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MISS WINIFRED BLAIR IS CARNIVAL QUEEN; MISS SUSIE K. CARPENTER SECOND; MISS EDITH DAWES THIRD

JUDGES MAKE DECISION WITH DIFFICULTY AS THOUSANDS OF INTERESTED ONES LOOK ON

Miss St. John a Bright and Attractive Girl, Keen on Skates and at Snowshoeing—How the Judges Made Selection—Text of Their Decision.

INTRODUCING MISS ST. JOHN.

Miss Winifred Blair winner of the Times Carnival Queen Contest on Saturday who receives the title of Miss St. John and becomes an entrant for the competition at which will be selected Miss Canada.

After about two weeks intense excitement and interest, during which the subject was paramount in the minds and on the tongues of the population of the city, the Times Carnival Queen Contest was brought to a successful end at the Arena on Saturday afternoon when Miss Winifred Blair, 224 Duke street, entered in the contest as Miss Imperial, was named as Miss St. John. The decision was reached by a committee of prominent and representatives ladies and gentlemen only after deliberations which required nearly two hours and a half.

By Saturday's verdict Miss Blair receives the title of Miss St. John and will be crowned queen of the St. John Winter Carnival. She will also be St. John's candidate in the competition for the selection of Miss Canada from the representatives of the feminine attractiveness from all parts of the Dominion. In addition she will receive the Time's first prize of her carnival costume and $100 in cash and from the management of the Arena a season's pass for herself and friend.

Miss Carpenter and Miss Dawes.

Miss Susie K. Carpenter, 81 Millidge avenue, entered as representative of the staff of F. A. Dykeman & Co., Ltd., was awarded second honors, with cash prize of $60 offered by the Times, and will also receive a season pass to the Arena. A cash prize of $40 and an Arena pass will go to Miss Edith Dawes, 118 Pitt street, nominee from F. W. Daniel & Co., Ltd., who was awarded third place.

The Committee's Award.

The following is the judgment handed to the Carnival Editor on Saturday evening in a sealed envelope and which remained sealed until late on Sunday night:—

First Prize—Miss Winifred Blair.
Second Prize—Miss Susie K. Carpenter.
Third Prize—Miss Edith Dawes.

Honorable Mention.

Mrs. Jack Morehouse, 108 Prince William street.
Miss Jessie B. Robertson, 155 Queen street.
Mrs. W. G. Fewings, 20 Wellington row.
Miss Helen C. Dugay, 217 Charlotte street.
Miss Muriel F. Whelpley, 52 City road.
Miss Eva McAfee, 161 Carmarthen street.
Mrs. Howard Porter, 6 Germain street.
Miss Florence Johnson 50 Harrison street.

(Signed)
GERTRUDE PUGSLEY.
GEORGINA FISHER.
NELLIE G. WHITE.
CONSTANCE V. MULLIN.
T. H. ESTABROOKS.
S. E. ELKIN.
E. STANLEY BRIDGES, M.D.

More than 2,000 people were at the Arena to witness the selection of the prize-winners. The ice was packed with skaters, and hundreds upon hundreds of people sat in the boxes and stands. The judges occupied one of the front boxes, the committee being composed of Mrs. Pugsley, wife of Hon. William Pugsley, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province; Mrs. Fisher, wife of G. Fred. Fisher, Mayor of St. John; Mrs. White, wife of Dr. W. W. White; Mrs. Mullin, wife of Daniel Mullin, K. C., Belgian Consul; T. H. Estabrooks, president of hte St. John Arr Club; S. E. Elkin, president of the Maritime Nail Co., and Dr. E. Stanley Bridges.

Between the third and fourth bands the ice was cleared, and between seventy-five and eighty of the ninety-five ladies entered in the contest appeared before the judges' box, where they were introduced to the selection committee.

From this number about twenty-five contestants were selected, and they and the judges retired to the ladies' dressing room, where the competition was narrowed down to eleven. Then came the supreme task for the judges, all of whom admitted afterwards that the naming of three out of the group was not a simple accomplishment. However, after remaining with the eleven for some time, the judges withdrew to the offices of the rink and deliberated on the final selection, which was handed to the Carnival Editor of the Times some thirty minutes later. At the request of the management of the competition the judges agreed to withhold announcement of the winners until it was made through the columns of the Times today. Consequently, the exact knowledge of the result of the contest was known only to the seven judges until late last night.

To those whose names appear amongst the prize-winners and those who merited honorable mention, the congratulations of the whole city will go out. To the other entrants will remain the satisfaction of knowing that they deserved the honor of being entered for the competition and were sufficiently good daughters of St. John to allow their names to be presented. Miss St. John, when she goes to Montreal, will be followed by the best wishes of all for her success in the capital meeting for the choice of Miss Canada.

CHOSEN BY HALIFAX.

Mrs. Ora Doherty, representative of N. S. Capital, who will meet Miss Blair at Montreal.

SECOND PRIZE WINNER.
Miss Susie K. Carpenter, representative of F. A. Dykeman & Co., who receives a cash prize of $60.

THIRD PRIZE WINNER.
Miss Edith Dawes, F. W. Daniel & Company's entrant, awarded third prize of $40 in cash.

Carnival Spirit Is Aroused as "Queen" Is Chosen In Arena

Brilliant and Striking Scene on Saturday During Judging—A Hint as to What Will Prevail When the Big Week Opens on Feb. 10.

St. John displayed its first flash of the spirit of carnival Saturday afternoon at the new Arena rink when the Queen of the winter fete was chosen. The resounding interior was vocal with merry chatter, sparkling new outing costumes foretold the gaiety of the big February week, and spectators that filled row upon row of the seating space were in excellent humor. It was a happy mixing of all walks of citizenship, male and female, old and young, evidently determined to make the forthcoming celebration successful from the very preliminary stages.

This is a hard town to get started sometimes, it is admitted, but when the resolute old burg takes a notion to do something on a commendable scale, it does so with a right good will. We still remember Mafeking and Ladysmith days, the old Polymorphians, Queen's jubilee affairs, the late war's many local outbursts, not to mention last year's skating champs and lots of other inspiring occasions.

So the Queen-choosing on Saturday might truthfully be regarded as the first gun in our bombardment of snowtime sport and rollicking. In fact the carnival spirit is sweeping all of Canada and eastern United States. Small wonder, too, for never in years has this section of the continent been so inundated with old-fashioned snowdrifts. Some juniors today are experiencing a new thrill entirely this winter. So, with sentiments revived in older members of the family and new experiences galore for youngsters, a Winter Carnival seems the only natural thing to hold. It will be St. John's first real get-together since war put a stop to gaieties and post-war conditions kept the brakes more or less applied.

The writer is of that type of citizen that slangsters today classify as hard-boiled. He has been through St. John's village up-cuttings since the days of the late Andy Hunter and the Polymorphians, and thinks he knows the pulse and temperament of this town pretty week. What he saw and heard in the Arena on Saturday causes him to diagnose the case as one of Carnivalitis in its most unmistakable form.

In fact it bore the aspects of an epidemic. Infection seemed to be rife. With the nearer approach of February 10, the Gay Idea will be as rampant here as it is today in Montreal, and as it has been in Winnipeg and Regina of late. A survey of the skating battleground preparations, a peep into committee rooms, an evesdropping at the meetings of the central executive, a glance behind the scenes at the propaganda in behalf of the McGill-St. John struggle, many preparations outside the scope of the officials; the social events, the good eats, the parades n'everything all point to a complete surrender to King Carnival and his cohorts long the day the big doings really begin.

About Miss Blair.

Miss Winifred C. I. Blair resides with her mother, younger sister and brother at No. 224 Duke street. She is of the customs brokerage and clearance staff of H. C. Olive and is a very popular young lady roundabout the younger sets in town. She is still in her 'teens and has for some years been gracing many a happy party of youths and maidens with her pleasing personality.

She is daughter of Mrs. Louise and the late Staff-Sergt. Fred R. Blair of the local military establishment which followed the war in this city. The returned veteran succumbed to a protracted illness due to being gassed when at the front with the first contingent. Staff Sergt. Blair enlisted when engaged on the northern division of the C. N. R. as station master and telegrapher, first at Devon, York county, later at Debec Junction. In proceeding overseas his special qualifications placed him in the signalling division where he served with distinction but was invalided home, failing to rally.

Late last week Miss Blair was invited to represent Imperial Theatre in the Times-Star Carnival Queen Contest, Manager Golding acting upon a conviction that candidates should be nominated by business houses, hotels, corporations and others, to bring out the best possible types and not to leave the initiative—a delicate matter with some—to rest upon the young ladies themselves. Miss Blair was extremely reticent and hesitated considerably before consenting to be "Miss Imperial." Her appearance on the ice Saturday when judgments were made was a hurried decision and no special preparation as to competing costume was made. She appeared in her usual skating togs.

Like many of the photographs of contestants in the Carnival Queen Contest—and then the reproductions in newspaper halftones—that of Miss Blair does by no means do her justice. In fact the bevy of good-looking young ladies from whom the judges had the difficult task of making a definite selection, were radiantly attractive as they skated about and were grouped in the Arena. Personality, carriage, facial animation and complexion were brought into the reckonings of the referees, none of which phases of attractiveness can be brought out clearly in process of depiction. Furthermore many of the entrants in the contest were photographed hurriedly with no special instruction. Therefore the personal competition Saturday was of course the only true estimate.

The chosen Queen besides possessing a bright and winsome demeanor, is the embodiment of the Canadian Outdoor girl idea. She skates very well indeed on tubular blades and can hold her own in classified speed contests, and at snowshoeing. On the dancing floor Miss Blair is especially attractive. She is a brunette.

The Other Winners.

Miss Carpenter is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Carpenter, of the Narrows, Queens county, but Miss Carpenter has been residing in the city for the last four years, being employed as cashier with F. A. Dykeman & Co. She is a brunette of a distinctive type and is twenty years of age.

Miss Dawes is a pretty type of blonde with blue eyes. She is a daughter of W. P. Dawes, excise officer for the Province of New Brunswick, and Mrs. Dawes, and will be twenty years of age in the spring. Both she and Miss Carpenter presented particularly attractive appearances on the ice on Saturday afternoon and there were many amongst the spectators who expressed confidence that they would be amongst the prize winners

As Hiram Sees It

"Well, sir," said Mr. Hiram Hornbeam to the Times reporter, "I didn't know you hed so many pooty gals in St. John till I went over to that Arena on Saturday. They wasn't all on the ice, nuther. I never seen sich a crowd o' folks. Where'd they all come from? It jist looked as if the hull town was waitin' to take off its hat to the Queen o' the Carnival. I cal'late by the time the Carnival comes off you'll hev to declare a holiday fer a week instid o' two half days. I'm glad it's that way. Folks wants a little excitement once in a while—somethin' to think about besides goin' on in the same way every day in the year. I was wonderin' if them there judges 'ud hev to take to the woods fer a spell after today. When we hev an exhibition out to the Settlement we alwus git an outside judge that kin start fer home the same day. Then them that got third prize or special mention when they counted on gittin' the sweepstakes hes to take it out in talk—onless they hire a special train an' go after the jedge. When I told Hanner about them gals she said beauty was ony skin deep an' I was an old fool. Ain't that a woman fer you?"

Chaplin and Pola Negri Say It's So

Screen Stars Announce Engagement But Decline to Give Marriage Date.

Delmonte, Cal., Jan. 29. — Charles Chaplin and Pola Negri, motion picture stars, announced their engagement at Pebble Beach Lodge, near here, yesterday. They refused to say when they would be married.

TWO BOUTS THIS WEEK IN GARDEN

Greb vs. Lunigan and Dundee Against Flores—New Plan to Finance an English Olympic Team.

(Canadian Press)

New York, Jan. 29—Two boxing championships are to be defended in Madison Square Garden this week. On Tuesday night, Harry Greb will battle Tommy Loughran of Philadelphia, fifteen rounds to a decision in defence of the U. S. lightheavyweight title that Greb won from Gene Tunney in the same ring last spring. Greb successfully warded off Billy Shade of California, in a 12-round decisionless bout in New Jersey last week.

In the second bout, on Friday night, Johnny Dundee of New York, will defend the junior lightweight championship from the onslaught of Elino Flores, a Filipino, who came to this country with Pancho Villa, now American flyweight champion. It also is scheduled for 15 rounds.

English Olympic Team.

New York, Jan. 29—A new plan for financing preparation and organization of an Olympic team is being tried out in England, according to information reaching athletic officials here. Each town of more than 5,000 population has been invited to subscribe funds in proportion to its size. The National Olympic Committee, London, it is reported, already has contributed £3,000.

MISS EFFIE M. McKENZIE.

The death of Miss Effie Maud McKenzie, youngest daughter of John and the late Maud McKenzie, occurred this morning at the St. John Infirmary following an operation there. She leaves her father, one brother, Melvin of Kentucky, and three sisters, Mrs. Edward Laird and Mrs. James Durley of St. John and Mrs. Alfred Wright of Milford. The funeral will be held on Wednesday afternoon from the residence of Mrs. Peter Arbo, Milford.

BRITISH TROOPS ARE SENT TO THE MOSUL REGION

Precautions in View of the Turkish Attitude at Lausanne

Draft of Proposed Peace Treaty is Distributed to the Delegations—Turkish Newspapers Apprehensive and See War Likely.

(Canadian Press.)

London, Jan. 29—In view of the Turkish attitude at Lausanne regarding the Mosul district the British military authorities in the Irak have dispatched a battalion of troops and also a few airplanes to the area between Mosul and Sherghat (65 miles south of Mosul) as a precautionary measure.

Lausanne, Jan. 29—A draft of the proposed treaty of peace which is to be submitted to the Turks on Wednesday was distributed semi-officially to all the delegations today. It contains 160 articles to which eight conventions are annexed.

There were no developments this morning to show that the Turks were more favorably disposed toward signing.

The eight conventions deal respectively with the straits, the frontiers of Thrace, the status of foreigners in Turkey, the Albania declaration regarding the payment of the Ottoman debt, the commercial regime with Turkey, the armistice declaration and the exchange of populations and exchange of prisoners of war between Turkey and Greece, which last two will be signed tomorrow by these two powers.

The atmosphere was tense today, the chiefs of the allied delegations holding lengthy consultations and going over the situation.

Constantinople, Jan. 29—The Turkish newspapers consider the Lausanne conference already moribund and expresses gravest apprehension over the outcome. The Akcham says that official circles regard war as inevitable unless the League of Nations finds a solution, other that the British proposals, acceptable to Turkey.

Belgrade, Jan. 29—The government newspaper Tribuna says today that Foreign Minister Tchitcherin of Russia and Ismet Pasha, have made a secret agreement at Lausanne by which Russia and Turkey will give each other military support in the Near East in case hostilities are resumed.

Earl of Denbigh To Marry N. Y. Girl

He Had a Distinguished War Record.

London, Jan. 29—The Times announces betrothal of Miss Kathleen Emmet, daughter of the late Dr. Thomas Addis Emmet, of New York, to the Earle of Denbigh.

The Earle of Denbigh, the ninth of his line, was born in 1859.

His first wife was the honorable Cecilia Mary Clifford, daughter of the eighth Baron Clifford of Chudleigh.

He had a distinguished war record and wears medal and clasp of Tel El-Kebir.

Phelix and Pherdinand

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—Pressure is high throughout the northern portion of the continent and lowest in the middle Pacific states. Light snow has fallen over Alberta and western Saskatchewan and in portions of Ontario. The weather is decidedly cold over the greater part of the Dominion with temperatures well below zero in many localities.

Forecasts:

Fair and Cold.

Maritime—Moderate to fresh northwest and north winds, fair and decidedly cold today and on Tuesday.

Ottawa Valley—Fair and decidedly cold today and on Tuesday.

New England—Fair and colder tonight; Tuesday cloudy and somewhat warmer, fresh northwest winds becoming variable.

Toronto, Jan. 29.—Temperatures:

	8 a. m.	Highest during yesterday	Lowest during night
Prince Rupert	16	26	14
Victoria	26	36	26
Kamloops	8	26	6
Calgary	*12	10	*14
Edmonton	*16	*4	*16
Prince Albert	*2	..	*4
Winnipeg	*10	14	*10
Sault Ste. Marie	2	12	2
Toronto	18	15	12
Kingston	10	10	8
Ottawa	0	12	*2
Montreal	0	4	*2
Quebec	*12	4	*14
St. John, N. B.	0	18	*2
Halifax	2	26	0
St. Johns, Nfld.	22	34	20
Detroit	28	32	28
New York	26	28	16

*Temperatures below zero.

BRITISH CABINET TO TAKE UP BALDWIN REPORT ON DEBT TO U. S. TOMORROW

GLOOMY BUDGET AHEAD IF NO BETTER TERMS ARE ARRANGED

Majority of London Newspapers Are For Acceptance of Washington Demands forthwith—Ambassador Harvey Returns to England; Praises Baldwin.

(Canadian Press.)

London, Jan. 29.—It is understood that the cabinet will meet tomorrow to discuss Stanley Baldwin's report on his United States financial mission. The division of opinion generally attributed to the cabinet members on the question of accepting America's debt terms is not confirmed by any ministerial statement.

Indeed, no minister except Mr. Baldwin has discussed the situation for publication.

The popular hope that terms may yet be mitigated is based on the assumption that further efforts will be made through diplomatic exchanges to influence the U. S., but most of the press opinion takes Mr. Baldwin's Southampton statement at its face value and does not build seriously upon such efforts.

Budget Outlook Gloomy.

It is regarded as certain that if the terms are not modified the coming budget will be a gloomy one for the taxpayers, who have been banking for some time upon relief from taxation and expecting a budget surplus.

The government would have the support of a majority of the London newspapers if it accepted the U. S. terms forthwith. The Daily Mail and the Graphic alone today express their opposition.

The Herald, Labors' publication, while non-committal regarding acceptance or rejection, says: "What ironic laughter there must be in the Kremlin. Great Britain and France at Genoa waxed indignant about the sanctity of international debts, and now Great Britain makes the payment of half her pledged interest a favor while France announces blandly that she has not the least intention of paying at all, until she secures full reparations from Germany."

The newspaper further argues that if it is honest and sound finance to fund the debt to the U. S., it is equally so to fund the British government's debt to domestic financiers. The Herald declares that the budget can be balanced if the British international debt is funded at 2½ per cent instead of continuing to pay from 5 to 7 per cent on the internal war loans.

A Compromise?

The Post finds it hard to believe that the choice now presented is final, and says there is an opinion in finincial circles in London that a compromise may be arranged. After reiterating that Great Britain's liability was incurred for allies who owe her twice as much the paper continues:

"But that is no reason for not paying. We are too proud to default, and there is much force in the contention that a settlement now would be better than continuing without a settlement."

The Daily News says it is difficult to see how in the face of the inexorable facts Mr. Baldwin has set forth, public opinion can fail to authorize the government to close immediately with the U. S. offer. "There is no need to pretend that there is any gilt on the pill or that we swallow it without a grimace," remarks the News. "There were moral and sentimental reasons which led us to expect that America would deal very tenderly regarding this great war debt. Now that this illusion has been pricked a certain amount of irritation and a few hard words need not suprise the American people and ought not unduly to exasperate them."

The paper argues that funding now on the proffered terms will not destroy "the possibility of future revision of the question," but will rather make it easier "for the whole question of allied war debts to be settled in a spirit of generosity and wisdom, when the American Government is in a position to co-operate in the work of restoring Europe to solvency and order."

The Westminster Gazette contends that it would only be worth while for Great Britain to reject the U. S. proposal if there were some reasonable certainty of substantially better terms later on.

"If Mr. Baldwin is right on facts," says this newspaper, "his policy ought to prevail. It is useless to prolong the present period of uncertainty, if we are to find, after all, no better terms are obtainable. The terms may not be very generous, but they cannot be described as grasping."

The Daily Mail expresses briefly the view that it is emphatically opposed to the foregoing "whatever Mr. Baldwin's own view may be. We have no hesitation in saying the American terms are impossible."

Harvey Returns.

Plymouth, Eng., Jan. 29—U. S. Ambassador Harvey declined to discuss the debt situation or other public questions upon his arrival here today after his visit to the U. S. He took occasion to say that Stanley Baldwin, chancellor of the exchequer, made a good impression in America, and asserted that Britain could not have sent a better man. Not since the days of Viscount Bryce, the ambassador said, had a more favorable opinion been created in the United States by any British statesman. Mr. Baldwin fully understood United States sentiment, Ambassador Harvey added, and with such a man conducting the negotiations, nothing but good could result to British-United States relations.

New York Newspapers.

New York, Jan. 29. — (Canadian Press.)—Surprise is the keynote of New York editorial comment on the statement of Stanley Baldwin, Chancellor of the British Exchequer, with regard to negotiations undertaken in Washington, with a view to funding the British war debt to the United States. The World says that when Mr. Baldwin sailed for home he carried with him assurance from the United States debt-funding commission which should have filled him with hope rather than with the disappointment he harbors.

The U. S. Terms.

Washington, Jan. 29.—Final extinguishment of Great Britain's debt to the U. S. in 62 years with an interest rate of 3 per cent for the first ten years and 3½ per cent thereafter is the basis of settlement suggested to the British delegation by the U. S. debt funding commission in the recent funding negotiations here.

LEAGUE COUNCIL AND THE RUHR OCCUPATION

Question Wether Matter Will Come Before Today's Meeting.

Paris, Jan. 29—Whether the occupation of the Ruhr would be mentioned at the meeting of the council of the League of Nations was still a question as that body met today under the presidency of the Earl of Balfour.

However, it was thought that the question might be brought up by some member with a view to making it known that although the council could not go into the question without being asked to do so by the powers interested, it was ready to take active steps whenever these nations said the word.

It is pointed out in league circles that the resolution of September 27, which was adopted by the council with the full approval of the powers expressly stipulates that "the council should give constant attention to the subject of reparations."

The Mosul oil dispute between Great Britain and Turkey, which has been the cause of so many differences at Lausanne, will come before the council at tomorrow's session.

NOMINATIONS IN QUEBEC TODAY

Expected That There Will be Opposition in Nearly Every County--Some Cabinet Members Likely by Acclamation.

Montreal, Jan. 29—Candidates whose names will go before electors in the Quebec general election on Monday next were being nominated throughout the province today. The Taschereau Government has a candidate in every one of the eighty-five seats. The Conservatives and others against the government have intimated that there will be opposition in every county. This morning this promise looked likely to be carried out in all but six seats. Among the members of the cabinet who are apparently certain of election by acclamation are Hon. J. E. Perrault, minister for colonization, running in his seat in the new constituency of Abitibi, where he is unopposed, and Hon. A. Galipeault, minister of public works and labor, in Bellechasse. The speaker of the legislature, Hon. J. N. Francoeur, will probably not be opposed in Lotbiniere. Until a few days ago it appeared as if the premier, Hon. L. Taschereau, was to be passed, but on Friday Armand Lavergne, the Nationalist intimated his intention to run against him. The leader of the opposition, Arthur Sauve, will be called upon to fight it out in Two Mountains.

Train Men's Chief to Head Big Business

Cleveland, O., Jan. 29.—William G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, announced last night that he has accepted the presidency of the Steigelmyr Manufacturing Company, a ten million dollar corporation of Seymour, Ind., and probably will resign as head of the trainmen.

FORCE 3 TO LIE ON FLOOR; ROB STORE OF $30,000 JEWELRY

St. Louis, Jan. 29—Two armed men robbed a jewelry store in the heart of the down town business district, and escaped with jewelry valued at between $25,000 and $30,000 after compelling M. B. Pattiz, the owner, a girl clerk and a woman customer to lie face downward on the floor of an adjoining room.