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THE STANDARD WISHES ITS READERS A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

ULSTER NOT PREPARED TO ACCEPT HOME RULE

Sir Edward Carson Speaking for Constituency Expresses Willingness to Revolt if Necessary - Unionist Attitude

Bonar Law and Followers Think Ireland Needs "More Industry and Less Politics," and Advance Plan to Secure Former.

London, Dec. 31.—While every member of the Unionist party is taking some part in the campaign against home rule, which A. J. Balfour opened just before his retirement from the leadership of the opposition forces, and which Andrew Bonar Law, the new leader, endorsed in a recent speech, the man expected to keep up the fight, is General Edward Henry Carson, member for Dublin University, solicitor general for Ireland, in the last two Unionist governments.

Sir Edward started his campaign by announcing that no matter what happened in Ulster for which he speaks, would under no circumstances be the home rule, even if passed by the House of Commons, and intimating that if necessary he will lead an armed rebellion against it. Whether he will go to these extremes or get the House of Commons to pass the bill, Sir Edward Carson is an uncompromising opponent of any change in the form of government in Ireland and one of the best platform speakers in the country.

Another version of the "Bonar Law's battle" which Ireland requires is less politics and more industry. These arguments are for these Englishmen who no longer believe that Home Rule means separation and who tire of the Irish question advocates the granting of self-government to "get rid of the subject."

There are other arguments against the desire of Ireland for nationhood, chief among them being that which caused Joseph Chamberlain, and other non-conformist leaders to desert Mr. Gladstone, and which some of the non-conformist followers of the present government can't forget—the possibility of religious intolerance.

Other non-conformists are in doubt as to whether to throw over their convictions against placing their colonialism in Ulster under the rule of Catholic Ireland, or the government which has promised them a new education bill and dis-establishment of the church in Wales. In place of Home Rule, Sir Edward Carson offers his fellow countrymen under a Unionist administration complete restoration of land purchase, cessation of political interference with the Department of Agriculture, reformation of the poor laws, improvement of primary and secondary education, better treatment for teachers and tariff reform, which the Unionists declare will benefit Ireland even more than England.

Another bad blaze destroys \$1,800 of Halifax property

Special to The Standard. Halifax, Dec. 31.—A large coke shed the property of the Halifax Trust Co. at the gas works, was damaged to the extent of about \$1,800 by fire this morning. The fire was caused, it is believed, by spontaneous combustion. Some employees of the company tried to put the flames out with their own apparatus, but the walls of the building ignited and soon the interior of the building was a mass of flames.

Schooner meets with bad weather

Chatham, Mass., Dec. 31.—The two-masted schooner Sarah Quinn, bound for Bangor, Me., for New York, with a cargo of laths, was so badly damaged when she ran aground on Handkerchief Shoals during a southeast snow storm today, that it was found necessary to beach her in Chatham Bay tonight, after she had been floundered from the shoals. Captain Kelly and his crew of Monmouth Point life-savers, assisted in the floating of the vessel, but while on board their long boat was carried away by the storm.

PREMIER FLEMMING'S NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

Hon. J. K. Flemming, Premier of New Brunswick, has issued the following New Year's message to the people of the province:

Hartland, N. B., Jan. 1st, 1912. To the People of New Brunswick.

We have reached the close of the year 1911, the year has been a good one for our people generally, good harvests and remunerative prices have rewarded our producers, business has been satisfactory and no serious misfortune or calamity has visited our people. We owe thanksgiving to Providence for these manifold blessings.

The New Year is here, the prospect for a banner year is very bright, great enterprises that will result in progress and advancement for the province will be inaugurated, and universal business activity seems assured. Let us all be optimists as far as New Brunswick is concerned.

I wish to extend to the people of the province a hearty New Year's greeting, and my sincere wish is that they may enjoy happiness and prosperity in abundant measure throughout the year that has just begun.

J. K. FLEMMING.

SCOTCH CURLERS HAD PLEASANT TRIP ACROSS ATLANTIC

Special to The Standard. The Scotch curling team, thirty strong, which is to invade Canada and the United States, arrived on the Allan liner Ionian this morning.

They were met at the dock by a delegation of local exponents. The party had a very enjoyable passage across the Atlantic. They had two concerts on board the steamer, and on Friday night initiated Captain Eastway and Dr. Stuart, of the Ionian, as members of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club, and on the following day Colonel T. S. G. H., Robertson-Aikman, captain of the team, presented the command with a broom, and Mrs. Andrew Blair pinned the gold badge of the club on his breast. There are two ladies in the party, Mrs. Robertson-Aikman, wife of the Colonel, and Mrs. Andrew Blair, wife of Secretary Blair.

Tonight the party attended divine service at St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church, where Rev. J. W. McMillan preached a special sermon for them. The curlers will spend tomorrow sightseeing, and will be given an address of welcome by Governor MacGregor and Mayor Chisholm. They will start to play tomorrow, competing chiefly for the handsome trophy donated by Lord Strathcona.

BONNIE BAY MAY BE LOST—OWNERS STILL ENTERTAIN HOPES

Glochester, Mass., Dec. 30.—More than a month overdue, on a trip from Bonnie Bay, Newfoundland, for Gloucester, with a cargo of salt herring, the fishing schooner Alice R. Lawson, is believed lost, with Captain Wm. Larkin and his crew of seven men. Officials of the Gorton-Few Fisheries Company, owners of the schooner, are driven north to the Labrador coast, in which even nothing would be heard from the crew before spring, owing to the inaccessibility of that frozen region during the winter months. The Lawson sailed from Bonnie Bay, Newfoundland, on the afternoon of Saturday, Nov. 18th, in the face of an easterly gale. Since then no tidings of the vessel have been received.

BRINGS KING'S FLAG TO THE SCOUTS OF ST. CATHERINES

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—General Baden-Powell, organizer of the boy scout movement, is going to the United States on an official visit, and will take with him the British flag presented by King George to the St. Catharines troop of Ontario for having the most King's scouts. This troop has six scouts who have qualified in the twenty-four different examinations which enables them to be King's scouts.

The Dominion secretary of the boy scouts will leave for New York about the middle of January to receive the flag from General Baden-Powell, who will be unable to visit Canada on this occasion, but may do so next October.

SCHOOL BOYS TO ACQUIRE MILITARY TRAINING IN SUMMER

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Dec. 31.—Forty thousand Canadian school boys will go into training camps next January for military instruction.

Believing that the careful and proper development of the cadet system depends on the future strength and efficiency of the Canadian militia, Col. the Hon. Sam Hughes, has worked out a comprehensive plan of training, which has been approved by the government. The cadets will train during the holiday season at regimental or district headquarters camps, being given a week of instruction under school teachers or qualified non-commissioned officers or officers not in service.

The camps will be organized at local points such as county towns, the cadets being provided with uniforms, tents and complete camp equipment, provision for which will be placed in the estimate.

An advisory board of the principal officers in the various cities will supervise the work, and meet at times during the year in Ottawa. Each school or municipality will be asked to send a local detachment to camp. The first camps will be given to instructing military and physical drill and scouting.

PRODUCE EXCHANGE "BIGGEST ON EARTH"—CHILDREN AMUSED

New York, N. Y., Dec. 30.—On the floor of the produce exchange where the major portion of New York's perishable foodstuffs has changed hands for years, a score of clowns and acrobats performed in a big circus ring this evening, for the amusement of 2000 children of the poor, who occupied tiers of temporary wooden seats. To each child there the exchange gave a basket of toys, candy and fruit, and a pair of roller skates. In addition to other playthings each boy got a baseball bat and each little girl a doll.

INJUNCTION ON NEW YORK CENTRAL REFUSED BY COURT

New York, Dec. 30.—The application made by James M. Hunnewell on behalf of minority stockholders of the Rutland Railroad Company, for an injunction restraining the New York Central from transferring its majority ownership in that company to the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, and the application also for a receiver for the Rutland Railroad Company, were denied today by Judge Noyes in the United States circuit court.

The denial, however, were what prejudice to the renewal of motions for relief on the condition that the abuses alleged and complained of continued to exist after the transfer is made, or if disapproved by the public service committee, no transfer is made at all.

ROOSEVELT DECLINED TO ATTEND

Could Not be Persuaded to be Present at Peace Banquet in New York Saturday Night—His Reasons.

Washington, Dec. 31.—President Taft, who was the guest of honor, and the chief speaker of the evening, making as he had previously at similar gatherings the arguments for the pending arbitration treaties between Great Britain, the United States and France, went further tonight, and replied specifically to some criticisms which have recently been made of the principles embodied in the treaty. He also made answer to the charge of inconsistency lodged against advocates of the arbitration treaties who did not favor arbitration in the difficulty between the United States and Russia.

"Those of us who are in favor of these treaties, have been criticized as inconsistent, because we did not invoke arbitration in the recent difference with Russia," said Mr. Taft. "I am not entirely willing to speak as frankly as I might do, but because my tongue is tied in a slight way by what we hope for in future negotiations. All that I can say is that if you read the great argument of Elihu Root on the question of why the treaty should be made, and why a reservation would not be in the content of it, you will see the wisdom of it."

A burst of applause greeted this declaration by the president.

With the Waldorf-Astoria humming with suppressed excitement and guarded within and without by a force of a hundred or more police officers, detectives and secret service men, the preliminaries to the peace banquet took place at the Waldorf-Astoria in Washington, Dec. 30, and the dinner was assembling. The delegation on the special train which had been engaged to bring diplomatic representatives and government officials from Washington, was waiting for the dinner to be seated in their proper places by this time and those at the table with the president included the speakers of the evening, Andrew Carnegie, Oscar S. Straus, former ambassador to Turkey, former United States Senator Charles A. Towner, and Henry Clegg, with Governor-elect Earl Brower, of Mississippi, Bishop David H. Greer, of the Protestant Episcopal Church, Senator Raoul Dandurand, chairman of the Inter-parliamentary group, Canadian Parliament, United States Senator O'Gorman, of New York and others.

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SKATERS VENTURE ON THIN ICE BOTH LOSING THEIR LIVES

Smith Falls, Ont., Dec. 21.—A sad drowning fatality took place here last evening, the victims being Keefe Gibson, a clerk in the Frost and Wood of five aged 16 years, and Minnie Pruner only daughter of J. J. Pruner, aged 15 years.

With hundreds of others, the young couple were skating on the river, and at a point near the island a mile and a half above Smith's Falls, the ice gave way beneath them and they both went under. Despite the fact that there were so many on the river, no one happened to be in that locality at the time, and the only person to see them go in, was an Indian who had a camp some distance away. He at once gave the alarm and with Lockman Best, succeeded by means of pike poles, in getting the unfortunate boy and girl out, 15 minutes after they went in, but life was extinct.

IS GOING SOUTH. Ottawa, Dec. 30.—Hon. William Paterson, former minister of customs, who was among the fallen in last election, is in full health and is going south for the remainder of the winter.

PREMIER BORDEN HEADS HONOR LIST

Raised to Rank of Privy Councillor - Few New Year Honors.

Several Other Canadians Awarded Distinctions Including Col. Forget and E. B. Olsner, Both Members of Parliament.

London, Dec. 31.—The New Year's honor list this year is a short one, as a result of the honors conferred by the King during the Durbar, but the selection covers a wide range of civil service, politicians, and men of distinction, the various professions and commerce being included.

Canada is well represented in the colonial list, which is headed by Robert L. Borden, the Canadian Premier, who becomes a Privy Councillor. Only three peerages are conferred, the new barons being Sir Thomas Gibson-Carmichael, Governor of Madras, Sir Alfred Thomas, for many years leader of the Welsh party in the House of Commons, and Samuel Hope Morley, ex-Governor of the Bank of Egypt.

Among the new baronets are William Nelson, chairman of the Nelson Steamship Line, Thomas Skinner, a director of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and deputy governor of the Hudson's Bay Company, Joseph Beschan, Valente Chrol, director of the foreign department of the London Times; H. Ryder Haggard, the novelist, and S. J. Pocock, a large land owner of Egypt and Canada.

The Canadians honored beside Premier Borden are Colonel John Morrison Gibson, Lt. Gov. of Ontario, and Joseph Pope, Under Secretary for External Affairs, who are made Knights Commander of St. Michael and St. George, Thomas G. R. Rivett, Deputy Minister of Finance, Companion of St. Michael and St. George, and Lt. Colonel Rodolphe Forget of Montreal and Edmund B. Galer of Toronto, both members of the Canadian Parliament, Knights Bachelor.

INSURANCE PLACED WITH OUTSIDE FIRMS TO BE RESTRICTED

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Dec. 31.—Notice appears in the Canada Gazette that in future all persons effecting insurance on property situated in Canada in fire insurance companies or associations, unlicensed to transact business in the Dominion, were required to make a statement of all such insurance to the finance department.

Failure to make such a statement before March 1 next, will render such persons liable to penalties prescribed by the act. Blank forms for the purpose of making the required statement have been prepared by the department, and will be furnished on request.

TO REPORT ON THE REQUIREMENTS OF WABASH RAILWAY

New York, N. Y., Dec. 30.—J. C. Stubbs, former traffic manager of the Union and Southern Pacific systems, has been engaged to examine and report on the condition and requirements of the property of the Wabash Railroad Company, now in the hands of receivers, according to an announcement made today by the commission headed by Winslow S. Pierce, formed to protect the interest of the first ranking and extension bondholders.

In urging the bondholders to deposit their bonds with them, the circular that the commission was constituted at the instance of the Equitable Trust Company, trustee of the mortgage and that the railway company acquiesced in the appointment. An independent protective commission is competing with the Pierce commission. The circular further states that in any reorganization plan approved by the commission, provision will be made for the money to be advanced by brokers to pay, the impending default of interest on the bonds Jan. 1st.

FREDERICTON WOMAN DEAD AT LYNN, MASS.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Dec. 31.—Word has been received here of the death at Lynn, Mass., Saturday of Mrs. Mary E. Small, daughter of Mrs. Moses Brown, formerly of this city. Mrs. Small moved to Lynn some years ago with her parents. She remains will arrive here Monday at noon.

NEW CABINET FORMIDABLE AGREGATION

Weird Array of Names in Chinese Government Said to Conceal Real Talent - Qualifications of Members.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 31.—The cabinet of the Republic of China has been tentatively selected as follows, according to cable advices received tonight by the representatives of the provisional government at Nanjing.

Prime Minister—General Li Yang Hong. Department of war—Wong Hing, Interior—Tong Fai Leon. Navy—Admiral Sah Chen Ping. Foreign affairs—Wu Ting Fang. Colonial—Fung Chi Yee. Finance—Chin Chin Tse. Agriculture—Chung Chin. Communications—Wong Chung Yue. Education—Yee. Attorney general—Foy Gow Ying. Chief adviser—Chung Tai Yuen. Assistant advisers—Wong Moo and Ah Aung See.

Li Yang Heng was the commander in chief of the revolutionary forces. Wong Hing is an old general of the imperial government and one of the first to join the revolutionary movement.

Tong Fai Long is a leading educationist of the imperial government who favored the constitution.

Admiral Sah Chen Ping was the imperial admiral who at the siege of Hankow, went over to the revolutionists.

Fung Chi Yee, minister of the colonial department, left San Francisco for China only recently. Formerly he was president of the Young China party in southern China.

Chin Chin Tse is a graduate of the University of California. Chung Chin, Wong Chung Yue and Yee, the new minister of education, are progressive leaders in China. He is known here. Sow Gow Ying has been one of the active leaders in the fight for a constitution. Chung Tai Yuen is a noted mandarin. All Chinese revolutionists in America are preparing to leave for China. Many will depart on the next steamer for the Orient. Tong King Chong and Wong Bock Yue will remain in San Francisco as representatives of Sun.

GOLD AND SILVER MARKS ACT LIKELY TO BE AMENDED

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Dec. 31.—An amendment to the gold and silver marks act, will likely be introduced shortly after the House reassembles. The present act has been found of doubtful value in what members of the trade, both manufacturers and retailers, regard as important particulars. With the object of having new legislation correcting the existing evils, a deputation consisting of W. K. McNaughton, M. P., and E. M. Trower, secretary of the retail merchants' association, waited upon members of the government on Saturday. They pointed out that the wording of the act was ambiguous and had been found so by judges in the trial of cases based upon the provisions of the act.

It is proposed to provide in the act for accurate marking, so that for example, where articles of brass plated with gold are sold, there will be no doubt as to the composition.

CLANCEY MAY NEVER APPEAR IN COURT--IS SERIOUSLY ILL

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 31.—J. A. Clancey, former business agent for the Structural Iron Workers Union in this city, who was indicted by the federal grand jury in Los Angeles today for alleged connection with dynamiting outrages is critically ill at his home in this city. Clancey is suffering from heart trouble and physicians hold little hope for his recovery.

He was served with a warrant to appear at his home by United States Marshall Elliott. Clancey was allowed to remain in his home in custody of a deputy marshal.

RICHESON WILL FACE THE COURT

District Attorney Pelletier Makes Emphatic Denial of Reports that Compromise Will be Effected in Case.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 30.—In a positive statement in which he emphatically asserts there will be no compromise in the case against Rev. C. V. T. Richeson, the accused slayer of Avis Linnell, other than to accept a plea of murder, first degree, and that the minister will surely be inclined to face trial on January 15, District Attorney Pelletier set at rest the rumors that the pastor's mental condition had become such as to unfit him for trial.

"The defendant is in good physical condition and is making daily improvement. His mentality has not been impaired. There is no question but that he will be able to attend and stand trial on January 15th. It may be of interest to know that for breakfast he had two eggs and a pint of milk, and for dinner a stew. He sat up in bed and seemed to be in the best of spirits."

"The bandages have been taken from his hands already."

"I had no conversation in regard to a compromise with my conference with Chief Justice Alden. I feel it due the Commonwealth to make this flat and unequivocal statement to settle baseless rumors regarding the outcome of the case and the condition of the defendant."

Whether Attorney Morse will ask for a continuance of the trial or the appointment of a commission to determine the sanity of his client, will not be decided until the first of next week.

ACCUSED MAKING RAPID RECOVERY.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, Dec. 31.—Some time ago a valuable muff was stolen from the store of J. D. Craghead & Co., and it was not until Saturday that the guilty party was located.

A young lady from the neighboring county of Albert, who had been under suspicion, came into the store to do some shopping, and having the muff with her, it was immediately recognized by one of the clerks as the stolen property. Chief Rideout was called in, and after taking the girl to the police station and talking with her, she confessed the theft, as well as stealing some other articles from the Peter McSweeney Co. After the goods had been returned to the firm mentioned, decided not to prosecute.

The young lady in question belongs to a good family, and her escape is a great mystery to her friends.

The game returns to the Kent, Kings, Albert and Westmoreland, which is known as District No. 2, show a large increase over previous years. In this district the total deer, moose and caribou killed are as follows: Kings, 255, decrease of 76; Albert, 278, increase of 69; Westmoreland, 255, increase of 156; Kent, 345, increase of 104.

CANADIAN FIRM NOT AFFECTED BY RECEIVERSHIP

Montreal, Dec. 31.—The receivership of the All-Chainers Co., Montreal, does not in the least affect the Canadian Company, the All-Chainers-Bullock Co., which is an entirely distinct corporation. The Canadian company is at the instance of the receiver, to meet the adverse conditions which have affected the American concern.

BANK PRESIDENT VICTIM OF ATTACK OF ROBBERS--MURDERED

Centralla, Wash., Dec. 20.—A robber held up the Farmers and Merchants Bank tonight, and shot and instantly killed the president, L. Bar. The murderer was captured. The robber entered the bank shortly after dark and pointing pistols at the cashier and a boy, obliged them to hold up their hands. President Bar entered the banking room from the office and the robber fired, killing him instantly. The shooting attracted the attention of the police who captured the robber.