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Pope Benedict Delerious And Unconscious; End Near

Hope Revived as Sleep Came This Morning Was Soon Dispelled, and Death is Feared Before the Day Has Ended.

(Canadian Press Cable.)

Rome, Jan. 21—(2 p.m.)—Pope Benedict became appreciably weaker about midday today and hopes which had arisen after a period of slumber in the morning disappeared. His general condition had become worse and he seemed to be slowly expiring.

Bulletins from the sick room of the Pontiff were eagerly scanned by throngs waiting outside the Vatican, but none gave ground for hope that His Holiness would rally from the sinking spells which mark the progress of pneumonia. Members of the Sacred College remained in the ante chamber of the sick room during the night, while physicians and members of the Pope's family were in attendance. It was feared the end might come at almost any moment.

The Morning Hours.

Rome, Jan. 21—The Pope was reported by Prof. Battistini at five fifteen o'clock this morning to be dying. He was "passing away quickly." His heart action was commencing to become irregular and his pulse intermittent. Cardinal Giorgi, and other prelates entered the sick room at six o'clock. Cardinal Giorgi chanted prayers for the dying Pope, who was sinking rapidly at that hour. Cardinal Giorgi, together with Monsignor Zampini, had passed much of the night in the Pope's chamber, while Prince Aldobrandini, commander of the Noble Guards and Major Pellegrini watched in an adjoining room.

Rome, Jan. 21—At 8.15 a.m. Pope Benedict was still alive but rapidly failing. At seven o'clock it had been announced at the Vatican that the Pope was dying and telegrams were sent to the Papal Nuncios to that effect.

At eight thirty o'clock the Pontiff's physicians issued a bulletin saying: "The condition of the Holy father became worse during the night, which was agitated and sleepless. The pneumonia has progressed. Temperature 34.4 centigrade (roughly 101 fahrenheit) pulse 122; respiration 60."

UNCONSCIOUS IN EARLY AFTERNOON.

Pope Benedict, to the gratification of his physicians passed into a sleeping condition during the forenoon today and the doctors indicated they would not abandon all hope if the sleep continued three or four hours but at 1 p.m. Dr. Battistini said that the end was approaching and was but a question of hours. In his slight delirium during the morn[illegible] the Pope persisted in asking of the physicians to listen to his heart beat, and expressed a desire to rise and perform his usual duties.

Belief that the Pontiff's life might be prolonged until the late afternoon was expressed by the attending doctors.

All hope for recovery, had been abandoned, said Cardinal Gasparri, the papal secretary, during the noon hour. Pope Benedict at that hour was delerious and unconscious.

Outside St. Peter's

Since early this morning, a crowd which was at first largely composed of newspapermen, had been gatherer before St. Peters. Carriages and automobiles bearing cardinals and diplomats soon began to arrive and a strict watch was being kept on the Vatican doors. Few were permitted to approach the Pope's apartment besides the cardinals and certain other dignitaries and only two newspapermen — the representatives of the Stefani Agency and the Observatore Romano—were permitted in the ante chamber.

The Pope's nephew, the Marquis Della Chiesa, who arose from his sick bed yesterday to visit his uncle, returned to the sick chamber at 6.45 o'clock and Cardinal Gasparri, papal secretary of state, arrived ten minutes later. Within five minutes after the arrival, the announcement was given out that the Pontiff was dying.

Monsignor Migone celebrated Mass in the chapel adjoining the Pope's room at 1.15 o'clock, His Holiness listening through the open door while the celebrant administered Holy Communion.

Solicitous For Doctor.

Cardinal Giorgi, who in the event of the Pope's death will conduct the special ceremonies over his body, passed the night in the Vatican. According to the newspaper Messaggero, the Pope was still fully lucid at 2.30 o'clock this morning when he said affectionately to Dr. Battistini who was attending him: "What are you doing here at this hour? You are old; go and sleep."

The newspaper Tempo says that the last clear words of the Pontiff were in the form of a request of a drink of water, of which he took but a few swallows. After 3.20 o'clock he began to mutter unintelligibly and two more bottles of oxygen were taken to the sick chamber. Professor Cherubini found that pneumonia had attacked the left lung, leaving very little hope for life.

When the Pope saw Monsignor Pizzardo, under secretary of state, among prelates greeting him early this morning, he raised his hand in benediction and said: "We are getting along better," but later the relapse came and Cardinal Gasparri and the Marquis Della Chiesa were sent for.

During an examination by the physicians a little after 7.30 o'clock, when the patient's condition was apparently hopeless, a slight improvement was noted and the Pope recovered sufficiently to begin asking questions of those present.

Death Report Denied.

London, Jan. 21—A Berlin despatch to Reuters this afternoon says word has been received there that Pope Benedict is dead. An Exchange Telegraph from Rome says the consultation held this afternoon caused a report that Pope Benedict was dead, but this was officially denied.

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MANITOBA PLANS AN INCOME TAX

Winnipeg, Jan. 21.—Introduction of a bill providing for a tax on personal income at the present session of the legislature was announced yesterday following a government cabinet meeting. The tax will be similar to the federal income tax, but the levy will be about fifty per cent. lower.

INSIDE BIT ON THE IRISH CRISIS

Stronger Measures Were About to be Taken.

News Revealed by Chamberlain—Free State Parliament to Meet in Historic Building on College Green—Michael Collins to London on Mission.

Dublin, Jan. 21.—The old Irish parliament building on College Green, now occupied by the Bank of Ireland, is destined to become the official home of the legislature of the new Irish Free State, according to the political correspondent of the Freeman's Journal.

"When Michael Collins and Wm. Cosgrave visited the historic building on Wednesday," the writer says, "their visit was not entirely concerned with matters of finance. When arrangements appointing the Bank of Ireland as financial agents for the new government were concluded the ministers were conducted around the building with a view to investigating its suitability to house the parliament.

"They spent a little time in the old House of Lords, which is practically unchanged after the 122 years that have rolled away since it put the Castle within reach of the subverted Grattan's parliament."

London, Jan. 21. — Michael Collins, minister of finance in the Irish provisional government, is expected here today to join the Irish ministers already in consultation with the British cabinet committee. He will be accompanied by the secretary of the provisional government.

When Things Were Serious.

Edinburgh, Jan. 21—At a political meeting here last night, Austen Chamberlain, government leader in the House of Commons, revealed that at the time of King George's visit to Belfast the British government was maturing plans to raise 100,000 additional men in order to carry on the struggle in Ireland with the utmost vigor and to institute martial law. The government, he declared, had already put every soldier in Ireland that could be spared, but they were inadequate to carry the struggle to the end.

"On the morrow of the king's return," added Mr. Chamberlain, "I said to the premier, 'I think our countrymen will expect we should follow up in action the words you have advised His Majesty to use and that before invoking our country to greater efforts and bloodshed we should make yet another effort for peace.' The premier agreed and our colleagues, when consulted, also agreed."

FIVE HORSES DIE IN AMHERST FIRE

Two Autos, Several Carriages and Other Equipment in Murphy Stable.

Amherst, N. S., Jan. 21—Fire broke out at four o'clock this morning in Murphy Bros' stable in a court opening off Church street, opposite the St. Regis Hotel and completely destroyed the building and contents which included five horses, two Overland cars, several sets of harness, several carriages and a supply of hay and feed. The loss amounts to about $50,000, partly covered by insurance.

CARS REGISTERED SHOW A 64,000 GAIN IN CANADA

Toronto, Jan. 21—The last year has been called a lean year for the automobile industry. Nevertheless approximate (in most cases accurate) figures now made available by the various provincial registration departments indicate an increase of more than 64,000 in 1921 registrations of all classes of motor vehicles.

In Ontario alone an increase of more than 34,000 is indicated. Quebec registrations have increased more than 15,000, while substantial increases are noted in the remaining eastern provinces. The only province (for which definite figures have been obtained) which does not indicate a proportionate increase, is Saskatchewan where, the official figures indicate there has been an increase of only 1,000 in a total of more than 60,000.

LOCAL NEWS

ARE AT CONFERENCE.

Edwin B. Rupert, Wm. Nice, Harry McHarg and Rupert I. Mahony are attending the boys' conference at Sussex, representing Ludlow street Baptist Sunday school, West End.

NEW BABIES NUMBER 34.

There were thirty-four births in the city during the week, which is a larger number than the average. Twenty were girls and fourteen boys. Nine marriages were performed during the week.

TUNISIAN IN TUESDAY.

Canadian Pacific Steamships, Ltd., liner Tunisian is due here from Glasgow next Tuesday. She is bringing eighty-eight cabin and 105 third, in addition to 896 tons of general cargo and 245 bags of royal mail.

BURIAL AT HAMPTON.

The Funeral of Mrs. Hugh Morrisey was held from the residence of her brother, George Cripps, Hampton station. Service was conducted by Rev. George Ross and interment was in the family burying ground.

THIRTEEN DEATHS.

There were thirteen deaths in the city during the week from the following causes: Inanition, senile decay, pneumonia, apoplexy, hemiplegia, myocarditis, endocarditis, premature birth, pulmonary embolism, carcinoma of neck, cancer of stomach, broncho-pneumonia, mitral regurgitation, one each.

BRIDE-TO-BE HONORED.

Miss Annie Power, whose marriage will take place soon, was the guest at a delightful shower given last evening at the home of Mrs. F. J. Power, 219 Duke street. She received many beautiful and useful gifts, testifying to the esteem in which she is held. Dainty refreshments were served.

PUBLIC WORKS CREW.

Commissioner Frink said this morning that the public works department had 161 men employed this morning at various points in the city, exclusive of the number used in snow removal. Included amongst the jobs on which these crews are working are the fill at Newman Brook, the Shamrock grounds and the west side crushers.

LOCAL SPORT NOTES.

A bowling team consisting of Waldo Reid, Murray Jarvis, William Power, Bruce Winchester and Lloyd King left this afternoon for Amherst where they will bowl a picked team this evening.

A hockey team from the University of New Brunswick arrived in the city on the Boston train this afternoon. They were scheduled to play the St. John team this afternoon, but owing to the storm some doubt was expressed as to whether or not they could play.

IN THE MARKET.

Business was dull in the city market this morning in spite of the fact that a fairly good supply of all commodities except poultry was on hand. The following prices were quoted: Beef, 5 to 35c; veal, 20 to 35c; lamb, 20 to 35c; mutton, 8 to 15c; pork, 25 to 30; ham and bacon, 35c; chicken, 50 to 55c; fowl, 45 to 50c; potatoes, 45 to 50c; carrots, beets and parsnips, 40c a peck; cabbage, 25c; lettuce 6 to 10c; celery, 35c; parsley and mint, 5c a head; onions, 6 to 10c; squash, 4 to 6c pound; apples, 20 to 40c a peck; cranberries, 35c a quart; butter, 45 to 50c a pound; eggs, 50 to 65c a dozen; turnips; 25c a peck or 3c a pound.

THE RENFORTH BREAK.

In connection with the burglary in George N. Colby's store at Renforth, some facts have been brought to light which tend to destroy two theories as to the person or persons making the break. It was found that a quantity of butter, between twenty and thirty pounds, was taken which discredits the theory of a vagrant who stayed in the railway station in Renforth having been the miscreant. The papers and accounts destroyed were those of some bills owed to wholesalers and therefore another idea that the culprit might have been somebody owing Mr. Colby some money is brought to nought. A trail of raisins on the snow of the road was followed nearly to Torryburn station, a fact which seems to point to the fact that a horse and sled were used to remove the goods.

METHODIST SESSION TO LAST A FORTNIGHT

Quadrennial Meeting of General Conference in Toronto in September.

Toronto, Jan. 21—The quadrennial meeting of the general conference of the Methodist church will be held in Toronto, commencing on Wednesday, Sept. 13. This is the highest court of the church, and there are some matters of great importance, including the missionary and educational work, to be considered and the question of church union will come up. There will be 400 delegates and the sessions will last more than two weeks.

The delegates from outside the city will be the guests of Toronto Methodists, on the Harvard plan (bed and breakfast.) Several sub-committees are at work on the many details.

CROKER HAS BEEN ILL; RECOVERING

Dublin, Jan. 21. — Richard Croker, who was stricken seriously ill, following his return after a visit in the U. S. to November, continues to improve, it was said today at his home, Glencairn, near here. He is still confined to his room, but his condition is now such that he is able to read the newspapers.

As Hiram Sees It

"Afore we git done with them there skatin' races," said Mr. Hiram Hornbeam to the Times reporter, "I jist want to git somethin' off my mind. I was standin' in a crowd out there to Lily Lake an' I was hollerin' fer Charlie Gorman. Whether he won or whether he was licked I was fer Charlie, fer he's a St. John man, but the' was fellers round me there that was knockin' him. Yes, sir — St. John fellers knockin' a St. John man. An' I heerd some fellers knockin' Garnett, too. Yes, sir —St. John fellers knockin' a St. John man while he was doing his level best. That's what's the matter with St. John. Too many knockers. You kin tell 'em I said so. We don't do things that way out to the Settlement. We stick up fer our own—By Hen! An' if you folks in St. John is ever goin' to git anywheres you got to be born agin without the knockin' sperrit. Kin you imagine Lake Placid knockin' Jootraw—or New York knockin' Joe Moore — or Montreal knockin' Wheeler? Not by a jugful—no, sir."

THE COMING CHAMPIONS.

Full many a famous skating star,
All eager for the fray;
Knights of the blade from near and far
Came East to "show the way."

They came, they saw, they conquered,—yet,
Those heroes of renown
Some future conquering heroes met,
Right in our dear old town.

Here's to our city's honored name,
Luck to her sporting sons;
Health to the youths who spread her fame,
The coming champions!

HOPE A. THOMSON.

"REAL PUNISHMENT" IS CALLED FOR

Matter of Liquor Law Violations Brought Up in Manitoba Legislature.

Winnipeg, Jan. 21.—Amendment of the Inland Revenue Act so that "real punishment" might be meted out for breaches of the temperance law, was urged by Major H. R. Richardson of Roblin, of the Independent Farmer group, speaking in the legislature yesterday. So far from backing up the moderate league in its efforts to get a referendum on establishment of government liquor stores, Major Richardson took the stand that, until some further efforts were made to stamp out the illicit sale, manufacture and consumption of liquor in the province, no petition for new legislation should be passed by the house.

STILL GETTING IN MUCH LIQUOR FROM CANADA

Seattle, Jan. 21—Investigations carried on by him in Idaho, Washington and Oregon had revealed that there had been no diminution in recent months in the amount of illicit liquor smuggled into the northwest from Canada, said F. A. Hazeline, general prohibition agent for the U. S. yesterday. He said that "Enormous supplies of American and foreign whiskey are being brought into Seattle and other Puget Sound ports every month."

Phelix and Pherdinand

WEATHER REPORT

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

Synopsis—Moderate temperatures have prevailed from the Great Lakes eastward with light snow in many parts of Ontario, while a pronounced cold wave has come into the western provinces from northward.

Forecasts:—

Snow or Rain.

Maritime—Moderate to fresh winds; milder, with snow and rain tonight and part of Sunday.

Gulf and North Shore—Light snow today and on Sunday.

Ottawa and Upper St. Lawrence — Comparatively mild, with light local snow today and part of Sunday. Sunday colder at night.

New England — Rain or snow this afternoon, cloudy tonight and Sunday somewhat colder tonight, moderate variable winds becoming westerly.

Toronto, Jan. 21.—Temperatures:—

Stations	8 a. m.	Highest yesterday	Lowest during night
Prince Rupert	30	34	32
Victoria	36	34	32
Kamloops	18	20	1
Calgary	2	30	6
Edmonton	*14	12	2
Prince Albert	*24	*12	*14
Winnipeg	*20	14	*26
White River	*18	22	*22
Sault Ste Marie	4	24	22
Toronto	22	26	8
Kingston	24	36	4
Ottawa	18	24	21
Montreal	22	22	24
Quebec	18	24	14
St. John, N B	14	28	16
Halifax	14	38	14
St. Johns, Nfld	12	32	18
Detroit	22	22	12
New York	34	38	12

*Below zero.

C. B. Miners Raid Dominion Stores

(Canadian Press.)

Sydney, N. S., Jan. 21—Miners this morning raided the store of the Dominion Coal Company at Dominion No. 2 colliery and carried off a supply of food.

Glace Bay, N. S., Jan. 21—A body of 200 mine workers, employers of No. 9 colliery, which is idle, raided the Dominion Coal Company's store at New Aberdeen a little before noon today and carried away goods, mostly groceries, to the value of more than $1,000.

The clerks were ordered to stand aside and the raiders, mingling with the regular shoppers, proceeded to take articles away from the store.

No violence took place. The members of the Dominion Coal Company police force were in Sydney being sworn in as constables at the time of the raid.

EVIDENCE TODAY AT HALIFAX HEARING.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 21—At this morning's session of the board of conciliation appointed to hear the wage difference between the coal operators and miners of the British Empire Steel Corporation, the chief evidence offered had to do with conditions prevailing in the Springhill area of the Nova Scotia coal fields, especially a decrease in amount of wages earned following the installation of machine picking to replace hand methods. The change was instituted in last June.

J. B. McIsaac and Mm. Hayes appeared on behalf of the miners. Mr. Hayes said that since machine picking was started in No. 6 and 7 mines at Springhill, considerable dissatisfaction has resulted because of the lack of an adequate schedule. Conditions there, he said, differed from those in most mines, due to a considerable pitch adding to ordinary difficulties. The miner has a push of 300 feet, Mr. Hayes said, and has to lay his own road.

On question by Col. W. E. Thompson, representative of the operating company on the board, Mr. Hayes said that some schedules of wages made provision for extra difficulties of work.

Mr. Hayes said that the miners of the Springhill mine had worked under the present schedule under protest, but found that while some men could make a fair rate, the vast majority make a "small wage."

In reply to a question by Mr. Gillen, chairman of the board, Mr. Hayes said he considered a "small wage" to be $6.50 a day and that a fair wage was from $7 to $8.50.

Mr. McIsaac quoted figures to show that in many cases wages were smaller than figures given by Mr. Hayes. He gave an incidence where one man had made $6.44 for two days' work. He said employment had not been very steady in November of 1921. He cited another case where a man had received net pay of $1.02 for four days' work. The gross pay had been $9.76 but payment for supplies necessary for contract men for use in connection with digging of coal, for explosives, handles, etc., had eaten up the difference. He said that approximately ninety per cent. of the men working underground were on contract work. Datal rates had remained unchanged. Dissatisfaction was among contract men following installation of machinery.

H. G. WADMAN OF MONCTON DEAD

Was Prominent in the Orange Order, a Former Provincial Grand Master — 67 Years Old.

Moncton, N. B., Jan. 21.—Hamilton G. Wadman, prominent in Orange circles and a well-known local military man, died at his residence here this morning. He was born at Crapaud, P. E. I., on May 29, 1855, moved to Moncton about thirty-nine years ago, conducted a grocery business and later a tea store. He then entered the city employ, and was later appointed caretaker of the Moncton armories, a post which he held with the rank with sergeant-major during the war.

Mr. Wadman was provincial past grand master of the Orange Order, financial secretary of Moncton L. O. L., No. 62, deputy grand master of Provincial Black Knights and secretary of the Moncton Orangemen, Limited, supervising the erection of the new Orange hall here. He was a staunch Presbyterian, an officer of St. John's church here, a director of the Elmwood cemetery and financial secretary of the Canadian Order of Foresters, Court Moncton, No. 569.

He is survived by his wife, three sons and four daughters. One son, Lester, was killed at the battle of Amiens on August 8, 1915. Surviving sons are T. J. Wadman, dominion land agent of British Columbia, Revelstoke; J. H., coal inspector, C. N. R., Springhill, and Louis D. of the C. N. R., Moncton. The daughters are Mrs. H. B. McFarlane, St. John; Mrs. J. B. Oakes and Mrs. F. Revers of Danville, Virginia, and Mrs. H. McLeod, Revelstoke.

THE LIQUOR ON THE S. S. LISGAR

In regard to the complication caused by the arrival of fifty cases of liquor on the steamer Lisgar County here yesterday, two days after the closing importation date, Chief Inspector Hawthorne said this afternoon that in his opinion, if the consignees and shippers could show that the liquor was shipped in plenty of time to have reached this port before the eighteenth, the shipment would probably be admitted. Asked if it could be exported again on the same vessel, Collector Lockhart said that it was not an export of Canada, and that he had no authority to allow such a procedure, but that such authority could be granted by the department at Ottawa if they saw fit.

COVEY INQUIRY ON JANUARY 26

Probe of Charges of Professionalism in Sport.

Jack Britton Postpones Bout —Heydler for Standard Baseball—Hockey and Other Late Sport News.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 21.—The committee appointed at a recent meeting of President A. W. Covey and local clubs affiliated with the Maritime Provinces Branch of the A. A. U. of C., to investigate the status of thirteen Nova Scotia athletes who were suspended on charges of professionalism, will begin its work January 26, it is announced. Local rumor says that others than the "unlucky thirteen" will figure in the investigation.

Fredericton, N. B., Jan. 21.—The U. N. B. hockey team left here this morning for St. John to play their first game of the season with the St. John club of the N. B. and P. E. I. Amateur Hockey League. The U. N. B. team went at full strength, including three of the players who are regulars with the Fredericton hockey club: Goal, MacKenzie; point, Cain or Berry; cover-point, Jewett; forwards, Lounsbury (captain), Fleet and Reid. A full line of spares made the trip.

New York, Jan. 21.—Jack Britton and Dave Shade of California have postponed their scheduled bout from Jan. 31 until Feb. 17, because of injuries sustained by the title-holder in training.

New York, Jan. 21.—A standard baseball is essential to the maintenance of major and minor league playing averages, according to John A. Heydler, president of the National League. This statement is made in discussing the report that the Pacific Coast League will adopt a hubber-cored ball for the 1922 season.

Montreal, Jan. 21.—When the Canadiens line up against the Toronto Senators tonight in the Mount Royal Arena, Odie Cleghorn will be centre, B. Boucher right wing and Edomond Bouchard left wing. The defence will be as usual, Corbeau and Sprague Cleghorn. The Canadiens' hopes are high for the game, which will be one of the most important in the series from the point of view of Montrealers.

TEX RICKARD IS UNDER ARREST

Charge Made by Children's Society in N. Y. Against Boxing Promoter.

New York, Jan. 21.—Tex Rickard, boxing promoter, today was arrested on a charge of assault made by the Children's Society on the complaint of a fifteen-year-old girl. Two other girls were held at witnesses.

The arrest was made at the west side court. Rickard appeared there some before he formally was placed under arrest.

It was learned that a bench warrant had been issued yesterday afternoon. Hearing of it this morning, Rickard promptly surrendered himself with counsel. He was held in $1,000 bail for examination on January 25.

VOTE AGAINST ALL U. N. B. TEAM BOSTON VISIT

The registration committee of the Maritime Branch of the A. A. U. of C. have voted against allowing Moncton promoters to take an all-New Brunswick hockey team to Boston. This action is said to be heartily approved in amateur circles in the province, and has already been endorsed by some of the sporting editors both in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

DIVIDEND CUT.

Montreal, Jan. 21.—The Ontario Steel Products Co. announces a cut of fifty per cent. in their dividend for the quarter ending February 15, payable to shareholders of date January 31. The dividend now amounts to one per cent.

RESTORATION OF CONFIDENCE

Lloyd George Prescribes This for Sick World.

Must be Real Peace, He Says, in Promoting Idea of Genoa Conference — Irish Settlement Has Done a Great Deal.

(Canadian Press Cable)

London, Jan. 21 — Premier Lloyd George, addressing the National Liberal Conference here today, declared that all the nations of Europe, without distinction, had been invited to the Genoa economic conference, "because, we want to put an end to constant wars and rumors of wars."

Discussing the Washington conference, he said:

"The peace of the world largely depends upon good understanding between the U. S. and ourselves. The conference has done more than anything else to restore that understanding.'

In referring to international conferences in general, he said that if there had been a conference in July, 1914, there would have been no war in August, 1914.

"No international conference, ever settled Europe's problem," he said, "but they have advanced the cause of peace on earth. I have profound conviction and faith in the ultimate reason of mankind."

Irish Settlement.

Lloyd George was greeted with a storm of cheers when he appeared on the platform in Central Hall, where the conference was held. All the coalition ministers and Liberal members of parliament were present. Replying to an eulogistic introduction by the chairman of the meeting, Lord Leverhulme, the premier immediately began a discussion of the advantage accruing to the empire from the Irish settlement.

"It is the first time for a century," he said, 'that we have had an Irish government established with the wholehearted sanction of the people of Great Britain. He said that the Irish settlement had enhanced the prestige of Great Britain throughout the world and had deprived her enemies of "the forces of that taunt that we were always willing to give exalted advice to other nations which we never followed ourselves.'

Elections.

Touching on the subject of a general election he disclaimed that he had started the talk of it, saying he had not made up his mind in regard to such an election and that it would not be his business to do so until the last minute.

"I have nothing to add to the admirable statement on the subject by my colleague, Austin Chamberlain," he added. "Whether the election comes early or late, we shall have but one policy to put before the country—a policy not dictated by electioneering exigencies, but a policy demanded by the needs of the country and of the world.'

World trade, he said, was in a worse plight than any one present had ever before witnessed. He continued: "International confidence is the basis of international trade. The problem confronting Great Britain and the world may be summed up in one phrase—restoration of international confidence. "Order will restore confidence. We must establish real peace in the world."

Lloyd George said he was looking to the Genoa conference to restore peace in the east. "If permanent peace is established there must be great reduction in the cost of armaments," he added. "The British army is being reduced to below the pre-war standard and the navy and the air forces are being reduced also. The nations must be prepared to take risks for peace."

The premier said he was a believer in the League of Nations, "and I wish some of its friends would not run it as it were a sort of little party show," he added. With reference to German reparations, he declared:—"I am one of those who think Germany ought not to be let off from payment."

Germany was suffering from exhaustion, like other nations, and delay was inevitable. The sooner, however, a settlement was reached, the better.

LEONARD GOES TO SKATING MEETS

St. John Boy Who Defeated Ray Murray at Lily Lake. Stronger Measures Were ..

Irving Leonard, youthful West Side skater, who won the 440 yards race for boys twelve and under in the Canadian championships, will leave this afternoon for Montreal enroute to Plattsburg, N. Y. where he will compete in the United States National meet. A wire was sent to Frank White asking him to have Elmer Ingraham wait in Montreal for young Leonard and accompany him through to Plattsburg. From here to Montreal he will be in charge of the conductor.

A committee composed of Walter Coughlan, H. Garnett, George Lawson, Thomas Killen and Jack Henderson made arrangements to have this young star go to the National and International meets and have seen to it that he is properly equipped. It will be recalled that Leonard won his heat and final in the race for boys twelve years and under in the fast time of 51 1-5 seconds, which is three seconds better than Ray Murray did in his preliminary.

Exchange Today.

New York, Jan. 21.—Sterling exchange irregular. Demand, 420 3-4. Canadian dollars, 5 1-4 per cent. discount.