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CHARGE BACK DOOR METHODS AND FAMILY PULL ARE MEANS OF SECURING JOBS IN THE C. S.

Attack On Commission and Secretary Made in House: Government Wins Majority of 15 on Second Reading of Act Amendments.

(Special to The Guardian)
OTTAWA, May 5.—After a battle lasting through the afternoon and evening and into the early morning hours, the House today gave second reading to the Civil Service Bill and rejected the special committee, already appointed. A motion by Hon. A. K. MacLean to give the bill the six months' hold was rejected by 72 to 57—a government majority of 15. On the part of Government and Opposition the vote was a straight one. Hon. T. A. Crerar, leader of the Progressives, with his followers, voted with the Opposition in favor of rejection of the bill. Three cross-benchers present, in addition to Mr. MacLean—Messrs. Andrews, (Winnipeg Centre), Buchanan, (Lethbridge), and Campbell (Nelson)—also voted for rejection. Announcement of the division was greeted with cheers from both sides of the House.

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Blackhand Gang Broken up by Police

NINETEEN ALLEGED MEMBERS UNDER ARREST

BRANTON, P. A., May 5.—With nineteen of its alleged members under arrest local and state police expressed the belief that today they had broken up "one of the worst blackhand gangs" that ever operated in this section of the state. The names of the prisoners were held in heavy bail, after hearings before a magistrate.

Five of them turned state's evidence and recited on the witness stand some of the alleged practices of the band. Breaking of the oath of loyalty to the gang was said to mean death to the offender.

Michael E. Tri, said by the police to have been a member of the gang, was slain last night, because the authorities say, he was suspected of being an informer. Progressives, with his followers, voted with the Opposition in favor of rejection of the bill. Three cross-benchers present, in addition to Mr. MacLean—Messrs. Andrews, (Winnipeg Centre), Buchanan, (Lethbridge), and Campbell (Nelson)—also voted for rejection.

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UPPER SILESIA THE SCENE OF FIERCE FIGHTING BETWEEN THE POLES AND ITALIANS

The Poles Have Seized an Important Region and Captured Several Large Cities. French, British and Italian Control Officers Ignored. Allied Forces Said to be Inadequate for Situation.

LONDON, May 5.—Polish elements in Upper Silesia have forcibly taken possession of a wedge-shaped region, the base of which is former German Polish frontier and the apex of which has reached Gross Strenitz.

It is declared in advices received here several large cities are said to be in the hands of the Poles who have reached toward the river and are marching toward the northwest in the direction of Oppeln.

Despatches from Silesia assert that the Poles, angered by reports that the Inter-Allied Plebiscite awarding of only the regions of Pless and Rybnik in southwestern Silesia to Poland have declared their intention to seize the whole region. French, British and Italian control officials have been ignored, it is said, and a report stated that Italian soldiers formed the armed garrison of Gross Strenitz had been engaged in an artillery duel with Polish bands.

Allied officials here to attend the meeting of the Supreme Council make no secret of the fact that the situation in Upper Silesia has approached a crisis. It is realized that the Allied military forces in Silesia are inadequate to cope with the revolt.

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PREMIER MEIGHEN DEALS WITH AN IMPORTANT CONSTITUTIONAL PROBLEM

He Makes a Pronouncement in the Manchester Guardian Anniversary Number Regarding the Place of the Dominions in The Empire; Complete Freedom And Equality of Status Must be Position of Daughter States.

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, May 5.—Premier Meighen of Canada has an important announcement to make on the constitutional problem of the place of the Dominions in the Empire in the special number today of the Manchester Guardian anniversary, in this message Premier Meighen after stressing the doctrine that the relations of the Dominion to the Mother Country must be based on the recognition of the complete freedom and equality of status of the daughter states, says that it is a common experience that in constitutional questions in disputes as to whether we have in fact arrived at

such a status or whether it has been generally accepted as an actual working basis in the conduct of Imperial affairs.

In this controversy, says Mr. Meighen, the Dominions may be said to be unique, for no other colonial countries enjoy such special and relative tendencies as their constitutional position is fixed and taken for granted.

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CONFERENCE BETWEEN PREMIER DESIGNATE FOR ULSTER AND EAMMON DE VALERA

The Two Leaders Exchange Their Respective Viewpoints. The Meeting Regarded as of Great Importance.

(Special to The Guardian)
BELFAST, May 5.—Sir James Craig, Premier Designate for Ulster and Professor Eammon De Valera, the Sinn Fein leader, had a conference on Irish affairs in Dublin today. It was announced officially this afternoon.

It was added that they exchanged their respective viewpoints. The discussion between Sir James and De Valera, it was said, was quite apart from the position in Ulster which remains unchanged.

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PAPERS TIED UP

PETERBORO, Ont., May 5.—Peterboro is still enjoying all the thrills of a strike affecting the printing trades of the city. All the job printers are out, and the Examiner, the only daily newspaper in this city, is issuing six pages daily, with a reduced staff, under the open shop conditions.

1300 TONS SENT BY NEAR EAST RELIEF, TUESDAY

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 4.—Food supplies for the people of Armenia left here on the steamer Georgia, which sailed yesterday for Batumi with a cargo of 1300 tons of food furnished by the Near East Relief. The vessel carried a number of relief workers.

CONDENSED SPECIALS

WANTED—ROOMS FOR LIGHT housekeeping. G. in care of Guardian.

TO RENT—FURNISHED HOUSE for one year from June 5th. Apply 22 Pleasant Street or phone 874.

FOR SALE—Grey wicker baby carriage, cost \$60. Only fourteen months in use. In good condition. Apply "C" Guardian.

WANTED—MAID FOR GENERAL housework, no washing. Apply Mrs. Edward Hogan, 18 Prince St.

WANTED—A MAN OR BOY FOR farm work. Write Box 367 Charlottetown.

WANTED—TO PURCHASE, SECOND hand go-cart. Apply 227 Richmond Street or telephone 236-Y.

CHIMNEY SWEEPING AND fixing. Apply Mr. Andrew Brown, No. 2 Riley's Lane.

WANTED TO RENT—FURNISHED house, good location by June 1. Apply Guardian office.

Sir Sam Hughes' Condition Improved

OTTAWA, May 5.—Sir Sam Hughes, former Minister of Militia, who has been dangerously ill for several weeks, spent a good night and is reported today to be quite cheerful.

Germany Must Be Disarmed

LONDON, May 5.—Germany must be compelled to disarm so France can take her eyes off the frontier, Premier Lloyd George told the House of Commons today, in announcing the Allied reparations ultimatum to Berlin.

Reviewing the conference of the Allied Supreme Council, Lloyd George said the ultimatum was served, not because Germany had defaulted on terms of the Peace Treaty but because of her general attitude.

The Supreme Council, he said, is convinced that the terms devised by it and the reparations commission are fair to Germany and that they are workable.

Ford Becomes Miller

DETROIT, Mich., May 5.—Henry Ford has become a miller for the benefit of his employees. Wheat harvested from his farm in Dearborn has been ground into flour and is being sold to employees from the company's stores, River Rouge and Highland Park.

Hope Abandoned At Rustico

No further trace has been found of the two fishermen, Messrs. Sclomon and Martin Gallant, who have been missing at Rustico since Tuesday. Practically all hope has been abandoned and it is supposed they perished by the upset of their boat in the rough seas prevailing on that day.

Letter From Carson

Friends Urged to Close Up Their Ranks for Election

Rotary Luncheon Last Evening

The monthly supper of the Rotary Club was held in the Davies Hotel last evening with President A. Irvin in the chair. The visitors included Rotarian J. H. Winfield, Halifax, and Mr. S. A. McEwen, two new members. Commandant Lewis and Mr. H. J. Phillips were introduced and took their seats for the first time. The Rotary charge was delivered to them by Rotarian W. S. Grant.

Mr. Stanley Bagnall Graduates With Honors

Mr. Stanley Bagnall, eldest son of Dr. J. S. Bagnall, dentist, Charlottetown, graduated yesterday in the science of dentistry at Dalhousie University, receiving the degree of D. D. S. Dr. Stanley Bagnall had his practical training in his father's office and had completed two years of his course at the University when the war broke out. He immediately enlisted and subsequently went overseas as Captain of the 8th Siege Battery.

German Cabinet Has Resigned

BERLIN, May 5.—The German Cabinet has resigned. The Berlin correspondent of the London Times understands that Chancellor Fehrenbach, and Foreign Minister Simons have resigned, but that the rest of the Cabinet remains. He also says that the suggestion of Dr. Stamer as the new Foreign Minister has been dropped at his request.

Two Million Men Are Idle

CHICAGO, May 5.—Slightly more than 2,000,000 men were unemployed in the nineteen States of the Union when May day was ushered in according to estimates given the Associated Press by the Government Labor state and Industrial officials.

John Doughty Makes Appeal for a Ruling

TORONTO, May 4.—Judge Denton having refused to state a case on the application of John Doughty's lawyer when Doughty was found guilty recently of theft of bonds, the property of A. J. Small Doughty will appeal to the second divisional court at Osgoode Hall on Monday.

A Faith Healer Killed in Error

SOUTH ORANGE, N. J., May 5.—Mrs. Celeste Cassese, described as a faith healer, was murdered by bandits, who leaped on the running board of an automobile in which she was returning from a visit to a patient. One of the four masked men stabbed her to death. As they boarded the car three of the men seized the driver, Michael Selitto, and bound him. The other man attacked Mrs. Cassese. It is thought that she may have been mistaken for another woman, as for the settlement of the car three of the men asked: "Did you pay attention to the letters?" The police theory is that Mrs. Cassese was mistaken for the mother of several black hand threats demanding \$2,500.

THE BUDGET ON MONDAY

OTTAWA, May 5.—The budget will be presented on Monday. It was announced in the House this afternoon.

DEVALERA'S MANIFESTO

Eammon De Valera issued the following manifesto to the Irish people, appealing to them to rally to the Republican standard at the coming elections. By your overwhelming choice of Republican candidates at the general elections of 1918, he says in the manifesto, "you made known your will in an unmistakable manner. On your suffrages the 'Republic of Ireland' was constitutionally founded, and with your sanction the elected Government proceeded to function, organizing the forces of the State to defend it and demanding from all citizens the obedience legitimately due to constituted authority."

De Valera appeals to the electors to confirm the authority granted in 1918 and strengthen the hands of the Government against "the enemy, both from without and from within."

He says the policy of the Sinn Fein remains unchanged; that it stands for the right of the people, to determine how they shall be governed; for the right of every citizen to an equal vote in the determination; for civil and religious equality; and for full proportional representation safeguarding minorities.

The "Republic of Ireland" De Valera continues, in world politics stands for an association of nations and equality of right by the constituent members with mutual guarantees against aggression and for the settlement of international disputes on the basis of right and justice, instead of force.

THE WEATHER TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC

TORONTO, May 6.—Strong north west winds, fair; not much change in temperature. High tide this morning at 9.28 and tonight at 10.19. Sun sets this evening at 7.15 and rises tomorrow morning at 4.38. New moon Saturday, May 7th 5.02 p. m.

Noozle the Sunshine Kid

I WISH I HAD PICKED RICH PARENTS

