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FIERCE BATTLE IN IRELAND RESULTS IN MANY CASUALTIES

British Minister of Labor Outlines Plans for Aiding Unemployed

JOINT COMMISSION FINAL COURT FOR COMMISSION FRONTIER

Sir William Hearst Tells the Young Canadian Club of Its Scope.

PROMOTES GOODWILL

Stress was laid upon the importance of the international joint commission as a body which will in the future be the final court of appeal in matters affecting Canada and the United States, by Sir William Hearst, K.C., at the Young Canadian Club luncheon, held last night in the board of trade rooms.

Some years ago, he continued, the governments appointed an international waterways commission, which recommended a treaty to the two governments providing for the appointment of the international joint commission, now existing. The treaty was signed on January 11, 1909, and the present man to the effect that the treaty provided for the settlement of all disputes regarding the coming frontier. The duties of this commission were to investigate the conditions in the two countries and the promotion of goodwill and amity. There were six members, the three Canadian representatives being C. A. Magrath, ex-Secretary of the Canadian Commission on the Canadian side; Mr. Powell, K.C., New Brunswick, and Sir William Hearst, K.C., ex-Secretary of the American Commission on the American side. Mr. Magrath, ex-Secretary of the American Commission, the place made vacant by the death of ex-Governor Glenn not having been filled.

Chairman Alternates.

"When the commission sits on the Canadian side," said Sir William, "the chairman is a Canadian, and vice versa. We do not sit as advocates of our country, nor jockey for position, but as international judges, we try to do even-handed fair play on all sides."

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LIQUOR MOVEMENTS IN ONTARIO DEBATED

Railways Say Officials Seeking Suppression of Traffic Should Welcome High Rates.

BIRMINGHAM MAKES REPLY

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—(By Canadian Press).—The movements of liquor by freight to supply the dispensary systems of Ontario and other provinces, in order that the thousands of orders based upon doctors' prescriptions may be filled, was considered by the railway board this afternoon. Last week the one-bottle express movement to the individual was discussed in connection with the express rates hearing. Today the movement by freight to the dispensaries, which the sources of supply must be maintained to meet the one-bottle demand, was under review. The basis of the discussion was the application of the railways for a change in the classification of liquor moving in less than carload lots, which would virtually double the present rates.

War Service Gratuity For Imperials' Dependents

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—(By Canadian Press).—An order-in-council has been approved providing for the payment of war service gratuity at Canadian rates to dependents of this country's imperial forces who were domiciled in Canada at the outbreak of war and who, after discharge, returned to Canada and were domiciled in this country, but who died before making application for such gratuity.

UNEMPLOYMENT SCHEME OUTLINED IN BRITISH HOUSE

Special Committee of Business Men to Be Appointed, With Three Million Pounds at Disposal—Unemployment Insurance Act to Be Amended, Removing Present Conditions—Building Trades to Absorb Fifty Thousand.

London, Dec. 21.—The government in its statement to parliament today was able to give but little satisfaction to labor's demands for a solution of the unemployment problem, which daily grows more urgent. On the three main difficulties facing the government at the present moment, finance, Ireland and unemployment, it is reported that the government views unemployment as the most serious. This is probably because the recent slump in trade aggravates trouble, eliminates hope of betterment in the near future, and the only remedies in sight are mere palliatives.

RANEY LOOKING INTO CHARGE OF COMBINE

Roebuck Investigates Agreement Between Employers and Plumbers' Union.

LEGALITY IS DOUBTED

An investigation by the provincial attorney-general's department with a view to legal proceedings was revealed yesterday by The World, in an unlooked-for development in connection with the recent alleged disclosures of a local combine between the Master Plumbers' Association and the Toronto local of the Plumbers' Union. Arthur Roebuck, a city attorney, has been assigned to the case, and it is understood that he is examining the legality of the acknowledged agreement between the Plumbers' Union and the employers in the light of the Dominion statutes governing the restraint of trade.

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THE CIVIC ELECTION CAMPAIGN

The electors of Toronto will make no mistake in bounding for good secessionists like Ramsden and Cameron on the board of control. They'd wreck the city, like they tried to wreck the board of control by starting cat-and-dog fights. Ramsden wants a board of capable business men like Maguire, Ball, Hills and Nesbitt.

And why should members of the board of control be avowed secessionists? They are advertising to the world that the finest city in Canada in the way of civic administration and public welfare is so badly handled that the best end of it must be allowed to break away and start up for itself!

No wonder the citizens are ashamed of the hypocrisy of The Star, and its long-continued and insidious efforts to defeat the public ownership of street cars and roads.

For years that paper was in with the Dick Bakers and Billy Ellises of North Toronto to have the franchise renewed. No one could blame the Toronto Railway for looking after itself and its shareholders, but why must The Star and its mounted raiders do the scouting?

Before the coming year is over Toronto will have a fine double-track, standard-gauge street railway all the way down Yonge street from the York Mills hill more than six miles in length, where at

FIRST VICTORY WON BY PROPONENTS OF S. TARIFF BILL

Bill to Be Brought to a Vote in House of Representatives Today.

SENATE IS DOUBTFUL

Washington, Dec. 21.—The Fordney emergency tariff measure, designed to protect some twenty odd farm products by virtually stopping their importation thru heavy duties, will be called up in the house tomorrow under a special rule giving it right of way and limiting debate.

TIPPERARY IS SCENE OF FIERCE FIGHTING BOTH SIDES SUFFER

Twenty Persons Killed in Ireland During Week

London, Dec. 21.—Twenty persons were killed in Ireland during the last week, according to a statement made in the house of commons today by Sir Hamar Greenwood, chief secretary for Ireland, in reply to a question.

THUGS AND GUNMEN ARE AGAIN ACTIVE

Two More Hold-Ups Occur, But Highwaymen Get Very Little.

ROBBERS LOSE TEMPER

Two gunmen held up Fred H. Brito, 479 Salem avenue, at 10:20 last night on Davenport road, near Greenway avenue, but got nothing for their trouble, as their intended victim was penniless.

TARIFF REPRISALS BY CANADA LIKELY

Lougheed Intimates Retaliation Will Follow Projected Move by the U. S.

Calgary, Dec. 21.—"The question of a high protective tariff on goods entering the United States has not been thrown into the Canadian arena yet," remarked Senator Sir James Lougheed on his return to the city this morning from Ottawa, "but it is not likely that those who are at the moment considering legislation inimical to the interests of Canada."

NEWFOUNDLAND GOVERNMENT DEFIED BY FISH EXPORTERS

St. Johns, Newfoundland, Dec. 21.—Conflict between the Colonial government and the fish exporters has developed from objection by the exporters to the regulation by which the government recently assumed full control over sales of fish to foreign countries. Four companies have sold 1,400 tons of fish in Italian markets in the face of the government's rules that this should not be done until the Italians were willing to pay higher prices than those now prevailing there.

OPEN EVENINGS TO BUY XMAS GIFTS.

The Dineen Co. will be open every night until Christmas for the benefit of those who cannot shop during the day. Special values will be offered in all the departments of the store and the prices are worthy of the attention of those looking for a useful gift for their friends. This list is a reminder:

- Men's Hats.
 - Ladies' Blouse Overcoats.
 - Men's Fur Overcoats.
 - Men's Fur Gaiters and Caps.
 - Ladies' Seal Coats.
 - Ladies' Handkerchiefs.
 - Ladies' Cloth Coats.
 - Ladies' Suits and Dresses.
 - Ladies' Millinery.
 - Ladies' Blouses and Sweater Coats.
 - Ladies' Lingerie.
 - Ladies' Hosiery.
 - Ladies' Fur Bags.
 - Children's Hats.
 - Ladies' Fur Neck Pieces and Muffs.
 - Children's Furs.
- Mark down Dineen, 140 Yonge street. Blouses shopping list and drop in and see the display of useful gifts that await you.

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THE PAPER.

The slump in the shares of the Canadian paper mills continues—even more pronounced. The public will not buy them, notwithstanding the efforts of their newspaper friends in Canada. The American publishers are refusing to make contracts for newspaper unless the price is raised. One American editor suggests a customs duty as the best way of getting lower newsprint: Paper made in Finland and Sweden is being rushed into New York by the shipload, and quoted at half a cent a pound less than the Canadian price, no matter how low it may be. It is ready the high price of one of the mills has been withdrawn, and a lower quotation substituted. Our newspaper makers are finding the American newspaper owners different people to deal with, compared with the Canadians who seek a secret advantage, instead of a fair trade price all round. The paper makers are going on another pilgrimage to New York, "with tears in their eyes." Four-cent paper will soon be here.

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