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Foch Called In To Council Meeting

Russian Situation In The Baltic

DECISION TODAY LIKELY

Principles of Action in Matter of Russia Declared Agreed Upon —Lloyd George's Position— Who Will Succeed Wilson?

Paris, Jan. 22—When the supreme council of the peace conference met this morning there were present, in addition to all the members of the council, Marshal Foch, General Waygand, his chief of staff, and Rear Admiral Hope, deputy first sea lord of the British admiralty board. It was assumed from the presence of these military and naval officers that the Russian situation on the Baltic and on the land front were discussed.

The council continued the formulation of its concrete proposal on the Russian situation, which it was yesterday hoped would be completed today.

W. F. Massey, premier of New Zealand, was present with the council for a short time.

Some announcement of a fully matured Russian policy is expected to be made during today's session. Principles of action have been decided upon, in the main, and virtually all that remains is to reduce the agreement to writing and get final assent to it by the delegates.

The question of President Wilson naming a fifth American delegate when he leaves for home has arisen and the names of William H. Taft and Elihu Root have been mentioned. Mr. Wilson's decision as to the appointment of another delegate depends upon whether he will consider it necessary to return to Europe after the adjournment of the United States congress in March.

The Dominions.

Paris, Jan. 21—(Canadian Press despatch from Reuter's Limited)—Reuter's learns from an authoritative source that in order to assist the league of nations section, the British cabinet at a very early stage in the proceedings appointed a committee of representatives of all dominions to consult with the section. Several meetings of this committee has been given to the part which the dominions will play in the league of nations committee. Their conclusions will be submitted to the British cabinet and if approved will also be submitted to the Allied conference.

London, Jan. 22—Premier Lloyd George's attitude regarding Russia and the peace congress is explained, according to Reuter's, as being quite different from the general understanding of the situation. It is said that he did not suggest that Nikolai Lenine or Leon Trotzky should be invited to sit at the peace congress. He did propose that representatives of Russia comprising all sections of Russian political life should go to Paris to give the most reliable information concerning the situation in that country.

Paris, Jan. 22—The supreme council of the peace conference this morning considered the Polish question and decided to send a mission to Poland. A proposal from President Wilson regarding the Russian question will be discussed this afternoon. Premier Lloyd George and President Wilson are reported in complete agreement on the Russian situation.

FORMER DETECTIVE WANTS TO BE CHIEF

Lieut. A. C. Worrell Sends Application From England

Lieutenant A. C. Worrell, formerly of the city detective service and now overseas, is the latest applicant for the position of chief of police. He has written to Mayor Hayes presenting a formal application. In a letter to Commissioner Jones, Lieutenant Worrell mentions his application, refers to his several years of experience and says that if appointed he would do his utmost to give satisfaction. He says that he was severely wounded while fighting with the 26th at Cambrai in last August but has fully recovered and now is regimental quartermaster of the 13th New Brunswick reserve battalion, Witley Camp, England.

AGAINST GOMPERS.

Lake Tugmen's Association Want John Fitzpatrick to Replace Him.

Toledo, Ohio, Jan. 22—The Lake Tugman's Protective Association, meeting here today, went on record opposing Samuel Gompers as president of the American Federation of Labor, and advocating John Fitzpatrick, president of the Chicago Federation of Labor.

W. C. T. U. MATTERS.

The weekly meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Hennigar was appointed missionary superintendent and Mrs. C. C. Corkum reappointed superintendent of medical temperance work and mothers' meetings. Mrs. David Hipwell presided.

LEFT FOR ENGLAND.

Mrs. W. K. Willis of Victoria, B. C., who has been visiting her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Willis, Windsor Terrace, Rockland road, left yesterday for England on the Metagama to join her husband, Lieutenant Willis, who is in the British navy. He is on H. M. S. Hearty.

PLACE OF DOMINIONS IN LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Statements by Premiers of Canada and Australia

Sir Robert Borden Refers to Resolution Accepted at the Imperial War Council Held in 1917

Paris, Jan. 22—(By the Associated Press)—Sir Robert L. Borden gave to the Associated Press last night the following statement regarding the claims of Great Britain's self-governing dominions to a place in the league of nations as autonomous nations of the imperial commonwealth:—

"In the imperial war council of 1917 I had the honor of moving in behalf of Canada a resolution which was accepted by the United Kingdom and the other dominions and which declared that the readjustment of the constitutional relations of the component parts of the British Empire should be based on the full recognition of the dominions as autonomous nations of the imperial commonwealth.

"The principle thus established has been illustrated and carried into effect by the peace conference in which the several dominions have distinctive representation as members of the world-wide Britannic commonwealth, which, in one sense, is itself a league of nations.

"The resolution of 1917, to which I have alluded, declared in emphatic terms the right of each dominion to an adequate voice in the foreign policy and foreign relations with which the proposed league of nations is intimately and vitally concerned.

"It is neither necessary nor desirable to forecast the exact method by which this essential purpose shall be fulfilled in framing the constitution of the proposed league."

Premier Hughes of Australia, said:—

"We have earned the right by our sacrifices and efforts in this great war to a place in the family of nations. We expect to come in with the same status as any other nation. So far as I understand it, President Wilson's conception of the league of nations is that all nations shall come in on a basis of equality, the nations to come in as entities and retain their foreign rights as nations.

"That being so, of course, once the status of nationhood is established, the dominions would come in as the other nations and would be accorded whatever right they have."

INDUSTRIAL UNREST IS ON THE INCREASE IN MOTHERLAND

London, Jan. 22—(By the Associated Press)—Industrial unrest throughout the United Kingdom is on the increase. In addition to the threat of a railway strike, the whole Yorkshire coal field probably will be idle tomorrow, throwing 150,000 men out of employment, while preparations are being made in Scotland for a general strike for a forty-hour week.

The cause of the trouble in Yorkshire is somewhat similar to that which is occurring in other parts of the country. The operators there have locked out some forty thousand men who insisted on taking twenty minutes of the employers' time for meals. In reply to the lockout the Yorkshire miners' association has declared a strike for tomorrow.

The dispute in London between the engineers and their employers has improved somewhat. Some of the employers have granted the demands of the engineering trade but the electrical workers are now threatening to strike.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16 AS DAY OF INTERCESSION

Ottawa, Jan. 22—Sunday, February 16, has been fixed by the government as a national day of intercession that the deliberations of the peace conference may result "in the establishment of a world-wide peace on a just and permanent foundation."

INFORMATION WANTED.

George H. Harris, of 152 Oakland street, Springfield, Mass., has written to the common clerk asking for information regarding Benjamin Harris or his relatives. The last information he had was that Benjamin Harris had removed from St. John to Chelsea, Mass., and had married and settled there.

MR. DAGGETT JOINS.

Fredericton Gleaner:—Four new members were initiated at the meeting of Graham Lodge, No. 20, L. O. A., last evening. The four new members initiated were C. D. Richards, Victoria Williams, William Penley and Michael Dennison. Rev. J. B. Daggett, of Marysville, became a member by certificate.

OVERSEAS CONGRATULATIONS.

Commissioner Jones has received a letter of congratulation on his election from Harry Sellen of this city, now regimental quartermaster sergeant at the Canadian reserve camp, Camp Witley, England.

FOR BELGIAN RELIEF.

A. Arthur Peacock of Bayfield, N. B., has sent $25 to the mayor for the Belgian relief fund.

SYDNEY HOUSEMAIDS HAVE FORMED UNION

Sydney, N. S., Jan. 22—Local housemaids have formed a union with the objective of having their wages increased from $12 to $20 a month and more. Eight form the nucleus of the union.

TAKE IT BEFORE THE FULL COURT

Matter of Recall Election is to Be Decided in Fredericton

In the Supreme Court Chambers this morning before His Honor Chief Justice Sir Douglas Hazen, counsel appeared in the matter of an application on the part of Jacob N. Tobin for a writ of quo warranto and also for a writ of certiorari to have the elections of Commissioners Thornton and Jones set aside.

When the matter came up for hearing this morning Dr. W. B. Wallace, K. C. and W. R. Scott appeared in behalf of the application, and Dr. J. B. M. Baxter, K. C., on instructions from the City of St. John appeared on behalf of Messrs. Thornton and Jones, and also for the common clerk of the city.

The question arose as to whether the Chief Justice had the jurisdiction to grant a writ of quo warranto, and it was decided by counsel engaged to withdraw the present application and to take the matter to Fredericton and have the argument before the court en banc.

Among the grounds upon which the application is based, are that the grounds set out in the petition for the recall were not sufficient; that the common clerk did not certify to the petition as required by law; that the ballot was irregular; that there is no provision in the act for a dual election, and that after the election was held there was no quorum of the council.

RECOMMENDS $5 A MONTH MORE FOR PERMANENT FIREMEN

In his report to the commissioner of public safety the chief of the fire department, George Blake, recommends an increase of $5 a month for the permanent firemen, whose pay, he says, is low as compared with what they could command in other lines of work. He declares that it will be necessary to have a larger appropriation than last year, owing to increases of $10 a month for the permanent men and $50 a year for the call men, granted last year after the estimates had been passed. Apart from provision for salaries there will be no increase in the estimates. He states that the men's quarters in No. 4 station are overcrowded, owing to men having been transferred from No. 2 and that additional accommodation is required.

THE SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

Improvements in two of the local slaughter houses are noted in the annual report of the slaughter house commission, submitted to the council by the chairman, James Collins. He says that at East St. John one of the houses has been considerably improved. W. T. McDonald, jr., also has expended about $3,000 improving and remodelling his buildings.

The number of animals killed was: cattle, 4,660; calves, 684; sheep and lambs, 7,728; total, 13,072. The financial statement shows receipts of $987.06 and expenses of $800.

FREDERICTON NEWS.

Fredericton, Jan. 22—Mrs. Laura A. Howland, wife of Solomon Howland, of Waasis, died yesterday aged seventy-nine years. Four sons and three daughters survive.

Alphonse Thibeault and Mrs. Lillian Peters, who have been in business at Kedgewick, Restigouche county, as The Gulch Lumber Company, have dissolved partnership by mutual consent. Mrs. Peters will continue the business under the former name.

The advisory board of the department of lands and mines is in session here this afternoon.

R. S. Barker has received word from his son, Lieutenant Theo. C. Barker, Royal Field Artillery, that he has been sent to Fermoy, Ireland, for special duty in connection with troubles there.

N. B. OFFICERS HOME

The following officers for New Brunswick also came on the Britain:—Captain White, P. S. Corbin, L. Martin, N. P. Jones, H. Johnson and T. Millard.

Phelix and Pherdinand

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meterological service

Synopsis—The weather continues moderately cold in Manitoba, Quebec and the maritime provinces and unseasonably mild in all other parts of the dominion. A heavy storm of rain prevails along the British Columbia coast.

Milder.

Maritime—Light to moderate winds, mostly easterly, fair today and Thursday, becoming milder.

Lower St. Lawrence, Gulf and North Shore—Light winds, fair and moderately cold today and on Thursday.

New England—Cloudy, probably with rain tonight and Thursday; moderate temperature, general variable winds.

THE RELIGIOUS 'COMMUNICATION TRENCH"

THE SWEETHEART OF THE ALLIES
Paul Fung in the Seattle *Post-Intelligencer*

This cartoon, drawn by Paul Fung, a Chinese artist, was pronounced by authorities to be the cleverest and at the same time most sympathetic cartoon published in the United States during the drive for funds for the nation's war chest. The cartoon depicts the Salvation Army lassie at the battlefront, helmeted and officially garbed, with her plate of doughnuts and jug of steaming coffee, surrounded by the shadowy shapes of the boys in the trenches.

Sinn Fein Parliament's Call To Free Nations

Dublin, Jan. 22—(By the Associated Press)—After referring to Ireland's geographical position, the Irish parliament yesterday addressed the following to the free nations of the world:—

"Ireland's independence is demanded. By the freedom of the seas her great harbors will be opened to all nations, instead of being a monopoly to England. Today the harbors are empty and idle, solely because Ireland, irrevocably determined at the dawn of the promised era of self-determination and liberty that she will suffer for domination no longer, calls every free nation to uphold her national claim to complete independence as an Irish republic against the arrogant pretentions of England, which were founded on fraud and sustained by overwhelming military occupation.

"She demands to be confronted publicly with England at the congress of nations, that the civilized world, having judged between English wrong and Irish right, may guarantee Ireland its permanent support for the maintenance of national independence."

According to the provisional constitution of the Irish republic legislative powers are to be vested in deputies elected from existing parliamentary constituencies. The ministry will consist of a president and four executive officers—secretaries of finance, home affairs, foreign affairs and national defence. All revenues will be raised on the vote of the Dail Eireann. The constitution may be altered upon seven days notice.

Count Plunkett, Professor Edward De Valera and Arthur Griffith will probably be appointed Irish delegates to the peace conference.

At the session yesterday Count Plunkett, member of parliament, and one of the leaders of the party, introduced, in a few terse sentences, Charles S. Burgess, a young man who acted as chairman, and who made a short speech, which was much applauded.

The roll call was made in English. It included all the members of parliament elected from Ireland to the British parliament. Naturally a majority of these men failed to respond, as they are in prison. Mention of the name of Sir Edward Carson was the cause of much merriment.

BURIED TODAY.

The funeral of Mrs. Catherine Bradley took place this morning from her late residence, Westmorland road, to the Cathedral, where high mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. R. B. Fraser, assisted by Rev. W. L. Moore as deacon and Rev. Captain H. L. Bellivseu as subdeacon. The final absolution was given by Rev. R. B. Fraser. Interment was made in the new Catholic cemetery.

The funeral of Sister Mary St. Hubert took place this morning from the Monastery of the Good Shepherd. High mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. A. P. Allen. At the grave prayers were offered by Father Allen. Interment was made in the new Catholic cemetery. Sister Mary St. Hubert has been a member of the order for twenty-six years.

The funeral of Mrs. James Patterson took place this afternoon from the Waterloo street Baptist church, where services were conducted by Rev. F. H. Wentworth. Interment was made in Fernhill.

The funeral of Mrs. Margaret Sinclair took place this afternoon from her late residence, 16 Brussels street. Services were conducted by Rev. R. T. McKim and interment was made in Fernhill.

The funeral of William R. Catherwood took place this afternoon from his late residence Manawagonish road. Services were conducted by Rev. E. A. Westmorland, and interment was made in Cedar Hill.

The funeral of Mrs. Frederick N. Long took place this afternoon from her late residence, 345 Prince street, West St. John. Services were conducted by Rev. E. A. Westmorland. Interment was made in Cedar Hill.

MILITARY.

Lieutenant Norman Fraser of the 7th Artillery Depot has been struck off the strength of the C. E. F.

MATTER OF RODNEY WHARF SERVICE ON LIST FOR AFTERNOON

The application of the New Brunswick Power Company for permission to discontinue the service on Rodney wharf connecting with the ferry, will be heard before the New Brunswick Public Utilities Commission this afternoon, when the report of D. Maxwell, engineer appointed by the commission to investigate the condition of the wharf will be presented. The company's contention was that the wharf was not safe for street railway traffic.

The application of the Farmers' Telephone Company of Carleton county, for permission to increase rates, which was to have come up this afternoon, has been laid over until the next monthly meeting, owing to the illness of the counsel for the company.

The commission met this morning in the government rooms, Prince William street, and transacted routine business.

TIPPERARY DISTRICT A MILITARY AREA

Dublin, Jan. 22—The British government has decided to proclaim the Tipperary district a military area in consequence of the killing of two policemen and the seizure of blasting explosives which they were guarding while it was being transported to a quarry. The alleged crime was committed by unknown persons who made their escape.

FUNERAL OF FATHER COUGHLAN.

The body of Rev. Richard J. Coughlan, who died in the St. John Infirmary on Monday night, is to be conveyed from his mother's home in Exmouth street to the Cathedral this evening and there will lie in state until tomorrow morning when solemn requiem high mass will be celebrated, the service beginning at nine o'clock. Members of the Holy Name Society are to remain on watch during the night. Rev. D. S. O'Keeffe of St. Andrews will preach at the obsequies tomorrow morning.

CATHOLIC GIRLS' GUILD.

A special meeting of the Catholic Girls' Guild was held in the Y. M. C. I. auditorium last evening. Rev. William M. Duke addressed the members on the work and various activities of the guild. He also brought up the subject of organizing physical classes among the members as they are to be given the use of the Y. M. C. I. gymnasium one night and two mornings each week. Quite a number of new members were received into the guild.

HURT WORSE THAN THOUGHT.

The many friends of John W. Mott of 94 Wall street will be glad to know he is slowly recovering. Mr. Mott is a messenger of the Dominion Express Company and was in the wreck at Flatlands station when he was thrown through an open car door and over an embankment. It was thought at the time that Mr. Mott escaped with a severe shaking up but on arriving home it was found he was suffering from fractured ribs and muscular strain. He will in all probability be laid up five or six weeks.

NOT A REPORT.

Another day has passed without a case of influenza having been reported to the board of health. So far this week no new cases have come to the notice of the health authorities.

Fire Loss $800,000.

Allentown, Pa., Jan. 22—Fire last night destroyed the big plant of the Fitzgerald Speer Company, manufacturers of fancy bar fixtures, causing a loss estimated at more than $800,000.

St. John Soldiers On Steamer At Halifax

They Will Leave By Train Tonight For Home

THE EMPRESS OF BRITAIN

Big C. P. R. Steamship Arrives After Eight Day Voyage, First Part of it Rough—Names of New Brunswick Men on Board

(Special to The Times.)

Halifax, Jan. 22—The Canadian Pacific steamer Empress of Britain with seventy-one officers, sixty-nine cadets and 2,996 other ranks on board arrived off the harbor a little after midnight and at two o'clock this morning dropped anchor at the quarantine berth just south of George's Island. It was expected that the steamer would dock at Pier 2 a little after seven o'clock this morning, but when daybreak came a heavy fog overhung the harbor and it was not until a little after eight o'clock that she docked. The Empress did not receive the welcome usually given steamers with returning soldiers on board when they arrive.

Immediately the gangways were made fast disembarkation commenced. Of the total 3,127 troops on board about 1,300 will have their documents made out here, and will include the men for London, Kingston, Montreal, Halifax and St. John. The balance, including the men for Toronto, Quebec and all western districts, will go to Quebec where they will receive their documents. The first troops to disembark were the men for Nova Scotia, including nearly 500 of all ranks. They were taken to the clearing depot to be interviewed and thence marched to the armouries for their furlough and papers.

The Empress of Britain is no stranger to the port of Halifax. For several years previous to the war she came to this port and at that time was one of the largest liners to dock here. During the war she made trips from here carrying Canadian soldiers.

Since the war began this steamer has covered about 180,000 miles and carried more than 110,000 troops. She has transported Canadian, Australian and British troops to Gallipoli and made a sixteen-months trip around Cape Horn with troops for German East Africa and Mesopotamia. Eight trips she has made across the ocean with Canadian soldiers. On one of these, when there were about 5,000 on board two torpedoes were launched at her all passed several feet astern. She has been attacked about a dozen times during the war.

Captain George S. Webster, R.N.R., who is in command, made about forty trips on her. Her chief engineer, Arthur E. Phillips, has served in four wars, the Benin nad Oshanti expedition, the South African war and the great war. He was personally decorated with the order of the British Empire by King George. Lieutenant F. H. Moore is her first officer.

The New Brunswickers.

(Canadian Press.)

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 22—At 9.45 o'clock this morning the first train load of Canadian troops returning on the Empress of Britain drew out from the ship's side. The New Brunswick contingent will be sent to their homes by special cars attached to the regular trains leaving tonight. The Empress left Liverpool yesterday week. Rough weather was experienced during the first half of the voyage but the latter was not unpleasant. The men say they have no complaints.

The following names arrived for the New Brunswick district: A. Evans, St. John; E. Anderson, Cable Head West, P. E. I.; E. Cogswell, Veteran, Alberta; H. Deveber, St. John; E. W. Knapp, Sackville; K. S. Lynch, St. Martins; L. Mowatt, Chipman; J. A. Richardson, Amherst; C. S. Kee, Anderson; J. H. Arseneau, Rogersville; A. Atkins, Calhoun, N. B.; R. H. Baxter, Westfield Centre; J. D. Beaton, Dorchester, Mass.; C. M. Campbell, St. John; R. M. Cowan, Fredericton; J. D. Daley, Moncton; H. N. Day, Partridge Island; H. W. De Merchant, Barrsville; F. C. Dixon, St. John; O. Downing, St. Leonard, Restigouche county; A. Fitzgerald, Escuminac Flats, Que.; H. Garland, Moncton; J. J. Gaudet, Miscouche, P. E. I.; J. K. Glass, Hartland; E. Goodin, South Nelson; T. Hood, Victoria; H. Horseman, Moncton; H. B. Jones, River de Cute; A. Ken-

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RESOLUTIONS OF ONTARIO LIBERALS

Political Questions Looming up For Discussion

Repeal of War Time Election Act—Support For League of Nations—"Democracy in Industry"

Toronto, Jan. 22—A series of resolutions were passed this evening by the Central Ontario Liberal convention, beginning with a declaration of confidence in Sir Wilfrid Laurier and fealty to his leadership of Liberals, and touching on political questions looming up for discussion at the next session of the dominion parliament. Among them was one demanding the immediate repeal of the war time election act, which, according to the resolution, "in passing it parliament descended to the lowest depths of partizanship."

Another resolution was with reference to the proposed league of nations, which the convention pledged itself to support to its utmost.

One of the resolutions appealed for harmony between the races and creeds in the dominion and referred to "the example of our honored leader, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, whose life had been devoted to promoting Canadian unity" and suggested a "democracy in industry," by the holding of conferences between employers and employed with a view to straightening out any differences which might arise.

Another resolution asked for a full investigation to be held to probe the affairs of the Canadian Northern Railway.

PUNISHMENT OF THE KAISER

London, Jan. 21—(British Wireless Service)—The Westminster Gazette says that the peace conference itself has not yet reached the point of discussing the bringing to justice of the former Emperor of Germany, but that a step in that direction has been taken by the presentation of the report of the French jurists upon the personal responsibility of the former ruler.

A commission under the chairmanship of Sir John MacDonell is considering the same matter, but has not yet delivered its conclusions, which will also be placed before the peace conference.

The Daily Mail says that the former emperor in his letter in which he says "everything must be put to fire and sword; men, women and children, and the aged must be slaughtered and no tree or house be left standing," confesses his war crimes.

"It is perfectly within the competence of the peace conference to nominate an international court and require the surrender of the former Kaiser by Holland, not on the ground that he is a German general or author of the war, but because he violated laws and committed murder," adds the Mail. "For this he must be held liable in his own person."

The Daily Chronicle says: "In the long run no nation stands to gain more by the punishment of the guilty than the Germans, since it is in Germany that the moral prestige of their methods was and is most deeply rooted."

POPE'S GREETING TO CARDINAL GIBBONS ON GOLDEN JUBILEE

Baltimore, Jan. 22—Without formality, Archbishop Cerretti, under secretary of state at the Vatican, today presented Pope Benedict's greeting to Cardinal Gibbons on the occasion of the cardinal's golden jubilee of his episcopate. Later in the day Cardinal Gibbons entertained Monsignor Cerretti at dinner.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the St. John River Orchards Limited was held this morning in the Board of Trade rooms. H. C. Schofield was re-elected president; W. S. Allison re-elected vice-president and W. E. Anderson, re-elected secretary-treasurer. The board of directors was re-elected as follows: Andrew Jack, H. N. Stetson, H. C. Schofield, W. S. Allison and W. E. Anderson. Financial and other reports were received including one from A. G. Turney, superintendent of the property. He reported that the orchard was very prosperous, no pests being discovered and the trees all in healthy condition and making good growth. At his suggestion the company will continue to develop the property, bringing in new acreage under tree cultivation, and new trees will be set up in the spring.

IS BEING CONGRATULATED.

The announcement that Harry J. O'Neil has been appointed manager of the James Robertson Company Limited in this city, succeeding the late John Keefe, causes interest and gratification to a host of friends and acquaintances. Mr. O'Neil has been twenty-one years in the service of the company starting at the foot of the ladder and by zeal and ability has risen to this high position. He has been managing the business for practically a year and a half during the last illness and after the death of Mr. Keefe.

H. R. SILVER AT HEAD OF HALIFAX BOARD OF TRADE

Halifax, Jan. 22—At the annual meeting of the Halifax board of trade yesterday H. R. Silver was elected president. Hector McInnes anounced that financial institutions contemplated establishing a chair in some educational institution for the study of Spanish. He said this would be appropriate in view of our trade with the West Indies and South America. It is understood that this refers to the Bank of Nova Scotia and the Royal Bank and that the Bank of Commerce will join in.

Hawaiian Volcano Active.

Honolulu, Jan. 22—Lava in the central fire pit in Kilauea, the largest active volcano known, is overflowing into the old crater, submerging several acres.

Kilauea, one of the spectacles of Hawaii, has shown much activity during the last year.