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U.S. INTERVENTION IS IMMINENT

DRURY WILL GO LIBERAL THINK LOCAL POLITICIANS

May Even Become Liberal Leader, Say Conservatives—
Disaster of Farmers' Party Freely Predicted by
Opponents—Labor Is Indifferent.

HOLD CAUCUS TODAY, SAYS STEVENSON

Hon. E. C. Drury, premier of Ontario, will soon take shelter beneath the broad and generous folds of the Liberal banner, while the U. F. O. will be practically eliminated as a powerful factor in provincial politics.

This is the consensus of opinion today where local party chiefs and whips were discussing the latest development in the Morrison-Drury vendetta with the official pronouncement by United Farmer delegates in convention in Toronto yesterday, denouncing the premier's now-famous "broadening out" policy.

Long threatened, a serious split in the ranks of the U. F. O. is now inevitable, argued many local politicians this morning, chiefly in the Tory encampment, who see today the beginning of the end for the Farmer-Labor administration at Toronto.

In their opinion, there is but one alternative for the "man from Crown Hill"—gather around him his faithful followers in the House and bolt to Liberal headquarters, where he will be assured, they assert, a hearty welcome.

It is the belief among local Conservatives at this moment that E. C. Drury can be the new Liberal chief in the province of Ontario.

The lauders are of his, only for the asking, opine the jubilant Tories, who foresee the utter defeat of the present government, and a triumphant return of the old-line parties to Queen's Park next year.

Labor Is Undisturbed.

The local Labor element, aligned with the party in power, seemed quite untroubled by the latest turn, and are quite content to view the entire affair as a domestic row that will bear no direct influence upon coming events.

Dr. Hugh A. Stevenson, M. P. F., states that he does not care to discuss the merits of the case for publication. "I don't want to say anything," he said.

The member for London did explain, however, that a caucus of party benchmen and members has been called for the afternoon. He did not know of the other, would be in attendance however.

"There is plenty of time if I decide to go," he assured.

Asked what attitude Labor might assume, in view of the developments among the U. F. O. chiefs, Dr. Stevenson replied, "I don't know."

"What would you suggest?" he was asked.

"I don't know," replied the member.

"What would you do if you were in a position similar to the premier?" he was further questioned.

"I don't know," was the reply again.

"A Party Quarrel."

Arthur Mould, member of the executive of the London branch of the Canadian Labor party, and unsuccessful candidate for the federal house at the last election, made it quite clear that any "party row" in the U. F. O. ranks did not affect the "well-defined status" of the Labor party and "should be regarded as an issue before the general public."

It was purely a party quarrel or difference he maintained.

"It will not affect the Labor movement in any event," Mr. Mould stated to The Advertiser, "no matter what the outcome of the quarrel between the two U. F. O. factions may be. The Labor platform is sufficiently broad to include everyone who chooses to adopt our policies. We accept all who are ready and willing to join our forces."

"I do believe, however, that this is merely a party quarrel, made it not seriously affect the Labor group or the public at large."

E. R. Dennis, president of the Western Ontario Conservative Association, and probable Tory standard-bearer in London at the next provincial election, also foresees the ultimate termination of the U. F. O. as a formidable political factor in Ontario.

"I have attended many of the sessions of the house," Mr. Dennis explained, "and my own personal opinion is that Premier Drury's logical move, following yesterday's turn of the Liberal group across the floor of the house, he could take with him those of his colleagues who would be sure to cling to him if he should decide to go to the country on his 'broadening out' policy."

Predicts Defeat.

Drury Is Welcome, Says Party Chief

The Liberals of Ontario would welcome the return of Hon. E. C. Drury to the fold.

In conversation with The Advertiser this afternoon over long-distance telephone from his home in Listowel, Hon. Wellington Hay, leader of the Liberal group in the provincial house, frankly intimated that Mr. Drury and his followers would be accorded a warm welcome should they elect to "bolt" the U. F. O.

The provincial chieftain declined to commit himself too strongly to the incipient break in the Farmer ranks. He had just arrived home, and was not fully conversant with all the details of the Toronto convention.

Conservatives freely predict, as a natural sequence, the defeat of the U. F. O. at the next election, with the return to power of one of the old-line parties.

"I have independent reports from scattered points throughout the province," he said, "giving every indication of this. There seems to be no end of dissatisfaction everywhere. My own opinion is that a return to the old order will be the best for the farmer himself as well as the province."

"We want to help the farmer, but under prevailing conditions he is making it very difficult for us. The farmer like the laboring man, must recognize that he must co-operate with the other classes. When he enters the political arena as a farmer only, he can't help him out. We all need sympathetic co-operation."

"It looks as though Drury received the cheers yesterday, and the other fellow the votes," he said. "I don't think the Conservative movement and incidentally mentioned as a coming candidate for the provincial house sees disaster in the U. F. O. split."

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Wants Old Regime.

It is his wish, Mr. Hay intimated, that the return to power of either one of the old political bodies would only be for the best interests of the province as a whole. Like his associates, he would not be at all surprised if Premier Drury should "bolt" the Farmer movement.

"Class government has been a complete failure," asserted Mayor Wilson. "The people want a change. They want a return to the time when the government at Toronto has always been to the disadvantage of the municipalities. A return of one or the other of the old groups will be the best for the province."

E. S. Little, ex-mayor of London and probable Liberal candidate at the provincial election, is another who honestly thinks that the latest developments in Toronto means nothing other than the utter rout of the U. F. O.

"Finish," Says Little.

"The Farmers have cooked themselves," declared Mr. Little to The Advertiser today. "It spells the finish of the United Farmers as a party of any strength."

While he admitted that the proposals advocated by Premier Drury were very much akin to Liberalism, Mr. Little declined to commit himself to whether he thought Mr. Drury and those who supported him would line themselves up with the Liberal party.

He intimated, however, that he was almost certain that they would choose one of the old line parties.

"Mr. Drury can't get the party anywhere," he said. "I don't think whether there is another man in the party capable of leadership. Personally, I think that Mr. Drury will probably resign his leadership in a short time. Then there's no telling what will be done, but I think the party has seen the height of its power."

C. R. Somerville, Liberal candidate at the last Federal election, declined to offer any forecast as to the next probable move by Premier Drury.

On the other hand, he lauded the present administration at Toronto.

"The U. F. O. government has been a good one thus far," he said. "That is my personal opinion. They have given me fear in certain minor things, but I think that on the whole it has been economical legislation."

SEE PAGE 3 FOR U. F. O. CONVENTION RESULTS.

FRENCH PREMIER CLAIMS SITUATION MUCH BETTER

Paris, Dec. 15.—Premier Poincaré told the chamber of deputies today that the general situation had recently grown better instead of worse, and he expressed surprise at the charges of the German press.

He found when he returned from the London conference of premiers. He asserted he had followed faithfully the program he had set down for the government when he took office.

RELEASE THUNDER BAY.

Welland, Dec. 15.—The Canada Steamship Company steamer Thunder Bay is expected to be released from her position around off Morgan's Point, near Port Colborne, today. She carries 90,000 bushels of grain. The tug Hector and lightering barges are working to release her this morning. With an offshore breeze, the vessel is now in no danger.



KIWANIAN HEAR SPLENDID REPORTS

Annual Business Meeting at Noon Today Is Cause for Congratulation.

A year of splendid progress and accomplishment was summed up in the reports of various committees submitted at the annual business meeting of the Kiwanis Club held at noon today in the Tecumseh House.

Athletic, finance, membership and attendance reports were read, all proving eminently satisfactory.

The club now holds two of the three cups awarded the Ontario-Quebec district, the baseball trophy and the efficiency cup. Only the attendance cup remains to be won, and newly-elected officers presented to the club at the meeting, have been given this as their aim for the coming year.

Reports from the finance committee show an extensive amount of work accomplished, and a creditable balance still on hand.

Two distinguished guests were present at the meeting—The Mayor, Mr. George W. Wilson, introduced by a cleverly humorous poem by Tom Yull, and Warden Cousins of Middlesex, introduced by the president.

The regular meeting next week gives way to the annual Christmas tree, to be held Wednesday evening.

All the Ki-Y boys are to be guests of their foster "dads," and the club has thrown itself heart and soul into making the evening memorable for the youngsters.

It was announced also that the report of the objective committee would be given by the chairman, Neil Stryker, at this meeting.

On the motion of Bev. Hay, the newly-elected president, an appeal for volunteers to provide a Christmas tree for three needy families in the district, met with a ready response, and names were immediately listed for the project.

Booster for the day was William Ward.

Three prize winners in the smoking contest were Ken Murray, Barclay Knowles and Charlie Martin.

Magistrate Graydon Denies Seeking Post as Arbitrator in Juvenile Troubles.

"I don't give a hoot whether I am appointed juvenile judge of the city of London," he averred for the position. It was wished on me. Of course, if I am appointed, I will do all in my power to make the court a success."

This is Magistrate A. H. M. Graydon's attitude in regard to the juvenile court tangle which has enmeshed city hall and other officials.

"I read that a deputization had gone down to the attorney-general to protest my appointment. At the same time, Mr. Raney told me that a deputization had approached him and had spoken in favor of my appointment. Of course you know my attitude."

"I have tried nearly 4,000 cases in police court this year. To be exact, 3,942 cases have been entered on the books."

When the city council appointed Magistrate Graydon juvenile court judge he stated nearly all his time was taken up with other work. Besides deciding city police court cases, he has been trying a number of cases from Middlesex, brought into his court by provincial and other officers. This country work was added to his duties when Squire W. H. Chittick, county magistrate, was short of some of his powers.

So much of the magistrate's time was taken up by court work that he had to abandon the bulk of his private practice at the time his appointment to the juvenile court was made.

When Magistrate Graydon was appointed, a number of citizens urged the appointment of someone who was not used to dealing with adult criminals. Some of those who opposed the appointment declared they wanted a family man for judge, stating that a judge who had a number of small children would better understand juvenile delinquents.

RUSSIAN REFUSES TO ANSWER CHARGE

Powell Martichuk Up in Police Court for Possessing Revolver.

Powell Martichuk, Russian, refused to answer the first charge preferred against him, that of having a revolver in his possession, in police court today.

The other charge of shooting with intent to kill Motor-cycle Officer Gavin Monahan was not read. The prisoner insisted on an interpreter being called. Morris Gootson had been brought to court to act in this capacity, but as the case did not come on until the afternoon, he took his departure. The case was adjourned till Monday.

"What do you say to the charge?" the court asked Martichuk.

"I do not understand English very good," he said.

"Oh, yes, you do," he was told. "You don't need an interpreter, if you know what is being said. You apparently understand me fairly well."

Martichuk was silent, and stroked his knee which had been shattered by a bullet from Officer Monahan's gun, when the two exchanged shots several weeks ago. Although he had crutches, he had to be assisted up the stairs leading to the police court.

Chief Dillrell promised an interpreter would be engaged, and the court believed the case would occupy a few hours, the matter was adjourned until Monday.

Martichuk sat in the courtroom almost three hours waiting for his hearing. Apparently he was interested in the other cases, and the docket for he listened attentively, only directing his attention from the various cases called, to flick bits of dust from his nose.

The prisoner first ran foul of the police several weeks ago when officers answered a call to a house on Bathurst street. When the police entered, Martichuk retreated by way of the rear entrance. When Sgt. Elmer Walsh and Constable Parker followed, it is alleged he fired on them and vaulted a fence. They continued the chase and were pursuing him when Monahan, a L. and P. S. track subpoenaed in that locality, joined in the pursuit.

As he closed in on Martichuk, the latter fired several shots. The officer's statement, Monahan returned the fire, finally hitting the fugitive in the knee. Martichuk pitched forward on his face. He was removed to the police station, and on orders from Dr. Ernest Williams, police physician, taken to Victoria Hospital.

Police succeeded in frustrating a plan to kidnap Martichuk from his bed in a public ward. When the prisoner was transferred to a steel cage, he tried to strangle his captors. Recently he was moved to the jail and made his first appearance in court this morning.

RETURNS POINT TO WIN FOR QUEBEC LIQUOR ACT

Farnham, Que. Dec. 15.—Unofficial figures available this morning of the referendum held in Missisquoi County yesterday to determine whether the Scott prohibitory law shall remain in force or whether the sale of liquor under the Quebec liquor act shall be allowed, indicate that the latter policy was endorsed by the voters.

The total voters in the seventeen parishes involved is 10,300, and the majority for the wet forces was apparently over 1,000.

ROBBERS GET \$20,000 FROM BANK MESSENGER

Philadelphia, Dec. 15.—Six men in an automobile today held up a bank messenger in a suburb, and robbed him of about \$20,000 after shooting him in the cheek. The messenger was taking cash for payrolls from the First National Bank of Darby to several industrial plants in Philadelphia.

ANDREW LAIDLAW DIES.

Woodstock, Ont. Dec. 15.—Andrew Laidlaw, who for the past 25 years has been postmaster of the village of Drumbo, died at an early hour this morning, following an illness of two days' duration. He was 64 years of age, was seized with a paralytic stroke on Wednesday and became unconscious. He gradually sank, and died about 2 o'clock this morning. He is survived by a widow and two daughters.

SUGGEST PACT AMONG NATIONS TO LIMIT SHIPS

U. S. Appalled at Table of Relative Strengths in Cruiser Type.

GREAT BRITAIN IN LEAD

Propose That President Harding Negotiate International Agreement.

Washington, Dec. 15.—A tabulation obtained today in United States naval circles, showing the relative positions of the British, United States and Japanese navies in cruiser and submarine strength, apparently shed light on the situation which led the house appropriation committee to propose that President Harding negotiate an international agreement to check competitive building in these types.

The figures credit Britain with 45 light cruisers of the first line built, building or projected, and aggregating 206,480 tons; the United States with 10 ships building, 75,000 tons, and Japan with 11 ships built and 21 building and projected, aggregating 191,450 tons. In addition the list shows Great Britain to have 13 light cruisers of the second line, 69,230 tons. Neither the U. S. nor Japan is credited with any ships in this classification.

In fleet submarines Britain is credited with six of the first line, 11,280 tons, six of the second line, 7,200 tons and two building or projected, 3,800 tons; the United States with three of the first line built, 3,318 tons, none of the second line, three building, 6,276 tons, and six additional authorized but not under construction, 4,500 tons.

In first line submarines other than fleet submarines, Great Britain is credited with 42 built, 23,740 tons, and six building, 5,550 tons; the United States with 59 built, 37,120 tons, building or projected, 29,572 tons, and Japan with 27 built, 23,358 tons, and one program of 16 building, 13,480 tons, and a second building program of 28 vessels, tonnage unknown, while the United States has a distinct advantage in first line destroyers with 295 built against 178 for Great Britain and 54 for Japan. Six new destroyers are given on the British building program, none on the United States', and 38 on the Japanese.

And Others Call Him "Ouija" Though He Won't Say "Yes" or "No"

Here is something sprung on the new mayor by the Kiwanis Club at noon today. It speaks for itself.

"SAY IT WITH CORRECTNESS."

The mayor for 1923, His office soon will claim, And so I think you'll all agree We ought to know his name.

You've heard him called George Weninger, Some folks pronounce it Wenig, Another says "Tis Weniggy, I'd have you all to know."

Some people say he's Wenick, "No, Weninger," say a few— Still others claim it's Wenje, But they're wrong, 'twixt me and you.

The mayor himself says, "I don't care A shilling or a penny, Let people call me what they please, As long as they say Wenje."

PLAN NEW MOVE ON REPARATIONS

German Industrial Leaders and Cuno Cabinet to Co-operate.

Special Cable to The Advertiser.

Berlin, Dec. 15.—Industrial leaders of Germany planned today to co-operate with the members of the Cuno cabinet in working out a fresh reparations proposal. Hopeful of aid from outside in view of statements by Bonar Law, Lloyd George and Ramsay MacDonald, in the House of Commons yesterday, and taking some stock in current report of American intention to re-enter European affairs, Germans are anxious to settle with the Allies before the next reparations crisis falls due Jan. 15.

Former Chancellor Wirth, desirous of laying the German case before the American people, much as Clemenceau did for France, said today: "I am still looking forward to making a political trip in the United States. However, it is uncertain just when the circumstances will permit me to go."

Wirth predicted a shake-up in Germany's political situation, with a coalition, including Socialists, supplanting the Cuno government. He hinted that this would come in January, and that he himself might have a considerable role.

THE CANADIAN MAGAZINE for December contains a charming poem, "The River at Noon," by Miss Mary A. Kilbourne, a fourth-year student at Western University, whose literary work is attracting attention.

BANDITS SEVER WIRES IN TOWN AND ROB BANK

Break Into Royal Bank at Mount Forest and Steal Securities.

BLOW OPEN VAULT DOOR

Make Escape in Early Morning After Cutting Telegraph Lines.

Special to The Advertiser.

Mount Forest, Ont. Dec. 15.—Entering the Royal Bank building here, after cutting the bars of a rear window, robbers last night escaped with the contents of eighteen safety deposit boxes, consisting for the most part registered bonds. Pending further checking up the value of the bonds cannot be estimated, as the bank had no record of them.

Telephone cables in the town were cut by the robbers, as well as telegraph wires, both beyond the railway station and in town. There is every reason to believe that the raid was the work of professional burglars.

The hour of the robbery is placed at between 2 and 3 o'clock this morning. Two citizens report having heard an explosion at about this hour. One of these, Harry Clarke, division court clerk, states that shortly before the report he heard a clock in his home strike two. A guest at a hotel nearby also reports that he heard a clock strike two.

The marauders, in addition to blowing open the lock of the deposit vault, made an unsuccessful attempt to enter the inner safe, which contained the bank's funds. No clue has been obtained as to the perpetrator. A large touring car is reported to have been seen leaving the town early in the morning.

Late inquiries showed that the section house at the G. T. R. station had been broken into and a pincher and other tools stolen, and with these the robbers had entered the bank were pried off and entrance gained.

Attorney Kearns, Gushp, was notified between 8 and 9 o'clock this morning and immediately got in touch with the police officials and started an investigation.

Four persons, members of the two families residing on the top floor, were at their windows calling for help when the firemen arrived, and one woman tried to jump from the roof. The firemen were unable to reach the roof, and the others were carried down the ladders by the firemen.

So far as Mr. McGregor was aware all the occupants had escaped from the building.

Most of those leaving the building donned outer wraps over their night clothes. They were taken in taxicabs and sleighs to the Corona Hotel and the House of Friends.

A snowstorm raged during the progress of the fire.

MAY OPEN CHANNEL THROUGH ICE FIELDS

Seven Steamers Are Held Fast in Ice at Sand Island.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Dec. 15.—With seven steamers fast in the ice at Sand Island, six in difficulty above the locks, and three being held here, it appeared today that the government or the Lake Carriers' Association would be called upon to open a channel through the ice fields.

None of the imprisoned steamers had asked aid early today, but with the continuance of cold weather in prospect it was not believed likely they could wait for the ice to move out with assurance of freeing themselves. Each of the captains appeared reluctant to assume the task of breaking a channel for the fleet at the risk to damage to his own vessels. The ice-bound vessels at Sand Island were the Edw. Uhring, Riverton, Agnew, Denmark, G. N. Wilson, R. Davidson and J. A. McKee.

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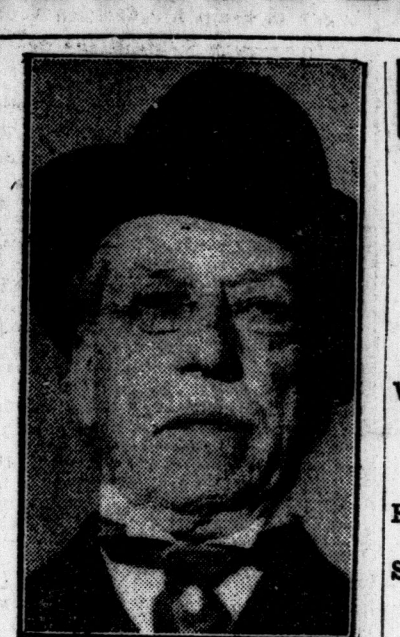
Breeding animals from Canada will not be permitted entry at the present time, however, as a provision of the bill was that these would not be entered until the bill had been tabled for three weeks in both houses.

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WOMAN LOSES LIFE IN MONTREAL FIRE

Nine Families Escape Flames With Their Lives—\$150,000 Damage Done.

Montreal, Dec. 14.—One woman Miss Eva McGinnis, a trained nurse, lost her life, and damage estimated at over \$150,000 was done in a fire which destroyed the Corinthian apartments, Bishop street, in the early hours of this morning. Nine families resident in the block had narrow escapes from the flames, which, after an explosion of unknown origin in the basement, spread through the building by way of an air shaft with remarkable rapidity. They all rushed from the place in their night attire. A blinding snow storm and near-zero weather prevailed, and made the work of the firemen fighting the blaze and rescuing occupants of the building particularly hazardous. Miss McGinnis' body was found in the apartment in which she lived. She had apparently been suffocated by the dense smoke. The occupants of the apartment-house were rushed in taxis to a nearby hotel.

McGregor, owner of the apartment-house, stated that he was awakened by an explosion, which seemed to be in the basement. He found the flames sweeping up the air shaft, which had recently been metal lined. Apartments on the top floor were already on fire.

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U.S. WILL TAKE DECISIVE STEP TO AID EUROPE

Washington Authorities See Early Step of Far-Reaching Importance.

HARVEY RETURNS HOME

Summoned by Harding to Confer on Plan for Intervention.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—American intervention in the European crisis is imminent.

The United States shortly will take a major step of far-reaching importance in the serious situation abroad, according to highly authoritative information received here today.

George Harvey, American ambassador to London, has been instructed by President Harding and Secretary Hughes to return to Washington for consultation on the European crisis.

HARVEY RETURNS DEC. 23.

London, Dec. 15.—Ambassador Harvey returns to Washington Dec. 23 to advise and confer with President Harding regarding possible American intervention in Europe.

This was the understanding in London today following Harvey's announcement that he had been called to Washington.

The American ambassador will sail on the Berengaria a week from tomorrow, and will confer with the president at Washington upon the general reparations and economic situation.

He will tell Mr. Harding of Anglo-French divergences and confer on the subject of American intervention, based on the outcome of the premier's conference, which is to be resumed at Paris Jan. 2.

GREEK ROYALISTS FLEE FROM REVOLUTIONISTS

Special Cable to The Advertiser.

Rome, Dec. 15.—Hundreds