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TALK OF BORDEN TO SUCCEED GREY AS U. S. AMBASSADOR

Washington, Dec. 15.—A successor to Viscount Grey as British ambassador here probably will not be selected until Viscount Grey returns to England in January and confers with his government. Lord Grey may decide to retain the post himself, it was indicated, it prospects for American ratification of the Versailles treaty brighten, and he can carry out his original plans for the re-establishment of the relations of America and Great Britain on a peace basis.

WORK FOR SIR ROBERT AS AMBASSADOR TO U. S.

Special to Toronto World. Detroit, Dec. 15.—Under the caption "Canada a Nation," The Detroit Free Press will say editorially tomorrow: "It is reported from Canada that Premier Sir Robert Borden is about to resign on account of ill-health and that he will be appointed British ambassador at Washington. While Sir Robert would be acceptable in America as the first Canadian who ever filled that important position, there is not a great deal of likelihood of his getting it.

ARMY BITES HARD, THO RETREATING

Irkutsk, Siberia, Dec. 15.—The Siberian army continues to retreat before the Bolsheviks, but from time to time it is delivering short but successful blows against the enemy, according to an official communication issued by the general staff of the Siberian army today. From Omsk, the Bolsheviks have advanced about 217 miles, according to the statement, which adds that the natural conditions of the territory are unfit for the offering of a serious defence.

ASK MANDAMUS AGAINST COUNCIL

Provincial Health Authorities Take Steps Today to Enforce Law. The Toronto city council, having failed yesterday afternoon to take any action on the order of the provincial board of health to issue a proclamation calling for general compulsory vaccination, a motion will be made at 7 o'clock this morning on behalf of the provincial authorities for a mandamus to compel the city council to carry out the law.

WOMAN WAS ALIVE BEFORE THE FIRE

Inquest Into Death of Mrs. Coppen is Again Adjourned. Dr. G. E. Silverthorne, senior surgeon at St. Michael's Hospital, and Dr. Geo. W. Graham, 255 Avenue road, who performed the autopsy on the body of Mrs. Fannie M. Coppen last week, whose charred remains were found after a fire in a lean-to at the back of her father-in-law's home in Merton street, early in the morning of Nov. 28, were the principal witnesses at the resumption last night of the inquest on Mrs. Coppen's body.

RESUME TELEGRAPH SERVICE BETWEEN FRANCE AND GERMANY

Paris, Dec. 15.—Telegraphic service between France and Germany will be resumed tomorrow, according to official announcement. This has been delayed owing to the difficulty of establishing lines through the devastated regions. No code will be allowed but the French, German, English, Italian and Japanese languages may be used.

CANADA'S POLITICAL CRISIS

Calls for a New Franchise Act, Votes for Women, a New Election Law and a Redistribution of Seats, With Recognition of Representation by Population and Proportional Representation—These Laws Must be Passed First and Forthwith—Then Let the People Say What They Want, or at Least be in a Position to Say So—Then Go on With Reconstruction. The impending resignation of Sir Robert Borden calls for immediate change in the laws governing our federal electoral machinery. These changes should be made at once. We have no up-to-date machinery for registering the voice of the people as to how and by whom they are to be governed. W. F. Maclean deals with this phase of the situation in the following.

TEUTONS ASSAULT PAIR OF CANADIANS; GET WELL WHIPPED

Sydney, N.S., Dec. 15.—A German named Worth is in jail and a Canadian named Campbell is suffering from severe cuts about the head as a result of a free for all fight between Canadians and alien enemies at Dominion Sunday night. The trouble started at Worth's house, where Campbell and a man named MacPherson were attacked by Germans and Austrians.

NORTH OBJECTS TO T. & N. O. TRANSFER

Cobalt Board of Trade Sends Message to Premier Drury. Cobalt, Ont., Dec. 15.—The council of the local board of trade has forwarded a protest to Premier C. E. Drury regarding the proposal advanced at New Liskeard last week that the Dominion government be asked to take over the T. & N. O. Railway. In the letter to the premier it is stated that the board of trade regards the railway as one of the greatest assets of the province and it is suggested that Hon. Mr. Drury might issue a public statement covering the question at the earliest possible date.

HUNGARIAN TERRORIST KIDNAPPED IN VIENNA

Vienna, Dec. 15.—The Hungarian terrorist, Schon, who had been in refuge here, was kidnapped today by two Hungarian detectives, who turned him over to the police in a motor car and took him to "Lindapest, where he now is in jail.

SOLDIERS NAME MUNICIPAL SLATE

Various Returned Men's Associations Pick Candidates for City Council. Returned Soldiers' Slate Mayor: T. L. Church. Control: Lieut. James Wallace, Lieut.-Col. Jesse Wright, Herbert Cawew, Alured Maguire. Ward I: Alured Stubbings. Ward II: Hugh MacLeod. Lieut. O'Leary III: William Stephenson, Major D. H. C. Mason, R. Green. Ward V: Capt. Keena. Capt. H. A. Gadsby. Ward VI: Sam Ryding. Ward VII: Walter Brown. Board of education: Captain Rev. J. F. Tupper, H. F. Crook, E. W. Pritchard, Fred Hamby, C. G. Gallagher, M. Rawlinson, Miss Boulton, W. McLennan, J. H. Stanford, Joe Lawson, A. Clayton, H. Bell, W. Surtles, Mrs. A. Couture.

SIR THOMAS WHITE IS NOT CANDIDATE FOR PREMIER

Sir Thomas White, M.P., made the following statement to a representative of The World last night in Toronto: "Any mention of my name in reports from Ottawa respecting the prime ministerial candidature is entirely without any knowledge or consent on my part. I am not a candidate for any office in the government, my intention being to return to my private business life. My reasons for retiring from the portfolio of finance were given fully, frankly and without reservation at the time of my resignation."

FOR GREATER UNITY

Balfour Says Britain and Dominions Have Still to Find Some Organization. London, Dec. 15.—Right Hon. Arthur Balfour, speaking at the annual meeting of the Empire Parliamentary Association, said that if the great group of nations followed by business life, we could not expect to be free from this in our imperial relations. The difficulty which states of England and the dominions had experienced for a generation or more was still with us, of finding some organization which should increase unity of action without interfering with the absolute autonomy of the constituent elements of the great community of nations.

NEW YORK "WETS" BADLY JOLTED

Everything Was Ready, But Supreme Court Decision Delivered Knockout. New York, Dec. 15.—The knockout delivered John Barleycorn today by the United States supreme court in declaring war-time prohibition constitutional, came as a tremendous jolt to the "wets," dispensers of liquor, the wisecracks, who have been predicting a wet as well as a merry Christmas, and the average man with a thirst.

LOCK-OUT IN MADRID MAKES 30,000 IDLE

Madrid, Dec. 15.—Thirty thousand persons are without work in Madrid today in consequence of the lockout. The authorities are taking steps to prevent disturbances. The street car employees will go on strike tomorrow. The minister of the interior, questioning the possibility of the declaration of martial law, replied that the government had reached a decision. The cabinet was occupied today in a discussion of the situation. Great Loss of Trade. Barcelona, Dec. 15.—This is the third week of the lockout and both sides appear determined to fight to the finish. Meanwhile there is an enormous loss of trade. All the mills are idle throughout the province. Exports from the city are being placed almost daily in different parts of the city. One exploded in a window on the ground floor of the new Hotel Ritz. Thus far there has been only slight material damage.

BOMB IN BARCELONA

Barcelona, Dec. 15.—A bomb exploded near the stock exchange here today. A man riding a bicycle, who was believed to have been carrying the bomb, was severely injured. He was placed under arrest.

STARVATION AND MISERY IN MIDDLE EAST CAUCASUS

Hundreds of Thousands of Deaths Have Occurred—Cannibalism Believed to be Frequent—Small Bands Ravish Country. Constantinople, Dec. 15.—Winter is bringing intense misery, and hundreds of thousands of deaths from hunger and disease have occurred throughout the middle east Caucasus, South Russia. The flight of refugees of all nationalities thru Asia Minor into South Russia has begun. Reports indicate that the unprecedented hardships are increased by various little wars and also by little bands who prey on another when there are no other victims. It is believed that cannibalism is frequent. The Smyrna district is a fair example of Asia Minor. It is estimated that the railway stations are filled with sick, typhus stricken, and other refugees, who travel inside and outside the box cars despite the cold. The people of Odessa and other cities do beg, but are living from hand to mouth, unconcerned as to the morrow or until the last ruble is gone.

POLICE SUPPRESS FREEMAN'S JOURNAL

Dublin Paper Charged With Offences Against Defence of Realm Act. Dublin, Dec. 15.—The police today raided the offices of The Freeman's Journal and seized the plant and suppressed the paper. This action was taken in consequence of an article appearing in the paper, which was adjudged contrary to police discipline. Soldiers and police arrived at The Freeman's Journal office in Townsend street at 11 o'clock at night. The soldiers guarded each end of the street to prevent anyone from approaching or leaving the building. A police officer entered and informed the editor that the plant and type and all copies of the paper of Dec. 15 on the premises would be seized. Houses and shops in the vicinity were closed.

RETURN MINISTERS BY ACCLAMATION

Five Members of Drury Cabinet Elected on Nomination Day. Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 15.—Hon. Walter R. Rolie, Hamilton's minister of labor and health in the new provincial government, and Hon. F. C. Biggs, minister of public works, were nominated today, when nominations were held at the court house and Dundas town hall. But a few friends of the new ministers were present at the nomination proceedings.

FAMOUS CONTRACTOR IS DEAD IN LONDON

London, Dec. 15.—Sir John Jackson, famous as a contractor, for public works in various parts of the world, died here today. He was born in 1851. Sir John Jackson was a civil engineer of note among the great projects in which he aided were the Manchester ship canal, the great railway across the Andes from Arica on the Pacific coast, to La Paz, Bolivia, the great barrage across the Euphrates river near Babylon; the Mesopotamia irrigation works and harbor works in Canada, South Africa, Singapore and other places. He was created a knight in 1888.

BRITAIN LEADER IN WORLD TRADE

Exceeds Commerce of U. S. by Probably One Billion Dollars. New York, Dec. 15.—The foreign trade of the United States for 1919, the first year following the war, will probably exceed \$11,000,000,000 as compared with \$4,250,000,000 for the fiscal year of 1914, all of which preceded the war, according to approximate figures compiled by the National City Bank and made public today. Despite this great gain, Great Britain still retains the leadership in world trade, according to the bank's statistics, with a total for 1919 that probably exceeds that of the United States, possibly reaching the \$12,000,000,000 mark. Exports form two-thirds of the United States trade while imports attain the same ratio in Great Britain figure. American exports are approximately more than \$7,000,000,000 as against \$2,350,000,000 for the 1914 fiscal year. Imports \$3,800,000,000 against \$1,894,000,000. The international trade of the world has advanced to \$70,000,000,000 a gain of \$30,000,000,000 over the year preceding the war and \$10,000,000,000 over 1918. As these figures include exports and imports of all countries, they are counting all merchandise twice, the 1919 total represents \$85,000,000,000 worth of merchandise.

CAPITAL EXPECTING OFFICIAL STATEMENT

BORDEN RETIREMENT Say His Resignation May Cause Earlier Session of Parliament. Special to The Toronto World. Ottawa, Dec. 15.—Altho Sir Robert Borden stated to the press this afternoon that the announcement of his forthcoming resignation was "unauthorized" and he seems in no doubt that it will soon be confirmed by an official statement from the prime minister. During the past week Sir Robert's conduct has become much more serious. He has been unable to put in more than a few hours each day at his office and it is known that he communicates with the cabinet by a courier that he must relinquish the premiership at an early date.

TYROL THREATENS PACT WITH GERMANY

Unless Entente Give Assurances of Provisions and Raw Material. Vienna, Dec. 13.—The Tyrol Diet today unanimously adopted a note asking the entente for specific assurances that the province will be provisioned and supplied with raw materials and stating that if this assurance is not forthcoming a joint customs, currency and provisioning treaty with Germany will be effected immediately. In the course of the debate in the diet the declaration was made that while the province did not contemplate any economic union with Germany it was useless to try to hide the fact that a political union was the eventual object. All the speakers emphasized the statements that the province had been driven to this step thru sheer necessity and economic pressure.

GERMAN NOTE IS DELIVERED TO CONFERENCE SECRETARY

Paris, Dec. 15.—The German note in reply to the entente, the content of which were summarized in a despatch from Berlin yesterday, was delivered today to Paul Dutaast, secretary of the peace conference.

TEN PERSONS SAVED FROM WRECK OF SHIP WHICH STRUCK MINE

Basle, Dec. 15.—Advices received here today from Stettin report that the steamer Kriemhild met a ship having on board ten persons saved from a wreck. The advices say these persons declared they were on the American steamer "Liberator," 10,400 tons, bound from New York to Bremen, which struck a mine and sank. No trace of the rest of the crew of 43 men could be found, it was said.

NO COMPLICATIONS IN CLEMENCEAU'S HURT

Paris, Dec. 15.—Drs. Tuffier and Laury made another X-ray examination of Premier Clemenceau this evening, after which they issued the following bulletin: "The X-ray examination shows a fracture of the eighth rib on the left side, with a little displacement. There are no complications." M. Clemenceau remained at home, but received President Poincare and Dr. Renner, the Austrian chancellor.

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