

George Attack On Premier Indicates Latter's Strength

Former Premier Sees Possibility of European Settlement Being Achieved and British Prestige Restored With- out His Help and That's Wormwood to Him

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Washington, May 2.—More than passing importance attaches to the recent violent and even sensational attacks of Lloyd George upon J. Ramsay MacDonald and the Labor Ministry.

These attacks signify beyond all else that the former Prime Minister "views with alarm" the growing strength of the Labor Premier within the British Islands and the increasing possibility that by skilful handling, such as he has already displayed, MacDonald may be able to bring about some accommodation of Anglo-French differences and some viable agreement which will end European chaos.

At the moment of the last election, when the Tories went to disaster, Lloyd George was most concerned with the defeat of the "Die-Hard" Conservatives led by Stanley Baldwin who had been responsible for pulling down the Coalition Ministry by which Lloyd George had ruled Britain from 1918 to 1922. In that election Lloyd George was not concerned with MacDonald or with Labor because he apparently believed Labor could not get the necessary votes to control the House of Commons and that some coalition between his Liberals and the Tories would eventually be made.

But, although MacDonald did not gain a clear majority at the election, his following outnumbered that of the Liberals, and there was not the smallest willingness on the part of the defeated Tories to join the Liberals in any Coalition to exclude Labor, while the Liberals themselves were in no mood to accept the leadership of Lloyd George. Actually Mr. Asquith returned to control of the Liberal minority while Lloyd George found his own following in the Liberal party gravely reduced, through the defeat of many of his friends.

As between the Tories and the Laborites, the Liberal Party, Lloyd George concurring, decided to support the Laborites. Thus Stanley Baldwin was turned out of power and Ramsay MacDonald went to Downing Street. But, contrary to all expectation, the arrival of Labor did not lead to any immediate disclosure of the incapacity of Labor either to form a government or to conduct the business of administration.

On the contrary, despite all the outward evidences of instability in its majorities, the Labor Government, by reason mainly of the character and ability of its leader, has been steadily growing in popular estimation in Great Britain and it has already done a very great deal to restore the prestige of Britain on the Continent, where it had been compromised by the last phase of Lloyd George's leadership and the subsequent blundering arrogance of Viscount Curzon.

The hour has now arrived when the completion of the Dawes report has opened the way for new European conversations and adjustments. Despite the fact that there are obviously very wide differences between the British and French points of view there is, as yet, nothing to suggest that these may not be accommodated and, despite these differences, MacDonald continues to enjoy a respect and confidence in France, which is in notable contrast to the feeling for Lloyd George in the last years of his control.

Now, if by any chance—and there is at least more than a fair chance—Ramsay MacDonald could bring about an Anglo-French agreement in the matter of reparations and security, then the consequences of such a success reckoned in terms of domestic political strength would be incalculable. There would be an instant end of all real argument for any return of Lloyd George, whose single claim to power has rested upon the fact that he was the man who won the war and the only British statesman capable of maintaining British interests in the final settlement.

Seeing the danger, since he remains incomparably acute in the field of practical politics, Lloyd George has opened with a double offensive. First he assailed the Tories for the debt settlement with the United States which remains unpopular in Britain. Then he followed with a brutal attack upon Labor, couched in terms calculated to rouse all the pride and selfishness of the Liberals. The purpose of these operations was plainly to open the way for the return of the Liberals to power.

Judging from the situation which obtained when I was in London two months ago, a situation, which certainly has not been modified in Lloyd George's favor, there is little reason to believe that this offensive will much benefit Lloyd George. It is hard to exaggerate the degree of distrust and dislike which is felt for George in all quarters. The Tories

RELIEF MEASURES GET UNDER WAY

Number of Dead from Tornado Now Placed at Hundred and Nine With 500 Injured, Many Fatally.

Atlanta, May 2.—With the number of dead definitely placed at 109, reconstruction and relief measures today were rapidly getting under way in portions of the seven southeastern states which were laid waste Tuesday and Wednesday by windstorms of unparalleled intensity. The best available estimates place the injured at 500, many of whom are not expected to recover, and preliminary estimates place property damage at \$10,000,000.

Robersonville, May 2.—One is dead, two are believed fatally injured and 37 others injured in the tornado which the check up shows destroyed 30 homes in this section and made 150 persons homeless. The town is doing its best to handle the situation.

Rescuers report that in many instances those injured by the tornado had been carried through the air for many yards and many were found in ditches and fields where they had been hurled by the wind.

Many attractive country homes in the prosperous truck growing section of Martin county were demolished. Trees were uprooted, stock killed, and houses crushed like paper by a twister. A number of automobiles were wrecked when they were picked up by the wind after their garages had been destroyed and hurled through the air. Farmers working in fields were hurled hither and thither and a number of the injured were these men who were in the fields when the unexpected disturbance came.

Chapel Hill, May 2.—The death of the infant of W. R. Johnson last night brought the total deaths in North Carolina as the result of the tornado to five.

Atlanta, May 2.—The checkup of the storm damage in the southeast shows 113 killed, 500 injured, and the property loss greater than \$10,000,000. More than 1,000 are homeless and the National Red Cross has taken the situation in hand.

Right of Senate Is Argued Pro and Con

Washington, May 2.—The right of the Senate to compel testimony or production of documents before its investigating committees was challenged today and defended in briefs and oral arguments presented to Associate Justice Hoehling of the District of Columbia Supreme Court in the Senate contempt proceedings against Harry St. Clair, lessee of Teapot Dome.

will have nothing to do with him. Labor detests him beyond words, while the Liberals, although he nominally belongs to their ranks, have never forgotten his past course which they still describe as treacherous.

It is conceivable that Lloyd George may bring about the fall of MacDonald, although I doubt it. It is even more likely that he may somewhat impair the influence and prestige of MacDonald abroad, by giving the impression of divided Britain. But even this is questionable for the British in their present mood are willing to follow any leader who gives promise of obtaining desirable results in the way of European adjustments. What is not now even remotely possible is that any maneuvers of Lloyd George could benefit the Welsh Liberal.

Actually the Georgian outburst must be set down to a quite clear perception that MacDonald is at least arriving at a situation where he may accomplish that which Lloyd George utterly failed to do from the Armistice to his sudden ejection from Downing Street following his appalling mistake in the Near East nearly two years ago. Moreover, for American observers, this operation of Lloyd George should be interpreted not as a sign of the growing weakness but of the mounting strength of MacDonald, a proof of a partial success and a promise of ultimate triumph which alarms that politician whose whole hope of a return to power would be dashed if European peace were made without his participation and British prestige in Europe restored by any Briton save himself.

COOLIDGE NAMES CAMPAIGN MANAGER

Washington, May 2.—President Coolidge announced yesterday that William H. Butler of Massachusetts will manage the 1924 Republican campaign and will succeed John T. Adams.

CLOSED SESSION THURSDAY OF NEWLAND HIGH SCHOOL

Before a crowd that taxed the auditorium, Newland High School Thursday night closed the 1923-24 session with the presentation of a play "The Average Man."

Graduation exercises were held on Wednesday evening when Rev. George Hill made the commencement address before a large crowd. Those graduating this year were John W. Brothers, Jackson Stafford, Misses Glady's Temple, Naomi Sawyer, and Bessie Gregory.

B. L. White, principal, reports a very successful year. Assisting him on the High School faculty are: Mrs. B. L. White and Miss Iona Wells. The grammar school teachers are Miss Emily Stafford, Miss Lillian Pritchard, Miss Blanche Griggs, Miss Myrta White and Misses Blanche and Willo Sitterson.

Among Elizabeth City people attending the High School play were: Mrs. J. G. Fearing, Mrs. F. G. Jackcocks, Mrs. Clinnie Hayes, Misses Lou Williams and Katherine Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. George Haskett, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sawyer.

DR. J. L. CUNNINGHAM UNABLE VISIT BESTCITY

The announcement had been made that the beloved former pastor of the First Methodist Church, Dr. J. L. Cunningham, would visit the church and preach on May 11. Friday Dr. N. H. D. Wilson received a telegram saying that because of a called meeting of the executive committee of the college of which he is president, it would be impossible for him to fill his engagement.

CARR FUNERAL ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Durham, May 2.—The date for General Julian S. Carr's funeral has been set for 3:30 Sunday afternoon. The body will arrive here Saturday night.

WILL MEET TONIGHT

The Parent-Teacher Association of Weeksville High School will meet tonight at the school at eight o'clock. All members are urged to be present and visitors will be welcome.

JUDGE LANDIS BEFORE DAUGHERTY COMMITTEE

Washington, May 2.—Kenesaw Mountain Landis, former Federal judge at Chicago and now czar of baseball, was called today in the Senate Daugherty investigation to tell of the sentence imposed upon and the pardon later granted to Philip Grossman, Chicago ex-saloon keeper, charged with prohibition law violation.

With the picturesque emphasis that made him famous long before baseball took him from the Federal Bench to become its high commissioner, Mr. Landis gave his opinion of prohibition enforcement and other administrative questions as they had been dealt with in recent years by the Federal Government. He said that he could not understand to save his life how Grossman got his pardon from President Coolidge and that other Republican leaders in Chicago were to be criticized.

HALF MILLION SUIT IS SETTLED OUT OF COURT

New York, May 2.—The half million dollar damage suit brought by Helene Jesmer, former Follies beauty, against Philip Moran Plant, wealthy stepson of Federal Attorney Hayward, for alleged injuries which ruined her beauty suffered in a motor car accident, was settled out of court today at a figure understood to be in the neighborhood of \$100,000.

May Day A Red Letter Day For Whole Coastal Section

Hertford Had Honor of Playing Host for Cities Along Coast from Norfolk to Wilmington and Demonstration Will Probably Lead Coastal Highway Thru This Section

Hertford, May 2.—May Day was a red letter day for the whole Coastal section of North Carolina and the town of Hertford, county seat of Perquimans, had the distinction of playing host for cities all along the coast from Norfolk to Wilmington, staging a demonstration that will, in all probability, lead to making the most favored route of the proposed Coastal Highway through North Carolina that along the shores of Albemarle and Pamlico sounds rather than one through foothills comparatively remote from the State's seaboard.

Fourteen barbecued pigs, 12 large hams, with cold slaw, pickles, cakes, fruits, and cold drinks, in the same ratio, were provided by the entertainment committee headed by J. J.

TELLS SENATE OF STATE'S NEEDS

Fred Allen of Gastonia Chamber of Commerce Explains North Carolina's Interest in Muscle Shoals.

Washington, May 2.—Fred Allen, representing the Gastonia, North Carolina, Chamber of Commerce, today told the Senate agricultural committee of the needs of North Carolina industries for power. He explained the State's interest in Muscle Shoals.

The water power resources of North Carolina would be used by 1930, he said, and then "we must look elsewhere for power."

The use of coal was impractical, he said. "We want Muscle Shoals, but unless the development comes under the Water Power Act, the industries of the South would be undermined. We are opposed to letting anyone exploit the property," Allen declared.

COHOON BACK FROM THE DRAINAGE MEET

Returning from Belhaven where he attended the fourteenth annual convention of the North Carolina Drainage Association W. L. Cohoon characterized as easily the best address of the meeting that of General E. F. Glenn, member of the North Carolina Land Settlement Commission at Raleigh.

"While not the most largely attended, the meeting at Belhaven was one of the best sessions of the convention that I have ever been to," said Mr. Cohoon Friday morning. "The mistake of North Carolina has made in the past was in the attempt to apply to the drainage act too extensively to cut-over timber lands when there are already millions of acres now under cultivation that are not properly drained. This fact was emphasized at the Belhaven meeting and I believe that we are coming to a fuller appreciation of it throughout the State."

Mr. Cohoon was himself on the program, speaking on the operation of the State Drainage Law under the State Highway Act.

ONE DRAG OF NET WORTH SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS

One drag of the net brought in a catch valued at \$600.00 by a fishing party from Elizabeth City at Kitty Hawk this week. Twelve large sturgeon were caught by one man. The sturgeon meat sells on the local market at 45c a pound.

Those on the party were John Outlaw, Amos Owens, and George A. Twiddy. Mr. Twiddy said that the fishermen at Kitty Hawk were having a good season.

SEARCH PROCEEDS FOR MAJOR MARTIN

Aboard the Coast Guard Cutter Haida, May 2.—(By Wireless to The Associated Press, Estevan, British Columbia.)—Search for Mayor Frederick L. Martin, world flight commander, has been divided into four parts and is proceeding systematically.

MORE BODIES FOUND

Wheeling, West Va., May 2.—Thirty bodies found by rescue workers in Benwood Mine of the Wheeling Steel Corporation last night and today accounted for 79 of the 110 miners entombed by the explosion Monday.

PLAY AT FORKS SCHOOL TONIGHT CLOSES SESSION

The grammar grade pupils of Fork school, in this County will give a play tonight at eight o'clock which will close this session's work.

Prof. E. R. Sprull is principal of the school. Assisting him are Mrs. Mary McCoy, Mrs. James R. Bright Jr., and Miss Annie Jessup.

Adjournment Congress Is Looked For By President

House Has Completed Legislative Program and But for Un- finished Business in Senate Adjournment Could be Taken Within Little More Than a Week

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Washington, May 1.—The White House expects an early adjournment of Congress.

BAPTIST WOMEN AT SALEM ON THURSDAY

Day is Distinct Success with Large Crowd, Much Enthusiasm and Royal Entertainment

The Baptist Missionary Societies of Pasquotank County were the guests of the Salem Missionary Society at Salem Thursday. The day was ideal, the attendance unusually good, the hostess ready and waiting for the societies, and a dinner was served to satisfy the hungriest.

The whole day was thoroughly enjoyed and each society was well represented, the program being carried out splendidly. They considered themselves most fortunate to have Mrs. T. E. Gardner of Edenton, auxiliary superintendent, with them. Mrs. Gardner's address was on "Building" and she discussed the work for the year. The reports from each society were interesting, showing an increase in numbers and in spiritual values. The committees gave unusually good reports especially on personal service, mission study and on the State Convention which was recently held at Goldsboro.

The Salem Society had the Y. W. A. of the First Methodist church of Elizabeth City with them, which was well represented and a most excellent paper was read by Miss Tilda Jordan.

Salem won the banner for attendance although there was a tie between Elizabeth City and Salem. Elizabeth City voted that it should go to Salem.

Riverside church agreed to be hostess to the society in October and every one went away looking forward to the next meeting and feeling that they had derived much good from the day.

REGISTRATION BOOKS TO BE OPEN SATURDAY

Registration books for voters in the approaching primary will be opened Saturday morning at 9 o'clock and voters who must register may do so at the various polling places in the County on Saturday between the hours of 9 o'clock in the morning and sundown.

These registration books will remain open through Saturday, May 24, and voters may register at the polling places on any Saturday between the hours already mentioned from now until the registration books are closed. However, voters should remember that it is not necessary to go to the polling places to register. Registrars may be seen at their homes or anywhere they may be found with their books at any hour of the day and on any day of the week and thus the voter may register without going to the polls.

Every election year voters turn up at the primary to find that they are not registered. The safest plan is for every voter to see the registrar in his or her ward or precinct and ascertain whether his or her name is on the book. Only registered voters may vote in the primary.

STORMS MEAN HEAVY DAMAGE TO CROPS

Atlanta, May 2.—(Special)—Heavy damage to crops was done by the disastrous storms which swept Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Tennessee Wednesday night. It will be several days before accurate estimates can be had as to the extent of the loss which, however, undoubtedly will run into millions. The deluge of rain which follows the wind storms will delay farm work for a week. The lowlands undoubtedly will have to be replanted. The cotton mill villages were the heaviest sufferers from the tornadoes.

PLAY AT COINJOCK

A play, "The Early Bird" will be given at Coinjock School Saturday May 3 at 8 p. m. for the benefit of the school. The public is cordially invited.

COTTON MARKET

New York, May 2.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: May 30.00, July 28.40, Oct. 24.58, Dec. 24.02, Jan. 23.70. At two o'clock this afternoon futures were quoted as follows: May 30.18; July 25.58; October 24.66; December 24.05; January 23.70. New York, May 2.—Cotton closed quiet this afternoon, including 15 points. Middling 30.15. Futures closed as follows: May 29.70; July 28.13; October 24.25; December 23.68; January 23.55.

The legislative program in the House of Representatives has been virtually completed and were it not for the unfinished business in the Senate Congress could adjourn in a week.

But the delay in the Senate will mean at least 30 days more work. Assuming that no filibusters are attempted, Congress may be able to adjourn in time for the national conventions so that the members may devote their whole time and attention to the Presidential campaign and the Congressional contest for re-election.

The Democrats will not block the Republican plans for an early adjournment. They are in no mood to stimulate the Republicans to work any harder than they care to work. They are getting ready to characterize the Republican record as a "do nothing" session anyhow.

There are signs that the big business interests of the country want Congress to finish its work and go home. The long delay in handling the tax revision bill has not helped business. The thought is advanced that when Congress once acts on the tax program and business knows exactly what taxes it must pay out of the incomes being earned during 1924 much of the uncertainty which has begun to envelop industry here and there will disappear. Also, the present bill carries in it a flat reduction of 25 per cent on 1923 incomes on which the quarterly installment already has been made. When the public knows definitely that sums already laid aside for tax payments will be saved, a perceptible increase in the buying power of the nation is expected to be noted.

Few differences between the House and Senate on the question of tax revision have arisen and none that cannot be ironed out quickly in conference.

Congress has not adopted an agricultural bill and there are indications that labor will press for passage of the Howell bill which eliminates the public from the Railroad Labor Board and substitutes representatives of capital and labor alone. The late President Harding thought the trouble with the Railroad Labor Board was exactly the opposite, that the interested parties ought to be eliminated and the whole board made up of disinterested representatives of the public. Mr. Coolidge will probably share that view though the chief basis for a veto, if the bill comes to him for action, will be his objection to the expenditure of \$500,000 as provided for in the proposed legislation. No provision for that sum has been made in the budget. The railroads are fighting the Howell bill on the ground that the present transportation act has not had a chance to demonstrate its value. A fight on railroad legislation may precipitate a controversy over the suggested repeal of the so-called guarantee clause. Investors have been worried about that possibility for some time. Should Congress dispose of the question by failing to change the transportation act, the holders of securities will be considerably cheered. This is another important factor in the demand for an early adjournment of Congress for the less the House and Senate tinker with the business structure, the better the interested parties like it and the more chance they say, for a business revival in the remainder of 1924.

The McNary-Haugen bill is occasioning a real fight. It may even delay adjournment. The champions of the measure are in dead earnest, and the opponents are insistent that no such piece of legislation will pass. The differences are irreconcilable. They represent two schools of thought on agricultural economics. The President is preserving an attitude of apparent neutrality but his messages to Congress would seem to be a guide to his future attitude and there prevails at this time confidence that he will not sign the measure. The fact that the Norbeck bill was beaten is taken nowadays as a precedent, for in that fight the farm bloc was shattered. A combination of southern Democrats and eastern alignment would kill the McNary-Haugen bill and save the President the problem of acting on it at all. Some of his friends are sure he will not have to act on it. They want some agricultural legislation, however, and just now the Curtis-Aswell bill seems to have administration favor. It would attempt to co-ordinate farm co-operative organizations under a Federal marketing board. There are enough things on the calendar to delay adjournment. The regular Democrats and Republicans will not block an early adjournment but may be the radicals will.