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MORE HOPEFUL IN NAVY MATTER

Apparently New Phase in Jap Negotiations.

Shantung Conference is Adjourned Till Monday—Report of New Treaty of the Powers — British Position Simple and Clear.

(Canadian Press)

Washington, Dec. 3—With latest development in negotiations on the question of naval ratio for Japan represented by delegation spokesmen as justifying optimism, although their nature was a closely guarded secret, the whole matter was expected to remain at a standstill today while Baron Kato communicated further with Tokio.

Unofficial but apparently authoritative comment in Japanese circles today suggested that the question of U. S. fortifications in the Pacific may have entered into the new development, but this lacked official confirmation.

In resuming discussion of the question of withdrawing foreign troops stationed in China, there was some probability that the Far Eastern committee today adopt a broadly drawn declaration of general policy on that request of the Chinese delegates.

The joint conference of the Japanese and Chinese delegates which at yesterday's meeting proceeded at once to an exchange of views on the question of control of the Shantung Railway, regarded as the heart of the controversy which the conference will endeavor to settle will be resumed on Monday.

British Objects Simple.

Washington, Dec. 3.—(By Ben Deacon, staff correspondent of the Canadian Press.)—"Great Britain is likely to find herself the one nation that will be completely satisfied by the results of the present conference, that is because her objects in entering the conference were so simple and so clear."

This statement was made to a group of Canadian newspaper men last night by a representative of the British delegation to the Washington conference. This spokesman, who occupies a high position in the British official party, gave a very clear exposition of the British Empire's position in regard to the conference. The British objects in entering the conference, he said, were: "First, to aid in the prevention of a possible conflict between Japan and the U. S., second, determination to cement the Anglo-American friendship." The objects were so simple, he said, that some of the representatives of other nations appered to find it very difficult to understand the British attitude.

There was an idea that the British had some selfish interest to serve, and consequently in some quarters they had been regarded as "deep" and "subtle," but it was gradually being revealed to the world that the British Empire has no axe to grind in connection with any of the questions that are being dealt with at the conference. The British position, he emphasized, is entirely free from self-interest or ulterior motives. The empire stands ready to aid any move which will make for the peace of the world, and, as the successful outcome of the conference would be a mighty step in that direction, the British were gladly co-operating with the other nations in the effort to achieve success.

The pessimism which had been expressed in some quarters regarding the present naval situation was discounted by the speaker. Japan, he said, would doubtless hang fire on many questions just as in regard to the naval ratio They might delay decisions until most of the questions had been thoroughly discussed and then announce acceptance of a number of points at once. She would not, he felt convinced, take any permanent position which would prevent the reaching of a final agreement.

Washington, Dec. 3—The armament conference itself now is expected by the United States administration to determine what outside nations will be invited into the Washington negotiations as they approach conclusion.

Tokio, Dec. 3—The government has decided to leave the ratio of warships entirely in the hands of Admiral Baron Kato for decision and has communicated to him to that effect, according to apparently authentic reports here.

Report of Treaty.

London, Dec. 3—A despatch to the Times from Tokio quotes the Washington correspondent of the Jiji Shimpo as saying that Japan, Great Britain, the U. S. and France are negotiating a treaty, the memorandum of which is to be signed within a week.

TROUBLE AT DOCKS IN PORTLAND, ME.

Portland, Maine, Dec. 3—Failure to reach an agreement as to wages to be paid longshoremen for handling grain was followed late yesterday by the announcement that steamship lines had taken steps towards cancelling sailings to this port and that service, maintained between Portland and European ports would be withdrawn.

SUPPOSED HIGH EXPLOSIVE ON COMMON IN BOSTON

Boston, Dec. 3—Powder, believed by police officials to be a high explosive, wrapped in red flannel and packed in a bag, was found on the steps of the Parkman Memorial Bandstand on the Boston Common today. With it was literature in a foreign language. The police sent the powder to W. Wedger, state chemist and the literature to Department of Justice agents.

Tariff revision will benefit the maritime provinces. They pay too much tribute to protected interests in the larger provinces, and because of the lack of a market cannot develop industries of their own.

Based on All-Ireland Parliamentary Gov't

Reports Relative to New British Proposals, Which Dail Cabinet is Considering Today—If Not Accepted Belief is Sinn Fein Will Ask For Postponement of Negotiations.

(Canadian Press Cable.)

Dublin, Dec. 3.—Members of the Dail Eireann cabinet assembled today to consider the British government's latest proposal for an Irish peace settement. There is little optimism as to its decision, and the Sinn Fein peace delegates, who have returned from London, are reported as believing the revised terms will be unacceptable to Eamonn De Valera and his advisers.

The exact nature of the proposals is not known publicly, but there are said to be based on an all-Ireland parliamentary government, one of the strong points for which the Sinn Fein has been holding out. Ulster, it is understood, would be required to remain in this parliament at least six months, when she could withdraw at her option. In case of withdrawal, Ulster's borderland as a separate government would be defined by a commission and she would be restricted to the powers she enjoys at present, while the south of Ireland would be granted fiscal freedom.

One version of the new terms is that they deal with the Sinn Fein's objection to swearing allegiance to the crown by providing that allegiance be sworn to the Irish free state, the commonwealth of nations known as the British Empire, and to the king as head of that community of nations.

In the event the new terms are unacceptable to the Dail cabinet, it is believed the Sinn Fein delegates have been asked to present a proposal on behalf of the British government for a postponement of the negotiations, not only to allow for a possible adjustment of views but to permit Lloyd George to make a brief visit to the Washington conference. Continuance of the truce also is thought to have been a consideration in preparing this alternative.

London, Dec. 2—According to the London Times' parliamentary correspondent the government's new proposals concerning Ireland include that allegiance shall be sworn to the Irish free state, to the commonwealth of nations known as the British Empire and to the king as the head of that community of nations. The correspondent adds that the proposals will provide that there shall be no endowments of religion and no religious tests in the appointment of public offices.

Attacks Ulster.

Ulster's uncompromising attitude in the present negotiations for peace in Ireland was warmly attacked today by Arthur Henderson, M. P., secretary of the Labor party and late member of the war cabinet. Speaking at the opening of a fair organized by London Laborites for the purpose of raising election funds, Mr. Henderson said the Sinn Fein made concessions but that Ulster had refused to move an inch, rather taking shelter under the pledge of Premier Lloyd George that he would not coerce Ulster.

"The door for peace," said Mr. Henderson, "was not open wide enough because Ulster prevented it. Are we to have another war," he asked, "because Ulster is unresponsive to the call of common sacrifice? Is there to be no peace except on Ulster's terms? If Ulster entertains a wild dream that the British people will allow Sinn Fein Ireland to be dragooned because Ulster wants its own particular form of settlement, they are deluding themselves. Labor will oppose any such weakness."

Mr. Henderson said he hoped nothing would be done to break off the negotiations or terminate the truce. Nothing, he said, could justify a resumption of hostilities.

AN IMPORTANT LIQUOR DECISION

Windsor, Ont., Dec. 3—Chartered exporting concerns in Windsor and along the border can no longer store liquor unless they are granted bonded warehouses by the dominion government. This is the substance of a judgment handed down in Windsor police court by Judge Gundy in the case of the license department vs the Essex Export Company of Petite Cote, Ont., who were charged with having liquor in other than a lawful place, to wit, their warehouse. Judge Gundy registered a conviction against the company and imposed the minimum fine of $200 and $33 costs. The judgment will have a far-reaching affect for a dozen or more liquor warehouses were opened here in the last few months.

BIG SUM STOLEN; NEARLY ALL FOUND

Warrant Out for Quartermaster of Steamship Charging Theft of $122,000 in Gold.

San Francisco, Dec. 3—A warrant charging P. M. Ducres, quartermaster on the liner Sonoma with theft of $122,00 in English sovereigns from the steamer's specie tanks, was sworn out yesterday by F. S. Samuels, assistant to the president of the Oceanic Steamship Company. The gold was missing last week, but all except two sovereigns has been found.

Ducres disappeared after the first cache of $28,000 was found in a fire hose inside a ventilator pipe.

Death of Woman Writer.

Boston, Dec. 3—Mrs. Mary Johnson Lincoln, author of "The Boston Cook Book," and widely known as a writer and lecturer on domestic science, died at her home here yesterday following a paralytic stroke. She was seventy-seven years of age.

DELEGATES OF SINN FEIN ON SHIP THAT SINKS SCHOONER

Steamer Taking Them to Dublin Cuts Smaller Vessel in Two and Three Lives are Lost.

(Canadian Press Cable.)

Belfast, Dec. 3.—Three members of the Sinn Fein peace delegation bound for Dublin from England were turned back on their voyage today when the steamer Cambria, on which they were traveling, collided with a schooner soon after leaving Holyhead, England. The schooner was sunk and three of her crew drowned. The Cambria, although reporting only slight damage, was obliged to return to Holyhead.

The Irish delegates on board the steamer were Machael Collins, Sinn Fein minister of finance; George Gavan Duffy and Erskine Childers. They were on their way from London after the recent conferences with Lloyd George and his advisers and had been expected to take part in today's consideration by the Dail Eireann authorities of the British government's latest proposals for a peace settlement.

The collision occurred at four o'clock off North Stack Holyhead. The Cambria was on her maiden voyage when she ran down the schooner, which was virtually cut in two. The steamer sent out wireless calls for help and a lifeboat was started for the scene, but meanwhile the Cambria's boats were active and rescue four of the schooner's crew.

The Cambria is a twin screw steamer of 3,300 tons, 387 feet long, and of steel construction.

HAD TO USE HIS PRIVATE MEANS

Another Governor Resigns Because Salary Will Not Meet Expenses.

London, Dec. 3.—(Canadian Press.)—A Reuter despatch from Adelaide says that consternation has been caused by the resignation of Sir Arthur Weigall as governor of South Australia, who was extremely popular.

In a letter to the government, Sir Arthur expresses keen regret that he is obliged to vacate the office, and explains that overseas deductions absorbed the whole of his salary, leaving a considerable balance to meet on expenditure essential to the maintenance of his office. This had been met by private means, but financial obligations recently placed upon him and Lady Weigall in England rendered continuance of such private expenditure impossible.

It is reported that Sir William Allardy, governor of Tasmania, is to resign also because of discontent with his salary, which is £2,750. Sir Arthur's salary is £4,000.

CABLES MORSE TO RETURN AT ONCE

Washington, Dec. 3—Attorney-General Daugherty last night cabled to Charles W. Morse of New York, now at Havre, France, to take the first boat back to the United States. "Desire you return immediately," the cable read, "take the first boat."

Mr. Daugherty's cable was sent in reply to one from Mr. Morse which said: "Came here to consult my physician regarding operation. Be glad return when you desire."

Mr. Morse said that he felt his cablegram yesterday to Mr. Dougherty, in which he said he would return to the U. S. when wanted, was somewhat vague, and in a message today he asked permission to consult Prof. Marchiafava of Rome, consulting physician to the late Pope Pius, in regard to a necessary operation. This would necessitate delaying his sailing until the departure of the steamer George Washington on January 5.

Paris, Dec. 3.—The French ministry of the interior today issued an order denying Charles W. Morse the right to land in France and requiring him to return to the U. S. on the first steamer available, which would be the Paris, sailing on Monday from Havre.

TAKE UP THE GERMAN MONEY MATTER AT A MEETING ON TUESDAY

Paris, Dec. 3.—The inter-Allied reparations commission will probably begin formal consideration of the proposal for a moratorium on Germany's foreign debts at a meeting of the commission on next Tuesday, by which time it is expected that a formal request from the German government for a reparations holiday will have been received.

The Meighen government refused to appoint a commission to investigate maritime province claims in regard to freight rates and the pledges of confederation. Mr. Meighen is a western man and the west says it owes nothing to the east.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times reporter, to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam "what would you say to a national system of mothers' pensions?"

"You mean startin' a senate for women," queried Hiram.

"Well," said the reporter, "I had not thought of it just that way. But that is not at all a bad suggestion."

"Of course it aint," said Hiram. "I'm fer equal rights fer women—an' if we hev a senate for men we orto hev one fer women too. Now you take a woman that's rasin' five or six children—or mebbe eight or nine—I'd give her a cushioned seat a mighty sight quicker'n I would a man with a pot o' money—yes, sir."

"But her maternal duties," said the reporter, "would keep her at home."

"She could draw her pay," said Hiram.

"True," said the reporter,—"she could draw her pay."

"An' talk," said Hiram.

"Yes," said the reporter, "a woman could talk.'

"Then she'd make a fust-rate senator," said Hiram.

HOLD UP FARMER; ROB HIM OF $2,300

Ontario Man Beaten Almost Unconscious by Armed Bandits.

Windsor, Ont., Dec. 3.—Driving on the river front road a mile east of Islandview Hotel at ten o'clock last night, Wilfrid Adams, a farmer of Amherstburg, was held up by two men and robbed of $2,300 in cash. The place is dark and unfrequented.

Although the bandits were armed, Adams put up a stiff fight and was subdued only after he had been beaten almost into unconsciousness.

The police are holding Wm. Rowan in connection with the robbery.

To vote against Dr. Broderick and Mr. McLellan is to endorse government neglect of this national port and of the interests of the maritime provinces.

SENATOR NICHOLLS LEFT $461,592

Toronto, Dec. 3—The will of the late Senator Nicholls was filed yesterday. He appointed the Toronto General Trusts Corporation, Henry G. Nicholls, his eldest son, James Ernest Proctor, his son-in-law and his friend, Henry J. Wright, K. C., of the firm of Aylesworth Wright, Thompson and Lawrie, to be his executors.

The will provides for the constitution of a trust fund of $300,000 which is to be invested by the executors and trustees and the income derived from it to be divided equally amongst the senator's six children.

The gross value of the estate amounts to $461,592 consisting largely of life insurance.

Canada needs a government that is not tied up to the big interests and that has no past sins to answer for. Vote the Liberal ticket.

Phelix and Pherdinand

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries. R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—The low area which was centred over the Great Lakes has moved to North Central Quebec, attended by moderate gales from west and northwest with rain or snow over eastern Canada. In the west the weather has been mostly fair, with not much change in temperature.

Windy, But Fair.

Forecasts:—

Maritime—Winds increasing to moderate or fresh gales from southeast to southwest; rain today. Sunday, strong winds or moderate westerly gales; fair.

Gulf and North Shore—Moderate to fresh gales, shifting to southwest and west; rain or sleet today. Sunday strong winds or gales, westerly; local snow flurries and somewhat colder.

Toronto, Dec. 3.—Temperatures:—

New England—Fair and colder tonight and Sunday; diminishing north and northwest winds.

Stations.	8 a. m.	Highest yesterday.	Lowest during night.
Prince Rupert	34	46	34
Victoria	40	52	38
Kamloops	22	40	20
Calgary	30	38	12
Edmonton	24	32	16
Prince Albert	4	..	4
Winnipeg	..	22	5
White River	12	32	10
Sault Ste. Marie	30	44	28
Toronto	34	52	34
Kingston	36	48	36
Ottawa	36	56	54
Montreal	28	40	38
Quebec	38	32	32
St John, N. B.	42	38	36
Halifax	38	32	32
St. John's, Nfld.	30	36	28
Detroit	32	54	32
New York	44	56	44

The government grain elevator at St. John is idle. Not so the elevators at Portland, Maine.

SAY THIS LADY MARRIED 12 SOLDIERS AND GOT MUCH GOVERNMENT PAY

Chicago, Dec. 3—At least twelve husbands who served in the United States army or navy are credited to Mrs. Helen Drexler, of Waukegan, Ills., champion collector of government allotment checks, according to federal authorities who had her in custody. She is alleged to have married husbands from many parts of the country, divorced none and received approximately $400 a month from the government for the last three years.

SOME SUCCESS IN ENGLAND WITH NO WORK PROBLEM

London, Dec. 3.—(Canadian Press.)—Measures taken to relieve the unemployment in this country have already resulted in considerable success. More than 100,000 men are engaged in relief work, while 331 new relief schemes have been sanctioned. These represent an expenditure of nearly £5,000,000, of which London will spend £1,000,000. Credits exceeding £500,000 have been given in the last month under the extended exports credit plan.

REPORTED 11 TO 1 TO ACQUIT IN THE ARBUCKLE CASE

San Francisco, Dec. 3.—Nothing remained of the Roscoe Arbuckle manslaughter trial today but a verdict, and, if that was adverse to him, a sentence. The fate of the comedian was given to the jury yesterday afternoon. Rumors were current last night that the jury stood 11 to 1 for acquittal, but no agreement had been reached at eleven o'clock, and the debating ceased to permit the members to retire for the night.

PRESENTATION TO U. N. B. CHANCELLOR

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 3—The U. N. B. faculty has presented to Dr. C. C. Jones, chancellor, a suit case and check as a token of their esteem and hearty support in the work he is doing for the university. He will leave this evening for the west in the interest of the university.

DENIALS MADE BY F. A. CAMPBELL

Fred A. Campbell, labor candidate in St. John-Albert, this morning denied a rumor that he intended to retire from the campaign.

Mr. Campbell also referred today to an assertion reported made at a Conservative meeting in West End that he had given up the post of president of the Union Bus Co. and was deserting the union men. He emphatically denied this and said Ira D. Ferris was acting temporarily while he was campaigning in Albert, but that he (Campbell) was holding his position as president.

FUNERAL OF LORD MOUNT STEPHEN TODAY PRIVATE

London, Dec. 3—(Canadian Press cable)—A memorial service in connection with the death of Lord Mount Stepnen will be held by the king's permission in the Royal Chapel, St. James' Palace, London. The funeral will take place today and will be private.

SHIP AT HALIFAX WILL NOT GO TO PORTLAND

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 3. — Owing to longshoremen's difficulties at Portland, Maine, the White Star Dominion liner Megantic, due here tomorrow morning from Liverpool, will not proceed to Portland, but will land all her passengers, mails, and cargo here. She will sail for Liverpool on December 11.

The Anchor Donaldson liner Saturnia, which arrived yesterday from Glasgow, is awaiting a decision from Montreal as to whether she will go to Portland or make Halifax her terminus.

LATE SPORT NEWS

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 3—Eddie Beattie of Hamilton, was given the decision over Moe Herchovitch of Montreal, in a ten round bout in the Temple Theatre here last night. There were 3,000 present.

Beattie knocked the Montreal boxer down in the third round and it looked as though he was out but much to the surprise of the crowd he came back strong, getting better as the fight progressed. Both men were on their feet at the end of the tenth round, the judges giving the decision to Beattie on points.

Eddie Gallagher outpointed McKeown of Toronto, in a six round bout and Irish Kennedy of Hamilton, received the decision over Cave of Toronto.

New York, Dec. 3—Sprint races between speed cyclists who will compete in the annual six day race starting Sunday, will be held in Madison Square Garden tonight. Frank Kramer, veteran, with Jack Clark of Australia as a teammate will meet Francisco Verri and Orlando Piani, of Italy, in a one mile event, the feature of the programme.

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 3—The racing career of Wildair, Harry Payne Whitney's four year old son of Broomstick and Verdu has come to an end. Like the great Man O' War, he will be placed in a stud in the Blue Grass region. Emil Herz, New York, breeder and turfman, has completed arrangements for the transfer of Wildair to his short grass stock farm next spring. The horse has both racing performances and blood lines to recommend him as a sire. He has won $31,927 in stakes and purses.

Toronto, Dec. 3—A high wind whipped along Varsity Stadium this morning and if it continues it will probably prove a big factor in the Rugby game this afternoon between Aurgonats and the Edmonton Eskimos for the Rugby championship of the dominion. The demand for tickets indicates that 10,000 people will be there.

LAW PARTNERSHIP.

George M. McDade, LL. D., and John P. Barry, B. A., Chatham, have formed a law partnership under the name of McDade & Barry, and will take over the law business of Mr. McDade. Mr. Barry has just been admitted to the provincial bar as attorney-at- law. He is a graduate of St. Francis Xavier University. He is a brother to Rev. Edward Barry.

LOCAL NEWS

MAYOR TO MUSQUASH.

Mayor Schofield left this morning for Musquash where he will inspect the preparations which have already been made for the cutting of cord-wood in order to give employment to city men.

LEFT FOR THE WEST

After spending several months with her mother, Mrs. John Kohlier, 3 St. David street, Mrs. James H. Cathers left last evening to return to her home in Punnich, Saskatchewan, where Mr. Cathers is employed.

CUTTY SARK ARRIVES.

The schooner Cutty Sark arrived safely in New York this morning from this port, according to advices received by her local agents, R. C. Elkin, Ltd. The schooner left here recently with a cargo of lumber and while en route encountered a severe gale.

CHRISTMAS TREE BUSINESS.

Another sign of the approach of Christmas was evident this week at city hall, when several applications were received for permission to display Christmas trees for sale on the King square. An area on both the north and south sides of the square has been set apart as formerly for this business.

TEA AND SALE.

The annual tea and sale of the Girls' Association of St. John's (Stone) church is being held. The proceeds will go toward the winter work of the association. Mrs. A. E. Fleming and Miss Skinner are in charge of the tea tables and Mrs. Charles Francis and Mrs. Blanchard Fowler in charge of the fancy table. Miss Annie Fowler is in charge of the candy table.

WATER EXTENSIONS.

The members of the common council yesterday visited Belleview Avenue to look into the proposal of extending water and sewerage services to that vicinity. During a discussion of the matter there seemed to be a question as to whether the revenue derived would permit of the undertaking. The extension will cover about half a mile and it is estimated that it will cost $7,000. The carrying charges for this amount are figured at $2,500 a year, while the revenue in sight is estimated at about $160 from the twenty houses on the avenue. It is expected that the matter will receive further consideration at Monday's meeting.

PANTRY SALES.

In the Trinity church school room this morning, the Junior Band of the W. A. held a pantry sale in aid of mission work. The work was in the hands of Mrs. James Gorham, Mrs. G. B. Peat, Mrs. G. B. Nichol, Mrs. Blenkinsop and Miss Leslie Skinner, assisted by the junior members who were interested in mission work.

The house committee of the Provincial Memorial Home held a pantry sale today in the store of the Webb Electric Company, the proceeds to go for the work of the home. The committee in charge was composed of Mrs. D. H. Ellison, convenor; Mrs. E. J. Terry, Mrs. H. U. Miller, Mrs. J. Fred Emery and Mrs. F. A. Graham.

BLIZZARD DOES WORK FOR POLICE

Effective in Preventing Renewal of Rioting in Vienna —Looting was Extensive.

Vienna, Dec. 3.—Advent of real winter weather has served better than the police to restore order in Vienna following the serious rioting of Thursday. The city yesterday was in the grip of a blizzard, with the temperature several degrees below the freezing point. Business was completely suspended, even the provisions stores and markets being tightly shuttered. As a result of the disorders a general exodus of profiteers and idlers is taking place. There were 174 stores wrecked and looted and many others were damaged and their show windows pillaged.

BIG CROWDS AT MEETINGS FOR LIBERAL CHIEF

Holland Landing, Ont., Dec. 3.—Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King addressed two meetings yesterday in his own constituency of North York and was greeted with big crowds at each point.

"The question of responsible government is a question which our fathers fought for in this constituency and in this very village in which I am speaking," declared the Liberal chieftain. "You have had the right of government taken out of your hands and placed in the hands of a small group of men who pay not the slightest heed to the rights of the people."

The Meighen government will be defeated on Tuesday. New Brunswick should have a voice in forming the new Liberal government.

BANDIT KILLS QUEBEC WOMAN

Shot in Head and Robbed of $20.

Mrs. Joseph Pion Had Just Returned Home After Selling Produce in Sherbrooke Market—Son Finds Her in Pool of Blood.

(Canadian Press.)

Windsor Mills, Que., Dec. 3—This district was startled by the news of a cold blooded murder and theft late last evening, a short distance from Titus station, where Mrs. Joseph Pion was shot through the temple and robbed of the money she had in her possession, some $20, by a masked bandit.

Mr. and Mrs. Pion spent Friday selling country produce at the Sherbrooke market, and the latter had returned home by train accompanied by her eleven-year-old daughter and sixteen-year-old son, while Mr. Pion drove home later in the evening.

A little after nine o'clock, it is alleged, the young lad went out and during his absence a masked man called at the house. The little girl on opening the door and seeing the masked man, became frightened and ran up the stairs, while the man accosted her mother.

The son, who was working nearby, heard a revolver shot, and returning to the house found his mother lying on the floor in a pool of blood.

SAVED BY WIRELESS

Lord Antrim Heading for the Rocks When Direction Station Sends Word of Position.

Montreal, Dec. 3.—Had it not been for the direction finding of wireless telegraphy, the S. S. Lord Antrim, which docked here yesterday, after one of the roughest voyages she has ever made, would have been dashed to pieces on the Virgin Rocks, situated off the Banks of Newfoundland. Captain Jarvis, commander of the big freighter, explained yesterday that while the vessel was off this treacherous coast a terrific gale had been encountered, the severity of which made it imperative for him to leave it. Completely at a loss as to his whereabouts, he communicated with various wireless stations. They immediately sent him his bearings, and with this data to work on he made the startling discovery that his ship was drifting in the dark straight for the Virgin rocks at a speed of nearly eight miles an hour.

FIRST VOTES IN ELECTION CAST

But four votes were cast in the advance poll in the city last evening, and none were deposited in Lancaster. E. J. Johnston was returning officer for the city and W. A. Nelson, of Fairville, for Lancaster. The advance poll will be open again this evening and on Monday evening.

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 3—The first four ballots in the voting in York-Sunbury were cast last evening, three at Devon and one in Fredericton.

A downpour of rain which is making the traveling conditions worse than ever and adding to the discomfort of the campaigners.

HOW THEY STAND ON PROHIBITION

Result of Poll of Candidates by Dominion Alliance.

Toronto, Dec. 3—The Dominion Alliance for the suppression of the liquor traffic has polled candidates of all parties in all parts of Canada in the present dominion elections, on the question of whether, if elected, they would work and vote to promote the enactment of dominion prohibition of the manufacture, importation, exportation and inter-provincial transportation of intoxicating liquors for beverages.

Forty-three candidates without any reservation, many of them with enthusiasm, gave adherence to the alliance position. Seven replies are friendly and offer no objection whatever to the alliance programme but are milder in their endorsation of it.

Fifteen are "on the fence." They do not offer an opinion, some even resent being asked to state their opinion, others courteously decline to do so.

Eleven were frankly not in favor of the policy of the alliance but were desirous that some legislative action should be taken.

Two were straight out in opposition to prohibition. Many have not replied.

JUMP IN EXCHANGE ON CANADIAN DOLLAR

New York, Dec. 3—Sterling exchange irregular. Great Britain demand 404 5-8. Cables, 405 1-8. Canadian exchange 9 15-16 per cent.

On the eve of the elections St. John is without any assurance from the government that work on the breakwater, the railway station and the needed terminals on the east side of the harbor will be proceeded with