



1—William Allen White, noted writer, running for governor of Kansas as an Independent. 2—Start of \$2,000,000 fire at the tank farms of the Associated Standard Oil company at Monterey, Cal., in which two men were killed and 40 injured. 3—Soviet soldiers mining a river in Georgia in the war with the revolutionists.

NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS

British Labor Government Defeated—Chang Like-ly to Win in China.

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RAMSEY MACDONALD and his Labor cabinet went down to defeat in the British house of commons Wednesday night and the prime minister decided to have parliament dissolved and appeal to the country immediately in a general election. The crisis, which had been expected, came not over the Russian treaties but over the government's recent decision to drop the prosecution of John R. Campbell, editor of a Communist paper, who was charged with inciting sedition. MacDonald and Colonial Minister Thomas defended the action of Attorney General Sir Patrick Hastings in that case when it was attacked in the house. The Conservatives moved a vote of censure and the Liberals, who had been supporting the Labor government, proposed an amendment calling for an inquiry. The prime minister declared the government could not accept the amendment, which he characterized as a "mean and crooked party maneuver." However, it was carried by the decisive vote of 364 to 198, the combined strength of the Conservatives and the Liberals.

The contention of the opposition is that in the Campbell case the government brought the administration of the law into contempt by allowing party politics to govern. The attorney general told the commons that the Campbell article in question had been brought to his attention by the director of public prosecutions. He decided that it was prima facie seditious and he directed prosecution. Some time later a member of the Labor party told him that he had got the wrong man, Campbell having an excellent army record, being seriously wounded and decorated for bravery. He investigated and decided that on the grounds of public policy the prosecution was unwise and he dropped it.

King George hastened from Balmoral castle, Scotland, to London because of the crisis and Mr. MacDonald saw him on Thursday. It was understood the king, the big business leaders and many political chiefs were opposed to an election now, but the king yielded to MacDonald's demand.

Parliament was prorogued Thursday night, and October 29 was decided upon as the day for the general election. The Labor party really hopes to obtain a majority in the new parliament and thinks this a good time for the fight.

Once more the British Labor party has refused to permit the Communist party to affiliate with it. This action was taken at the Labor national conference in London, the vote being overwhelmingly against the Communists. It was declared the two parties being a product of czarism and war betrayal, in the words of Mr. MacDonald.

DEVELOPMENTS of the week in the war in China, coupled with private advices from Peking, lead to the prediction that Chang Tso-lin, the Manchurian chieftain, will ultimately be victorious in his conflict with Gen. Wu Pei-fu and the government forces. Last Wednesday Chang's son led an army in a fierce attack on the Chihli troops that were entrenched on the north side of the great wall near Shanhaiwan and, after a bloody battle, he drove them through the main gate of the wall at Chihmen and followed them into the province of Chihli. Meanwhile land, air and sea forces were taking part in a big attack on Shanhaiwan, but the Peking report said it was repulsed.

On the Shanghai front the Kiangsu and Fukien forces, which are operating for the Peking government, gained some important advantages over the Chekiang troops defending the city. The most notable being the capture of the town of Sunkiang, called the southern gateway to Shanghai. General Chang is well supplied with troops, equipment and money. He has

about five hundred airplanes and is constantly receiving munitions, which come by sea from Europe—from Italy, it is said. He has at least the moral support of Japan. Information from China says that Chang plans to restore the boy emperor to the throne and to re-establish the old mandarin regime.

MANEUVERS of the soviet Russians are complicating the situation in China. They have just signed an agreement with Chang whereby the management and control of the Chinese Eastern railroad has been turned over to them, putting Russia quite completely in command of the Far Eastern situation and, according to Karakhan, soviet ambassador to Peking, dealing America and the western powers a crushing blow. The former directors of the railroad have been arrested and probably will be executed. On announcement of the agreement with Chang the soviet embassy in Peking and soviet consulates general in Shanghai and elsewhere were opened and the red flag raised.

PREMIER ZAGHLOUL PASHA'S visit to London to induce Great Britain to abandon its control over Egypt and the Sudan and its protection of the Suez canal resulted in complete failure. The British government flatly rejected Zaghoul's demands. Its attitude is said to be due partly to the stand taken by Australia. Prime Minister Bruce of that dominion cabled to the government denying its right to decide on the evacuation of Egypt without the consent of the Pacific dominions. He said surrender of the control of Egypt to incompetent natives would set Australia back a hundred years and would compel her to reconsider the whole question of adherence to the empire.

ALL arrangements were made for placing the German reconstruction loan on the market this week. The American allotment will be underwritten by a syndicate headed by J. P. Morgan & Co., Kuhn, Loeb & Co., the First National bank and the National City bank of New York, and will be \$110,000,000, or \$10,000,000 more than had been expected. In fixing the final details the British financiers won a big victory over the Americans, for it was decided that everywhere except in America participation in the loan should be reckoned in pounds sterling instead of in dollars. This, it is considered, will have a great influence in maintaining England's financial prestige.

PACIFISTS from all parts of the world gathered in Berlin last week for the purpose of outlining a constitution for a super-league of nations. They held a big demonstration in Potsdam which so enraged the Nationalistic societies that thousands of their members assembled there the same day and attempted to put the pacifists to rout. Professor Busch of the French Sorbonne especially aroused the wrath of the Nationalists by his plea for Franco-German amity and the cavalry was called out to disperse the mobs that attacked him. Next day, however, several well-known German generals participated in the proceedings and warmly seconded General Verraux when he declared: "A general strike of everybody, generals included, must be declared if there is another war."

The French government has approved of Germany's admission to the League of Nations, conceding that she should be recognized as a great power and granted a permanent seat in the council. But it is insisted that Germany must assume all responsibilities shared by the other powers, which means she must sign the security and arbitration protocol without reservations and agree to the execution of all treaties.

Following up the presentation of a balanced budget, Premier Herriot's cabinet has announced that it will not be possible to include further expenses of the devastated regions in the budget. Hereafter the war-ravaged parts of France must depend on public loans for their reconstruction work.

THERE has just been filed in the Federal court in New Orleans a suit that will be watched with considerable interest. Its purpose is to oust

from office Walter L. Cohen, the negro controller of customs of that port, on the ground that he is of African blood and descent and therefore not a citizen of the United States, and that he is inherently incapable of becoming such. The petition attacks the validity of the Fourteenth amendment to the Constitution, setting forth that it was not legally adopted, not having been proposed by two-thirds of each house of congress nor ratified by three-fourths of the states. It is alleged that at that time eleven states were unconstitutionally deprived of their equal suffrage in the senate, that six states were by coercion forced to ratify the amendment, and that congress "did without power or authority, unlawfully declare said amendment to the Constitution adopted and a part of the Constitution."

Of course, if the action were successful, it would result in the disenfranchisement of every negro in the United States. But neither Cohen nor the United States attorney down there seems to take the matter seriously.

AS THE Presidential campaign draws toward the close the fight is growing decidedly warm. Of course the managers of each of the three major candidacies claim they can see a clear victory for their ticket. And this is true, even of the LaFollette managers, who assert that Davis no longer has a chance and that the race is between Coolidge and the Wisconsin senator. Both LaFollette and the Democrats scoff at the theory of the Republicans that the Democrats are helping the third party in various states for the purpose of throwing the election into congress, where, it is figured out, the result would be the seating of Charles Bryan in the Presidential chair. But the G. O. P. leaders stick to their story and are devoting their main efforts to confining LaFollette's victories to Wisconsin and perhaps Minnesota.

Senator Brookhart's action in bolting the Coolidge-Dawes ticket and the story that Judge Kenyon was about to resign from the bench and take the stump for LaFollette have had a result that the Republicans believe may win the state of Iowa for Coolidge, if there had been any doubt of it. Judge Kenyon, who has a very large following in Iowa, sent word to General Dawes that the story was entirely untrue and that he was supporting the Republican national ticket.

Senator Borah of Idaho, who has not always been in accord with the administration, in opening his campaign declared he was running for re-election as a regular Republican and would take the stump for Coolidge, who, he said, "is the only President who has had the courage to combat the growing tendency toward bureaucracy and extravagance and, therefore, is one of the greatest men in the political history of the United States."

Mr. Davis, campaigning last week in the East, delivered many shrewd thrusts at the administration. In Buffalo, replying to a recent speech by Secretary of State Hughes, he especially attacked President Coolidge's foreign policy, saying:

"The truth is that since March 4, 1921, the control of America's foreign policy has rested neither with Presidents Harding nor Coolidge, nor with the secretary of state, but with a minority in the senate, to whose slightest nod both President and secretary have bowed without protest or complaint. Indeed, Mr. Hughes himself confesses that it has been necessary to conduct the affairs of his department in extralegal fashion, lest they might be tied up in controversy."

As the week closed Mr. Davis was in Indiana beginning a two weeks' tour of the Middle West.

WHILE the Zepplin ZR-3 was being prepared in Germany for the trip across the Atlantic, our home-built dirigible, the Shenandoah, started on a great tour of the United States which, up to the time of writing, has been eminently satisfactory. From Lakehurst, N. J., she sailed southwest and west to Fort Worth, Tex., for her first stop, and thence went across the mountains to San Diego. Her course from there is up the Pacific coast to Camp Lewis at Lakeview, Wash. The ship is actually performing better than the schedule calls for, in both speed and fuel consumption.

TO WITHDRAW HIS OFFER FOR SHOALS

HENRY FORD HAS DECIDED TO WITHDRAW BID IN CONGRESS.

Birmingham, Ala.—Henry Ford has decided to withdraw his bid in Congress for Muscle Shoals and definite announcement to that effect is expected this week, it is stated here by persons close in touch with the situation. The withdrawal, it was learned here, has been rumored in the Muscle Shoals district for some time. Ford's announcement of his action is already prepared, it is declared with good authority, but was not intended for publication for several days yet.

At Muscle Shoals, where Ford's every move in his three year attempt to buy the government water project has been studied, the expected withdrawal is not surprising. The automobile manufacturer has stated before that congress could take his bid or leave it. It is understood now that he has become tired of the delay in action over his bid, and will leave the field clear for other bidders or for the government.

The Muscle Shoals project is not expected to suffer by withdrawal of the bid, however, as work is still going forward on dams 1 and 2, for which congress has appropriated enough for their completion. Backwater from Wilson dam are now covering all the territory cleared for the impounded waters.

Police Take Hand in Warfare.

New York.—Lights burned low in Chinatown. Hip Sing and On Leon Tong hostilities were still on and the special duty police who invaded the "little orient" to prevent further murders and shootings, were doubly reinforced.

More pistols and more prisoners accumulated at headquarters as detective and bomb squad men continued to round up of suspect members of the feudal factions. Thousands of Chinese from other cities arriving on the customary week-end pilgrimage to the crowded quarter on the lower East side, found themselves almost under martial law. Every tram and every ferry was being searched for gun totes who might be participants in the tong warfare.

Dr. Carlton Simean, special deputy police commissioner in charge of narcotics, and designed as the arbitrator for the tong's latest grievance, has thus far been unable to get leaders of the rival camps to a conference table.

Gee Poy Wee, secretary of On Leon Tong, presented himself at headquarters but Eddie Gong of the Hip Sing failed to show up. Police believed negotiations were being delayed by the fear of tong leaders that if henchmen saw them talking peace they would meet violent death.

Five thousand dollars continued to be the bail fixed for all Chinese caught carrying weapons. Dr. Simon proposed that to discourage the tong pariahs still further, immigration authorities should take immediate steps to deport all Orientals convicted of carrying guns or knives.

Commissioner Curran at Ellis Island failed to fall in with this proposal, however.

Speeds Across France.

Paris.—The ZR-3 sped across France at about 80 miles an hour and at such a great altitude that only a few persons saw her, particularly as she steered clear of the larger towns. The airship so far as reported was sighted only twice in France, near the east frontier. Her wireless signals were caught as she passed close to Bordeaux, departing from France.

The dirigible was sighted first at 8:40 a. m., over Belford, a short distance west of the German-Swiss frontier along France's eastern boundary. She then turned slightly southward toward Bordeaux in sight of the Alps, and was seen again near Montebard, 30 miles to the west, flying high and fast. It is estimated that over France and Switzerland she maintained an average altitude of 3,000 feet and she crossed France in less than six hours.

Woman Dies in Parachute Jump.

Wichita, Kansas.—Mrs. Ruth Gardner, member of the Garver flying circus of Atchita, Kansas, was killed instantly at the national air congress races, when the parachute in which she leaped from a plane failed to open. More than 10,000 persons witnessed the tragedy. The parachute was cut from the plane when it was about a thousand feet in the air.

Mail Robber Recognized.

New Britain, Conn.—Yeggmen discovered attempting to blow open the safe of a department store here, shot and killed Policeman James Skelley and escaped. The police recognized one of the yeggmen as Gerland Chapman who recently escaped from Atlanta prison where he was sent after a \$1,000,000 mail robbery in New York. Walter E. Shean, of Springfield, Mass., said to be a member of a prominent family there, is under arrest charged with being an accomplice in the shooting of Skelley.

STATE REVENUES OFF LAST MONTH

TOTAL FOR YEAR WILL EXCEED LAST YEAR BUT DECREASE EXPECTED FROM INCOMES.

Raleigh.

Receipts of Commissioner of Revenue R. A. Doughton during the month of September show a decrease from the same month last year, but indicate a considerable increase over 1923 for the entire year.

Receipts in September for this year were \$268,777.40 as compared with \$293,001.56 for the same month last year. The September receipts bring the total for the year to date up to \$5,120,410.63 while the total for 12 months of 1923 was \$5,525,744.69.

The heaviest item in September collections was \$120,000 for franchise taxes, the first bit total collections from this source from which about \$1,000,000 is anticipated and which alone will serve to bring the total for the year considerably above the 1923 mark.

Already, however, predictions are being made that the income taxes for the year, will be considerably less than receipts last year.

To Show Crops of Seven Sections.

To show geographically the work being done in solving perplexing problems about North Carolina farming, the seven experiment stations conducted by the State College and Department of Agriculture will make an exhibit at the State Fair in Raleigh during the week of October 13 to 17.

The exhibit which is now being collected from the seven farms by F. M. Miller, assistant director of the stations, will show some of the more important work being done at each station. Mr. Miller states that no livestock work will be on exhibit from these farms due to the great expense of bringing the animals here, but practically every phase of crop and orchard work will be shown.

Governor Takes Fight to Critics.

Declaring that the opposition to the port terminal bill to be submitted to the voters of North Carolina at the general election in November presents a spectacle that could not be found in another spot on the globe inhabited by civilized people, Governor Cameron Morrison presented the cause for which he is making one of the most vigorous fights of his whole career to an audience that filled the Wake County Court House.

The Governor did not refer to the opposition as opponents. He took the fight to them, characterizing them as "advocates of railroad monopoly in transportation." He also added to his arguments for water transportation as a means of reducing freight rates; his answers to critics of his plan and paid his respects to the plan of regulating commercial transportation over highways recently advocated by the heads of five department sin his administration, declaring he expected to do all he could to fight it.

Florida Studies North Carolina.

C. W. Hunter, highway commissioner of Florida, is visiting in Raleigh, studying the North Carolina system of conducting the State's business, especially in the department of Education, Highways and Revenue.

He had a conference with A. T. Allen, superintendent of Public Instruction, and was very interested in North Carolina's system of consolidated school districts and the daily transportation by the state of more than 48,000 children, to and from school.

The country-wide school survey, the salary schedule, and other phases of the North Carolina schools are also being investigated by Mr. Hunter.

The Florida man has been a member of the Florida State Legislature for many years. Recently he was manager of the successful campaign that gained the Democratic nomination of Governor Martin. He has been spending several weeks in North Carolina trying to find something about the progressive spirit of the people in this state to take home with him and place before the Florida lawmakers.

Home Economics Classes at Fair.

In a series of three demonstrations Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of Fair Week, the Home Economics Division of the State Department of Education will show what a well-equipped department of Home Economics can do in the schools of the state.

The demonstrations will give the ways in which the courses are varied to meet the situations in rural consolidated mill town, and city system schools.

New Charter Issued.

The following certificates of incorporation were issued from the office of Secretary of State W. N. Everett. The Hood Finance Corporation, Goldsboro, industrial banking system, with \$250,000 authorized and \$5,000 subscribed by Guyton P. Hood, Thos. H. Newwood and E. B. Borden, 3rd, all of Goldsboro. Henderson Lumber Co., Henderson, with authorized capital \$100,000 and \$20,000 subscribed by Ben Fisher, R. I. Carbett and Estelle Church, all of Henderson.

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