

TABLETS UNWEILED TO NURSING SISTERS

Impressive Ceremony is Held in Hamilton City Hospital.

Hamilton, Dec. 14.—An impressive ceremony was held this afternoon at the City Hospital when a tablet in memory of Miss Mae Belle Sampson, who lost her life on the Landover Castle when the ship was torpedoed by the Germans in June, 1916, was unveiled, also a tablet in honor of the 50 nursing sisters of the hospital who served overseas.

The tablet unveiled to the 50 nursing sisters had the following names inscribed: Elizabeth Atken, Myrtle Anderson, Monica Barwick, Margaret Black, Anna Beck, Annie Boyd, R.R.C., Ethel Boer, Ann Cameron, Ida Carr, Vera Carson, Ellen Curphy, Alice Doyle, R.R.C., Lillian Dixon, Jessie Duncan, Nancy Dunn, Emma Deyma, Edna Dewey, S. Eaton, Rhos Fitzgerald, Rose Fitzgerald, Evelyn Galloway, Ruby Galloway, Patricia Hunter, Laura Hunter, Alice Hindley, R.R.C., Catherine Irwin, Annie Jack, Hazel Kidd, Elizabeth Keith, Lillian Lindsay, Elsie Loner, Lillian Morden, May Mottelth, Gladys Mason, Mary Mason, Madge Mitchell, E. Nelland, Florence Nicholas, Marion Ross, Gertrude Rothwell, Mae Bells Sampson, Pearl Symons, Emma Seacrest, Winifred Congdon, Edna Taylor, Minnie Wilkins, Tillie Walker, Ada Walker, Edith Wright and Nellie Wright. Are Placed in Rotunda.

Both tablets have been placed in the rotunda of the hospital, where they can be plainly seen. T. H. Pratt, chairman of the board of hospital governors, presided at the ceremony this afternoon. Dr. Landell, superintendent of the hospital, unveiled the tablet to Miss Sampson, and the one to the other nurses was unveiled by Col. George S. Rennie, Col. J. Edgar Davey, Col. Ford of Toronto, Rev. Samuel Daw and Rev. John McEwen were present and spoke. Mrs. Dr. J. H. Mullin and Mrs. W. A. Bodkin sang during the afternoon. The ceremony was attended by many nurses of the hospital, as well as the graduates and students of the girls whose memory was honored.

FARMERS CONDEMN SHORT SELLING

Also Issue Recommendations for Handling the U. S. Grain Crop.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—The farmers' committee of seventeen, appointed by the American Farm Bureau Federation to investigate agricultural marketing conditions, today announced a series of recommendations which it urged be included in any system in handling the United States grain crop. It also adopted a resolution condemning short selling and urging Congress to enact laws which would stop it.

The committee's recommendations in regard to handling grain crop follow:

- 1. Farmer-owned elevator companies and sales agencies to operate on the local and terminal markets of the United States.
2. Farmers' export companies and sales agencies to operate on foreign markets for the purpose of handling the exportable surplus.
3. The grain growers of the United States should, as soon as possible by mutual contract, or otherwise, arrange for the sale of all grain on the basis of co-operative bargaining.
4. That the foregoing shall be carried into effect with the ultimate view of the protection of the rights of the producer and the orderly marketing of farm products.

The resolution concerning short selling was as follows: "Resolved, that we deem it morally wrong and highly detrimental to the interests of agriculture and the consumer to permit the practice now known as short selling grain, cotton and other farm products which the seller or his principal does not own at the time of sale. This practice is commonly known as 'herby selling'."

"Resolved further, that we do hereby petition Congress to enact such legislation as will stop this practice at the earliest possible date."

RAILROADS DENY REFLECTION ON TRADERS

Montreal, Dec. 14.—Referring to a protest by the Winnipeg board of trade against a statement published over the signature of the Railway Association of Canada, in which the railways alleged that a principal part of the explanation for the increased cost of living was traceable to the enormous cost of the wholesale and retail distributing system in Canada, the Railway Association stated that no attack whatsoever was intended on individual wholesalers and retailers who may be "themselves" victims of a bad system or of an overworked trade.

Many Japanese Are Missing As Result of Fire in Mine

Yamaguchi, Japan, Dec. 14.—One hundred and thirty persons are missing as a result of a fire in a coal mine near here. Five bodies have been recovered from the mine. Twenty persons were injured in the disaster.

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FOUR NEW SEATS IN SASKATCHEWAN HOUSE

Regina, Sask., Dec. 14.—The provincial legislature will finish its session tomorrow morning. At today's session Hon. W. F. A. Turgeon, attorney-general, introduced legislation which will increase the number of seats in the house from 45 at present to 49. He explained that the bill was not a general redistribution bill, but that one new seat would be given to each of the three ridings, Regina, Saskatchewan and Moose Jaw. There will also be a readjustment of the ridings of Pelly, South Qu'Appelle and Francis, and a new seat will be formed of parts of Moose Jaw County, Moose and Thunder Creek, to be known as Gravel Bourq. To the Saskatchewan and Moose Jaw city constituencies "sufficient territory" will be added to bring their populations into agreement with that of Regina.

NATURAL RESOURCES CONFERENCE TODAY

Premiers of Three Western Provinces Discuss Matter With Meighen.

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—(By Canadian Press).—At tomorrow's conference between the prime minister of the Dominion and the premiers of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, a strong endeavor will be made to reach one for all some satisfactory basis for settlement of the old question of the transfer of natural resources in the prairie provinces. Through the correspondence which has preceded the conference, it is understood, Dominion authorities have urged the need for reaching such a basis of settlement. It was urged as essential that any settlement reached should command general approval and such support on both sides of the house of commons as would ensure the passage of any necessary legislation.

TRUCE IMPOSSIBLE TILL TROOPS LEAVE

Chairman of British Labor Commission to Ireland Expresses Views.

London, Dec. 14.—A majority of the members of the labor commission have returned to London from Ireland. Acting Chairman Cameron expressed the conviction that no settlement is possible until the army of occupation and the black and tans are completely withdrawn from Ireland.

The parliamentary labor party at a meeting today adopted a resolution expressing the hope that the Irish members of parliament would respond to the premier's offer to negotiate, but regretting the imposition of martial law as likely to endanger the prospects of peace.

A telegram was read from the members of the labor commission, still in Ireland, declaring they were convinced that the Cork strike was the work of the crown forces.

A resolution was adopted demanding a judicial inquiry into the Cork strike. The lord mayor of Cork and the two Cork members of parliament have sent a message to Sir Hamar Greenwood, chief secretary for Ireland, and other political leaders, strongly repudiating the suggestion that Cork was burned by any section of its own citizens, and demanding an impartial inquiry. They added that they were prepared to submit evidence before any international tribunal or even a tribunal of such Englishmen as Lord Henry Cavendish-Bentinck, Lord Henderson, Commander Kenworthy and Lord Robert Cecil.

WARDEN'S DINNER IS BEST IN YEARS

Hamilton, Dec. 14.—Wentworth's leading social event, the warden's dinner, was held tonight and without a doubt was the best in many years. Warden John E. Peart had 150 country councillors, county and civic officials and prominent citizens as his guests, and everyone present enjoyed his hospitality. The affair was held in the banquet hall of Stroud's Hotel. County Clerk J. F. Vance was toastmaster. The warden occupied the seat of honor and beside him was his father, Albert Peart. At the head table were also the following: A. Cochrane, county treasurer; Judge John G. Gault, J. L. Cochrane, J. B. Robinson, county school inspector; Hamilton Simpson, Barton township solicitor; R. Bruce, county solicitor; Dr. Wm. English, superintendent of the Ontario Hospital; T. J. Mahony, ex-warden and reeve; Seafleet, and Hon. George Lynch-Staunton.

HAMILTON

Hamilton, Dec. 14.—Lloyd Holland and Chas. S. Bird will fight this year for the warden's chair. It was announced tonight. Stan Williamson, John Fish and George Williamson are expected to be Holland's opponents. Mr. Bird will oppose the present reeve, Mr. Bird. Members of Wentworth County Council this afternoon inspected the House of Refuge, and the councillors were well pleased with the way affairs are being managed at the home of H. Bates, the superintendent. Wentworth is doing very little work on the farm as the assertion of W. G. MacIntyre, district agricultural representative, is able to help the unemployed. He said that there would be no great call for assistance from the farms until April. Warden's dinner was held tonight, and without a doubt was the best in many years. Warden John E. Peart had 150 county councillors, county and civic officials and prominent citizens as his guests, and everyone present enjoyed his hospitality. The affair was held in the banquet hall of Stroud's Hotel. County Clerk J. F. Vance was toastmaster.

DESTRUCTIVE STORM IN WESTERN ONTARIO

Tug Sinks in Lake Huron—Damage at Simcoe—Blizzard Over Superior.

Sarnia, Ont., Dec. 14.—Following on the heels of a downpour of rain, a heavy southwest gale struck Sarnia and district, reaching an estimated velocity of 30 miles an hour, during which the tug, Sport of Port Huron, was sunk in Lake Huron, the only lives were lost. Storm signs that were not securely anchored were sent hurtling from their moorings, numerous trees were blown over and limbs rent sunder. The storm still brings serious damage have been received. Hydro power flickered on and off at intervals through the night and also this morning. Guided by storm warnings, all marine traffic sought shelter, and the river tonight is filled with up-bound boats waiting for the storm to pass.

Lake Superior News. Port Arthur, Ont., Dec. 14.—A blizzard of mid-winter severity is howling over Lake Superior, but a new wireless station can learn, there are no wireless stations on the coast and the Soo, the Shagshuaghs, Glenora, and Mayston, and possibly some others that are within the shelter of the shelter inside the Cape. A big fleet is still tied up at Detroit, waiting for a clearing of the weather on Lake Huron.

Bad at Fort William. Fort William, Dec. 14.—With a thirty-mile gale blowing offshore and a blinding snowstorm accompanying it, the fleet which cleared from port at the close of morning, the City of Bangor, in the bay, while one, the City of Bangor, owing to engine trouble, the four ships anchored outside are the Glenora, and the Shagshuaghs, Glenora, and Mayston, and possibly some others that are within the shelter of the shelter inside the Cape. A big fleet is still tied up at Detroit, waiting for a clearing of the weather on Lake Huron.

Simcoe, Dec. 14.—The heavy gale that has been raging over parts of the province have not left Simcoe untouched. At 7 o'clock this morning a wall of snow and sleet was blowing down the street, and the water was blown down the street. The morning recess period at the central Public School a huge tree on the south of the campus fell over as if it had been a stick of wood. The children were in the neighborhood of the school, but were not touched by the branches and trunk in the street.

Damages at Goderich. Goderich, Ont., Dec. 14.—The worst storm of the season, a regular hurricane tonight. As yet no serious damage has been reported from the surrounding country. The Grand Trunk Railroad roundhouse roof has suffered \$50,000 worth of damage. The roof is being kept busy trying to save it and to keep the track clear.

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The Home and School Club has been devised. The children are being taught in schools and once a month a display of work is made, and various classes of folk dances and recitations, while the elder boys give displays of physical drill and military exercises.

Hambly Defence. Three of the 12 items on the evening's program had been given when Trustee W. J. Hambly was introduced, and he at once called attention to what was being done by the board of education, and mentioned that he had just left a school where classes were being housed in a basement with lavatories on three sides of the place, and he denounced it as a crime that children be allowed to be taught in such filthy places.

They were not asking too much of the people, he continued, who are the education and care of the children was taken into consideration, and said that while Mayor Church was expending against the expenditure of more money, the big money was being spent on the school, and that if they were not satisfied, then they could send school commissioners about their business.

Aid, Beamish followed, and said he entirely agreed with what the trustees were doing in the schools, and mentioned that a small tree had been cut down, and was taken for educational purposes.

Dr. J. Noble Attacks Mayor. Dr. J. Noble attacked the school board, then took the platform and immediately commenced a strong attack on Mayor Church. Pointing to the tiny tots who sat in the front row, Dr. Noble said that these were the children whom the mayor would fight and cheat, and put in places where they were liable to disease, adding that most of the mayor's speeches on the board's report was nothing more than camouflage and lies.

Dr. Noble then declared that it was the ordinary resident who paid the school rates, but the big firms like Eaton's, who last year paid \$97,000 to the schools, while the other big firms paid in proportion.

"I am proud of my good name," declared the doctor, "and I challenge the mayor to come out and state on a school rates. He gave a list of the school rates in Halifax, and there, pointing out that the rate for property was the lowest but four.

Trustee S. J. McEwen also spoke, and followed by Mr. McBride.

Mr. McBride, whose appearance on the platform was the cause of the noise of children crying and shouting at the back. Mr. McBride was there at the instigation of Mayor Church. Turning to the question of the meeting, Mr. McBride declared he had known the children were there for joyment, and that the evening had been spoiled by speakers, but declared he had just come from Fern Road School, where the children were in some of the class rooms that it blew the children down.

This closing, and at a few minutes to ten the children were allowed to continue the program, which consisted of Highland dancing, recitations, singing and drill by the boys.

EXPRESS DERAILED BY HYDRAULIC PUMP

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 14.—One man was killed, one injured and 200 passengers narrowly escaped injury late tonight, when a southern express on the Pennsylvania crashed into a large hydraulic pump on the tracks at Penn Valley, Penn., near here, and was wrecked. William Crochford of Philadelphia, a fireman, was burned alive in the hot ashes and scalded. He was dead when dug out of the debris two hours later. Harry Tallman, Philadelphia, engineer, crawled from the overturned engine unhurt. Seven Pullman cars remained on the rails, while two coaches and the engine overturned. George Gibbons of Virginia was the only passenger hurt. A special train bearing physicians was sent from Trenton.

The pump fell from a passing freight train which was hit by the Philadelphia express, then by another freight train, which threw it in the path of the southern express, which was wrecked.

ARRANGE GENERAL RAIL RATES PROBE

Federal Board to Take Evidence Thruout Dominion in Late Spring.

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—(By Canadian Press).—Following a sitting of the board of railway commissioners at Ottawa, to be held some time in March, the board will proceed with a general inquiry into railway rates thruout Canada. This was decided at the conference this morning between the board, representatives of the railway and other parties interested in the inquiry. The itinerary of meetings will be decided on at the general meeting in March, but in the meantime the railways must furnish to interested parties any information bearing on the matter of railway rates which may be desired. Although definitely decided, it was suggested that the board open its western sittings at Vancouver early in April, the western sittings to be followed by sittings at the Maritime Provinces.

Mr. A. D. Duff, representing pulp and paper interests, asked the board to inquire into rates would not be broad enough to permit bodies to present their views on rates. The pulp and paper interests would like to be heard either in the general inquiry or at a special hearing.

The chief commissioner remarked that the price of paper had doubled or tripled in the last few years. "You must make enough money to pay almost any freight rate," he said. "I don't think you will get a very sympathetic hearing from this board unless you bring down your prices." He thought that the Canadian air force had their wives and children at Camp Borden, where living quarters are provided for married men, and there are some thirty children there who are without any school facilities.

REPORT PRAIRIE FIRE AT MORTLACH, SASK.

Moose Jaw, Sask., Dec. 14.—According to a message received this morning from Mortlach, from a rancher of that district, a bad prairie fire is sweeping through the ranching country west of that town.

MODUS VIVENDI ON GERMAN CABLES

(Continued From Page 1). shall immediately arrange for a new modus vivendi to become effective on or before next March 15.

Provisional agreement was understood to have resulted in large part from pressure brought to bear on the conference by acting Secretary of State Davis. Great Britain, France and the United States delegates were unable to arrive at an understanding on the subject of the modus vivendi, and the conference was adjourned to the 16th of the month.

Great Britain, the United States, Italy, Japan and France, the two last named after much persuasion, agreed to the modus vivendi. Great Britain, however, was unable to arrive at an understanding on the subject of the modus vivendi, and the conference was adjourned to the 16th of the month.

TO FORMULATE PLAN FOR WORLD CREDITS

League Council Authorized Committee to Engage Services of Business Man.

Geneva, Dec. 14.—The league council has approved a plan for an international credits organization as recommended by the Brussels financial conference. While agreeing not to undertake forthwith the setting up of an extensive organization without the certainty that either borrowers or lenders will make use of it, the council authorized the economic committee to obtain the services of a competent business man of high standing to prepare the constitution of the international commission and establish in detail a plan of international credits in order to give the scheme as soon as possible a practical application.

The council adopted two proposals dealing with the plan. The first relates to the election of a committee of three lawyers and three business men, who will be responsible for legislative measures with the object of facilitating in the various countries interested the realization of "financial credits."

These credits have to do with the shipment of raw material and unfinished products from one country to another for finishing.

The second proposal provides for the institution under the auspices of the League of Nations of an international commission charged with giving effect to the plan of international credits on terms recommended by its originator, Dr. Termeuier of Holland.

According to this plan, the government of the countries desiring to participate shall notify the commission as to what specific assets they have prepared as security for the commercial credits to be granted by the national or international countries. The commission, after examination of these assets, shall determine the gold value of the assets which they would approve against the security of these assets.

CONSTANTINE OFF TO RESUME CROWN

Leaves Lucerne and is Expected to Arrive in Athens Today.

Lucerne, Switzerland, Dec. 14.—Former King Constantine of Greece, Queen Sophie and the other members of the royal party left here today on the homeward journey to Athens without ceremony. They were cheered at the station by a great crowd.

Not having a passport, Constantine has been given a special document by the Swiss government to enable him to cross the frontier into Italy.

No untoward incidents occurred to mar the departure of the royal family for Athens. Sophie, heavily veiled and in deep mourning for her son, the late King Alexander, leaned on the arm of her husband, while Prince Paul escorted the Princesses Helen, Irene and Catherine, as they left the hotel which has been their home during exile. Little Princess Catherine was accompanied by her English governess.

Constantine is expected to reach Venice early Wednesday morning. The Averoff will be escorted to Greece by a destroyer and the Greek government has provided a merchant vessel to take the newspaper correspondents there.

Blinded the Correspondents. Milan, Dec. 14.—The special cars on which former King Constantine and the Greek royal party were traveling to Milan, were stopped at the railway station at the Italian frontier and attached to another train which was proceeding to Venice. As far as is known, the purpose of this was purely a precautionary measure. It was reported that the royal party had been off on a special train, but that the train containing the correspondents accompanying Constantine was the only train which was allowed to pass the frontier and the correspondents were eluded.

TEACHERS NEEDED AT CAMP BORDEN

Some Thirty Children Are Without Any School Facilities.

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—(By Canadian Press).—Application has been made by the air board to the Ontario department of education for teachers at Camp Borden. The reason for this, it is stated, is that many of the married men of the Canadian air force have their wives and children at Camp Borden, where living quarters are provided for married men, and there are some thirty children there who are without any school facilities. It is proposed to open a school for their benefit at the camp in the spring.

There are now some 400 people at Camp Borden, and training is proceeding regularly. For a week or so the airmen had the advantage of snow and were able to fly under wintry conditions, mounting their planes on sleds but now the snow has all disappeared, and the planes are back on wheels again. On the frozen ground the airmen prefer using the sleds, which are much easier for the men and machines in taking off and landing.

ACCEPT GAS RATE OFFER FOR CITY OF SARNIA

Sarnia, Ont., Dec. 14.—At a special meeting of the city council today the offer of a tentative rate of 40 cents per thousand cubic feet for natural gas supplied by the Sarnia Gas Co. was agreed upon at a recent conference in Chatham between the Municipal Gas Consumers' Association and the producing companies, pending the fixing of a permanent rate by the government next spring, was accepted.

VOLCANO IN JAPAN IS IN FULL ERUPTION

Tokio, Dec. 14.—The Asama-Yama volcano, situated about 90 miles northwest of Tokio, has been in eruption for several days. The ashes are falling over a wide area. Prof. Omori, famous as a seismologist, has been dispatched to the scene to investigate the phenomenon.

ROLE OF CUPID ASKED OF LEAGUE

Commission to Deal With International Marriages is Suggested.

Geneva, Dec. 14.—The council and assembly of the league have been asked to invade the realm of domesticity and try to solve the complicated matter of international marriages. The women's international league for peace and freedom has presented a request that an international commission on marriage laws be appointed by the assembly to consider the complexities of marriages between persons of different nationalities and make a report at the next assembly.

The members of the secretariat filed the request, the feeling being suggested that such an investigation would add to the league's difficulties rather than increase its prestige.

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SHOONER

Boston, Dec. 14.—The schooner and the rescue party in a by her own British steam. The schooner, bal, Portugal, tons of salt. bar 14.

DOWNTOWN

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MISSING HENRY KINSMAN

Aged 19 years, about 5 feet 8 inches tall, long, thin, pale features, slender build, tortoiseshell spectacles, light eyes, brown pompadour hair, dark eyebrows, has a small scar between the eyes. Wears a navy blue serge suit, tan Oxford, dark green felt hat and brownish green overcoat. Last night rooming apartment, 240 West Street, at eight o'clock p.m., November 15th. Party or parties knowing of his whereabouts please write or wire information to his father, Jas. H. Kinsman, 412 E. 12th Street, Woodstock, Ont.

BRANTFORD DIVINES DISPROVE CARNIVAL

Endorse Attitude of Chamber of Commerce and the Merchants.

Brantford, Ont., Dec. 14.—(Special).—The Brantford Ministerial Association has unanimously outlined its stand on summer carnivals in the following resolution: "That this ministerial association heartily endorse the attitude of the chamber of commerce and the merchants of the city in their stand against permission being granted by the city authorities to the bringing in of any carnivals this coming year."

Receives Field Kitchen. Addressed to Serg. James Mounce, one of the "originals," the first double-lumber cook kitchen of the "Mad Fourty" Battalion has arrived in this city. No definite decision has been reached as to its future.

Top Price for Bull. Top price of \$410, brought by Flora Mercant of Homestead, owned by F. W. Wolley of Wilsontonville, was W. L. Davidson, Meadowville, the purchaser, featured the annual sale of the Brant County Holstein Breeders' Association this afternoon. There were 200 buyers, and the 41 cows and three bulls netted \$9,665, an average of \$230. R. J. Thomas, Burford, handled the hammer.

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STEWARDSHIP

MAY 1st, 1918, Mr. Thos. Bradshaw, then Commissioner of Finance for the City of Toronto, made an investigation of Consumers' Gas Company affairs, upon behalf of the citizens of Toronto, to determine whether we were justified in increasing the price of gas.

The result was a report to the Mayor and Council that the increase was reasonable and justified.

Again, in 1919 and 1920, investigations were conducted with like results.

It is pleasing to us that citizens know that our service to them is rendered at a fair price, because our dividends to shareholders are limited by law, and any surplus goes to reduce the price of gas.

In point of fact, you see, as well as in name, we are The Consumers' Gas Company.

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