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BORDEN EXPECTED TO MAKE HIS STATEMENT TO COUNTRY TODAY

LETTER OF BORDEN TO WAR VETERANS NOW MADE PUBLIC

Fear His Views on Re-establishment Misunderstood in Some Quarters.

INQUIRY WAS HELPFUL

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—As a letter recently written by Sir Robert Borden to the heads of the various organizations of returned soldiers seems to have been misunderstood in some quarters, its terms were made public this afternoon. The letter reads:

"Since returning home my attention had been directed to the report of the special committee appointed by parliament to enquire into the various suggestions made respecting the re-establishment in civil life of returned men. I have also been advised as to the appropriations made by parliament to carry out the recommendations of this special committee. Steps are now being taken with a view to setting the necessary administrative machinery in motion for the expenditure of the appropriations made.

Ready for Suggestions.

"During the course of the debate in parliament, I understand several suggestions were made as to certain phases of re-establishment work that should be considered by the government apart from the question of a further general distribution of cash grants or credits, and I am advised that members of the government intimated to parliament that the government would be prepared to consider carefully any further representations to be made with respect thereto, notwithstanding the fact that the parliamentary committee referred to unanimously disapproved most, if not all, of these suggestions.

"I am sure you will agree that the enquiry held and the debates in parliament have been most helpful in assisting all concerned to acquire a better knowledge of the problems involved in the question of re-establishment. If there is any aspect of the question or any further suggestions your association desire to bring to the attention of the government, I shall be glad if you will write me fully with regard thereto, in order that, if deemed advisable, arrangements may be made for a conference to discuss any suggestions you may offer.

Realize Responsibilities.

"You will realize, I am sure, the desire of the government to assist in every reasonable way the re-establishment of returned soldiers in the normal activities of our country; but you will equally realize the heavy responsibilities presently imposed upon the government to avoid unjustifiable and oppressive expenditure and to take no step which would involve discrimination among the various classes of returned soldiers."

SLASHED WOMAN IN ARM WITH RAZOR

Italian is Charged With Dangerously Wounding His Wife.

During a quarrel in a house at 198 Teraulay street last night Katherine Altobello, was slashed in the left arm with a razor, said by the police to have been in the hands of her husband, Tommaso. The couple were fighting and Altobello is alleged to have drawn his razor and slashed the woman over the arm, inflicting a nasty gash several inches long. The injured woman was removed by the police to the General Hospital, where it was reported her condition was not serious as the arteries had not been cut.

Altobello, according to the police of West Dundas division, dropped the blood-stained razor and fled from the house. Cries of the wounded woman attracted neighbors who telephoned the police. Patrol Sergeant William Kerr was soon on the scene and rendered first aid.

Later in the evening P.C. Donahue (283) arrested Altobello, who had returned to his home to see how his wife was Wounding is the charge against him.

GEN. ROSS IN MONTREAL.

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—Brig.-Gen. Ross, who is administering the distribution thru the Canadian Patriotic Fund of the $40,000,000 soldier re-establishment fund, leaves for Montreal tomorrow to attend a meeting of the Montreal executive of the fund.

CAR STRIKE IN MADRID.

Madrid, Dec. 16.—A partial street car strike began this morning. A number of cars are still operating under the protection of the civil guards.

The building strike continues. There have been no incidents.

U. S. AUTHORITIES LIFT RESTRICTIONS ON COAL MOVEMENT

Fuel Consigned to Canada Should Arrive Within Ten Days.

MUST STILL CONSERVE

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 16.—The following statement on the coal situation was issued today by the Canadian trade commission:

As a result of representations which have been made from time to time on behalf of Mr. Magrath, Dominion fuel controller, to the authorities at Washington, the Canadian trade commission was notified today that all restrictions on the movement of coal and coke from the United States to Canada have been removed by the United States railroad administration.

This means that all coal and coke billed to consignees in Canada, which has not been confiscated or otherwise diverted, will soon begin to move towards the Canadian frontier. Such coal and coke, however, will still be subject to confiscation by the United States and Canadian authorities should such action be necessary in order to keep the public utilities and essential industries going.

Start in Ten Days.

There is no available data to show how many cars this release covers, but the general opinion is that there is not a large number for, as a result of the limited production in the United States during the past six weeks, a great deal of coal which has been moving to this country has evidently been diverted to public utilities and essential industries in both countries. It is impossible to say how much time will elapse before coal now being loaded by United States shippers for Canadian consignees will reach this country. In the usual

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OIL RESTRICTION TO RAISE TROUBLE

Mexican Secretary of Treasury Predicts Conflict Between U. S. and Mexico.

Laredo, Texas, Dec. 16.—Sunday's El Universal of Mexico City says Luis Cabrera, secretary of the treasury, makes the alarming prediction that the new conflict which will arise between the United States and Mexico will be due to the refusal of the Mexican government to permit petroleum companies to drill new wells.

Declaring that Cabrera's "prophecy" is probably correct, the paper says that failing in the "Jenkins case to get results," the enemies of Mexico have appealed to the American Congress in an extended memorial complaining against the action of President Carranza in restricting drilling of new oil wells. It adds that production of oil has been reduced considerably "by some wells being salted," and admits that twelve wells have been shut down "by force on orders of General Margula, who was instructed to do so by the secretary of industry and commerce."

Damage to Extent of $400,000 Done in St. John's by Storm

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 16.—Damage to the extent of $400,000 was done to shipping and on land by the great storm which raged here last night, details of which are only now available owing to the crippling of telegraph and telephone services. Half a dozen schooners went ashore, while houses were blown from their foundations.

I.W.W. Trying to Derail Trains Near Fort Frances, in West

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 16.—Attempts to derail trains on the Canadian side of the boundary and rioting in Fort Frances, across the Rainy River from International Falls, were reported to Governor Burnquist of Minnesota today by Adjutant-General W. F. Rhinos, who, with a company of United States troops, has been investigating I.W.W. activities in the northern pat of Minnesota. Conditions are orderly in International Falls, the general said.

SOFT COAL RESTRICTIONS

It was announced last night by Provincial Fuel Commissioner Harrington that in view of the recent action of the United States authorities all restrictions in connection with the sale of soft coal in Ontario had been removed.

Plague in Constantinople General Vaccination Ordered

Geneva, Dec. 16.—The international Red Cross here has received a message from Constantinople stating that the bubonic plague continues to spread alarmingly in the city, especially in the poorer quarters. There have also been cases in the European quarters. The government has placarded the streets demanding that the people undergo vaccination and has ordered the closing of the schools, mosques, restaurants, cafes, public buildings and the suspension of the tramways.

The naval units in the harbor are imperilled. The Red Cross has sent sufficient vaccine, but numerous Mohammedans refuse to employ it, on religious grounds.

IGNACE JAN PADEREWSKI
Who has resigned the office of prime minister of Poland, consequent upon administrative difficulties.

PIANIST QUITS ROLE OF PREMIER

Paderewski Failure Due to Administrative Difficulties and Hostility in Diet.

London, Dec. 16.—The resignation of Ignace Jan Paderewski as prime minister of Poland was the outcome of administrative difficulties. During his occupancy of the premiership, M. Paderewski is declared to have shone more as a statesman and negotiator than as an administrator, this being especially apparent in his dealings with the supreme council in Paris.

M. Paderewski assumed office at a time when Poland required men of strong administrative capacity to undertake the country's reconstruction after German occupation. It is asserted that he realized that dissatisfaction existed in the country over the government's failure to make the progress expected of it, and also that strong hostility to him existed in the diet.

In a letter to Brigadier-General Joseph Pilsudski, chief of state, Paderewski recently explained that this hostility, together with the loss of the support he had expected from some groups in the diet, had made it impossible for him to form a strong ministry. It is asserted that he also lost influence in the country thru his failure to secure East Galicia for Poland.

The understanding here is that Paderewski will retire for a long rest to his chateau on Lake Geneva, and that with his departure General Pilsudski will become the leading spirit looking to Poland's future.

The new Polish cabinet is not considered here to be a strong one, but it is thought it may prove a good working combination representing the general good sense of Poland.

CUBA THE REFUGE FOR WHISKEY STOCKS

Proposal to Ship Thirty-Nine Million Gallons From Kentucky to Southern Ports.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 16.—A way out apparently has been found for distillers caught with large stocks of liquor on hand by the supreme court's decision holding war-time prohibition constitutional.

A plan was presented to distillers here today by representatives of steamship lines operating services out of Charleston, Brunswick, Jacksonville, Savannah and Wilmington to Cuba, South America and European countries. It contemplates immediate shipment of liquor stocks in Kentucky, estimated at 30,000,000 gallons bonded at warehouses, largely to Cuban ports for storage and subsequent resale in Cuba or shipment to other foreign countries.

The freedom of southern ports from ice, their adequate storage facilities pending loading on board ship, their nearness to Cuba and the large number of steamship lines operating to the island were pointed to as evidence that, railroads and the United States shipping board co-operating, the whiskey stocks could be moved before Jan. 16, the time limit that the internal revenue department has placed on export shipment.

HONORS GAZETTED FOR WAR SERVICE

London, Dec. 16.—The following have been gazetted today:

Chevalier of the Legion of Honor—Lieut.-Col. Elroy Ford of the Engineers; Brig.-Gen. James MacBrien. Croix de Guerre, Captains Percy Sand, Second Battalion; Johnston MacAdams, Fourteenth Battalion. Medaille Militaire, Sergt. W. Campbell, Dragoons; Peter Kelly, Fourth Battalion; Corp. Bolinbroke, headquarters staff.

Canadians mentioned who served in the Air Force are: George Atkins, Arthur Copeland, Henry Cotton, Victor Dougall, Harry Edwards, Cecil French, Walter Haight, Thomas Holley, Colin Laurence David Lesson, Hubert MacDonald, George McLeod, James Owen, Granville Robertson, Beverley Robinson, Sydney Smith, Conn Smythe. Military Cross, Peter Martin.

4,000,000 WOMEN ENLIST TO FIGHT COST OF LIVING

Great Thrift Campaign in United States to Be Organized First of Year.

TO KEEP ACCOUNTS

Washington, Dec. 16.—An army of 4,000,000 women, representing ten national organizations, has been organized by the savings division of the treasury department to enter the fight against the high cost of living.

Beginning Jan. 1 and extending to April 1, a great thrift campaign will be conducted in an effort to induce women to keep strict accounts of their daily expenditures in order by study of them to eliminate unnecessary items. According to the plan, amounts saved by this means would be invested in government securities.

Women's organizations which have been enlisted in the campaign include the Association of College Alumnae, Daughters of the American Revolution; General Federation of Women's Clubs, National Catholic War Council, National Congress of Mothers and Parent-teacher Associations, National Council of Jewish Women, National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, National League for Women's Service, Woman's Department of the National Civic Federation and the Y. W. C. A.

A MAD POLICY, SAYS O'CONNOR

Declares Acts of Provocation in Ireland Intended to Prevent Settlement.

London, Dec. 16—When T. P. O'Connor moved adjournment of the house tonight over The Freeman's Journal incident, the debate became hampered by the announcement by James Ian MacPherson, chief secretary for Ireland, that he hoped the members would remember that the question was subjudice.

Mr. O'Connor declared that these acts of provocation in Ireland were the result of a plot to prevent the settlement of the Irish question and reconciliation of the Irish people. He implored the house to realize the tragedy of this mad policy.

William Adamson, the Labor leader, associating the Labor party with the motion, declared that while his party had no sympathy with the serious crimes perpetuated in Ireland, they believed that the government's frequent resort to methods of repression had a close connection with these crimes.

Mr. O'Connor's motion for adjournment was defeated 161 to 55.

ITALY SEEKS AID OF UNITED STATES

Rome, Dec. 16.—In the chamber of deputies today, Signor Schanzer, minister of the treasury, during the course of a budget statement, alluded to the problem of depreciated exchanges, and announced that negotiations were proceeding for financial operations with important groups in the United States. He hoped for a favorable issue in these negotiations, but declared that an effective solution of the problem would be possible only by restoring the financial equilibrium and reducing paper circulation.

MANY PRISONERS CAPTURED BY REDS

London, Dec. 16.—A wireless communication from Moscow claims that the Reds captured 1,500 prisoners when they took the town of Kazalyk, in trans-Caspia. The report in making this announcement says that the "prisoners themselves murdered their officers."

Still another communication declares that the Reds took many prisoners in the suburbs of Kiev, where the Bolsheviki crushed the enemy.

KEEP MONEY IN WINDSOR

High Rate of Exchange Benefits Canadian Stores.

Windsor, Dec. 16.—As one result of the present high rate of exchange between Canada and the United States border residents this Christmas are spending thousands of dollars at home which in former years went into the coffers of the Detroit merchants.

Taking advantage of the Canadian money being discounted in Detroit, local business men have instituted a "buy at home" campaign, and already this is having results, according to Windsor merchants. The decreasing crowds of Christmas shoppers crossing the ferry, however, is not entirely due to the existing situation, as vaccination regulations may be blamed in part for this.

HALBERT'S MAJORITY.

The official result of the federal by-election in North Ontario will be announced today. R. H. Halbert, the successful U.F.O. candidate, who was in Toronto yesterday, received an unofficial message that his majority is 208.

PREMIER BORDEN MAY MAKE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESIGNATION TODAY

Story Came Out Earlier Than Was Expected — Sir Thomas White Still Talked of as Possible Successor.

Special to The Toronto World.

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—Sir Robert Borden, after putting in a busy forenoon, attended a cabinet meeting this afternoon. At the conclusion of the meeting it was said that a statement by the prime minister might be given to the press tomorrow.

Sir Robert Borden was at his office this morning alert and active as usual and received a number of callers and despatched the ordinary routine business of the day. At noon he went to the office of the governor-general in the east block, but assured the waiting newspaper men that the visit had nothing to do with his reported resignation. To the casual observer the prime minister appeared in excellent health. Except for a slight tremor in the right hand with which he has been troubled for some months, Sir Robert appears to be as hale and vigorous as he was a year or even two years ago. His trouble is nervous and does not manifest itself to the ordinary observer. It is well known, however, that the prime minister was recently examined by Dr. Martin of Montreal and Dr. Cavan of Toronto and that they agreed with his regular physician in saying that he must have an absolute rest for one year at least. Their verdict left him no choice but to retire from public life at the earliest possible moment. They are said to have predicted an absolute breakdown within the next six months if he remained at his post.

Insists Upon Retiring.

It has naturally been suggested that Sir Robert might take a long vacation without actually resigning his office as prime minister. He has given these suggestions due weight, but it is pretty well known that he has decided to insist upon retiring altogether from public life within a few weeks' time. Some official announcement to this effect may be made in a day or two.

There is much speculation as to how the announcement of the impending resignation came to be made at the time it did. There is reason to believe that the prime minister's final decision was only communicated to his cabinet colleagues on Friday last, and that under an absolute pledge of secrecy. The publication in Monday morning's papers came as a great surprise to Sir Robert and many members of the cabinet. Commenting upon the matter today, however, the prime minister said that the announcement

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FOGS HOLDING UP PASSENGER LINERS

Scores of Freighters Are Also Several Days Overdue in New York.

New York, Dec. 16.—A dozen large passenger liners and scores of freighters, several days overdue here, are being held up by rough seas, high winds and fog, according to wireless reports received today, telling of reduced speed made necessary by two storms which have swept across the Atlantic in the last ten days.

After having fought their way thru the storms, several craft have run into thick weather off the coast, as a result of which the freighter, Grange Park, grounded off Long Island and the liner Carmania is in Halifax undergoing repairs resulting from collision with another vessel.

Among liners overdue are the Rotterdam, Baltic, Veronica, Carmania, Royal George, Lafayette, Bergensfjord, Vasari, Europa and Antonio Lopez.

REQUEST VACCINATION

London, Ont., Dec. 16.—The board of health today decided to recommend that the citizens be vaccinated. There will be no compulsion. It was thought wise to take this step merely as a precautionary measure.

GERMANS COMPLY WITH TREATY TERMS

London, Dec. 16.—Winston Spencer Churchill, secretary for war, announced in the house of commons today that the Germans had handed over to the allies 5,000 guns, 25,000 machine guns, 3,000 trench mortars and 1,700 airplanes. They had still failed to deliver 42 locomotives and 4,760 railway trucks.

The secretary considered that the Germans had made a tremendous effort to comply with the conditions imposed upon them.

BOLSHEVIK SWEEP OF BALTIC REGION

Threatened if Esthonian Barrier Yields Before Red Advance.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Demands of the Bolshevik representatives at the Dorpat peace negotiations, advices to the state department today said, include severance by the Esthonians of relations with the allies and Finland, and the placing by Esthonia of all transit and port facilities at the disposal of the soviet government.

These demands, the advices add, are being enforced by determined military attacks by the Bolsheviki. Altho the Esthonians have succeeded in withstanding this pressure up to the present, it is said that with 15 Bolshevik divisions reported to have been brought up, the Esthonian government has foreseen the imminent danger and has appealed to Finland for military aid declaring that if the Esthonian barrier falls the Bolsheviki may sweep the Baltic region, capturing the ports of Reval, Riga and Libau, and establish direct communication. It is understood that Finland has answered that it canont make a reply before consulting the allied governments.

RADEK TO ATTEND?

Helsingfors, Dec. 16.—No word has been received as to whether Karl Radek, a Russian Bolshevik, is going to Dorpat to attend the conference between the Bolshevik delegates and representatives of the Baltic states. It is said that the Bolshevik foreign minister, Tchitcherin, has sent a message to the Lithuanians offering to release certain political prisoners if Radek is permitted to traverse Lithuania, but that the proposal was ignored.

Esthonians report that orders found on Bolshevik prisoners on the Narva front indicate the intention of the Bolsheviki to occupy Esthonia as far as Wesenberg.

CLEMENCEAU TIRED, BUT CONDITION GOOD

Paris, Dec. 16.—Premier Clemenceau's condition was satisfactory today, but he was somewhat fatigued by morning callers, and closed the doors of his home this afternoon to all but Capt. Tardieu, General Alby, chief of the general staff, and Jules Pams, minister of the interior.

LARGE REDUCTION IN BRITISH EXPENDITURE

London, Dec. 16.—The average daily expenditure of the government from April 1 to Nov. 30 was reduced to £3,099,000, as compared with more than £7,000,000 during the war. Freight traffic expenditures were reduced to £50,000,000, as compared with £68,500,000 prior to the war.

New Railway Freight Rates To Be Issued in London

London, Dec. 16.—A new schedule of railroad freight rates will be issued in a few days by the ministry of transport, according to The Evening News. It will show an increase of from 60 to 70 per cent.

KIDNAPPED BABY FOUND AFTER FIVE MONTHS PLACED AS DECORATION TO CHRISTMAS TREE

Mother Discovers Infant in New York Hospital, Whither He Had Been Taken After Abandonment by Unidentified Man.

New York, Dec. 16.—A search of almost five months for the baby boy of Mr. and Mrs. August Wentz, who was two months old when kidnapped July 30 from in front of a department store in this city, ended tonight with his discovery in Bellevue Hospital, where he had been taken on December 8, after being abandoned in the Grand Central terminal by an unidentified man, presumably the kidnapper. The man left a note pinned to the baby's clothing, which read:

"For the love of Mike, somebody take this kid. He is too much for the family. Can't afford him on the price of milk they are charging today. There are others I am trying to support"

Since the infant disappeared its distracted mother has made daily visits to the city's institutions, inspecting every new foundling brought in, in the hope it might prove to be her lost baby. Tonight she went to Bellevue and found him. The overjoyed woman got to her home as fast as she could to give the news to her husband, who was ignorant even of her daily pilgrimage to the city hospitals. She found the father busily engaged decorating a Christmas tree he had just bought for the other children, and placed the baby at the foot of the tree as an added Christmas gift.

FARMERS' VENTURE THRIVES WITHOUT POLITICAL STRINGS

Co-operative Company Does Successful Business Without Outside Assistance.

FAVORABLE TO FARMER

It cost the U. F. O. ten thousand dollars to bring together from all parts of the province yesterday the shareholders in the co-operative company and members of the general organization to the number of 1500, just enough to fill the down stairs accommodation of Massey Hall.

The entire day up to 5 p.m. was taken up with the business of the co-operative organization of which R. W. E. Burnaby of Jefferson is president.

Tomorrow evening will be the gala occasion when Premier Drury and all the members of his cabinet will hold the boards at Massey Hall which is expected to be so crowded that admission will be by ticket only till all ticket holders—members of the U. F. O.—are seated or in possession of the standing room.

On Thursday evening the U. F. Dominion representatives will be on exhibition, those expected being Hon. T. A. Crerar, ex-minister of agriculture, T. A. Caldwell, M.P., president of New Brunswick U. F., R. H. Halbert, North Ontario member-elect, and J. W. Kennedy, M.P., Glengarry.

An earnest and animated discussion arose in connection with the election of the incoming directors of the co-operative company. Premier Drury and Hon. Manning Doherty, minister of agriculture, were on the 1919 board and allowed their names to go in nomination for re-election.

Capt. Smith, editor of The Farmers' Sun, reminded the shareholders that every man who holds a cabinet position in the government of Ontario has a man's job; and in view of the fact that the co-operative company did 8 1-2 million dollars' worth of business in 1919 he opined the directors to be elected for 1920 would each also have a man's job attending to his director's duties in addition to running his farm.

J. J. Morrison, secretary of the U. F. O., agreed with Editor Smith. He said the U. F. O. had been throwing stones at directors of incorporated companies who got too close to the government and he did not think it would do for them to take up their abode in a large glass house.

Withdrew Their Names

The discussion promised to run into a number of speeches and the premier and his minister of agriculture were called up on the telephone. They said they were in the hands of

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CIVIL SERVANTS' BONUS NOT DECIDED

Cabinet Cannot Yet See Where the Money is to Come From.

Altho the principle of granting a bonus to civil servants has been adopted by the Ontario cabinet, no finality was reached at the meeting of the ministers yesterday afternoon. The great question at issue is as to where the money is to come from, as there is, of course, no appropriation for the purpose.

A small committee of the cabinet has been appointed, with Hon. Peter Smith, provincial treasurer, as chairman, to go thoroly into the matter and make a report. In any case, the outlook for the civil servants getting the bonus before Christmas is anything but bright.

There was a similar difficulty when the last bonus was granted. "Pass the order-in-council and I will find the money," said the then provincial treasurer, Hon. Tom McGarry—and he found it. The members of the Drury administration in general, and Hon. Peter Smith in particular, are evidently proceeding with greater caution.

NITTI TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH LLOYD GEORGE

Rome, Dec. 16.—The Messagero said today it was probable that Premier Nitti would go to London during the parliamentary vacation to exchange views with Premier Lloyd George of Great Britain on the international situation. Signor Nitti, the newspaper said, will stop a few days in Paris en route to the British capital.

HYDRO RADIAL ORDER THRU BY NEW YEAR

Windsor, Ont., Dec. 16.—Mayor Winter stated today that he had learned that the order-in-council permitting the Hydro to take over the S., W. and A. lines would not be put thru until all the councils have given the bylaw its third reading. There will be no difficulty in obtaining the order as soon as this formality has been attended to and it is expected that the order will be issued before the first of the year.

SENTENCE TWO BANDITS.

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—Three years in the penitentiary was the sentence handed out to Roy Love and Joseph Roy in the police court. They had been terrorizing the city, waylaying pedestrians in the early hours and holding them up at the point of a gun.