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MAN IN CANADA HAS \$50,000 Council Interference In Fire Chief's Work Is Opposed

TORONTO KLAN PLAN PROCEEDS

Fund of \$50,000 Appropriated
For Organization Work
in the Dominion.

SUCCESS SMALL

Orange Order, Once Thought
an Aid, Now Proves Big
Detriment.

Special to The Advertiser.
Toronto, Feb. 12.—Fifty thousand
dollars, it is said, has been appropri-
ated for the organization of the Ku
Klux Klan in Canada, the Canadian
counterpart of the K. K. K. in the
United States.

Up to the present time, however,
while the organizers have been zealous
in their propaganda work, they have
not attained any considerable
degree of success. In all of Canada,
the total membership is reported to
be not more than 1,000.

The presence of the Orange order
in Canada, instead of being a help as
the promoters originally hoped, has
proved a positive detriment to their
work. The Orange order, according
to its members stand for equal rights
and civil religious liberty. The Klan,
on the other hand, it is argued,
stands for the supremacy of certain
elements of the population as against
the equality that is supposed to pre-
vail under the Union Jack.

The aims, as outlined in the ap-
plication cards distributed, are Pro-
testantism, white supremacy, gentle
economic freedom, just laws and lib-
erty, separation of church and state,
pure patriotism, free speech, and
press, restrictive and selective im-
migration, law and order, high moral
standard, public schools and free-
dom from mob violence.

The applicant to affiliate to himself
with "real patriots of like faith and
convictions" must swear: "I am white,
gentle, Protestant, and will betray
no confidence."

The Klan, which has no permanent
headquarters in Toronto, is said to
be holding its meetings in different
buildings, taking care not to meet
twice in the same place.

\$287,000,000 NAVAL BILL IS SIGNED BY COOLIDGE

Associated Press Despatch.
Washington, Feb. 12.—The United
States naval appropriation bill, with
its request for another arms confer-
ence, was signed yesterday by Presi-
dent Coolidge.

The president affixed his signature
without public comment on confer-
ence suggestion.
A total of \$287,000,000 is provided
by the bill for the naval establish-
ment for the fiscal year beginning
next July 1.

PIONEER RAILROADER DIES.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Halifax, N. S., Feb. 12.—Daniel
Halliday, Nova Scotia's pioneer rail-
wayman and father of J. T. Hickey,
superintendent of the Atlantic region,
Canadian National railways, died at
Beaverbank today, aged 95 years. He
came from Ireland in 1854 and helped
in the construction of the Dominion
Atlantic railway lines between Hal-
ifax and Windsor and Truro and
Windsor. Four months he had
been agent at Beaverbank.

The Weather

FORECASTS.

North-west
winds; fair
and moder-
ately cold
tonight and
Friday.

The disturbance
mentioned
yesterday
now extends
from the St. Lawrence
valley
southward to
the middle Atlantic
coast and heavy rain or snow has
occurred in the central and eastern dis-
tricts of Ontario and in Quebec. In
the western provinces the weather has
been fair with moderate temperature.

Temperatures.

The highest and lowest temperatures
previous to 8 a.m. today were:
Stations. High Low Weather
Victoria. 46 32 Fair
Vancouver. 46 32 Fair
Calgary. 32 15 Cloudy
Winnipeg. 24 4 Fair
Port Arthur. 24 12 Cloudy
S. S. Marie. 18 8 Clear
Quebec. 32 21 Snow
Kingston. 46 20 Snow
Ottawa. 38 18 Cloudy
Montreal. 38 21 Cloudy
Quebec. 32 21 Rain
St. John. 42 46 Cloudy
Halifax. 40 38 Fog

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures
recorded in London during the 24 hours
previous to 8 o'clock last night were:
Highest, 35; lowest, 25.
The official temperatures for the 12
hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:
Highest, 26; lowest, 20.
Barometric Readings.
Wednesday—3 p.m., 28.99.
Today—3 a.m., 28.99.
Sun rises at 7:22 a.m. and sets at
6:43 p.m.

Amendment To Beer Plan Is Being Submitted Today By Ferguson Opponents

Liberals or Progressives Will Take Action to Prevent Putting Into
Effect of Stronger Beer Proposal—Form of Protest
Will Cover Wide Range.

RED HOT DEBATE ON ISSUE IS EXPECTED

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Feb. 12.—There will be an
amendment to the beer bill today
this afternoon, but whether it is com-
ing from the Liberals or the Pro-
gressives was still a matter of specu-
lation at 1 o'clock. At neither Lib-
eral nor Progressive headquarters
would they state positively whether
there would be an amendment or not.

The Liberals have the first chance
as W. E. N. Sinclair continues the
debate when the House opens at 3
o'clock. If he moves an amendment,
then by all precedent the Progress-
ives are debarred from moving an-
other.

The amendment if it comes from
either opposition party will be on
the proposed Ontario temperance act

amendment, increasing the strength

of beer. There are two lines of
amendment open. The one is that
amendments shall definitely state
that the present two and a half per-
cent beer be maintained, and the
other is an amendment voicing criti-
cism of the premier and the govern-
ment in what has been alleged is a
breach of the promise that the gov-
ernment would strengthen the act.

This afternoon will be taken up
with the speeches of the opposition
group leaders. It is not likely that
Premier Ferguson will follow im-
mediately. Peter Heenan (Labor),
will probably come after Mr. Raney,
and then there will be a few private
members before the premier or one
of his chief lieutenants follows.

CANADA MAY GET LEAGUE MEETING

Geneva Hears Some Future
Assembly To Be Held in
This Country.

Associated Press Despatch.

Geneva, Feb. 11.—The idea of hold-
ing some future assembly of the
league of nations in Canada, pre-
sumably at Ottawa, is being quietly
discussed in Geneva, it was learned
today. The suggestion originated
with Sir Herbert Ames, Canadian
director of the league's finances, and
it is said, if it is adopted it would
be a great boon to the Canadian
government and the British
dominions.

So far the project has merely
reached the unofficial stage of sug-
gestion, but it is understood the
delegates of many countries have
privately approved the plan.

One thought expressed is that the
convocation of the assembly in Can-
ada would bring the workings of
the league home to the people of the
United States as well as the Cana-
dian people. The council of the
league would take the preliminary
move but the plan would require the
assent of the league members.

It is believed that the South
American states would also favor the
idea. The question of expense
would be important, but it is be-
lieved that this can be arranged so
as not to prove a burden to the league
budget.

AMBASSADORS TO TALK MILITARY CONTROL BOARD

Paris, Feb. 12.—It is expected that
the allied council ambassadors will
meet next week on the final report of
the military control mission to Ger-
many, which will be delivered to
Marshal Foch, president of the allied
war committee at the end of the
week.

It is understood that the ambassa-
dors may simply register the results
of the mission's work as set forth in
the report and then pass the question
on to the governments regarding the
drafting of a note to Germany, thus
giving the allies the final conclusion
on the evacuation of the Cologne
bridge-head.

13 CARS, 13TH AND FRIDAY.

Superstition means nothing to
railroaders. The C. N. R. car move-
ments for tomorrow, Friday 12, show
13 cars of empties in Beechville
quarries and 13 loaded cars ready
for shipment, according to D. Mc-
Harg, car distributor here.

FLEISCHMANN LEAVES ESTATE TO CHILDREN

Associated Press Despatch.
Minneapolis, N.Y., Feb. 12.—The bulk
of the estate of the late Julius Fleisch-
mann, the yeast magnate, estimated at
from \$50,000,000 to \$60,000,000, is
left to his children, Julius, Jun., and
John, the filling of his will disclosed
today.

Bequests include a \$200,000 trust
fund for charitable or educational
purposes, the major portion preferably
in Cincinnati, Mr. Fleischmann's
former home; a \$100,000 trust fund for
William N. Fleischmann of New York
city, a cousin, and 20,000 shares of
common stock of the Fleischmann
Company to certain employees of the
company. Various personal employees
were remembered in amounts of from
\$1,000 to \$5,000.

PERE MARQUETTE JOINS \$1,500,000,000 RAIL MERGER

New York, Feb. 12.—Another step
in the Van Sweringen's \$1,500,000,000
"Nickel Plate" merger project was
completed yesterday when directors
of the Pere Marquette railway ac-
cepted the lease which will bring the
road into the new system. Stockhold-
ers will meet on March 21 to ratify
the terms.

FIRE DEPT. TAMPERING PROTESTED

Believe Chief Should Have the
Right To Make Any
Desired Changes.

DIFFERENT STATIONS

Men Protest They Are Too Far
Away From Their
Homes.

Strong protest is offered today
against the action of No. 1 commit-
tee last night in refusing to sustain
the authority of Fire Chief Aitken in
re-arranging department officials.

Criticism by Ald. Harry Bottrell is
that the chief's authority has been
seriously tampered with and that he
should retain the right to make staff
changes when he chooses. The vote
in committee was close last night, 4
to 3 against sustaining the chief.

The storm arose when Capt. Fergu-
son and Lieut. Scruby came to the
committee and asked for relief from
the chief's decision to change them
from one station to another. They
had bought homes near the station
to which they were attached and they
didn't want to have to go farther
away from their homes to get to
work.

"I'm changing men all the time on
the force," Chief Aitken declares. "I
have to do that for the efficiency of
the force. If the council lives in to
the request of the officers to let them
stay at their old stations, it's setting
back the force for the men and will
mean all kinds of trouble."

The east end station is becoming
more important all the time, and I
don't want to have a captain and a
lieutenant in the east end, the chief
explains. "They would have equal
authority, and would prove more ef-
fective."

Charges that aldermen have been
button-holed by the firemen, con-
trary to bylaw, is made by Ald. Ed-
win Smith, who supports the action
of the chief.

TEASDALL MILLS FILE BANKRUPTCY PETITION

H. Colquhoun, Toronto, Is
Named Trustee at Cred-
itors' Meeting Today.

Humphrey Colquhoun, Toronto,
was appointed trustee by the credi-
tors of the Teasdall Hosiery Mills at
the courthouse this morning. A peti-
tion in bankruptcy was filed yester-
day by the Teasdall Hosiery Mills,
and shows the approximate liabilities
to be \$122,579.62 with assets listed as
\$123,451.37.

Douglas Teasdall, principal hold-
er in the concern, was not pres-
ent at the meeting this morning, the
statement being made that he was
unable to attend owing to illness.

The amounts owing to unsecured
creditors was estimated at about
\$56,920.62; secured creditors, \$64,056.
91; and preferred creditors, \$1,583.10.
The creditors appointed the follow-
ing inspectors to look after their in-
terests: W. J. Westaway, Hamilton;
W. E. Wismer, London; C. A. Moss,
T. W. Wardlaw, and E. P. Brown,
Toronto.

BATTLESHIP REFLOATED.

Associated Press Despatch.
Toulon, France, Feb. 12.—The
French battleship Liberté, which was
wrecked here by an explosion in Sep-
tember, 1911, with the loss of more
than 230 lives, has been refloated after
three years of work, and will be towed
into drydock today.



MISS MARGARET BANNERMAN,
formerly of Toronto, and at present
one of the most popular actresses on
the London stage.

SHAFT TO COLLINS DOWN 45 FEET

Official Bulletin at Cave Indi-
cates Tunnel Soon To Be
Reached.

Associated Press Despatch.
Cave City, Ky., Feb. 12.—Inch by
inch, the shaft at Sand Cave is de-
scending toward Floyd Collins and
the final shoveful of dirt that may
reveal a tunnel leading to him is
expected at any time.

Each crew entering the shaft is
hopeful of being the one to sight him,
but engineers say it is impossible to
tell when this will come.

A down draft in the shaft, similar
to the current of air down the origi-
nal Sand Cave tunnel, this morn-
ing gave the workers hope that some
crevice was near which would open
into Collins' cavern.

"It may be an hour or it may be a
day," one of the workers said today,
"but we are nearing the ending."

The official bulletin this morning
issued by M. E. S. Posey, engineering
representative of Governor Fields,
said that the depth of the Sand
Cave rescue shaft was "about 45
feet."

He gave 6 o'clock Saturday night
as the maximum time in which the
shaft would reach the maximum
depth to which it will be driven. "We
appear to be close to the roof of the
cave and have speeded up the exca-
vation to the rate of 10 feet in 24
hours," Mr. Posey's statement said.
"There is great possibility of finding
an opening at any time. Tunneling
will be fighting not only the North
Atlantic shipping combine but the
open market as well."

Diaphanous Green Frock Replaced By Black Gown

Socialist Miss Arises in British
Commons Minus Con-
ventional Headgear.

ACTION QUESTIONED

Ellen Wilkinson, Titian-Haired
Member of House, Enlivens
Proceedings.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Feb. 12.—When Ellen
Wilkinson, the titian-haired socialist
miss from Middlesbrough East, who
started the House of Commons last
night by bursting in upon the solemn
debate on the endowment of the
Church of Scotland bill arrayed in a
diaphanous gown of a sea green hue,
and with her auburn hair all shingled
and shorn, rose in her place to in-
terrupt the speaker, she was the
subject of much comment. She was
attired in a black gabardine gown,
with a black hat, and a black veil.
Col. L. V. K. Applin of Enfield, evi-
dently remembering Miss Wilkinson's
impression upon the house the pre-
vious night, appealed to the speaker,
and asked: "Is this honorable member
permitted to address the house un-
covered, in view of your ruling that
ladies may address the house cov-
ered?"

"Look at the members opposite,"
interrupted a Labor member. "Aren't
they a lot of snobs?"

The speaker replied that Miss Wil-
kinson was quite in order, and the
member from Middlesbrough East then
put her question.

When Lady Astor first took her
seat in the House of Commons she
wore a toque or kind of headgear, but
other women elected later preferred
to attend the house without hats.

However, she was considered likely
that women would generally enter
the house covered, and the speaker
ruled that they might so address the
chair.

Miss Wilkinson said yesterday that
her green dress, which caused such a
sensation, was made by herself at a
cost of ten shillings.

SHIPOWNERS DENY RATES TOO HIGH

Liverpool Interests Declare
Canada's Ocean Trade
Freest in World.

OTHERS DIFFER

Preston Report Creates Sensa-
tion in English Marine and
Commercial Circles.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Feb. 12.—Opinion in Eng-
land on the projected subsidization of
Canada of a fleet of steamships of
the Peterson interests, in order to
effect a lowering of ocean freight
rates, and on the Preston report on
the matter, seems to be divided.

While shipowners both in London
and Liverpool are of the opinion that
it is unwarranted, commercial and
business interests generally support
the complaints against the North At-
lantic shipping combine voiced in the
report of W. T. R. Preston. Liver-
pool shipowners say that Canada's
ocean trade is the freest in the world,
and that ocean freight and passen-
ger rates could not possibly be
lower and still profitable. Commer-
cial men are agreed that there are
serious anomalies in the freight rates,
and support the Preston report. There
is also a general opinion that Canada
is already overburdened with govern-
ment-owned transport systems, but if
she is willing to make good any
losses it is her own affair. The
Telegraph says that if discrimination
against Canada could be proved, En-
glish land would be as ready as the
dominion to resent it.

Commercial men in England sup-
port the complaints contained in the
Preston report on the North Atlantic
ocean freight rates situation regard-
ing the anomalies in freight rates.
The Westminster Gazette says today:
The Gazette adds that the Associa-
tion of British Chambers of Com-
merce has repeatedly approached the
shipping companies with a view to
obtaining modifications of rates, but
has hitherto been unsuccessful.

The Liverpool correspondent of the
Daily Telegraph quotes a prominent
shipping official of Liverpool as say-
ing, regarding both passenger and
freight rates, that the Canadian
trade is the most free in the world.
Freight rates, according to this
official, have been reduced to an al-
most unremunerative level, and the
profits on ocean passenger trade were
never so small. If the dominion gov-
ernment carry out their plan of sub-
sidizing a fleet of steamships they
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SLEEPING SICKNESS CLAIMS FIVE-YEAR-OLD CITY BOY

Sleeping sickness last night claimed
the life of Patrick Scully, five-year-old
son of Mrs. Lillian and the late Al-
fred Scully, after an illness of two
months. Death occurred at the home
of the boy's grandparents, Mr. and
Mrs. William Roe, 100 Drensey
avenue.

The funeral will be held from the
residence of his grandparents to-
morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, inter-
ment to be made in St. Peter's
cemetery.

VETERAN ISLANDER DIES AT FISHING HOLE IN ICE

Canadian Press Despatch.
Fort William, Feb. 12.—Frank Sea-
ton, aged 82, who had spent the past
nineteen years on Sturgeon Lake, was
found dead by his partner, D. Shill-
cock, by a hole in the ice where the
pair had been accustomed to fish.

The death was reported to Sioux
Lookout, and Constable Jago made
an investigation, finding that Seaton
had died of old age and exposure.
Shillcock had been to the St. An-
thony mine, and found his partner
dead on his return. The old man had
no known relatives, and, according to
his previously expressed wish, his
partner buried him on Seaton Island,
where he had lived for so long.

MAYOR KEEPS SILENT ON RETURNING CHECK

States He Has Nothing To
Worry About, as Out-
come Will Show.

SEE LEGAL ACTION

Aldermen Are Awaiting Vote
of Council at Meeting
Monday Night.

Mayor Wenige declines to say
whether or not he will obey the
finance committee's order to return
to the city the \$1,200 expense check
which he obtained from the city
treasurer in the dying moments of
1924.

In an interview this morning Mr.
Wenige showed a desire to avoid the
subject, combined with a characteris-
tic defiance of the decision that the
payment is illegal. The mayor's atti-
tude to some extent seems to be
that "possession is nine points of
the law," and that so far as the \$1,200
check is concerned "finders are
keepers."

"I have nothing to worry about,"
declared his worship, when he drop-
ped into his office at noon.
"What do you think of the action
of the finance committee?"

"No Gray Hairs."
"Say, you never saw me get hooked
up in a controversy before. I'm not
getting bald or getting gray hairs
over this thing."

"Your action will depend upon the
council's vote on Monday night?"

"That is answering a question, not
asking one."

His worship refused to go on with
the discussion. He wasn't worrying
about his side of the case, he said,
and it would be shown in good time.
That legal action will be taken to
regain the \$1,200, said to have been
seized by the mayor through an
illegal process, is the opinion ex-
pressed by the council.

Please See Page 2, Column 3.

MANY BEING CALLED IN ST. CATHARINES PROBE

Every Deputy Returning Offi-
cer and Poll Clerk To Be
Examined.

Associated Press Despatch.

St. Catharines, Feb. 12.—Upon the
direction of the city council, by the
request of a petition signed by 200
citizens, County Judge J. S. Cam-
bell, this morning held the inaugural
session of a commission to inquire in-
to various rumors of irregularities at
the recent municipal election in St.
Catharines.

Judge Campbell in outlining the
procedure announced that all the
ballot boxes had been turned over and
would be examined, and it was pos-
sible that every deputy returning offi-
cer and poll clerk would be called
indicating that the inquiry will be
lengthy.

The first ballot box will be opened
this afternoon. A list of names of
city council and the petitioners were
recorded the right to be represented
by counsel, if desired.

Only half a dozen citizens were
present at the inaugural session,
which was held in the court house.
No direct charges have been made,
but private legal notions were last
week served on Ald. Gadsby and Ald.
MacMahon to resign or face an an-
teasing proceedings. The notice against
Ald. MacMahon has been since with-
drawn. Ald. Gadsby, who denies any
connection with alleged irregularities
has not received a withdrawal notice,
but has not resigned.

Valentines

Valentines are another example
of business efficiency.
Some girls spend a week after
denying they sent any—others ad-
mit having done it "just for fun."

Girls at the nearly engaged stage
use them as barometers. If the
dear boy trots around that even-
ing with a tender smile and a box
of candy, at a tough price, she
starts talking about always hat-
ing to be a bridesmaid. Then
follows it up by saying that that
horrid Mr. Whosomever wants to
come up and have a serious talk
some night soon. Ring the song!

If he calls up and says he has
to work that night she goes and
joins the unemployed.

The clan who stutters, or is a
bit bashful, the girl who just knows
her boy doesn't realize he loves
her, the boy that wants to take a
dirty one at the teacher, the im-
patient damsel of many years—
they join hands and greet Valen-
tine's Day.

But the husband who forgot to
send one to his wife sinks into
a corner and groans.

A. W. J. E.

Thirty Perish In Mine Blast

Associated Press Despatch.

Dortmund, Germany, Feb.
12.—Thirty workmen were
killed by an explosion of fire
damp in the Stein mines last
night and 100 others are
missing. Only eight men were
rescued alive.

This morning there ap-
peared to be little hope of res-
cuing the entombed miners.
The explosion was very vio-
lent and caused the shafts to
collapse, blocking all exits.

STEEL INTERESTS SEEKING TARIFF

British Producers Claim Indus-
try Faces Ruin Due to
Lack of Safeguards.

By HENRY SOMERVILLE.
Special Cable to The Advertiser.
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London, Feb. 12.—All parties are
asking whether the steel industry will
ask the government for a safeguarding
tariff.

This is one of the biggest and one
of the most depressed of British in-
dustries. If steel is safeguarded it
will mean that the country has aban-
doned free trade.

Benjamin Talbot, managing direc-
tor of the Cargo Fleet Iron Com-
pany and the South Durham Iron
and Steel Company, says: "The
British steel industry is doomed if it
does not get a tariff. Statistics show
that steel exports from Britain have
decreased by over 1,000,000 tons since
1913, while imports have increased."
The case for safeguarding steel
work is made by the fact that it is
not for its effects on other heavy
industries which use steel, especially
shipbuilding and engineering. If
these industries have to pay high
prices for their raw materials they
will experience worse unemployment
than at present.

Walter H. Hume, M.P., a former
president of the board of directors
himself a shipowner, says: "There is
no manufacturer, miner, farmer, or
other industry which has to pay high
prices for their raw materials. They
will experience worse unemployment
than at present."