

LLOYD GEORGE SAYS MOMENT GOOD ONE FOR PEACE MOVE

British Chancellor Believes Arrangement Could Be Made With All Powers for Reduction of Armaments—No Row in Cabinet and No Feud With Asquith.

[Canadian Press.] London, Feb. 3.—David Lloyd George, chancellor of the exchequer, took the occasion while he was making a speech at the city of London Liberal Club this afternoon to declare that the reports of a split in the British cabinet were entirely unfounded. He also assured his audience that the alleged feud between himself and Premier Asquith was a myth.

Mr. Lloyd George also made his first incursion into international politics since the speech delivered by him last summer, which so inflamed public opinion in Germany, when he said that all nations must realize fairly well what the conditions of peace must be.

Speaking on the subject of the reduction of armaments, the Chancellor of the Exchequer said he believed that the present was an advantageous moment to consider the question. It was

in the interests of France, Germany, Russia and Great Britain that there should be a better understanding.

The Time to Act.

He continued: "I believe that with candor, frankness and boldness it is attainable. The world would be richer for it, taxes might be reduced, and the money which would be saved that is now spent on armaments could be devoted to developing the resources of the country and improvement of the condition of the country. The cornerstone of sound finance is peace on earth and goodwill among men."

He expected that the chancellor of the exchequer would announce a scheme for the rehabilitation of consols which was disappointed. He agreed that the question of the fall of consols should be investigated, but that it must be divested of all political bias and be a purely judicial, impartial and financial examination.

ROYAL BANK HOLDS CITY HALL MONEY

Purchase Price Has Not Been Handed Over to the City Treasurer.

ALD. RICHTER OBJECTS

Told the Finance Committee That the Manner of Doing Business Is Not Businesslike.

The propriety of allowing the money received for the city hall to lie in the Royal Bank without transferring it to the city account, was criticized by Ald. Richter, at a meeting of the finance committee Friday afternoon.

"This method of doing business certainly does not meet with my approval," said Ald. Richter. "The money should have been handed over to the city treasurer. One to City Treasurer Bell, and placed in the city account. He is the only one authorized to receive money for the city, and he should have been given it."

That has not been done, and I am not so sure, but that every member of the committee is liable for the money.

"The transaction is on a par with a man selling a piece of property, handing over the deeds, and receiving in I. O. U. from the purchaser. The money is just as good as lost. It is not business. What should have been done was that the deeds and other documents should have been held by the city until the money was deposited with the city treasurer. There was too much haste altogether in connection with this transaction."

The Mayor's Opinion.

"The bank is solvent," declared Mayor Graham. "There is no parallel between an I. O. U. and a bank deposit book. That is recognized in law as legal."

"There is no doubt the bank is solvent," declared Ald. Richter. "This question has not so much to do with the matter. As a straight question of business the money should have been placed in the city treasurer's hands before the deeds were handed over. That is businesslike—the other is not. If anything should happen, the aldermen, in my opinion, would be liable."

"I think your contention is perfectly correct," declared Ald. Richter.

"We intend calling for tenders for the city banking, and we might as well let matters rest until that time," commented Ald. Johnston. "It will not be more than two weeks, and then the question of deposits and the care of the city business will be settled for some time at least."

Ald. Richter was instructed to interview the various other civic bodies, the water commission, the hospital board, etc., who do banking other than with the city account.

Bulk the Accounts.

"It would be of great advantage to the city, if all the accounts were in one bank," said Ald. Richter. "We would save quite a lot of money each year, and more satisfactory rates could be obtained."

The chairman will take the matter up at once, so that a report can be given at the meeting of the council Monday evening.

WIFE IS GRANTED ALIMONY BY JUDGE

Case of Thompson vs. Thompson in the Weekly High Court.

In the case of Thompson vs. Thompson in the weekly high court this morning, a motion for interim alimony and disbursements until trial, Mr. Justice Sutherland ordered that William Thompson pay \$50 interim disbursements, and \$10 per week to his wife, Mary Thompson. W. R. Meredith appeared for the motion. T. G. Meredith, K.C., appeared for the defendant.

Cameron vs. Hull was an application under the vendors' and purchasers' act for a declaration of the ability of the applicant to make a good title to certain lands agreed to be sold. The case stands for a week. N. W. McKee appeared for the applicant, T. G. Meredith, K.C., for the contrary.

Morris vs. Morris, an alimony case, is reserved for a week. F. P. Bette appeared for the plaintiff.

THE NEW MEMBER'S SPEECH

By John T. McCutcheon

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As it really was delivered—



and as the people back home are led to believe that it was delivered.

FARMER DIED IN HIS SLEIGH

Thos. Wilcox, of Westminster, Found Lifeless in Rig in Westminster.

HEART DISEASE CAUSE

Had Been Ill a Month Ago, But Up Till His Death Was Apparently in Good Health.

Thomas Wilcox, a Westminster Township farmer, fell dead in the box of his sleigh while driving from his farm at lot 15, concession 3, to a gravel pit on the fifth concession yesterday morning, death being due to heart disease. Coroner Dr. Routledge, of Lambeth, was summoned and after investigating the affair decided that an inquest was unnecessary.

About a month ago Mr. Wilcox suffered from an attack of heart trouble but he was apparently in good health up until the time of his death yesterday. He had been out hauling gravel during the day, and at 10 o'clock started for another load.

Half an hour later Mr. Thomas E. Nichol, another farmer, driving along the fifth concession, came upon Mr. Wilcox's outfit. When the horses did not turn out at his approach he investigated, and found the lifeless body in the box of the sleigh.

County Constable Shaver was placed in charge of the remains until the arrival of Dr. Routledge.

Mr. Wilcox was about 45 years of age, and is survived by his wife and two children, Mrs. M. A. Cunningham, of Westminster Township, and Henry at home. The funeral is to be held on Monday morning at St. Mary's Church, York street, where revulsion high mass will be solemnized. Burial will take place at St. Peter's Cemetery.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—VERY COLD.

Forecasts.

Toronto, Feb. 3—8 a.m.

Fresh northwest to north winds; fair and decidedly cold today and on Sunday, with temperatures well below zero in most places.

Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours prior to 6 o'clock this morning:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
LONDON	25	-8	Clear
Victoria	20	-22	Clear
Calgary	50	-16	Cloudy
Winnipeg	8	-18	Cloudy
Port Arthur	0	-16	Clear
Park Sound	24	-8	Fair
Toronto	28	-8	Cloudy
Montreal	22	-6	Fair
Quebec	16	-6	Cloudy
Father Point	20	-8	Snow

Minus (—) means below zero.

Weather Notes.

Another severe cold wave covers Saskatchewan, Alberta and the Northwest states, while a moderate depression has developed and moved southeastward to Missouri.

Very cold weather prevails again generally.

THREE HURT WHEN G.T.R. CAR OVERTURNED NEAR KINCARDINE

Mail Clerks and Traveller Injured in Wreck on Kincardine and Palmerston Branch This Morning.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Kincardine, Feb. 3.—Messrs. Colcott and McPhail, mail clerks, and Stewart, of Walkerton, a traveller, were hurt shortly after 6 this morning, when a car on Grand Trunk express No. 20, running between Kincardine and Palmerston, was derailed near here. The train was running at a high rate of speed at the time the coach jumped the tracks, and it overturned before the engine could be stopped.

CITY ENGINEER IS OPPOSED TO PROPOSED NORTH END BELT

Cost of Bridges or Subways Would Be Excessive, He Says.

The extension of the street railway in the north end, as proposed by a deputation of citizens from that section last year, will be quite an expensive matter. A crossing at Adelaide or William streets was demanded, and City Engineer Wright estimates that the cost of these will run from \$38,000 to \$45,000, not including land damages. Assessment Commissioner Grant will submit a report on this latter matter shortly.

Mr. Wright objects to the construction of a bridge at either crossing.

Two plans for each street were presented. One provided for abutments and the other for a reinforced wall. The latter costs about \$5,000 more than the former.

At William street, the more expensive Some Figures.

construction would amount to \$43,961.26, while the abutment construction would cost \$37,822.50.

At Adelaide, the retaining wall subway would cost \$44,925.80, while the other would cost \$36,233.20.

The cost of a level crossing would be quite heavy. At Adelaide street a complete interlocker would cost \$9,000 and at William street \$7,000. Mr. Wright did not think that the Dominion Railway Commission would allow a level crossing to be made, owing to its menace to public safety.

The finance committee did not feel qualified to touch the subject without further information, and Mr. Wright's report will be printed, a copy furnished to each member of the council, and dealt with later.

DUCHESS OF CANNAUGHT MAY BE INVITED TO FOREST CITY

May Attend the Convention of National Council of Women This Summer.

The members of the Local Council of Women met Friday afternoon in the Y. W. C. A. parlors and discussed a number of questions which will be taken up at the annual convention of the National Council, which is to be held in this city next summer.

The questions chiefly concern amendments to the criminal code, for the protection of women and children. These matters will be brought before both the Provincial and Dominion Parliaments.

Duchess May Come.

There is a possibility that the big convention will be graced by the presence of the Duchess of Connaught, who is honorary president of the National Council.

President Mrs. Boomer presided at the meeting, and extended a welcome to the Women's Canadian Club and the Teachers' Guild, which organizations were recently affiliated with the local council.

Public meetings are to be held in city churches during the annual convention, while the delegates will convene in the Normal School. The date has not as yet been definitely decided, upon, but will be during the last of May or the first of June.

Prominent Visitors.

Many prominent Canadian women are to attend the National Council, including Lady Taylor, of Amherst; Mrs. Torrington, of Toronto; Miss Derick, of McGill, Montreal, who is regarded as one of the finest after-dinner speakers of her sex; Mrs. Hurst, of Royal Victoria College, Montreal; Dr. Ritchie, of Montreal; Dr. Stowe-Gullen, president of the suffrage association of Toronto; Dr. Margaret Gordon, of Toronto; Miss Ritchie, of Halifax; Mrs. McLellan, of St. John, N. B.; Mrs. Watkins, of Hamilton; Mrs. McCauley, of Vancouver, B. C., and many others. In all there will be between two and three hundred delegates to the national convention.

To See the Mayor.

It is likely that a deputation from the local organization of the National Council of Women will interview Mayor Graham, to solicit the city council to extend an invitation to Her Royal Highness, the Duchess of Connaught, to visit London.

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G. T. R. FREIGHT AGENT PROMOTED

Mr. L. H. Harold Is Made Agent of the Traffic Department.

TAKES EFFECT MONDAY

Successor to the Popular Local Official Has Not as Yet Been Named.

The promotion of Mr. Lewis H. Harold, local freight agent, of the Grand Trunk, to a very important position in the company's service, has been announced, and will take effect on Monday.

Mr. Harold has now been made agent of the traffic department, his jurisdiction extending over the entire system from Chicago, Ill., to Portland, Me. While his headquarters will be in Montreal, Mr. Harold's family will remain in London.

No definite announcement as to who will succeed Mr. Harold has as yet been made, but Mr. Richard Wright of the local staff, is at present acting freight agent.

Mr. Harold came to London two years ago from Brantford, and since that time has made many friends in this city. Previous to that time he had located in Stratford and Wingham.

POWERFUL FORCE ORDERED TO BELFAST

Five Thousand Will Be Concentrated to Prevent Trouble—On February 8.

[Canadian Press.] Belfast, Ireland, Feb. 3.—The lord mayor of the city of Belfast has sent a requisition to the parks committee to provide accommodation for 5,000 troops who are to concentrate here on Feb. 8, the day of the home rule demonstration, at which Winston Spencer Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, and John E. Redmond, the Irish Nationalist leader, are to speak.

MUCH MONEY IN THE LONDON BILL

Measure Will Be Sent to the Ontario Legislature Shortly by the City Council.

The City of London bill is practically complete and will be submitted for the consideration of the Legislature shortly. Quite a sum of money is added to the debenture debt of the city. The individual items are as follows:

- \$25,000 for radial station.
- \$20,000 for West London bridge.
- \$50,000 for garbage disposal system.
- \$80,000 for electrical extension, issued last year, but to be ratified by this Legislature.
- \$57,000 for waterworks extension, also passed last year.
- \$5,000 for industrial purposes.
- \$8,000 for public comfort station.
- \$18,000 for fire department extension.

Control of Parks.

In addition the administration of the park is to be turned over to the water commissioners, who will be limited to the expenditure of \$20,000 per annum for this purpose.

All these questions have been considered and approved except that regarding the fire department. This will come up prior to the council meeting on Monday night, and the sum of \$18,000 will be decided on as the amount required. This will be used to purchase an auto for Chief Aitken, an auto combination wagon, an aerial truck, alterations to the fire stations, etc.

A NEW BUILDING FOR MOLSON'S BANK

A \$35,000 Structure Is To Be Erected on the Present Site.

The Molson's Bank will rebuild their present offices on Dundas street. Mr. H. C. McBride has completed the plans for the work, and the contract will be awarded in a short time.

The building will be preproof and modern in every detail. The plan contemplated will cost about \$35,000.

EX-MAYOR EXPLAINS ROYAL BANK DEAL

Mr. J. H. A. Beattie Tells Why Purchase Price Was Left on Deposit.

Ex-Mayor J. H. A. Beattie, who conducted the negotiations for the sale of the city hall to the Royal Bank of Canada, does not take any stock in the criticism of Ald. Richter that the business was done in rather a capricious way. He declares that the city was protected in every possible manner.

"The facts are simply these," said Mr. Beattie. "When the city was sold to the Royal Bank, the money was placed to our credit on deposit in the Royal Bank. Arrangements were made whereby the city was to receive a special rate of interest, sufficient to carry the rent of the building. The terms were so advantageous that it was decided to leave the money on deposit with the Royal Bank. It could have been drawn out five minutes after it was deposited if it were necessary. A check could be issued now or at any time for the amount. The only reason it was left was because of the advantageous arrangements made in regard to the interest. The city was protected absolutely in every particular."

BIG AUTO SHOW HERE NEXT WEEK

All Arrangements Have Been Completed for the Exhibition in the Armories.

MANY CARS ARE COMING

People of This City Will See the Auto Machinery Working Without Bodies on the Cars.

Assured of success before its commencement the first annual exhibition of the London Automobile Dealers' Association will be thrown open to the public at the Armories on Wednesday evening next for the remainder of the week.

A committee of the dealers has finally completed arrangements for the big event and while practically all the space in the immense drill hall has been sold for some time entries continue to pour in and it is now certain that all types of cars, built within a great range of prices, will be displayed in the Forest City's initial exposition.

Hundreds of inquiries have been received from outside points regarding the show and the attendance, from the farming communities especially, will be remarkable. Residents of the rural districts are taking a greater interest in the motor than before and while several have arranged for deliveries of cars early in the spring it is expected that numerous sales to this class will be closed at the show.

Within Reach of All.

The great reductions in prices in the past couple of years have brought the automobile within the reach of many hundreds of people who in earlier times did not care to satisfy their desires, and this will also continue to the attendance at the big exhibition.

The London Automobile Dealers' Association was organized in January, 1911, when preparations were made to hold London's first motor show. Owing to difficulties, however, it was found necessary to abandon the scheme for the time being, but delay served a purpose in permitting the organization to better prepare for the show of 1912.

The first aim of the body is to look to the interests of the automobilists, to bring pressure to bear upon city and county authorities for the betterment of the highways, and to work in conjunction with the provincial league in securing and maintaining reasonable and unprejudiced legislation.

That there is much room for improvement in all roads, rural and urban, is admitted by everyone who has ridden over them, and as the cracking of springs is no more pleasing to the man who handles the reins than the pilot who manipulates his spark and throttle, anything that may be done (Continued on Page Eight.)

FOUR PERSONS FOUND MURDERED

Tragedy in Tenement House in Heart of Lawrence, Massachusetts.

ONE VICTIM HAD MONEY

The Slayer May Have Been a Lover of One of the Victims.

Lawrence, Mass., Feb. 3.—The state and local police who are investigating the murder of four persons, whose bodies were found last night in a tenement house near the heart of the city, obtained a probable clue this morning, when they learned that Sheshe Maroon, one of the victims, had recently drawn about \$500 from a local bank, and the money on his person when he went to the house in which the crime was committed. The police in their search of the man's clothing, and of the premises, did not find any money. It was also reported that the murderer may have been a former lover of one of the victims, Mrs. Annie E. Dennis, but nothing definite has been ascertained by the police early this forenoon.

MIDDLE WEST STATES SWEEPED BY BLIZZARD

Railway and Street Car Traffic Tied Up and Mercury Way Down.

[Canadian Press.]

Lacrosse, Wis., Feb. 3.—With a temperature of 29 below zero, this was the coldest February day in thirty years. Outdoor work is suspended, and the trains are running hours behind schedule.

Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 3.—Heavy snow, assuming almost the proportions of a blizzard, and five degrees below zero, were conditions prevailing throughout Central Iowa early today.

St. Joseph, Mo., Feb. 3.—Railway and street car traffic was paralyzed by a drifting snow today. The storm was general throughout Northwest Missouri and live stock suffered greatly.