AMENDMENT AIMED AT CANADA'S ROADS

U. S. Senate Would Bar Discrimination Against U. S. Roads by Cutting Rates.

Washington, Dec. 17.—President Wilson's mind is still open on the question of returning the railroads to private control, Secretary Tumulty told a delegation, including labor and farmers' representatives which called at the White House to present a letter asking the executive to delay return of the roads for two years.

This was the first authoritative expression on the subject which had come from administration quarters since the president informed congress last May that he planned to relinquish federal control by Jan. 1.

While the delegation was at the White House the senate was speeding up consideration of the Cummins railroad bill and apparently was nearing a final vote after more than a week of debate. Under the measure the roads would be returned to their owners within thirty days after the bill became a law, but there was no prospect that final enactment of any railroad legislation would be completed until well after the Christmas holidays, owing to differences between the senate and the house.

The senate tentatively accepted an amendment by Senator Jones, Republican, Washington, designed to prevent foreign-owned railroads and ship lines from discriminating again: American carriers by cutting their rates on shipments to points within the United States. Senator Jones explained that the amendment was aimed especially at certain Canadian railroads over which, because of reduced rates, much American goods is shipped in bond, thru Canada to Pacific coast cities of the United States and also at railroad-owned ship lines touching Alaskan ports.

By a vote of 28 to 20 the senate adopted an amendment by Senator Frelinghuysen, Republican, New Jersey, providing for a revolving fund of $500,000,000, from which the government could make loans for rehabilitation of railroads on their return to private ownership.

TWENTY MILLIONS FACE STARVATION

Washington, Dec. 17.—Starvation faces from fifteen to twenty million persons in central Europe, outside Germany, unless "some quick means can be discovered for their assistance," Herbert Hoover, former food administrator, said today in a formal statement. Unless relief is quickly furnished, he predicted a breakdown of stable government in the countries affected and "creation of another cesspool like Russia."

To meet the situation Mr. Hoover proposed that the great surplus of wheat and flour held by the grain corporation be sold on credit to Poland, Finland, Austria and other nations of central Europe. The Grain Corporation, he said, could extend the credits out of the capital it already possesses without a call for special appropriations by congress.

"The question of export of breadstuffs in this particular case," said the former food administrator, "does not influence the price or supply to the American people. It is purely a question as to whether, out of the material which we will export in any event, we should give credits in order to prevent starvation on a wholesale scale, or, on the other hand, to deal only with those who can pay cash on the nail."

AVIATOR BATTLES WITH HUGE VULTURE

Breaks His Propeller and Forces Abandonment of Flight to Australia.

Moulmein, Burma, Dec. 17. — Lieut. Etienne Poulet, the Frenchman who recently yielded the Paris-Australia air race to Capt. Ross Smith, is safe here today, following a battle in the air with a huge vulture, which broke a propeller of his machine and forced him to land on a small plateau in the mountains.

Lieut. Poulet left Bangkok on December 6, two hours after Capt. Smith, and direct word of his fate had been lacking until last night, when he landed here in his machine.

The French aviator, in relating his experiences today, said he noticed his attacker while flying at an altitude of 1,000 feet over mountain peaks about 100 miles east of Moulmein. The vulture, he said, circled for a time over the aircraft, which was making little speed because of weather conditions, then dived straight downward, striking and shattering the right propeller.

Discovering it would be impossible to continue the journey, Lieut. Poulet searched the mountain tops for half an hour before a suitable landing place could be found.

He made his own repairs and continued to this city.

NEW STEEL INVENTED; BEATS ALL OTHERS

British Inventor Claims It Possesses Far More Commercial Possibilities.

DISCOVERY KEPT SECRET

London, Dec. 18.—The invention of a new steel, far in advance of any high speed steel hitherto made, is described by The Daily Mail today by John Oliver Arnold, professor of metallurgy at Sheffield University.

Prof. Arnold, who is said to have been the discoverer of vanadium steel, claims, according to The Daily Mail, that the new steel possesses far more commercial possibilities; that it is unrivaled in hardness; that in tools it will remove a greater weight than any other steel and that it possesses comparatively longer life. The Daily Mail indicates that Prof. Arnold uses molybdenum instead of tungsten.

Prof. Arnold, says the newspaper, is absolutely forbidden to communicate the details of his discovery to anybody in Great Britain except under censorship.

The Daily Mail says the government has asked Prof. Arnold whether he is willing to hand over his invention to the state and on what terms, but that Arnold does not intend to comply with the government's desire to secure it. A represeentative of the American government, the newspaper continues, made a special journey to Sheffield to investigate Prof. Arnold's discovery, and agents of the United States are prospecting in America and Europe for deposits of molybdenum, which previously has been found chiefly in Canada.

The Daily Mail, which asserts that Prof. Arnold is "shackled" by government retrictions, expresses the fear that the United States will get ahead of Great Britain on what it terms an important discovery.

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YORK COUNTY AND SUBURBS

DEPUTY REEVE HAS RECEIVED APPROVAL

Claims to Have Support of York Amalagmated Ratepayers.

Deputy Reeve John McDonald, of York township, who is the only member of the 1919 council to receive the endorsement of the York Amalgamated Ratepayers' Association, announces that this little distinction comes as a complete surprise to him and that he wishes to dissociate himself from any reflection which this special mention may cast on the other members of the present council.

Speaking to The World yesterday, Mr. McDonald said he would stand or fall with the old council. Continuing he said:

"The nomination I received from the Amalgamated Ratepayers' Association was entirely unsought by me and in which connection I was never consulted. I appreciate the friendship for me shown by members of the ratepayers- organtaztion, still there has never been any doubt among my friends as to where I stand. I am heart and soul with the present council and I think it should be allowed to complete the progressive program that has been launched. There are many improvements in both the east and the west end that we hope to get thru including water service, sewers and Hydro-Electric lights, which have been started this year."

SOUTH YORK UNIONISTS

A meeting of the South York Liberal-Conservative-Unionist Association will be held at Playter's Hall, Danforth ave., tomorrow (Friday) at 8 p.m. A general discussion on the calling of a party convention will take place and President MacNicol expects a large turnout of East End Conservatives.

SCARBORO REEVE BANQUETED.

Reeve J. G. Cornell of Scarboro, who is retiring, was tendered a banquet on Monday night at the Kennedy Hotel at Woburn by the township council. Several speakers paid tribute to the good work accomplished for the township by Reeve Cornell, who has been reeve for eight years and was warden of the county in 1917.

Council held a brief session in the afternoon and granted tax exemption for a number of years with cheap electric power to the Gendron Manufacturing Company, who are establishing a factory in the township.

W. M. GRAHAM PROGRESSES.

W. M. Graham, second deputy reeve of York Township, is meeting with considerable success in his campaign in connection with the forthcoming municipal election.

SHIPPING STEEL TO VIRGINIA.

Up to the present 25 car loads of structural steel from the dismantled munition buildings at Leaside have been shipped by the United States government officials to Virginia. Many car loads of machinery have also been consigned to Chicago.

A large quantity of machinery is stil stored in the big new "C" plant, which has not yet been placed in the hands of the wreckers.

Nomination of candidates for Leaside town council takes place on Dec. 29 and the election on the first Monday in the new year, providing the council is not returned by acclamation.

St. CUTHBERT'S SALE OF WORK.

Under the auspices of St. Cuthbert's Anglican Girls' Friendly Society a sale of work was held yesterday afternoon in the parish hall, Leaside. The proceeds will be devoted to the funds of the society. In the evening a concert was held, the members contributing an excellent program. Miss Charles, organizer, and Mrs. Woods, Dominion president, were present.

Rev. J. M. Lamb, rector, presided. There was a good attendance.

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WILL NOT HEAR CANDIDATES.

At a well-attended meeting of the North Riverdale ratepayers' executive committee, held at the residence of Dr. E. A. McDonald, president, last evening, it was decided not to hold a meeting to hear the candidates for municipal honors owing to the closing of the public schools.

CAMPAIGNING FOR COOKE.

A meeting in the interest of Ernie Cooke, builder and contractor, candidate for the boad of education in ward one, was held last night at 936 Logan avenue. William Tyler occupied the chair. A campaign committee of thirty residents of the district was elected and the candidate outlined his platform.

SIGNATURES POURING IN

Regarding the petitions of the anti-vaccination league now in circulation for signatures, A. B. Farmer, secretary-treasurer, stated to The World yesterday that the signatures are pouring in at the rate of between 500 and 1000 a day. "95 per cent. of the people are eagen to sign against compulsory vaccination," stated Mr. Farmer.

RIVERDALE READING CIRCLE.

Thackeray's "Vanity Fair" was the subject of an interesting program at the monthly meeting of the Riverdale Reading Circle.

CONGREGATION MEN ENTERTAINED.

Under the auspices of the men's club connected with Beech Avenue Methodist Church the men of the congregation were entertained in the church parlors last evening to a supper and concert. The musical program was contributed by local artists. W. J. Cummer, president, presided and an enjoyable time was spent.

CLAPHAM-EDWARDS WEDDING.

The marriage of Miss Edith Berna Edwards and Halsey W. Clapham was celebrated at the residence of the bride's parents, 111 Dawes road, last evening, in the presence of many relatives and friends. Rev. A. I. Terryberry, pastor Hope Methodist Church, officiated.

MATCHES CAUSED FIRE.

An outbreak of fire occurred at the two-storey brick dwelling, owned and occupied by Matthew Ferguson, 41 Grandview avenue, shortly before 11 a.m. yesterday, caused thru boys playing with matches. The damage is estimated at $150.

TO ELECT FIRE BRIGADE.

The officers for the Fairbank volunteer fire brigade will be elected and a report received from J. Leonard, captain protem, at the regular meeting of the Fairbank Ratepayers' Association, to be held in the club house, Harvie avenue, this evening. A. E. Camp, president, will preside.

Members of York township council and candidates for election are expected to be present and address the meeting.

EARLSCOURT'S COLDEST DAY.

Eight degrees below zero was registered in Earlscourt at 8 o'clock yesterday morning. St. Clair avenue was deserted, and the few people around got close up to their fur-lined coats. Children were complaining of the severe cold. The waste ground at the corner of Boon and St. Clair has been flooded and skating is taking place daily.

WAR OR MISSIONS.

Resolved that war has accomplished more for the world than missions, will be debated at the Men's Own on Sunday afternoon. The meeting will be thrown open to the public.

PRICE OF LEATHER DUE TO WAGES

Tannars' Section of Board of Trade Hears Yearly Report From Retiring Chairman.

W. J. Heaven, retiring chairman of the tanners' section of the board of trade, tendered his yearly report at the annual meeting yesterday at the board of trade. Mr. Heaven said that perhaps one of the chief causes of ruling high prices is the immense, and in many cases, unreasonable demands made by labor. In the tanning industry the year 1919 started with the prices of hides, etc., lower than the maximum prices during the war period, but in March last they commenced to rise until they had reached an unprecedented level. In July they commenced to ease off, but are now 50 per cent. higher than they were in January.

There has been some talk, said Mr. Heaven, that one of the causes of high prices of leather and leather goods in Canada has been that tanners have been exporting such large amounts of leather as to create an undue shortage in Canada, but this is hardly borne out by the facts. Mr. Heaven pointed out that importing leather at high rates of exchange and exporting it at low rates is a matter of considerble importance confronting the tanners.

At the meeting the following officers were elected for the coming year: John Sinclair, chairman; A. O. T. Beardmore, first vice-chairman; K. D. Marlatt, second vice-chairman, and F. G. Morley, secretary-treasurer.

RENOMINATE SMYTHE.

A. E. S. Smythe has been endorsed by the Toronto Theosophical Society as nominee of the membership of the Canadian section of the society for the office of general secretary of the section. Other nominations approved at last night's meeting held at Foresters' Hall, College street, near Yonge, were those of H. R. Tallmann, treasurer, and Roy Mitchell, Toronto; W. Gothard, Hamilton; Mrs. Cox, Ottawa; A. L. C. Chalk, E. H. Lucas and Miss M. Menzies, Vancouver; Mrs. King, Victoria, members of the general executive. Elections will be by referendum ballot of the entire membership comprising almost a thousand members.

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Canadian Otter Caps, $25.00 to $45.00.
Canadian Otter Gauntlets, $25.00 to $35.00.
Canadian Beaver Gauntlets, $22.50 and $25.00.
Australian Coon Gauntlets, $12.00.
Persian Lamb Gauntlets, $16.50 to $30.00.
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VETERANS

Items of Interest to Returned Soldiers Will Be Printed in This Column if Phoned or Sent in.

G.W.V.A. DOES NOT ENDORSE THE SLATE

Association Reserves Right to Free Action in Municipal Elections.

"Resolved that this meeting instruct the press that the G.W.V.A. representatives who were present at the conference of all chartered soldiers' and sailors' associations on Monday evening did not vote for, or against any nominations at that meeting, and in view of the fact that the branches of the G.W.V.A. in Toronto, owing to the limited time, had not a complete return, it was necessary to reserve the right to nominate other eligible returned soldiers' candidates and as far as possible not to conflict with the slate as endorsed at the above-mentioned meeting."

The foregoing resolution, adopted at a meetng of the municipal elections committee of the Toronto G.W.V.A. branches, held in the district offices at the Kent Building on Tuesday night, indicates that the G.W.V.A. have not endorsed the slate put forward by the round table conference on Monday night.

No Increase in Numbers.

J. V. Conroy, secretary of the district command, pointed out that the names added by the G.W.V.A. will in no ward increase the number of returned soldier candidates to more than the available number of seats, and he added that some of the present slate would have the support of members of the G.W.V.A. Mr. Conroy explained that the association simply reserved the right to freedom of action in the future.

The names adopted by the meeting were: Comrades J. N. Day and F. C. O'Leary, for aldermen in ward two; J. W. Beatty and A. E. Burgess in ward three; George Gustar, for alderman in ward five and not for the office of controller, as stated in a paper yesterday; William Dicks as alderman in ward six; Joe Lawson for the board of education, and W. T. Wrigglesford for the position of deputy reeve for the York Township Council. All of the above men are returned soldiers.

Describes Government Plan Of Administering Forty Million

Montreal, Dec. 17.—Describing the method by which the federal government's appropriation of $40,000,000 for the relief and assistance of unemployed returned soldiers will be administered, Brig.-Gen. Ross today told officials of the local branch of the Canadian patriotic fund and the department of soldiers' civil re-establishment that they would be utilized to handle the money. He said a statement would be issued from Ottawa officially denying that the services of these officials would be further required as the government was going to take over their work.

G.W.V.A. Secretary Seeks Saviour of Drowning Daughter

W. E. Turley, provincial secretary of the G.W.VA., is endeavoring to locate Eddie Lee, aged 14, formerly of 4 Woodbine avenue, who is responsible for saving his daughter, Gladys Turley, from drowning on July 3. If the lad can be located he is to be presented with a bronze medal from the Canadian Royal Humane Society at the meeting of Beaches branch of the G.W.V.A. to be held tonight.

DOMINION EXECUTIVE MEETS JANUARY 18

Word has been received at the offices of the Ontario Provincial Command of the G.W.V.VA. that the Dominion executive will meet in Ottawa on January 18. Among the many important questions to be discussed by this body is the advisability of speedily calling a Dominion convention. W. E. Turley, provincial secretary, stated to The World yesterday that a meeting of the provincial executive would be held immediately prior to the Dominion executive.

SERGT.-MAJOR WATSON DEAD.

Sergeant-Major W. Edgar Watson, 25 years, a member of the 204th Beaver Battalion, who died on Monday last from tuberculosis, will be buried with full military honors from his father-in-law's (William Tiffin) residence, 55 Mulock street, at 2 p.m. today. Sergeant-Major Watson contracted pleurisy in the trenches. He is survived by his widow and three small children.

"Dumbells" at Grand.

"Biff! Bing! Bang!" now running in its last week at the Grand Opera House is an offering that is conceded by all to be one of the most entertaining attractions seen in Toronto for years. That the offering is appreciated is shown by the capacity houses at every performance, and their stay in Toronto is a record for a combination production. While all the turns are presented by returned men, it is by no means an all-man show. Girls there are, but they are all clever impersonations by the boys themselves. Capt. Plunkett, who personally directed the organization since its inception in France, is still at the helm, and the staging, attention to detail, and the smoothness of the performance thruout is proof of his painstaking study and ability as a director. Nothing more meritorious has been seen even in the big metropolitan revues. A matinee will be given Saturday.

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HAMILTON

Hamilton, Dec. 17.—Parks Commissioner J. G. Cloke has resigned office.

The Labor party starts its municipal election campaign on Friday night with a meeting in the east end.

Mrs. Ernest Lomax, 95 Robbins avenue, committed suicide today. A husband and two children survive.

Hamilton and the township of Barton are likely to have a legal battle over the township's refusal to pay a hospital bill of $200.

Serious cuts about the face were sustained by Mary Ward, 37 Claremont ave., when she was hit by a motor truck.

Down town offices for doctors have proven a success. More are being contemplated.

The Discharged Soldiers and Sailors's Federation advise fostering of home production in order to alleviate the financial situation.

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