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EXPECTS WELLS WILL PROVIDE SUPPLY NEEDED

Manager E. V. Buchanan Predicts Drillers' Efforts Will Be Successful.

FINISH WORK BY JAN. 1

Utilities Official Does Not Think Lake or River Water Required.

It is with the utmost satisfaction that General Manager Buchanan views the remarkable progress achieved by the well-drilling experts employed by the Ohio Well Company of Massillon, Ohio, who are probing beneath the city of London for a probable supply of fresh water.

By Jan. 1 at the most, the drillers, Manager Buchanan expects, will have completed their operations, and will be in a position to prepare their report for the city. "They are now on their second series," Mr. Buchanan declared on Thursday, "and if everything proceeds as favorably in the future as in the past, they should conclude their investigations by the end of this month."

Need 1,000,000 Gallons Daily.

"I am convinced as well as they are," continued Mr. Buchanan enthusiastically, "that their efforts will be crowned with success. As a matter of fact it stands reasoning that the Ohio company would have not commenced their second survey had they not been favorably impressed. Their profit depends upon the actual location for the city of a source of a million gallons of water a day, and it is my belief that had they regarded the situation hopeless after their first survey they would have abandoned the project and gone back to Ohio."

Predicts Abundant Supply.

"There are those who opposed this undertaking from the start," explained the manager, "and do yet, I suppose. Some wanted us to use river water or lake water. One thing is certain. The result of this undertaking, at an unusually reasonable cost to the city will be the means of deciding definitely and for all time to come whether there is any available water near the city. After that, it will be the question of tapping the River Thames or Lake Erie. Personally, I am convinced that we have a supply beneath London, which, coupled with what we now have, will put London on easy street for years."

ASKS PREMIER TO REMEMBER DEBT

Langley Claims His Stand Made Martin Government Possible.

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—Hon. George Langley's resignation from the Martin government and the legislature was demanded by Premier Martin, because Mr. Langley in July was charged with attempting to interfere with the course of justice in Redberry, and according to the correspondence between the premier and the former minister of municipal affairs, tabled in the legislature today.

The premier's charge against Mr. Langley was that he had endeavored to influence the decision of Thomas Murray, the magistrate appointed to investigate charges of bribery against Corporal William Sulaty, a provincial police officer.

Premier Martin, in a letter addressed to Mr. Langley, Sept. 28, says: "I find now that you went to Prince Albert on Sept. 25 last, after Thomas Murray had been instructed to hold the inquiry, with the avowed intention, according to your letter to him, of endeavoring to influence him to favor Sulaty. I have no alternative but to ask you to let me have your resignation forthwith. I am sure that on reflection you yourself will recognize how impossible it is for you to remain a member of the government."

In a reply written Sept. 30, Mr. Langley submitted his resignation, and asked that it take effect Nov. 30. On Oct. 6 Premier Martin wrote that he could not comply with this request, and again requested Mr. Langley's resignation to take effect immediately. After further correspondence the premier agreed to make no announcement of the resignation until Oct. 29.

Under date of Oct. 4, Mr. Langley wrote to Premier Martin, in which he severely criticized the premier. In the course of this letter he asked Premier Martin to remember his obligation to him, stating that a general idea prevailed "that but for my action, assisted by others, at the grain growers' convention in Moose Jaw in 1919, the government would today be no Martin government."

COAL MINE OWNERS MAY REDUCE WAGES

Montreal, Dec. 15.—A meeting concerning the revision of the wage schedule now existing in the coal mines of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick is being held in Montreal today. The miners who will be affected by whatever decision is reached belong to District 26 of the United Mine Workers of America. The men are at present working under an agreement that should have expired on Nov. 30. The amount of the reductions to be asked by the coal companies would be substantial. Representatives of the miners have announced they will object to any reduction.

Several officials of the British Empire Steel Corporation are attending the meeting, including Roy Wolvin, president, D. H. McDougall, vice-president, and Alex. McNeill.

COMMISSION TO STOP GERMAN COAL EXPORTS

Berlin, Dec. 15.—According to the Tageliche Runtze, the reparations commission has sent to the German government a note tantamount to an order for complete prohibition of the export of German coal to neutral countries.

CHILDREN AWAIT CHRISTMAS CHEER

Bomb Store as Rioting Victim Dies in Belfast

IRISH GUNMEN RENEW SNIPING IN BELFAST

One Man Wounded in Attack Made by Concealed Persons.

EXPECT TREATY MAJORITY

Collins and Griffiths Confident New Pact Will Be Ratified.

Belfast, Dec. 15.—Sniping was resumed in the vicinity of Marrowbutte and York streets last night. The police fired on the concealed gunmen. The only casualty reported was the wounding of one man.

A shop was wrecked by a bomb after it had been closed for the night. One of the men wounded in Tuesday's shooting died this morning.

As the Daily Express met in Dublin today it was declared by supporters of Michael Collins and Arthur Griffith that they and the other signors of the Irish peace agreement now felt certain of an ultimate majority in favor of the treaty. They declared no prominent person in any part of Ireland had yet protested against their action in signing an agreement with the British cabinet. Mr. De Valera's objections were stated to be to certain details of the treaty, which, he thinks, would have been improved if it had been resubmitted to him and the Dail cabinet before it was signed.

The general impression in Dublin today was that Lord Carson's speech in the House of Lords last night had helped Collins and Griffith in their day in the Dail for the treaty's ratification. It was pointed out in this connection that Lord Carson had pictured the British action toward Ulster in a light that bore out the prediction of Michael Collins in his famous speech at Armagh last September, when he said that Britain would use Ulster as long as it suited her purpose and then throw her over. As to Mr. De Valera's position with regard to the treaty, it is asserted that when the government's proposals were submitted to the Dail cabinet on Sept. 2, certain objections were made which Mr. De Valera does not think were adequately met in the final draft. The secret session is occupied with a discussion of these points, and it was said after last night's adjournment that the members had got no further along in their discussion than they were when the public session was concluded early yesterday afternoon.

Premier-Elect Amused at Various Forecasts At Cabinet

NEWMARKET, Dec. 15.—Canada's premier-elect is as secretive as the late Lord King. "I haven't said a word to any body about my plans for a cabinet," he declared yesterday. "I am very good at keeping my own counsel, and anything that has been published regarding possible cabinet members is mere guesswork."

Mr. King laughed heartily at newspaper comment shown him forecasting cabinet appointments. "It is really funny," he observed. He did not know anything at all about the qualifications of one gentleman who was prominently mentioned for a certain post.

"That is the first newspaper I have seen for a long time," he said, when the latest edition was handed to him.

FREIGHTER GROUNDS DURING SNOW SQUALL

Chatham, Mass., Dec. 15.—The freight steamer Schuylkill, bound light from Boston to New York, after finishing a voyage from Pacific ports, struck on Stone Horse Shoal in a snow squall early today. She was apparently hard aground when sighted by the Monomoy Point coastguards, who went out to her. Seas were rough. There are about fifty men aboard.

The Schoedack sent out radiograms saying that soundings from the vessel showed 12 feet of water on the port side and 15 feet on the starboard side. Assistance was asked for. The coastguard cutter, Fishnet sent word that she was putting out at once, and would arrive about noon.

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MRS. W. WINTRINGHAM.

LONDON, England, Dec. 15.—The election of Miss Agnes McPhail of Southeast Grey, Ontario, to the Dominion Parliament, was commented upon when Mrs. W. Wintringham took her seat in the House of Commons with "Britain's" only other feminine M. P., Lady Astor.

LABOR GAINS SEAT IN BRITISH HOUSE

Thomas Naylor Wins From Coalitionist-Liberal in By-Election.

LONDON, England, Dec. 15.—(Canadian Press Cable)—The by-election in the southeast division of Southwark resulted yesterday in the return of Thomas Naylor, the Labor candidate. His vote was 6,561, while Owen Jacobson, the coalition Liberal, got 2,636 votes, and Ernest Root, the Independent Conservative, received 2,397 votes. The seat was formerly held by a coalition Liberal, who was elected with a majority of about 4,000 over Naylor, the winner of the present election.

The southwest division of Southwark has a Labor majority on the borough council which makes the result in the present election less distressing for the government.

Jacobson, the coalition Liberal, said he lost "owing to the extraordinary conduct of the Independent Liberals, who evidently conspired with the party, consisting of men like J. R. Clynes and Arthur Henderson, and the extreme communists."

Mr. Naylor expressed the opinion that his election was a protest against the "coalition's broken promises." He did not think the Irish question favored the votes for any particular candidate. The London press forecast a government defeat by pointing out that this was a working class constituency in which there was much unemployment and considerable poverty. It offers, says a Times article, splendid soil for doctrines of any brand. Since the war there has been a steady influx of foreigners into southeast Southwark.

JAIL-BREAKERS FOILED AT ST. JOHNS, QUEBEC

Montreal, Dec. 15.—Following the discovery of a plot to attempt an escape from St. Johns, Que., jail on Saturday last, and still another attempt set for Tuesday night, four of the more dangerous characters in the institution were taken to the Bordeaux jail last night by a special squad of the provincial police. The prisoners are Laventure and Frasier, awaiting trial on a charge of murder.

A search of the prisoners and their cells revealed the presence of a saw, made from the blade of a table knife, and several pieces of wire, which it is believed, were to be used for some purpose in connection with the proposed break.

Laventure and Frasier will appear in St. Johns on Monday for voluntary statements.

FRENCH PARLIAMENT APPROVES OF BUDGET

Paris, Dec. 15.—After a session lasting twenty hours, the Chamber of Deputies at 7:45 o'clock this morning, voted approval of the new budget. The budget provides for the expenditure of 25,140,000,000 francs, and receipts of 24,827,000,000 francs.

The government originally demanded 24,922,000,000 francs in receipts, and the finance committee had proposed 24,953,000,000 francs.

GERMAN PRESS ABANDONS HOPE OF NEW CREDIT

Dr. Rathenau Returns From London With No Promise of Moratorium.

GLOOM SEIZES BERLIN

Government May Have To Pay Reparations From Reichsbank's Gold Reserve.

Berlin, Dec. 15.—Dr. Walter Rathenau, on his return from his recent trip to London, brought back no concrete proposals for, nor any promise of, either a loan or a moratorium. Neither did parleys with authoritative British financial quarters afford any tangible basis upon which the German government would be warranted to base the conclusion that it will be granted any great measure of positive relief with regard to its reparations obligations.

This, in effect, was the admission made yesterday by cabinet officials, who declined to enter upon any discussion of the present stage of the deliberations which have been going on since Dr. Rathenau's return. A special credit commission, consisting of nine leading industrialists, financiers and economists, appointed by Chancellor Wirth, held a conference with Dr. Rathenau and the chancellor last night. No official communiqué was issued following the meeting, but it was said a statement would be given out later.

The reparations issue, said one of the under secretaries, "is a fragile plant which calls for the tenderest nursing. We cannot discuss its growth at this moment without exposing it to the possible vicissitudes of a cold blast from across the channel, or a hoar frost from over the Rhine. So long as things are in abeyance we prefer not to indulge in comments or speculations."

The German press continues in a state of gloom. "In the absence of official information from official quarters, continues to paint the situation as steeped in gloom. It warns the public to be prepared for the worst. Officials of the ministry of railways are also reticent, although they have been frequently called in for consultation since Dr. Rathenau's return. Newspaper editorial writers are already contemplating the prospect of a German being compelled to take recourse to the Reichsbank's gold reserve in order to fill out the 500,000,000 marks due Jan. 15 on the reparations account."

KING RETURNS WAGER CHECK

Toronto, Dec. 15.—A dispatch from Newmarket, Ont., to the Star, says that John Bain, chief publicity agent at Ottawa for the Conservative party in the recent campaign, will have his check for \$1,000, which he sent to W. L. MacKenzie King to honor a bet made before the elections, returned to him uncashed.

"Mr. Bain offered to bet me that the government would have the largest number of seats after the election, and I merely wanted to show him that he could not bluff me that way," remarked Mr. King yesterday. "I don't want his money, so I am returning the check for \$1,000 which he sent me."

WOMAN DISGUISED AS MAN HELD FOR THEFT

Boston, Dec. 15.—Police inspectors who arrested an alleged automobile thief yesterday, found that instead of a young man they had taken into custody a woman.

Further, they learned that the woman, Ethel Kimball, in her guise as a young man of smart appearance, had married Louise Ackler of Somerville, on Nov. 23. The name she gave was James Hathaway.

The discovery of her sex was made when, after the captive attempted to escape, one of the officers started to strike her, and the captive cried: "Officer, you would hurt a woman, would you?" With tortoise shell glasses, hat and overcoat removed, it was plain that the prisoner was a woman.

Always Contributes to City Poor But Conceals Identity

Who is the strange, anonymous person, who on Thursday morning, sent to J. W. McCallum, city license and relief inspector, a \$20 bill to help give the poor of the city and kiddies in the rescue homes a better Christmas?

For fourteen years Mr. McCallum has been asking the same question. He is as wise today as he was 14 years ago, when the first donation arrived. With a most uncanny regularity this benevolent person sends along his \$20 bill about the same date. There is absolutely no indication as to who is the donor. It comes in a plain envelope through the post. It comes from the city. That is all that Mr. McCallum knows.

The donor seems determinedly bent on evading detection. The wording of the letters, setting forth the division of the money is always the same, as is the amount. These are the only points of similarity.

Mr. McCallum has the fourteen messages in his possession, and an examination of them revealed the fact that no two of them were written on

Play Santa Claus For Little Tots Like This!



SUPPOSE NOBODY CARED!

ON CHRISTMAS MORN

SHE needs you so much, this little girl. She earnestly believes in Santa Claus. And doesn't she bring gifts to all good little girls, whether they are rich or poor?

Her mother has been ill for a whole long year with a dread disease, from which there is no hope of cure. Four times she has bravely undergone a serious operation, but all to no avail, and now, as Christmas approaches, she lies dying.

Perhaps she won't live even until Christmas Day! Her little girl doesn't understand very well. She's too small to appreciate the meaning of death. But she knows something is wrong, when people go whispering about the house, and she isn't permitted even the faintest whisper of a cry.

She wonders often why her mother doesn't take her in her arms as she once did, and why her mother's face is so pale and drawn. She hasn't traveled too far away from the world whence she came to remember the beauty of it, and she sometimes wishes she could fly away there with her mother, where they two could be warm and happy again.

Her father goes out to work every day, but he hasn't much of a job, and the doctor's bills make it very hard for him to keep them all from misery.

The little girl hasn't very much to wear—just a few cotton rompers, which somehow don't seem to be warm enough now that the cold creeps 'round the little house. And it's awfully, awfully miserable, when you can't have your mother's arms about you, or warm clothing, either.

But there are other arms which can reach out and comfort this little girl, if they only will. They can't bring the same love as mother's arms, but they can bring silver and gold to buy warm clothing for her by subscribing to the "Goodfellows' Christmas Cheer Fund."

Who will be the first to do it?

AWARDED JUDGMENT FOR \$1,000 AND COSTS

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—Judgment for \$1,000 and costs was given in favor of J. A. Christine, who holds a lease on the Gladstone avenue rink here, and who sued Dey Bros. for \$25,000 for damages, resulting from a garage being placed in the rink.

The award was made at the close of the hearing in supreme court yesterday. Sir William Mulock, who was on the bench, announced that the \$1,000 was for wrongful exclusion, thereby ruling that Christine's lease on the rink entitled him to the premises in dispute. A garage in a building adjoining the rink was an infringement upon his lease, plaintiff claimed.

DECIDE AGAINST REPRESENTATIVES

Catholics Will Not Name Successors to Drs. Tillmann and Brown On School Board.

Father M. A. Brisson, superintendent of separate schools of London, informed The Advertiser on Thursday morning that he has forwarded to the Hon. Dr. Grant, minister of education, a copy of the communication that was sent to the local board of education with respect to Roman Catholic representation on the latter body.

The letter reads as follows:

Dec. 13, 1921.

W. A. Tanner, Secretary Board of Education:

Dear Sir:—In reply to your communication of the 7th inst., with reference to our nominating representatives to the board of education to succeed Dr. W. J. Tillmann and Dr. Claude Brown, I am instructed by the R. C. S. S. board to advise you of the following resolution passed at a meeting held Dec. 12:

"Be it resolved, that in view of the anomalous position of Roman Catholic representatives in the matter of secondary education and of the utterly undemocratic character of the representation given to separate school supporters, the R. C. separate school board of London does not consider it advisable to name any further representatives to the high school board of education."

Yours truly,

M. A. BRISSON.

500 TRIBESMEN ATTACK BRITISH CONVOY IN INDIA

London, Dec. 15.—According to a Reuters cable from Delhi India, 500 tribesmen, including Waziristan militia deserters, attacked British convoys in the Tach Valley, and inflicted 79 casualties on the British, who stubbornly resisted and finally drove off the attackers. The casualties included two British officers killed and three wounded.

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FINDS CHANGES MADE IN PLANS FOR 17 HOUSES

Civic Commission Will Investigate Deviations From Specifications.

EXPECTS LIVE MEETING

Question of Relaying Pine Lawn Roofs To Be Considered.

The housing commission has learned during the last couple of days that material changes were made in the seventeen Garfield avenue houses, built by the commission as well as in those erected at Pine Lawn.

Members of the commission gleaned this from the contractor, H. G. Wilson, and will go into the matter thoroughly at its meeting tonight at the city hall.

It will be the last meeting of the year, and it promises to be a regular field day. The contractors on the Pine Lawn Houses Messrs. Layman and Willis, the contractors on the Garfield avenue houses, H. G. Wilson & Son, and the architect for all, H. H. McBride, have been invited by the commission to attend the meeting. It is understood that Contractor Wilson is pressing for a settlement of his account, and that this has brought about the revelation that the Garfield avenue houses were changed.

Claims Plans Altered.

The full details of the changes will be revealed at the meeting tonight. To The Advertiser, Mr. Wilson said that there were several alterations made in the plans, the principal alteration being in the roofs, as was the case in the Pine Lawn houses. Mr. Wilson says that the change in the Garfield avenue houses resulted in an increase in the cost of the contract. It is believed that there were also a number of other changes, more or less important. It is said that the plumbing work was altered so as to cut the cost of installation, but the exact details are not known.

The commission will likely come to some definite decision as to what will be done in regard to the Pine Lawn roofs. This has been hanging fire for some time, sort of putting off the inevitable, in the opinion of some, though with snow on the roofs, it is doubtful if anything can be done before spring.

Decline To Relay Roofs.

When the contractor and architect declined to relay the roofs within the time specified by the commission, the decision was made that the commission would have someone else do the work, but any steps in that direction have yet to be taken.

Considerable money, owing to the contractor and architect, is being held back, and it is the avowed intention of some of the commissioners to fight off any payments whatsoever until the jobs are completed to their satisfaction. The whole matter will likely be reviewed before the commission adjourns, as this session will be its final bow for the year.

MAJOR PINTO'S CABINET RESIGNS IN PORTUGAL

Lisbon, Portugal, Dec. 15.—The cabinet headed by Major Pinto as premier and minister of the interior has resigned, owing to the dissension prevalent in the republic.

Recent dispatches have indicated considerable unrest in Portugal. It was only Nov. 4 that the present year that Senator Pinto reconstructed the cabinet.

**HAVE NARROW ESCAPE
WHEN CONVENT BURNS**

Beacon, N. Y., Dec. 15.—Fifty Sisters of Mercy at the Ursuline Novitiate at Van Wyck Lake, four miles from here, escaped with only their clothing when the large frame building was burned last night. Several sisters, who were on the second story, had considerable difficulty in reaching a place of safety.

URGE TARIFF DUTY ON AMERICAN MAGAZINES

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 15.—A resolution calling upon the minister of customs to levy a tariff of one per cent on American magazines and periodicals similar to that levied against straight advertising matter has been adopted by the Vancouver Board of Trade.

The Weather

FORECASTS.

Today—Moderate winds; a few local snow flurries, but mostly fair and cold. Friday—Southeast winds; cloudy, with somewhat higher temperature and light local snow.

Pressure is low along the Atlantic coast, and is rising over Canada and falling over the plateau region. The weather is turning much colder in the Western and Maritime Provinces, while elsewhere in Canada the weather is mostly fair and cold, with light local snow.

Temperatures.	
The highest and lowest temperatures for the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:	
	High. Low.
Victoria	44 34
Calgary	23 12
Winnipeg	20 4
Pt. Arthur	23 24
P. Sound	14 6
Toronto	18 10
Kingston	18 6
Ottawa	16 2
Montreal	18 6
Quebec	22 4
P. Pointe	26 13
St. John	22 22
Halifax	35 30