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COMPULSORY VOTING GOVERNMENT'S PLAN

Will Introduce a Bill to That Effect

Tariff Changes to Be Taken Into Consideration During Recess--Transcontinental Railway Commission Buys Block of Land Near Winnipeg for Shops.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Ottawa, Dec. 20--The bill amending the election law has not yet been finally passed upon by the cabinet but it is understood that compulsory voting will be one of the features of the legislation which will be submitted to parliament shortly after its reassembly.

The arrival at Ottawa of deputations in relation to the tariff have ended. In addition to oral statements the ministers have received many representations in writing. It is understood that during the present recess the ministers will make careful enquiry into what has been placed before them and that such changes as may be determined upon will be submitted to the house when parliament reassembles. While promising consideration, however, for all the representations that have been received up to date, the ministers have intimated that the question of the tariff can not be allowed to remain open. There must be some finality to it.

The Transcontinental Railway Commissioners have purchased a block of land two and a half miles long and half a mile wide, about four and one half miles east of Winnipeg for yards and workshops. The price is about \$20,000. The land was purchased from Mr. Matthew and Mr. Kern. The commission had an option on the land and the purchase was closed today.

'FRISCO STILL IN DEFIANT MOOD OVER JAPANESE QUESTION

Board of Education Declares Roosevelt Has Distorted the Facts About School League.

San Francisco, Dec. 20--President Roosevelt is accused of meddling with state affairs on erroneous assumptions and Victor H. Metcalf, now secretary of the navy, is accused of distorting facts for political favor by the San Francisco board of education in a letter addressed to a communication to the board of education in which she deplored San Francisco's attitude toward Japanese in public schools, condemning what she termed "the provincial spirit" of the local officials. She deprecated the attempt to classify the Japanese as "Orientals" and expressed surprise that the children of any foreign residents should be "excluded from the public schools and segregated without their consent, solely on account of their nationality."

The board of education, through its secretary, Elmore C. Leffingwell, framed a reply which will be mailed to Mrs. Harris in Japan.

The reply asserts that the Japanese have not been "excluded" from the schools "despite the fact no less a personage than the president of the United States has employed a similar assertion in framing a message to congress and notwithstanding the wholly unfair report made of the entire school incident by the former secretary of commerce and labor, Victor H. Metcalf."

The provincialism of California, the reply states, is oddly enough reflected in the hearts and minds of the people of Washington and Oregon. Continuing the reply says: "The fact that the president of the United States, basing argument on erroneous assumptions, frames against a loyal people scathing criticisms regarding a matter that is purely one of local concern, does not in the least deter the people of the Pacific coast, who, after all, are doubtless the best judges of their own immediate needs and welfare. Neither do the misleading denunciations and recommendations of a politician high in authority, when voiced through a document which plainly shows the light of favor and not of truth, impress the people of this country with any sense of doubt as to their rights as free born Americans or as to the justice of the stand they have taken. Without the intervention of misinformed or prejudiced public men, California would deeply have appreciated an opportunity to exercise the fundamental right to deal with this subject alone and unaided, in which event Japan might have spared herself much of the concern that has resulted from the work of mediocres."

"The board of education will not receive from its position and whether the president of the United States has been led into error and now applies emphatic language to the people of this state, or whether ambitious secretaries distort plain facts and shape documents that may perhaps be formidable in a political sense, the school authorities of this city, acting under a state law and without prejudice, will doubtless adhere to the very reasonable stand that has been taken."

FRENCH CONCESSIONS DON'T SUIT VATICAN

Declare Amendments to Separation Law Contain Same Grievance

Pope of Opinion That French Government Wants to Enslave the Catholic Church, and it Will Not Yield.

Rome, Dec. 20--A semi-official note issued by the Vatican today says that the text of the new French government bill amending the church and state separation bill of 1905 is as bad as the former regulations "being a maximum of oppression, with a minimum of appearance" and aggravates the position of the church in everything, this being apparent to the general public. The full text of the note is as follows:

"The text of the new French government bill is inscribed by the same principles as the former acts of the Clemenceau cabinet namely the maximum of oppression with the minimum appearance. In fact the bill aggravates still the method measure the former position of the church in everything without its being apparent to the general public. It provides for the immediate devolution of the ecclesiastical property and the immediate cessation of the pensions of priests who do not accept the new law. On the other hand, the cabinet, having misunderstood public opinion, blamed it for the disastrous position in which M. Briand's circular has placed priests who officiated in the church."

"The government seems to have introduced some secondary and apparent improvement in the new bill but in reality it does not ameliorate the measure. Besides, the bill is based on restoring possible the organization of assemblies for the practice of worship according to the church and state separation law of 1905 or the laws of 1881 and 1891 governing public meetings. The separation law is regarded as unacceptable by the church while it is clear that M. Briand's recent circular as well as his other two circulars are not applicable to public worship having been drawn up for the regulation of the meetings of other kinds of associations."

"In short, the separation law, M. Briand's recent circular and the new bill are only three forms of the same conception--that excluding and compromising the church while at the same time enabling the government to allege that it did everything in its power to find a way out of the difficulties but was unable to do so because of the systematic tenacity of the Holy See."

"The Holy See will not desist from its present attitude until a bill is presented containing as a minimum to be tolerated an acknowledgement of the essential rights of the church, beginning with the Catholic hierarchy which is the Divine foundation of the organization of the church."

PREPARING FOR STRUGGLE AFTER CASTRO'S DEATH President of Venezuela Now Nearing His End, Tries Hard to Get Promise of Peace Between Leaders.

Port of Spain, Trinidad, Dec. 20--Latest Caracas advices intimate that President Castro cannot live more than a week longer. Should he die, First Vice-President Gomez will assume the presidency and be supported by a large section of the army. A large element of the country, however, will oppose him. President Castro has been vainly trying to compose the differences between the Gomez party and the party headed by General Alcantara, president of the state of Aragua, who has accumulated a large army and is determined to raise a revolution for the purpose of obtaining the presidency. In the meanwhile the rebel force headed by General Rafael Mendive, is daily increasing in strength.

WILL EXTEND THE TEMISKAMING ROAD TO MEET THE G. T. P.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Toronto, Dec. 20--The government has decided upon an extension of Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway from end of the present line at the junction of Black and Abitibi rivers to connect with Grand Trunk Pacific Railway between thirty-seven and forty miles further north. The necessary order in council was passed at a meeting of the cabinet today and the commission will not proceed to call for tenders for the work.

The Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway commission decided today to immediately put in at a cost of \$3,000 another telegraph wire from North Bay to Cobalt, a distance of 103 miles. This will make the fourth wire between North Bay and the silver camp, the increase in business warranting the addition.

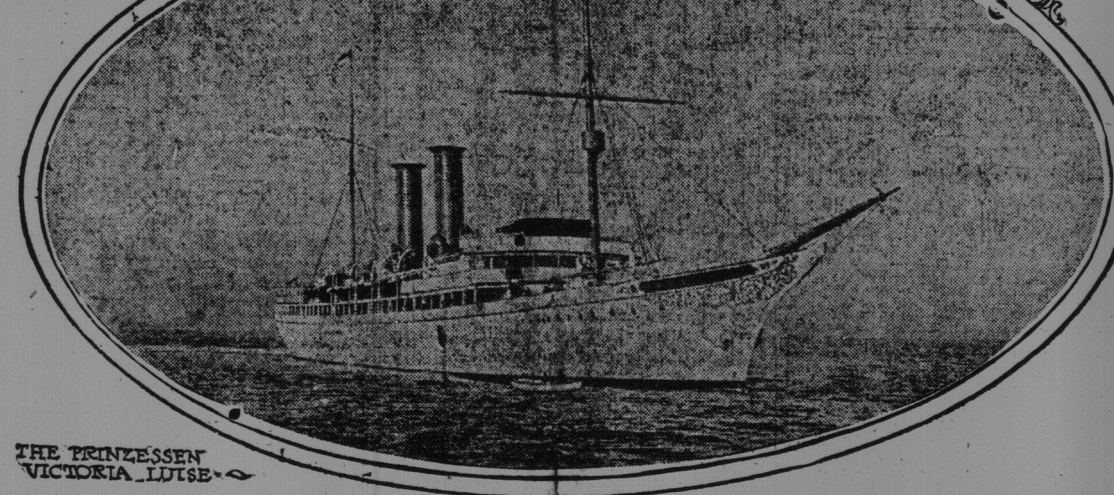
PATRICK WILL NOW RESUME HIS FIGHT FOR FREEDOM

Ossining, N. Y., Dec. 20--Patrick announced tonight that he was not satisfied with commutation and would at once begin his fight for freedom. A writ of habeas corpus will be applied for, it is said, in the United States court, making Warden Johnson the defendant.

STRANDED EXCURSION STEAMSHIP WHOSE CAPTAIN SHOT HIMSELF IN REMORSE AFTER THE ACCIDENT



IN THE HARBOR, PORT ROYAL, JAMAICA.



THE PRINCESS VICTORIA LOUISE.

Kingston, Jamaica, Dec. 18--Two hours after the Hamburg-American line tourist steamer Princess Victoria Louise went ashore Sunday night off Port Royal, Captain Brunwig, her commander, locked himself in his cabin and blew out his brains.

At the time of the stranding of the steamer she was without a pilot and the captain was in charge. He followed a wrong course and piled her up on the rocks just under the lighthouse.

The sea was calm at the time, heavy weather coming up later. The passengers were thrown into a state of panic and great confusion and fear prevailed until it was known that there was no immediate danger. The officers succeeded in restoring calm, and the transfer of the passengers to Kingston was effected without accident. The passengers have taken up quarters in the various hotels here.

The officers of the ship and the German consul here made ineffectual efforts to hush up the news of the suicide of Captain Brunwig. The local police arranged to take charge of the body and performed an autopsy. It probably will be sent to New York for burial.

The German cruiser Bremen has gone to the assistance of the stranded steamer and the French training ship Duguay-Trouin is preparing to leave port with the same object in view.

The Victoria Louise is reported to be pounding heavily and the seas are breaking over her, but hopes are still entertained that she will be saved. She is resting on a rocky ledge.

According to the latest reports from the wreck, the Bremen was trying to pull the stranded vessel off.

STIFF SENTENCES FOR HAMILTON STRIKE RIOTERS

Terms of Eighteen Months to a Year in Prison Imposed by the Judge.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 20--This morning Judge Snyder sentenced John Ryerson to Central Prison for eighteen months for assaulting Lt. Col. Denison. Alex. Thompson was given one year for rioting and James Moran was given same term for being a member of an unlawful assembly. John Seamens, Greek confectioner, was sentenced to the jail for two months for assaulting Sgt. Dore. Eight or nine other alleged rioters were acquitted or let go on suspended sentence.

LIBERAL ORGANIZER CHOSEN FOR TORONTO

J. F. M. Stewart, General Secretary of Canadian Manufacturers Association, Will Assume the Job.

Toronto, Dec. 20--(Special)--It is understood that J. F. M. Stewart, general secretary of the Canadian Manufacturers Association, is to sever his connection with that body to superintend the work of organization for the Liberal party in Toronto. For some time before the last provincial election the Toronto Liberal Association had been discussing the question of more thorough organization in the city. The duties of F. G. Inwood, secretary of the General Reform Association, had to deal more particularly with work throughout the province and he was unable to give that due attention to the needs of the party in Toronto which it was felt was desirable.

Peary's Steamer at Vineyard Haven.

Vineyard Haven, Mass., Dec. 20--Commander Peary's steamer Roosevelt arrived here this afternoon on her way from Shetland (N. S.) to New York. The Roosevelt is in charge of Captain Robert Bartlett, who stopped here to procure the services of a pilot to take the vessel to New York and she will proceed early tomorrow morning with suitable weather.

Deny C. E. McPherson's Promotion. Montreal, Dec. 20--(Special)--The report that C. E. McPherson, now general passenger agent at Winnipeg, has been appointed passenger manager, is denied at C. P. R. headquarters. Changes are pending in the passenger department but the president has not reached a decision.

EMPRESS OF IRELAND ARRIVED AND SAILED FROM HALIFAX

C. P. R. Liner Left at 9.14 O'Clock Last Night, After Being in Port About Three Hours.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Halifax, Dec. 20--The C. P. R. steamer Empress of Ireland arrived last night from Liverpool and anchored opposite I. C. R. wharf at 6.18 p. m., remaining for St. John at 9.14 o'clock, remaining in port two hours and fifty-seven minutes. Six first class passengers and 1,400 packages of mail matter were landed here and were taken by the special train which was waiting at the wharf and left for Montreal at 7.30 o'clock.

CHICAGO GIRL WEDS MONTREAL MAN BY SUN WORSHIP RITES

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 20--Miss Adelaide Marsh, head of the employment department of a typewriter company, and Hooper Millet, of Montreal, sun worshippers, were married last night at Mazdaznan Temple of the sun worship cult, in Park avenue, with the ancient rites, vows, chants and symbols of the Persians, said to have come down from the days of Zoroaster, but never before performed in America.

The ritual was read by High Priest Ottoman Zar-Adush Hanish, leader of the sun worshippers in America. During the ceremony, which consumed two hours, the bride and bridegroom sat on two chairs placed side by side before the altar. Six little children gowned in white bound them together by weaving back and forth long silken cords. One cord was of green, to signify the everlasting life of love. Another was of yellow, which is typical of purity.

Wedding chants and chorals, said to have been sung from time immemorial, were interludes between the exchanging of the vows of eternal love and fidelity. Matrons of honor and a dozen courtiers, attired in silks and royal purple robes, escorted the couple, with burning incense, candles and flowers, until, in the presence of the kind ever performed in this country, said the bride: "I am a member of the Mazdaznan Temple Congregation and desired the church ceremony because of the blessings I believe it will bring."

In keeping with the ancient rites the couple will enjoy a week of continuous religious services.

SAY BIRRELL WILL SUCCEED BRYCE AS IRISH SECRETARY

Nationalists Do Not Favor Churchill--New British Minister at Washington Understands Canada's Position.

London, Dec. 21--In well informed parliamentary circles Augustus Birrell, president of the board of education, is now regarded as first favorite for the post of chief secretary of Ireland, which will become vacant when James Bryce is transferred to the British embassy at Washington. In this event Dr. N. C. McNamara probably will be the new minister of education.

It appears that the contemplated appointment of Winston Spencer Churchill to the Irish secretaryship is getting but a lukewarm reception from the Nationalist members of the house, who desire a man with a longer parliamentary record. It is believed that the Nationalists would warmly welcome Mr. Birrell as a successor to Mr. Bryce. It was noticed during yesterday's debate in the house of commons that the references of John Redmond, the Irish leader, to Mr. Birrell were particularly effusive.

The Morning Post, which has advocated the appointment of a Canadian as British ambassador at Washington, today editorially congratulates the government upon the selection of Mr. Bryce, as it thinks this choice will be regarded on both sides of the Atlantic as a proof of friendly feeling. The paper considers also that Mr. Bryce fully appreciates the positions of Canada and Newfoundland.

DIED FROM EXPOSURE ON WRECKED SOVINTO

Mate Succumbed to Pneumonia at Souris Yesterday Notwithstanding Every Effort to Save Him.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Souris, P. E. I., Dec. 20--The mate of the wrecked ship Sovinto, Mr. Waurham, died today. He was taken with an attack of pneumonia from the exposure at the time of the wreck and died until today. He was kindly looked after by Dr. McLean, of Souris, and nursed by Misses Rose and Hanning under instructions from the minister of marine and fisheries and everything possible was done for him. Rev. A. D. McLeod, Presbyterian minister of Souris, attended to his spiritual wants. The body will be taken from Priest Pond tomorrow and buried at Souris west cemetery.

CAMPBELL-BANNERMAN SERVES NOTICE ON PEERS

TELEPHONE DIRECTORS IN SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION

Merger of Two Companies Likely to Be in Effect Very Soon

Fredericton Hockey Club Endorses Representatives' Stand at St. John Meeting--Some Conditions Likely to People's Bank Sale--Other News of the Capital.

Fredericton, Dec. 20--The semi-annual meeting of the directors of the N. B. Telephone Company was held here this afternoon and evening. Those present were: Hon. G. Blair, Dr. Stockton, F. B. Black and W. T. Whitehead. There was very little business transacted outside of regular routine.

One of the directors stated this evening that he thought the merger with the Central Company would be completed in about six weeks. He said that it would be necessary first to have the accounts audited, then a meeting of the stockholders of both companies would be called for the election of a board of directors.

The Fredericton Hockey Club at a meeting this evening endorsed the report of the delegates to the provincial league meeting at St. John. Their attitude was unanimously endorsed and it was decided to have nothing to do with the new league. This means that the club will stand by the Moncton team and play them for the Spence trophy.

A. H. F. Randolph, of this city, and George B. Dunn, of Houlton, directors of the Fredericton Boom Company, went to St. John this morning to confer with lumber operators in regard to the transfer of the company's property.

The body of the late Mrs. Ida Verner was taken to St. John by this morning's train for interment. Rev. J. DeWolfe Cowie and J. H. Fairweather, accompanied the body. The deceased lady left an estate valued at between \$40,000 and \$50,000, all of which, it is understood, has been bequeathed to relatives in St. John.

This morning's train from St. John was nearly two hours late. The cost of reference in the equity suit of Arthur Glazier vs. Parker Glazier will amount to about seven hundred dollars. Referee Campbell has declined to file his report until they are paid. The parties to the suit are cousins and the dispute is over property at Lincoln.

Local hockey fans were much surprised over the outcome of the provincial league meeting at St. John last night. It had been rumored here for several days that the Fredericton delegates intended standing by Moncton but nobody expected that a new league would be formed with both teams omitted. Nobody has any fault to find with the Fredericton delegates for the position they took in reference to the new organization. If the Fredericton team can secure a rink to play in it is possible that they may decide to enter the league as they have been given to understand that the door has been left open for them.

It is expected that Joseph P. McPeake, stenographer of the agriculture department, will be appointed special court stenographer by the provincial government at its January meeting. The position is worth \$1 per day and expenses. The examination for the position of court stenographer, two of such positions being vacant, will probably be held late in January or early in February. It is not expected that a permanent position as court stenographer will be filled until after the examinations. Mr. McPeake passed the necessary examinations qualifying him for the position of court stenographer some time ago.

It is understood that the basis of the transfer of the People's Bank to the Bank of Montreal will be that the stockholders of the People's will receive 207 1/2 for each \$150 share and when the Bank Company's account is straightened out they will get what else there is to give them. The shareholders are to be asked to ratify this transfer.

MANITOBA TURNS DOWN GOVERNMENT TELEPHONE SCHEME

Winnipeg, Dec. 20--Puller details now available from the settled portions of the province show conclusively that the Roblin government's proposal for municipal telephone exchanges throughout Manitoba has been decisively defeated. Out of eighty-one municipalities from which final returns are to hand forty-eight have rejected the scheme and thirty-three have endorsed it. At least twenty-five per cent of the latter have received less than five votes above the sixty per cent necessary for the by-law's adoption. A striking feature of the returns is the large number of rural municipalities that have rejected the scheme. Of eighteen urban municipalities that have endorsed the proposition seven are surrounded by rural municipalities that have decisively disapproved of the project. Only four rural municipalities within 100 miles of Winnipeg have approved of the scheme. The municipalities adopting this are those in the more remote parts of the province at present unserved by the Bell Telephone Company. It is significant also that the municipalities adopting this are those in the more remote parts of the province at present unserved by the Bell Telephone Company. It is significant also that the municipalities adopting this are those in the more remote parts of the province at present unserved by the Bell Telephone Company.

Warns Them of Ignoring People's Will

Declares, in Withdrawing Education Bill from Parliament That the Government Has Not, by Any Means, Exhausted All Its Measures in Dealing With Them.

London, Dec. 20--The education bill was buried by Premier Campbell-Bannerman in the house of commons this afternoon. After a speech defending the course of the lower house in rejecting the house of lords amendment and repudiating the claim of the commons on the subject, the premier announced that the government had decided to withdraw the measure.

"Is the general election and its result to go for nothing," he asked with warmth. "It is intolerable that the second chamber while one party is in power, shall be its willing servant, and that when that party is emphatically condemned by the country, it shall still be able to thwart and distort the policy which the electors approved. It may be necessary to submit for the moment, but neither the resources of the British constitution nor of the house of commons are yet wholly exhausted and a way must and will be found whereby the will of the people, expressed through their elected representatives in the house of commons, will be made to prevail."

THIS LUMBER FLEET BREAKS RECORDS

Twenty-seven Schooners Bring 27,000,000 Feet for Boston Consignees.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 20--Dashing down the coast before a fair wind, with all sails set, a fleet of 27 lumber laden schooners from Maine ports and the provinces arrived in port yesterday, bringing in fully 27,000,000 feet of lumber. It was the largest fleet of vessels from the north to arrive in this port in a single day. The vessels had been up for weeks by the succession of gales which have swept the coast, and the past 48 hours have been the only fair opportunity they have had for making up the lost time.

The schooners were able to carry all sail yesterday, and no previous sight had been seen in the lower harbor for years than this great fleet of two, three and four masted vessels from the north to arrive in this port in a single day. The vessels had been up for weeks by the succession of gales which have swept the coast, and the past 48 hours have been the only fair opportunity they have had for making up the lost time.

Showing the hardships experienced by recent weather, the schooner Demosile, from River Hebert (N. S.), arrived after 30 days out. She was beset by gale after gale and ran into lee points on the coast, where she was anchored for days at a time before she could proceed. Her skipper would no sooner work his vessel to sea than another gale drove him to shelter. For 30 days this performance was repeated, until the schooner reached Gloucester a week ago and was able to proceed here today. The schooner Rowena was 22 days out from Apple River (N. S.), and the Oriole, from St. John, had been at sea 25 days.

The schooners had cargoes of scathing, pine boards, spruce laths, timber, plank and shingles.

POLICE JUSTICE LOCKED UP LAWYER FOR CONTEMPT

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Toronto, Dec. 20--"That remark is impertinent and this court favors the police," said D. O'Connell, barrister at Peterboro, today, while defending a young man named McGee, charged with assaulting the police.

"Order," said Magistrate Dumble. The magistrate went on to say he would not allow anyone to address him like that and O'Connell must either apologize or go to jail.

The lawyer refused to apologize and was immediately arrested and locked up. Twenty minutes in the cell was enough, however, and he then made his submission to the magistrate and was released.

By special arrangement with the New York Herald there will appear in The Telegraph every Saturday, beginning Dec. 22, a stirring short story, together with The Herald's own illustrations. This feature will be one of the best ever offered by a newspaper in this territory. Look for it.