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Collapse of The Conference Likely This Afternoon

Only One Chance in Hundred of Last Hour Development to Keep Up Negotiations—Bonar Law to Leave Paris Probably Tomorrow.

REDISTRIBUTION IN ONTARIO

Matter May Be Left Until After Elections

Perhaps an Experiment in Proportional Representation in Toronto, Ottawa and Middlesex—Legislation on January 23.

(Canadian Press)

Toronto, Jan. 4.—One of the biggest legislative questions with which the provincial cabinet is now wrestling, in preparation for the session to open on January 23, is that of redistribution of Ontario electoral ridings. It is said that no final decision has as yet been reached as to whether the Drury Government will re-distribute the Province at the close of its term of office, or whether it will leave the question for the next Government.

As a farmer's Government, the cabinet is faced with a delicate situation. Under proper redistribution, undoubtedly, the urban parts of the Province will benefit in legislative representation at the expense of the rural ridings. Present discrepancies in the unit of representation vary all the way from 8,000 population to a riding to well over 100,000, the rural ridings being on a strict basis of representation by population, much over-represented. Custom has been to redistribute both federally and provincially following each decennial census. An unspoken rumor has crept around to the effect that the Government will go to the opposite extreme in the present case of representation.

At present there are 111 men in the legislature. It is not deemed likely that in the next redistribution measure that number will be further increased. There is strong possibility, however, of the Government experimenting in two or four ridings with the system of proportional representation, say in Toronto and Ottawa and the two Middlesex ridings.

FIRE DRIVES 100 SCANTILY CLAD INTO STORM

New York Firemen Have a Tough Fight—Rescues After Perilous Climb Over Roof.

New York, Jan. 4.—Six persons had narrow escapes from death and more than 100 others scantily clad were driven into the streets early today during a fire which damaged several tenement buildings in Greenwich street and threatened for a time to spread over an entire block.

TURKEY CALLS MEN TO COLORS

London, Jan. 4.—The Turkish government has issued a decree calling to the colors all able bodied men in the liberated regions, according to an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Constantinople.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL AND GOOD SHEPHERD CONVENT BURNED

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 4.—The Provencher School, under the jurisdiction of the St. Boniface Public School Board, was gutted by fire early this morning. The building, which was used as a day school only, was valued at \$106,000. According to early reports there was no one in the school at the time of the outbreak.

CONVENT ALSO

Quebec, Q., Jan. 4.—The Good Shepherd Convent of St. George De Beauce, a small town situated on the Quebec Central Railway, about 30 miles from Quebec, was totally destroyed by fire a little after midnight.

Republicans Still "Hold Fort" In "Siege" of Irish Consulate



Lindsay Crawford, Mrs. Muriel MacSwiney, Mrs. Carlos and Mrs. Carrall.

City and Province In Grip of Another Severe Storm Today

High Wind Swirls Snow About and Piles Up Drifts—Amherst Reports Blizzard—Severe, With Deaths, in United States.

Another severe snow and wind storm is sweeping over the city today, just a week from the start of the last heavy one. At noon it threatened to clear up the street car traffic. The storm broke during the night and at 11:30 o'clock this morning approximately three inches of snow had fallen. The highest wind velocity recorded at the Meteorological Observatory was thirty-four miles an hour. The thermometer registered twenty degrees above zero. The snow piled up in great drifts as it did last week and it was quite a task to fight one's way along against the wind.

Storm Reports From Places In Provinces

Saint Stephen—Storm started last night at 11:30, still snowing, thermometer 15 above. Amherst—Fair and moderately cold wind north, looks like snow. Edmundston—Cloudy and cold, southwest wind, no snow. Woodstock—Snowing, not very cold. About 2 or 3 inches fallen. Fredericton—North east wind, snowing. Moncton—North east gale with heavy snow fall, started at 9 a. m. Six inches of snow up to noon. Storm increasing in violence. Newcastle—Easterly snow storm. Thermometer 14 at 9 a. m. Campbellton—No snow here. Amherst—Snowing and blowing hard. Not very cold, snow quite wet. Halifax—North east storm, snowfall about two feet. Thermometer 26 at 9 a. m. and getting milder. Sydney—Blowing hard from east, snowing and drifting. About three inches snow on level so far. Temp. 28. Boston—nearly a foot of snow fell last night. Cleared at 10:30 a. m.

LABOR REQUESTS TO GOVERNMENT

Eight Hour Day, Development of Canadian Coal Fields, Abolition of Tax on Purchases.

NEGRO LYNCHED

Shreveport, La., Jan. 4.—Leslie Leggett, a negro, was lynched either last night or early today by a party of men who kidnaped him last night. His body was found riddled with bullets.

In New Brunswick. Fredericton, N. B., Jan. 4.—Unlike the storm of last week that of today spreads over the entire province. Trains from the north shore as well as other directions were reported all on time, and railway officials said they doubted if the storm would prove as heavy as that of last week. Five or six inches of snow had fallen here up to noon. In Nova Scotia. Halifax, N. S., Jan. 4.—This city was again covered by a thick blanket of snow by a storm that started a little before midnight and continued steadily until early this morning when the wind veered from northeast to north and brought fine hail, which was still falling at noon. Drifts formed in some of the streets and traffic was badly handicapped. Street car service is quickly becoming regular and the in-

As Hiram Sees It

"I was aimin' to hev a real good time," said Mr. Hiram Hornbeam to the Times reporter, "when them bond fellows from New York comes down to see the City Council. I hev an idee they don't git much o' what you call de luxe travellin'—haint got time fer it; but when they're down here they'll be glad to git a little variety. I was aimin' to take 'em fer a half a day on the street cars, makin' as many transfers as we could—goin' to Carleton an' Fairville, an' East St. John, an' Glen Falls, an' Injuntown. If it was a rainy day I'd like it all the better. I bet they'd go back to New York an' say they never had sich a time in their lives—an' they'd tell the folks up there they orto come down here an' see what we got. The only thing I'm afeared of is that they'll say three millions aint half enough fer what the city's tryin' to git away from the Noo Bun'sick Power Company—an' that they orto stick out fer seven million—yes, sir. But whether they do or not they'll git them rides if I hev to buy a dollar Cornet for every one of 'em—By Hen!"

GROSS FRAUD, SAYS JUDGE IN SOCIETY CASE

Strong Words from Bench in \$1,000,000 Breach Suit

Dancer's Action Against Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney—Judge Finds That Her Annulment of Marriage to Sterling Adair was Obtained Wrongfully.

(Canadian Press) New York, N. Y., Jan. 4.—Evan Burrows' Fontaine's annulment of her marriage with Sterling Adair was vacated yesterday by Justice Tompkins in Supreme Court here when he sustained charges of fraud brought by Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney in defence of a \$1,000,000 breach of promise suit brought against him by the dancer.

Woman May Be Hanged; They Try to Save Her

Mrs. Edith Thompson, who has been sentenced to be hanged by an English court, will be the first woman to suffer the death penalty in England in fifteen years. Frederick Bywaters has also been sentenced to death. The two were responsible for the murder of the woman's husband, Giant petitions have been circulated in behalf of each of them.

WEATHER REPORT

Synopsis—The disturbance which is near the south Atlantic states yesterday has moved quickly to the Nova Scotia coast, causing gales with snow in the Maritime Provinces. Light snow falls have occurred in southern and eastern Ontario and western Quebec, also in Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

LABOR REQUESTS TO GOVERNMENT

Ottawa, Jan. 4.—(Canadian Press)—With payment scheduled to meet on the last day of the month, January promises to be a busy one for delegations. The labor delegation ranks as one of the most important. Representatives of the Trades and Labor Congress will probably be received by the Government about the middle of the month.

DENY THAT THE PRINCE OF WALES IS ENGAGED

London, Jan. 4.—Emphatic denial of rumors of the betrothal of the Prince of Wales to an Italian princess is given by the British press today. The Prince returned to London yesterday from Sandringham, where he had spent Christmas with the royal family. He will go today to his hunting lodge at Easton Gray, near Humberbury.

MONCTON HOSPITAL MATRON BREAKS ANKLE

Moncton, N. B., Jan. 4.—Miss J. J. McMaster, matron of the Moncton City Hospital, fell last night on the sidewalk near the hospital and sustained a fractured ankle bone.

Bridge Gives Way; Scores of People Fall Into Flood

Eight Missing and May Be Thirty Dead in Kelso, Washington, Tragedy—Traffic Jam Causes Old Structure to Give Way.

(Canadian Press) Kelso, Wash., Jan. 4.—Names of eight missing persons were known while estimates of the number lost ran as high as thirty, when rescue parties today resumed search of the wreckage-strewn flood waters of the Cowlitz River, into which an old suspension bridge here bearing scores of men and women, collapsed last night.

From fifty to 100 people, one truck and at least ten passenger automobiles were on the bridge when it fell. The structure gave way in the midst of a traffic jam caused by a stalled motor car. Most of the people on the bridge were thrown into the swirling river and many were picked up by boats or swam ashore. After darkness efforts to recover bodies were futile, although the river steamer Pomona, lured by the hope that there might be life in the debris, breasted the swift current during the night to play a searchlight over the scene. But early this morning no bodies had been found.

Of those rescued one man died this morning and another was believed fatally injured. Six others were taken from the water seriously hurt.

Early today there was a rush of frantic relatives seeking some word of lost loved ones and a constantly growing list of missing persons.

BURIAL SERVICE BY RADIO AS STORM RAGED

Captain of Hatteras Succumbed to Pneumonia

No Prayer Book on Board, the President Adams Sends Words of Service 240 Miles Across Storm-Tossed Ocean.

(Canadian Press) New York, Jan. 4.—"We commit this body to the deep." While the crew of the storm-tossed little freighter Hatteras stood with bared heads about the body of their dead captain, the steamship President Adams, 240 miles away, transmitted by radio solemn words of the Episcopal burial service.

CARMAN IS HELD DESPITE WISH OF MRS. SCHELLKOPF

Charge Him With Aiding in \$500,000 Gem Robbery

(Canadian Press) New York, Jan. 3.—Frank Barrett Carman, former actor and host at a New Year's Eve party at which Mrs. C. F. Hugo Schoellkopf of Buffalo says she was robbed of jewels valued at \$300,000 on a short affidavit charging him with having aided two men, as yet unarrested, in committing grand larceny. He will be examined on Friday. Carman refused to make any statement. He was held despite a statement of Mrs. Schoellkopf that she did not want Carman arrested. The police concentrated their questioning on Carman, claiming him particularly concerning his past.

SYDNEY DOCTORS IN REBELLION

Discontinue Lectures to Student Nurses in Protest Against Hospital Commission.

Sydney, N. S., Jan. 4.—As a result of friction between the doctors of the city and the Sydney Hospital Commission, the medical men have given notice that they will discontinue lectures to student nurses at the city hospital. At the special request of Miss Calver, the Matron, the doctors will continue their instructions to members of the hospital commission who will be graduated in the spring, but the intermediates and Juniors will be left to shift for themselves. The medical staff some time ago resigned on the ground that the hospital commission was playing politics with important appointments and policies, instead of being guided by the technical experts.

CALL FOR GENERAL STRIKE IN WEST

Edmonton, Alta., Jan. 4.—Asking that a general strike of all labor organizations, in sympathy with the striking miners in this district, be called immediately, Vice-President Ryan of the United Mine Workers, District No. 18, addressed the Trades and Labor Council, here last night. Action on Mr. Ryan's request was deferred until next Saturday.

COSTS \$50 FOR ACCIDENTAL FIRE ALARM

Montreal, Jan. 4.—A test case which will affect several local firms was adjudged here yesterday when Heron-ster Geoffrey imposed a fine of \$50 on a wholesale company for ringing a false fire alarm last April. The evidence showed that the alarm was a private subscription elected to the House of Commons.

STATIONS

Table with 4 columns: Station, 9 a.m., Highest during night, Lowest during night. Includes Victoria, Kamloops, Calgary, Edmonton, Prince Albert, Winnipeg, St. Mary, Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, St. John, N. B., Halifax, St. John's, Detroit, New York.