

DRURY WRESTLES AT REDISTRIBUTION

Provincial Government Members Still Undecided As To Action.

MAY TRY P. R. SYSTEM Middlesex Ridings May Be Selected For The Experiment.

Toronto, Jan. 4.—One of the biggest legislative questions with which the provincial cabinet is now wrestling, in preparation for the session which opens January 23, is that of redistribution of Ontario electoral ridings. Although the matter has been the subject of discussion at more than one council meeting, no final decision, it is said, has as yet been reached as to whether the Drury government will redistribute the province at the close of its term of office or whether it will leave the question for the government in office after this year's provincial election.

As a farmers' government, the Queen's park cabinet is undoubtedly faced with a delicate situation. Under proper redistribution undoubtedly the urban parts of the province will benefit in legislative representation at the expense of the rural ridings. Present discrepancies in the unit of representation vary all the way from 8,000 to 100,000, the rural ridings being, on a strict basis of representation by population, much over-represented.

The custom has been to redistribute, both federally and provincially, following each decennial census. An unofficial rule has crept around the parliament buildings to the effect that the government will go to the country on the present basis of representation.

At present there are 111 members in the Legislature. It is not deemed likely that in the next redistribution measure that number will be further increased. There is strong probability, however, of the government experimenting in two or four ridings with the system of proportional representation. The ridings which have been mentioned as likely fields for experimentation with P. R. are Toronto and the two Middlesex ridings.

MAY CALL STRIKE AT EDMONTON MINE

President of Labor Union Calls For General Walkout At Early Date.

Edmonton, Alta., Jan. 3.—Asking that a general strike of all labor organizations, in sympathy with the striking miners in this district be called immediately, Vice-President Ryan of the United Mine Workers, District No. 18, addressed the Trades and Labor Council here last night.

Action on Mr. Ryan's request was deferred until next Saturday, when executives of the various unions will be summoned to a conference. The possibility of a general strike of all mine workers in District 18, comprising southeastern British Columbia and Alberta, was forecast by Mr. Ryan.

REMAND STRIKING MINERS. Canadian Press Cable.

Edmonton, Jan. 3.—One hundred striking miners arrested yesterday on charges of disorderly picketing and stone throwing were remanded today without plea for trial at the next sitting of the superior court here Jan. 15. Bail was set for each man in two sureties of \$500 each.

ISSUE WARRANTS FOR TAX ARREARS

Sault Ste. Marie Commission Intends to Make Citizens Pay.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Jan. 3.—Eighty distraint warrants have issued so far against the property of citizens whose taxes are in arrears, and more are being issued every day, according to Finance Commission issued so far against property kinds of personal property, including several automobiles, were being seized.

After the seizure, a man is usually given a day or two to make an effort to raise the money in some way before the goods are sold. Mr. McCrea added, "and already quite a bit of money has come in."

Asked if, in view of the fact that misleader McCrea, who said that all it was necessary to arrange a special bank credit of \$200,000 in order to take care of the unpaid taxes, the council has instructed the tax collector to take drastic action, Mr. McCrea pointed out that it was unnecessary for the council to give instructions as to what must be done. The tax commissioners, according to the statute, in returning the rolls, must swear that in each individual case of unpaid taxes there is not sufficient goods on the premises to meet the taxes, if distrainted. Tax collector McLean had, however, McCrea said, asked for an extension of time for the turning in of the rolls, which should have been handed over on December 14, as a number of the businessmen had asked him to delay collecting till after the Christmas trade had brought in sufficient money for them to meet their taxes, and on these grounds a special extension had been granted by the council.

DISPATCH SAYS HOPE FOR LENINE ABANDONED

London, Jan. 4.—Premier Lenine of Soviet Russia is reported in advice received in Riga to be very ill again, says a Reuters dispatch from Riga today.

"Physicians have been summoned from Western Europe to attend the premier, but his entourage has abandoned hope of his recovery," the dispatch quotes the advice as being.

COURT GIVES WIFE SEPARATION RIGHT

Mrs. W. Hodgins of Kitchener Charged Husband With Brutal Assault.

BABY'S ABSENCE ANGERS Mother Given Custody of Child and \$9 a Week Alimony.

Special to The Advertiser. Kitchener, Jan. 4.—Charged with brutally assaulting his wife, William Hodgins pleaded not guilty in police court yesterday morning, and after evidence in the case was heard Magistrate Weir granted the wife's request that a separation be effected and that she be given protection while taking her personal effects from what was formerly a happy home.

She charged that she had to leave her washing yesterday morning to go downtown on business, and when she returned she found her husband waiting for her. He asked her where their nine months' old baby was, and when informed that the child was at a neighbor's place he became angered and ordered her to bring the child home. She stated that she wished to leave the child with the neighbor until she finished with the washing. For not according to his request, she charges, Hodgins ducked her into the wash tub, threw her onto a chair and beat her, lacerating her lips. He denied being brutal to her, stating that he merely took a firm grip and beat her, lacerating her hand over her mouth to stop her from screaming.

After hearing both sides of the story, Magistrate Weir ordered the two to live apart. The mother maintains custody of her child with an allowance of \$9 a week from her husband.

BANDIT SLAYS SELF WHEN PLANS FAIL

Buffalo Robbers Prefers Death To Capture by Pursuers.

Buffalo, Jan. 4.—George Aborn, alleged bandit, killed himself in a Broadway brewery today after an unsuccessful attempt to rob a William street store and a pursuit during which one man was probably fatally wounded.

The wounded man was one of a hundred men and boys who took up the chase of Aborn and his pal, after Max Plisner, the storekeeper, resisted their attempt to enter his place and pursued them to the street. Aborn and his companion ran two blocks after leaving Plisner's store and then turned back to the crowd, before making their stand in the brewery. Aborn saved one cartridge in his revolver, firing the bullet into his head when capture became certain.

His companion surrendered. He gave his name to the police as Reinhold Klippstein.

MRS. GRAHAM BELL DIES IN 63RD YEAR

Widow of Telephone Inventor Passes After Lingering Illness.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell, widow of the famous inventor, died last night, after a long illness. She was 63 years old.

Mrs. Bell died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. David Fairchild, where she had been failing ever since the death last August of the famous inventor.

Mrs. Bell was Mabel Hubbard, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garrison Greene Hubbard of Cambridge, Mass., where she was born in 1859. The Hubbard family traced its ancestry far back through a line of American pioneers to early English royalty. Although throughout her life she was a leader in her small social set and her teachers in a private school in Cambridge, where she was the youngest pupil, declared her mentality was higher than the other children, despite her disability.

Mrs. Bell's father was deeply interested in Dr. Bell's telephonic inventions, backed his scheme and became a close friend of the inventor. It was said that she was his inspiration of the telephone, for which he is best known, because his hope that he might find a means of enabling her to hear him in his study and experiments in phonetics.

"HAMMER MURDERESS" BELIEVED GONE TO CHINA

Special to The Advertiser. Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 3.—Clara Phillips, second hammer murderess, is believed to have boarded a liner at Vancouver, B. C., bound for China, according to reports received by the sheriff's office today, from the Canadian city.

Reports were received from Vancouver that a woman closely resembling Clara had been seen here several days, after which she mysteriously disappeared, and is supposed to have taken passage on an Oriental liner.

60-YEAR-OLD BRIDE DIES JUST AFTER BEING WED

Corydon, Ind., Jan. 4.—A few minutes after Charles E. Ladner, 60 years old, and Bessie E. Jones, also 60, were married yesterday, the latter fell dead. The bride was stricken while the Christmas trade had brought in sufficient money for them to meet their taxes, and on these grounds a special extension had been granted by the council.

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Referring to the clause in the British plan which states that Great Britain would release the French and Italian gold deposits in England, Mr. Bonar Law explained that these deposits no longer existed, as they had been shipped to the United States during the war to pay for munitions which were used by all the allies. The British prime minister took up the criticisms of the British scheme and said that Great Britain would let Belgium priority stand, although Belgium had actually received already more than the British plan would take away from her. He realized that Mr. Poincare had taken out of his plan certain things offensive to the British, but declared that the real difference was one of fact; if he believed that the French plan would produce the money he would gladly accept the plan.

Not a Violation. The British plan, he said, was not a violation of the treaty, but if it were, it was certainly no more so than the French plan. He felt sure that the British scheme would produce the money he would gladly accept the plan.

"I think it is right that we should face the realities of the situation," he continued. "If there is a real vital difference of opinion between the British and French schemes, it is an unworkable plan, although I am saying I would refuse to consider a compromise. The broad differences between the French and British plans are on the total amount of reparations to be asked and the method of obtaining them. It is possible that France might get fifty to one hundred million sterling by 'taking everything she can get her hands on' from Germany, but it is impossible to secure that amount of money unless you first establish a German credit."

French plan makes recovery impossible, he concluded. He said public opinion carefully and also all available financial opinion, and all agree that a reasonable indemnity and cut the figure midway between the French minimum and maximum. The French plan, he said, is the only way of getting the money.

Murt German Industry. "If you take a little now you will destroy all chances of getting it later. The Ruhr is the jugular vein of Germany, and if you establish control over it, you will destroy the German industry and prevent the restoration of credit. You propose to take different portions of the Ruhr, during the first year of the moratorium in deliveries of merchandise, and then to take the rest of the Ruhr, the German government must continue to print paper marks with which to reimburse its nationals and which will be worthless when the Ruhr is returned to Germany. These seizures would be retained until Germany was able to pay its debts, and this in itself would build up a re-statement of Germany's financial position."

Thousands of Gifts Still Undelivered. Postal Officials Declare Huge Volume of Parcels Were Insufficiently Addressed.

Canadian Press. Ottawa, Jan. 3.—Officials of the dead letter branch of the postoffice department are busily engaged trying to find the owners of many hundreds of parcels which were insufficiently addressed during the holiday rush. While the total number of parcels for whom owners could not be found as a result of the Christmas rush during December and January last reached 56,000, it is not expected that the number this year will be as high. Postal officials declare that the public is being educated to the necessity of giving the parcels a more complete address, and that the address of the senders on parcels, and that this leads to undeliverable parcels being returned. The parcels for whom owners could not be found last season brought approximately \$5,000 into the coffers of the department as a result of their disposal at auction.

Correspondence over parcels brought into the dead letter department was so numerous that the department was unable to deal with more than a hundred letters a day.

SOLDIERS' HOSPITAL OPEN NEWCASTLE CAMPAIGN TODAY

Members of British Parliament Ready To Participate in By-Election Fight.

London, Jan. 4.—With a high wind from the lake and bitter cold prevailing, the Synham Military Hospital was burned to the ground last night.

Two hundred and fifty soldier patients were safely removed, the bed patients being taken to the nurses' residence.

The fire, which was of unknown origin, started about 8 o'clock. The hospital, which was built of wood, and put forth its best efforts to distinguish the flames. The terrific wind with which the men had to contend proved too much for them, however, and they were unable to save the building.

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East Aberdeenshire Chooses Frederick Martin As Liberal Representative.

London, Jan. 4.—There is one blind man among the newly-installed members of the British parliament. He is Frederick Martin, Liberal member for East Aberdeenshire. Mr. Martin is blind as the result of his war experiences, yet he is able to do most things, including the following of his favorite habit of fishing, as though his sight were unimpaired. He is the third blind man to sit in parliament during the past 50 years.

FEAR FOR INDIAN INJURED IN FIGHT

County Police Afraid John Tomoco of Moraviantown May Die.

CHARGE 6 WITH ASSAULT Will Not Be Released Until Injured Man Is Out of Danger.

Chatham, Jan. 4.—John Tomoco, an Indian, who was badly injured in a drunken brawl on the Indian reservation on New Year's Day, may die as the result of his injuries, stated county police yesterday. The police sent an officer out to the Moraviantown Reserve yesterday to take statement from the injured man, but he is still in a state of delirium.

The six Indians held by the police will not be released, the police stated today, until they are satisfied the injured man is out of danger. The six Indians are charged with assault and bodily harm.

The city police announced "officially" today that the river is unsafe for skaters. Twenty holes were punched in the ice yesterday afternoon and this morning.

Its strongest point the ice is only 4 1/2 inches thick; in other parts it is 2 and 2 1/2 inches thick. Growers in the southern parts of Harwich and Howard Townships are reported to be signing contracts with Canadian tobacco companies for the growing of tobacco for the 1923 crop, according to an announcement at the local office of the department of agriculture this morning.

Companies are stated to be quite anxious to secure Kent-grown tobacco, and may make a strong bid for the 1923 crop in Kent County, it was said officially this morning. William B. Wells, clerk of the city division court, rounded out 53 years of continuous service at that court on New Year's Day. He entered upon his new duties on Jan. 1, 1870, and has attended 477 sittings of the court in this city. He served under four different county judges, the late Judge W. B. Wells (his father), Judge Bell, Judge R. S. Woods, Judge John Dowling, Judge J. J. Coughlin (now senior judge in Essex County), and the present incumbent, Judge Ward Stanworth.

SLAYS SWEETHEART, TAKES OWN LIFE

Double Tragedy At Lansing Is Result of Parents' Objection To Marriage.

Lansing, Mich., Jan. 4.—Opposition of the girl's parents to their marriage is given as the cause of a murder and suicide in which Hilda F. Fawaz, 17, and her sweetheart, Marie Saub, 17, died with bullets through their hearts.

The shooting occurred at the home of the girl's parents on 1010 North Cedar street.

The young man is said to have been a student of the girl for some time. Before going to Detroit, a room at the Saub home. New Year's day he returned to the city to marry the girl, according to the story told by the police. But her parents refused to let her go to a show. She refused, and he threatened to kill her, but she made light of the threat.

Young Saub went to the kitchen, and before he returned to the room he heard a shot and saw the girl fall to the floor, he says. Fawaz then turned the gun on himself and pulled the trigger. He died in the police ambulance on the way to St. Lawrence Hospital.

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Orioles of 90's As Pailbearers

New York, Jan. 4.—Members of the famous Baltimore Orioles of the 90's, men whose names have been carved indelibly in baseball's history, will be pailbearers at the funeral tomorrow of one of the most illustrious of their comrades, William H. Kieker, who died Monday at the age of 50.

Pailbearers at the funeral tomorrow morning in Brooklyn will probably include John McGraw, manager of the world's champion Giants; Wilbert Robinson, manager of the Brooklyn Nationals; Kid Gleason, former manager of the White Sox; Hughie Jennings, former manager of the Detroit Tigers; and now assistant to McGraw; and Joe Kelly, scout for the Orioles Club which won the National League championships in 1924, '25 and '26. Tonight funeral services were held by the Order of Elks, of which Kieker was a member.

LONDONERS AWAIT MRS. E. PANKHURST

Great Interest Being Manifested in Forthcoming Visit of Famous English Woman.

Great interest is being taken in the visit of Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst to this city on Sunday and Monday next. Mrs. Pankhurst probably did more for the women's movement in England than any other single person, and is recognized as one of the finest speakers among women of today.

She is being brought to London by the social hygiene committee of the Social Service Council, and will address a mass meeting in the Allen Rooms at the Albert Hall on Sunday evening next at 8:30. There will be special music, and it is expected that the chair will be taken by Dean Tucker of St. Paul's Cathedral.

Monday Mrs. Pankhurst will have a triple program. At noon she is to address the Rotary Club; in the afternoon she will speak to the members of the Ministerial Association, and in the evening will speak to a mass meeting of the Mothers' Clubs.

It is expected that there will be large audiences to hear Mrs. Pankhurst at the Sunday night mass meeting as well as at the other gatherings.

BRITAIN APPROVES IMMIGRATION PLAN

W. C. Noxon, Provincial Agent-General, Conveys Decision To Ontario Government Officials.

Toronto, Jan. 4.—The immigration proposals made by Ontario to the British government have been approved in all points save one, according to information