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DAVID LLOYD GEORGE RESIGNS AS PREMIER

Not Follows Repudiation By Unionists; Bonar Law to Form New Cabinet.

London.—After holding the office of prime minister through seven of the most critical years of British history—three years of war and four years of reconstruction—David Lloyd George resigned when the Unionist caucus repudiated the coalition ministry by a vote of 186 to 87. Bonar Law, after a conference with King George, agreed to form a ministry.

Bonar Law was the active leader of the Unionist party until about a year ago, when his health broke down. At that time the reins of leadership passed to Austen Chamberlain, the parliamentary leader of the coalition and keeper of the privy seal.

In the still highly speculative political situation only two facts stand out as definite—that there will be almost immediately a general election and that parliamentary ratification of the Irish constitution is safely assured.

Bonar Law, who is to lead the new government, which will take the place of that of David Lloyd George, in a message to an evening newspaper, confirmed his intention to advise King George immediately to dissolve parliament and added that this fact would give ample time to deal with the Irish legislation.

Mr. Lloyd George, in a message to William Cosgrave, president of the Dail Eireann, has removed any fear of opposition from him in his new position as leader of the opposition in parliament.

FRENCH ASK CONTROL OF GERMAN FINANCES

Paris.—Complete and rigid control of all German finances, power to veto expenditures and regulate taxation and authority to dictate the arrangement of the budget of the various German states are among the chief proposals contained in the plan of the French government for a solution of Germany's financial difficulties and for placing that country in a position to meet her reparations payments.

The plan was submitted to the reparations commission by Louis Barthou, the French representative on the commission. Although not mentioned in the official summary, M. Barthou's plan contemplates a meeting of the leading business men of the world to determine Germany's capacity to pay and to consider the question of inter-allied debts.

DEBT REFUNDING HALTED

Coming of British Commission Postponed By Cabinet Crisis.

Washington, D. C.—Fall of the Lloyd George government gripped the attention of official circles here, both governmental and diplomatic, although no direct immediate effect of the change in the British ministry, further than additional delay in the British debt-refunding negotiations, was expected to be apparent in relations between the United States and Great Britain.

The immediate result of the crisis, already felt in Washington, is the postponement of the coming to this country of the British debt commission, headed by Sir Robert Horne, chancellor of the exchequer in the Lloyd George cabinet.

Preparations for discussion of the problem of refunding the British war debt to the United States through issuance of long-term British securities had been made by the treasury and state departments. It appeared doubtful to officials here as to when the political situation in London would be sufficiently clarified to permit a British commission to be sent.

Near East Peace Parley Date Set. Paris.—The near eastern peace conference has been definitely fixed for November 13 at Lausanne, Switzerland, by final exchange of messages by France, Great Britain and Italy.

Taxes Can Be and Must Be Reduced

"Taxes can be and must be equalized and reduced," declared Walter M. Pierce, Democratic candidate for governor, in a statement issued Monday in which he sets forth some of the ways in which this can be accomplished. The statement follows:

When I am governor I promise to advocate and demand economy in every department of state government, so that taxes will be reduced to the lowest possible point consistent with good government. To this end I will use the veto unsparingly.

One great difficulty today is that one half the property of Oregon is exempt from taxation, the timber in the forest reserves being a conspicuous example. The only income from the reserves is the rentals from stockmen for grazing, of which 65 per cent goes into the federal treasury. I hold that, since no tax is derived from this vast body of timber, all the rentals from grazing privileges in the forest reserves should go into the treasury of Oregon, to compensate for the vast body of taxable property held by the federal government out of taxation.

As governor, I would use the prestige of the office in a movement with other governors and delegations in congress to bring this about. This change would produce about \$350,000 a year new revenue, thereby lessening to that amount the burden on property now taxed.

Practically one third of the standing timber in the state of Oregon is in the forest reserves and pays no tax. Under the present law, this timber will be cut off, leaving blackened stumps of untaxable property, and be shipped out of Oregon without paying a dollar of tax to the state. Not only is Oregon being made poorer by the removal of this timber, but the natural beauty and scenery of the state is being marred. A severance tax collected as this timber is cut and shipped would be a large source of revenue. A big body of such timber is now contracted by the federal government to people from distant states and it will be removed without paying any tax unless a severance tax is at once imposed. As governor I would do all in my power to levy such a tax on all timber taken from the forest reserves.

While one half of the property of Oregon is exempt from taxation much of the other half is paying little or no tax because it is invested in shares of stock, bonds and property hidden away from the assessor. This leaves but a part of the taxable property to bear the entire cost of government. This property which bears the terrific burden consists of farms, cattle, horses, city buildings and homes.

In 1921 there was raised by direct taxation in this state \$9,493,105, an average of almost 9 1/2 mills on the property taxed. This is the highest direct property tax levied in the United States for state purposes. It constitutes nearly one half of most of the farmers' taxes, and in the city it often means one fourth of the entire tax.

In Minnesota in 1920, the direct property tax or state purposes was \$1,667,423, which is about one sixth of what Oregon property owners were called upon to pay for state purposes, and yet the assessed value of taxable property in Minnesota is two and a half times that of Oregon. Minnesota raised the balance of her state revenue from indirect sources, viz: A 5 per cent gross earnings tax from public service corporations and a 25 cents per ton tax upon iron ore mined in the state.

In Oregon we can relieve the property owners by collecting a large part of the cost of state government from similar sources, viz: (1) a tax on net incomes; (2) a severance tax (3) a tax on gross earnings of public service corporations. I favor such a program in this state under the guarantee that any tax derived from new sources shall not be used for increased expenditures, but to take some of the burden off those now bearing more than their just share of taxation.

The practices of public utilities became so intolerable that those utilities have to be regulated. A costly public service commission has to be maintained for that purpose. Since the commission has to be maintained for the regulation of the public service corporations, those corporations should themselves be required to pay the expenses of the commission, without burdening farmers, home owners,

ATHENA PLAYS STANFIELD TODAY; MILTON TUESDAY

The Athena high school football team will play the Stanfield team on its home grounds this afternoon, in the first clash of the season with a west end aggregation.

Just how strong the Stanfield team really is has been carefully kept under cover this season, and a whirlwind of a game may be expected. The Athena team is in prime condition for the fray, and will be exsulted to the alfa town by a large delegation of local football fans.

Next Tuesday, October 31st, Athena plays Milton high on the Milton gridiron. Just why Athena is scheduled to play at Milton, when the last game between the teams was played there last season is known only to the conference officials who made up the schedule. Taking the game over to the fruit town, when by all fairness it belongs here, is not appreciated by Athena fans, to say the least.

The next game on the Athena gridiron will be on November 11th, Armistice Day, when the arch enemy, Hermiston, comes here for the annual scrimmage. Hermiston defeated Pendleton early in the season by one point, and is said to be carrying considerable weight on her chest in consequence.

OREGON SQUEEZES OUT OVER WHITMAN 6-3

In the opinion of Coach Basler, the better team was defeated at Pendleton, Friday when Oregon squeezed out a victory over Whitman by the score of six to three.

The Athena coach's judgment is verified in accounts of the game given by Portland writers. Only the clever toe of Chapman over that of Tilton of Whitman, was all that Oregon showed over Borleske's fiery fighters. Oregon's scoring was made in the first and third quarters on drop kicks by Chapman. Tilton sent his drop over in the second quarter.

Tilton had three chances to tie the score but each time his booting fell short. His last chance came in the closing moments of the game. With only one minute to go Whitman again got in striking distance, but Tilton's try from the 30 yard line failed.

Athena was well represented at the game, the football team and nearly the whole student body saw the game. It is estimated 5000 persons were at Roundup Park and enthusiasm ran high.

HOLDMAN HAS FIRE

A fire that caused an estimated loss of between \$8,000 and \$10,000 destroyed the chop mill, blacksmith shop, warehouse and a garage at Holdman Wednesday morning, according to information received by the East Oregonian. The fire started from the gas engine which was in use to operate the chop mill, according to the report. The engine is said to have back fired, and the blaze was soon out of control. Peter Hansen is the owner of the chop mill and blacksmith shop.

Roots Stop Flow of Water In Pipe

Excavation of the pipe line between the reservoir and the intake of the city's gravity water system, disclosed that the supply furnished by the springs, was practically blocked from running into the reservoir.

The pipe with the exception of a few sections was found to be in fair condition. The force of men employed in excavation work found that portion of the pipe carrying water through a grove of trees south of the reservoir, to be filled with a mass of root growth. In one of two sections of the pipe the growth of roots had become so compact that considerable effort was required to remove them.

According to Water Superintendent Taylor, there is a large volume of water flowing from the springs, and when the line is connected up plenty of good spring water will be furnished the city from the gravity system, which will do away with the supply from the auxiliary pumping plant, until next summer, at least.

The superintendent is replacing the wood couplings at the pipe joints with collars of concrete. He considers concrete on the pipe joints to be more satisfactory than those made of wood. Nearly all leaks in the pipe lines are caused by the wood couplings shrinking and rotting away from the pipe.

WILL FEED THE CREW

Tomorrow some thirty of the high school and grade pupils will pick up spuds behind the potato digger on the Hodgen place south of Athena. The school boys are doing this in return for the early entrance of Beryl, Alton and James Hodgen in school, when their help was really needed on the farm. Marion Hansell will furnish the eats for the crew tomorrow noon and evening. He brought in a young beef yesterday, for Bert Logsdon to butcher. Marion will be assisted in serving by Chance Rogers.

POLITICAL SPEAKING

Maurice Crumpacker of Portland, addressed the voters of Athena Thursday evening at the school auditorium, on the political issues of the day from the republican viewpoint.

The Churches

Christian Science. Weston society, Sunday 11 a. m. Sunday school, 10 a. m. North Water St. Weston. Free circulating library.

Church of Christ. Bible school, 10 a. m. Communion, 11 a. m. The pastor will preach as usual in the morning and at night there will be a union service in interest of "The Near East Relief." Mr. Handsaker, the head of the Near East Relief organization, will present the need for assistance. His address will be illustrated by pictures which he himself took while in the Near East. All are cordially invited to attend this service at 7:30 p. m.

F. E. Russell, Pastor.

WOMAN DRIVER CRASHES INTO NEVERSWEAT BENCH

Mrs. Ryan of Walla Walla, owner of the cigar stand in the Dacres hotel of that city, driving a roadster, attempted to turn the corner at the intersection of Main and Fourth streets, Friday, shortly after noon, and came near crashing into the St. Nichols hotel lobby.

The car swept over the curb onto the sidewalk, and smashed into the famous "neversweat" bench from the rear, reducing it to kindling wood. W. S. Ferguson and W. C. Attaberry were in front of the car and thrown into the street. Ferguson was not injured, but Attaberry sustained a badly wrenched knee and a broken rib.

The car was wrecked. When it struck an electric light pole one wheel was shattered and the front crumpled up. Attaberry will seek to recover damages he says. So far the driver of the car has not been arrested.

BORAH PREDICTS RESTORATION

Victory for the direct primary over the organized opposition of Republican party "regulars" was predicted by Senator Borah, Idaho, who is in his home state fighting for restoration of the primary, knocked out by the G. O. P. organization after Borah's last election to the senate.

Instead of being forced out of the Republican party by the hostility of the regular organization in Idaho, Borah declared in a telegram to the United Press, sent from his home in Boise, that "the forcing out will be the other way." That is, if any one is ousted from Republican ranks it will be the state committee who are fighting Borah.

"The direct primary fight looks fine," Borah wired. "I have no doubt the next legislature will pass a direct primary law and the governor, whoever he is, will sign it. The action of the state organization is not affecting my party relationship in any way. The forcing out will be the other way. I think you can depend on it that so far as the direct primary fight is concerned we will attain our object in this state. The Republican national committeeman came out in a declaration for it yesterday and daily candidates for the legislature are declaring for it."

The Idaho situation has been generally overlooked by the political "dopesters" this year because no important senatorial or congressional contests occur there. But in some respects, as party leaders realized long ago, the Idaho campaign is even more significant than some of the more spectacular fights.

It marks an effort by Borah's enemies to force him out of public life or at least out of the Republican party.

LOOKS LIKE RESEEDING

With continued absence of rainfall it begins to look like a job of reseeded on some of the ranches in this part of the county. Growing grain is in various stages, and only copious moisture can demonstrate to a certainty what the conditions really are.

Deer Hunter On Birch Creek, Shot

The East Oregonian gives the following account of the first fatal hunting accident to occur in the county this season:

Elza Hunter, aged 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Hunter of Birch Creek, was shot through the breast and instantly killed Sunday by Jack Miller, who while hunting on the Tom Gibson place on Birch creek mistook Hunter for a deer.

Miller, with William Jenkins, of Pendleton, T. P. Hunter, Elza Hunter and his brother, had during the hunt seen three deer in the brush. Jenkins wounded one of the deer in the leg and Miller killed it. The party then began efforts to circle the other deer back to the brush. After half an hour young Hunter, who wore a hat which at a distance greatly resembled the color of a deer returned to the brush. Miller, at a distance of 60 yards, fired his 30-30 rifle and Hunter was instantly killed. Miller is well known here and is an employe of the J. J. Hamley & Co. saddlery.

The body was brought to Pendleton and an inquest will be held tomorrow. Tuesday Miller was exonerated of blame for the affair after a coroner's jury had heard a number of witnesses. Miller broke down while telling his story. Hunter's father and brother also were witnesses. They substantiated the testimony of Miller, as did William Jenkins, the fourth member of the party.

BENNON TO ADDRESS ATHENA CIVIC CLUB

County Agriculturist Fred Bennon, has been asked by the Athena Civic club to attend the next meeting of the organization on Tuesday, November 7, and will give a talk, advising and instructing in the choice and disposition of trees in replanting the City park. This work has been in contemplation by the club for some time, and the sum of \$100 was appropriated from the club funds last spring as a beginning in its accomplishment.

The president and members of the Commercial club and the park committee from the City Council will be invited to hear Mr. Bennon, and every member of the Civic club is strongly urged to be present. The meeting will be held in the Commercial club room. Refreshments will be served, and a short program given, in place of the Thanksgiving program scheduled for that day.

STANDARD PICTURES

"Smilin' Through" was well enjoyed by the audience at the Standard Theatre, Wednesday evening. The picture was all that had been claimed for it. Mrs. Penn Harris delighted the audience by singing "Smilin' Through" in the prologue. Tomorrow night another of the fine Cosmopolitan pictures, "Just Around the Corner," will be exhibited at regular admission prices. Sunday night, Harold Lloyd comes in his rollicking four-reel comedy, "A Sailor-Made Man." Coupled with this comedy is the first novelty program ever given at the Standard, which includes one of the popular three-reel playlets.

BARBER SHOP BLAZE

A blow torch overturned by a workman, while engaged in soldering work in the Haworth & Harris barbershop bathroom, Wednesday caused a blaze that charred the walls and ceiling to some extent. An alarm was sounded, but the flames were extinguished before the fire department arrived on the scene. This is the second small fire to occur at this shop. The previous one was when the heating apparatus in the bath room, set fire to the building.

125 SACKS PER ACRE

Harry Keller, who has 25 acres planted to potatoes on the Caton place south of town, says the spuds are yielding better than 100 sacks per acre. He is sorting the crop as he sacks them, and the culls this year, owing to rapid growth, amounts to considerable market loss.

OPEN CARS FOR GRAIN

Flat cars are being utilized extensively by the shippers in the transportation of grain this season. So far no serious complaint has been heard of scarcity of cars for handling grain.

UMAPINE DEFEATED

Columbia College football team defeated Umapine high school Tuesday by the overwhelming score of 49 to 0.

NEW LIQUOR RULE GOES INTO EFFECT

Extension of Time Ordered By President Harding Expired Sunday.

Washington, D. C.—Provisions of the liquor statutes held by Attorney-General Daugherty to prohibit transportation and sale of alcoholic beverages on American vessels anywhere, and on foreign vessels within three miles of the United States coast, became effective Sunday.

The extension of time ordered by President Harding to permit ship lines to arrange their affairs to conform to the ruling expired and enforcement officials declared suggestions for a further extension had not been approved.

A foreign vessel sailing with inhibited cargo after Sunday, it was said, would be liable to the penalties fixed by the Volstead act if and when she entered American coastal waters bearing that cargo.

American ships under the ruling of the attorney-general, which received the formal approval of President Harding, are prohibited from possessing liquor regardless of where they are in operation. The ban was made operative as to shipping board tonnage as soon as the ruling was published, though time was allowed for the disposal of any illicit stocks on board vessels of the fleet then at sea.

BRITISH PROTEST SEIZURE OF VESSELS

Washington, D. C.—Representations of the British government to the state department in protesting against seizure beyond the three mile limit of the Canadian schooner Emerald, held as a liquor smuggling suspect, were of wider scope, it has been feared than at first known. In addition to dealing with the specific case of the Emerald, the British communication presented the view that the recent American executive order limiting prohibition enforcement operations to territorial waters should apply to all previous seizures of British craft, where it had not been established as a matter of fact that the vessel was sending contraband ashore in her own boats.

American prohibition agents "blinded" when they seized the Canadian schooner Emerald with a liquor cargo off the New Jersey coast—an act for which this government must now express "regret" to the British government.

For the first time since the dry era commenced the government has been called upon to apologize to a foreign government for over-zealousness of the prohibition agents.

HERMISTON HOG CHOLERA

The sickness prevailing among the hog herds in Hermiston vicinity was pronounced hog cholera by H. W. Lytle, state veterinarian. He suggested immediate vaccination of all hogs in this section. Prior to the inspection by Mr. Lytle, Hermiston hog men had been doctoring their animals for "flu" and "pneumonia," convinced that their stock was not dying from cholera.

WOUNDED GIRL BETTER

Helen Stackhouse, shot while in the basement of her Portland home, a week ago last Sunday afternoon by her former fiance, A. T. Read, who later killed himself, was discharged from the Good Samaritan hospital Thursday. She returned to her home and it is expected that she will fully recover from her wound in a few weeks.

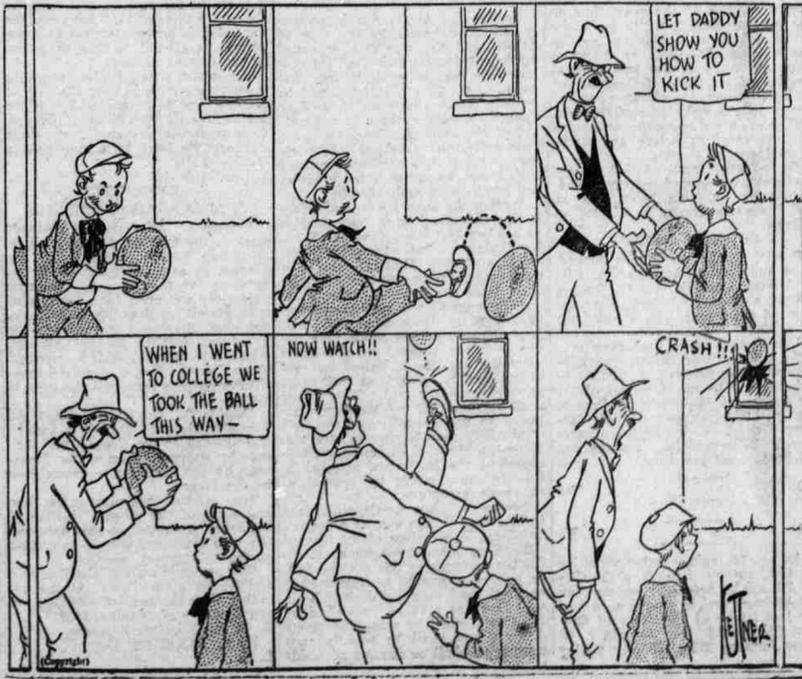
BACKS OREGON TRAIL

Exra Meeker, pioneer plainsman of Seattle, paid his first visit to Washington since he crossed the prairies with an ox team to visit the late President Roosevelt. Meeker said that he would try to gain the support of President Harding for a military highway from St. Louis to Olympia, Wash., to follow the route of the "Old Oregon trail," which he covered 70 years ago.

IN BANKRUPTCY

Eugene R. Knotts of Pilot Rock, and Carl A. Newquist of Pendleton, have filed petitions in bankruptcy, with Thomas Fitzgerald, referee. Knotts places his indebtedness at \$6,698.68, and Newquist owes \$3,675,

On the Road of Good Intentions



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