

**HON. W. J. HANNA RESIGNS
AS PROVINCIAL SECRETARY**

Remains in Cabinet But Gives Up
Portfolio—Premier Agriculture
Minister, Too.

TORONTO, Dec. 19.—Changes in the Ontario cabinet were announced this afternoon. Hon. W. J. Hanna has resigned the portfolio of provincial secretary, and W. D. McPherson, K.C., M.P., has been appointed in his place. A new position, without seat in the cabinet, namely, commissioner of agriculture, has been created, and Dr. George C. Creelman, head of the Ontario Agricultural College, has been appointed.

Premier Hearst himself has taken for the present, the portfolio of minister of agriculture in succession to Hon. James Duff.

Mr. Hanna, who was a member of Sir James Whitney's first administration, remains a member of the cabinet without portfolio. Mr. MacPherson will have to seek re-election in North-west Toronto.

This development bears out the an-

**WASHINGTON INFORMED
OF AMERICANS LOST**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Ambassador Page at London today transmitted the British admiralty report of the sinking of the British horse transport Russian by a submarine in the Mediterranean on December 14.

It said seven of the crew and seventeen American hostlers were killed, but gave no details, and did not state whether the ship was sunk by gunfire or torpedo, nor whether she had been sunk without warning.

HUMAN TORCH DEAD.
DETROIT, Dec. 19.—Nelson H. Archer, known as the human torch, since 23,000 volts of electricity passed through him recently, died today in the hospital.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.
At. Steamer. From.
Liverpool... St. George... New York
Bordeaux... Estienne... New York

**POLICY OF LORDS IS
CONDUCT WAR WITH
UTMOST PROSECUTION**

Earl Curzon Would Free
Europe of Menace.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—In presenting the policy of the Government in the House of Lords Earl Curzon, who is a member of the new war council, said:

"The policy of the new Government is that the war must be conducted with the utmost prosecution; that there must be an ample return for all sacrifices; that full reparation must be made by the enemy for his countless crimes, and security given that those crimes will not be repeated and that the sacrifices made shall not have been in vain."

"The Government's aim is that the peace of Europe shall be re-established on the basis of the free and independent existence of nations, great and small, and that as regards our country it shall be free from the menace which the triumph of Germany and the German spirit shall entail."

Answer Swift and Sure.

"Our answer to Germany's latest move must be swift and sure. It is not too much to ask the people to take upon themselves for a few months the obligations which Germany has imposed upon herself. The nation is fighting for its life, and is entitled to the best and fullest service of its sons."

Alluding to the position of Rumania, Lord Curzon said that Germany's success was by no means so great as she was trying to make out.

"Evidence is forthcoming daily of the desperate straits of Germany at home and in the field," he said. "The position of the central powers is not so good as they would have the world believe. Our attitude should not be one of despondency or alarm."

To Last Man and Shilling.

Lord Curzon spoke for an hour and twenty minutes, and was followed by the Marquis of Crewe, lord president of the council, in the late government, who approved in general terms the policy outlined by his successor, Lord Curzon, touching peace. He said:

"We haven't much hope that Germany's peace offer will lead to anything. The offer, however, seems an indication of the strength of the pressure of our blockade. If peace were made on German terms, while the present age may not see war again, nobody can say that our children will not witness another war with greater horrors. We must carry it on to the last man and the last shilling."

**CHRISTMAS TREE IS FOR
CHILDREN OF SOLDIERS**

Invitations Are Being Issued by Returned Men's Association.

The members of the Returned Soldiers' Association have issued a large number of Christmas invitations to the children of returned men, and also to the children of men who have died at the front. The association wishes to extend these invitations to all such children, and if any have been overlooked, it is stated that they may obtain invitations by calling at the association rooms between the hours of 10 a.m. and 12 noon, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Thursday, or any time from 10 a.m. and 12 noon on Friday. The rooms are located at 339 Richmond street, upstairs.

The Christmas celebration will be held in the Lyric Theatre on the afternoon of Friday, December 22. The doors will be open at 1.30 p.m., and the events are to start at 2 o'clock. The Christmas tree is for the children of returned men and for the children of the men who have fallen at the front.

**MUST MAKE STAND OR
CROSS DANUBE RIVER**

Retreating Russo-Rumanian Army Has Two Alternatives.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The Russian and Rumanian troops who have been in retreat before the Teutonic allies in Dobruja, seemingly are now at a point where they either must make a stand or cross the Danube into South-west Bessarabia, or into Moldavia in the region of Galatz.

The latest official communication from Berlin says that in Dobruja the Russians have retreated past their newly fortified positions in the north and that the Teutonic allies are now advancing toward the lower Danube. Aside from the announcement of the capture of more than a thousand Russians and Rumanians, and the taking of numerous vehicles loaded with provisions, no mention is made by Berlin of the advance in Moldavia. In the Carpathians the Russians and Teutonic allies forces continue fighting, but with no great victories falling to either side.

In all the other theatres artillery engagements preponderate, only small infantry actions having taken place anywhere. Berlin records attacks favorable to Turks and Bulgarians in the Struma region of the Macedonian front.

**SENATOR ROBERT MCKAY
IS DEAD AT MONTREAL**

Injuries Received in Recent Auto Accident.

MONTREAL, Dec. 19.—Hon. Robert McKay, senator, representing the division of Alma, since 1901, died this afternoon at his residence, "Kildonan," West Sherbrooke street, this city, in his 77th year. He received serious injuries in an automobile accident last June, but after having spent the summer at his summer residence at St. Andrews, N.B., he returned to Montreal apparently quite restored. His final illness lasted only one week.

The late Senator McKay was a director of the Bank of Montreal, and the Canadian Pacific Railway, and vice-president of the City and District Savings Bank here. His wife predeceased him four years ago. Four sons and two daughters survive. They are: Angus Robert, mining engineer, Arizona; George B., merchant, Leithbridge, Alta.; Hugh, K.C., and Edward, engineer Bell Telephone Company, Montreal. The daughters are: Mrs. Robert Loring, London, England; Mrs. Norman F. Wilson, Rockland, Ont.

**REDMOND ENTERS PLEA
FOR NO CONSCRIPTION**

LONDON, Dec. 19.—John Redmond, leader of the Irish Nationalists, referring to the premier's remarks with regard to Ireland, appealed to him to take drastic action for a settlement of the Irish question, but not to link it with difficulties of anything of the nature of conscription for Ireland.

**Need Every Man,
Is Message From
Britain's Premier**

Splendid Response From Dominion Gives Confidence of Triumph.

OTTAWA, Dec. 19.—A message to the Canadian people from the new "win the war" Government of Great Britain has been received by Sir Robert Borden from Premier Lloyd George. It is as follows:

"On taking up the high office with which his majesty has charged me, I send to you, on behalf of the people of the old country, a message to our brothers beyond the seas. There is no faltering in our determination that the sacrifices which we and you have made and have still to make shall not be in vain, and that the fight which we are waging together for humanity and civilization shall be fought to a triumphant issue."

"We realize that we shall still need every man that we can put in the field, every pound that rigid private and public economy can provide, and every effort which a united people can put forth to help in the heavy task of our soldiers and sailors. The splendid contributions to our common cause already made by the dominions give me sure confidence that their determination is no less high than ours, and that however long the path to final victory, we shall tread it side by side."

(Signed) "LLOYD GEORGE."

**RESIGNED HIS SEAT
AS PROTEST TO I. C. R.**

Chief Conservative Whip Defines Reasons for Quitting Government.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

OTTAWA, Dec. 19.—John Stanfield, chief Conservative whip, who is in Ottawa, confirms the report that he has written out a resignation from his seat in Parliament.

"The resignation is in the hands of my executive, and they will deal with it as they see fit. They stand by me and if they think necessary they will forward my resignation to the speaker of the House, and that of my brother to the speaker of the Nova Scotia Legislature. Nothing, however, will be done until the return of Sir Robert Borden."

"We have offered our resignations as a protest against bringing in outside railwaymen and the Intercolonial. We think we have as good railwaymen as any other road, and that Intercolonial men should be promoted to the higher positions. We take this stand as a matter of principle. We believe promotions should be made from the ranks and that Intercolonial men are as capable as Ontario railwaymen."

It seems that Mr. Stanfield asked that Dispatcher McNutt of Truro should be made assistant-superintendent at Halifax, but General Manager Gutelius appointed J. Matheson of Belleville, a Grand Trunk man, to the job.

Strike-Breaker Strikes.
The Conservative whip promises that if the prime minister does not put his man in, forward goes the resignation to Speaker Seavigny, and he goes on strike. Novelty is added to the revolt by reason of the fact that Mr. Stanfield is the official disciplinarian of Government followers in Parliament.

He has had to break up two strikes of Conservative members. There was one on the Lancaster marriage bill in 1912 and one on the Kite charges last session. He tried to prevent R. B. Bennett going on strike against the Canadian Northern bill. Now Mr. Stanfield is going on strike himself, to have his own way with Intercolonial patronage.

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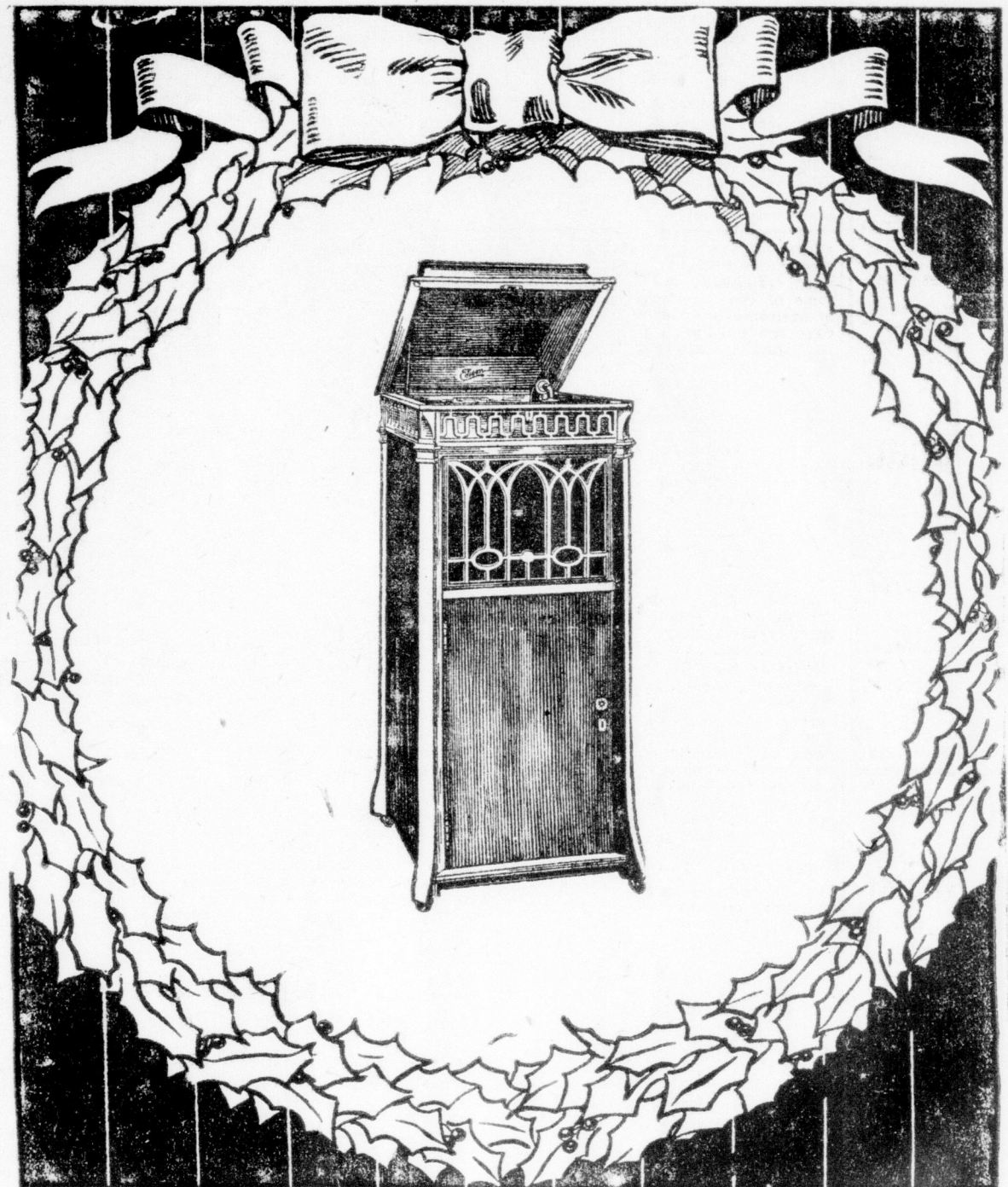
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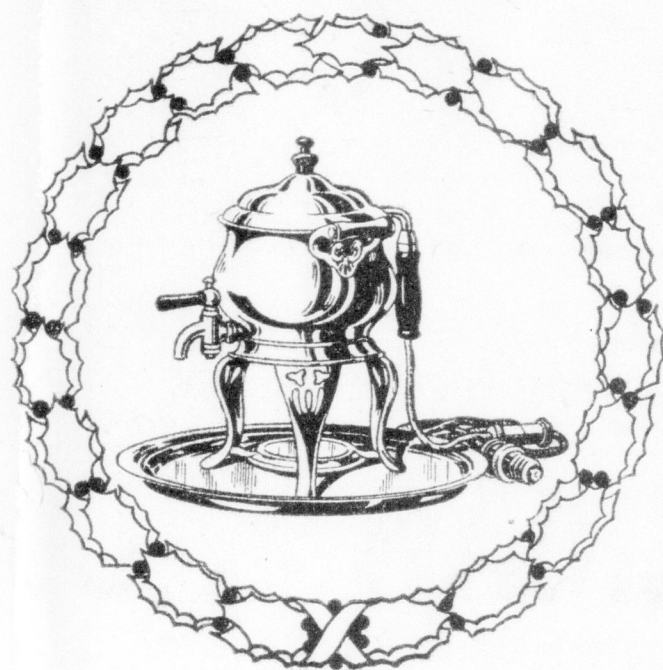
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