

CONGRESSMEN CRITICIZE GT. BRITAIN AND CANADA

Accuses Britain of Bad Faith
in Dealing With Rubber
Supplies.

WILL HOLD INQUIRY
Canada Charged With Manipulating Pulpwood For Own Advantage.

Associated Press Despatch.
Washington, Dec. 21.—A charge of "bad faith" was made against Great Britain today as the house ordered an investigation of alleged manipulation of rubber prices by British colonial governments. The scope of the investigation was enlarged to include an enquiry into alleged monopolistic control of other raw materials, including pulpwood and in connection with the latter cognizance was taken of a reported movement in Canada to export an embargo laid on the export of pulpwood.

Representative Hull of Tennessee, former chairman of the Democratic national committee, made the charge of "bad faith" against Britain, declaring that Britain "is openly proclaiming that she intends to collect four billion dollars from us in increased rubber prices to pay her war debt. The British government is laughing out loud at us," he said. "Europe is laughing up its sleeve at the way we are being held up for rubber."

Critics of Canada.
The pulpwood matter was taken up by manufacturing representatives who charged that the Dominion government is to be asked to inaugurate a plan that would force pulpwood operators in this country to transfer their entire operations to the Canadian side of the border.

The resolution ordering the investigation was approved without a record vote after a brief debate and Chairman Parker of the interstate commerce committee, which will conduct the inquiry, announced he would start hearings about Jan. 5.

Talks of Tribute.
Representative Tilson of Connecticut, the Republican leader, who proposed the investigation after a conference with Secretary Hoover, told the house that rubber consumers were paying \$700,000,000 annual "tribute to Great Britain because of its control of the rubber prices."

Investigation of control of the coffee, silk, nitrates, potash, quinine, iodine, tin, sisal, quicksilver and other "important raw materials" was also approved by the house.

The course of the investigation has not been outlined, but Chairman Parker indicated he would ask Secretary of Commerce Hoover as well as some of the leading users of these products to appear before the committee.

COURT FREES NEGRO, CROWD LYNCHES HIM

Mob Shoots Man to Death in
Spite of "Not Guilty"
Verdict.

Associated Press Despatch.
Clarkdale, Miss., Dec. 21.—Lindsay Coleman, negro, was lynched here on Saturday night a few minutes after a jury in circuit court had declared him not guilty of the murder of Glover C. Nicholas, plantation store manager. Coleman was one of several negroes arrested after the brutal slaying of Nicholas Oct. 15, by a man who knocked the storekeeper on the head with an axe.

Coleman left the Coahoma county court house immediately after the verdict, accompanied by Sheriff Glass and a deputy who feared violence. They had come but a short distance when a group of men, unmasked, approached and seized the negro, overpowering the officers.

Leaping into an automobile with the negro, the men drove away. A few shots were heard, and Coleman's body, pierced by several bullets, was thrown into the street near the outskirts of the city.

PRaises SETTLEMENT PLAN

C. P. R. European Manager Lauds New
Empire Passage Scheme.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Dec. 21.—Sir George MacLaren Brown, European manager of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, in an interview in the shipping Gazette with reference to the migration agreement entered into between the British and Canadian governments, says he regards the agreement as the greatest scheme ever launched in connection with emigration to Canada. As to the likelihood of a big response to the new offer by prospective migrants, however, Sir George seems not to be over-optimistic. He says that in England the courageous spirit of adventure appears to have become dormant since the war. The courage and spirit still possess the men of the United Kingdom, he adds, but the average person fails to realize the splendid heritage of the British Empire.

TRIO GUILTY OF THEFT

Part of Loot Still Missing, So Court
Delays Sentence.

Special to The Advertiser.
Stratford, Dec. 21.—Joseph Barnhardt and William Gress, 323 Queen street, and Paul Theure, alias Reynolds, alias Liggett, of Windsor, were found guilty in police court this morning of entering Charles Gibson's store and stealing goods valued at about \$200. They were remanded for sentence until further information about the goods, some of which were not recovered, is secured.

WINS SPELLING MATCH.

Special to The Advertiser.
Listowel, Dec. 21.—Miss Margaret Vipond won the spelling match Friday afternoon at the closing of the high school for the term. Preliminary matches were held in each form, and the five best spellers from each then engaged in the final contest.



Prince Christian, of Hesse, is the first German to dine with the king since the war. The prince, who is a nephew of the former Kaiser, but has never been friendly with the Hohenzollerns, was in London to attend the funeral of Queen Alexandra.

NEGOTIATION PLAN IS NOW UP TO MEN

Operators Accept Mayors' Proposals—Scheme Does Not
Suit Miners.

Associated Press Despatch.
Philadelphia, Dec. 21.—Whether wage negotiations looking toward peace in the anthracite industry are to be resumed as suggested by the committee of mayors and business of the coal fields depended today upon the action of the miners' representatives.

After having received the acceptance of the operators to attend a meeting in Scranton today for the resumption of negotiations, the committee held a long conference at the home of Mayor Durkan of that city in an effort to devise a basis that would be satisfactory to the miners for a renewal of the parleys. At the conclusion of the conference shortly before midnight Mayor Durkan announced that "no satisfactory basis has been determined upon," but that "we hope to establish such a basis within the next 24 hours."

Pending further advice from Mayor Durkan, leaders of the miners, who on Saturday notified Mr. Durkan that it would be useless to reopen negotiations except on the basis of Governor Pinchot's peace proposal, maintained silence.

New Coal Parley Plan Is Failure

Lewis Willing, But Operators
Decline To Meet On Scranton
Mayor's Terms.

Associated Press Despatch.
Scranton, Pa., Dec. 21.—Mayor Durkan, chairman of the committee of executives, endeavoring to arrange a conference between anthracite operators and miners' union officials here tomorrow, temporarily abandoned hope of such a meeting tonight.

The mayor, in a telegram to John L. Lewis, international president of the miners' union, said: "Your wire agreeing to attend a conference tomorrow received. The operators have declined to meet under the provisions outlined in today's call for a conference. It would be useless, therefore, to make the trip."

YEAR CUT OFF SENTENCE FORMER BARNARDO BOY

Frederick Townsend Gets
Three Years Instead of Four
For Forgery.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Dec. 21.—Judgment of the first divisional court given at Osgoode Hall today reduced from four to three years the sentence imposed upon Frederick Townsend, former Barnardo boy, now 27 years of age, by Magistrate Hind at Oshawa on November 29.

Townsend was sentenced to three years for forgery of a check for \$4.50 and to one year for obtaining goods to the value of \$8.25 by false pretences. The majority of the court favored the reduction of sentence as made, while the minority would have been more lenient.

The magistrate declared that Townsend was a "useless and idle" fellow, and that the opinion that the term in penitentiary would be for his own benefit.

"We cannot say that the trial court was wrong in that the sentences were not to the true advantage of the prisoner, as well as proper in the public interest, considering the nature of the offences and the person with whom the court had to deal," says the first divisional court.

THRIFT IN ABERDEEN CARRIED TO EXTREMES

Law Gets After Those Who Failed To
Take Out Radio Licenses.

Associated Press Despatch.
Aberdeen, Scotland, Dec. 21.—The thrift of the people of Aberdeen was mentioned in a cable a few days ago in connection with the citizens' deposits in the savings banks here having reached the record figure of over £2,000,000 this year. Many Aberdonians, however, have neglected to take out radio licenses, as required by law, and court summonses have been issued against them.

There was a phenomenal scramble for radio licenses at the postoffices today by the people who had been summoned.

U. S. WILL PROBE PRICE OF RUBBER

Congress Adopts Motion To In-
vestigate Trade—Fear
Britain Laughing.

Associated Press Despatch.
Washington, Dec. 21.—Investigation of an alleged manipulation by the British colonial government of the price of rubber and other raw materials was ordered today by the United States house of representatives.

A resolution directing the commerce committee to conduct the inquiry was adopted without a roll call after Representative Hull of Tennessee had charged Great Britain with acting in "bad faith" in the matter.

"The British government is laughing out loud at us," Hull said. "It is openly proclaiming that it intends to collect \$1,000,000,000 from us in increased rubber prices to pay its war debt."

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The resolution was introduced by Representative Tilson of Connecticut, the Republican leader, after a conference with Secretary of Commerce Hoover.

FEAR PULPWOOD EMBARGO.

Special to The Advertiser.
Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—Along with the congressional investigation that is sought to determine how justified Great Britain is in monopolizing the rubber output of the world may come the pulpwood question which has been pending between the Canadian and American governments, it developed here yesterday.

The pulp situation is set forth in a report of a committee representing the American pulp and paper manufacturers which says that the "so-called forest conservation campaign in Canada reveals a clever scheme fostered by Canadian paper manufacturers to cripple the industry in this country and seize control of the paper market."

An attempt is being made to force the Canadian government to stop the exportation of pulpwood which would force American operators to move their mills to Canada where the wood would be transformed into pulp. The next step naturally would be an embargo on pulp, forcing Americans to make all their paper in Canada. If the embargo is put into effect, says the report, "it will impose a federal tax on every American who reads a newspaper, subscribes to a magazine or reads a book."

FARM PRODUCE PRICES ARE UP 5.6 PER CENT

Upward Trend Indicated in
Report From Federal Bureau
of Statistics.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, Dec. 21.—Wholesale prices will average higher in 1925 than in 1924. The average index number for Canadian wholesale prices during the current year will be 150, says a report of the bureau of statistics. In 1924 it was 155.2.

The increase of five points is largely due to the high prices prevailing at the beginning of the year on grain and wool.

The index for Canadian farm products, wholesale, stood at 155.7 in November, 5.6 higher than the general index number of all commodities, which would indicate that the purchasing power of goods which the farmer has to sell is definitely above the general level of prices, the statement says.

The index for farm products, wholesale, stood at 157, or three points below the general level. Consumers' goods, food, clothing and household equipment, rose 124.5 in January, 1924, to 154.4 in November. This was due in the main to higher prices for hog products, potatoes and coal.

ENRIGHT ARRESTS 200 MEN, ANSWERS WALKER CHARGES

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, Dec. 21.—Police Commissioner Enright has struck his first blow in answer to charges by Mayor-elect Walker that New York city is "wide open" in anticipation of the change in administrations, Jan. 1, when Mayor Hylan ends his eight-year regime.

More than 200 men were arrested on gambling charges during week-end raids, but virtually all were freed as soon as they were brought into court. Two democratic clubs in the Bronx were among the places raided.

Magistrate Vitale, dismissing 68 men, said he saw "no harm in a social card game," and advised the police, if they wanted to arrest real gamblers "to invade Fifth avenue and the 'Roarin' Forties.'"

JOHN M'INTYRE INTERRED IN ST. PETER'S CEMETERY

The funeral of John McIntyre, a well-known Parkhill resident, who died Saturday, was held yesterday from the Killingsworth funeral home to St. Peter's Cathedral, where requiem high mass was sung, after which interment was made in St. Peter's cemetery. Rev. Fr. A. O'Donnell, who sang the mass, also conducted the services at the grave.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT.

Special to The Advertiser.
Dorchester, Dec. 21.—A Christmas entertainment was held Thursday night in the United Presbyterian church. A play was given by the senior pupils and the promotion service. In the absence of the Sunday school superintendent, P. B. Wade, Rev. Dr. Steward presided.

HONORED BY ORCHESTRA.

Special to The Advertiser.
Thorndale, Dec. 21.—The boys' orchestra of Thorndale presented Mrs. A. C. Cummer with a gold-mounted address, and Mr. Waugh made the presentation. Mrs. Cummer has been instructress of the orchestra, which has scored signal success.

MRS. JOHN ELSON DIES.

Special to The Advertiser.
Wardsville, Dec. 21.—Mrs. John Elson, who lived east of the village, died Saturday night after a long illness. Survivors are the husband, two sons and one daughter, all at home. The funeral was held this afternoon with interment in Simpson's cemetery.

U.S. DRYS MAY GET 'PlayFair' Caution

Tucker Would Have Anti-
Fraud Amendment in Bill—
Enforcement Faces Vote.

Associated Press Despatch.
Washington, Dec. 21.—Prohibition enforcement methods, which have been subject to bitter attacks recently, became a voting issue in the house today for the first time in this session. Representative Tucker, Virginia, an avowed dry, initiated a move designed to prevent a repetition of the much-debated Hotel Mayflower incident, in which a dry agent masqueraded under the name of a congressman to obtain evidence at a cost of more than \$900 to the government.

The vehicle employed by Mr. Tucker was an amendment to the annual post-office supply bill, which carries a provision for dry law enforcement for the next fiscal year. A vote on the proposal was deferred until tomorrow. The amendment, which was introduced at a section of the bill, making \$250,000 available for procurement of evidence in the next fiscal year, would prohibit the use of "fraudulent devices" in the expenditure of any part of this sum.

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WINTER WEATHER SWEEPING EAST

Blizzard From West Moves
Towards Atlantic, Bring-
ing Colder Weather.

Special to The Advertiser.
Detroit, Dec. 21.—Low temperatures and snow, promised by the weather bureau for Christmas, was on its way today, the first day of official winter.

The temperature began dropping early this morning, after a warm Saturday and Sunday, and Norman B. Conger, weather forecaster, predicted light snow from northwest winds and colder for tonight and tomorrow.

The lowest tonight is expected to be about 20 degrees.

The mercury dropped four degrees (from 34 to 30), 7 to 9 a.m.

BLIZZARD AT CHICAGO.

Special to The Advertiser.
Chicago, Dec. 21.—A biting north wind and snow ushered in a blizzard that has been sweeping parts of the west and middle west today.

Reports received at the United States weather bureau here showed the storm was heaviest of the winter, and had swept across Wyoming, South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, a portion of Wisconsin, and was moving eastward by nightfall, the weather bureau said.

The entire country east of the Rocky Mountains, with the exception of Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Arkansas, will be visited by the blizzard. Transcontinental railroads suffered many interruptions to traffic between Saturday night and Monday morning, their representatives in Chicago said.

Omaha was reported to have experienced a 14-inch snowfall.

CHURCH UNION DISPUTE IN DIVISIONAL COURT

Possession of Ontario Church
the Issue—Presbyterian Judges
Excused From Sitting.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Dec. 21.—Acting for trustees of the St. John's church, Pittsburg, near Kingston, Ont., R. S. Robertson, K.C., appeared this morning to a specially constituted divisional court from a decision of Mr. Justice Logie, refusing an injunction restraining Rev. J. C. Craig, Rev. W. M. Fee and others of the continuing Presbyterian church from attempting to take charge of the continuing Presbyterian church services. At this church some time ago, there was an argument which resulted in the doors of the church building being padlocked, and for some days unionist and non-unionists sought to get control.

Mr. Robertson, for his clients, contended that the Presbyterian church had been carried into the union, and in reply to a question from the chief justice, there was no evidence that there was any continuing Presbyterian church.

Presbyterian Judges Excused.
"Is there legislation abolishing it?" asked the chief justice.

"There is legislation continuing it in the 'United Church,'" replied counsel, who claimed that he had as much right to resist Rev. Mr. Fee entering the church as he had the right to resist a member of the Greek church. Argument is continuing.

The special court was composed of Chief Justice Mulock and Justices Hodgins, Ferguson and Leask. Presbyterian judges asked to be excused when the matter came before them, and various phases of the case preceding the appeal have been heard by non-Presbyterian judges.

WOMAN IN CAR DROWNED IN CANAL AT WELLAND

Canadian Press Despatch.
Welland, Dec. 21.—While travelling alone to Welland in a small coupe for Christmas shopping, Mrs. Abner Matthews of Dain City was drowned when the car plunged into the canal from the federal government highway along the bank at 12:30 o'clock yesterday.

Mrs. Matthews was still on the seat gripping the wheel when rescuers reached the scene, but life was extinct. The tug Grant was used in the rescue attempt.

TWO AYLMER MEN FINED FOR BREAKING HOTEL ACT

Special to The Advertiser.
Sarnia, Dec. 21.—In city police court today, Ernest H. Powers and Harry Soper of Aylmer, Ont., and Edith Potter and Ethel Sprague of Sandwich, Ont., were charged with falsely registering at a local hotel as man and wife on Dec. 18. Pleas of guilty were entered and court imposed a fine of \$150 with costs of \$8 on Powers and a fine of \$100 with costs on Soper.

EXCHANGE FOILED BY FREIGHT RATES

Perth Farmers Balked in Plan
To Send Cattle North in
Return For Hay.

Special to The Advertiser.
Stratford, Dec. 21.—High freight rates have made impossible an exchange of cattle and hay between farmers in Perth county and New Liskeard. Some time ago the men in the north sent a proposition to M. C. McPhail, agricultural representative here, asking if an exchange of hay for Perth county cattle could be arranged.

The farmers here were willing, and all was favorable until an investigation was made into the freight rates. Hay is worth \$8 a ton in the north, about \$10 or \$12 less than here. The freight for dry law enforcement for the next fiscal year. A vote on the proposal was deferred until tomorrow. The amendment, which was introduced at a section of the bill, making \$250,000 available for procurement of evidence in the next fiscal year, would prohibit the use of "fraudulent devices" in the expenditure of any part of this sum.

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Accident Brings Arrest of Girl

Stolen Car Sideswipes Parked
Auto in Toronto
Street.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Dec. 21.—Ivy Hyslop, aged 18, is in hospital with 25 stitches in her scalp, and her friend, Nellie Kerr, is under arrest as the result of an accident in which the stolen car they were riding in side-swiped a parked automobile here early this morning.

A male companion of the girls, who drove the stolen car, disappeared after the accident and has not been found. Andrew Simons, the occupant of the parked car, had a narrow escape from death.

The girls stated that they had ridden to Oakville with the driver of the car, who was unknown to them, and the accident occurred on the return trip.

ORANGEMEN WILL HELP.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Dec. 21.—Allan Marshall, county master of the Orange lodge, announced this morning that the Orangemen would look after the family of William Marshall, arrested here on a charge of murder in Ireland. "We will also see that he gets British justice," said Ald. Winnett.

MOSUL POLICY IS RATIFIED, LABOR PARTY QUITS HOUSE

British Commons Endorses Gov-
ernment by Vote of 239
To 4.

PREMIER FOR PEACE

Will Interview Turkish Ambas-
sador Today—The Iraq
Mandate.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Dec. 21.—The house of commons tonight approved the govern-
ment's Mosul policy "in principle," with only four adverse votes. The prime minister's motion asking for such approval was adopted 239 to 4.

Great Britain is anxious for the kingdom of Iraq, as a British mandatory state, to live in neighborly amity with Turkey, Premier Baldwin told the house of commons. In pursuance of this policy he is to confer with the Turkish ambassador in London tomorrow to discuss the agreement regarding Mosul.

Mr. Baldwin declared Great Britain's undertaking in Iraq is not for a definite 25 years, but he believed for a far shorter period, namely, until Iraq acquired the stability of justifying her admission to the League of Nations.

LABOR LEAVES THE HOUSE.
Associated Press Despatch.
London, Dec. 21.—The Laborites left the house of commons today.

This was in protest against the government's procedure in proposing a motion asking for approval of its Mosul policy just as parliament was adjourning for the holidays.

The opposition declared this gave it no chance to consider whether an amendment should be proposed.

Premier Baldwin previously had declined to remove the government's motion from the papers of the house, but he promised to place an Iraq treaty embodying the Mosul settlement before the house early in its next session for acceptance or rejection.

Mr. Clynnes said the government's procedure amounted to coercion of the house.

LIBERAL CRITICISM.
In the course of the debate Walter Runciman, Liberal, said that Mr. Baldwin's statement might involve Great Britain in obligations stretching for a generation, and it was quite unlikely that Iraq would qualify for membership in

Dead Cover Land In Chinese Fight

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Dec. 21.—After a 24 hours' artillery duel ending Sunday night, on the Yangtsun front, the fighting ceased, says the Daily Mail correspond-
ent with the Chinese armies. Feng, Yu-Hsiang, head of the national people's army, apparently made a final attempt to force the positions held by the troops of General Li Ching-Ling, civil governor of Chihli province, but failed.

Feng's losses are described as tremendous, the plains being covered with dead.

the league in less than 25 years. He cited the danger of a possible frontier incident involving British lives; public opinion would then insist upon the government taking action without waiting for the league. He regarded the matter with grave disgust.

T. P. O'Hanlon, Nationalist, declared that the country stood united behind the government, and asked why Great Britain should give back to Turkey in the name of self-determination a people between whom and massacre she alone stood.

LEAMINGTON LAD FALLS,
DIES IN ROLLER RINK

Special to The Advertiser.
Leamington, Dec. 21.—Claude Barker, 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Barker, died rather suddenly tonight. He was roller skating at the Arc rink and was seen to fall. Aid was immediately given him, but he died in a few minutes. Coroner Dr. M. A. Kendrick was called and he is conducting an investigation to decide whether death was due to lead injuries received in the fall or to heart trouble. The youth has been considered in the best of health and was not believed to be over-exercising himself in skating.

He was a student in the local high school and a general favorite. Survivors are the parents and two brothers.

LIQUOR THIEF GETS CHANCE.

Special to The Advertiser.
St. Marys, Dec. 21.—Howard Bain, the local youth who was arrested on a charge of stealing liquor from a drug store here last Saturday night, appeared before Magistrate Makin in Stratford in court Friday afternoon and was given a suspended sentence and allowed out on probation for one year.

TEXAS ROBBER'S BIG HAUL.
Associated Press Despatch.
Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 21.—Armed men robbing the First National bank at Hamilton, southwest of here, of \$30,000 in cash and liberty bonds late today and escaped.

SCALDING FATAL TO C. N. ENGINEER

Josiah Gooding Victim of Boiler
Mishap On Crack Train
—Fireman Injured.

Canadian Press Despatch.
North Bay, Dec. 21.—Engineer Josiah Gooding of Nakina is dead and Fire-
man Martin Reynolds, also of Nakina, is in the Nakina Red Cross hospital seriously injured as a result of being scalded with steam early today when the side-rod of the engine on Canadian National Railway train No. 2, known as the Continental Limited broke and pierced the boiler.

The train, which was due in North Bay tonight, was between Armstrong and Nakina at a point near Kowkaash when the accident happened. Immediately the side-rod pierced the boiler, a cloud of steam filled the cab of the engine, which left the track, but did not overturn. The crew was unable to escape in time, and both received serious scalds.

An engine was rushed from Nakina to the scene of the accident with physicians and first aid, and the crew was taken to the Red Cross hospital, where Gooding died shortly after noon today. Reynolds' most serious injuries are about the face and arms.

OTTAWA GIRL IS DEAD
AFTER MISHAP IN DETROIT

Marie Skane, 28, Struck By Auto,
Driver Is Held.

Special to The Advertiser.
Detroit, Mich., Dec. 21.—Miss Marie Skane, 28 years old, 29 Tyler ave., was fatally injured by an automobile at Hamilton and Tuxedo avenues late today. Miss Skane came to Detroit from Ottawa, Ont., several days ago, and was on her way to work for the Detroit Edison company for the first time when killed.

August Despres, 2533 Richey avenue, the driver, is being held by Highland Park police. Despres said Miss Skane stepped off the curb on Hamilton ave., and he was not able to stop the car, due to the slippery pavement.

Joseph Hazard, a passing motorist took Miss Skane to Highland Park General Hospital, where she died soon afterwards.

For Christmas Greeting

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Old-Time Candies will
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