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TO USE SURPLUS TO PUT WIRES UNDERGROUND

Public Utilities Decide On Use
For \$100,000 Received
From Hydro Commission.

MONEY ALL RECEIVED

Commissioner Pocock Sug-
gests Using Funds For
Ornamental Lighting.

Following the completion of the new
clarifying plant, and when all equip-
ment has been installed in the new hydro
station, the public utilities commission
will move to change the overhead wires
in the downtown area into underground
cables.

This will involve the expenditure of
the \$100,000 which London receives as
its share of the Hydro-Electric Power
Commission's surplus. This sum has been
practically received by the local
body in monthly payments, and will be
used early in 1922.

Commissioner Philip Pocock is insistent
that the greater part of it shall be
devoted to improved street lighting.
They are not any use without light.
The other members of the commission, however, held that
the work of placing the downtown wires
beneath the surface should also be pro-
ceeded with as soon as possible.

It is pointed out, however, that the
entire \$100,000 will not be required for
this purpose, and considerable will be
available for additional street lighting.
This question was brought again to
the attention of the commission at Fri-
day's meeting by Commissioner Jared
Vining, who made inquiry as to whether
the \$100,000 or any part of it had been
received. The secretary, Oliver El-
wood, informed the board the money
had been practically all received.

Philip Pocock suggested that a meet-
ing be called early in the year with
the new city council with a view to
ward extending the city's ornamental
street lighting system and improving
the system generally. This will be
accomplished as soon as possible.

PREDICT BRITISH GENERAL ELECTION

Subject Was Sole Topic of
Conversation At Cabinet
Ministers' Banquet.

London, Dec. 31.—Canadian Press
Editorial.—Reports of an early general
election had received great stimulus by
the widespread publication of apparent-
ly inspired statements.

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to use of the submarine, and an agree-
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lacked since the defection of the inde-
pendents or the so-called "Wee Frees"
under H. H. Asquith's leadership.

AUTO FACTORIES INCREASE STAFFS

Cleveland, Dec. 31.—Unemployment
in the automobile industry in Cleveland
being materially relieved, according
to local manufacturers. Officials of the
Chandler Motor Car Company says its
factory enrollment has been increased
over 100 per cent in the past two
weeks, and that by Feb. 1 today's
figures will be doubled. Orders now
booked, company officials say, assure
production for the first quarter of 1922
in excess of the similar period of last year.

M. VILGORAIN CENSURED.
Paris, Dec. 31.—M. Vilgrain, French
war-time food minister, is censured
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government to demand that M. Vil-
grain pay into the public treasury 1,200,000 francs.

END OF ARMS PARLEY IN SIGHT

PLAN TO LIMIT SEA PROGRAMS NEARS FRUITION

The Root Committee Proceeds
With Final Drafting of
Submarine Proposals.

FACE EASTERN PROBLEMS

Delegates to Main Parley May
Discuss Shantung Ques-
tion Next.

Washington, Dec. 31.—The end of the
naval limitation work of the arms con-
ference was definitely in sight today
as the naval experts of the powers
turned to the task of working out de-
tailed agreements on the program now
virtually disposed of by the full naval
committee, which was in adjournment
today, until next week.

At the same time the Root sub-com-
mittee took up today the drafting of the
Root proposal, agreed to in substance
by all the powers to reaffirm existing
rules of naval warfare against merchant
craft, and declare the application to
submarines, and invite adherence of all
nations.

With progress in the naval negotia-
tions clearing the way for resumption of
the Far East negotiations probably next
week, the problem remaining to be
settled there had received additional
emphasis today in the statement of one
of the Chinese delegates that they
would attempt to transfer the Shan-
tung issue into the full conference to
break the deadlock in their negotiations
with the Japanese.

At the same time, the latter re-
asserted their position that the Shan-
tung question was not on the agenda of
the conference, and did not come within
the scope of its deliberations.

To the capital ship agreement was
added today an agreement for limitation
in tonnage of airplane carriers, and
then the naval committee adjourned
indefinitely, leaving determination of
various problems of detail to a sub-
committee of experts.

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Cut Street Car Men's Wages

IRISH FARMERS FAVOR TREATY WITH BRITAIN

Statutory and Administrative
Bodies Also Pass Resolu-
tions of Approval.

LABOR IS OPPOSED

Pierce Beasley Supports the
Treaty As Opportunity of
Preserving Gaelic.

DUBLIN, Dec. 30.—There is nothing
on the schedule for Monday's meeting
of the Dublin Corporation referring to
the peace treaty with Great Britain.
Many corporation members also are
members of the Dail Eireann, and it
is declared that any debate by the
corporation or division on the subject
would simply follow the lines of that
taken in the proceeding of the Dail.

There are 50 important county and
municipal bodies in Ireland. Ten of
them have held special meetings during
the Christmas recess of the Dail and
passed resolutions favoring the treaty.
The opinion is held generally that
its ratification will be moved at any
meeting called during the coming week.

In addition to statutory and admin-
istrative bodies, various associations of
farmers and horse-breeds and train-
ers are passing resolutions approving
the treaty. With very few exceptions,
labor bodies heard from thus far dis-
sent from the treaty.

A notable addition to the supporters
of the treaty in the Dail Eireann when
it resumes its discussions next week
will be Pierce Beasley, one of the Keri-
ghy members. He was among the or-
iginal founders of the Irish Volunteers,
now the Republican Army, and fought
in the Easter rebellion. He subsequently
was court-martialed and sentenced to
three years' penal servitude for his
activities in connection with the re-
volt.

After being released on amnesty
Beasley was rearrested for participa-
tion in the agitation against the "land
for soldiers" bill, but escaped with
Robert C. Barton from Mountjoy
Prison. On the run for three months
he was rearrested and lodged in the
Manchester jail, from which he es-
caped. He continued to evade arrest,
coming out from hiding on the declara-
tion of the truce.

The new convert to the treaty
declares he is supporting it on its
merits "for the opportunity it affords
of preserving Gaelic civilization."

Since a great many of the problems that are affecting
the peace of the world, especially in the Far East, and are of a special
interest to China, I am sure the citizens of the republic of China
join in this general hope for a better world, which is to emerge
from the Washington conference during the year 1922.

BATTLESHIP CUT ADRIFF IN STORM

Vengeance, With Small Crew
Aboard, Is Menace to
Shipping.

Cherbourg, Dec. 31.—The British
battleship Vengeance, with a small
crew aboard, was running wildly adrift
before a storm in the English Channel
this morning, in imminent danger of
collision with other craft or of piling
up on the shore.

The Vengeance, a vessel of 12,500 tons,
was being towed by tugs on her way
to a shipyard to be dismantled. The
tug lines parted in the storm last
night, and the crew was unable to re-
gain control of the big ship. Two
French naval tugs sent out to her
rescue have been beaten back by the
storm, and other British and French
naval craft are attempting to reach
her.

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3 CONTINENTS GREET CANADA

(Exclusive Special to The London Advertiser.)
Washington, Dec. 31.—Spokesmen of three continents repre-
sented at the arms limitation conference here—Europe, Asia and
Australia—today issued greetings to the Canadian people, at the
request of a representative of The London Advertiser. Their
statements follow:

EUROPE.

BY ARTHUR J. BALFOUR
British Delegate to Arms Conference

I welcome the opportunity which has been granted me of
sending New Year greetings to my friends in that Dominion which
is an integral and vital part of the British
Empire.

This is the season which, above all others,
suggests thoughts of peace on earth and goodwill
toward men, and surely nothing more fraught
with promise could have been achieved in the
past few weeks than the progress the representa-
tives of the world's five major powers have
achieved in minimizing the danger of any future
call being issued to Canada's brave sons to
battle for the right and the freedom of the
peoples of the world.

Such has always been my faith. And never
did it seem nearer complete realization than at
this moment, when so much has been accom-
plished toward removing causes of international
offence.

ASIA.

BY SAO KE ALFRED SZE
Chinese Minister and China's Representative to Arms Conference.

I have been informed that one of the important elements in
the celebration of New Year's Day in Canada is based upon the
general feeling that it is a time when individuals
check up their failings or mistakes or bad habits
of the past year and resolve to make a new start.

If this is true among individuals, it must
also be true among nations.

There is now a great conference holding its
sessions in Washington on the limitation of arma-
ment and Pacific far eastern questions that is
attended by the representatives of nine great
nations of the world.

The progress which the conference has made
thus far in eliminating many of the troubles that
have been disturbing the world's peace, leads
many to believe that the nations of the world
are going to adopt the Canadian custom of giving
up bad habits and starting the new year of 1922 with a clean slate.

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the peace of the world, especially in the Far East, and are of a special
interest to China, I am sure the citizens of the republic of China
join in this general hope for a better world, which is to emerge
from the Washington conference during the year 1922.

AUSTRALIA.

BY G. F. PEARCE
Australian Representative to Arms Conference.

The world owes a debt of gratitude to this
momentous conference, which has already
accomplished magnificent work in the interests
of humanity and civilization.

It is my sincere hope and belief that the
New Year will witness a better understanding
among the nations of the world, which will
enable them to pursue their destinies in peace
and for the common good of all.

The Australian people send very hearty
New Year greetings to the stalwart sons and
daughters of that sister dominion which has
paved the path of amity for all nations to follow
—Canada.

affairs than that of the last ten years may long
be had in Canada in the good time coming from
the men who will compose the new constitu-
tional advisers of his excellency the governor-
general, under the premiership of Hon. W. L.
Mackenzie King.

Everybody in London hopes that Dr. J.
Cameron Wilson and the city council will de-
servedly merit high esteem during the next
twelve months by furthering, to the exclusion
of all else, that which is best and most deserv-
ing of endurance in the civic, industrial and
intellectual needs of the city—of which, let it

L. S. R. COMPANY ISSUES NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES

Announces Pay Cut of Three
Cents an Hour After
March 1.

TIME REQUIREMENT MET

Present Operating Agreement
Can Be Broken After 60
Days' Warning.

John Colbert, president of the Street
Railwaymen's Union, is in receipt of an
official communication from C. B. King,
general manager of the London Street
Railway Company, that on and after
March 1, 1922, the old schedule of wages
for motormen and conductors will be
rescinded, and a revised scale, with a
three-cent decrease per hour, will be-
come effective.

This notice complies with the terms
and conditions of the agreement be-
tween the company and its employees,
which provides that 60 days' notice of such
action must be extended.

The letter, a copy of which is also in
the hands of Lew Parker, secretary of the
union, reads as follows:

Under the terms and conditions of
the agreement between the London
Street Railway Company and its
employees, sixty days' notice is
hereby given that on and after
March 1, 1922, that part of Section 5,
reading as follows:

Wages of Motormen and
Conductors.
First year 42c per hour
Third and subse-
quent years 45c per hour

shall be terminated, and that on and
after March 1, 1922, the following
scale of wages shall be effective:

Wages of Motormen and
Conductors.
First year 40c per hour
Second year 42c per hour
Third and subse-
quent years 45c per hour

and that the agreement be altered
accordingly.

Yours truly,
(Signed) C. B. KING, Manager.

DRURY CONVEYS HIS GREETINGS

Toronto, Dec. 31.—Hon. E. C. Drury,
premier of Ontario, through the Cana-
dian Press, conveyed the following New
Year greeting to the people of Ontario:
"May the coming year be one of abun-
dant happiness and prosperity to all the
people of Ontario. May the blessing of
unity prevail in Canada, and peace and
goodwill throughout the whole world."

VANCOUVER CHURCH DESTROYED BY FIRE

Vancouver, Dec. 31.—Robinson Mem-
orial Methodist Church was destroyed by
fire last night. The fire is believed to
have originated in a defective chimney-
pipe.

The church, which was built in 1904,
in memory of a pioneer Methodist
clergyman of Vancouver, was only par-
tially insured. The loss is estimated
at \$7,500.

TURKS ENTER AINTAB AS FRENCH WITHDRAW

Beirut, Syria, Dec. 31.—The French
troops have evacuated Aintab, near the
Northern Syria border, it was announced
tonight. Turkish forces entered as the
French left.

Aintab is in the region affected by
the recent treaty between France and
the Turkish Nationalist government at
Angora, through which the line between
Turkey and Northern Syria was re-
drawn with some modifications in favor
of Turkey.

SNATCH PURSE FROM GIRL AT C. P. R. TRACKS

Bandits Hurriedly Make Their
Escape After Robbing Miss
Kathleen Haslam.

OBTAINED LITTLE MONEY

Bell Telephone Operator Vic-
tim of Hold-Up On Col-
borne Street.

Miss Kathleen Haslam, a Bell tele-
phone operator, was the victim of a
hold-up at the C. P. R. tracks and Col-
borne street, at 10 o'clock Friday night
by two men, who, after taking her
purse, made a quick getaway up the
C. P. R. tracks east.

The police were immediately notifi-
ed, and extra men were detailed to
that section of the city. They spent
hours in scouring the dark streets and
C. P. R. tracks where the bandits
were supposed to have been headed.
The bandits secured very little
money, according to Miss Haslam. She
is, however, suffering greatly from her
fright. The two men approached her
from in front, and as she was about
to pass them they swung around and
ordered her to hand over her purse.
When she refused, they snatched it
from her and began running east on
the tracks.

In describing the bandits to the
police, Miss Haslam stated that they
were both wearing overcoats. One was
wearing a cap and the other a felt hat.

LEAVES FORTUNE TO HOSPITAL FUND

Lord Mount Stephen Gives
Estate To King Edward
Hospital.

London, Dec. 31.—By Mail.—Can-
adian Press Dispatch.—As already an-
nounced by cable, Lord Mount Stephen
provided in his will that the residue
of his fortune should be devoted to the
King Edward Hospital fund for London.
The Daily Chronicle remarks that
at this time of severe financial crisis
for most of our great voluntary hospi-
tals, when the work of nearly all, ap-
proaching the very continuance of some
seems imperiled, there is something
significant about the gift which Lord
Mount Stephen has made.

During his lifetime he gave over half a million to the hospi-
tals. He has now left the ultimate
fate of his estate (which means, we are
told, virtually the whole of it), to King
Edward's Hospital fund.

CALCUTTA BIDS PRINCE GOOD-BYE

London, Dec. 31.—(Canadian Press
Cable.)—Announcement of the message
from Calcutta, stating that the Prince
of Wales, who left Calcutta yesterday
evening for Rangoon, had been cordially
received at all of yesterday's func-
tions is given in a cable from Reuters's
Calcutta correspondent. Great crowds,
composed of Indians of all classes, en-
thusiastically cheered the prince when
he was embarking for Rangoon. Calcu-
tta never before witnessed a scene of
such spontaneous enthusiasm, showing,
as it did, that the prince, during his
brief stay in that city, had completely
won the hearts of the populace.

FIRE SWEEPS BLOCK IN NOVA SCOTIA TOWN

Liverpool, N. S., Dec. 31.—Fanned by
a northerly wind, fire which destroyed
the Seldon Block on Main street threat-
ened for a time last night to wipe out
most of this town.

The buildings burned in the block
were two-story wooden structures.

ISSUE WRITS FOR ELECTION OF MINISTERS

Members of King Cabinet To
Seek Approval of Voters
February 2.

TWO STILL WITHOUT SEATS

National Conservative Party
"Shakeup" Demanded by
Rogers.

OTTAWA, Dec. 30.—(By Canadian
Press.)—Writs for ten federal elections
were issued by the King cabinet at 4
late hour tonight. Nominations will be
received on Jan. 19 and election day
will be Thursday, Feb. 2.

The constituencies have been ren-
dered vacant in each case by the ap-
pointment of the member-elect to a
portfolio in the new government.
The ridings in which by-elections
have been called are the name of the
member-elect in each case are:

Nova Scotia.
Cape Breton and Victoria—Hon. D.
D. McKenzie, solicitor-general.

Shelburne and Queens—Hon. W. S.
Fielding, minister of finance.

New Brunswick.
Westmoreland—Hon. A. B. Cope,
secretary of state.

Quebec.
Chateauguay—Hon. J. A. Robb, minister of trade and commerce.

Laurel—Hon. J. A. Robb, minister of trade and commerce.
Beauce—Hon. Dr. Beaudet, minister
of health and soldiers' re-establishment.

Ontario.
Essex North—Hon. W. C. Kennedy,
minister of railways and canals.

Essex South—Hon. George P.
Hahn, minister of militia and de-
fence.

Russell—Hon. Charles Murphy,
postmaster-general.

York North—Hon. W. L. Mackenzie
King, prime minister.

Writs have not been issued for Que-
bec East (Hon. H. E. Lapointe); Three
Rivers (Hon. J. Bureau); and Regina
(Hon. W. R. Motherwell), owing to the
fact that the general election writs
from these three constituencies have
not yet reached the chief electoral
officer.

In the cases of Hon. James Mullan,
minister of labor, and of Hon. Charles
Stewart, ex-premier of Alberta, now
minister of the interior, seats have not
yet been found.

In these cases, as in the case of Hon.
Gustave Guay, minister of agriculture,
the member-elect will also be
issued later, as in the case of Hon.
Gustave Guay, minister of agriculture,
by the member-elect.

Demands Real Tory Party Organization

WINNIPEG, Dec. 30.—A national
Conservative convention should be held
in Ottawa "at the earliest possible
date," in the opinion of Hon. Robert
Bourke, expressed here today, for the
purpose of organizing a real Con-
servative party organization. I am
sure that I express the feeling of
efficient organization well under way,
plans should then be made for the
holding of a national Conservative con-
vention.

The Conservative party, declared Mr.
Rogers, has paid "the heaviest possible
penalty" for the "incoherent combina-
tion" of Union government.

The Weather

FORECASTS.
Today—Fresh to heavy west to north-
west gales; turning colder, with snow
flurries.

Sunday—Strong northwest winds fair
and considerably colder.
An intense disturbance is moving
rapidly eastward across the Great
Lakes, while pressure is high over the
western portion of the continent.

The weather is fair and somewhat
colder in the West, milder with snow or
rain in most districts of Ontario, and
fair and cold to the eastward.

Temperatures.
The highest and lowest temperatures
recorded in London during the 24 hours
previous to 8 o'clock last night were:
Highest, 30; lowest, 8.
The official temperatures for the 12
hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:
Highest, 37; lowest, 28.

Barometric Readings.
Friday—8