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SNOW OR RAIN

TWO CENTS

ALLIANCE OF FRANCE AND GREAT BRITAIN REGARDED AS AMONG POSSIBILITIES

Looked Upon as Only Means of Keeping the Entente Intact—British Delegates on Eve of Opening of Allied Supreme Council Meeting, Reticent Regarding Such an Alliance—Briand in Favor of Such a Union.

Cannes, Jan. 4.—With the air full of talk of an alliance between France and Great Britain, as the only means of keeping the entente intact, Premier Briand and Prime Minister Lloyd George today resumed their conversations which were begun some days ago in London.

"The conversations are continuing," was the only comment the French premier would make after a two hours' talk with Mr. Lloyd George this afternoon.

British Reticent

General reticence is being observed by the principals of the British delegation on the eve of the opening of the Allied Supreme Council meeting regarding such an alliance. Premier Briand said, before going to the British Prime Minister's villa this afternoon, that it might be putting it rather strongly to talk of a formal alliance. Yet, he said, the policy of France all along has been to strengthen her ties with her war allies, since this seemed essential to a settlement of European problems.

Situation Grave

Members of both the French and British delegations are agreed that the situation is grave, and that the entente powers must come closer together or they will drift more widely apart. The difference of opinion appears to center around the question of who ought to make the concessions necessary to bring about closer accord. The atmosphere throughout the day was generally pessimistic. Premier Bonomi, of Italy, arrived on the scene late this afternoon and he is expected to see Premier Briand and Lloyd George during the evening.

Baldwin Case Echoed in Arrests on Kidnapping Charge

Mother-in-Law, Divorced Wife and Brother Charged With Conspiring to Kidnap Children.

Montreal, Jan. 4.—An echo of the Baldwin case was heard today when Maurice Day Baldwin secured authorization from the Superior Court to have his children produced before a judge tomorrow afternoon. Mr. Baldwin, who is a son of the late Bishop of Huron, Ont., charges the children's grandmother, Mrs. R. B. Stephenson, who is eighty years old, his wife, from whom he is separated, and her brother with conspiracy to kidnap them. They were arrested yesterday on this charge, but were liberated on parole.

Paris Worked Up Over Reference to Castex Article

Paris Temps Criticizes Article Which Defended Action of German Submarines.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Taking note of the statement of the Paris Temps, which said that one of the quotations from the famous Castex article, read by Lord Lee of the British delegation to the Arms Conference Naval Committee, could not be found in the article, the British delegation today cited the quotation. It read:

"Thanks to the submarine, we (France) possess the instrument, the Martingale, which will definitely and forever overturn the naval power of the British Empire."

The Temps said: "Whatever may be the interpretation of this particular passage, it must be obvious to every reader of this article that the whole purpose of the writer, as evidenced by the other passages which Lord Lee quoted and which the Temps does not challenge, is to expound and defend the German methods of submarine war as commerce as practiced in the 'late war.'"

REDUCTION IN ARMY

Washington, Jan. 4.—A bill proposing to reduce the personnel of the army, commissioned and enlisted included to 75,000, and of the navy to 60,000, was introduced today by Senator King, Democrat, Utah.

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS IN CANADA IN YEAR 1921 VALUED AT \$240,000,000

Toronto, Jan. 4.—The value of construction contracts in Canada in 1921, according to MacLean's records, was \$240,000,000, as compared with \$235,000,000 in 1920, \$190,000,000 in 1919, and \$99,000,000 in 1918. However, if prices recessions in material and labor costs are taken into consideration, the volume of new construction undertaken during 1921 was many millions of dollars greater than the 1920 total.

PRINCE OF WALES CAPTURES THE RANGOON FANCY

Cheered at Races by Hundred Thousand People—His Tireless Energy Appeals to All.

London, Jan. 4.—(Canadian Press Cable)—The Prince of Wales, now on a tour of India, speaking at a dinner yesterday in Rangoon, according to a cable, said that nowhere during his three Empire tours had he received a warmer welcome than in Rangoon.

The extent to which the Prince has captured the warm-hearted Burmese has been strikingly demonstrated on every possible occasion. During a tour of the city at Government House, he received one prolonged ovation. Also, while motoring to a dance at the Gymkhana Club along a route abate with Chinese lanterns the Prince was greeted with an unbroken roar of cheering, in striking refutation of the popular belief that an Oriental crowd is never demonstrative.

Appeals to All

Next to the admiration for the charming personality of the Prince of Wales, nothing has appealed to the Rangoon's fancy so much as the Prince's tireless energy, despite the tropical sunshine. At the Rangoon races the Prince entered with wholehearted zest into the spirit, notwithstanding his previous strenuous exertions on the polo grounds. The city was given a holiday and it is estimated that nearly 100,000 people attended the races.

Street Railwaymen Accept Reduction

Those in British Columbia Vote Against Going Out on Strike.

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 4.—Street railwaymen employed by the British Columbia Electric Railway Company, operating the street railway system in Vancouver, Victoria and New Westminster, voted today to accept a reduction in wages, approximating ten per cent. A strike vote taken yesterday and counted today resulted in 514 against a strike and 903 in favor of one.

Steamer Harbinger Freed By Eastport Customs Officials

Detained Since Its Arrival There Sunday for Water and Stores—Had Liquor Cargo.

Eastport, Me., Jan. 4.—Customs officials announced tonight that the small British steamer Harbinger, detained here on her arrival Sunday for water and stores after it had been learned that she had 300 cases of liquors in her hold, would be released and allowed on her voyage from St. John, N. B., to Nassau, B. W. I. They said their investigation had shown that there was nothing to warrant the holding of the vessel.

"The master of the steamer said the trip would take two weeks or more and that he would have to call at other United States ports for coal and water."

Steamer Sommelsdyk Reported Afire At Sea, In Need of Help

British Torpedo Boat Destroyer Sent to Steamer's Assistance—French Steamer Near By.

London, Jan. 4.—The Dutch steamer Sommelsdyk, bound from Baltimore for Rotterdam, is on fire at sea and in need of aid, according to a wireless despatch which was received by Lloyds at Queenstown from the vessel.

"We are on fire in the after-hold in latitude 49.26 north, longitude 9.56 west, and require immediate assistance," said the despatch to the agency. The British torpedo boat destroyer Tirbury has been ordered to the aid of the Sommelsdyk and was due to reach her vicinity about 9 o'clock tonight. The French steamer which is also in the vicinity to the assistance. The Sommelsdyk, which is a freighter, left Baltimore Dec. 29, and after touching at Newport News, proceeded for Rotterdam.

Passengers Have Hard Session On Snow-Stalled Train

Halifax Express, Stalled Since Tuesday Morning at Antigonish, Freed Last Night.

Antigonish, N. S., Jan. 4.—The Canadian National Railway service between New Glasgow and Port Tupper, on the Strait of Canso, is at a standstill. The whole country hereabouts has been busy all day digging itself out of snow and frozen sleds. The express, which left Halifax Tuesday morning and was snowbound east of here, was dug out today, after the fifty passengers had had cold, comfort and little or nothing to eat for many weary hours. Snow plows were at work all day trying to clear the way for these other stalled trains. According to reports from surrounding districts, the snow storm was the heaviest and most paralyzing for years.

Disorderly Houses and "Blind Pigs" No More In Hull

Their Extermination Has Had Good Effect in Prevention of Intoxication, Says Officials.

Ottawa, Jan. 4.—There has not been one arrest for intoxication in Hull, Que., this year, and it is considered a record. One year ago the police cells held a daily average of ten men during the first week in January, but this year the docket is clear insofar as drunkenness is concerned, and the authorities are highly elated. The wiping out of "blind-pigs" and disorderly houses—all of the latter have been closed—has been the aim of Collector of Revenue J. T. Purcell, and police records show he has been most successful.

Situation In South Africa Is Still Serious

Believed Ballot of Trade Unionists Will Go Heavily in Favor of Strike.

London, Jan. 4.—The seriousness of the industrial position in South Africa is in no wise diminished, according to a Beuter cable from Johannesburg. It is generally believed that the ballot of the trade unionists will go heavily in favor of a general strike. Police contingents are being drafted to the coal strike areas from all parts of South Africa.

Attitude of Gov't on Unknown Soldier Proposal Not Known

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Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 4.—It was stated in the highest official circles here tonight that the Liberal Government had not yet discussed the proposal to bury an unknown Canadian soldier in the main entrance to the new Parliament buildings. Whether or not the present Government will carry on with the proposal has not been decided.

UNMANAGEABLE SCHOONER HITS ON BLANK POINT

Went Ashore in Height of Blizzard Raging Monday Night and Breaks Up.

CREW CLUNG TO BULWARKS

Only Heroic Work of Captain Saved Crew from Watery Graves.

Canso, N. S., Jan. 4.—Stripped of her sails, tied up and unmanageable, the schooner Alexandria, bound from Antigonish, N. S., to Gloucester, Mass., with a cargo of fish, was driven ashore at Blank Point, ten miles from here, midnight Monday in the height of the blizzard then raging over Eastern Nova Scotia. Through the flying snow and frost, the crew made out to hear a ragged mass of basaltic cliff, and realizing that their vessel would soon pound to pieces, they attempted to launch their own small boat. But they had hardly cleared away the ice-coated lashings when a heavy comb breaking over the doomed schooner, smashed the little boat to fragments.

Crew Clinging to Bulwarks.

The schooner pounded heavily, shattering her bottom and filling with water, and soon the spars went over-side. The crew clung to the bulwarks, with the sea sweeping over them, and the smothering snow shut out hope of rescue from the shore. The master, Captain Matthew Munro, resolved to take a desperate chance—the only chance. Tying a line about his waist, he jumped into the water of icy water where the broken spars and other wreckage tossed and tumbled, and fought his way through the roaring surf to the shore. For minutes he swam along the face of rocks rising sheer from the sea, in danger of being dashed to death, until at length in a rift of the snow he sighted a low-lying ledge upon which, after a hard struggle, he managed to land.

Heroic Work.

Luckily the howling blizzard eased for a spell, and the master, recovering his wits, was able to drag his crew of five men through the surf to the safety of the shore. This done, the eight children, soaked, shivering and badly shaken, the shipwrecked sailors set out to look for shelter, and after struggling through the heavy snow drifts, with two men assisting the master, they saw a light and were soon being made snug in a fisherman's cottage.

After Captain Munro had recovered from his experience he started for his port, where he has a wife and eight children. But he found the going hard in the mountainous snow drifts and only arrived today, thoroughly done up.

The Alexandria, 53 tons, was owned by G. A. Cruickshank, of North Sydney, N. S. W. When Captain Munro visited the scene of the wreck before starting on his journey here, there was nothing left of her except some wreckage in the crevices of the cliffs.

McGill Univ. Makes Good Progress In Collecting Funds

The Sum of \$3,810,000 Collected to Date Out of \$6,440,000 Subscribed.

Montreal, Jan. 4.—The sum of \$3,810,000 has been collected to date by McGill University out of the total of \$6,440,000 subscribed during the centennial endowment campaign of October last. An endowment of \$5,500,000 is now being set aside to meet an increase in the annual budget of \$210,000 called for by additions to the staff, increases in salaries and maintenance of larger departments to accommodate greater registration of students. The balance of \$2,940,000 will be devoted to a programme of development including the erection and equipment of necessary buildings and endowments for their maintenance.

Regular Monthly Meeting of Gov't At Fredericton

Expected Announcement of By-Elections Will Be Made at This Meeting.

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, N. B., Jan. 4.—His Honor the Governor and the majority of the members of the Provincial Government arrived here tonight for the regular monthly meeting. Premier Foster stated tonight that the ordinary agenda list occupied the attention of the Government tonight. The session will continue all tomorrow.

Three seats in the Provincial Legislature are vacant, one each in Madawaska, St. John County and Kings. Announcement of by-elections may be made at this meeting.

ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL OF DE VALERA TO REPLACE THE ANGLO-IRISH TREATY

Far-Reaching Move Taken By Labor's General Staff

British Executive Acts to Prevent Occurrence of Disagreeable Situations Connected With Strikes.

London, Jan. 4.—(Canadian Press Cable)—The general council of the labor forces, known popularly as Labor's General Staff, today considered the situation sometimes created by a strong union starting a strike which seriously affected other unions having no voice in the dispute.

The council decided to submit to all affiliated unions proposals for preventing such situations. It is understood the council are asking the unions to undertake not to call a strike without consulting the council and to give the council powers to co-ordinate in the action of labor.

This is regarded as a preliminary move toward a far-reaching plan for marshalling the trade union forces generally to resist attacks on the hours and wages of the workers. The willingness of individual unions to surrender their industrial liberty of action is said to be doubtful.

Telephone Barometer of General Trend of Business

Number of Long Distance Calls in Nova Scotia Figure Out Conditions.

Halifax, Jan. 4.—Taking the telephone as the barometer of general business conditions, and representing the volume of business done in Nova Scotia during 1921 by the production of the province increased to 140 in 1920, and fell back to 120 in 1921, says W. H. Hayes, assistant manager of the Maritime Telephone Company, who holds that the number of long distance and local calls fairly reflect the movement of general business. According to the telephone barometer, the amount of business done in Halifax during the latter half of 1921 increased 12 per cent, as compared with the first half.

Holstein Makes New Record For Milk Production

Produced 32,668 Pounds of Milk in 1921, Which Gave 1,438.98 Pounds of Butter.

Montreal, Jan. 4.—De Kal Plus Segis Diddle, now comfortably housed at Vaudreuil, near here, has broken all world's records in 1921 by the production of 32,668 pounds of milk, which gave 1,438.98 pounds of butter. Dekal is one of an accredited herd of Holsteins sheltered on the Haymondale Farm of De Kal Plus Segis Diddle, near here. Her output for the year is certified by C. S. Wood, chief inspector, and R. S. Hamer, live stock commissioner for the Dominion of Canada. The best previous record for milk production was the 30,637.3 pounds by Raphaela Johanna Aargie 3rd.

Bench Warrant Issued For Well Known Ontario Minister

Charged With the Theft of \$5,000 from Toronto Barber—Result from Land Deal.

Toronto, Jan. 4.—A bench warrant, issued today in the Sessions Court, seeks Donald G. Hossack, well known locally as a minister, lawyer, real estate agent and politician. In a trial, which has extended over several months, he has been charged with the theft of \$5,000 from John Hunter, a well-known local barber, and on Tuesday and today he failed to appear at the court's order to hear Judge Coatsworth's finding upon the allegation against him.

The incident for which Mr. Hossack stood trial arose out of a land deal in Weston, where property belonging to W. G. Treshway was selected as the basis of a syndicate speculation. The allegation is that the accused, while representing the land to be purchased for the syndicate from Mr. Treshway and to be a bargain at \$35 per foot, actually sold the property for Securities Limited, a company in which he was a majority stockholder and which had itself purchased the land from Mr. Treshway for \$30 per foot.

Given to Public Yesterday With Manifesto to the Irish People—Proposal Contemplates Association With States of the British Commonwealth—For Purposes of Association Proposals Declares Ireland Shall Recognize His "Britannic Majesty" as Head of Association.

Dublin, Jan. 4.—The Sinn Fein publicity department, immediately after adjournment of the Dail Eireann late this afternoon, issued a long manifesto to the Irish people in the name of Eamonn De Valera, accompanied by his alternative proposals to replace the Anglo-Irish treaty, now being considered by the Dail. Mr. De Valera, in the manifesto, urges that there is opportunity for general reconciliations between Ireland and Great Britain, and asks the Irish people to save reconciliation from being lost through the shortsighted expediency of politicians.

Mr. De Valera's alternative proposals contain seventeen heads, with detailed schedules, and contemplate association with the states of the British Commonwealth.

In addition, the proposals declare that for purposes of the association Ireland shall recognize His Britannic Majesty as head of the association. The document, while laying down an independent status for Ireland, is similar in detail to the text of the treaty negotiated at London.

MANIFESTO OF DE VALERA TAPS THE SYMPATHIES

Claims Irish Press Urges a Stamped Alike Dangerous and Disgraceful.

Dublin, Jan. 4.—The manifesto of De Valera, issued today to the Irish people, commences by declaring that "you are in danger. Influences more deadly to the nation faced by an enemy, than a plague in the ranks of its army are at work among you." It hints that the instinct for peace and repose is being played upon and "if you give way you are undone."

Mr. De Valera attacks the press of Ireland which, he claims, is urging "you to a stamped as dangerous as it would be disgraceful." He asserts that the Irish people are being asked to approve a treaty establishing British authority in Ireland, and he declares that the Irish delegates were "dragged beyond the utmost limit to which they could go by the threat of war," and says that "you, the people, can relieve the position even at the eleventh hour."

Under his alternative plan he hints that the authority of the British King, the British Cabinet and British Parliament would be removed unequivocally from Ireland. He concludes: "Stand fast, fellow citizens by what you know to be right. Do not allow yourselves to be tempted from the straight and honorable path. If you quail of the consequences what will they ask you to surrender next to this ignoble fear?"

McCoig To Senate, And Riding Found For James Murdoch

Believed Writs Will Shortly Be Issued for Election to Fill Vacancy in Kent.

Ottawa, Jan. 4.—(Canadian Press)—It is understood that the appointment of A. B. McCoig, member-elect for Kent, (Ontario) to the Senate vacancy caused by the death of Hon. Thomas Crothers, is likely to be made tomorrow. In this event it is believed that writs will be issued very shortly afterwards for the holding of a by-election to fill the Kent vacancy, and that the seat will be contested by Hon. Jas. Murdoch, Minister of Labor. The date of such a by-election is yet uncertain, but it is thought that probably it would be set for about February 20.

Weakness of Wheat Market Resulted In Break On Flour

Lowest Prices in Six Years Recorded at Largest Milling Centres in U. S.

Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 4.—Acut weakness in the wheat market yesterday resulted in a break of 25 to 30 cents a barrel in flour prices today at the largest milling companies here making new low ranges in flour prices in about six years. Family patents today were quoted at \$6.75 to \$6.80 a barrel, when sold in 98-pound cotton sacks in car lots.

INDEPENDENT LIBERALS CONVINCED EARLY ELECTION IS IMPENDING

London, Jan. 4.—(Canadian Press Cable)—While Sir George Younger, chief Unionist organizer, strongly deprecates an election until the reform of the House of Lords has been achieved, the Independent Liberals are convinced that an early election is impending and are taking the necessary measures. Lord Gladstone will take charge of the electoral arrangements at Liberal headquarters, and stress is laid upon the importance of his historic name and previous electioneering experience as chief whip.

\$60,000 FINE.

Lethbridge, Alta., Jan. 4.—Bellview, Alta., was visited by a \$60,000 fine early this morning which was stopped only when dynamite was used to raise buildings in the path of the flamm.