

HOUSE ADOPTS EMBARGO BILL BY BIG LEAD

By Vote of 196 to 86 Fordney Measure Passes After Stronous Fight.

EIGHT HOURS OF LIVELY DEBATE

Republicans Vote Down Every Amendment the Democrats Offered.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Over the protests of a defiant minority, the House tonight adopted the Fordney emergency tariff bill, by a vote of 196 to 86. The vote was taken at 8:06 o'clock, after eight hours of debate. It was evident long before the vote was taken that supporters of the measure designed to protect some twenty odd farm products for a ten months period, had the situation well in hand. But Representative Henry T. Rainey, Democrat, Illinois, leading the opposition, opened a bitter attack which increased in intensity as the debate wore on.

Voted Amendments Down. Paragraph by paragraph he assailed the measure, while the Republicans with loud roars of "no" sent his proposed amendments down to defeat. A few Fordney supporters, led by his attack, broke into a party and turned from their traditional stand against a high tariff to join the majority.

Opposition speakers charged that the measure would send the cost of living higher, and branded it as class legislation. Defenders of the bill on the other hand said it would save the agricultural industry.

Chairman Fordney, of the Ways and Means Committee, which reported the measure, in opening the debate declared the measure was not scientific and admitted it was hastily used, but asserted that it was the best that could be had at this time.

Representative Madden, Republican, Illinois, however, stated his confidence for opposing the way to repeal of prohibitive living costs. "Pointing his finger at the majority," he said, "I believe that you will make your lamb chops cost \$1.50 and you will make our suits of clothes cost 100 per cent more."

Expected Dingley Tariff. Mr. Fordney said in the course of the debate that he hoped to see Congress at the extra session substitute for this bill a relief measure which would remain in effect until a scientific schedule could be worked out. "I expect," he continued, "to see Congress re-enact either the Dingley or the Payne-Allen schedule."

SINN FEIN RAID MADE ON PARCEL OFFICE AT CORK

One Raider is Killed in Sharp Battle With the Guards on Duty.

SECOND ATTEMPT WAS A FAILURE

Report That General in Command at Cork Will Be Removed.

Cork, Dec. 22.—Armed men last night raided the parcels department of the post office. The invaders levied the staff and citizens in the building, but the police on duty promptly opened fire on them.

In the rapid exchange of shots one raider was killed and several others are reported to have been wounded, including members of the raiding gang who were taken into custody. Troops quickly surrounded the building.

One Attempt Failed. A simultaneous attempt was made to raid the auxiliary post office on Douglas street. This attempt failed.

The number of raiders in the parcels department aggregated about a dozen. Their purpose apparently was plunder. It is stated they had grabbed a bag containing 600 pounds sterling but this was recovered. The wounded in this raid included one policeman and another man and one woman. Late reports are to the effect that all the raiders except the one killed escaped.

General to Resign. London, Dec. 22.—The removal or resignation of Major Gen. Sir Edward Strickland, in command of the troops in Munster, is impending, according to reports printed in the Daily Herald, the labor organ today.

The newspaper says that the government already has received Gen. Strickland's interim report on the burning of Cork. The Central News says that Gen. Strickland, in command of the troops in Munster, is impending, according to reports printed in the Daily Herald, the labor organ today.

Sing Sing Sentence For Criminal Who Stole Last Saturday

Record Speed in Justice Meted Out to Italian Who Helped Rob Jeweler.

New York, Dec. 22.—In what was said to have been the fastest enforcement of justice on record in New York state, Vincent Parisano, today was sentenced in Brooklyn to ten to twenty years at Sing Sing in connection with a hold-up of jewellers' messengers last Saturday.

MENNONITES MAY QUIT MANITOBA FOR THE STATES

Winnipeg Claims 40,000 Will Migrate to Southeastern Mississippi.

HAVE OPTION ON LARGE LAND AREA

Seek 125,000 Acres at \$16 to be Paid in Cash and Victory Bonds.

Winnipeg, Dec. 22.—Mennonites of Canada, numbering over 40,000, are making plans for migration from Canada to southeastern Mississippi. The coming of spring will see the vanguard of the movement leave this country.

W. A. Emerson, of Yellow Pine, Alabama, head of a large American land syndicate, has been in conference with H. M. Klausen, representing Mennonite colonists and an agreement for the purchase of 125,000 acres of land in Mississippi has been reached. The price for the tract was \$16 per acre, fifty per cent in cash and Victory bonds at par, and the balance to be paid in Canadian currency.

Have Option on Land. "Mr. Emerson extended the Mennonites an option on another 100,000 acres of land to expire, March 1st, 1921. Governor Russell, of Mississippi, has promised the Mennonites every religious and educational freedom demanded. One hundred thousand acres of Mennonite land holdings have already been disposed of in the Swift Current district to French-Canadian purchasers. Swift Current Mennonites will be the vanguard of the great migration to the United States.

PEACE NEGOTIATIONS NOT AT AN END

Dublin Denies Collapse of Attempt to End Irish Troubles.

Dublin, Dec. 22.—There is no truth in the rumor that peace negotiations have broken off, the Associated Press is authoritatively informed. There has been only a lull in the peace discussions, and the belief is expressed that the negotiations will soon be resumed, with good prospects of success.

It is reported that Archbishop Clune has returned to London for further consultations with the British Prime Minister.

JOE STECHER WAS INJURED

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 22.—Joe Stecher, of Dodge, Neb., former heavy weight wrestling champion is at a local hospital suffering from neuritis of the neck and left arm.

He plans to remain here until his condition is considerably improved before going to his home for a several weeks' rest.

NOT DISCHARGING SOLDIERS.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—In view of the unemployment situation, the Militia Department has decided not to discharge the last remaining members of the Canadian expeditionary force who are still on duty at headquarters and in the military districts.

A small number of these men are engaged in clerical work at Ottawa and throughout the Dominion, but they were to have been released at the end of the calendar year.

THINK BALLOONISTS DEAD

Rockaway, N. Y., Dec. 22.—For the first time since the disappearance of the naval balloon A-559, the day ago, officers at the Rockaway naval air station here, reluctantly expressed the opinion tonight that the three occupants of the missing aircraft are dead in the wilds of the Adirondacks. The same opinion prevails at Mitchell Field, Long Island, among the army officers who have taken up the search for the missing balloon.

BANK WRECK RUINS POOR AT HOLIDAY

Pitiful Spectacle as Once Well Known Banker Appears in Court.

ONCE HAILED AS POOR MAN'S FRIEND

Led in Great Campaign Against Those Who Charged Too High Interest.

London, Dec. 22.—Thomas Farrow, head of one of the biggest banks in the United Kingdom for people of small means, this morning was brought into police court on a charge connected with the failure of his institution, Monday, which spilled ruin to thousands of poor people just before Christmas.

The man, who at one time was hailed as a national benefactor for a notable crusade against usurers, was charged with having been concerned with William Walter Croch, banker and Frederick Harb, accountant, in issuing a false report and balance sheet last June with the intent to induce people to advance money to Farrow's Bank. He was remanded for three weeks, bail being fixed at £14,000 with additional sureties of £14,000.

The banker presented a woeful spectacle as he entered the dock after several days' illness. He leaned tremblingly against the railing and asked weakly if he might sit, adding: "I have been seeing imaginary persons."

LLOYD GEORGE PROUD OF SIR GEORGE FOSTER

Reputation Has Gone Far Beyond Continent He Declares.

SATISFIED WITH THE LEAGUE'S RESULTS

British Nation is Stronger Than Ever Before Sir George Tells Assembly.

London, Dec. 22.—Premier Lloyd George, speaking today at a luncheon given by members of parliament at the House of Commons to overseas delegates of the League of Nations, described Sir George Foster, Canadian Minister of Trade and Commerce, as a veteran Canadian statesman, whose reputation had already gone far beyond the bounds of the great continent he represents.

"Sir George," said the premier, "has entered recently another League, and understands that Hon. Arthur Balfour was present at his wedding, representing Great Britain. I have no doubt that Sir George will return the compliment when Mr. Balfour does likewise."

Made a Laugh. Much laughter greeted the reply, especially as the older generation of Westminster parliamentarians is fully persuaded that Mr. Balfour, who is one year younger than Sir George Foster, has but thirty years at least never exhibited the slightest leaning towards matrimony.

Sir George, in replying on behalf of the delegates of the League of Nations assembly from the dominions, said that the bringing of the people's representatives together was alone worth all its cost. Within a week all the delegates were soon companions, "not in any bad sense," he added amid laughter.

There was no shadow of difference in the desire to have every nation represented, but the league would not be a failure, even if the prominent nations did not become members for years.

He believed the United States would become a member in time. Sir George added that he did not think the meetings got all the sympathy deserved from those present as observers. The whole feeling was that armaments must go eventually, but though they wanted every destructive weapon swept out of the world as quickly as possible, this could not be done instantly.

Sir George concluded by declaring that the British Empire was stronger than ever today through the meetings of the League of Nations assembly at Geneva.

CANADA NAMES ITS LABOR COMMISSIONERS

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—In conformance with the terms of the Peace Treaty the Government has appointed Right Hon. Justice Duff, of the Supreme Court, Ottawa; Mr. H. Farrow, of the British American Oil Company, Toronto; and Mr. Joseph Gibbons, business manager of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees of America, of Toronto division, to be Canadian representatives on the panel from which a commission of enquiry would be chosen.

WORLD NEWS TODAY

CANADA

Forty thousand members of the West may migrate to new lands in Mississippi. United States customs arrives at Ottawa to start search for the missing balloons who are how thought to be dead.

C. N. S. trainmen serve notice that they will not handle any goods for the Dominion Steel Co. or the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Co. because of the strike threat.

Threat losses in Montreal for the last year are estimated at one million dollars.

UNITED STATES

The Fordney measure imposing an embargo on imports for ten months, passes the House by a two to one vote after bitter fight.

THE BRITISH ISLES

The Dublin City Hall has been taken possession of by the military authorities.

Lloyd George pays brilliant tribute to statesmanship of Sir George Foster.

There is said to be no truth in the rumor that negotiations for a truce in Ireland have been broken off.

EUROPE

The French Cabinet was defeated in a division in the House, but a later vote expressed confidence in the Government.

Fiume has been besieged by the Italian forces and the city will be encircled by night.

WIRE FLASHES

Telegraphic News Condensed from Last Minute Messages for Quick Reading.

Insane Asylum Burns

Haldax, N. S., Dec. 22.—Word was received here tonight that the county asylum at St. Peter, G. B., was destroyed by fire today. There were about thirty patients in the building.

Divorce Licenses Below Marriage

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—The number of divorce licenses issued in the Dominion last year was 1,500, compared with 2,000 for marriages.

150 Prisoners Held.

New York, Dec. 22.—More than 150 men, previously at liberty under bail on indictments for crimes of violence in Greater New York, reposed in the Tombs prison tonight, unable to furnish sureties of from \$20,000 to \$25,000 fixed by judges.

Martial Law All Ireland.

Montreal, Dec. 22.—The Montreal star tonight publishes the following under the heading of Great Britain: "The Government of Great Britain is considering instituting martial law all over Ireland, Sir Hamar Greenwood told the House of Commons today."

Lower Textile Wages

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 22.—A wage reduction of 13-14 per cent, for the 35,000 cotton mill operatives in this city was announced today. The reduction will become effective on January 3rd in all of the 10 mills controlled by members of the association.

Caught in Cave-In

Seattle, Dec. 22.—It is reported here that at least four men and possibly six are entombed in a cave-in in the fifth level of the Pacific Coal Company's mine at Black Diamond, Washington, near here.

FOUR KILLED IN POWDER PLANT

Terrific Blow-up in Branch of the Dupont Powder Co. at Scranton.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 22.—Four men were killed and two injured in an explosion today in the greasing and packing mill of the Dupont Powder Co. at Basin village, near Moosic, seven miles from here.

FIUME CITY BESIEGED BY THE ITALIANS

Regular Forces Attempt to Enforce the Blockade Threatened by Ultimatum.

D'ANNUNZIO GIVEN TIME TO DEPART

Iron Ring of Troops Expected to Encircle City Before Evening.

Udine, Italy, Dec. 22.—General Cavaglia, commander of the regular troops, has given D'Annunzio's legation and the residents of Fiume 48 hours in which to get out of the town. Fiume will be completely shut off at six o'clock Thursday evening by an iron ring of Gariboldi and Alpini.

Fiume, the stronghold of Captain D'Annunzio, the insurgent Italian leader, is being besieged by regular Italian forces.

C.N.R. EMPLOYEES REFUSE TO HAUL STEEL CO. GOODS

Ultimatum Declares Railway Men Will Do Nothing for Two Companies.

MUST SUBMIT TO ARBITRATION BOARD

Drastic Change in Situation at Sydney Comes Late Yesterday.

Sydney, N. S. Dec. 22.—On and after December 22, employees of the Canadian National Railway will refuse to handle freight of any kind originating on or destined for the properties of the Dominion Steel Corporation and the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company until these corporations consent to submit the present difficulties with striking railwaymen, formerly employed in their yards, to a board of arbitration. This announcement was made here this afternoon by J. W. Cockell, locomotive engineer, chairman of the striking yardmen at the local steel plant.

A letter containing the announcement and signed by George A. Stone, Wm. F. Atkinson, J. W. Tibbits and R. A. Macdonald, representing respectively the engineers, firemen, trainmen and conductors of the Canadian National line has been sent to Assistant General Manager W. A. Kingsland, of Montreal.

The strike of about one hundred and fifty railwaymen in the employ of the Dominion Corporation and Scotia Steel and Coal Co. has been in progress for a month.

NAVAL AIRMAN AT OTTAWA TO SEARCH FOR U. S. BALLOON

Dead Carrier Pigeon Did Not Come from the Missing American Aircraft.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—Lieut. Albert W. Evans, of the United States air naval force, attached to the naval air station at Rockaway, Long Island, arrived in Ottawa shortly after noon today in connection with the search for the missing balloon A-559. This afternoon he will call upon the officers of the Royal Air Board and will also enlist the aid of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in the search.

Referring to the finding at Rochester, N. Y., of a dead carrier pigeon which was at first supposed to have been liberated from the missing balloon, Lieut. Evans says the bird was not the property of the naval air station as they had no bird numbered 34, which was the number on the tag attached to the pigeon found.

NEW COAL AGREEMENT WITH THE GERMANS

Paris, Dec. 22.—A new coal agreement between Germany and the Allies to follow the Spa agreement, which terminates the end of January, has virtually been finished by the reparations commission, and already has received the approval of most of the countries concerned. Under the new agreement, Germany must provide a minimum of two million tons monthly without any special compensation, as is the case with the Spa agreement.

BIG JUMP IN BREAD PRICES IN AUSTRIA

Vienna, Dec. 22.—The price of bread throughout Austria will be raised 50 per cent, beginning January 1st. The postage and telegraph rates will be increased a similar amount. The price of potatoes in Austria now is 100 times that charged before the war.

BANDIT WAS HANGED.

Leithridge, Alta., Dec. 22.—Saying "good-bye, everybody," to those who stood upon the scaffold with him, Thomas Bassoff, bandit murderer, was shot into eternity at the end of a hangman's noose at the provincial jail here at 6:30 this morning, and thus the fifth life in the chain of tragedies in the Crow's Nest Pass bandit hunt of last August, was snuffed out.

LABOR WINS TWO SEATS.

London, Dec. 22.—In the by-election in Aberdare, George Barker, Labor, polled 15,498 votes, and G. Hay Morgan, Coalition Liberal, 7,867 votes.

Pair Plead Guilty To Attempt To Get Cash From Mrs. Small

Thirty Days in Jail for Husband and Wife Arrested at Toronto.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—David Verille and his wife, who were arrested here yesterday on a charge of attempting to obtain money from Mrs. Ambrose Small, of this city, by fraudulently professing to be able to restore her husband, the late owner, who has been missing for more than a year, to his home by Christmas if Mrs. Small paid them \$1,000, were sentenced today to jail in this city for thirty days. They pleaded guilty. The pair claim Milwaukee as their home city.

ROBBERY LOSSES IN MONTREAL IN YEAR \$1,000,000

From Furs to Diamonds is Range of Plunder of the Gangs.

THOUSAND PRISONERS FROM ONE FIRM

Half Million Dollar Loss is Estimated by the Fur Traders.

Special to The Standard

Montreal, Dec. 22.—One million dollars is the vast sum of money lost in Montreal during the past twelve months through thefts and robberies committed in department stores, wholesale establishments throughout the city, the above figures being a conservative estimate arrived at by city and private detective agencies. The recovery of nearly \$500,000 by the city and private agencies is not included in the total loss. There has never been so persistent and systematic thieving carried out, according to the authorities mentioned, in past years, to compare with the year closing.

From Toys to Diamonds

Hundreds and thousands of dollars worth of goods, ranging from the five cent toy to the most expensive dresses, coats and furs, have gone from display counters and are now placed in the profit and loss column. The big uptown stores, where detectives are employed to prevent thefts, have suffered from the light-fingered gentry, who ply wares when the stores are crowded and it becomes an easy matter to brush articles from the counter to the floor or to be pocketed when the clerk's attention is directed elsewhere. Detective, male and female, are always on hand.

Thousand Prisoners

From one firm alone the detectives have taken over 1,000 persons to court house during the past twelve months, and it was stated that the number of arrests is one-fifth less than the total of men and women who have been caught in the act, brought to the manager's office and let go with a warning. Managements are loath to bring the offenders to court, many of whom tell a story of poverty and want, and who are driven to unlawful acts, through being out of employment. Love of children who want and whose parents see no other way to get their toys and clothing, are found to be at the bottom of many thefts.

Half Million in Furs

Nearly a half million dollars' worth of furs have gone from counters, and about half of the stolen property has been recovered by the city detectives. This is considered a remarkable percentage of recovered stolen goods. Many of the stores suffered losses in the day time when stores were open for business, but the vast majority lost through robberies and burglaries committed by breaking and entering. Recoveries in such cases reflect credit on the police and detective work in locating the goods and arresting the robbers.

SIGN MONTREAL AGREEMENT.

Glace Bay, N. S., Dec. 22.—The Montreal contract was signed by members of the U. M. W. executive and Dominion Coal Company officials here today. The employees of the company will receive their back money amounting to about \$25 each on New Year's eve.

STEAMER IN TOW.

London, Dec. 22.—Lloyd's reports that the United States steamer West Imboden passed the Lizard this morning in tow of a tug bound for Falmouth. The West Imboden, which sailed from Galveston November 30 for Havre and Rotterdam, was reported broken down December 20 off the St. Ivels Islands.

NO TRADE WITH RUSSIA

London, Dec. 22.—It has been found impossible to conclude the trade agreement with Russia, before the rising of parliament. Sir Robert S. Horne, president of the Board of Trade, made this announcement in the House of Commons and expressed regret at the delay.

DUBLIN CITY HALL IS HELD BY MILITARY

Corporation Ignored Commander's Order So Troops Took Possession Quietly.

BLAMES CRIMES ON BLACK AND TANS

Witness Before Self-Appointed Probe Tells Sensational Stories About Actions.

Dublin, Dec. 22.—Military forces today occupied the city hall and municipal buildings in accordance with the demand on Monday of General Boyd, commander of the Dublin district who sent a notice to Dublin Corporation requesting possession of the buildings by today. A large portion of the public services will be discontinued, as no other office has been selected.

Sentries were posted and the erection of defenses carried out early morning. When the city officials arrived only the town clerk, his assistant and two employees in his department were allowed to enter.

Attacks Black and Tans. Washington, Dec. 22.—Daniel J. Broderick, of Chicago, a former member of the United States navy and who also served in the army, bitterly attacked the Black and Tans in Ireland in testifying today before the "Commission of the Committee of One Hundred investigating the Irish question" here. He said the Black and Tans were "wholly without discipline and not responsible to anybody."

SMUGGLING IS VERY POPULAR AT THIS SEASON

Christmas Time Hard for Customs Officials on the Border.

WOMEN FOUND TO BE WORST OFFENDERS

Wild Calls for Help from Husbands and Brothers When Culprits Caught.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—According to statements made this morning at the office of the minister of customs, Hon. R. W. Wignior, at Christmas time there is always a great increase in the smuggling activities carried on the border points by Canadians who do their shopping on the American side, and then cross to Canada with their purchases. In order to check this traffic a special search is made of persons crossing the border at that time, and as women are generally the worst offenders, women officers are generally detailed for the duty. This has been found necessary because the search for articles which have not paid duty would at times be somewhat embarrassing for a mere man.

Wander District Worst.

In many instances, in the Windsor, Ont., district, it is stated, cases have come to light where Canadian women crossed to the American side and returned to Canada clothed entirely in new garments which included costly underwear. In some cases the women were taken into custody and returned to Canada clothed entirely in new garments which included costly underwear. In some cases the women were taken into custody and returned to Canada clothed entirely in new garments which included costly underwear.

FRENCH CABINET NEARLY SMASHED

Part of Resolution Defeated But Resignation of Government Not Demanded.

Paris, Dec. 22.—The Chamber of Deputies this afternoon, after an agitated debate in which the cabinet was sharply assailed, approved the first part of a resolution accepted by the cabinet, but failed to approve the second clause by an unprecedented 279 voting each way. This vote ordinarily means the fall of the cabinet. Some of the deputies held that the cabinet had been beaten, while others said they were ready to accept the clause in amended form. Premier Leygues finally accepted the modified form, whereupon the chamber voted confidence in the ministry, 472 to 66.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—"G. N. W." as the name for a telegraph company is to be no more, for after January 1, the name of the Great Northwestern Telegraph Co. is to be changed to the Canadian National Telegraph.