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## WITHIN TWO DAYS WORLD WILL KNOW DECISION OF PRIME MINISTER GEORGE

From a Tangle of Contradictory Rumors This Is the Only Substantial Conviction Emerging — May Resign or Continue As Chief of Coalition Government.

(By The Associated Press.)  
LONDON, March 6. — Within twenty-four or at most 48 hours, the world will know definitely whether Prime Minister Lloyd George has decided to resign or continue as chief of the coalition government. This is the only substantial conviction emerging from a tangle of contradictory rumors in the crisis which crossed political observers over Saturday and Sunday.

Experts today were diametrically opposed in their opinion as to how the crisis stood as a result of week end conferences, some declaring that the outlook for a continuance of the coalition was improved and encouraged belief that the prime minister would not resign. Others declared all signs pointed to his retirement and that liberal colleagues in his ministry would go with him. Some were content to refrain from committing themselves to any opinion whether the result would be a snap-up or a patch-up. Even if the prime minister stays, nobody believes that the coalition can last much longer, although it may be prolonged until Irish legislation and the Geneva conference are out of the way. It is generally expected in certain quarters that nothing will be definitely announced until the speech of Sir Arthur Balfour, on Tuesday. It is declared that the pre-eminent interest in Sir Arthur's utterances will be a positive declaration as to the prime minister's decision.

If this expression is for resignation of Mr. Lloyd George, Sir Arthur will not in any event assume the premiership, according to repeated statements made today, but he will be willing to take office under Austen Chamberlain as prime minister. (Mr. Chamberlain is government leader in the House of Commons.)

Friends of Lloyd George assert he is exceedingly tired and will gladly off his responsibilities of his office. If he holds on, it will only be because of recognition that chaos is likely to follow his retirement in present peculiar circumstances. Whether he goes or stays, he has decided to take an immediate holiday which he will probably enjoy at his country home in Gledith, a small vacation place in Wales, situated in the county of Carnarvon on Cardigan bay. If he does not resign this vacation will practically fill the entire period until the Geneva conference.

## DEFENSE IN OBENCHAIN CASE BEGINS TODAY

(By The Associated Press.)  
LOS ANGELES, March 6. — The state was expected to rest today and the defense to begin its efforts to prove the innocence of Mrs. Madeline Obenchain, on trial for the murder of J. Bolton Kennedy, broker, her former sweetheart.

One more witness, Mrs. Mary A. Balfour, whose illness with influenza caused a recess in the trial last week, was expected to testify for the prosecution.

## FAST AUTO RACING AT LOS ANGELES MEET

(By The Associated Press.)  
LOS ANGELES, March 6. — Tommy Milton, winner of 1921 national speedway championship under the American Automobile Association control rules, today was the possessor of 500 points towards the 1922 title, and 10,000 prize money as the result of his victory in the 250 mile race at the Beverly Hills speedway yesterday.

Milton, whisking his fast animal around the bowl for an average of 110 miles an hour, jumped into the lead in the first lap and held that position throughout with the exception of a few circuits during the middle of the race, when Ralph de Palma, Italian, shot, crept out in front.

The veteran Italian went out of the competition in the fifth lap with a broken piston.

Jimmy Murphy, winner of the French grand prize last year, was the second driver to finish, his average time for the 250 miles being 1:02:25 in an hour. Harry Hartz won third place; Frank Elliott, fourth; Eddie Hearne, fifth; Joe Thomas, sixth; and Eddie Miller, seventh. Miller, the man in the field after the first six had crossed the finish line, was flagged at the end of the 190th lap after he had completed 237.5 miles.

Pietro Bordino, a recent arrival from Italy, who had been regarded as one of the dangerous contenders for first honors, went out in the 139th lap with engine trouble, after he had treated the crowd of more than 50,000 spectators to what was claimed to have been the fastest lap ever negotiated on a mile and a quarter course by a car of 183 inch piston displacement.

## WHAT ELSE IS GOING TO HAPPEN IN LOS ANGELES?

LOS ANGELES, March 4. — W. T. Taylor, at a public dance hall early today requested the pleasure of escorting two comely girls home, and they consented. Several blocks away, at a dark corner, one of the girls softly said: "Stick 'em up honey, and hold 'em high," punctuating her remarks with a pistol. The other girl carelessly removed \$35 from Taylor's pockets and they bid him a fond goodnight.

Meanwhile, A. A. Downer, not far from the dance hall, met a Titanian haired woman who relieved him of \$19 in cash, \$250 in postal savings certificates and \$12 in checks while menacing him with a revolver.

## Kahn Wants Committee To Visit Muscle Shoals And See For Themselves What Property Is

(By The Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, March 6. — Chairman Kahn, of the House Military Committee, announced today, after a conference with Speaker Gillett, that he would introduce a resolution asking authority for the committee to visit Muscle Shoals, Ala., and inspect the vast government projects there in connection with offers for which the committee is investigating.

Frederick E. Engstrom, of Wilmington, N. C., made a plea today before the committee that the government complete the Muscle Shoals, Ala., projects as a "good business proposition." He particularly urged completion of the two nitrate plants and said they could be made ready to manufacture nitrates and fertilizer by an additional expense to the government of about \$7,000,000.

"One of the nitrate plants," he said, "already has cost the government \$13,000,000 and the other \$7,000,000. I submit they could be completed for \$7,000,000 and it would be a good business proposition to do it."

"Obviously it is economy and good business to finish this dam in order to harness this great power now going to waste and make it put these two plants and produce the nitrates and the fertilizers for which there is a crying need that is nation-wide," he said. "It is admitted that these things should be done, and that their economic value will greatly promote the general welfare. Indeed, such an accomplishment will do more than any one thing to promote the success of agriculture, contribute to general prosperity and absolutely provide for the national defense."

"I submit that my proposal provides for doing these things in the most efficient manner, at the least possible cost, and also guarantees a most liberal cash return to the government after the investment."

Chairman Kahn announced today that he intended to confer with Secretary Mellon, of the Treasury, on the financial situation respecting the Muscle Shoals project and, if the secretary was willing, he might be asked to appear before the committee before the hearings were closed.

J. E. Levering, of Los Angeles, Calif., who said he was a civil engineer, was called by the committee at this conclusion of Mr. Engstrom's statement. He read a number of the proposals made by Henry Ford, the Alabama Power Company or Mr. Engstrom, "rose to the dignity of a contract," and "were nothing more than well worded handouts."

Mr. Levering explained he had been associated with Mr. Engstrom when his proposal was being drafted but had "walked out" when it "was changed."

The Engstrom proposal, Mr. Levering said, "was foolish and absurd but better than Ford's or the Alabama Power Company."

Mr. Levering said the Engstrom offer was nothing but a cost plus contract, which would make profits of 15 per cent from the government, 10 per cent for the contractor who would do the work and five per cent for Mr. Engstrom. He declared the many engineers "could do the work as cheap as any body."

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## KEEPS PERFECT TIME AFTER 10 YEAR'S EXPOSURE

VANCOUVER, B. C., March 6. — After ten years exposure to the weather, a gold watch recently found by a member of a mountain climbing club, has been restored to its owner, who declares it to be keeping perfect time.

F. W. Johnson, of this city, found the watch. It was on a jutting rock, at a height of 7,500 feet. From an inscription on the back he located the owner, the Rev. Benjamin F. Bacon, of Yale University, who identified it as his property. The watch was given him by an Oswego, N. Y., church congregation in 1896. He lost it ten years ago while on a trip into the mountains near Glacier, B. C.

## OTHER CABINET MEN MAY FOLLOW EXAMPLE OF HAYS

All Is Not Calm in Republican Ranks—Reported That Other Cabinet Officers May Quit—People Are Disgusted With Congress.

(By H. E. C. Brand in Charlotte Observer.)  
WASHINGTON, March 6. — All is not calm and serene in the Harding cabinet. Will H. Hays was first to go, but others are planning to make a getaway. Secretary Falls, of the interior department, is not very happy in his job, and has been threatening to quit. He has not had a good time or his own way. He wanted to take over a few bureaus that now belong to other departments. He had a program that has not been put through. Daugherty has lost some of his sway at the White House, and Mr. Lasker, of the shipping board, has gained favor there in matters over which he and the attorney general looked hazy.

There are two distinct impressions of Will H. Hays here. One is that he made a good and popular postmaster general, and the other that he was a very decided failure. Some republicans abuse him. Democratic congressmen who had dealings with him found him very partisan and slippery. It is generally understood that Hays and Daugherty did not get on well together.

Republican leaders have thrown down the bars and the democrats can walk in if they know how. There is a lack of democratic leadership in the house and senate. People away from here have been impressed with that fact. In a letter to a friend here a well known North Carolina democrat said:

"My interest in what Congress is doing is at low ebb, largely for the reason 'Is doing nothing, and it seems to me 'a bunch is without leadership and it is impossible of taking advantage of it. I think the republicans are so starved for leadership. Why don't the democrats get it? Why don't you and your friends and even to your membership. Few, if any, attempt to defend a Congress that has become the butt of the jokes on the stage and in the funny papers. Its efforts, if they can be called such, to relieve the distress of the country might become tragic if it were not for the saving sense of humor possessed by the American people. Every one laughs when Alva Martin says that business is picking up, — he quotes the proprietor of the five and ten cent store as saying he has sold more checks in the last year than during all of Wilson's administration. And the Washington theater rings with applause when Will Rogers, the comedian, tells of the recent fire on the roof of the Treasury — one it stepped when it had burned down to where the money was for the Administration had had the fire. It is every test of public opinion shows that Congress has made itself intensely unpopular. It is no prophetic that our country when Harding and the big Republican majority in Congress came to but a year ago he would have been laughed at, but the public has been treated to a succession of blazes and party splits on important matters, with increasing health and boldness. Every Republican in Congress seems to be a party to it himself, with the exception of a few enlightened men like Jim Mann—who might bring some order out of this chaos had his ungrateful party given him the place he had won the Speakership, but it would seem to me that his own utter inability and that of his party."

Democrats are very hopeful, but their hopes come from the mistakes of their opponents rather than anything they are doing themselves.

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## Federal Government May Take A Hand In New England Strike

WASHINGTON, March 6. — Indianians that the Federal Government might intervene in the New England textile workers' strike were given today at the Department of Commerce, where it was said that that department and the Department of Labor were now engaged in a study of a proposal that an arbitration commission be created.

The textile workers, it was said, had submitted a list of demands for such a commission, and both departments have indicated their willingness to consider the proposal.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 6. — It was feared of national guard cavalry and coast artillery units, together with deputy sheriffs and police, guarded the Boston company's mill at Hope this morning of the expectation that the strikers would carry out their plan of picketing the mill. The strikers, however, did not appear.

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## FIRST YEAR OF CONGRESS HAS BEEN DISAPPOINTING

Sixty-Seventh Congress Has Been Butt of Jokes — Few Attempt to Defend Record — Republican Promises Have Failed — Still Fiddling With Tariff.

(By Wallace Bassford.)  
(Special News Correspondent.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 6. — The sixty-seventh Congress is just completing the first year of its term. It has had twelve months of existence; if its latter half leaves no better impression on the country than its first, then certainly it is that it will go down in history as one of the big disappointments, disheartening to its closest friends and even to its own membership. Few, if any, attempt to defend a Congress that has become the butt of the jokes on the stage and in the funny papers. Its efforts, if they can be called such, to relieve the distress of the country might become tragic if it were not for the saving sense of humor possessed by the American people. Every one laughs when Alva Martin says that business is picking up, — he quotes the proprietor of the five and ten cent store as saying he has sold more checks in the last year than during all of Wilson's administration. And the Washington theater rings with applause when Will Rogers, the comedian, tells of the recent fire on the roof of the Treasury — one it stepped when it had burned down to where the money was for the Administration had had the fire. It is every test of public opinion shows that Congress has made itself intensely unpopular. It is no prophetic that our country when Harding and the big Republican majority in Congress came to but a year ago he would have been laughed at, but the public has been treated to a succession of blazes and party splits on important matters, with increasing health and boldness. Every Republican in Congress seems to be a party to it himself, with the exception of a few enlightened men like Jim Mann—who might bring some order out of this chaos had his ungrateful party given him the place he had won the Speakership, but it would seem to me that his own utter inability and that of his party."

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## LANGHORNE SISTERS TO HELP BRING EDUCATION TO NEEDY SOUTHERN WOMEN

Alliance Contemplates the Awarding of Scholarships to Needy Southern Girls — Two Famous Virginia Beauties Are Back of Movement.

(By The Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, March 6. — Southern women living in regions devoid of modern advantages are to have education brought to them by a movement set on foot by two of the famous Langhorne sisters, of Richmond, Va. — Lady Arthur, whose name is Nancy Langhorne, has sent her contribution to her sister, Mrs. Gibson, who was Irene Langhorne, and the original "Gibson Girl." Mrs. Gibson today sent out an appeal to women of the South now living in the North, asking for their support of the project.

Mrs. Gibson is vice chairman of the New York city branch of the Southern Women's Educational Alliance.

The Alliance officials say their organization contemplates the awarding of about 100 scholarships for technical school, schools, colleges and "prep" schools; arrangements for loans for needy southern girls, and also the conducting of vocational courses for girls in their "homes."

"All of us realize that women are needing education now as never before," said Mrs. Gibson, in her appeal, "and thoughtful southern women who live outside the South realize more than any others could how meagre the outlook and chances are for southern girls as compared with those of girls of other sections of the country."

## MANY CAROLINA FARMERS SHORT ON FOOD SUPPLIES

Less Than Half of Farm Families Keep a Milk Cow — Thousands do Not Keep Chickens or Hogs — John Paul Lucas Collects Estimates.

RALEIGH, March 5. — More than one-half of the 400,000 farm families in North Carolina, representing a population of approximately 1,000,000 souls, willfully neglect to raise at home the food supplies which are necessary for the maintenance of physical strength and health and for the proper development of the children in those families.

This estimate has just been made by John Paul Lucas who was "drafted" by Governor Morrison for the "Live at Home" campaign and who has been devoting the first week of his stay in Raleigh largely to a study and survey of the situation the remedying of which he has been called upon to direct.

According to Mr. Lucas less than half of the farm families in North Carolina keep a milk cow. Probably as large a percentage neglect to tend a garden, except in some instances a collar or cabbage patch. Thousands of these families do not even keep chickens or raise their own hog meat. An even larger number do not raise sweet potatoes or Irish potatoes for home use.

It is not surprising, "today remarked Mr. Lucas, "in the face of this situation that we are sending out of North Carolina to other states the staggering sum of \$100,000,000 each year for food and feedstuffs."

"It would be hard enough if this tremendous economic drain year after year constituted the worst feature of the situation. But it does not. The tragedy of it all is that these tens of thousands of our farm families, aggregating a population of nearly 1,000,000 people, do not include in their diet health-giving milk, vegetables and other home-grown products which would give to their diet the variety and balance which is necessary for the development and maintenance of strong, vigorous manhood and womanhood."

"One can readily understand that with practically half our farming population poorly and inadequately nourished, not to mention a lack of food but from a lack of proper food, which could best and most cheaply be supplied from the home farm, the physical efficiency of a large part of our citizenship is materially lessened and their health affected. Unquestionably this part of our population suffers most from the ravages of disease because it has not the stamina and vitality to resist."

"The 'Live-at-Home' campaign is tremendously important from the viewpoint of economic independence. In fact, it is absolutely essential from this standpoint of the cotton farmers of the State are to be saved from absolute bankruptcy and ruin. But, it is equally important from the standpoint of health, physical efficiency and general welfare. And it is important not only to the several hundred thousand who are to be directly benefited but also to every citizen of the State, because everyone is directly or indirectly affected."

The campaign, which is getting well under way, has the earnest and enthusiastic backing not only of the Governor but also of the Department of Agriculture, the State College, the Department of Education, the State Board of Health, the Board of Welfare and other governmental agencies whose forces throughout the State are being organized in an intensive effort.

DR. WOLFGANG KAPP OFFERS TO SURRENDER.  
(By The Associated Press.)  
BERLIN, March 6. — Dr. Wolfgang Kapp, who led the revolution in March, 1920, which resulted in the temporary overthrow of the Ebert Government, has offered to surrender fact with the understanding that he be given safe conduct and not be placed under arrest. His proposal has been forwarded to the supreme court of Leipzig for an immediate verdict in Sweden.

Additional news and advertisements at the bottom of the page.