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LABOR SEEKS BETTER FRECH UNDERSTANDING

Canadian Olympic Hockey Team Defeats Swiss 33 to 0

MACDONALD WOULD MEET POINCAIRE HALF WAY

British Premier Sends Personal Letter to Head of French Government.

REPLY IS RECEIVED

Answer From Poincare Indicates Willingness To Reach Better Understanding.

Associated Press Despatch. London, Jan. 30.—Prime Minister MacDonald recently sent a personal letter to Premier Poincare in which he expressed a desire for a settlement of the differences between Great Britain and France and for a complete Anglo-French understanding, and M. Poincare replied sympathetically, according to statements printed this morning by the Daily Telegraph and the Daily Express.

By this action the new head of the British government picked up the thread of Franco-British relations at the point where it was broken after the interview between Mr. Baldwin and Premier Poincare in Paris last autumn, says the Daily Telegraph. It adds that the letter was despatched in accordance with the traditional methods of diplomacy and his preference for more direct means of negotiations.

The letter written as soon as Mr. MacDonald was installed in Downing street was delivered through Lord Curzon, the British ambassador at Paris. It informed M. Poincare that the new government had been organized, say the newspapers, and remarked with perfect candor that relations between the two countries for several well understood reasons had ceased to be as friendly as formerly, and that public opinion in Great Britain viewed the French policy with a certain degree of suspicion, being somewhat nervous about what might happen in Europe.

The prime minister then, according to the Daily Telegraph, expressed a willingness "to meet Poincare half way in an attempt to achieve a final, complete and clear settlement. He also voiced the hope that the French government in the same conciliatory spirit would be ready to discuss all outstanding questions.

M. Poincare's answer, asserts the newspaper, with some anxiety, lest the approach had not been very well received. But its answer was sympathetic, giving rise to a hope for a better atmosphere for a discussion of troublesome issues between the two nations.

The Daily Telegraph learns that the letters are likely to be published soon.

PREMIER GOES TO SCOTLAND.

Associated Press Despatch. London, Jan. 30.—Premier MacDonald has gone to Scotland for the purpose of solving the difficulty he is experiencing in providing Scottish law officers for his administration.

Russlyn Mitchell, who, unlike several other Clydesdale Labor candidates, unsuccessfully wooed the electorate in the last two elections, and was defeated on December 6, 1923, in Central Glasgow by Sir William Alexander, has been mentioned frequently for the position of Lord Advocate of Scotland. Mitchell, however, is not a barrister but only a solicitor and in this way is regarded as not qualified for the office.

On similar grounds of non-qualification there is no Scottish Labor member of the House of Commons eligible for the position of solicitor-general of Scotland.

Labor circles do not favor the suggestion that the government should introduce special legislation enabling the administration to make appointments to these offices with the material ready at hand.

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS.

Today—Westerly winds; cloudy and mild.

Thursday—Northerly winds, fair; stationary or lower temperature.

Stations. High Low Weather

Victoria 56 44 Cloudy

Calgary 50 39 Fair

Winnipeg 38 18 Cloudy

Port Arthur 40 30 Cloudy

Sault Ste. Marie 34 22 Cloudy

Toronto 38 36 Rain

Kingston 38 34 Rain

Ottawa 16 16 Cloudy

Montreal 24 24 Rain

Quebec 18 18 Cloudy

St. John 28 28 Cloudy

Halifax 30 30 Cloudy

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

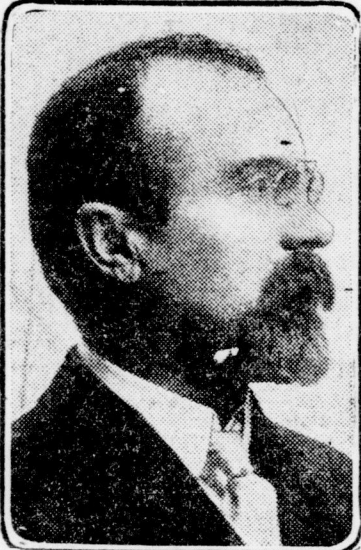
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 36; lowest, 24.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 37; lowest, 32.

Barometric Readings.

Today—8 a.m.—29.21.

Today—6 a.m.—29.23.



LOUIS BARTHO, French statesman, who was yesterday elected president of the reparations' commission. Marquis Giuseppe Salvago Raggi of Italy was chosen vice-president.

NOVA SCOTIA MINE STRIKE NEARS END

Negotiations Will Be Continued at Head Office of Steel Corporation.

WILL COMPROMISE

Canadian Press Despatch. Glace Bay, N.S., Jan. 30.—Following yesterday's adjournment of the wage conference between representatives of the striking coal miners of the United Mine Workers District No. 26 and the British Empire Steel Corporation, there is a more hopeful feeling today in local circles. The adjournment here is not regarded as a break but rather as a transfer of the issue to Montreal, where it is hoped a decision will be reached by the British Empire Corporation directors on which a satisfactory settlement may be based.

While the mine workers are understood to be "standing pat" for a 20 per cent advance it is no secret that an offer below this or even one affecting the low paid men only would not likely be rejected. Should such an offer be made, and it is understood here that President Wolvin is considering one, news of a settlement may be expected before the end of the week.

FIRST 1924 MARKERS RECEIVED IN LONDON

Six Thousand Pounds of Auto Plates Shipped to New License Issuer.

Six thousand pounds of license markers for distribution in London and district arrived in the city this morning addressed to H. J. Childs, the new issuer of licenses. Mr. Childs has opened a store at 293 Dundas street, just opposite the city hall and will open for business on Feb. 1 at 9 o'clock.

The new license plate numbers start at 130,000 for passenger cars and at 17,051 for trucks. The colors are black letters and numbers on a yellow background. This is but the first shipment and further consignments are expected from time to time as they are needed.

BOARD FAILED TO ACT, ENGINEER DECLARES

Mayor Takes Preliminary Move, However, To Improve Sewerage at Pottersburg School.

City Engineer W. R. Near stated that the board of education received a report last year pertaining to the sewerage facilities necessary and the cost thereof for the Pottersburg school, but that nothing further was done.

As a preliminary move for action in this instance, Mayor Wenige opened negotiations this morning with the school authorities, and renewed consideration is anticipated.

REFUSES TO BELIEVE HER CHILD DROWNED

Mother of Jack Challis Thinks It Is Some Other Child.

SEARCH IS CONTINUED

Danger in Work May Force the Firemen To Abandon Hunt.

"My son has not been drowned, I can't believe it, and I won't believe it until I see the body myself," exclaimed Mrs. Albert Challis, mother of Jack Challis, 7-year-old school boy, who Monday morning fell in the Thames River below Victoria Hospital, to The Advertiser today.

Because she had warned her son on many occasions to keep away from out of the river within a radius of several hundred yards from the exact spot where the boy fell through the ice. If the present thaw continues firemen think they will have to abandon the search. The ice is becoming so soft they work with great danger to themselves.

DELEGATES REGISTERING FOR ANNUAL CONVENTION

Registration of delegates for the annual meeting of the Presbyterian W. M. S. commenced this afternoon at 1:30 in the First Presbyterian Church. This afternoon's program is taken up largely with reports from the various secretaries and an address by Mrs. John McGilvary, president of the general executive board of the W.M.S.

CANADIAN CLUB TO HONOR NOTED CHINESE SINGER

Lady Tsien Mei, Chinese nightingale, who appears in Loew's Theatre tomorrow, will be entertained by Mrs. A. T. Edwards and members of the Women's Canadian Club here at Wong's Cafe this evening.

Lady Tsien Mei is said to be the only Chinese screen actress in the world. She is a cultured woman, a graduate of Columbia University, and well-known in moving picture circles of the United States.

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COMING TO LONDON. Very Rev. Dean Arthur Carlisle, of Christ Church, Montreal, who arrives in the city today and will address the University Literary Society. Dean Carlisle is a former rector of Cronyn Memorial Church.

VETERANS SEEK ISSUER'S POST

Protest Appointment of ex-Ald. Childs and Ask Action.

APPROACH COL. COLES

Members of the local command of the Great War Veterans' Association protest the recent appointment of ex-Ald. H. J. Childs as issuer of automobile licenses for London and district.

Feeling that this post should have been given to the association, they are requesting Col. W. G. Coles to take up this question with the provincial department of highways. In view of the fact that Harry Wray, president of the local G. W. V. A. is ill in Victoria Hospital, certain of the members decided this morning to approach Col. Coles in the meanwhile, understanding that there would be still time for the government authorities at Toronto to stay the appointment until their official protest was heard.

NOTED MISSIONARY WILL GIVE ADDRESS ON AFRICA

"The Greatness of Africa" will be the subject of an address to be delivered before a joint meeting of the men's and women's Canadian Clubs in the Central Collegiate Institute auditorium on the night of Feb. 14.

The speaker is the Rev. A. W. Banfield, an outstanding missionary in the African field. For twenty years he has lived on that continent, travelling through the interior as secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

FORMER FRENCH ATTACHE AT BERLIN ADMITS WEDDING TO ENGLISH WOMAN.

JUDGE IS SEVERE

French Jury, Though, Takes More Indulgent View of the Situation.

Associated Press Despatch. Chalon Sur Saone, France, Jan. 30.—The assize court has acquitted Count Ferdinand De Dabban, former attaché at the French embassy in Berlin, of a charge of bigamy.

Count Dabban is a member of one of the most aristocratic families of France. He is a descendant of Marquis Geoffrey Dabban, who first applied steam to navigation.

At the trial it was brought out that he had married an English woman named Charlotte Grellin in Folkestone, England, in 1914. In 1919 he wedded a French heiress, Marie De Saint Innocent, although the first marriage was not dissolved by the court at Dijon until 1922.

The count contended that the first wedding was only a joke and that no one ever considered it valid since the bans were not published in France. The judge sternly rebuked the defendant, asserting that he had played with the law and was too guilty on account of birth, education and his association with the diplomatic service.

However, the jury was more indulgent and acquitted Count Dabban after five minutes' deliberation.

SINGLE DAY GETS 160,000 VOTES FOR LONDON MAN

Finds Subscriptions Come Easily and Friends Anxious To Work.

CANDIDATES CLOSE

Advertiser \$20,000 Contest Gains Momentum in City and Country.

"Well, I just cleaned up 160,000 votes in subscriptions yesterday." The speaker was a big ruddy-faced man who is known on every street in London. He was nominated as a candidate in The Advertiser's \$20,000 Circulation Contest last week, and yesterday when he strode into the office he was breathing optimism in every gesture.

"Going strong? Well, I should say so!" he cried. "I'm getting subscriptions to The Advertiser everywhere I go, my friends are all out working, and someone is going to have an awfully tough time to keep me from driving around in that big sedan before I'm through. My wife thinks I should take the \$2,000 cash, but I'm after the car. You watch me!"

New candidates are entering the field every day, and in the out-of-town districts they are forging ahead with just as much vim and success as the man who spoke the above. They are all running neck and neck at the present stage, and it is going to be a pretty close race before the eleven automobiles, the chests of silver and the cash prizes are all distributed.

Read details of the \$20,000 plan on page 13, and "phone headquarters, 7352, for further information.

FUR PRICE DECLINE CALLED TEMPORARY

Local Dealers Expect Fur Boom in U. S. Will Be Reflected in Canada.

The decline in fur prices recorded here during 1923 will not last much longer according to local dealers. A reflection of the fur boom in the United States is anticipated before spring and already substantial advances in prices have been evidenced.

In three months the advances have ranged from 5 to 30 per cent in commonly-used furs. The increases in fox furs are from 10 to 20 per cent higher, while opossum and ermine fetch 20 per cent more than they did in September last.

"Depression in the fur market reached its lowest point in December," a local merchant said. "We expect advances every day from now on."

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'Gimlet Eye' Butler Wins In a Walk In First Clash With Political Leaders

Philadelphia Director of Public Safety Gives Ward Bosses Piece of Mind.

MAYOR BACKS HIM

Threatens To Resign If Interference From Political Groups Allowed.

Associated Press Despatch.

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 30.—Brig-Gen. Smedley D. Butler, known as "Gimlet Eye" Butler, director of public safety, has emerged victorious in his first encounter with a group of politicians who sought to interfere in behalf of a police lieutenant demoted because of alleged inefficiency during the director's latest offensive against vice and crime.

In his terse and emphatic manner, General Butler yesterday told the politicians that he was boss of the police and that any sign of political interference would result immediately in his resignation and return to the marine corps. After a conference with Mayor Kendrick regarding the matter, the general announced today that the mayor had upheld his action. "The mayor's a good boy," he said. "He's right back of me in this rotten job."

Canada Accepts U.S. Invitation

Associated Press Despatch.

Duluth, Minn., Jan. 30.—President Coolidge's invitation to the Canadian government to discuss the St. Lawrence waterway preliminary to signing the treaty between the two nations has been accepted, according to an announcement made yesterday at general headquarters of the Lakes-St. Lawrence Tidewater Association here yesterday. The Dominion government is quoted as prepared to resume the discussion with Washington in response to the president's invitation following an official demand made by the province of Ontario.

EAST CITIZENS WILL PROTEST 'TECH' AS HIGH

Mass Meeting Planned Thursday To Discuss Contemplated Action of Board.

Citizens of London East are planning to hold a mass meeting in Rectory street school on Thursday evening to voice their protest over the contemplated action of the board of education in trying to make the Technical School answer for a college for London East.

The meeting will be held under the auspices of the Mothers' Clubs of East London, provided there is no objection to them having the use of Rectory street school for the purpose.

Mrs. Sinclair of the Rectory Street Mothers' Club stated that there was sure to be a good attendance on hand, and that the session would be open to all interested in the schools of the district.

"We want to move fast in this matter," she stated, "in order that we can make ourselves heard before Dr. Merdiant and his committee get the thing all settled. If we allow London East to be put off with a portion of the technical school as its college, we will be asked to stay there for years to come, and the thing is not at all satisfactory to the residents of the east."

Inspirational Verse Used To Aid Cadets In Rifle Meet

As an inspiration for cadets taking part in musketry competitions in this district, military headquarters has included a rather novel item in the weekly militia orders. It is a piece of verse recently posted during a boxing tournament at one of the Royal Air Force depots in England.

In printing them for perusal by cadets, Brig-Gen. W. B. M. King stated he believed they were singularly appropriate for young lads to read.

The verses are as follows:
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BRIG-GEN. S. D. BUTLER, director of public safety in Philadelphia, has won his first clash with interfering politicians, who took exception to his methods of stamping out crime in the Quaker City.

HAYDEN BRANDS ACT 'SMALL STUFF'

Denounces Criticism of Engineer Making Repairs Without Necessary Sanction.

At yesterday's session of the board of works, certain questioning developed as to the manner in which minor contracts were let without the direct knowledge of the chairman, Ald. John Greer.

Ald. Ed. Hayden today characterized this criticism as "small stuff" and defended the action of City Engineer W. P. Near, who tendered to the committee an explanation of his procedure.

While a regulation exists compelling the calling of tenders for all contracts above \$200 or \$250, the engineer explained that when certain minor repairs to machinery were undertaken it was estimated that this work would cost about \$155.

It developed, however, upon investigation as the work proceeded, that other repairs were imperative, bringing the total cost above the \$250 mark.

Ald. Hayden feels, however, that this or similar transactions are entirely unnecessary. The engineer is striving to do his duty and undertake the work of his department just as economically as he can, he maintains.

POLICE OFFER LODGINGS TO REAL "DOWN-AND-OUTERS"

A lodging for the night may be obtained by any down-and-outer at the police station if he can prove that he has not the wherewithal to obtain quarters any other place. During the cold spell a dozen men took advantage of the privilege afforded by the station and avoided zero weather by sleeping in the cells.

NOVA SCOTIA HOUSE WILL OPEN ON FEBRUARY 14

Canadian Press Despatch. Halifax, Jan. 30.—Announcement was made yesterday that the Nova Scotia legislature would assemble at Halifax on Feb. 14.

WOULD NOT MEDDLE.

Mayor Wenige cautions the council not to meddle with the internal affairs of the Firemen's Union. It is his conviction that it is nobody's business who holds a membership in that organization, just as long as the general efficiency and economy of the department is not impaired.

If you like to win, but think you can't. It's almost a cinch you won't.

If you think you'll lose—you've lost. Success begins with a fellow's will. It's all in the state of mind.

If you think you're outclassed—you are. You've got to think high to rise; You've got to be very sure of yourself. Before you can win a prize.

Life's battles don't always go To the stronger or faster man; But soon or late the man who wins Is the fellow who THINKS he can.

SWISS PROVE EASY TASK FOR SPEEDY CANADIANS

Third Victory For Dominion Team Is Scored at Chamoni Today.

SCORE 33 TO 0

Superiority of Canuck Sextet Over European Combination Is Demonstrated.

Associated Press Despatch.

Chamonix, Jan. 30.—Defeating Switzerland by 33 goals to 0 today, Canada's hockey representatives at the winter sports of the Olympic games brought their string of victories over European teams to three. The overseas players have scored 55 goals while their opponents have failed to find the net on one occasion.

Against Czechoslovakia the Canadians scored 30 goals, Sweden was vanquished by 22 clear goals, and today the Canadians displayed marked superiority in their overwhelming victory.

Having defeated all the teams in group two, the Canadians will now meet the winners of group one. It is expected the United States will eliminate the other teams in this section, although it is probable that the British sextet will give them a hard tussle for the honor of playing the Canadians. The game with Switzerland was played in zero weather on perfect ice. After the face off, Watson dashed down the rink, passing to McCaffrey, who scored.

A few seconds later Watson scored again, and this was followed by a rush to the other end by the Swiss players, but Cameron saved. Hooley and Smith combined splendidly and were responsible for the next two goals.

Canada scored eight goals in the first period, eleven in the second and fourteen in the third. The Canadian wings, Watson and McCaffrey, were the most prolific scorers, but every member of the team, with the exception of Cameron, scored. The Swiss net, Cameron, nearly frozen from his enforced idleness between the Canadian posts, took short excursions down the ice to get his blood in circulation.

Savoie, the Swiss goalkeeper, was peppered with bullet-like shots throughout the three periods today. On coming off the ice he said with a grim smile he would about as soon face a machine gun as a hot one off Watson, Munro or McCaffrey.

U. S. For The Finals.

Canada's sweep through group two has been sensational, the scores in each of the three games testifying to the overwhelming superiority of the players from the dominion. The Canadians are breaking the record they made in the 1920 Olympic games. In these games Canada defeated Czechoslovakia 15 to 0 in the first of the elimination series. In the semi-finals the Canadians won from the United States 2 to 0 and in the final defeated Sweden for the championship, 12 to 1.

The U. S. is in group one this year and is favored to meet Canada in the finals.

OFFICIAL SAYS ENGLAND IS OUTLET FOR WHEAT

Trade Commissioner Watson Claims Acreage Greatly Reduced Since War.

In claiming that the greatly reduced acreage under wheat in England since the war affords an outlet for Canadian wheat, Harrison Watson, trade commissioner in England, gives the following interesting figures and facts:

"To those who follow agricultural matters, it will be known that farming generally, and grain growing in particular, have since Canada defeated Czechoslovakia 15 to 0 in the first of the elimination series. In the semi-finals the Canadians won from the United States 2 to 0 and in the final defeated Sweden for the championship, 12 to 1.

The land returned as arable in 1923 showed a decline of 129,999 acres, and as the report points out, brings back arable cultivation to practically pre-war conditions, and in this connection it publishes the subjoined statement of the arable area in England and Wales: 1912, 11,335,000 acres; 1913, 11,058,000 acres; 1914, 10,933,000 acres; 1923, 11,151,000 acres.