

CORNWALLIS CARRIES GOOD ROADS BY-LAW

By a Majority of 75—Election Returns in Surrounding Municipalities

Tuesday was election day in many of the municipalities surrounding Brandon and in Whitehead Municipality there was an exciting contest for Reeve between D. Roberts and R. W. Philp. Mr. Roberts secured a majority of thirteen over his opponent and will be the Reeve for 1920. The new Councillors, who were all elected by acclamation, are, Ward One, Robert Thompson; Ward Four, J. Topham; and Ward Six, Oswald McKay.

In Oakland Municipality, Reeve P. Couling and Councillors, A. Rome, James Martin, C. E. Jackson, W. C. McKay and F. Hutchinson, were all elected by acclamation.

The Reeve and Councillors of Daly Municipality were also elected by acclamation.

The by-law for good roads in Cornwallis Municipality was carried as the result of the vote of the ratepayers on Tuesday the majority being seventy-five.

In Woodworth Municipality, F. J. Gould was elected Reeve with a majority of 113 over W. C. Lindsay his opponent. H. V. Clendenning and Stanley Grey were candidates for Councillors in Ward Two. Mr. Clendenning won out by a single vote.

BORDEN MAY GO TO WASHINGTON AS AMBASSADOR

It Is Said He Was Offered the Post Last Spring and Declined

London, Dec. 17.—There is a widespread belief here that Sir Robert Borden will be the next British ambassador to the United States, following the report of his imminent resignation of the Canadian premiership. Undoubtedly he was offered the position last Spring, and when the announcement was made his appointment was acceptable to the present administration at Washington. Premier Lloyd George was most desirous that he should accept.

It was authoritatively stated then that it was only because Sir Robert Borden himself felt that the coalition government would not hold together with another head, that he declined this honor. The lengthy interim between the return of Borden and the appointment of Viscount Grey it is now believed, was caused by the hope that Sir Robert Borden could so arrange matters so as to leave himself free to accept this position. It is understood also that Sir Robert Borden believes he can do much as ambassador, not only to bring Great Britain and United States closer together, but also to enlarge Canada's influence and protect her interests.

Foster for London
Some Canadians hope, the Premier might come to London as High Commissioner, but the general belief is that Sir George Foster has already been appointed, though the change has not yet been made public.

The impression is also general in London that Sir George White will succeed Sir Robert Borden as Premier. Hon. Arthur Meighen while popular and made a good impression when here, is believed to be not the man to hold together the coalition of parties not altogether to the liking of each other's company. If Mr. Meighen is selected, the opinion here is that this move means a political concession in an endeavor to offset growing agrarian power of Western provinces.

Westminster Gazette
Referring to Premier Borden's retirement, the Westminster Gazette says there is no doubt that he will rank definitely as one of the greatest men of Canadian history. It is not now necessary to make any comparison with Laurier, who was the greater personality and whose rule in Canada was longer.

Sir Robert was not a picturesque figure, adds the Westminster Gazette, but it is fair to remember that he had to face anxieties greater than any which faced Laurier. He was Prime Minister through the whole of the war and had to pass through more than one crisis, such as the Hughes affair, and can look back on the war record of Canada with honest pride in a great achievement.

CHILD TELLS OF SEEING PAPA KILL HIS MAMMA

Montreal, Que., Dec. 17.—"I saw papa drag mamma into the bedroom of our house and kill her there," said ten-year-old Charles Edouard Turcotte in the course of his evidence at the inquest held in the town hall of Joliette by Coroner Romeo Turgeon, into the circumstances of the death early Sunday morning of Mrs. Rose de Lima Turcotte, who was found dead in her home with her skull split by an axe.

No verdict was reached by the jury as it was decided that an autopsy should be performed on the body.

BRITISH GOVT. WITHOUT POWER TO STOP IMPORTS

Judgment Rendered By Sir John Sankey of King's Bench Division

PROCLAMATION ILLEGAL

Decision Considered One of Most Important Ever Rendered Against Govt.

London, Dec. 17.—The Government was declared by Justice Sir John Sankey, of the King's Bench Division, today, to possess no power to prohibit the importation of certain goods, and therefore its proclamation to this effect was invalid and illegal. The judgment is considered one of the most important ever rendered against the Government.

DISGUISED MEN CARRYING GUNS LOOKED FOR ARMS

And Ammunition on Premises of Cork and Bandon Railway

LOCKED EMPLOYEES

In Storeroom While Search Was Carried Out—None Found

Cork, Dec. 17.—Disguised men carrying arms raided the premises of the Cork and Bandon Railroad at midnight. They looked for arms in a storeroom and searched the premises for arms and ammunition supposed to be there for transit to military stations on the South coast. The raiders found none.

SEVENTY MILLIONS NEEDED TO PROVIDE RELIEF FOR AUSTRIA

So That Starvation Threatening May Be Successfully Combated

AUSTRIAN DELEGATES

Ask Supreme Council To Provide Them With Hundred Million

Paris, Dec. 17.—After further consideration today of Austria's requirements for relief of her distressing food conditions, the Supreme council decided it would be necessary to furnish relief to the amount of \$70,000,000 at least, to go forward at the rate of \$8,500,000 monthly.

The belief was expressed by the Austrian delegation that the total sum necessary would reach \$100,000,000, which is the amount that Chancellor Renner yesterday asked the Council to lend Austria.

ASK U. S. PAPERS TO BE FRUGAL WITH NEWS PRINT

Defer Action On Bill To Limit Size of News-papers

Washington, Dec. 17.—An appeal to publishers of the country to exercise all possible economy in the use of newsprint paper was issued today by the House Postoffice Committee, which decided to defer for six months action on the Anthony Bill proposing that daily newspapers containing more than 24 pages be denied second class mailing privilege.

ALIENS RUSH TO MONTREAL FOR WINTER

Hundreds Swarm To Port In Hope of Getting Passage Home

Montreal, Dec. 17.—A rush of aliens to Montreal for the winter has set in. The prospect of a declaration of peace in the near future has caused hundreds of aliens in Canada, whose movements were restricted during the war, to swarm to this port in the hope of getting back to their native countries. Monday and Tuesday, at least 500 people from points in the Prairie Provinces reported to the registrar of aliens.

Owing to unsettled conditions and lack of facilities for reaching such places as Poland and Galicia, it is very likely that most of the aliens arriving will be compelled to spend the winter here, although ready to spend large sums to get through. Many of them have families in the war-devastated districts, and have had no news for years from their people.

ART TREASURES TO BE TAKEN AS SECURITY

Paris, Dec. 17.—The art treasures of Austria, like the famous Mona Lisa and other paintings and sculptures brought to France by Napoleon, will be taken as security by the Allies in exchange for food and coal, which are to be sent at once to the famine-stricken republic. It has decided to send an inter-Allied commission, composed of art experts, to value the fine works of art in the Vienna museums and art galleries, although authorities like M. Koechlin, of the Louvre museum, who is to head the French delegation, believe it will be practically impossible to value some of the paintings, because they are priceless.

43 KILLED BY EXPLOSION OF HUN AMMUNITION

Berlin, Dec. 17.—Forty-three workmen were killed and more than one hundred injured in an explosion at the Marienfelde ammunition depot near Wilhelmshaven today. The explosion occurred while the shells were being unloaded.

BRITISH GARRISON AT PERSIAN POST NOT MASSACRED

London, Dec. 17.—Official denial of the report circulated by Russian Bolsheviks that hostile Persians had massacred a British garrison of 1,300 men at Meshed, Persia, was made by the War Office today.

It is declared by officials here the report was obviously Bolshevik propaganda intended to stir up trouble in the East, particularly in India.

PERMIT GERMANS TO COLLECT CUSTOMS DUTIES 'N GOLD

Paris, Dec. 17.—German claims in connection with the settlement of the peace terms details were again before the Supreme Council today. In dealing with these the Council reached the unanimous agreement to permit the Germans to collect their customs duties in gold.

In further discussion of the question of compensation for sinking the German warships at Scapa Flow, discrepancy was developed between the estimates of the Reparations Committee and those of the German experts regarding the total mercantile tonnage and the floating docks available for repair purposes at German ports. This discrepancy amounted to about 100,000 tons.

INVENTOR OF GUN KNEW NAUGHT OF GUNNERY

When Was Broke Out In 1914—Has Perfected Wonderful Weapon

DEVELOPED LATENT TALENT

Capt. A. E. Robertson, of Victoria, Visited His Brother Here

The inventive and mechanical genius of at least one Canadian was highly developed during the war and as a result the British army will have a new aircraft gun. Albert E. Robertson, of Victoria, B.C., was pursuing his civilian calling on August 3rd, 1914. On August 4th he had joined the first unit to be mobilized on the West Coast. When German raiders threatened to bombard Pacific Coast ports to this unknown was entrusted the task of moving gigantic guns into place. So successful was he that other gunnery work was entrusted to him and soon he was at work on a new gun. Slowly but surely it was perfected, received approval of officials and Capt. Robertson was dispatched to Petawawa with his gun. From there he went to England in 1918 and now the perfected arm is to be used by British aircraft.

Captain Robertson has come home and will not return to England until the guns are made and mounted, when he will be present at the official trials. On Monday and Tuesday Captain and Mrs. Robertson were the guests of his brother, Mr. W. A. Robertson, at his home here.

The wonder is that a man who had given so little time to developing his natural aptitude for mechanics as to be unfamiliar when war broke out with the working of even a lathe, has been able to invent and perfect so highly technical an instrument as must be a gun which can be successfully used on heavier than air machines.

68,000 GIRLS DISAPPEAR IN U. S. IN A YEAR

New York, Dec. 17.—More than 68,000 girls have disappeared or run away from their homes in the United States during the last year, according to an estimate compiled by the Travelers' Aid Society. In New York City, 3,600 girls have been reported missing. The Society has cared for about 60,000 young men and women who have flocked to this city in the last eleven months.

ESKIMO FAMILY LIFE REVOLVES AROUND LAMP

Detroit News: All the life of the Eskimos may be said to revolve around the family lamp, which makes it possible for them to dwell in an otherwise uninhabitable region. They depend upon it for their very existence. It consists of a shallow, semi-circular dish of soapstone, with a wick of fat-saturated moss.

It derives its oil from drippings of the flame. Above the lamp is hung a pot for cooking and above that is a network of thongs containing articles of clothing put there to dry in the ascending warm air. The lamp gives a brilliant and beautiful light; it cooks the food, it dries the clothes, it heats the house and, not the least important, it melts the snow for drinking water.

The lamp is the recognized property of the woman head of the family, and when she dies it is buried with her.

ASK WILSON TO RUN RAILROADS FOR 2 YEARS MORE

Delegation Waits on Senate Committee, Urging Continuance of Government Operation

Washington, Dec. 18.—A plea that the Cummins Railroad Bill, now before the Senate, be withdrawn, and that government control be continued for at least two years, has been made by Samuel Gompers, head of the American Federation of Labor, representatives of railroad brotherhoods, and officials of several farmers' organizations, who appeared before the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee.

The delegation, numbering 25, called at the White House later in an effort to induce President Wilson to retain the roads two years longer, it was announced.

At the White House it was intimated President Wilson's special railroad message to Congress will be ready within a few days.

BROOKLYN POLICE AND BURGLARS CO-OPERATED

New York, Dec. 18.—Thefts of hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of goods, planned by burglars in active co-operation with policemen, have been made in the last six months in Brooklyn. District Attorney Lewis asserted in a statement declaring that Patrolman Herman Crause instigated a \$12,000 robbery on a manufacturing furrier's plant, November 30th. Crause and Peter Rueger, another policeman, were arrested in connection with this theft.

MINNEAPOLIS POLICE ARREST TWO MEN FOR MURDERING GROCER

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 18.—With the arrest of C. J. Reed and Wesley Dawley, police claimed that they had solved the murder of E. A. Nelson, grocer, killed here late Monday night in an attempted holdup. According to police reports, both men have confessed, each implicating the other.

The body of George Dourville, killed during the exchange of shots in the attempted holdup, has been claimed by his sister, Mrs. Y. A. Collier, Minneapolis.

BAVARIAN GOVT. TO CARE FOR 5,000 CHILDREN AT PRESENT DESTITUTE

Berlin, Dec. 18.—Fifteen hundred Viennese children will arrive at Munich within a few days, where they will be served their Christmas dinner, and hundreds of other juveniles will be received in Bavarian cities from both Hungary and Austria within the next few months as a part of the movement to give relief to these peoples of the former dual monarchy. The Bavarian Government has agreed to take care of 5,000 children.

PRINCE OF WALES TO VISIT AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND IN MARCH

London, Dec. 18.—An announcement by the Prince of Wales at the King Edward Fund meeting that he is proceeding to Australia and New Zealand about March for six or seven months has excited great interest. Comments on the announcement predict for him great success and a reputation, to use his own words, of "a wonderful time in Canada."

TO ASK PALMER TO EXPLAIN BASIS OF AGREEMENT

Which Ended Strike and Caused U. S. Fuel Administrator to Resign

Washington, Dec. 18.—Attorney General Palmer will appear before the Senate Committee investigating the coal situation Friday or Saturday. Chairman Frelinghuysen announced after a brief session of the committee.

The Attorney-General, it was indicated, will be asked to explain the basis of the agreement which ended the strike and caused the resignation of former Fuel Administrator Garfield. Mr. Palmer left Chicago last night for Washington, having cancelled his speaking engagement.

J. W. Gates, an expert on coal production costs, who was the only witness heard by the Senate Committee, expressed the belief that the present wage paid the miners was sufficient, and that "any increases granted them must eventually come from the public's pocket."

Coal operators are not making big profits this year, Mr. Gates said, "and in my opinion they cannot entirely absorb the 14 per cent increase which the government has already allowed."

Train Service Curtailments
Montreal, Dec. 18.—It was stated by leading officials of the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Railways, that there was little present indication of any change with regard to the curtailment of train service on these lines owing to the coal shortage, due to the bituminous coal strike in the United States. With one or two minor exceptions, it was stated, the curtailment plans would be carried out as already announced. It is, therefore, apparent that reductions in service announced by the two railways will continue until further notice, and certainly until the coal condition improves. It will depend on two factors, winter operating conditions and the ordinary coal supply.

It will not interfere immediately with holiday traffic, as many of the changes will not go into effect until after the new year.

Coal Strike Jury Busy

Indianapolis, Dec. 18.—Members of the special grand jury summoned by United States District Judge A. B. Anderson during the coal miners' strike, reported to the court to begin their investigation of alleged violation of anti-trust laws and the Lever Fuel Control Act by coal miners, operators and dealers. Several witnesses have been subpoenaed, and it was stated the inquiry will be pushed as rapidly as possible.

BURNABY NEW PRESIDENT OF ONTARIO FARMERS

Toronto, Dec. 18.—R. W. Burnaby was today elected President of the United Farmers of Ontario in succession to R. H. Hallbert, M.P. elect for North Ontario, who resigned the leadership of the Ontario farmers to enter into the broader Federal field. The election of Mr. Burnaby was made unanimous on the motion of W. Amos, who made a close run with Mr. Burnaby for the position. Mr. Amos was then elected Vice-President after all other candidates had retired in his favor.

CARPENTERS WORKING ON ELEVATOR STRIKE—WANT WAGE OF \$1.25 PER HOUR

St. Catharines, Ont., Dec. 18.—Carpenters engaged on the reconstruction of the government grain elevator at Port Colborne went on strike Wednesday for \$1.25 an hour. They had been receiving the prevailing rate of 70 cents, but considered the specially hazardous nature of the work and the biting zero blasts from Lake Erie made their demands reasonable.

LAW EXAMINATION RESULTS

Results of the supplemental and special examinations in law, held in Nov. for returned men, have been announced in Winnipeg by the benches of the Law Society. Mr. G. F. Fisher, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Fisher, 439 Princess avenue, passed with honors his bar examination and has been kept busy today receiving the congratulations of his many friends in the city. Mr. Fisher is a member of the staff of Adolph & Blake. In the results of the second year examination, "passed supplemental" appears the name of Mr. Q. Reuben Turnbull of Winnipeg, formerly of this city.

200 TORONTO VETERANS DEMAND A SHARE

Toronto, Dec. 23.—Two hundred unemployed veterans of Toronto lined up outside the offices of the Government Employment and Service Bureau Monday morning to make an application for a share in the \$40,000,000 which the Federal Government has set aside for unemployment pay during the winter.

RADICAL REFORMS URGED WHEN FARM WOMEN GATHER

Annual Meeting of United Farm Women of Ontario—Many Suggestions

Toronto, Dec. 18.—Radical reforms were advocated by Mrs. David Annis, of Woodville, in an address on the Ultimate Height of Farm Women's Aspirations, at the annual meeting of the United Farm Women of Ontario here Wednesday. The abolition of the Senate, Governor-Generalship, Lieutenant-Governorship, Government House, the Canadian navy, patronage and orders-in-council were urged by Mrs. Annis. She said she wished to see the nationalization of telephones and railways and even hydro, and the introduction of the referendum and recall and proportional representation.

Mrs. G. A. Brodie, of Newmarket, President of the United Farm Women of Ontario, stated that the organization of farm women had been formed to establish the personal responsibility of the farm woman. The government had been allowed to form the women's organizations and run them, she said, and the women were to blame for this. Co-operation with the farm men was the need of the hour. She urged the women to get busy and establish themselves.

It's Our Fault, Ladies

Mrs. Brodie mentioned that after the officers had been photographed for the newspapers at noon, a cross-eyed old man had said: "You'd look a lot better at the wash-tub."

"It is our fault, ladies, and we have got to do something. We have allowed our men to be caricatured in the papers in all kinds of ways," she declared.

"We have got to raise the standard of our profession," Mrs. Brodie continued. "We have allowed all other professions to establish themselves above us. Remember we are the basic industry of this country, and we are never going to have conditions right until we raise the standard of living through the rural districts."

LIVESTOCK AND MEATS DROP IN DECEMBER, BUT OTHER INCREASES NOTED

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—The Labor Gazette for December reports that in regard to prices, a downward movement in live stock and meats was offset by increases in dairy products, grain, fish, fruits and vegetables, miscellaneous foods, textiles, metal, and lumber. In retail prices, the average cost of a family budget was \$14.27 for staple foods in sixty cities, at the middle of November, as compared with \$14.21 at the middle of October \$13.49 in November, 1918, and \$7.96 in November, 1914.

Eggs, milk, butter and sugar scored increases during the month, while meat prices dropped.

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MILLION DOLLAR FIRE SWEEPS U. S. PICANTY ARSENAL

Four Men Injured—One May Die Explosion Occurred at Night

Dover, N.J., Dec. 18.—The causes of the spectacular fire which swept over a part of Picanty arsenal following an explosion in a research laboratory were made the subject of an official investigation by army officers today. The fire destroyed four buildings, entailing a loss estimated as high as \$1,000,000. Five men were injured, one possibly fatally. The plant was said to be deserted at the time, save for guards. The explosion rocked buildings in this town and was heard forty miles away. The work of fighting the fire was made hazardous by exploding shells and it was several hours before the flames were brought under control.

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