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SIR ROBERT'S MESSAGE TO CANADIANS

Sets Forth the New Treaty Which is to Replace Anglo-Japanese Alliance.

DIPLOMATIC WAY TO SETTLE DISPUTES

Applies Specifically to Pacific Questions But May be Employed Generally.

(By Ben Dehon, Staff Correspondent of the Canadian Press.)

Washington, Dec. 11.—Sir Robert Borden, Canadian delegate to the Washington Conference, today issued the following statement in regard to the new treaty which is to replace the Anglo-Japanese alliance.

"Four great nations have solemnly agreed that every controversy between any of them, arising out of a Pacific question and capable of settlement by diplomatic methods, shall be brought to a joint conference of all four powers, and shall be there considered and adjusted.

"The purpose is to create the custom and establish the practice of conferences for peaceful settlement of international differences.

"Out of such custom and practice, whether under this or any like treaty, will be developed that public opinion among the nations which, alone, can assure the enhancement of public right and the maintenance of the world's peace."

Relates Only to The Pacific.

"This treaty, in terms, relates only to the Pacific, but, as the convention of 1871 although applicable only to the Great Lakes extended in spirit and practice to the entire boundary between Canada and the United States, so we may confidently trust that this spirit will govern all controversies between the four powers. I hold its acceptance as a notable step toward the assurance of peace."

Sir Robert, who has been suffering from a severe cold, was reported to be in a somewhat improved condition this evening. He is still under the doctor's orders to remain in his suite at the Lafayette, however, and it will likely be several days before he is able to resume his conference work.

Hon. T. W. Crothers Dies Suddenly At His Ottawa Home

Former Minister of Labor in Borden Cabinet—Recently Appointed to Senate.

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—(By Canadian Press.)—Hon. T. W. Crothers, former Minister of Labor in the Borden cabinet, and who was appointed to the Senate about two months ago, died suddenly at his home on Carling avenue, Ottawa, on Saturday evening. The late Mr. Crothers, who was 71 years of age, had been in poor health for the past year, but not until a couple of weeks ago had his condition given rise to any serious fears. On Saturday, however, the deceased senator appeared brighter than he had been for some days past, and during the afternoon he went to his room with the intention of having a rest. When his wife went to call on him to meet an old friend who had called at the house, she found he had died in his sleep.

The late Senator Crothers was born on Jan. 1850, at Northport, Prince Edward county.

Vancouver Hotels Reopen Their Bars For Sale of Beer

They Purpose Bringing the Beer Question to a Show-down.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 11.—To bring the beer question to a show-down, a number of hotels in Vancouver have reopened their bars for the sale of malt liquor and are doing a rushing business. The increase in the number of clubs obtaining charters is said by hotel men to be the cause of their decision to force matters to an issue. Hotel proprietors claim that the clubs have little or no investment at stake, while they have thousands of dollars tied up in first-class buildings.

Local police authorities met in session here Saturday to discuss the situation and decided that there was nothing they could do until February 1, when, by virtue of new charter provisions the city of Vancouver assumes "control and regulation" of all clubs within the municipality. Some eighteen hotel bars, holding incorporation rights as clubs, which opened for the sale of beer to members at ten o'clock a membership, appear to have a clear field of operation, in the opinion of police officials.

CANADIAN TROOPS MANAGED TO BE ON THE SPOT WHEN NEEDED, SAYS FIELD MARSHAL FOCH

Says Most of His Success in Holding Back the Enemy Was Due, in No Small Degree, to the Bravery and Activity of the Canadian Corps Which Was Always Ready.

Montreal, Dec. 11.—"If I succeeded on many occasions in holding back the enemy, these successes were, in no small degree, due to the bravery and activity of the Canadian corps which was always ready. When at times of critical import it seemed that the troops were almost ready to die with fatigue and it still became necessary for me to call for troops to a danger point to repel the enemy the Canadians were always first to volunteer for the service, and, in some way, they always managed to be on the spot when they were needed. This was not merely owing to the fact that they had such a commander as General Currie, but to their own indomitable spirit and courage."

—General Foch

This was the remarkable tribute to the Canadian Corps paid by Marshal Foch in an address given at His Majesty's Theatre here this afternoon when he was a guest of honor of the Canadian Club. Many costs and hats suffered, but no one was injured in the tremendous rush that followed the opening of the doors of the theatre for the reception of the distinguished visitor. Over a hundred officers, blazoned with decorations, filled the stage, and Marshal Foch was almost inconspicuous among them attired in the plain blue uniform of a marshal of France, with but two medals and a star. He was accompanied by General Sir Arthur Currie and Lieutenant Col. A. A. Magee, President of the Canadian Club, and several minutes were taken up in cheering when he arrived.

That it was in no small degree due to the Canadians that the Germans had not backed their way through to Paris in 1918, was another assertion of the Marshal, and, in 1918, the final appeal was met with a cry of "en avant" from their commander, General Currie.

The Marshal was subsequently entertained at the Windsor Hotel by the Alliance Francaise, following which he entertained for Quebec city.

Capital Greets Foch

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—(By Canadian Press.)—The Chief of the Allied Armies, Marshal Ferdinand Foch, was received here today in honor of admiration and affection from the people of the capital. Great crowds gathered at the station, the Governor General, by Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, high officials of the army and navy and by thousands of cheering people. Marshal Foch during the three hours of his stay, was everywhere cheered to the echo, tributes which he accepted with smiles and politeness, and replied by declaring his admiration of the French armies for the work of the Canadian Corps in France and Flanders.

Belated Returns Add One More To Conservatives

Col. J. Arthurs Leads Liberal Opponent by Majority of Sixty Votes.

Perry Sound, Ont., Dec. 11.—(Canadian Press.)—Belated returns from back country polls, reverse the decision announced in Perry Sound constituency, and final returns indicate election of Col. J. Arthurs, the Conservative candidate, over Dr. W. Mason, the Liberal Standard bearer. The latest reports give Col. Arthurs a majority of sixty over Dr. Mason. Official declaration of the returns will be made on December 16.

India Authorities Have The Jump On Moplah Rebels

London, Dec. 10.—(By Canadian Press.)—The British authorities in India have had the jump on the Moplah rebels who have surrendered to the authorities in India in the past, while the remainder of the rebels are on the run. The military hope to conclude the operations against them by the new year.

YUKON MUST RETURN LIBERAL TO GIVE KING ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—(By Canadian Press.)—The Liberal government must win the Yukon seat to give King an absolute majority in the next House of Commons. The return of Col. J. Arthurs for Perry Sound brings the total of Liberal seats down to 117 or 118 when a speaker is elected from the Liberal side of the House. Should the Yukon return a Conservative, the standing, after the election of a speaker, will be Liberal 116; combined opposition 118 or a majority of one for the Government. On the other hand, should the Yukon return a Liberal, the total of Liberal seats will be 118, following the election of a speaker, will be equal.

It is, however, impossible that the Liberals will ever so divide. There are nearly always a certain number of uncommitted members. But the situation is being keenly followed in political circles here.

COMPTROLLER OF CURRENCY A SUICIDE

Particularly Distressing Are Circumstances Surrounding Death of J. E. Rourke, Formerly of St. John.

DISCREPANCIES IN INTEREST COUPONS

Worked Upon Nerves of Comptroller, Causing Him to Commit Rash Act.

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—J. E. Rourke, comptroller of currency in the Finance Department, committed suicide by poisoning late on Saturday. The circumstances surrounding his death are particularly distressing. For several months Mr. Rourke, who was one of the senior officials of the Finance Department, had been acting for the Deputy Minister in connection with the general independent audit of the Victory loans which a firm of commercial auditors has been making.

Through this audit discrepancies in connection with interest coupons were brought to light. Sir Henry Drayton, minister of finance, immediately placed the matter in the hands of the police, and it is understood that investigations have resulted in the identification of an official who is now in the hands of the authorities.

Enquiries Proved Upsetting

The result of the enquiries had proved especially upsetting to Mr. Rourke, who had lately been continually engaged on the matter. Since early in the year, he had been working without respite and his health had been steadily breaking down. He had been in the hospital for some time, and officials of the department, he had been told that the strain of the last month had proved too great for him and that his mind had become temporarily unbalanced. He had been, recently, and especially on Saturday, they state, he showed signs of unreasonable depression, but otherwise seemed to have full control of himself and no one for a moment thought of anything more than a slight nervous condition—possibly strain and overwork. Apparently, his condition must have been much worse than was thought by his family and friends.

Born at St. Martin's

Mr. Rourke was 48 years of age and leaves a wife and two children. An old and trusted official, he first joined the civil service in the department of the receiver-general at St. John, N. B. in 1894. He first came to Ottawa on April 1, 1911, on his appointment to the post of comptroller of currency. He was born in St. Martin's, N. B.

Round House of C.P.R. At St. Stephen Burned To Ground

Locomotive No. 43 of the Shore Line Destroyed in the Flames.

Special to The Standard. St. Stephen, N. B., Dec. 11.—Two small fires occurred here Saturday afternoon at 10 o'clock. One broke out in the packing room at the Clark Bros. store, and the other in the plant by the electric system in the plant before the arrival of the fire department. The damage, which was slight, was all caused by tracer.

Lucknow Gave The Prince of Wales Great Reception

Strike Proclaimed by Disloyal Element Was Disregarded by the Populace.

London, Dec. 11.—A Rouser outfit from Lucknow, India, says that Lucknow gave the Prince of Wales a great reception. Following the official welcome and the inspection of the guard of honor by the Prince, a proclamation was formed by a strong escort of the 100th Queen's Lancers. The welcome was really remarkable. A strike was proclaimed by the disloyal element but the populace clearly disregarded it. Behind the lines of British and native troops guarding the thoroughfares, were massed unbroken crowds, shouting and standing with open arms. While hundreds of cheering were chiefly confined to the European quarters, the whole demeanor of the natives was one of friendly curiosity.

Hold Responsible For Brother's Death

Remitted from Argument Over Elections—To Prefer Murder Charge.

Montreal, Dec. 11.—Arthur LeCompte, 37, of St. Vincent Street, was found eminently responsible for the death of his brother, Harry, aged 25, by a coroner's jury at St. Vincent Saturday.

Evidence at the inquest was to the effect that Arthur had admitted striking Harry on the head with a bottle on Thursday last and when it had broken, striking him in the neck with the jagged ends. It is probable that a charge of murder will be preferred against Arthur LeCompte.

PROBLEMS OF THE FAR EAST AND NAVAL REDUCTION PROGRAMME OF PRIMARY CONSIDERATION

With Four Power Treaty in Final Form Principals at Arms Conference Enter Fifth Week Confident of Winding Up Major Duties by End of Year—Japan Only Disgruntled Power.

Washington, Dec. 11.—With the four power treaty in final form, and an agreement on naval ratio regarded as practically assured, the Arms Conference goes into its fifth week with its principals confident they can wind up all their major duties here by the end of the year. The problems of the Far East and details of the naval reduction programme, including the question of Pacific Island fortifications and naval bases, now become the subjects of primary consideration. The Far Eastern discussions are to be pressed forward at daily meetings of the committee of the whole, at the same time that the naval situation is clearing up through continued communication with the foreign capitals, and while the separate negotiations over Shantung and Yap are verging toward decision.

Lone Bandit Held Up Canadian Pacific Train

Goes Through Express Car, Finding Nothing of Value, Jacks the Job.

Moose Jaw, Sask., Dec. 11.—An attempt was made by a lone bandit to rob Canadian Pacific Railway train No. 2 a few minutes after it left here Saturday night. There was nothing of value in the express car, which was in charge of Dominion Express Messenger D. Gray, and the bandit jumped from the train just after it had passed Paquet Station. The train was going about thirty miles an hour. A search is being conducted for the bandit by a posse of G. P. N. and provincial police.

When the train left Moose Jaw, Gray was confronted by an armed man who fired a shot from a revolver and ordered Gray to hold up his hands. The bandit disappeared Gray of the messenger's Colt revolver, and took the sawed-off shotgun and threw it from the train. It was found this morning about two miles east of Moose Jaw. Gray tried to assure the bandit that there were no valuables in the car. After opening the outside door of the express car, Gray told the masked man that he did not know the combination of the inner door. Whereupon the robber cut the combination and knob from the inside door with an axe. Finding nothing of value, he jumped from the train. Gray, instantly pulled the signal cord and the train stopped. The country south of Paquet has been scoured, but nothing has been found of the bandit.

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Revised Standing of Parties As Result of Dominion Elections

Toronto, Dec. 11.—The following is the Canadian Press summary of the standing by parties as the result of the Dominion elections as revised on the basis of despatches received up to 11 p. m. tonight: Province.

Province	Conservative	Liberal	Progressive	Labour	Other
P. E. Island	0	4	0	0	0
Nova Scotia	0	16	0	0	0
New Brunswick	5	16	0	0	0
Quebec	0	65	0	0	0
Ontario	97	21	23	0	0
Manitoba	0	3	11	1	0
Saskatchewan	0	0	10	0	0
Alberta	1	0	0	0	0
Brit. Columbia	7	3	0	0	0
Yukon	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	103	117	34	1	1

The doubtful are Fort Arthur and the Yukon.

Ferry Sound, now conceded to the Liberals. Observing the minority is the same as that held at noon Friday, December 9.

CANADIAN NAVY

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 11.—The Canadian navy, consisting of the Aurora, Paros and Patriot, sailed for Bermuda and the West Indies yesterday to spend the winter in the weather.

PREMIERELECT NOT WORRYING OVER CABINET

Resignation of Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen and Cabinet is Expected This Week.

NEW CABINET WILL THEN BE FORMED

Presumed New Premier Has in Mind the Men He Will Summon for Cabinet.

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—(Special to The Standard.)—The resignation of Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen and his cabinet is expected to be placed in the hands of His Excellency, the Governor-General within the next week, and following this act it is expected that Hon. Mr. King will be called upon to form an administration. The formation of the cabinet will then be the next step to be taken, and the names of the men who will be called upon to form the cabinet will then be announced. It is understood that no one has been called to Ottawa, or in any way approached with regard to the question of entering the next ministry, though it is to be presumed that the names of the men who will be called upon when the premier arrives.

Miramichi Claims Second Victim In Twenty-Four Hours

Fisherman Returning Home Over the Ice Goes Into Air Hole.

Special to The Standard. Chatham, N. B., Dec. 11.—Miramichi River claims another victim, another accident occurring here last evening. A fisherman, while on his way home from his fishing activities at Oakpoint was drowned about four o'clock yesterday afternoon within sight of his home. Mr. Jimmie, in company with some other fishermen was homeward bound to spend the weekend with his family. When nearing Loggieville he parted from the others, taking a short cut across the ice. He had not gone far when he walked into an air hole, and before his companions could reach the spot after hearing his cries he had gone down under the ice, and the Miramichi River claimed its second victim within twenty-four hours. Grappling was started immediately, but, up to this hour, his body has not been recovered.

United Church of Canada Expected To Occur Before 1925

Actual Organic Union of Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational Churches Assured.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 11.—Actual organic union of the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational churches of the United Church of Canada, a fusion of the three bodies, is said to be brought down at the forthcoming session of parliament.

Dr. S. D. Brown, Toronto, general superintendent of the Methodist Church in Canada, will outline proposals connected with the proposed union at a meeting in Wesley College next Friday night.