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Poincare Refuses To Resign Following Adverse Vote

MEXICAN EARTHQUAKE KILLS MANY

PREMIER OF FRANCE TO FORCE PLAN

Poincare Employs "Steam-Roller" Methods to Carry Out His Program.

TECHNICAL DEFEAT

Premier to Demand a Vote of Confidence From the Senate.

BY WEBB MILLER (British United Press.)

Paris, Dec. 21.—Premier Poincare, following the technical defeat of the government by an adverse vote in the Chamber yesterday, determined today to employ "steam-roller" methods to force his domestic programs through parliament. He will not resign.

Count De La Steyre, Finance Minister, in an interview regarding yesterday's defeat on the question of a subsidy for government employes, declared the project would be proposed again with only slight modifications on Saturday. This time the government will resign if beaten.

Similarly, Poincare will demand a vote of confidence from the Senate when his proposal regarding new electoral procedure to be adopted comes up.

(By Canadian Press.)

Paris, Dec. 20.—The reparations commission will be able to issue invitations tomorrow to the persons selected to serve on the International Expert Committee which are to investigate Germany's financial situation and her resources abroad.

It was learned today that the British members would be Montagu Norman, Governor of the Bank of England; Sir Josiah Stamp, Economic and Statistical authority, and Reginald Kenna, former chancellor of the Exchequer.

The third United States delegate to serve with General Chat. G. Dawes and Owen D. Young, has not yet been announced here but if the selection is delayed, invitations will be issued to the other two along with the British, French, Belgian and Italian appointees.

Names Are Proposed

The members of the reparations commission have consulted each other regarding the names proposed and all are in accord. If the invitations are issued tomorrow as hoped, it is thought the first meeting of the experts will be held on or immediately after January 10. The committee theoretically will organize their own work and decide where and when to sit. It is expected the first session will be held in Paris.

The acceptance of the three British delegates was received with great satisfaction in reparations circles. The willingness of such important men to give their time to the work of the committee was taken as indicating how important these bodies are in British eyes. It is also remarked that men having such important duties as these three momentarily to abandon them even though they thought was unlikely to bear fruit.

Up River Teachers Elect Officers

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 21.—The new officers of the York and Sunbury Teachers' Institute are: President, F. E. MacDiarmid, Devon; vice-president, Miss Gladys Gregory; secretary-treasurer, J. E. Page, Fredericton. Additional members of the executive: Miss Pearl Ross and Miss Fannie Young, Fredericton, and J. W. Smith, Oromocto.

Beaverbrook Is On The Ocean

Southampton, Dec. 21.—The Aquitania is on the way to New York. Lord Beaverbrook is a passenger. Premier Massey of New Zealand and Mrs. Mrs. William B. Leeds also are on board. The liner has 8,000 sacks of mail.

Takes Babe to Court In Bigamy Case

New York, Dec. 21.—Mrs. Helen Taylor, 27, of Newark, N. J., appeared in Tombs Court with her baby in her arms to make a bigamy charge against her husband, John D. Taylor, 27, of 404 Heberton avenue. She said she married Taylor in 1922 and that he married his first wife, Mrs. Esther Hayward Taylor, 23, of Port Richmond, S. I., in 1918.

DON HAMMOND IS BACK TO SING SING

Cornell Dean's Son Said He Would Rather Be Criminal Than Laborer.

New York, Dec. 21.—Donald Hammond, was here and son of William A. Hammond, dean of Cornell University, has re-entered Sing Sing prison on a charge of violating the conditional parole granted to him by former Governor Miller. He had five years to serve on his former term. Hammond was given a suspended sentence in 1919 after being convicted of forgery and a few months later got another suspended sentence after pleading guilty to the theft of \$15,000. On his release from Sing Sing in December, 1919, he was sentenced to Sing Sing for violation of parole.

Hartington Wins In By-Election

London, Dec. 21.—(Canadian Press.)—The Marquis of Hartington was victorious in the West Derbyshire by-election yesterday.

Agree O'Connor's Death Is Accident

Toronto, Dec. 21.—A coroner's jury which investigated the sudden death of Thomas O'Connor, late secretary to H. J. Daly, president of the Home Bank of Canada, returned a verdict that death resulted "from a fracture of the skull caused through a fall upon his head on Saturday morning, which was purely accidental." Dr. W. Robinson, who made the autopsy, testified that there were four fractures of the skull.

Vicentini To Leave For Home

New York, Dec. 21.—Luis Vicentini, Chilean lightweight, defeated by Johnny Shugart last Friday, will return home this week in response to an urgent message from his family.

Church to Run For Mayor in Toronto

Toronto, Dec. 21.—T. L. Church, M. P., who retired from civic politics two years ago after being Mayor of Toronto for seven years, has announced that he will be nominated for the office today.

Wire Briefs

Paris, Dec. 21.—Susanne Lengien has agreed to represent France in the Olympic tennis matches, says the L'Auto today.

TROUBLE IN AFGHAN IS ALARMING

Dramatic Silence Has Fallen on British Writers in India.

LONDON PUZZLED

Press Says Warning Should be Given if War is Coming.

(By Canadian Press.)

London, Dec. 21.—With reference to the Afghan trouble the Daily News mentions that a dramatic silence has fallen on the British correspondents very suddenly, and says it is difficult to believe that these gentlemen have conspired to keep silence together at so interesting a moment.

HELD FOR PIRACY

Nova Scotia Captain Denies Charge But Is Taken to Jail.

Halifax, Dec. 21.—Captain Andrew Gauvreau, skipper of the schooner Douglas B. Conrad, who was arrested yesterday, charged with the transfer of a high sea in connection with the \$50,000 liquor cargo of the schooner Lucille B., spent the night at the police station here, and when interviewed this morning, strenuously denied being implicated in piracy of any kind.

"You can say for me," said Captain Gauvreau, "that the story of my vessel holding up and stealing the Lucille's cargo is absolutely false. I am in the rum running business, but I consider it a legitimate business and I conduct in a legitimate way. I know nothing of the piracy of the Lucille B."

Prays in Broadway; Gets Sentence

New York, Dec. 21.—A small man with a black skull cap on his head, a white striped shirt and a dark jacket, in his hand a seven foot placard with the legend: "To cleanse your soul you must stare into the face of the sun," was kneeling at Forty-sixth street and Broadway praying before an audience of 500 persons. Patrolman Taylor of the West Forty-seventh street station arrested him. He gave his name as Jacob Goldstein, said he was a minister of Brooklyn, with a wife and two children living at that address.

Goldstein was arraigned before Magistrate Remond in West Side Court on a charge of disorderly conduct and was sentenced to five days in the workhouse. The prisoner was taken struggling from the court room after he had cried that he believed the Magistrate would let him go.

Nova Scotia Coal Rumor Starts Action

Halifax, Dec. 21.—A delegation from Cape Breton, consisting of Senator MacCormick, Daniel MacDonald, town clerk of Sydney Mines, and Norman Wayne, M. P., appeared before the Government yesterday on behalf of the citizens of Sydney Mines as a result of a rumor that the British Empire Steel Corporation was intending to operate a submarine area of coal extending under the edge of Sydney harbor from the south side of the harbor instead of the north, thus depriving Sydney Mines and adjacent towns of their sole industrial support.

Says Eloper Took His Wife's \$15,000

Boston, Dec. 21.—Her husband took \$15,000 that she gave him and then went west with another woman, Mrs. Mary Little of Melrose told Judge Lawton in East Cambridge court, where she is seeking a divorce from George E. Little, an oil well promoter.

Birthday Cigar Tempts; Law Broken

New York, Dec. 21.—Ildor Moscov of 14 Hillcrest avenue, Queens, had his fiftieth birthday and received a box of cigars from his wife. He was thoroughly enjoying the day when he lit one of the cigars on the B. M. T. subway platform of Brooklyn Bridge and was arrested for violating the sanitary code. However, Magistrate Oberwasser decided to give him a suspended sentence as a birthday present and all was well again.

BOATMAN ALL AFIRE LEAPS INTO SEA

Driscoll, Flaming Torch, is Rescued by Gallant Efforts of His Brother.

Atlantic City, Dec. 21.—Covered from head to foot by flaming gasoline from the explosion of a fuel tank on his 35 foot speed launch, Charles Driscoll, 35, plunged into the sea. Jake Driscoll, 31, a brother, cornered in the bow by the blaze that followed, snatched up two lifebelts and dived in after him. Both men were rescued.

EDNA D. PROCTOR, POETESS, IS DEAD

Was Member of Distinguished Literary Circle of Generation Ago—Aged 94.

Framingham, Mass., Dec. 21.—Edna Dean Proctor, poet of a generation ago, whose circle of friends included Henry Ward Beecher and John Greenleaf Whittier, died this week in her apartments at the Kendall Hotel. She was in her 95th year and had never regained her strength after breaking her ankle in the run running business, but I consider it a legitimate business and I conduct in a legitimate way. I know nothing of the piracy of the Lucille B."

BIG SHIP GROUNDS

The Leviathan, of U. S. Merchant Marine, Hits Reef in New York Harbor.

New York, Dec. 21.—The Leviathan, queen ship of the U. S. Merchant Marine, inbound from Cherbourg, today grounded on Robins Reef in New York harbor. A call was sent for all available tugs. The reef is located just north of Tompkinsville, Staten Island. The ship grounded after she had passed in quarantine on the way to her dock.

Black Moustache Proves Undoing

Boston, Dec. 21.—Salvatore Lonardi, of 34 Clark street, north end, found himself in the Woolworth store at Scollay square last October, was sentenced this week by Judge Morton in the federal court to serve two years in the federal penitentiary.

During Lonardi's trial last week several store clerks testified that he offered \$10 bills in payment for small purchases. Four \$10 bills in the store cash were afterward found to be counterfeit. Lonardi was identified by his massive black moustache.

SAYS HE SOLD RUM UNDER PROTECTION

Calvin, in Bangor, Says He Paid Sheriff and Attorney Monthly.

TWO HAD MONOPOLY

Declares He Would be Told When There was to be Houlton Raid.

(By Canadian Press.)

Bangor, Maine, Dec. 21.—Charles E. Calvin, who claims to have been selling liquor under protection of the sheriff and declares he once conferred a favor upon that official by doing a little term in jail, was the central figure today at the trial, in the United States District Court here, of Sheriff Edmund W. Grant of Aroostook County, and Willard S. Lewin, Houlton attorney, who are charged with conspiracy against the operation of the national prohibition law.

BANK SHOWS PROFIT OF \$1,033,432.15

Union Statement for Year Ended Nov. 30 Issued—Meeting January 15.

Winnipeg, Dec. 21.—The figures of the 89th annual statement of the Union Bank of Canada, covering the operations for the year ended November 30, 1923, are now made public. After deducting expenses and making provision for all bad and doubtful debts, the net profits for the year amounted to \$1,033,432.15 making a total available balance of \$1,515,264.88 brought forward. This has been applied in the payment of quarterly dividends amounting to \$720,000, a contribution of \$10,000 to the officers' pension fund, Dominion Government taxes \$137,622.28, leaving \$317,074.73 to be carried forward to next year.

Starts Engine, Jumps In Front; Killed

(British United Press.)

Montpelier, France, Dec. 21.—A French railway worker, Paul Fabre, wishing to end his life, took out an engine, started it on the main line and running ahead of it threw himself on the track and was killed.

Swiss Financed For The Olympics

Berne, Dec. 21.—The state council yesterday approved an appropriation of 65,000 francs to enable Swiss participation in the Olympic games in Paris next summer. The council on December 7 voted against the appropriation, but reconsidered its vote in view of the insistence of the National Council.

Plenty of Sunshine



Peggy Clark is headed today as the prettiest red-headed girl in San Francisco. Judges in a contest at the California Industries Exposition conferred the honor on her.

Will Dreams of Poor Little Children In St. John Come True This Christmas?

The night may be bitter for me—for you— Yet never we'd shrink from its gloom, I know. If only the shimmering stars stayed blue. And the softest winds of the spring would blow. With never a shadow to cast its spell In the Land Where the Little Children Dwell.

The way may be weary for me—for you— Yet never we'd turn from our path, I know. If only the road held nothing of rue, Of hurt and heartache, of pain and woe. That wanders away through a dreamspan dell In the Land Where the Little Children Dwell.

The flowers may wither for me—for you— Yet little we'd care where the cold wind blows. The white of the lily, the red of the rose, Would blossom forever beneath love's spell In the Land Where the Little Children Dwell.

Old dreams may have vanished for me—for you— Yet little we'd sigh for the whims of fate, If only the Christmas dreams came true. Where the star-eyed toddlers watch and wait For the night where the Watchman can say, "All's well!" In the Land Where the Little Children Dwell.

It is the wish of all members of the Times-Star Empty Stocking Fund Committee that the little poor children of St. John will awaken Christmas morning and realize that the dreams of Santa Claus have come true. Give SOMETHING TODAY to make sure the dreams will come true.

TO PLACE ORDERS

Russia Ready to Resume Trading With Great Britain on Large Scale.

(British United Press.)

London, Dec. 21.—While recognition of Russia is stated as one of the first official acts of the Labor party after attaining office in January I understand that the leaders plan to consult the Dominions fully before final action.

Weather Report

Toronto, Dec. 21.—Pressure is high over the south Atlantic and northwest states while a shallow trough of low extends from Lake Superior to the Gulf of Mexico.

Forecasts: Snow or rain; then clearing.

Maritime—Moderate to fresh winds, with snow or rain today and on Saturday, then clearing.

Gulf and North Shore—Fresh winds, cloudy with local snowfalls or flurries tonight and Saturday.

New England—Cloudy and somewhat colder tonight; Saturday unsettled, probably rain; moderate northwest winds, shifting to northeast and east.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—Temperatures: Lowest High during 8 a.m. yesterday; night.

THREE TOWNS DESTROYED IN MOUNTAIN

Courier Brings News of the Big Disaster Near Sonora Range.

HOUSES ARE UPSET

Appeal is Made for Tents, Blankets and Food for the Homeless.

(By Canadian Press.)

Douglas, Ariz., Dec. 21.—Granados, Huasabas and Oputo, towns in the Sierra Madre Mountains of Sonora, Mexico, with an aggregate population of five thousand, were destroyed by an earthquake Wednesday night, according to the story told by a courier who arrived late yesterday at Nacozari, a rail head approximately 75 miles south of the international boundary.

The courier had ridden since Wednesday night over the mountains which lie for forty miles between the three towns and the railroad.

His appeal for food, tents and blankets for the homeless was forwarded to President Durazo of Agua Prieta, across the border from Douglas. The President announced that supplies would be shipped by rail to Nacozari and would be taken by stage the remainder of the way.

Claim Big Victory.

BY FREDERICK G. NEUMER. (British United Press.)

Mexico City, Dec. 21.—With important victories for Federal forces at San Marcos and Puebla confirmed and General Cardenas' cavalry pushing rapidly forward toward Guadalajara, President Obregon has expressed the Government's confidence in speedy victory over the rebels by refusing the offer of farmers and workers to enlist.

Two Institutions In Canada Benefit

New York, Dec. 21.—Appropriations totaling \$2,725,000 for charitable and four medical schools are announced in a Rockefeller Foundation report in which it was said the organization's commitments for the year 1924 already totalled \$10,500,000. A balance of less than \$1,000,000 remained available for 1924 appropriations from the regular issue, the report added.

Sydney, N. S., Has Serious Fire Loss

Sydney, N. S., Dec. 21.—Damage variously estimated at between \$60,000 and \$80,000 was done by a fire, the most disastrous since the partial destruction of the Elman block a little more than a year ago, which broke out yesterday afternoon in the basement of the Travis block in Charlotte street and for more than three hours taxed the energies of the fire department before it was brought under control.

Montreal Leads As Grain Port

Montreal, Dec. 21.—Grain handled at this port in 1923 totalled 120,018,838 bushels. Montreal thus maintains for the third consecutive year her position as the leading grain exporting seaport of the continent. New York was second with 87,130,000 bushels. Last year Montreal shipped 155,036,817.

Cecil Becomes The Viscount of Chetwood

London, Dec. 21.—Lord Robert Cecil, who was elected to the peerage on November 17, has adopted the title "Viscount Cecil of Chetwood," according to the Daily Mail. Chetwood is a hamlet in Sussex where Lord Robert has a country residence.