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## Important Matters In Sessional Programme Of Quebec Legislature

The Address from the Throne, Wednesday, Expected to Have Much That is Definite Regarding Government Intentions—The Programme Announced by Sir Lomer Gouin During Last Election Expected to be Reflected in Address—Montreal Peevish at Recent Appointments—Extensive Reforms in Educational Matters.

Special to The Standard.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 7.—When the fifteenth Quebec Legislature is called into session on Wednesday by Sir Charles Fitzpatrick it will be found that there are many important matters in the address from the Throne. As a general thing the address from the Throne at Quebec, for some years past at any rate, has been a very lengthy document, not very definite as to what to be expected during the session as the government program. The address this session, however, will have much that is definite as to government intentions.

The programme, announced by Sir Lomer Gouin and his ministers during the last provincial elections will be, in large measure, reflected in the address. There will be reference to the fact that \$5,000,000 is to be spent in colonization work. This was the main item in the Prime Minister's platform when he went before the people with a request for a "Peace Mandate" of reconstruction. The address will refer to the reasons which make it necessary that progressive and energetic steps be taken towards colonization, though until the session opens it will not be definitely known how far the matter will be gone into in the address.

Educational Work. There will be a reference to educational work, with a special bearing on technical education. Sir Lomer during his tour of the province promised several more technical schools. There will be something in regard to roads. There is to be launched shortly, it is believed, another loan to continue the programme of good roads.

Railway Matters. Another important matter which it is understood will be in the address refers to the demands for a railway in Temiskaming. During the elections Sir Lomer Gouin said that every possible effort would be made by the government to induce a railway company to build the road, a distance of about seventy-five miles, which has long been desired by the colonists in this newly opened section of Quebec, and Sir Lomer promised that arrangements had been made whereby a company will build the road, and thereby bring great content to a large territory. It has already been announced from Quebec that Irene Yauvin, the young deputy of St. James, Montreal, will move the address in the legislative assembly. It is said that Hon. Modeste Martin will have the same honor in the legislative council.

Montreal, on Dec.

The private bills to come before the legislature are more or less conjectured as yet but Montreal will be on deck with its usual, first since the administrative commission assumed the reins. This year the city will ask for some new borrowing powers, as well as some new taxation amendments, including taxing of foreign brokers doing business here and the making permanent of the present tax on public utilities companies. There have been rumors, as in other years, of a bill to have a new form of government for Montreal introduced, but this is more or less nebular. There is a strong element at the city hall antagonistic to the administrative commission, and they would not weep if a move for the abolition of this body were to materialize, but there is little likelihood of this.

Political Situation.

Politically, the situation is, as formerly on the surface, but the talk of Sir Lomer Gouin's resignation from the leadership has stirred uncertainties and talk of a successor is already heard. From more than one of the leaders of the parties have come warnings against a farmers' party. Already in the eastern townships of the province such organization is under way, but whether it will spread is uncertain yet.

Among the Montreal element of the Gouin following there is dissatisfaction over the appointment of a speaker for the legislature. Their grievance is that a Montreal man should have the honor. The logical appointee would be deputy speaker, Dr. Desautels, but, on account of ill health, he has not been appointed, and the Montreal wing is sore that this city is passed over in the choice of presiding officer of the legislative assembly. These and a few other matters may intervene the session at Quebec.

## The Text of a Prohibition Bill For England And Wales Announced

London, Dec. 6.—(By The Associated Press.)—The text of a local prohibition bill applying to England and Wales was made public today. The measure will be introduced in the House as a private bill, whose author states he has the backing of a small coterie of members. The object of the bill is "to enable parliamentary electors in prescribed areas by direct vote to prohibit the issue within such areas of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors, and also the common sale or supply of such liquors in licensed premises, clubs or elsewhere."

The principal clause provides that during September, 1923, and in the same period in subsequent years, one-tenth of the parliamentary electors of any parish in these districts, boroughs or ward thereof, may address a written requisition to the borough, urban or district council demanding a poll of the electors on the question of the grant or issue of licenses to premises within the area for the sale, wholesale or retail, of intoxicating liquors.

## MOBS TERRORIZE MANTAU; THE RIOTING CAUSES EIGHT DEATHS AND MANY INJURIES

### NEEDS OF HARBOR BROUGHT BEFORE PRIME MINISTER

Senator Thorne, Brig.-Gen. McLean and R. W. Wigmore, M.P. Urge Extensive Additions to Port's Shipping Facilities.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 7.—Extensive additions to and repairs of shipping facilities of the port of St. John are being strongly urged upon the Government by Senator Thorne, Brigadier-General McLean and R. W. Wigmore, M.P. They had a lengthy interview with the Prime Minister yesterday afternoon, and, after outlining in detail the needs and condition of the port, and emphasizing that lack of dock accommodation was resulting in serious loss to the port, came away convinced that Sir Robert was sympathetic and prepared to give their representations immediate consideration. The work which the St. John men desire is in no way connected with the Courtney Bay scheme. It has to do with dock and harbor facilities, which the Laurier Government promised several years ago, but which never were further advanced than the promise stage.

### GUSTAV NOSKE AGAINST SIGNING PEACE PROTOCOL

Resolved to Recommend That Berlin Government Adopt His Attitude, Come What May.

Berlin, Dec. 7.—(By The Associated Press.)—Gustav Noske, minister of defense, is determined not to sign the peace protocol handed Germany by the Entente, and is resolved to recommend that the government adopt his attitude, come what may, according to an interview with Noske printed today. "I cannot speak for the whole government, because it has not yet come to a decision," said Noske, "but I shall recommend a refusal to sign the peace treaty protocol."

### SUPREME COUNCIL WILL RECEIVE DR. CARL RENNER

Has Been Given Permission to Appear Before Council and Plead His Country's Dangerous Plight.

Vienna, Dec. 6.—Dr. Carl Renner, the chancellor, has been notified by the Supreme Council at Paris that it is willing to receive him personally to deplore his country's dangerous plight. Dr. Renner will beg for immediate help, proposing as an alternative the retirement of the present government and the election by the Allies of a neutral dictator and administrative staff to govern the country.

### BRITISH EMBASSY AT BERLIN GUTTED BY FLAMES

Roof of Structure Burned off and the Upper Rooms and Marble Staircase Suffered Badly.

Berlin, Saturday, Dec. 6.—Flames of unknown origin damaged the British embassy here this afternoon. The roof of the structure was burned off and the upper rooms and marble staircase suffered badly. Firemen succeeded in getting the fire under control after working several hours. No one was injured.

### ENGINEER DROWNS IN SEBEC LAKE

Dexter, Me., Dec. 6.—Stephen P. Brown, an engineer connected with a New York firm, was drowned late today in Sebec Lake when the ice broke beneath him. He sent his nine-year-old son, whom he was dragging on a sled, for assistance one mile away, but sank before help arrived. Brown was a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and was in charge of the construction of the tunnel under Mount Royal, Montreal.

### RIOTERS ATTACK SMALL GARRISON, CUT TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS, STOP RAILWAY TRAFFIC AND PLUNDER.

Disorders Begun by Five Hundred Strikers Who Were Joined by Lawless Elements Under Extremist Direction.

Special to The Standard.

Rome, Dec. 6.—Eight persons are dead and forty-two others are known to have been wounded as a result of the wild rioting on Wednesday and Thursday at Mantua, where mobs terrorized the city. The rioters attacked the small garrison, cut telegraph and telephone communications, stopped railway traffic, raided arm shops, burned prisons, freed all sorts of criminals, and held the police and soldiers at bay until fresh troops and carabinieri arrived with machine guns and occupied the city military. The troops finally established order Thursday night. The Rome newspapers tonight print full details of the situation at Mantua. The Chamber of Labor authorized a strike without excesses, under the orders were begun by five hundred strikers who speedily were joined by the lawless elements under the direction of extremists.

### STORM BARRACKS.

The crowds stormed the military barracks and fired on the garrison. The soldiers discouraged the attack by firing into the air. At the suggestion of some of the extremist leaders the mob moved on to the railway station, and seized the restaurant where they feasted and drank wine. Those of the rioters, unable to enter the restaurant, were incensed when the men inside poured wine upon the floor of the restaurant until it flowed into the street.

The rail cars were torn up to prevent trains from entering or leaving the station and the building itself was badly wrecked. At the suggestion, "to burn the jails and free the prisoners," the mob moved to the prisons, overcame the guards and ordered the astonished prisoners out, telling them a revolution had come and they were freed.

## Mystery In Jenkins Release

Investigations Started to Determine What Influences Were Instrumental in Putting up \$500 Bail.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—There was no word tonight indicating a solution of the mystery which has developed from the sudden release of Wm. O. Jenkins, American consular agent, from the Puebla jail, after the determined demand of this government apparently had failed to influence his Mexican captors. Both the State Department and Jenkins himself already have started investigations with the object of determining what influences were instrumental in putting up the \$500 bail bond which the Mexican government so readily accepted. Admittedly the crux of an international situation of utmost tension, two days ago, the Jenkins case has now become a diplomatic enigma, the solution of which offered interesting but not dangerous possibilities.

### LOOKING FOR SHOES IN ST. STEPHEN

Attempt Made Saturday Night to Burglarize the St. Stephen Shoe Hospital.

Special to The Standard. St. Stephen, Dec. 6.—An attempt was made last night to break into the St. Stephen shoe hospital, King street, owned by Albert Burns. Mr. Burns' son happened to come in to the shop last night and on entering discovered someone just starting to crawl in by a back window. When the burglar saw Burns he beat a hasty retreat with a pal who was waiting outside. Although the would-be thieves escaped a light fall of snow made it possible to follow their tracks so that the police authorities have a pretty good idea who the culprits are and, no doubt, arrests will follow. This is the second attempt that has been made to break into stores in St. Stephen within a few days.

### GERMANS CLAIM VIOLATION OF THE ARMISTICE

Complain to Inter-Allied Naval Commission That British Steamer St. Helena Has Invaded German Sovereignty at Kiel.

Special to The Standard.

Berlin, Dec. 6.—Vigorous representations have been laid by the German government to the Inter-Allied Naval Commission relative to an alleged violation of the armistice terms and an invasion of German sovereignty at Kiel by the British Steamer St. Helena, carrying German prisoners. The incident, which is described as "extraordinary" in a semi-official statement issued today, occurred along the Kiel canal. Word was received by the German Baltic Station that a German had escaped from the steamer while she was anchored at the Holtenauer docks and that he had been pursued and fired upon by the British.

German troops were at once ordered to occupy the docks and Kiel police boarded the St. Helena to inquire as to the cause of the incident. They are alleged to have found there about seven hundred Germans who claimed they were being taken to Danzig for forcible enlistment in the Polish legion. They asserted they had been selected from prison camps in England because of their Polish names and that many had joined the legion under British pressure. It was pointed out that the vessel was in German territorial waters and that therefore, the men were no longer prisoners and, therefore, the British commander of the naval escort and the captain of the St. Helena liberated, under protest, six hundred men who did not wish to remain on board. From fifty to one hundred Germans are said to have remained on board the ship, which proceeded to Danzig.

### RUSSIAN SOVIETS WOULD MAKE PEACE WITH THE ENTENTE

Especially Desirous of Beginning Negotiations Collectively or Separately with the Allied Powers.

London, Dec. 6.—Strong resolutions urging the making of peace with the Entente were adopted by the seventh congress of Russian Soviets, meeting in Moscow, at which Premier Lenin and War Minister Trotsky were present, according to a Moscow message today. A resolution passed by congress reads:

"The Soviet government proposed peace to the Entente on August fifth, and has repeated the proposal eight times since. It affirms again its unalterable desire for Peace. It offers to all the Entente powers—England, France, the United States and Japan, together or separately—to begin negotiations. It describes the Executive and Commissary of Foreign Affairs to continue systematically the policy of peace, taking all steps to attain success."

### Jimmy Wilde Big Disappointment To Milwaukee Fans

Was Decisively Outpointed by Jack Sharkey, New York Heavyweight — Wilde Lived up to None of His Advance Notices.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 6.—Jimmy Wilde, the British flyweight champion, making his first American appearance, was decisively outpointed by Jack Sharkey, a New York bantamweight tonight.

The defeat of Wilde was a surprise. He succeeded in winning only two of the ten rounds, Sharkey having the better of seven rounds and the first was even. The New Yorker started out to make it a rushing fight and brought the crowd to its feet in two rounds when he staggered the little Welshman with rights and lefts to the chin. He landed more frequently than Wilde and his punches had greater force.

Wilde lived up to none of his advance notices. His judgment of distance was bad and there was little force behind his punches. He got \$11,000 for the thirty minutes he was in the ring. Neither fighter was marked, although Sharkey was bleeding at the mouth as the result of Wilde's left jab. Under the Wisconsin law, no referee's decision can be given but it was the unanimous opinion of the paper experts at the ringside that Sharkey had clearer the better of the match.

## Gov't Proposals For Settling Coal Strike Veiled in Mystery

Attorney General and Assistants in Long Conference With Miners' Officials, and All Hasten to Indianapolis — Palmer Gives Out Statement That End of Strike, He Feels, is in Sight—To Confer With Judge Anderson Before Grand Jury Hears Cases Against Mine Leaders.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—Government proposals for settling the coal strike were tonight cloaked in a veil of mystery which promised to lift only at Indianapolis Tuesday, when the Federal Court and the leaders of the United Workers alliance will be called upon to consider them.

Attorney-General Palmer and his special assistant, Judge Ames, were travelling to Indianapolis tonight on the same train with John L. Lewis, acting president, and William Green, secretary of the Mine Workers' Union, whose secret visit and equally secret conference yesterday with Mr. Palmer and Joseph P. Tumulty, secretary of President Wilson, resulted in a provisional agreement to settle.

### There Can Be No Advance In The Price of Coal

Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—The coal strike cannot be compromised with the consent of the federal government in any fashion that will mean an advance in the price of coal to the public, Fuel Administrator Garfield declared tonight.

"The president's cabinet stands back of me on the principle involved," he said, "though I am responsible for the presentation of the facts which moved their decision."

Not one of the participants of the conference would discuss its meaning or intent in any detail. Before boarding the train for Indianapolis, Mr. Palmer, however, said he was quite sure that the end of the strike was in sight. It was learned that he would confer with Judge Anderson, of the Federal District Court, on reaching Indianapolis.

Fuel Administrator Garfield, speaking with emphasis, added only doubt to the situation. "My position has not budged one inch and will not," he said. It was recalled that yesterday Dr. Garfield had reiterated that not one cent could be added to the price of coal to finance wage increases to the miners greater than the fourteen per cent he suggested, which operators could pay out of profits, and that the government was behind him in the stand. It was also pointed out that on November 29 he suggested this basis of agreement to the miners, with a proviso that an arbitration commission be appointed by the President to review his decision, with power to change it if the commission should find economical reduction. This proposal the miners' representatives then instantly rejected.

From other authoritative sources, there was only the Attorney-General's statement issued last midnight that "a definite concrete proposition from the President looking to the speedy settlement of the strike" had been taken before Lewis and Green, and that they had agreed to recommend it to the national board and police committee of the Mine Workers' Union.

### IRISH LEAGUE TO ALLY WITH LABOR PARTY

President of United Irish League of Great Britain Says Organization Will Unite With British Labor Party.

London, Dec. 7.—T. P. O'Connor, President of the United Irish League of Great Britain, and member of the House of Commons, of Liverpool, in a manifesto just issued says:

"The tragedy of Ireland deepens hourly. Oppression grows cruel and more widespread and shameless. Civil law has ceased to exist in Ireland in all political concerns. Martial law, justified only in actual warfare, has taken its place. The government in Ireland is Prussian militarism and Orange in its policy, its methods and its instruments."

"I have come to the conclusion that we have nothing to expect from the present ministry; they have broken their pledges to Ireland almost in the same breath in which they were uttered. We are determined to make our organization an ally, independent, separate and self-governing of the British labor party."

"We have now had full opportunity of testing the policy in every community in which the Irish form a section of the population; they have thrown in all their energies, as well as their votes in favor of the labor candidates. We can only give satisfaction to the resentment felt by our people in Great Britain against the present treatment of Ireland by striking a blow through our influence and vote in Great Britain against those responsible for Irish oppression."

### Bogus Count, Who Touched Up New York Financiers, Lands In Jail

New York, N. Y., Dec. 6.—The adventures of Count Zdzislaw Kamorowski, heir to the mythical \$10,000,000 estate of "Princess Wiazemskaja of Poland," ended last night with his arrest for grand larceny. Three friends, one a candidate for Justice of the Supreme Court in 1918, who are alleged to have advanced him \$9,000 on the strength of cable messages he sent himself while a dishwasher in a popular restaurant, are waspish when the "Count" balked at going to London to claim the estate. Steamship passage even had been reserved for the Count and two of his beneficiaries. Parker Nevin, a lawyer, and Steven De Zuerzask, an export merchant, were the complainants. They were impressed with the "Count's" savvy although they overlooked the fact that the cablegrams from his London "sol-citers" were written on sending and not receiving blanks. The address of the London lawyers turned out on investigation to be a delicatessen store. The Count got \$1,000 from Nevin, the police say, \$5,000 from De Zuerzask, and \$3,000 from George Fedakowski.

### SOVIETS EXECUTE ONE RESPONSIBLE FOR NICHOLAS' DEATH

Have Punished M. Jachkoff, the One Held Directly Responsible for Former Emperor's Assassination.

Copenhagen, Dec. 6.—The Soviet authorities in Russia have punished by death the individual held immediately responsible for the execution of former Emperor Nicholas and his family at Yekaterinburg in June, 1918, when the Czech-Slovaks were approaching that city, where the imperial personages were then being held prisoner, according to a despatch to the Politburo from Kovno today.

The message quotes the Bolshevik newspaper Pravda of Moscow as authority for this statement. The Pravda's account states that M. Jachkoff, a member of the Yekaterinburg Soviet, has been condemned to death and executed at Perm for ordering the execution.

### AMERICAN STMR. STRIKES A MINE

Hits One off Terschelling, Holland—In No Danger of Sinking.

London, Dec. 6.—The American steamer Liberty Glo, which left New York November 22 for Bremen and Hamburg, struck a mine off Terschelling, Holland, during the voyage, and is now anchored off Ameland Light. It is reported that the vessel is in no danger of sinking. The Liberty Glo is a vessel of 5,392 tons net.