

JAPAN ACCEPTS FOUR POWER TREATY PLAN

TWO MEMBERS LONDON RIDING ARE PREDICTED

Layout of Subdivisions Following Increase Makes Division of City Easy.

CHANGE LOCAL SYSTEM Fifth Ward May Be Added or Return to Electing Aldermen at Large.

Political leaders in London predict that before another federal and provincial election comes around there will be a redistribution of seats, and that London will have two instead of one member in each House.

This fact has been kept in mind in the rearrangement of the subdivisions of the city, the number of which on account of the size of some of them, it has been found necessary to increase from 77 to 90.

There is also the question of representation from a municipal point of view, on account of the material difference in the size and population of the wards.

In the rearrangement of the new subdivisions, in so far as they would involve a redistribution for federal or provincial purposes, Dundas, running east and west, and Wellington, running north and south, have been made dividing lines.

Divide by Wards.

If London is to have two seats in the Commons and in the legislature, it would seem that the division of the city would be on the present ward lines. Just how this would be worked out would remain for the politicians to decide.

Large ward 4 and small 2 might be coupled, and medium 1 and 3. Yet for political purposes there may be another arrangement. For instance, 1 and 2 might give promise of an almost sure Liberal seat, while 3 and 4 might be expected to go Conservative. With 1 and 3 on the south together, and 2 and 4 on the north, there would be two real battlegrounds, with either party having a good chance.

As for the municipal council, there are those who see the time near at hand when there must be some changes adopted, and there seems to be two alternatives, either to make a fifth ward east of Adelaide street, or go back to the system of election of aldermen at large.

Back to Ward System.

From 1901 to 1916, the aldermen of the city were elected at large. Since then, there were no complaints about this system, despite the fact that most of the aldermen were from ward four, according to the city clerk.

However, there were those on the council who desired the ward system. They presented the matter to the council in a motion and back the city went to the wards.

The difference in the number of voters in each ward can perhaps be best shown by the majority votes cast in the recent contest. Ward one, London south, east 2,692; Ward two, which includes Dundas, 1,931; Ward 3, east of Wellington and south of Dundas, 2,167; Ward four, north of Dundas, east of Wellington, 3,277.

Advocates Change.

Thus it will be seen that Ward two, with less than 2,000 votes cast, has three aldermen to represent it, just the same as Ward 4, with over 3,000 voters. Population figures show that Wards 3 and 4 are considerably larger than the other wards because of the large annexed area to the east.

During the municipal election contest, Ald. Frank Harley, of the majority candidate, advocated a return to the system of electing aldermen at large, contending that the present ward system made far too much "ward grabbing."

The bylaw changing the city subdivisions, was before the council Wednesday night. It was read twice and then laid over, as Mayor Little expressed a desire to look over the new map.

GRAND RAPIDS BANDITS KILL OFFICER IN ESCAPE

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 8.—Four of the six bandits who robbed a branch of the Grand Rapids Savings Bank of \$14,000 yesterday, shot and killed one police officer and seriously wounded another last night, when the officers broke into a house on the outskirts of the city in which the bandits were hiding.

Following the shooting, police reserves were hurried to the house with orders to storm it, but the bandits, accompanied by a woman, had escaped in an automobile before they arrived. Part of the loot, which consisted of currency and bonds, was abandoned when the bandits left the house.

Aid of state troopers and police of all surrounding cities and towns has been enlisted in the search for the bandits, who are reported to have abandoned their automobile outside the city and boarded an inter-urban train.

Object to Form of British Oath of Allegiance

MEMBERS OF DAIL CABINET DISSATISFIED

De Valera's Continued Silence Interpreted as Opposition to Proposal.

WOMEN ANTAGONISTIC

The Republican Organizations Protest Against What They Term a "Surrender."

Dublin, Dec. 8.—The agreement with Great Britain for a settlement of Ireland's affairs and the establishment of the Irish Free State was taken up for consideration by the cabinet of the Dail Eireann, at a specially called meeting here today. Great interest was manifested in the session and a large crowd of enthusiasts gathered at the Mansion House.

After a comparatively brief session, the cabinet adjourned for lunch, planning another session to be held later in the day. No statement was forthcoming as to the cabinet's proceedings.

Split Is Predicted.

Talk of a possible split in the Dail and the resignations of some of the cabinet over the terms of the agreement have been predicted among the members of the cabinet. Some of the leading members of the cabinet are known to object to the form of the oath of allegiance, and to the terms of the agreement. It is believed the agreement will be improved, in principle at least.

Ulster's Attitude Awaited.

All this interest here, the cabinet is considering the treaty, a copy of which was sent to Premier Sir James Craig, immediately after its signature in London, and Prime Minister Lloyd George's secretary is in Belfast, waiting to take back the reply. Ulster, it is thought, will not enter the parliament of the Irish free state at its inception, but will wait to see what opinion opinion predicts that they will prove a minority, although perhaps, a troublesome one.

Logue Approves of New Peace Terms

Belfast, Dec. 8.—Cardinal Logue, primate of Ireland, told his flock today that he thought the Irish peace terms were satisfactory. He added: "I would like to see unity, and no division of the country, so that all could pull together for the good of Ireland. I would like to see the people of Ireland living in peace and charity with each other." The cardinal expressed the fear that the expense of the northern government will weigh heavily on the people of six counties. Replying to a query as to whether he thought it wise for Ulster to retain her own parliament, he said: "I think it would be a blessing if we could all pull together and give up the old bitter cries. It is satisfactory to be given a parliament of our own, any way, it prevents us from being fleeced by England and paying her far beyond our taxable capacity."

Sees Menace in Irish Republican Opposition

London, England, Dec. 8.—Lord Londonderry, the leader in the British senate, is quoted in a dispatch to the Times as saying: "The end of the year, the department expect to commence issuing series of bulletins relating to sex, religion and nationality. Agricultural statistics will also commence to appear in January."

Urged for Cabinet.



W. G. RAYMOND.

LOCAL civil servants were circulating a petition Thursday morning asking that W. G. Raymond, former postmaster at Brantford, who was elected to parliament on Dec. 6, shall be the next postmaster-general for Canada.

Even Grand Trunk Trains Run On Schedule Time Under "Liberal Rule"

FOUR travelers were coming on the "mixed" Wednesday night—said mixed being a train that runs between Brantford and London, the mixture consisting of freight cars, cow pulmans and a passenger coach.

Once in a great while it is St. Mary's Junction before the train from Stratford to London reaches there, in which case they get right on through to London—otherwise they wait for a couple of hours.

Luck was with the mixed on Wednesday night, and as the passengers scrambled off the train, the mixture consisting of freight cars, cow pulmans and a passenger coach, the London train got there, one was heard to remark: "That's a pretty lucky stab—just saves me two hours of good time."

CENSUS WORKERS RECEIVE SALARIES

All But 200 of 1,200 Enumerators Employed Have Received Final Payment.

Ottawa, Dec. 8.—(Canadian Press)—All but 200 of the 12,000 enumerators engaged on the Canadian census have now received full payment for their work. The totals for the provinces of Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan and British Columbia have yet to be announced, but the figures are almost all in. In the Yukon, too, where the census has been conducted by the R. C. master, has accepted an invitation to be present, and address the brethren.

The ceremony will be held in the auditorium of the temple, which is being specially fitted up for the occasion. The lodge will install their officers as follows: St. John's, No. 20; St. George's, No. 42; Kilwinning, No. 64; Tuscan, No. 195; St. John's, No. 209a; Corinthian, No. 520; King Solomon's, No. 378; Union, No. 539; and Acadia, No. 539.

STEVENS CALLED TO OTTAWA BY MEIGHEN

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 8.—Hon. H. H. Stevens, minister of trade and commerce, who was re-elected member for Vancouver Center, yesterday, left for Ottawa last night in response to a telegram from Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, requesting his presence in the capital.

WANT RAYMOND FOR HEAD OF POSTAL DEPT.

London Civil Servants Sign Petition To Be Sent to Liberal Leader.

POINTS OUT ABILITY

Brantford Member's Experience Makes Him Especially Fitted for Job.

That W. G. Raymond, formerly postmaster at Brantford, but since the federal polling on Dec. 6 member of parliament for that city, should be the next postmaster-general in Mackenzie King's cabinet, is the general opinion of London's civil servants.

Believing that their expression to this effect might be kindly and considered by the Liberal leader, the railway mail clerks, the postal clerks and all others employed in the local departments are signing a petition that will be sent to Mr. King.

Following is the petition:

London, Canada, Dec. 7, 1921.

The Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, Prime Minister, Elect, Ottawa, Sir.—We, the undersigned members of the civil service, postoffice employees, feeling that it would be in the best interest of the postal service to have as postmaster-general one who not only possesses exceptional ability to entitle him to consideration as a cabinet minister, but one who has had experience in the postal work, and we are vitally interested, therefore, pray that in the forming of your cabinet you will give serious consideration to the peculiar fitness of Mr. W. G. Raymond, M. P., for Brantford, Ontario, who has been postmaster of Brantford for twenty-three years and is a practical postoffice man, and his work there has been one of the highest order; he is a very able speaker and possesses a brilliant personality, and we believe him to be exceptionally fitted for the position of postmaster-general.

We are, Sir, Your obedient servants.

WELL-KNOWN LONDON MEN SERIOUSLY ILL

The condition of Dr. Harry Abbott, of 227 Queen's avenue, is considered serious. He has been in hospital for three weeks. He is in Victoria Hospital.

Another well-known Londoner, Hubert Ashplant, is also seriously ill. He has been confined to his home at 40, King street, for the past six weeks. The physician in attendance on Mr. Ashplant reported that he was resting easily Thursday, and that his condition is very favorable.

CITY MASONS TO INSTALL OFFICERS DECEMBER 27

The installation of officers of the nine Masonic lodges of London will be held the 27th of December. Most Worshipful Brother D. M. McPherson, past grand master, has accepted an invitation to be present, and address the brethren.

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New Prima Donna Makes Sensation



MARIE J. JERITZ.

"THE greatest individual success since Emma Calve's debut," said the critics of Marie Jeritz, soprano, after she sang for the first time at the Metropolitan Opera House, New York. She was the star of the Vienna Opera until brought to New York. Unlike most of her contemporaries, this prima donna is slim.

FLAX SCUTCHER VOTED SUCCESS TO SOMERVILLE

Demonstration at Tecumseh House Satisfies Most Critical of Growers.

WILL ECONOMIZE LABOR

Great interest has been exhibited in the demonstration of the new flax scutcher conducted during the last few days by C. H. Griffiths of the firm of R. B. Boby, Limited, of Bury St. Edmunds, England. The machine has been on demonstration for about a week, and each day interest has been growing, until the last day, Thursday.

The machine was placed in the Superior Machine Company's workshop on York street, and visitors were invited to bring a sample of their own flax straw and have it scutched in their presence. All who saw it in operation were convinced that it was a remarkable invention, and much better than any machine now on the market.

BERT BROOKER WILL ADDRESS CITY AD. CLUB

Bertram Brooker, business manager of the London Advertiser, and formerly of the Winnipeg Free Press, will speak to the members of the London Advertising and Sales Club Thursday night at the McGray dining-room at 5 o'clock. He will talk on "The Retailer's Selling Problems in 1922."

Mr. Brooker is one of Canada's best-known authorities on advertising, and has made a thorough study of the economic problems of the country at the present time; therefore the members of the club are assured an enlightening and interesting address.

Members of Sunken Submarine Escape Through Torpedo Tubes

New York, Dec. 8.—Fifty-one members of the crew of the submarine S-18, who escaped through torpedo tubes after their craft had made a nose dive off Bridgeport Harbor yesterday, and stuck to the bottom, told a remarkable story of rescue on their arrival today at the New York navy yard.

CROWN CLOSES CASE IN TRIAL OF BRAMMER

Ex-Constable Charged With Liquor Theft May Hear Verdict Thursday Night.

GARAGE MAN TESTIFIES

S. H. Rowed Claims Defendant Wanted to Borrow Truck.

The trial of Roy Brammer, ex-police constable of London, and Fred Mason, charged with stealing eight cases of whiskey and \$150 from Hubert McCaffery, a farmer of Biddulph Township, on the night of May 19 last, which commenced Wednesday morning before Judge Judd, was speeded up considerably at Thursday morning's session, and there is now a likelihood that the two men will know the verdicts in their cases this evening.

Joseph McCaffery, a brother of Hubert, who was on the stand most of Wednesday afternoon, was grilled for a further 30 minutes Thursday morning by J. M. McEvoy, K. C., and Albert Judd, counsel for the prisoners.

"When they threatened to shoot me, I would know them again," said McCaffery, when asked how he positively identified the men who had entered the house and demanded the whiskey, posing as officers of the law.

"I am sure of the men and the car they had," declared the witness, when asked by Mr. Judd to tell all he knew. He was sure that Mason wore a dark peaked cap. He could not tell the counsel the color of Mason's eyes.

"My learned friends have been examining you for some time, can you tell me the color of their eyes?" questioned Crown Attorney J. B. McKillop. "No," was the reply.

"Of course you couldn't," declared the crown.

"It is not fair of you to make any comment," said Judge Judd.

"My learned friends have been doing cards for all on the table. This now Turn to Page 3, Column 2.

SUPPOSE NOBODY CARED! ON CHRISTMAS MORN

"SANTA CLAUS forgot to come last year." This is the heart-breaking cry which comes out of the letter of a wee 9-year-old girl. And can such an appeal reach the heart of even the hardest reader without melting it to utter sympathy and filling it with a longing to help make Santa Claus come this year for that little girl?

Little 9-year-old lassie, Santa Claus didn't really forget you at all last year. It was only that some people who should have remembered you, forgot all about you, and stopped Santa Claus before he came to your small stocking.

Santa Claus never forgets anybody, but sometimes his big, warm heart is sad because people won't let him get around to everybody.

A splendid way to help old Santa Claus this year is a subscription to the "Goodfellows' Christmas Cheer Fund." The treasurer of that fund is doing all he can to help. Why not you, too?

Here is the little letter:

"Dear Santa Claus,—I am writing a little note to ask you if you will come to see us this Christmas, as you forgot to come last year. I am a little girl 9 years old. I have two brothers and one little sister. My little baby brother is just six weeks old, and he needs a nice warm coat. My other brother is 7 years old, and he wants a coat, too. My little sister is 5 years old.

"My mamma has been in the hospital a lot, and it costs so much money that daddy cannot buy much for us. I have heard you are good to little boys and girls and to those who are poor. So I thought I would write and ask you to come to our house. I do hope you won't forget. We would like some toys, but, Dear Santa, some warm clothes would be better. If you can bring some, we would be so happy.

"Good-bye for tonight, Dear Old Santa. Please try to come. Good night. God bless you.

"FROM ONE OF YOUR LITTLE GIRLS."

AGREES TO PACT AS PROPOSED BY U. S. PRESIDENT

Tokio Authorities, However, Reserve Decision on Naval Ration Proposition.

BRITISH INSPIRE TRUST

Only Charges of "Secret Diplomacy" New Made Against U. S. Delegates.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The Japanese government has accepted the proposal for a quadruple understanding in the Pacific, an authorized British spokesman said today.

The British spokesman said the 5-5-3 ratio proposition with regard to capital ships was in some way related to a complete settlement, and that this proposition had not yet been accepted by the Japanese government.

The four-power treaty was proposed on Monday by President Harding.

Secret Diplomacy Discarded by British.

Washington, Dec. 8.—(By Ben Deacon, Staff Correspondent of the Canadian Press).—"If there is any of that old-fashioned secret diplomacy which we heard so much about at the beginning of the conference, it certainly is not in this corner of the building," said a United States correspondent this morning, as he left the British headquarters in the Navy Building, after a meeting between the conference news gatherers and a spokesman of the Empire delegation.

"I am now thoroughly convinced that the British have nothing to hide in connection with their policy and are giving all information it is possible to divulge regarding their activities here," he added.

This little sidelight gives an indication of the general trend of sentiment here in regard to the British delegation. Every day it becomes more and more apparent that, as was stated by a British spokesman recently, the objects of Great Britain and the Dominions in coming to this conference were very simple that they involve no element of mystery whatever. The British are playing the cards for the general good and are doing cards for all on the table. This now Turn to Page 3, Column 2.

Paroles Three of Six City Lads Sent to Mimico for Auto Theft

Three of the six local lads who were sent to Mimico for taking an automobile on the street and going for a joy-ride, are going to be able to be in the bosom of their respective families for Christmas.

They are to be paroled. Word to this effect has reached Mr. Kelly, inspector of the Children's Aid. It is believed that they will get their liberty within a few days.

Great interest has been taken in these six boys, and this has resulted

Automobile Dealers Report Business Booming.

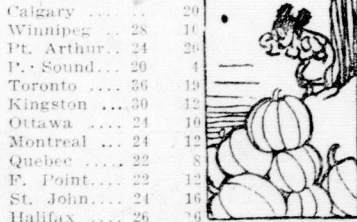
IN a report given to Wilfrid Hodgins, president of the Automobile Dealers' Association, Saturday last, the automobile dealers say that they have had more sales of automobiles, particularly used cars, in the week ending Dec. 3 than any other week in the year, with the exception of one or two weeks in the spring, which is generally conceded by the dealers to be the time of heaviest sales.

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According to a report made to the commandant, they lightened one end of the submarine until it appeared above the surface and then sat perched on this pinnacle for more than ten hours, until after darkness had fallen.

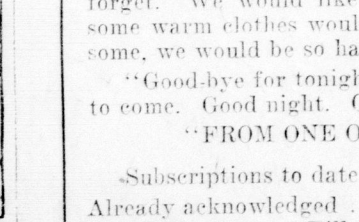
The submarine left Bridgeport on a trial trip. About a mile off the entrance



to the harbor, after making a nose dive, she failed to come up, and her commander reported that the presumption was one of her hatch covers had not been properly fastened, allowing water to seep in.

When night came on, some of the crew went down into the sunken craft and hauled out mattresses to burn in order to get a brighter signalling flame than tiny matches could give.

One by one, the mattresses were burned at the tip of the upstanding bow, the 51 sitting around their flaming signal. Just as the last mattress was burning, about 10:30 o'clock, a tug sighted the submarine and came alongside.



LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following are the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 34; lowest, 29.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 27; lowest, 22.

Barometric Standing.

Wednesday—8 a.m., 29.41.

Today—8 a.m., 29.37.