beirut celebrated its independence. It is reported that Prince Feisal, son of the King of the Hedjaz, will be crowned king of Syria tomorrow, Palestine, Lebanon included in the district where the Arabs are voting freely, apparently with the purpose of forcing the peace conference to recognize Syria under a treaty of co-operation with the Turkish nationalists if independence is refused them. The Arabs claim to have 100,000 troops ready to co-operate with the Turks in Cilicia and Anatolia. Apparently they are willing to accept French advisers.

Allies Will Occupy Turk Points

PARIS, March 12.—The allies have decided to occupy the ports of Ismid and Mundania in Asiatic Turkey, a London despatch today says. Trebizond also probably will be occupied the despatch said.

SCHOOL COLLAPSES DURING STORM

Several Children Injured—Many Buildings in Neighborhood Blown Down.

WILLIAMSTOWN, Ky., March 12.—Twenty-five school children were injured, several seriously, when a school house at Sherman Grant County, collapsed during a heavy windstorm today. Reports from Sherman state that most of the buildings there were leveled by the storm. The gale was general over several northern Kentucky counties.

France Resumes Relations With Vatican

(Special to The Guardian.)
PARIS, March 12.—A measure providing for a resumption of relations with the vatican was introduced by the Government today in the chamber of deputies.

Preparing for Trouble in Ireland

(Dom. Press Special.)
LONDON, March 12.—The Irish correspondent of The Daily Graphic, telegraphs that big guns are arriving in Dublin and that the streets are being patrolled by armoured cars. Excitement is reported to be running high.

Mystery Signals Will be Tested

LONDON, March 12.—Organized tests of the mysterious signals supposed to come from some other planet will be made towards the end of April, when Mars reaches the nearest points to the earth. Godfrey Isaac, director of the Marconi organization announced today. All Marconi stations will be instructed to watch out for mysterious messages from a star, adding: "We will try first to discover whether the sounds are picked up in various parts of the world in the same instant because if so, the theory that they are definite messages from another planet will be enormously strengthened."

Prince Leaves on Tuesday for Australia

(Special to The Guardian.)
PORTSMOUTH, March 12.—The Prince of Wales will start on his tour to Australia next Tuesday.

New York Fur Sales

(Special to The Guardian.)
NEW YORK, March 11.—Price strength is still the outstanding feature of the fur trade according to the arch report of the New York fur auction sales corporation, which says in part prices for most articles at the points of consumption are the highest on record. A situation justified by the tremendous demand for furs and the depressed supply of many varieties. The confidence of the primary markets both domestic and foreign is indicated by the high prices now being paid for the popular furs, which in some instances are higher than those registered at our recent sale. The report also points out that an appreciable portion of the furs sold at the recent auction was purchased for immediate shipment abroad which it says is due no doubt to a return of confidence in Europe with the improvement in exchange.

Pact With Japs Prime Necessity

PEKING, March 12.—"If given dictatorial powers, I will exercise them." This declaration was made by General Hsu Shucheng in an interview here today, and the first ever granted any foreign correspondent. General Hsu, the dominant figure of the Chinese militarists, and the head of the Anfu Club, and one of the most powerful men in the Peking Government, is a favorite of the old Marshal Pan Teh-hui.

THE WEATHER TEMPERATURE TIDE, MOON ETC.

TORONTO, March 13.—Westerly gales, clearing and colder.

The lowest temperature on Thursday night was 34 above. At 8 o'clock yesterday morning it was the same. The highest yesterday was 43.

The tide will be high this afternoon at 3:46, tomorrow at 4:48, and Monday at 6:04; it will be high tomorrow morning at 6:08, Monday at 7:09 and Tuesday at 8:04.

Sun sets this evening at 6:04, tomorrow at 6:05 and Monday at 6:06; it rises tomorrow morning at 6:14, Monday at 6:12 and Tuesday at 6:10.

Last quarter moon, Friday, March 12th, 1:57 p. m.

New moon, Saturday, March 13th, 6:56 a. m.