

## Lord Birkenhead's Reply to Coolidge Striking Contrast

Former Secretary of State for India Makes Vitriolic Speech

### LABOR LEADER MILD America Censured for Acquisitiveness and Empire-Building

London.—Lord Birkenhead, former Secretary of State for India, contributed a vitriolic anti-American article to the new weekly journal Britannia Friday under the heading: "My reply to President Coolidge."

It was an answer to President Coolidge's blunt Armistice Day pronouncements on the failure of Great Britain to advance suitable naval disarmament plans and it formed a striking contrast to the friendly speeches of Premier Baldwin and American Ambassador Houghton at a dinner here Thursday night.

**Toward Another War**  
At the same time Ramsay MacDonald, Labor party leader, in a speech at Porthcawl, Wales, said he feared Britain was heading toward another war, "because we have not the courage to assume we are lovers of peace."

"We entered the last war not because we were bloodthirsty but because we were afraid to assume that peace would exist," he said.

It also was learned that Baldwin had replied to Representative Fred Britton's proposal for an Anglo-American conference on naval affairs. The reply was said to have been in the same spirit which inspired the American's invitation that he did not believe such a conference would attain the end it sought.

Birkenhead's reply to Coolidge characterized the Armistice Day speech as "ungracious and ungracious to give unsolicited advice, and to pass harsh strictures on the Governments of the continent which nearly bled to death would appear to be not helpful and not necessary."

"It is time he and his countrymen who share his views should realize, even if America had not joined us, the British Empire would have continued apace."

Charging President Wilson with hesitation and vacillation attributed to America's self-interest into the war as solely in his interest, Lord Birkenhead said "no other motive could be responsible."

**Pose of Superiority**  
"But what have this plays with the pose of condescending superiority towards Europe which the President until then invariably had shown and which President Coolidge now appears determined to revive," he wrote. He then cited a long list of alleged official figures showing American casualties in the war as one-tenth of the casualties of Britain and France and barely one-fiftieth of the entire Allied power losses.

"We might perhaps in these circumstances, be permitted to decide for ourselves what course we should adopt to save the world from a repetition of the assault on civilization of 1914 and which America learned to understand three years afterwards," Lord Birkenhead wrote.

"What right has America, through the mouth of its President, to censure us for acquisitiveness when they are providing such examples of empire-building as no European nation has, in fact, accomplished in these modern days," he continued, commenting on Panama, the Philippines, Santa Domingo, Nicaragua and Hayti.

### Grade Crossings Soon to Go

Government Has Appropriated \$2,000,000 for this Purpose

Montreal.—Motorists of Canada will be interested to learn that appropriations totalling \$2,000,000 for level crossing improvements will be made by the Canadian Federal Government during the next two years. Hon. G. A. Dunning, Minister of Railways, has announced. The first installment of \$200,000 will be provided at the forthcoming session of Parliament.

Limitations which restricted the application of the grade crossing fund were removed at the last session, Mr. Dunning pointed out, and the further sum of \$1,568,984.74 has been made available. This represents the unspent balance from the \$4,000,000 contributed during the last twenty years by the Government.

So far in 1923 railways and municipalities have spent almost as much in level crossings protection as they did in the whole of the preceding twenty years, Mr. Dunning declared.

Grade crossings assisted from the fund this year number 102, bringing to total to 1,020 since 1903. It is estimated that there are 30,102 crossings in Canada, of which 25,531 are rural and 4,571 urban.

Crossing accidents during the first nine months of this year were 242, despite redoubled efforts to cope with the situation. For the whole of 1922 the figure was 310.

**Police make strange bellows, but no effort is to be taken that go to sleep.**

## Beef Grading in Canada Urged

Recommendations are Submitted to Minister of Agriculture

Ottawa.—Specific recommendations for standardization of beef grading in Canada were submitted recently to Hon. W. R. Motherwell, minister of agriculture, by the joint beef grading committee of the Dominion, which has been working on a draft of proposed regulations for some time.

In the recommendation: it was suggested that for the present at least grading should be done by packing plant inspectors. Establishment of two principal grades, "choice" and "good" is urged. This proposal further suggests that carcasses be marked by a distinctive color strip, indicating the grade. All cuts of meat not marked would be regarded as "ungraded." It was stressed that established brands on which packing firms had expended considerable capital, should not be disturbed.

Following a conference with members of the joint committee, the minister asked that final consideration of the matter be deferred pending the return of Dr. J. H. Grisdale, deputy minister of agriculture, who is at present in England.

In presenting the recommendation, the delegates pointed out that the success of uniform grading would depend to a large degree upon the co-operation given by the big abattoirs. As beef grading regulations were still in the formative stage, it was further emphasized that modifications or changes could be made from time to time.

The beef grading committee was created as the result of a omnium-wide conference held last June. The proposals presented to the minister represent the scheme evolved to put into practice certain recommendations made at the inaugural conference.

While final consideration of the proposals has been left in abeyance, Mr. Motherwell stated that it was the desire of his department that grading operations be started without delay.

### New Gold District to Open Soon

Prospectors Wait for "Freeze-up" to Try Their Luck in New Northern Area

#### PROSPECTS GOOD

Scores of prospectors, fully equipped for snowshoe staking and winter hardships, are now clustered around Sioux Lookout, Hudson and other points on the Canadian National Railway awaiting the freeze-up of waterways to begin a rush to another great gold field within the Province of Ontario.

A band of gold-bearing rocks of unknown width is believed to extend 100 miles from Red Lake on the west, and quite possibly these mineralized rocks extend on into Quebec and Labrador. Indians from the Ungava district have for years displayed gold ornaments, which no doubt came from gold in this district.

Isolated gold discoveries during the past year and a half at Red Lake, Woman Lake, Narrow Lake, Gold Lake, Cat River, Crow River, Pickle Lake and Fork Hope now appear to be linked with one chain of gold-bearing rocks. Reports of geologists tend to support the belief.

While further investigation will have to be made before the existence of this band is clearly demonstrated, the implication, according to T. W. Gibson, Deputy Minister of Mines, is "pretty strong."

Samples of ore brought down to the Parliament Buildings here from these eight isolated discoveries have already been pronounced by mineralogists as "very rich in gold."

#### Empire Marketing

Regina Leader (Lib.).—Canada wants to do business with the United States, which constitutes a market close at hand and which would, were it not for the selfishness of protected American interests and their influence in the political realm, lend itself to a freer mutual trade with this country, but the British market—and this includes the whole far-flung British Empire—must also be cultivated to the fullest possible extent, and probably there will be a still greater tendency on the part of Canada to cultivate it now that the high tariff barrier is being so conspicuously frown at Washington.

#### The Vestris Disaster

Philadelphia Record: The United States is very deeply involved in this disaster. Federal officers gave the vessel a full rating of safety before she put out to sea and to catastrophe. It is under the seal of this Government that she was allowed to leave port with a clear certificate. She had been fully inspected by officials of the Steamboat Inspecting Service of the Department of Commerce. They had given their guarantee that she was seaworthy. On their inspection she was given an A-1 rating by the British Lloyd's. The United States wants to know, and must know, if that inspection was thorough and efficient.

## The Princess Interested in Ireland's Industrial Progress



Her royal highness, accompanied by W. R. McMurray, managing director of John S. Brown and Sons' linen mills, Belfast, Ireland, on a tour of the works at Edenderry.

### Doug Fairbanks' Sound Sense

Watching Doug Fairbanks perform on the set at Hollywood one day Helen Christine Bennett wondered at his ability to do such acrobatics. Writing in the December issue of "Physical Culture Magazine," she says:

"As he stepped aside for a scene in which he had no part I found a place beside him and asked bluntly: 'Mr. Fairbanks, how do you keep it up? Is it diet, massage, exercise or what?'"

"Well," he answered, "of course I have all of those helps. But I think the main thing that keeps any man in trim is listening to the sportsmen inside of him."

"I figure life as a sport, not only for me, but for every part of me. All over my body are a lot of little sportsmen, playing my game for me. Some of them get tired and want a rest. If I don't give them a rest they'll lose out. I give them a chance. If the team up my left arm telephones, 'Call it a day,' I let them off for the day. If I don't, they may strike and then I'll have a lame arm. You can do almost anything with these sportsmen if you give them a chance and take care of them."

According to a scientist the next war will be fought by wireless. What we heard on our set the other evening made us think it had started.

### American Dumping

Edmonton Journal (Ind. Cons.): Canada cannot maintain her national existence if she is to continue to be flooded with American manufacturing surplus and at the same time be denied a fair opportunity to sell her agricultural products in the United States. The problem has become vital, not merely for the farmers and manufacturer as such, but for the nation itself. The only possible touch situation is that the same Mr. Hoover who has promised the American farmers to stop every last chink in the American-Canadian tariff walls has also promised these identical farmers a waterway through Canadian territory, to be built in considerable part at Canadian expense.

### Soap Jelly For Shampoos

Those who like a soap jelly, rather than the bar of soap itself, should know that it is easily made at home, and as it keeps indefinitely, a quantity may be prepared at one time.

Shave into a pan a cake of any preferred soap and cover it with one quart of soft water. Heat this slowly over the fire until thoroughly dissolved. When cool it will form a perfect jelly. Place in a glass jar and cover to keep out the dust, it will prove a great convenience in the bathroom by being at hand and ready for use at any moment.

### British Entertain Marshal Lyautey

London.—Marshal Lyautey, veteran French administrator whose work of restoring peace, religious freedom and comparative prosperity in French Morocco is much respected in British circles, has arrived here. A number of entertainments have been arranged in his honor. On arrival, he was welcomed at the Brooks Club by Sir Austen Chamberlain and others.

The British African Society will confer upon him its gold medal, which has never previously been bestowed on a foreigner. He will be entertained at luncheon at the Anglo-French Club, and at dinner at the French Embassy. He will also be the Empire Parliamentary Association's guest at a luncheon in the House of Commons.

### King George's Illness

New York Sun: If his struggle with a treacherous disease, doubly dangerous in the November climate of London, should prove to be a critical one, then this gallant and modest gentleman, this sovereign whose watchword is devotion to duty, this loved and revered head of a great empire, will have with him the heart-felt sympathy and good wishes of the civilized world.

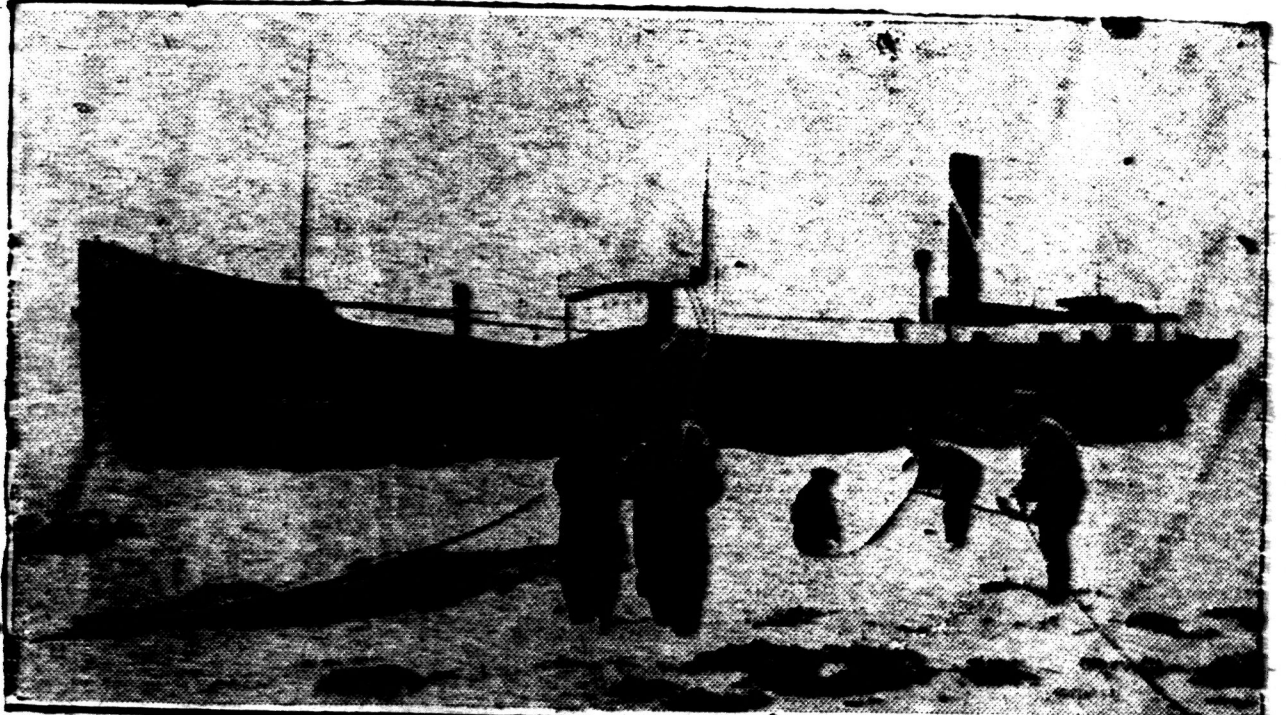
The farmers that need the most relief are the ones who have moved to town.

### Indicating How the "Tight Little Isle" was Battered



A huge wave breaking over the sea wall at Brighton, England, during one of the most severe storms that ever struck that country.

### Another Picture Showing Storm's Ravages



"ALL ASHORE, THAT'S GOING ASHORE" WAS COMMAND THAT WAS OBEYED. The crew of the steamer Kaitiah Coat driven ashore near Plymouth Sound by gales, was rescued with the aid of the breeches buoy.

## Market Reports

### PRODUCE QUOTATIONS

Toronto wholesale prices are making the following prices, delivered Toronto:

Eggs, ungraded, cases returned—Fresh extras, 55 to 58c; fresh, 48 to 50c; seconds, 32 to 35c; pullet extras, 41 to 42c.

Butter—Creamery, solid, pasteurized, No. 1, 40 1/2 to 41 1/2c; No. 2, 38 to 40c.

Churning cream—No. 1, 42c.

Cheese—No. 1 large, colored, paraffined and government graded, 21 1/2 to 21 3/4c.

### GRAIN QUOTATIONS

Toronto wholesale dealers are quoting the following prices to the trade:

Smoked meats—Hams, med., 29 to 31c; cooked hams, 42c; smoked rolls, 25c; breakfast bacon, 30 to 34c; do fancy, 37 to 40c; hocks, peeled, 28 to 30c; do, smoked, 30 to 32c.

Cured meats—Long clear bacon, 50 to 70 lbs., \$21; 70 to 90 lbs., \$19; 90 to 100 lbs. and up, \$18; lightweight rolls, in barrels, \$11.50; heavyweight rolls, \$38.50 per lb.

Lard—Pure, tierces, 17c; tubs, 17 1/2c; pails, 18c; prints, 18 1/2 to 19c. Shortening, tierces, 14 1/2c; tubs, 14 1/2c; pails, 15 1/2c; tins, 17 1/2c; prints, 16 1/2c.

Fresh pork—Loins, 21c lb.; shoulders, 16c lb.

Grain dealers on the Toronto Board of Trade are making the following quotations for car lots:

Man. wheat—No. 2 North, \$1.22 1/2; No. 3 North, \$1.17; No. 4 wheat, \$1.11 1/2; No. 5 wheat, \$1.01; No. 6 Goerlich and bay ports.

Man. oats—No. 1 feed, 58 1/2c; No. 2 feed, 56c. (c.i.f. Goerlich and bay ports).

Am. corn—No. 2 yellow, kiln dried, 99 1/2c; No. 3 yellow, kiln dried, 96 1/2c; No. 4 yellow, kiln dried, 94c. (Delivered Toronto).

Milled, del. Montreal freights, bags included—Bran, per ton, \$36.25; shorts, per ton, \$38.25; middlings, \$43.25.

Ont. oats—Good, sound, heavy oats, in car lots, 48 to 50c. f.o.b. shipping points.

Ont. good milling wheat, f.o.b. shipping points, according to freights, \$1.25 to \$1.30.

Barley—Malt, 70 to 74c. Ryeckwheat—85 to 88c.

Rye—No. 2, \$1.06.

Man. flour—First patents, in jute, \$7.20, Toronto; second patents, in jute, \$6.60.

Ont. flour—Track, Toronto, car lots—90 per cent. pats., per barrel, not quoted; seaboard, in bulk, \$6.50.

### SEED PRICE QUOTATIONS

The following range of prices, f.o.b. shipping points in Ontario, is being offered:

Alsike—No. 1, 97 per cent. purity, per bushel, \$10; No. 2, 96 per cent. purity, per bushel, \$9; No. 3, 95 per cent. purity, per bushel, \$8.50; No. 4, 90 per cent. purity, per bushel, \$8.

Red Clover—No. 1 grade, bushel, \$11; No. 2 grade, bushel, \$9.50; No. 3 grade, per bushel, \$8.

Alfalfa—No. 1 grade, bushel, \$14; No. 2 grade, bushel, \$12; No. 3 grade, bushel, \$9.

Sweet Clover—No. 1 bright quality, from machine, per bushel, \$1.80; No. 2, off color, from machine, per bushel, \$1.25.

### LIVESTOCK

Heavy beef steers, choice, \$9.50 to \$10.10; butcher steers, choice, \$9.50 to \$10.25; do, fair to good, \$8.50 to \$9; do, com., \$7 to \$7.50; butcher heifers, choice, \$9.50 to \$10.25; do, fair to good, \$8.25 to \$8.75; do, com., \$5.25 to \$7.50; butcher cows, good to choice, \$7.50 to \$8.50; do, com. and med., \$5.25 to \$7.25; do, canners and cutters, \$4 to \$5; butcher bulls, good to choice, \$7.50 to \$8.50; do, com. to med., \$6.01 to \$7; do, bolognas, \$6.75 to \$6.50; baby beef, \$11.25 to \$15; feeders, choice, \$8.50 to \$8.60; do, fair to good, \$7 to \$8.25; stockers, choice, \$7.75 to \$8.50; do, fair to good, \$6.25 to \$7; calves, choice, \$15 to \$16; do, med., \$8 to \$13; do, grassers, \$6 to \$7; milch and springer cows, choice, each, \$110 to \$130; lambs, spring, per cwt., \$12 to \$12.25; do, culls, per cwt., \$9 to \$10; buck lambs, \$8.50 to \$9; sheep, choice, \$5 to \$6.50; do, med., \$5 to \$5.25; do, culls, \$3 to \$4; hogs, select, w.o.c., \$9.75 to \$10; do, f.o.b. select, \$8.75 to \$9; do, fed and watered, \$9.45 to \$9.70; do, thick smooths, f.o.b., \$8.25 to \$8.50.

### British Railway Orders 70,000 Steel Sleepers

London.—An initial order for 70,000 steel sleepers, equalling 5,000 tons of steel, has been placed with a British firm by the Southern Railway, which is the first British company to adopt the steep sleeper in preference to timber. The supply ordered will enable about 35 miles of selected track to be equipped over a period of two years.

The rising price of imported timber sleepers, of which 4,000,000 are used annually on British railways, is the chief reason for the change, but the Southern Railway is also guided by a desire to help British industries and to experiment with the new sleepers, which are already in use in some places abroad, where, it is estimated, their life will be about 30 years against 20 years of timber sleepers.

In view of these circumstances, it is believed steel may in the end prove more economical.

The parts and signs of goodness are many. If a man be gracious and courteous to strangers, it shows he is a citizen of the world, and that his heart is as broad as that of other lands, but a continent that joins to them.—Francis Bacon.