

CABINET CHANGES AT OTTAWA BEFORE PREMIER LEFT

Major-General S. C. Mewburn Retires From Post of Minister of Militia

SHIFTING PORTFOLIOS Means Less Work for Hon. A. L. Sifton—Sir George Foster Acting Premier

Ottawa, Jan. 2.—There was a further change in the Cabinet portfolio today, although a minor one. The Department of Mines, which for the last two years or so, has been under the direction of the Secretary of State, is being transferred back to the Department of Interior. Hon. Arthur Meighen, Minister of Interior, will, therefore, also be sworn in as Minister of Mines. The transfer of the department will mean the lessening of the duties of Hon. Arthur Sifton, new Secretary of State. Of late Mr. Sifton's health has not been good.

Premier Borden Leaves Ottawa

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 2.—Sir Robert Borden leaves Ottawa this afternoon for a prolonged rest. He expects to be absent three or four months. His destination is not announced.

Mewburn Retires

Ottawa, Jan. 2.—Official announcement that Major-General S. C. Mewburn, Minister of Militia, had retired from the Unionist Government and that there has been some shifting of portfolios, was made Thursday. With the changes made before the departure of Sir Robert Borden for the South for a long rest, stable political conditions will be restored for some months, at least, and the government will remain as it is until Sir Robert's return to the capital.

The Cabinet shifts announced place Hon. Martin Burrell, who, since his retirement from the post of Minister of Agriculture in favor of the Hon. T. A. Crerar, when the Union Government was formed, has been Secretary of State at the head of the Customs Department, which has been without a minister since the Hon. Arthur L. Sifton succeeded Hon. F. B. Carvell as Minister of Public Works.

Mr. Sifton makes another change, and assumes the post of Secretary of State, in succession to Mr. Burrell. This shift in portfolios is a natural one, because it puts a minister with legal training at the head of the Department of State. In view of the practical certainty that a new Dominion Elections Act will be introduced at the approaching session of parliament, and the possibility that there may be a general election within a year, it will be better to have a lawyer presiding over the State Department, which has a great deal to do with the administration of election laws and other legal matters.

The Acting Minister of Militia will be Hon. J. A. Calder, Minister of Immigration and Colonization while Hon. J. D. Reid, in addition to being Minister of Railways will assume responsibility for the Department of Public Works. The announcement disposes of the report that Mr. Sifton was about to retire from the government.

Uniting Departments
Coming changes will include the uniting of the militia and soldiers' civil re-establishment departments, while immigration and colonization will go back to the Interior Department. Should the Western provinces be given their natural resources for which they have been agitating for many years, the Interior Department would not be so important as it is at the present time and one minister could administer both Interior and Immigration affairs.

Sir Robert Borden on Thursday waited upon His Excellency the Governor General and submitted to him his Excellency the resignation of Major-General Mewburn and the cabinet changes for approval.

The belief here is that when the amalgamation of the Departments of the Interior and Immigration and Colonization takes place, Hon. Mr. Calder will permanently take over the portfolio of Minister of Militia, and the Department of Soldiers Civil Re-establishment will be merged with Militia. Sir James Loughheed remaining government leader in the Senate but perhaps dropping out of the cabinet.

Foster Acting Prime Minister

It is also definitely announced that Sir George Foster, Minister of Trade and Commerce, will be acting Prime Minister during the absence from Canada of the Premier. He will not, however, undertake to lead the house throughout the session of parliament and it is likely that when parliament reassembles a Unionist caucus will be held to choose a house leader. The adoption of this plan will relieve Sir George from attendance in the house on many occasions, more particularly in the evenings, when matters not of great importance are under discussion. The probabilities are that the choice of house leader will fall upon Rt. Hon. C. J. Dougherty who has filled this position acceptably in the past. In a letter headed out Sir Robert

MORE MARRIAGES FEWER BIRTHS AND DEATHS IN 1919

Than During 1918 According to Records Kept at City Hall

Dan Cupid worked overtime during December, and tied no less than 25 knots which more than doubles the number of marriages he was responsible for in December, 1918, the City Hall records showing but 12 for that month. The cold weather must have kept the stork from making his rounds as often as for the same month in 1918, as the records for this year show 35, as compared to 49 for December one year ago. Deaths fell off considerably this year, and there were only 21 deaths reported as against 40 in the same month last year.

The total number of births for 1919 are 421 as compared with 471 in 1918. The marriages in 1919 exceeded the mark set in 1918 by 61, the figures being 211 last year and 150 in 1918. There was a greater death report for 1918 when 263 were reported, while 130 are shown on the records to have died here last year.

NEW YEAR SHALL BE RICH WITH PROMISE OR LADEN WITH DESPAIR

London, Jan. 2.—Premier Lloyd George, in his New Year's message to the nation, says: "We bid farewell to the fateful year which witnessed the signing of peace, that is alike a token of victory and a warrant for hope. Whether the New Year shall be rich with promise or laden with despair depends upon ourselves. We have reached the time when a concentrated effort is essential to the re-building of the world."

"If we quarrel amongst ourselves, we impair our strength and retard our progress. But by united action, based on common honesty and inspired by a spirit of general goodwill, the nation will add to the glory achieved by her sons in battle in the accomplishment of the great task of restoring the prosperity and wellbeing of our people."

COLLAPSE OF DEAL FOR THE FLIN FLON MINE

The Pas, Man., Jan. 5.—The intimation that the Flin Flon deal collapsed as something of a shock to residents of The Pas who have been building on the completion of this deal to start a new era of prosperity in the Northern mining town. However, the report that the Avacanda Copper Company of Butte, Montana, is considering opening negotiations for the purchase of the property lessened the shock and all are waiting anxiously the new developments. Messrs. Hayden and Stone, of Boston, had had an option on the Flin Flon for some time, the purchase price being \$2,500,000. The deal involved thirty-two claims in all, eleven of which are situated in Flin Flon, adjoining the Mandy mine at Schist Lake, and nineteen at Beaver Lake. Messrs. Hayden and Stone's request for an extension of the option for 12 months was refused.

The Flin Flon is a vast sulphide ore body and drilling has revealed 20,000,000 tons of copper, gold, silver and zinc, valued at about \$200,000,000. Messrs. Hayden and Stone's failure to purchase was stated as being due to money and labor troubles.

Next spring should see considerable activity at Flin Flon, situated near Mile 82, on the Hudson's Bay railway. The recent sale of the Paul Gass property to Winnipeg mining operators for \$200,000, was followed by the sale of the Bingo, Ballard and Duval Fraction claims, and negotiations are on foot for the sale of the Le Roi and Allied groups. It is intended to have the Northern Manitoba mine operating by April next. Machinery is to be installed early in the New Year. The ore runs 18 to 20 tons and the values in the lower vein are uniform. In 1917 a shaft was sunk to a depth of 125 feet.

Arrangements have been made by shareholders in The Pas and McKee Bros., of New York, to finance operations on the Rex mine, which is equipped with machinery, but on which no work has been done since December, 1918. Operations should be recommenced by April.

Prospectors are coming in regularly with reports of new discoveries and judging by some of the samples exhibited it looks as though The Pas will be the centre of a big mining boom, the centre of a big mining boom.

Borden pays a high tribute to the work done in the Militia Department by Major General Mewburn. He speaks of the minister's "splendid and conspicuous service to Canada and to the empire in different capacities."

TO VACCINATE 7,000 CHILDREN IN WINNIPEG

Health Department Officials To Visit Schools Beginning January 12th

Winnipeg, Jan. 5.—City Health Department physicians will begin to vaccinate 7,000 school children against smallpox, Monday, Jan. 12th.

W. J. T. Watt chief of the communicable disease section, announces that the work will be continued on alternate days for two months. It will cost the city \$1,000.

A Winnipeg physician will be engaged to assist the department, which will also receive the assistance of the medical inspection department of the Winnipeg School Board, headed by Dr. Mary Crawford.

The first vaccinations will be made in Lord Selkirk school, Elmwood, Jan. 12th. Two days later the unvaccinated pupils in King George V. school on Grey street, will be treated. Elmwood school children will be given attention Jan. 16th. Mr. Watt expects the physicians will begin work in North Winnipeg schools, Monday, Jan. 19th.

Dr. Crawford will prepare lists of unvaccinated children in all schools and submit them to the Health Department which will inform parents one week ahead when and where their children can be vaccinated and urge them to allow the slight operations to be performed. Vaccination is not compulsory at present but if a smallpox epidemic breaks out here the Provincial Board of Health has authority to order a general vaccination not only of school children but of adults also.

KING BREAKS ANKLE PRACTICING JUMPING

Athens, Jan. 5.—King Alexander fell while practicing jumping and broke his ankle. He will be forced to remain in bed a month, according to his physicians.

REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT IN U. S. BROKEN UP

About 4,500 Trouble Makers Rounded Up In Thirty-three Cities

New York, Jan. 5.—"We have succeeded, I think, in breaking the backbone of the radical, revolutionary movement in the United States."

This statement, made Saturday by W. J. Flynn, chief of the Federal Secret Service, summarizes the results of raids made simultaneously Friday night in 33 cities in a nation-wide roundup of anarchists, communists and other revolutionaries. "These raids mark the beginning of the decline of organized, rapid revolutionary through the country," he continued. "We planned this move carefully and the results exceeded our expectations."

One of the more important arrests made, was that of Harry Wintsky, Secretary of the Communist party in the United States, and a United States citizen. Wintsky has been at liberty under \$5,000 bail following his indictment last Summer for criminal anarchy. He is a lawyer. Two of the men arrested with Wintsky said they had served in the United States army and were wearing army overcoats.

A Sweeping Drive
Washington, Jan. 5.—In a sweeping drive against radicalism, agents of the Department of Justice Saturday completed nation-wide raids against communist organizations, in which several thousand radicals were taken into custody with a view to deportation. Arrests had exceeded 4,500 at noon Saturday, it was estimated at the Department of Justice. More than half of this number probably will be held for deportation, officials said.

Assistant Attorney-General Gargan, in charge of the raids, said that more than 2,000 persons were held "on perfect cases" and that the raid promised to be not only the greatest in scope, but also the greatest in results of any in history.

In every city where the raiding machinery was set in motion, he said, success attended the efforts. Four thousand warrants were issued, but the arrests exceeded that number.

Besides the 2,000 "perfect cases," Mr. Gargan said, Federal agents obtained sufficient evidence to justify the arrests of the others.

Scores of parlor Bolsheviks were among those arrested in the raids, officials said. These, it was admitted, may have to deal with under state laws.

Raids in 33 United States Cities
Raids were ordered in 33 cities over the United States, and promptly at the hour of nine Friday night, the operatives moved with clock-like precision in the round-up of communist workers and sympathizers.

It is said that the sailing date for the second "Soviet" ark probably will be Jan. 10th. The army transports America and President Grant also may be used to transport radicals back to Soviet Russia.

DOES VACCINATION CAUSE SICKNESS?

Toronto Medical Health Officer Gathering Facts Before Expressing an Opinion

Toronto, Jan. 5.—"The situation is deserving of the closest investigation and I shall not be satisfied until I have secured all possible information."

When I have had an opportunity of weighing all the evidence shall issue a full and frank report."

This was the statement by Dr. Hastings, Medical Officer of Health, when asked for an opinion regarding the possibility of vaccination being the cause of the large number suffering from diphtheria and other communicable diseases.

STRIKE AT PETERBOROUGH

Peterborough, Ont., Jan. 5.—The Canadian General Electric Company was confronted with a serious strike Friday when forty armature winders walked out. Should the men remain in strike, the whole plant employing 3,800 men will be affected. The men are demanding a twenty per cent wage increase. The men are now considering an offer of ten per cent. increase made by the company.

TO SEND HOME WAR PRISONERS NOW IN SIBERIA

Rome, Jan. 5.—Two hundred thousand Austrian, Hungarian and Czech prisoners of war at present in Siberia may be taken back to their home countries by way of Japan and the United States. The Japanese Government may be asked to transport the prisoners from Vladivostok to Japan, where they will remain at the expense of Japan, until the United States could send ships to transport them to America. From America the prisoners would be taken to Europe on ships of various nations. Problems involved in taking the men out of Siberia are the most difficult of solution, according to reports, and negotiations for their transportation there are being conducted through a committee of the International Red Cross.

MANY MYSTERIOUS FIRES ON SHIPS AT STATEN IS. PIERS

Steamer Pretoria, a Former Hamburg-American Liner, Seriously Damaged

New York, Dec. 5.—Fire of unknown origin caused damage estimated at \$100,000 to the steamer Pretoria, at the pier at Staten Island, shortly before she was to have sailed today. The Pretoria is the former Hamburg-American liner, recently turned over to Great Britain by the United States Government. This was the third ship that has had a fire of undetermined origin along the Staten Island shore during the last few days. The Twin Oaks owned by the Oriental Steamship Company, was damaged to the extent of \$250,000, and a fire on board the Western City owned by the same company, caused \$750,000 loss.

ORANGEVILLE WOMAN FIRST ELECTED TO SEAT ON MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Toronto, Jan. 5.—The announcement that Mrs. L. A. Hamilton, who was elected Thursday as a representative of the third ward in the city council here, is the first woman elected to a seat in a municipal council in Canada, is challenged by the retiring mayor of Orangeville, Ont., G. D. Lewis, who states that Miss Margaret Foley was elected by acclamation Monday to the town council of Orangeville. In Mrs. Hamilton's case, she was contested by eight candidates.

INCREASES FOR WORKMEN

Toronto, Jan. 5.—By an award filed with the Minister of Labor, employees of the Toronto Railway Company, Toronto Paper Company, and Toronto Electric Light Company, receive increases in wages ranging from one cent to eight cents per hour, and from 45 cents to \$3.52 per week. The increase dates back to Sept. 3rd, 1919.

TO INVESTIGATE SYSTEM

Ottawa, Jan. 5.—The Department of Labor has received an inquiry from a committee appointed by the British Government to investigate the working of the present system of workmen's compensation in the United Kingdom.

SMALLPOX IN Y.W.C.A.

At Paris, Ontario
Bratford, Ont., Jan. 5.—A case of smallpox has been found in the Young Women's Christian Association at Paris. The girl has been brought to the smallpox hospital here and the Paris Y.W.C.A. is under quarantine.

MAY OFFER CROWN OF HUNGARY TO DUKE CONNAUGHT

Minister Argue That Only Aid by England Can Save Hungary

Vienna, Jan. 5.—From Budapest comes word that the Monarchical party has begun active propaganda, in favor of an English Prince for the Hungarian throne. The Duke of Connaught has been especially named for this post. The Government is said to be indirectly aiding in the campaign. Majority of Ministers and politicians are arguing that only the aid of England will save Hungary from economic ruin.

OBJECTIONS SET FORTH ON WHICH APPEAL IS MADE

Winnipeg, Jan. 5.—Robert Cassidy, C.C., stated today that the numerous objections upon which the appeal in the Russell case will be made, have been completed with the exception of one objection to the charge to the jury delivered by Mr. Justice Metcalfe. It is expected that this also will be completed today.

This would indicate that Mr. Cassidy will be prepared to go before the Court of Appeal Thursday. When all objections have been completed in written form, it will remain only for Mr. Justice Metcalfe to sign the document and the appeal will proceed.

\$10,000 BLAZE DESTROYS OLD STORE BUILDINGS

Early Sunday Morning, the Alarm Being Rung In At 1.52

OLD LANDMARKS
At the Corner of Rosser Ave. and Sixth Street Now Mass of Ruins

A fire which completely destroyed the two story frame building known as the New York Shoe Store, 609 Rosser avenue, the upper portions of buildings, numbers 607, 605, and 603, to the corner store, and damaged the roof of the one story building occupied by D. Hurley, dry goods, boots and shoes, 611-613 Rosser, occurred Sunday at 1.52 a.m. These buildings were among the oldest landmarks in Brandon being erected in the early days of the city about 1882. They belonged to the Hadley estate and some of them had been vacant for some time. It is difficult to place a value on such old frame buildings but it is estimated that the probable loss is \$10,000. It is not known whether there is insurance on the buildings or not, but the New York Shoe Store carried insurance amounting to \$500 on the contents. The cause of the fire has not yet been definitely decided. Mr. Albert Zakoski, proprietor of the store where the fire originated stated to Fire Chief McHugh that he left the store about ten o'clock Saturday night and when he left there was no fire in the stove in the store, as it had died down and he did not bother relighting it. Some customers had been in the store prior to his departure and were smoking cigarettes and of course, using matches.

The alarm was rung in from box eight, corner of Sixth street and Rosser Avenue, by Policeman J. Dunnett. Upon the arrival of the Brandon Fire Department flames were found raging in the New York Shoe Store and the blaze travelled rapidly. Eastward through the upper portions of the intervening buildings, which were all vacant, to the corner store. It also spread West of the shoe store to the one story frame building occupied by D. Hurley and slightly damaged the roof of it. For fear of the fire spreading all the goods from this store were removed across the street to the Hughes Auction Mart.

In spite of the efforts of the firemen with three effective streams of water the roof of all two story buildings effected collapsed. The buildings are practically a total loss and had the night been windy probably the whole half block would have been burnt to the ground. A large number of spectators were out to watch the fight and the usual amount of good advice to the firemen was freely distributed.

CANARY ISLANDS FEELS EARTH TREMORS: VOLCANIC ERUPTION IS FEARED

Madrid, Jan. 5.—Earthquake shocks were felt among the hills in the interior of the Canary Islands yesterday, according to dispatches from Las Palmas. Great crevices were opened in the earth, from which columns of smoke are issuing. A volcanic eruption is feared.

ALLIES REDUCE DEMANDS FOR DOCK MATERIAL

Supreme Council Finally Decides On Wording of Note To Be Sent Huns

SIGNING OF PROTOCOL
And Exchange of Ratifications of Peace Treaty Can't Take Place Tuesday

Paris, Jan. 5.—The Supreme Council this morning finally decided on the wording of the note to the German delegation, confirming the verbal statement regarding the indemnity for the Scapa Flow sinkings made to Baron Von Lerener by Secretary Dasta of the Peace Conference. It is understood that this note virtually reduces the demand for reparation from 500,000 to 250,000 tons dock and harbor material. This note will be delivered at the same time that the protocol is signed.

The signing of the protocol and the exchange of ratifications of the Peace Treaty now depend upon the answer the Berlin Government gives to the German delegates here on questions concerning arrangements for plebiscites provided for by the treaty. It appears certain that these important formalities cannot take place tomorrow, as had been originally intended.

GROWING STRENGTH OF LABOR PARTY IN GREAT BRITAIN

Causes Consternation — Churchill Says Labor Insufficiently Schooled

London, Jan. 5.—A significant development in British politics is the visibly growing strength of the Labor party, which, if it is continued as on in political circles as ensuring the control of the next government by that party. In the last three important by-elections the Labor candidates polled a total of more votes than either of the old parties. The majority of the Labor party recruits, the figures indicate, come from the Liberal ranks. Many Liberals admit despair for the future of their party, since it has split into Lloyd George and Asquith factions, and see no chance for the success of the Liberal policies except through the Labor party. Neither of the three elections was in a district where working men were in the majority, and it appeared that the "black coated" classes of clerks and young professional men, along with numerous writers and others classed as intellectuals, had gone over to the workingmen's party.

The features of the Labor platform which appear to attract the middle-class voters were opposition to big armaments and demand for a live-and-let-live policy with regard to the nation's recent enemies.

Winston Spencer Churchill, Secretary of State for War, speaking at Sunderland last night, declared a return to party government in Britain at this time would simply mean turning the country over to the Labor party. This party, he charged, was insufficiently schooled in the methods of conducting the government and would bring the country to grief.

ANOTHER ROUND-UP OF DETROIT REDS

Detroit, Jan. 5.—About eight hundred prisoners were in the custody of Federal officers here today, following a second raid yesterday on "Houses of masses" known to the police as the gathering places of radicals. Sunday's round-up added nearly 300 to those taken Friday night. Approximately half the prisoners had been examined early today and those released numbered less than fifty.

HEARST APPOINTED MEMBER OF WATER- WAYS COMMISSION

Ottawa, Jan. 5.—Sir William Hearst, ex-Premier of Ontario, has been appointed to the International Joint Waterways Commission to fill the vacancy created by the appointment of P. B. Mignault to the Supreme Court of Canada. C. A. Magrath is chairman of the Canadian section of the board, and H. R. Powell, K.C., of St. John, N.B., is the other member. The salary connected with the position is \$6,000 a year.

MAKE PROVISION FOR SETTLEMENT OF IMPERIALS ON CANADIAN FARMS

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 5.—An Order-in-Council has been passed, making provision for the settlement of Imperial ex-servicemen in Canada. In order to ascertain the adaptability of the applicant to fit into Canadian life, and make a success of farming, the board will establish a careful system of selection of candidates in the old country.

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Barrels of Fine Salt at	\$4.15	50 lb bags of Coarse Salt Jate..... 85c
50 lb bags Fine Dairy Salt at		
Choice Fillet of Haddie, 15 lb box, each		
20 lb pails Pure Lard		
10 lb pails Pure Lard		
Royal Crown Soap 72 bars in case		
Richards Twin Bar Castile Soap, 36 twin bars for		

We will have a new price list out this week. Send in your name and address, and we will be pleased to mail you one.

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