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GERMAN PEACE DELEGATES GO TO BERLIN WITH ALLIED NOTE

IRISH PEOPLE EXPECTED TO REJECT BRITISH PREMIER'S PLAN

BRITISH CROWN GIVES INDIA LARGER DEGREE OF SELF-GOVERNMENT

King George Issues Proclamation Today Announcing New Measure—Representation Long Desired by Natives Is Granted People, and Officials Are Urged To Co-operate To Insure Success of New Plan.

London, Dec. 23.—King George issued a proclamation today, announcing the new measure giving India a larger degree of self government. The proclamation characterizes the Government bill as a historic act, giving representation long desired by the natives. It calls for the determination of the people and officials to work together for the common purpose of making the new plan of Government a success.

ALLIED GOVERNMENTS FRAME AN INDICTMENT AGAINST WILHELM

London, Dec. 23.—Law officers of the crown held a consultation with French and Belgian law officers today with regard to the former German emperor. It is reported that the conferees made out a case against the former German ruler and framed an indictment.

TROTSKY PLANS BIG OFFENSIVE AGAINST POLES

Chinese Troops Will Be Used in Reds' Campaign.

Geneva, Dec. 22.—Preparations for a great Bolshevik offensive against Poland next spring is planned by Leon Trotsky, soviet minister of war and marine of Russia, according to a Warsaw dispatch received by the Ukrainian news bureau here. Chinese troops who are being recruited at the rate of 8,000 per day, and trained in the soviet military school will aid in the campaign, it is said. Recent statements by Trotsky are quoted to the effect that he believes Bolsheviks to be well rooted and spreading in China, where a Bolshevik revolution is expected shortly. It is declared Trotsky intends to use Chinese in carrying out his project of an invasion of Western Europe.

CANADIAN SYSTEM OF FOOD CONTROL MAY BE ADOPTED IN U.S.

Senator Capper Will Introduce Motion in Congress.

New York, Dec. 23.—Proposed adoption of the Canadian system of food control to reach profiteers and lower the cost of living in this country, met with favor here yesterday, following an announcement that Arthur Capper, United States Senator from Kansas, intends to place the matter before Congress.

"I am inclined to favor the Canadian system," said Arthur Williams, the federal food administrator here. "But I should like to see the added provision that the margin of profit be fixed on the retailer as well as the consumer. As a matter of fact we have seen in England a step further in New York City, and have fixed both the gross and net profits."

LATEST LIST OF DEAD SHOWS TWENTY-FIVE VICTIMS OF WRECK

Body of Engineer Bagley Only One Yet To Be Recovered.

Montreal, Dec. 23.—All the missing in the wreck on the C. P. R. at Ottawa on Saturday have been accounted for, according to a dispatch to the company's office here. One body remains to be found, that of Engineer Bagley. The dispatch lists the finally been set at 25. Bodies are being taken to Ottawa and will be brought to their destinations immediately.

What's Doing Tonight?

THEATRES.
Grand—Antia Stewart in "Her Kingdom of Dreams" and "Vandeville."
Majestic—Norma Talmadge in "By Right of Purchase."
Patricia—Gladys Brockwell in "Chasing Rainbows" and "Vandeville."

OTHER EVENTS.
Armories—Meeting of city officers interested in the rehabilitation of 7th Regiment, 8 p.m.

NEW HOME RULE PROPOSALS ARE APPROVED BY BRITISH PRESS

Large Portion of Irish People Expected To Reject the Plan Outlined.

SUCCESS IS DOUBTED
London Newspapers Regard Latest Measure As Best One Presented Yet.

London, Dec. 23.—Aside from one or two irreconcilable anti-home rule journals, London newspapers this morning give, on the whole, a favorable reception to the government's new scheme for Irish self-government. None, however, expresses genuine expectation of the success of the plan.

While it is recognized that such a bill as Premier Lloyd George outlined yesterday to the House of Commons will be absolutely rejected by a large section of the Irish people, and regarded with suspicion and distrust by others, it is contended it deserves to be fairly considered and tried. The Daily News, perhaps the most thorough champion of home rule of the London newspapers, writes in its editorial of Premier Lloyd George and the coalition government, says: "The government bill gives Ireland a greater degree of autonomy, since it sets up an Irish parliament, and it manifestly contemplates the probability of a limited Irish parliament in the desperate situation in which Ireland now stands, this offering so far as Englishmen can judge, the best possible way out of the Irish problem, and it is honestly put forward."

Belief that the bill offers the only possible way out of the Irish problem is expressed by the Liberal Chronicle, which says, on the whole, the measure appears generous. Regarding the plan to be presented to parliament—will be rejected nearly everywhere in Ireland largely because "none of the contending factions are really willing to be fair to any of the others," the newspaper says.

Best Scheme Presented.
"The government, the British people, and the British parliament must recognize and discount the opposition in advance. Only in such a way can any change, which is either just as workable, be achieved in Ireland."

The Daily Mail declares it to be a better scheme than any previous government has produced and an honest endeavor conceived with single aim of ministering to the good of all, and while maintaining the unity of the British Empire.

In commenting on the bill, the Morning Telegraph describes it as a "provision which will commend itself to the domineering minds everywhere as a fair and tender of self-government."

However, the extreme nationalist position the Morning Post says: "It is a bad settlement—bad for Ireland because it does not settle the Irish question, and bad for Great Britain because it weakens the United Kingdom. It is merely the climax of a policy which has been followed since 1912, and which has brought us to the present position. It is a policy of appeasement, and it is a policy of surrender."

Even the few Irish nationalist members who have survived the prime minister's attack on the nationalist movement, the newspaper continues. "They probably had a foreboding of the future of the country, and they were merely obeying the command of their dead leader, given when he and they withdrew from the House, upon the first declaration of the prime minister's intention to permanently partition the country."

The Irish Times says that for many reasons, "some good, some bad, some wise, some mad," three-quarters of the Irish people will reject the bill. "Its principle is hateful alike to the Unionists and Nationalists," the newspaper says. "They know that the nationalist movement is a movement of the past, and that the nationalist movement cannot persist in a divided country. They know the fantastic hopes which the government proposes for the future of the country, and they know that the nationalist movement is a movement of the past, and that the nationalist movement cannot persist in a divided country."

We yearn for peace but in the Lloyd George offer we see no peace but the sword."

NEWLY-ELECTED OFFICERS OF UNITED FARMERS OF ONTARIO



R. W. E. BURNABY, new president of the United Farmers of Ontario. He succeeded R. H. Halbert, who goes to the House of Commons. Mr. Burnaby, a native of New Brunswick, who made a big success as insurance salesman and later as a real estate operator. He farmed 300 acres near Toronto.



W. A. AMOS, newly-elected vice-president of the United Farmers of Ontario. He is a graduate of Knox College, and was formerly a Presbyterian minister. He is now engaged in farming in Perth County, near Palmerston.

DON'T WORRY

In municipal voting you will nearly always find a lot of vital questions of a controversial kind. In London we have one this year, when voters must decide if they will pay a slight increase for daily street car ride. But what's the use of worrying? Though the company declare that they will cut down wages if they don't get higher fare. While the men say if their wage is cut no car shall touch the rail. And your hike from home to workshop will be down the long, long trail.

BRITISH OCCUPY TOWNS TO CHECK TURK MOVEMENT

Batum and Baku Taken Over by British To Prevent Caucasus Penetration.

London, Dec. 23.—British forces have occupied Batum and Baku to prevent the Turks from penetrating the Caucasus region according to a Moscow wireless dispatch.

FIFTEEN ARE KILLED WHEN FREIGHT HITS PASSENGER TRAIN

Collision Occurs Just Outside Douai On French Railroad.

Lille, France, Monday, Dec. 22.—Fifteen persons were killed and 35 injured in a rear-end collision just outside Douai, 18 miles south of here, this afternoon, when a freight train crashed into a passenger train, which was standing at the station. The engineer of the freight train, who is said to have run past a stop signal, escaped unhurt, but blew out his brains with a revolver after giving assistance to injured passengers.

The passenger train had left Lille at 1:55 o'clock, and was obliged to stop at Douai because of lack of steam, due to a poor quality of coal. The freight train plowed into the rear of the passenger train, telescoping four third-class coaches.

CAPTAIN ROSS SMITH KNIGHTED BY KING

London, Dec. 23.—Knighthood in the Order of the British Empire has been conferred by King George upon Capt. Ross Smith, the first aviator to complete an aeroplane flight from England to Australia. The knight, who is a member of the Royal Air Force, was knighted in the recent successful flight, was accorded an identical honor.

NOVA SCOTIA EXPERIENCES BEST AGRICULTURAL YEAR IN PROVINCE'S HISTORY

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 23.—The 1919 crop report for Nova Scotia, issued by the provincial department of agriculture, states that the year is regarded as one of the best agricultural years in the history of the province.

MESABA IS STANDING BY DISABLED VESSEL

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 23.—A wireless message received here this morning from the British steamer Mesaba stated that at 6 a.m. she was standing by the British steamer Kanarima, which reported herself in distress off St. John's, Newfoundland, yesterday, and that she would make an effort to get a towline aboard at daylight.

CANDIDATES ARE QUALIFYING FOR THEIR ELECTION

Several Have Taken Necessary Steps Early in the Day.

MANY CONTESTS CERTAIN

All Who Are To Go On the Ballots Must Act Today.

At 2:15 today the following nominees for public offices had qualified:

Mayor—H. B. Ashplant and J. M. Parsons.

Utilities Commission—L. S. Holmes, Philip Pocock and Jared Vining.

Hospital Trust—James Gray, Board of Education—F. B. Lavender, Edwin Smith, Mrs. C. E. Tanner and J. B. Wright.

Aldermen—Dennis Flanagan, Robert Fraser, C. G. Moorhead, J. F. Thompson and Harry Wheatcroft in ward 4, G. B. Drake in ward 3, William Tite, James Cameron Wilson and William Arthur Wilson in ward 2, E. R. Seabrook and H. W. Ashley in ward 1.

One of the keenest municipal elections in many years is certain from the number of nominees for public offices who qualified at the city hall today. When a nominee takes the trouble to establish his right to be in running, it is considered practically certain that he intends to enter the contest.

Several of the candidates qualified immediately after their nomination. Others made out the necessary papers today. Nine o'clock tonight is the latest hour at which they can qualify, and it is expected that many more will do so before that time.

Mrs. Tanner Qualifies.
Mrs. C. E. Tanner made out the necessary papers today, and is running for the board of education. The indications are that she will be one of the leading candidates, and it is probable that there will be a fourth woman member of the board of education next year. Three women were elected last year for a two-year term.

John M. Parsons and H. B. Ashplant have qualified for the mayoralty contest.

The prospective aldermen have been drifting into the city clerk's office all day. In Ward 1, James C. Wilson, A. Wilson and William Tite have qualified. In Ward 4, Dennis Flanagan, Robert Fraser, C. G. Moorhead, Harry Wheatcroft and J. F. Thompson have all qualified their intention of running.

Three candidates have already qualified for the utilities commission, making a contest certain for this body. They are Ald. L. S. Holmes, Philip Pocock and Jared Vining.

Present indications are that James Gray will be a candidate for the board of hospital trustees, as he has qualified to run for that office. A strong effort is being made to have him accept nomination as a school trustee.

In addition to Mrs. Tanner, several other nominees have qualified as school trustees. They are Frederick Bertram Lavender, Edwin Smith and John B. Wright.

Whale meat offered as substitute for high-priced fowl.

Five thousand pounds from Alaska on New York Market.

New York, Dec. 23.—A consignment of five thousand pounds of whale meat from Alaska was offered at a market on the east side last night as a substitute for expensive holiday fowl.

Whale steaks brought from 20 to 25 cents a pound. Several consignments received a year ago totalled 25,000 pounds, and sold at an average of 30 cents. The principal purchasers, then, were Japanese, to whom the meat was no novelty.

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GERMAN DELEGATION LEAVING FOR BERLIN TO CONFER WITH GOVT. REGARDING ALLIED NOTE

Kurt von Lersner Decides To Leave With All His Experts For German Capital—Exchange of Ratifications Will Not Be Possible Before New Year's, Is Now Expectation in French Official Circles.

Paris, Dec. 23.—Paul Dutasta, secretary of the peace conference, handed Kurt von Lersner, head of the German delegation, the Allied reply to the German note of December 15. Herr von Lersner told M. Dutasta that, owing to the difficulties of communication and the importance of the document, he felt obliged to consult Berlin, adding that he would leave, with all his experts, for the German capital tonight.

Herr von Lersner expressed a desire to lay emphasis on the fact that his leaving Paris at this time was in no wise a rupture of negotiations.

Secretary Dutasta, in accordance with instructions from the supreme council, accompanied the Allied note with a verbal communication in which it is understood he assured von Lersner that the Allies recognized the economic difficulties which might exist in Germany and wished to take them into account.

If proof were given that errors had been made in the estimate of floating material now in the possession of Germany, upon which the allies based their demands for reparation for the sinking of the German ships at Scapa Flow, these demands, M. Dutasta understood to have told the German plenipotentiary, would be reduced proportionately. Herr von Lersner expressed no opinion on the document presented by Secretary Dutasta.

RATIFICATION IMPOSSIBLE BEFORE NEW YEAR.
Paris, Dec. 23.—Exchange of ratification of the German peace treaty before the end of the year is considered in French official circles as impossible. This opinion was formed today, when the head of the German delegation here announced that he would be obliged to return to Berlin to consult with the Government on the latest Allied communication.



W. H. HARVEY, the first representative of the farmers' independent political movements to be elected to the Saskatchewan Legislature. He was recently elected by acclamation for Kincaid. Mr. Harvey is a native of Essex, Ont., and farmed 800 acres at Flexcomb, Sask.

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Turkeys topped the list, fine Maryland birds selling at 65c to 75c a pound.

INGERSOLL MAN IS ROBBED, PEPPER IS THROWN INTO EYES

Alex. Riddle, Member of Princess Pats, Is Victim of Thugs.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ingersoll, Dec. 22.—Alexander Riddle, an original member of the Princess Patricia Regiment, was the victim of a vicious assault in a local hotel last night. Two men, unknown, threw pepper into his eyes, and when he was rendered temporarily blind, felled him with a blow and robbed him of \$20.

His assailants are unknown.

MUSTAPHA KEMAL KILLED.
Rome, Dec. 23.—Mustapha Kemal, leader of the Turkish insurgents in Anatolia, and head of the Turkish national movement in Asia Minor, has been assassinated, according to a Smyrna dispatch to the Tempo.

LABOR MEN SUBMIT RECOMMENDATIONS TO PROV. CABINET

London Man Urges Raising of School Age to 16 Years.

LEGISLATION IS ASKED

To Fix Eight-Hour Day and 44-Hour Week in Ontario.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—The annual conference between the labor men and the Ontario Government took place this morning, when, headed by President Tom Moore of the Dominion Trades Congress, the executive heads of the various labor bodies here, the new Ontario cabinet. The following ministers were present: Premier Drury, and Messrs. Doherty, Biggs, Rolfe, Nixon, Raney and Bowman. President Moore introduced the deputations and various labor leaders presented their views.

The necessity of legislation fixing the eight-hour day and 44-hour week was urged in the cabinet, and even an adjustment of the hours of farm labor was advocated in line with it.

Referring to the recent decision of the police commission that the affiliation of the police must not have affiliation with the Trades and Labor Council, Mr. Moore protested against any legislation preventing such affiliation or association.

Wants Labor Represented.
James Barcroft said the filling of the vacancies on the workmen's compensation board could be safely left with the Government. Charles O'Donnell added that the Trades and Labor Council had been included under the operation of the act. John Platt of Hamilton argued that no lenient argument was needed to show that it was common sense and fairness to have a labor man on the board. He replied that it was a case of it, or no, but first give us a chance," he said.

Mr. H. Hessel of London asked that the school age be raised to 16 years. The deputation brought up the question of mothers' pensions, pointing out that the last Ontario Government had promised legislation. Tom Varley wanted increased opportunities for workers to vote, citing the case of sailors on the ships.

Other demands of the labor men were for exemption from income tax according to number of children, clear definition of lenient argument, and a 2 1/2 per cent. beer inspection or seal-folding, employers to supply hot water and a local hotel last night. He hoped to get back to private life after five years of hard work with the trade mission.

LLOYD HARRIS PLANS TO TAKE LONG REST AFTER FIVE YEARS IN ENGLAND
Head of Canadian Trade Commission Discusses Situation With Premier.

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—Lloyd Harris, for five years chairman of the Canadian trade mission in London, was in the capital today and had lunch with the prime minister. Sir Robert Borden. Asked later if he had made any report on the work of the mission overseas, Mr. Harris stated that he had at various times since returning from overseas discussed matters with the prime minister, but he had made no formal report. As questions arose which called for discussion, his explanation they had been taken up.

Mr. Harris left last night for Brantford where he will spend the Christmas week and later he expects to enjoy an extended holiday. A long rest, he said, was the most important thing he had in mind at the present time and after that he hoped to get back to private life after five years of hard work with the trade mission.

UNIONS SUPPORT STRIKE.
Madrid, Dec. 23.—All members of the trades unions in this city have decided to support the strike of street car employees. The program of the trade unionists contemplates a progressive strike in all industries, which would affect non-union men, until a complete stoppage of work is effected.

CHRISTMAS MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED IN SHELL TORN CATHEDRAL AT RHEIMS
Rheims, Sunday, Dec. 21.—Mass will be celebrated Christmas morning in Rheims Cathedral by Cardinal Lucon. Part of the fire-swept, shell shattered transept has been arranged as a chapel, a wooden roof and glass windows having been placed in the great structure by the committee of historic monuments, and the society of friends of the cathedral.

Fifty children from the city who are being supported by the Red Cross have been rehearsing Christmas carols for the service. Warm suits have been given them.