

GAVE BRITISH HARD CHASE FOR A TIME

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HEADED REBELLION IN ORANGE FREE STATE

Started It Shortly After Outbreak of World War, But It Was Quickly Suppressed.

K—GAVE BRITISH Bloemfontein, Union of South Africa, Feb. 5.—General Christian De Wet, commander in chief of the Boer forces in the war of 1899, died at his home in De Wetsdorp on Friday.

Christian Rudolf De Wet was born October 7, 1854, at Leeuwkon in the Smithfield district of South Africa. He served in the first Anglo-Boer war of 1880-81, and was a member of the Volksraad when the second war, in which he took such a prominent part, broke out. He was given an obscure command at first, but was later sent to relieve General Botha, whom he succeeded upon the latter's surrender.

His operations against the British were marked by considerable strategic ability, his forces falling upon and annihilating isolated British posts while the enemy's columns attempted in vain to surround him.

In the peace negotiations of 1902 he took a prominent part and later visited Europe with other Boer Generals seeking, without avail, a modification of the terms of peace concluded at Pretoria. He was elected a member of the first parliament of the Orange River Colony, in 1907, and was appointed Minister of Agriculture.

Headed Rebellion Shortly after the outbreak of the world war, he headed a rebellion in the Orange Free State and Western Transvaal, which was suppressed by the Government forces after a brief month of fighting, in which a son, Daniel, was killed, and General De Wet himself wounded. When his forces surrendered to those under General Botha, De Wet succeeded in escaping with 25 men, but was captured a few days later.

For this rebellion he was tried, and in June, 1915, convicted of treason and sentenced to six years imprisonment with a fine of \$10,000. He was released, however, after being confined only six months.

While maintaining his stand for the freedom of South Africa, he did not participate in armed revolt, and in 1916 was instrumental in slipping another rebellion in the bud.

Lord Atholstan Sets Example For Others To Follow

Receives Words of Gratitude from London for His Interest in Humanity.

London, Feb. 5.—(Canadian Press Cable)—The Earl of Atholstan, chairman of the Board of Governors of the Middlesex Hospital, who received a cable last week from Lord Atholstan, of Montreal, offering £20,000 in aid of cancer research work, has sent a cable to Lord Atholstan in reply as follows: "Profoundly grateful for your munificent gift for humanity which will be of the utmost value and an incentive to our research work by which many lives have been hampered by the lack of funds. The public spirited example of yourself and Sir William Vero will be followed by others."

Representatives of "Vet" Organizations In Conference

Will Endeavor to Reach Basis for Some Form of Unity.

Winning Mass, Feb. 5.—A conference of representatives of all the returned soldier organizations in the Dominion will open here tomorrow, and endeavor to reach a basis for some form of unity. The conference will be a sequel to the one held in Port Arthur, last October, when it was agreed that unity in some form was essential to the perpetuation of the returned soldier movement, and when a resolution was adopted containing a number of clauses which had as a basis the unification of all organized veterans in Canada. It was resolved, at the Fort Arthur "Unity Conference" that the organizations represented be requested to render the earliest possible decision as to whether the unity desired should be attempted by amalgamation and affiliation, a federation as may be mutually agreed upon with a view to amalgamation and affiliation, or in the event of these two clauses failing of approval by the organizations concerned, they would, as an alternative, propose some scheme which might result in federation.

WOMEN'S SINN FEIN CLUB REAFFIRMS ALLEGIANCE TO THE REPUBLIC

Six Hundred in Convention Asked to Join in Re-imposing Belfast Boycott. Dublin, Feb. 5.—Six hundred delegates, most of them youthful, representing women's Sinn Fein organizations, reaffirmed their allegiance to the Republic in a resolution today. They also called upon the women of Ireland to support at the forthcoming elections only candidates standing true to the Republic proclaimed in 1916, and asked them to join in re-imposing the Belfast boycott unless prisoners in Northern jails for political offences are released forthwith.

MONCTON GIVES FAREWELL TO CAPT. WELDON

Local Manager for Johnson & Ward, Brokers, Promoted to Head Office.

CITIZENS PAY TRIBUTE TO STERLING WORTH Of One Prominently Identified in Business and Social Affairs of Railway City.

Special to The Standard Moncton, N. B., Feb. 5.—Many friends of Capt. Douglas B. Weldon, M. C., assembled in the Palm room of the Hotel Brunswick on Saturday night and held a banquet in his honor. Capt. Weldon, who has been prominent in business affairs of Moncton as the local manager of Johnson and Ward, brokers, (successors to F. B. McArthur Co.) is being promoted to the head office of the firm in Montreal, his successor here being M. W. McNulty.

Among those who attended the banquet were G. E. Leslie, manager of Johnson and Ward, Halifax, and Herbert Wood, of Sackville. E. G. Evans of Hampton, sent regrets at inability to attend. J. Earl Robert, Moncton's newly elected mayor, presided and in proposing a toast to Mr. Weldon, appreciatively expressed his appreciation of the latter's services. As a citizen of Moncton he regretted Mr. Weldon's transfer to Montreal, but was glad to know that it would mean promotion. Mr. Weldon briefly expressed his gratitude for the expression of esteem and good will during the evening. James Friel, K. C., presented him with a walking stick as a souvenir from Moncton friends. There were several speeches in which warm tributes were paid to Mr. Weldon's worth.

Reference was made to the fact that, being a member of a prominent family, one of the oldest in Moncton, that he began his career as a newspaper reporter in this city and during the war enlisted for overseas service. Since then he has been active in business affairs here, and many friends feel that his services warrant the confidence that he will meet with continued success in Montreal. Others who spoke at the banquet were G. C. W. Robinson, E. Kelly, K. G. G. B. Willett, Herbert Wood, Ex-Mayor A. Chapman, Mr. Friel, Geo. G. Ross, (of J. M. Robinson Sons, brokers), H. H. Warman and Mr. Leslie. There were expressions of sincere regret at Mr. Weldon's removal from Moncton, accompanied by best wishes for future success in his new field. Mr. Weldon is proceeding to Montreal on today's Ocean Limited. He will be much missed in local business and social circles.

Col. William Stewart of Canadian Militia Dies in Montreal

Spent Forty-Three Years in the Service, Eleven With Permanent Forces.

Montreal, Feb. 5.—After 43 years service with the Canadian Militia, including eleven years as a senior officer with the permanent forces at the Montreal militia headquarters, Col. William James Stewart died in his 70th year on Saturday evening, after a prolonged illness. He had been in failing health for the past year and a half.

Col. Stewart Will Be Buried at His Old Home at Halifax

Colonel Stewart will be buried at his old home at Halifax, where his wife is also interred. He was born in that city and took a strong interest in military work there. As a young man, in 1877, he joined the Chebucto Rifles as a private, serving in the ranks for ten years. He was given a commission in 1887. In 1897 he came to Montreal and was transferred here from the Halifax military district.

Film Star Dies From Asphyxiation

New York, Feb. 5.—Florence Dashew, a motion picture actress, died last night at St. Vincent's Hospital after being removed, unconscious, from her gas-filled apartment in the Greenwich Village section. She was 38 years old.

SEEKING SEAT FOR MINISTER OF INTERIOR

Every Likelihood That Parliament Will Convene Without Two Ministers Elected.

TO SETTLE UPON OPPOSITION LEADER

This Question to be Decided This Week at Conference of Party Leaders.

Ottawa, Feb. 5.—(By Canadian Press)—There is every likelihood that the present week will see dates set for the two remaining ministerial by-elections. With a seat provided for Hon. J. H. King, Minister of Public Works, there in every respect to be held on a date to be represented an All-Ireland that the by-election in East Kootenay will be brought on with the least possible delay. Even though the writ is issued immediately, it will be practically impossible for Dr. King, if elected, to take his seat at the opening of Parliament on March 8. The law provides that a space of between thirty and thirty-five days must elapse between the date of the writ and the holding of an election. After the election, a couple of days may pass before the ballot boxes are all collected and the returns compiled, so it is unlikely that the Minister of Public Works will take his seat when the House convenes.

In the case of Hon. Charles Stewart, Minister of the Interior, there is still some doubt as to where he will stand for election. It is the desire of the Government that he represent an All-Ireland constituency, and there is still hope that he will be accommodated in the Western Province. If it is impossible to find a seat for him in Alberta, he will probably run in Quebec. As estimates are likely to be brought on as soon as possible after the opening of Parliament, it is desirable to have all the Ministers in their places early in the session.

Who Leads Opposition It seems likely that the question of who will lead the Opposition in the House of Commons will be decided this week, when a conference of representatives of the various parties is held in the Chamber of Commerce. It is considered likely that Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen will be Opposition leader, but this has yet to be decided.

With only a month before the opening of the Government will probably have its hands full preparing for the session. Lengthy cabinet meetings are now being held. Though it seems unlikely that the sessional program will be ambitious, a number of important matters must inevitably come up for discussion. In addition to preparations for the session, some judicial vacancies are to be filled and a successor appointed to Sir George Parley, who has returned to submit his resignation as High Commissioner in England. It is probable that Sir Robert Borden, who has represented Canada at the Disarmament Conference, will return to the Capital within the next few days.

Minister of Railways To Visit Maritimes On Inspection Trip

Windsor, Ont., Feb. 5.—Hon. W. C. Kennedy, Minister of Railways, who has been on an extensive inspection trip over the Grand Trunk Railway from Montreal to Chicago, returned to his home here late Saturday. He leaves again for the Capital Monday morning, only to begin at once an inspection of the Maritimes. Beyond the brief statement that he was looking over the various railway properties, and meeting the different railway executives, Mr. Kennedy had nothing to say.

"Canada" Day at Florida Exhibition Most Successful

Ottawa, Feb. 5.—(Canadian Press)—Saturday was "Canada day" at the South Florida exhibition held in Tampa, Fla. The department of the interior is advised that the day was a great success. The Dominion Government was represented by Hon. Duncan Marshall, former minister of agriculture in Alberta. Mr. Marshall addressed a meeting of approximately 9,000 people in the interests of the department of immigration.

Died After Day of Tobogganing

Montreal, Feb. 5.—Cornelius Clifford Jenking, a sepiugenerian of this city who went tobogganing Saturday afternoon on Fletcher's Field, was returning home to 409 Sherbrooke St. West, stricken with an attack of indigestion and died shortly afterwards. Mr. Jenking had been a commercial traveller for many years travelling between Sydney, N. S., and Calgary, Alta.

BERLIN WITHOUT GAS, WATER AND ELECTRIC SUPPLY

Berlin, Feb. 5.—Tramway service and the gas, water and electricity supply in Berlin were completely paralyzed when the municipal employees struck this morning. Even hospitals are without water and light.

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ARMS PARLEY RESULTS ARE SATISFACTORY

Sir Robert Borden Expresses Himself as Well Pleased With Work Accomplished.

Washington, Feb. 5.—(By Canadian Press)—The greatest accomplishment of the Washington Limitation of Armaments Conference has been its educative influence. This is the opinion expressed by Sir Robert Borden, the Canadian delegate, in a statement given to the Canadian Press today. Sir Robert, in commenting on the results of the conference, said that the practical results attained are "notable," but that even had these "concrete results been still greater," he would have regarded them as of "less vital significance than the educative influence such a conference is bound to exercise upon the participating nations."

Important Advances "No progress made in disarmament at this conference may be of even more vital moment than appears to be. At present, beyond questions of practical, concrete results that have been obtained since we first met on Nov. 12 are notable. Even if those results had been of much less importance I should still have called the conference a success. On the other hand, if those concrete practical results had been of greater importance, I should have regarded the conference as a real advance."

British Freighter Cragness Limpers Into Halifax Harbor

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 6.—With a good deal of damage about her decks, the result of being swept by heavy seas, with her steering gear out of order, and her bunkers nearly empty, the British freighter Cragness, twenty-five days from Hull, crupt into port today after the stormy passage over experienced by her master, Captain Snellor, a veteran of the western ocean trade. The Cragness, a former German Lloyd freighter of 5,000 tons, is bound for New York.

Safe Blowers Worked In Broad Daylight Without Detection

Montreal, Feb. 5.—Daring safe-blowers made off with cash in bills and silver to the amount of about \$1,000 from the A. Martin Limited, butcher shop, 247 St. Catherine Street West, a crowded thoroughfare, in broad daylight this afternoon. The robbery, which was discovered some time after it had occurred, was effected by means of nitro-glycerine exploded electrically. The side door into the store had been smashed. It is the second time within a month that the store has been robbed. On the day following Christmas \$300 was stolen from it.

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Yancouver, B. C., Feb. 5.—One thousand dollars reward has been offered by the provincial government for the capture of Edward Clegg, alleged murderer of his wife, and held responsible for the wounding of her aged uncle and her five-year-old son Edward. The Clegg family formerly resided in Toronto.

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Washington, Feb. 5.—The treaty between Japan and China, embodying the settlement of the Shantung controversy, was signed late yesterday in the hall of the American, at the Pan-American Union, by representatives of the two Powers. Attendees upon the signing were Arthur J. Balfour, head of the British Arms delegation, and Secretary Hughes, whose good offices, together with the intercession of President Harding, brought about the settlement.

The treaty comprises twenty-eight articles and six annexes. Japan agrees under article 1, "to restore to China the former German-leased territory of Kiaochow," and, in the subsequent articles and annexes, provides for the details of the restoration.

Machinery is set up, through a joint commission to be appointed by the Chinese and Japanese Governments, to make and carry out detailed arrangements relating to the transfer of administration and public properties, and to settle other matters requiring adjustment. The transfer is to be completed as soon as possible, but in any case within six months of the coming into effect of the treaty.

To Withdraw Troops. Japanese troops, including those along the Tsing Tao-Tientsin Railway, are to be withdrawn from Shantung as an integral part of the military operations to take over the protection of the railway.

The Japanese garrisons at Tientsin are to be withdrawn, simultaneously, if possible, with the transfer of the administration of the leasehold, and in any case within thirty days thereafter. The Japanese agree that the customs houses at Tientsin shall become an integral part of the Chinese maritime customs as soon as the treaty comes into force.

Under articles providing for the transfer to China of the Tsingtao-Tientsin Railway, called the crux of the entire Shantung problem, China undertakes to pay Japan \$3,000,000 marks, the value placed on the road by the Reparations Commission, Japanese expenditures for permanent improvements and additions, minus an allowance for depreciation. A joint Sino-Japanese committee will be appointed to agree on these values.

Japan undertakes to seek the establishment of an exclusive Japanese or international settlement in Kiaochow, and China agrees to open the entire former leasehold and port of Tientsin to foreign trade on equal terms. Property rights of Germans will be respected. The salt industry is declared to be a part of the Chinese Government monopoly, and Japanese interests will be purchased at a fair value.

White Star-Dominion Line to Inaugurate New Steamer Service

Montreal, Feb. 5.—A new steamship service, from Montreal and Quebec to Southampton and Bremen in summer, and from Portland and Halifax in winter, is announced by the White Star-Dominion Line. The first sailing will be that of the 40,000-ton steamer Vedic, carrying third class passengers only, which is scheduled to sail from Portland April 22 and Halifax April 23. A second ship on this service will be the ten thousand ton Rimouski.

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SHOOTING AND ROBBERIES AND OTHER OUTRAGES CONTINUE IN IRELAND

Two "Black and Tan" Constables Shot Dead in Clare County and Farmer Shot Near Thurles.

Dublin, Feb. 5.—Michael Collins, the provisional president, has informed a deputation for Derry that the provisional government intends to establish an advisory committee to counsel it on matters concerning Northern Ulster. Outrages continue, including shootings and robberies. Two "Black and Tan" Constables, Kershaw and Gourlie, were shot dead in Clare County. On Friday night a farmer was killed by shots fired through the door of his house near Thurles.

GILLEN AWARD ACCEPTED BY DOM. COAL CO.

Will Make Rates of Pay Therein Provided Retroactive to Jan. 2nd.

MINERS MUST ACT BY FEBRUARY 15

Gillen Award Increases Schedule Offered by Company from 5 to 10 Per Cent.

Sydney, N. S., Feb. 5.—The Dominion Coal Company stands prepared to accept the award of the Gillen Conciliation Board, which recently investigated the wage dispute between the New Scotia Coal Companies and their employees, and make the rates of pay therein provided retroactive to January 2, General Manager, E. P. Merrill, notified the United Mine Workers today.

Mr. Merrill's letter, which has been delivered to President Robert Baxter and Secretary J. B. MacLachlan, of the United Mine Workers, provides, as the only condition, that the miners must signify their acceptance of the Gillen award on or before February 15.

As the miners' referendum on acceptance or rejection of the Gillen award is to be held on February 10, ample time for the miners to reach a decision is provided.

The wage cut imposed by the company on January 1, 1922, was roughly thirty-three per cent. The award of the Gillen board abates this reduction by from five to ten per cent.

The company, in order to close contracts for the sale of coal, desires to enter into a new contract with its employees by February 15, the same to be effective until November 1, 1922, Mr. Merrill states.

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ANOTHER DAY OF BALLOTING FOR PONTIFF

Black Smoke, Pouring from Sistine Chapel Sunday, Disappointed Thousands in Square.

TWO CARDINALS BALLOTTED ON

Hope of Electing Either Given Up—Conclave Seeking Compromise Candidate.

Rome, Feb. 5.—Sunday passed without the election of a successor to the Pontifical throne. Ballotting by the conclave of cardinals continued today, both in the morning and afternoon, but so far as could be learned, without coming any nearer to the selection of a successor to Benedict XV. than on the previous days.

Word came from the Vatican yesterday that the three cardinals—Marini, Pompili and Bacilelli—who were suffering from influenza or cold, had sufficiently recovered to take a personal part in the proceedings. It is now considered a certainty that Cardinal O'Connell will arrive in Rome in time to be introduced into the conclave through the barred and bolted doors, and take part in the balloting tomorrow. Indeed, the cardinals are reported to have discussed lengthily the advisability of prolonging the sessions so that at least one representative of the church in America could be present.

Veil of Secrecy Lifted. The thick veil of secrecy which surrounded the deliberations within the Vatican since the conclave convened on Thursday was lifted slightly today, when it was learned, from a most authoritative source, that Cardinals Gasparri and Merry Del Val were the leading candidates throughout Friday, with a few scattered votes for five other cardinals. On Saturday morning the conclave was still deadlocked and the cardinals realized that the election of either of these cardinals was impossible, and in consequence both were virtually eliminated in the afternoon session.

The cardinals were busy last night looking for a compromise candidate, with Camillo Laurenti, Secretary of the Congregation of the Propaganda, and Giovanni Tacci, Papal Major Domo, both created cardinals in 1921, prominently to the fore. Cardinal Tacci was reported to be leading in the balloting.

Cardinals Are Well. The Camerlingo has communicated to the Marshal that the health of the cardinals is excellent, but nothing official has been vouchsafed regarding the nature or progress of the proceedings.

Perfect weather and the Sabbath day combined to bring out the largest crowd yet assembled in historic St. Peter's square. By 11 o'clock in the morning every point of vantage and every space affording foot room was eagerly seized. It was an ordeal for any one to move through the solid mass of humanity.

When the Cathedral clock struck 11.30 the broad steps were thronged with those who hoped that the fourth day would bring them the benediction of the new Holy Father. Ten minutes later a hustled negro, arose from the multitude as a thin thread of smoke appeared. "It is black," came the cry from thousands, and the great crowd tumbled in disappointment and dispersed.

Schools of Theology Teaching Too Much So-Called Modernism

Peterboro, Ont., Feb. 4.—Local objection has been raised to the so-called preachings of "modernism" in the theological schools and colleges of the Presbyterian Church. The charge has been made that very few of the training centers remain unaffected by destructive tendencies. At the annual meeting of St. Paul's Church here the session almost unanimously voted to withhold a sum of money which had previously been voted to colleges.

Eight of the colleges were asked for an explanation of their position in regard to their teaching and it is claimed only one satisfactory reply received. Rev. R. Pogue is pastor of St. Paul's church. At the meeting referred to, he advised caution until further enquiry could be made.

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DETROIT MICH., Feb. 5.—Henry Ford formally came into possession of the Lincoln Motors Company, of Detroit, late yesterday, when Judge Arthur Tattle, in United States District Court, confirmed sales of the property, effected at public auction.

Mr. Ford, through his representative, bid \$8,000,000 for the Lincoln holdings, being the only one to offer a bid.