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PARLIAMENT LIKELY TO ADJOURN TO FEB. 1

FRIDAY NAMED AS DATE FOR RECESS START

Definite Announcement on Matter Expected Shortly

DEBATE TODAY

C. H. Cahan, Montreal M. P., to Speak This Afternoon in House

OTTAWA, Dec. 14.—Parliament will likely adjourn on Friday next for the Christmas recess. This is the consensus of opinion in well informed political circles today.

The cabinet, it is understood, had under consideration the question of the date of re-convening the House after the holidays. It is probable that an announcement in the matter will be forthcoming shortly. At present the indications are that Parliament will re-open about the first of February.

Little likelihood exists that the debate on the Speech from the Throne will be terminated before adjournment; but it is generally believed that the main estimates left over from last session will all be passed this week on blanket form.

DEBATE TODAY/ Debate on the address will be resumed in the House today by C. H. Cahan (Conservative, St. Lawrence, St. George).

Mr. Cahan will be followed by one of the Government members, possibly Hon. Ernest Lapointe or Hon. James Macdonald, or by Robert Gardiner, newly-elected chairman of the U. F. group.

Definite agreement in the matter of the different party whips and will not be done. It is understood, until this afternoon, J. S. Woodworth (Labor, Winnipeg North Centre), is also on today's speaking list.

SAYS U. S. SLOWLY ABSORBING CANADA

London Bankers' President Gives Interesting Figures on Situation

LONDON, Dec. 14.—"An American editor recently suggested that Canada should be added to the United States in payment of our war debt," said Sir John Ferguson, president of the Institute of Bankers, at an address last night.

"That editor was not trying to be funny," Sir John continued, "but was speaking from a close examination of the trend of events. Last year, the United States bought Canadian Government and municipal bonds totaling \$175,000,000 while Great Britain bought \$28,000,000.

"The American holdings in the Canadian Pacific Railway are now three times what they were 15 years ago, while the British holdings in the railway have decreased from 65 per cent to 40 per cent."

GREATER POWER/ Continuing, Sir John said that before the Imperial Conference could become really powerful it must be endowed with greater authority. It might perhaps become an Imperial Parliament, able to evolve a really practicable scheme of economic empire development, he suggested.

The difficulty would be to find men capable of devising a economic scheme of reconstruction within the Empire which understood the Dominions' political ideas, which were not understood by the Liberal, Conservative or Labor politicians in the old world.

Four Hurt When Trains Are Wrecked

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 14.—Three passenger trains, one on the Reading Railway and two in a rear-end collision on the Pennsylvania, were wrecked yesterday in the dense fog that hung over New Jersey in the vicinity of Trenton and New Brunswick. Four persons were slightly hurt in the Pennsylvania wreck and no one was injured in the accident on the Reading, according to reports received at the general offices of the two companies here.

DENSE FOG IN N. Y./ NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—A dense fog pulling eastward before a cold wave from the west, and blanketing New York region in gloom, was blamed today for two railroad wrecks, a collision of river craft, and the detention of New York harbor of 5,000 passengers aboard 25 incoming ships.

Measure To Abolish Preference For Returned Soldiers Is Mooted

GOULD CHARGES AROUSE MUCH INTEREST HERE; 1917 CASE IS RECALLED

A MISCONCEPTION conveyed by a newspaper story sent from New Brunswick and published in a New York daily, is believed to be responsible for a statement which was printed this morning to the effect that Senator A. R. Gould of the State of Maine was bringing suit against a Saint John man for \$390,000. The mixing up of facts and dates led to the mistake, it is understood.

The report published this morning, hinting at the possibility of a suit against a local man, caused a flurry of interest in the Gould case now before a Senate committee at Washington. It was conjectured by some that possibly H. A. McKown, who was arbitrator in the Valley Railway case in 1917 was the party indicated but it was pointed out that it was impossible to bring action in law against him on account of anything contained in his findings.

SENATE INVESTIGATES/ The whole matter arose out of the case which is now before United States Senate committee at Washington, appointed to investigate charges made against Senator Gould, recently elected to the Upper House. The charges were contained in a report made by Senator Walsh, Montana, to the effect that Senator Gould was unfit to sit in the Senate of the United States because he had paid a bribe to a former Premier of New Brunswick in connection with the Saint John Valley Railway construction contracts fourteen years ago.

SENDS REPORTER HERE/ A representative of the New York World came to New Brunswick recently to obtain information regarding the case involving Senator Gould in connection with the investigation at Washington, and he told about his claim made by Senator Walsh and his associates for something over \$800,000 in connection with the construction of the railway which arbitration proceedings were being carried out before Mr. Justice McKown in 1917.

GOULD'S CLAIM/ The claim of Senator Gould and his associates against the Government of New Brunswick, involving the passing of an act by which it was alleged that they, as contractors for the construction of the railway, were entitled to the ownership of \$25,000 in stock for remainder of the issue shares of capital stock, totalling 19,572 shares, valued at \$391,440, making a total of \$800,000, which was deducted from the total amount of \$1,000,000, leaving \$195,560.

It is now presumed that the story sent recently by the New York World, which mentioned one of "the main contractors" as "the man who had reached the newspaper office at 1912 Mr. Gould paid \$100,000 to James K. Flemming, M. P. at that time Premier of New Brunswick, and that this payment was adjudged by the courts of New Brunswick to have been made for the purpose of improperly influencing the government. Senator Gould claims that there was nothing improper about the transaction so far as he was concerned.

It is intimated in the despatch that Mr. Flemming will be requested to appear before the Senate Committee and give his version of the affair. Further consideration of the charge was deferred until January.

FREDERICKON ANGLE/ In his efforts to trace the report that Senator Gould was bringing suit against a Saint John man, The Evening Times-Star this morning wired Fredericton seeking to discover if J. F. Winslow, K.C., could throw light on the report. The following reply from The Times-Star correspondent would indicate that Mr. Winslow has been to Washington in connection with the Gould case. Further verification of this, however, could not be obtained.

FREDERICKON, N. B., Dec. 14.—(Special)—J. F. Winslow, K.C., senior partner of the firm of Winslow and McNair, is not in Fredericton at present but is expected to return either today or Wednesday. This firm acted for Senator A. R. Gould, previously in proceedings in New Brunswick courts. The office today is stated that a statement could not be made whether or not the firm was concerned in a suit which Mr. Gould is said to have brought against a Saint John man. Mr. Winslow who has been away for some days was in the United States at least part of that time.

Where The World's Finest Wheat Is Grown



SCENES in the Peace River district of Alberta, where were produced the world's championship wheat and oats, by Herman Trelle of Wembley, Alberta. The photographs show scenes around the Peace Plateau and near Grande Prairie. Land like this runs north of Peace River for about 500 miles and 300 miles wide. Although the district where Mr. Trelle grew his prize grain is 800 miles north of the international boundary there is less danger of frost than in some of the more southerly districts of the prairie provinces.

B. C. EXPORTER ADMITS FORGERY OF STAMP OF UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE

SMITH FAVORS STATE CONTROL

N. Y. Governor Advances Plan for Power Development

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—The suggestion that the development of power on the St. Lawrence River and Niagara Falls be financed through bonds issued on earnings, was made here last night by Governor Alfred E. Smith, of New York in addressing guests at a dinner given by publishers of The Survey and Survey Graph.

The governor proposed that a power authority, modelled somewhat after the port authority he created to study and recommend to the legislature a power programme.

Trail of Mysterious Pink Vouchers, Representing Payments to Provincial Officials, Is Followed by Commission

VANCOUVER, Dec. 14.—George Reifel, president of the Joseph Kennedy Company, liquor export house of British Columbia, admitted at yesterday's hearing of the customs Royal Commission that he had forged the internal revenue stamp of the United States on liquor bottles. During his evidence, Mr. Reifel produced a number of labels which, he said, were used by the British Columbia distillery to cover liquor distilled in this province. One of them testified that the liquor had been distilled under the supervision of the United States government officers. The labels purported to cover liquor distilled in the United States.

PERJURY CHARGED/ Four witnesses who have appeared before the customs commission and given evidence in the Chief Meleir liquor ship case, may be prosecuted for perjury, Chief Justice J. T. Brown, chairman of the commission, announced that he and his fellow commissioners, are considering seriously the advisability of recommending to the attorney general of British Columbia, the prosecution of these four witnesses. The names of the witnesses in question were not mentioned.

WALEs BEATEN/ LONDON, Dec. 14.—The Prince of Wales did not get far in the squash request championships at the Bath Club, Captain E. D. Shafto defeating him in the first round today.

Community Gifts Swell Fund To Insure Happiest of Cheer

COMMUNITY giving in its truest sense is helping to bring the Empty Stocking Fund to something like its normal total for this stage of the proceedings. Some fine donations received yesterday afternoon and this morning have brought the total of the fund up to \$127,053, the receipts within the last 24 hours falling just 70 cents short of \$200.

THE staff of the Admiral Beatty Hotel clubbed together and sent in a contribution of \$50, while other joint donations included \$18.80 from the Stanley House, 109 Union street; \$5 from the Nerepis Women's Institute; \$5 from Roxborough Lodge, No. 32, L. O. B., West Saint John; \$10 from the East Saint John Community Club; \$3 from the Women's Institute at Lower Jemseg; and \$5 from the office of Frank R. Fairweather & Co., Ltd.

MEANWHILE, the little letters, penned by kiddies, some of them hardly able to put their thought on paper, continue to arrive in dozens, most of them addressed to Santa Claus, in care of the fund. Their chief plea is that they be not forgotten this year; that, at least, some Christmas remembrance be sent them. There is a pathetic appeal in every one of them which MUST be answered, and the easiest way in which their plea can be fulfilled is through a contribution to the Empty Stocking Fund.

It Mustn't Be



AND now what else? mused Betty Jane, as she chews her pencil. She's writing her letter to Santa Claus, of course. Thousands of pencils are being chewed now under similar circumstances. What a tragedy it will be if a single letter fails of response!

REPUDIATES LLOYD GEORGE

New Liberal Leader Declines to Keep Peace With Welshman

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The outbreak of Viscount Grey's speech at the gathering of Asquith Liberals last night, when he pronounced a new ban against Lloyd George, according to the majority of this morning's newspapers, is that there is no present prospect of British Liberalism attaining anything approaching unity.

At the present time, Lloyd George is master of the heaviest political cashbox in the country—a legacy of his virtual dictatorship in the days of the coalition government. Much of this treasure, it is rumoured, has been accruing from the notorious handling out of titles by the bushy headed Lloyd George's premiership.

Viscount Grey, evidently speaking for a considerable body of opinion, refuses to have anything to do with the conditions attaching to the future use of this fund, but he also indicates clearly that the differences over the party leadership reach far beyond the mere matter of money.

THE Times says with reference to the Lloyd George fund: "Not only is the fund a disturbing element, but it is controlled by a man with whom it is impossible to keep step."

The Times indicates two profound mistakes made by Lloyd George. First—It exaggerates the value of organized meetings, popular demonstrations and newspaper control, and he fails to realize that it is not the crowd but the colleagues who in the last resort make a leader. Second—He has been too manifestly anxious to establish relations with other parties—any party—that would add numerical strength or at least give bargaining power to the depleted Liberal forces.

RUMANIAN WARSHIPS To Be Built In Italy

ROME, Dec. 14.—Two torpedo boats to be built in Italy for the Rumanian government. The contract was let after an international competition.

AWARDED \$43,000 ON 13th DAY OF MONTH

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Dec. 14.—As for Mrs. Sadie Raybama, of Yonkers, the thirteenth will never again hold terrors. A Supreme Court jury awarded her \$43,000 while she lay in the White Plains Hospital administering the means of a son born while the jurors were deliberating. She had sued the Pennsylvania Railroad for damages in the death of her husband, killed when the Atlantic City Flyer was derailed near Camden, N. J., last July. When the jury retired she left the court room for the hospital.

THE WEATHER

SYNOPSIS.—The depression which was over Lake Michigan yesterday has moved northeastward to Northern Quebec with increasing energy while high pressure and decidedly cold weather covers the western half of the continent. Light snow and rain have fallen in Ontario and Western Quebec.

FORECASTS/ MARITIME.—Fresh to strong westerly winds tonight, cloudy with scattered showers or snow flurries. Wednesday, fresh westerly winds; mostly fair and cooler, with snow showers.

NEW ENGLAND.—Partly cloudy and colder tonight. Wednesday, fair and colder. Fresh to strong west and northwesterly winds.

TEMPERATURES/ TORONTO, Dec. 14.—Lowest 8 a.m. yesterday night

Kamloops -22 12 22
Calgary -28 16 28
Winnipeg -28 16 28
Toronto -21 42 29
Montreal -36 10 26
Saint John -38 10 26
Halifax -38 34 28

*Below zero.

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