

Dr. Stresemann Declines the Responsibility of Forming a Cabinet

Imperial Preference Resolutions Will be Laid Before Parliament—Egyptian Government Refuses to Convoke National Parliament—Cold Wave in the West Moving Eastward.

DEBATE ON SPEECH FINISHED.
LONDON, Dec. 17. The House of Commons this evening adopted the King's address. Presently by a vote of 339 to 151 the member defeated the official Liberal amendment to the address offered by William Wedgwood Benn, which characterized the Government's Imperial Preference policy as dishonest. During the debate both Premier Baldwin and Chancellor of the Exchequer Churchill addressed the House. The Premier said an improvement in the general situation in Europe was essential to good trade, and that the British Government must give its aid to help Europe regain economic confidence. It was the intention of his government, he added, to place before the House the resolutions of the last Imperial Conference which involved a reduction in duties. Mr. Churchill supported Mr. Baldwin's ideas when he said they would be placed before the Commons as a bill for enactment at the proper time.

STRESEMANN DECLINES THE HONOR.

BERLIN, Dec. 17. Dr. Gustave Stresemann, Foreign Minister in the Marx Cabinet, leader of the People's Party, has refused to form a new ministry owing to the refusal of the Centre to participate. The Centre, it was announced, would have nothing to do with a bourgeois Government which included Nationalists unless guarantees were given that such a cabinet would follow the policy retrofere followed by the entire party.

INFANT BURNED TO DEATH.
OTTAWA, Dec. 17. Edward Lebente, aged one year, was burned to death when fire destroyed his parents' home this morning and other members of the family escaped with difficulty.

HUMPHREYS GETS PONTIFICAL HONOR.

QUEBEC, Dec. 17. Mon. Rodolphe Lemieux, Speaker of the House of Commons, has been created a Commander of the Pontifical Order of St. Peter the Great by the Bishop of the Pope. Investiture will take place at the Ottawa Episcopal.

DEATH FROM SELF-INFLICTED WOUND.

BOULTON, Maine, Dec. 17. Thomas McNair, 40, former Manager of the Canadian Pacific Railway Telegraph at Amherst, N.S., who attempted suicide here November 29, died here to-day as a result of his self-inflicted wound. He said at the time of the attempt he was driven to the act by financial difficulties.

\$100,000 WORTH OF FOXES.

CHARLOTTETOWN, Dec. 17. One hundred pairs of silver black foxes valued at one hundred thousand dollars leave here on a special steamer to-morrow morning, having been sold to Oregon, U.S.A. parties by W. K. Rogers, largest single owner of foxes in the world.

STRESEMANN ASKED TO FORM A MINISTRY.

BERLIN, Dec. 17. President Ebert to-day asked Dr. Gustav Stresemann, Foreign Minister of the Marx Cabinet and leader of the German People's Party to form a cabinet in succession to the Marx Ministry which resigned this week as a result of the recent Reichstag election. Dr. Stresemann asked to be given until to-night to consider his decision.

WOODED FROM THE RING.

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Dec. 17. Jack Dempsey, the heavyweight world's champion has again announced his willingness to "go again" away from the ring permanently and marry and settle down. The scene of to-day's announcement was the apartment.

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ment of Estelle Taylor, the motion picture actress, whom persistent rumor has it he will wed.

KREISLER'S LIFE THREATENED.

PARIS, Dec. 17. Just as he was about to step on the platform to begin a violin recital, Fritz Kreisler, the Austrian Virtuoso, received a letter threatening him with death, according to a special despatch from Vienna.

DEATH DEALING STORM MOVING EAST.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 17. The lower temperatures to-day heralded a movement eastward and southward of the cold wave that cost ten lives in the Rocky Mountain States and brought sub zero blasts of ice and snow to the northwest. The far west and regions of the Rockies were hardest hit. Snow and low temperatures prevailed along the Pacific Coast from the Canadian Border to normally warm sections of Southern California. Montana had six deaths yesterday indirectly attributable to storm. Four were killed when a train car was struck by a blizzard. Two children were suffocated in fire at Bozeman, while the mother was Christmas shopping. Ice coated windshield was held responsible for two deaths when a car was struck by a train at Sterling, Colorado.

GARRISON GOES OVER TO REBELS.

BELGRADE, Dec. 17. A despatch from Podgoritzia announces the capture of Scutari, Northern Albania, by Rebels. The Garrison of the city is said to have joined the Rebels.

REFUSES TO CONVOKE PARLIAMENT.

CAIRO, Dec. 17. The Egyptian Government of Ziwara Pasha has refused to convoke the National Parliament. It was announced to-day, despite petitions for such convocation sent to King Fuad and the Premier from Parliament and other quarters.

NO FURTHER MEETINGS HELD.

MONTREAL, Dec. 17. No conferences were held to-day between the representatives of the Canadian, Newfoundland and Province Quebec Governments who met here yesterday in an effort to come to agreement on the Labrador Boundary. Meetings may be held later in the week. It is understood that the Newfoundland delegation are holding private conversations among themselves.

WILLIAMS COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

FREDERICTON, N.E., Dec. 17. Harry D. Williams, of Posterville, was committed for trial on a half charge of murdering his two half nieces, Cynthia Foster aged 14, and Nedra, aged 10, before York Circuit Court on January 20th, by Judge Walter Limerick, following the conclusion of the preliminary examination in the city police court this morning when the evidence of eighteen witnesses for the Crown was completed.

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Quebec's Attitude on Boundary Question

MONTREAL, Dec. 11.—The conference on the Labrador boundary dispute will convene here on Tuesday, and the Province of Quebec will be represented by Premier L. A. Taschereau, and Charles Lanctot, K.C., while the federal representative will be Judge Doherty.

The controversy between Newfoundland and Canada over the Labrador boundary is of long-standing. Canada recognizes Newfoundland's rights to the coastline, as at present drawn out, but the question is to be settled in one of determining how much of the interior Newfoundland is entitled to. A delimitation of the boundary would affect the area of Quebec, and it is the desire of the Quebec government to ensure that no decision is arrived at that would hand over to Newfoundland any more of the interior than is equitable. The boundary would have to be outlined from the Straits of Belle Isle to the Basin Straits.

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You, Mr. Editor, are deserving of the praise of the community for your condemnation of the system which permits youths to be sent to prison to associate with hardened criminals, and I hope that fruitful results may accrue in the near future from the work of your pen, I remain,

Yours truly,
—SYMPATHY.
Dec. 16, 1924.

Burton's Pond is now in excellent condition for skating. House opened for convenience of skaters.—Dec17, 24.

Invaded by Insects

The invasion of the potato fields of Germany is threatened by the Colorado potato beetle. This destructive insect pest has found a foothold at various times and places in Eastern Europe, but has hitherto been held in check or driven out by energetic measures.

Since the war, however, it has invaded and established itself in a large area in France, and threatens to extend its invasion into Central Europe. Once well established in the potato fields of Germany, it would cause great losses to one of that country's most important food crops.

An expert declares that the beetle was brought to Bordeaux, France, in ships bring troops from America. This recalls the fact that American entomologists believe that the Hessian fly, one of the worst pests in America, was first carried to that country from Germany in the straw taken by Hessian troops with their horses to America during the revolutionary war.

Montreal to Have New Large Hotel

American Syndicate Buys Dorchester Street Property for \$750,000.

Quebec, Dec. 10.—Montreal will have a new hotel located on Dorchester street next to the St. James Club, as a result of a real estate transaction, which was completed by Odilon Lac Roix, of this city, through which the property of the George Washington Stephens estate has been sold to an American syndicate for \$750,000.

The syndicate is represented by the Guarantee Trust of New York and Ross and MacFarlane, architects, of Montreal.

Plans have been laid to build an hotel with a capacity of 800 rooms and immense garage. Including the garage the cost of the new building is expected to reach about \$3,000,000.

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

(H. F. SHORTIS.)
Article XIV.

HARBOR GRACE, March 17, 1832. The sealers are all safely away and the Festival of St. Patrick must be observed, and on this date the members of the Benevolent Irish Society held a reunion.

The "Waterford Arms" Hotel is again brought into requisition, and at 6 o'clock about 40 gentlemen, consisting of members and invited guests, sat down to a table furnished with the choicest and rarest delicacies of the season, and the room arranged and decorated in a most beautiful style.

The room was adorned with appropriate ornaments, amongst which were a full length picture of Ireland's Titular Saint—the immortal St. Patrick. The ceiling was hung with wreaths and festoons, the walls beautifully embellished with oil paintings of picturesque scenery, and the whole lighted up with dazzling splendour. Amongst the persons present were Robert Pack, of Carbonear, John Starke and James Bayley, who each addressed the meeting in a few eloquent and complimentary remarks.

Dr. William Stirling, President, took the chair, and was supported on the right by the Very Rev. Father Ewer. Rev. Dr. Macklin sat on his left. Mr. Wm. Innot assisted as Vice-President, supported by Rev. Father Nowlan and Rev. Father Berney.

Toasts were later the order of the evening. The list from the chair was long, and was supplemented by several volunteer ones. The gathering broke up at 3 o'clock, but some members held on till the chancelier did salutation to the morn. These were happy days, and there can be no doubt that the Rotary Club diners of to-day are not in it with those old-time reunions.

WESLEY METHODIST ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual District Meeting of the Wesley Methodist Missionaries was held in Carbonear. The Mission was found to be growing. The stations for the year are as follows:—

- St. John's—Rev. John Haig.
- Harbor Grace—Rev. John Tomkins.
- Carbonear—Rev. Richard Knight.
- Blackhead—Rev. W. Wilson.
- Port de Grave—Rev. J. Pickevant.
- Western Bay—Rev. R. Sheppard.
- Isld. Cove and Pelican—Rev. A. Nightingale.
- Hants Harbor—Rev. Charles Bates.
- Trinity—Rev. W. Faulkner.
- Bonavista—Rev. Wm. Ellis.
- Brigus—Rev. G. Ellidge.
- Burin—John Smith.
- Grand Bank, and Pook.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICE.

BRITISH.

HARBOR GRACE, Dec. 17, 1832. The Bishop of Nova Scotia arrived here on Sunday morning on H.M.S. "North Star," with the Hon. Trefucir as Captain.

With the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia was the Venerable the Archdeacon of the Island, Charles Inglis. His Lordship visited Carbonear in the morning, and held a confirmation at the Church of St. James, and in the evening delivered an impressive address at St. Paul's in this town.

July 13, 1832.—During a heavy thunderstorm, the house of Mr. Joseph Lundrigan of Upper Island Cove, was struck by lightning, providentially the inmates escaped injury, but at Bread and Cheese Cove three sheep and a pig were killed by the fluid (electric fluid I presume).

THE PLAGUE CHOLERA.

The disquieting news of the spread of the cholera morbus or Asiatic Plague has been giving our friends a lot of anxiety. The cities of Quebec, Montreal, New York and Boston, also Liverpool and other ports in England, have been declared infected and clean Bills of Health cannot be issued. There is such close and intimate intercourse with all these places that the whole population is aroused fearing its spread to our Island.

A meeting was held in the Court House Monday, 9th July, to discuss the best means of averting the Cholera from this town. Mr. Stabb was called to the chair, and read a communication from James Crowdy, the Colonial Secretary, to the Rt. Rev. Dr. Fleming, the Catholic Bishop, who was taking a very prominent part in looking after the welfare of the community. Resolutions passed in St. John's were also read at this meeting.

Mr. Thomas Ridley, Rev. Mr. Ellis, James Hippley, George Hippley, Mr. Mayne, Dr. Molloy and several others addressed the meeting. A Resolution appointing a Committee of 35 was adopted to instruct all the inhabitants of the danger.

Another Resolution that a subscription be started for the purpose of providing a Hospital.

(to be continued.)