

IRISH FREE STATE MOVES TO SUPPRESS REBELLION

Ministry Is Empowered To Detain Without Trial Offenders Against State

Irish Free State Adopts Measure To Stamp Out Rebellion.

STILL HOLD PRISONERS

List of Crimes Includes the Illicit Manufacturing of Spirits.

Associated Press Despatch.

Dublin, Dec. 14.—The public safety bill, extending the power of the Free State ministry to arrest and detain without trial persons deemed guilty of certain specified offences, passed its second reading in the Dail Eireann today by a vote of 53 to 15. This signifies its acceptance in principle by the House.

During the debate there was strong adverse criticism of the measure from some of the members, one of whom, a Laborite, declared it resembled "the Russian system."

Minister of Agriculture Hogan said it was impossible to try thousands of prisoners, especially as under the existing conditions it would be unfair to expect witnesses to come forward.

Attorney-General Kennedy said he had many reports from the country of jurors refusing to convict, and of the difficulties of getting witnesses to testify.

Armed Men Rule. Home Minister O'Higgins, in concluding the debate, said there were areas of the country where armed men were still billeting themselves upon the people. The government was vindicating the rights of ninety per cent of the people.

The minority voting against the measure was composed almost entirely of Laborites.

The bill has set at rest all rumors of an intention on the part of the government of the release of the 4,500 prisoners now held in jails or internment camps.

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It is provided that all the existing prisoners may be held, that future arrests may be made upon the issuance of a certificate by the minister that he has reasonable grounds for suspecting that the person arrested was concerned in the commission of certain specified offences.

These offences not only include incitement or assisting in revolt against the state, and in such crimes as the possession of arms or explosives, robbery, arson or the destruction of property, but the offence of interfering with or preventing the lawful use of occupation of any land and even the offence of illicit manufacturing of spirits or being in possession of the utensils or materials for such manufacture.

It will be made an offence to wear without authority any police or military uniform or to assume for any unlawful purpose any military rank or title. Powers of search are given to any responsible officer, who can arrest a suspected person and detain him for a week pending the issuance of a certificate by the minister.

An appeal council is provided, as under the former act, but up to the present the prisoners have made little or no use of this organization.

CHOIR MEMBERS PRESENT PURSE TO MRS. W. BELL

Special to The Advertiser.

Paris, Dec. 14.—The Paris Methodist choir met at the home of Mr. Sydney Stickland, William street, on Thursday night and bade farewell to one of the members. The vice-president, Mr. Stickland, after expressing regret that one of the members, Mrs. W. Bell, was leaving the ranks, called on Miss Kathleen Lucknell to read an address, and Miss Eunice Sudden presented Mrs. Bell with a handsome purse on behalf of the choir. A few words were also spoken by Mr. P. R. Mulholland, choirmaster, and Rev. Dr. Martin. Mrs. Bell was quite surprised but replied fittingly.

The Paris Community Club put on a successful bridge on Thursday night. The proceeds, some \$75, will be divided among the Great War Veterans' Association, the Salvation Army and the Children's Aid Society, for use in their Christmas cheer work.

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ALBERTA TORIES SELECT BLAIR AS PARTY CHIEF

Former Oxford County Man Gets Nomination At Provincial Convention.

NATIVE OF EMBRO

Canadian Press Despatch.

Edmonton, Dec. 14.—W. J. Blair, a successful farmer, whose home is at Provost, Alta., late this afternoon was the unanimous choice of the Alberta Liberal-Conservative Association for provincial leadership of the Conservative party.

Mr. Blair's nomination was made, following refusal of the leadership for personal and business reasons by Hon. R. B. Bennett, K.C., of Calgary, former minister of justice. E. W. Ewing of Edmonton and A. A. McGillivray of Calgary also were nominated, but they declined.

Mr. Blair announced he was confident that the Conservatives would carry Alberta at the next election.

Want Leader.

The delegates offered the leadership to Mr. Bennett with great enthusiasm, following a lengthy debate on the alternatives of choosing a leader at that time or deferring it for an indefinite period. The nominations committee recommended that Blair be chosen as leader in a general way as leader of the party without the official title or responsibility. There was immediate objection to this proposed course.

The majority felt that the effect of the convention largely would be wasted if they did not make a definite choice at that time; that they would "drift" without a rudder; and one delegate declared there were "a hundred men in the convention as good as dead."

Mr. Blair has taken an active part in politics for many years as a Conservative organizer in this district and as a member of Parliament for Battle River.

Adopt Platform.

The convention closed at 6 o'clock after adopting without discussion in the last few minutes, a provincial platform which pledged the party if returned to power to reduce the number of cabinet ministers and members of the Legislature and salaries in these branches.

The platform also declared that the "serious" financial condition of the province was a legacy of Liberal administrations since 1910, that the government was responsible for nothing to remedy the situation and had violated the principles of responsible government. The platform also adopted.

Immediate return of its natural resources to the province. Reorganization of finances, reduction of expenditures, balancing of the budget.

Investigation of the possibilities of eastern markets for Alberta coal. Enactment of all legislation which discouraged immigration and the investment of capital.

An endeavor to relieve the province of the heavy burden imposed by provincially guaranteed railway bonds.

Hon. Arthur Meighen was elected honorary president of the association, and W. J. Blair, honorary vice-president. Hon. R. B. Bennett accepted the presidency and General Stuart of Lethbridge, the only Conservative member in the legislature at present, and Charles Russell of Wetaskiwin, were made vice-presidents.

BORN AT EMBRO.

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, Dec. 14.—Mr. Blair was born at Embro, Oxford County, Ontario, in 1875. He received his education at Woodstock Collegiate and the Toronto School of Practical Science, from which he graduated with the degree of B.Sc. Starting life as a school teacher, Mr. Blair soon forsook that profession to become a civil and mining engineer in Cobalt, where he followed those callings for seven years. From 1907 to 1908 he was mayor of New Liskeard, and in 1910 he went west and began farming upon a large scale at Provost, Alta.

He twice made unsuccessful attempts to enter the provincial legislature, once at a bye-election in 1912 and again in the general elections of 1913. He was first elected to the House of Commons at the elections of 1917.

TWO PAY FINES.

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Windsor, Dec. 14.—Mrs. Joseph Renaud was fined \$50 and costs in police court today, when she pleaded guilty of purchasing liquor illegally.

Edmond Gignac, who used his garage to store beer when his house was quarantined, pleaded guilty and paid a fine of \$20 and costs.

Senior Fourth—Eva Clement (Hon.), Ross Kilgour, Charlie Binkley, Lorne Garner.

Junior Fourth Class—Fred Dooks, Helen Joffe, Cyril Pigram, Olive McQuiggin, Eleanor Watson, Ellen Archer, Doris Young, Ethel Binkley, Jack Goble, Bessie Clifford, Everett McIntyre.

Senior Third—Ruby Chambers (Hon.), Alvin Clement, Willie Lyons, Elva Johnson, Charlie Horne, Harold Watson.

Kathleen L. Robb, principal.

Junior Third—John Taylor, Byron Baker, Wilfred Parson, Ethel McIntyre, Ernie Parson.

Senior Two—Gladys Kilgour, Jack Clifford, Iva Smith, Harold Lyons.

Junior Two—Elmer Gilbert, Olive Pigram, Gertrude Dafeo, Albert McQuiggin, Wilfred Kilgour, Murray Christie, Hazel Johnson.

Senior One—John Clement, Lorne Joffe, Edith Rowe, Marion Dafeo, Jim Hoyte.

Senior Primer—Doris Pigram, Frances Ball, Winnie Watson, Florence Tracy, Bruce Fletcher.

Junior Primer—Eileen McQuiggin, Wilbert McLaughlin, Clayton Cade, Jack Landon.

Alice McLane, teacher.

PORT STANLEY

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Port Stanley, Dec. 14.—St. Mark's Lodge, No. 94, A. F. & A. M., held the regular monthly meeting and annual election of officers on Tuesday evening, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: W. M. John Brumpton, S. W. James Scott, J. W. H. Williamson, treasurer, J. H. Burke, secretary, H. J. Goodhue.

Mrs. W. C. Wheaton, Hillcrest, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Moss, Leamington.

Mrs. John Campbell of Rodney is a guest of her sister, Mrs. N. R. Tonge, Sydneyham street.

Mrs. A. B. Schario, Jr., of Pergas, who has been very ill at the home of her mother, Mrs. Jas. Gough, is able to be around again.

NOT GUILTY PLEA BY PENDERGASTS

Fraud Charge Case Opened in Lambton Court—Three Witnesses Heard.

CASE NOT CONCLUDED

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Sarnia, Dec. 14.—Three witnesses had been heard for the prosecution in charges against officers of the former Pendergast Fence Company, this city, when adjournment of the county criminal court was taken this afternoon.

Maurice Deburgh Pendergast, president; Austin C. Smith, manager, and Miss J. M. Pendergast, secretary, were arraigned and pleaded not guilty to charges of conspiring to defraud the public between January 1, 1923, and August 31, 1923, by offering to sell goods by terms of advertisement, and neglecting or refusing to ship goods or refund money on orders received.

Twelve prospective jurors were challenged. W. S. Haney, M.L.A., is defence counsel. The amount involved is \$11,000.

Witnesses heard today were Archibald Weir, K.C., who acted for the company on incorporation; Wiley W. Unsworth, who was vice-president and bookkeeper until January, 1923, and Miss Irene Griffiths, who succeeded Mr. Unsworth as bookkeeper. Much of the evidence concerned records of the company and taken in its operation by the respective officers. Evidence as to character and efficiency of the officials was generally favorable. Mr. Unsworth declared that up to the time he left the company he saw nothing in the conduct of its affairs that was in any way questionable, though the company was operating at a loss. Miss Pendergast's witness testified, served as secretary of the firm, handled correspondence alone, and looked after the general work.

At a meeting of the committee in charge of the Christmas relief work, it was decided to place Santa Claus on Saturday night, Dec. 22. Those in charge are planning a real Christmas for the underprivileged homes in the city.

Go to Kingston.

Harold White, alias Frank King, of St. Thomas, was sentenced to two years and six months in the Kingston penitentiary for stealing goods in a Campbellville store, where he had been employed. A similar charge awaits him in Oakville, Ontario.

Will Join Rally.

St. Thomas and Port Stanley Girl Guides will compete in the big rally to be held in London, January 25, in Cronyn Hall.

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GRANT WILKINSON, DEFICIT RESULTS

Board of Education Critical of Bank Refusal For Overdraft.

COUNCIL TO RESCUE

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St. Thomas, Dec. 14.—At the regular meeting of the board of education held in the city hall this evening, it was reported that if the government grant had not been withheld this year the fiscal term would have been completed with a surplus. The city council issued a note for \$20,000 to meet the demands of the school board for the remainder of the year.

Dr. Bennett was given permission to buy five trees for the public school celebrations.

Arrangements were made for the entertainment of Mr. F. B. Edmunds, chairman of the Toronto board, on his visit to the city on Monday.

The luncheon will be served at the Grand Central, following a tour of the schools, and the evening Mr. Edmunds will address the board.

A Window Fire. The firemen received a call to-night from the Hydro Shop on Talbot street east. A short circuit caused a fire in the decorations in the window. The damage done was slight.

Late Robert Kane. The death of Robert Kane, a citizen of St. Thomas for 30 years, took place at the residence of his sister, Mrs. Grant, Walkerville, on Friday morning. Mr. Kane was born in Ireland, 70 years ago and came to Canada as a young man. He was a member of the Methodist Church, when here, and a member of Loyal Orange Lodge, No. 939, Royal Black Regiment, No. 278, and was a past county preceptor of Black Chapter, Elgin.

Surviving relatives are two daughters, Mrs. Lockie Brown and Miss P. S. Walker, both of St. Thomas, Leonard, Lethbridge, Alta.; Albert Windsor, two sisters, Mrs. Wm. Mack, John street, city, and Mrs. James Grant, Walkerville, and one brother, Wm. Kane, Toledo.

The remains will arrive in this city Sunday noon and will be taken to Grace Methodist Church. Services will be conducted by Rev. A. E. Moorehouse at 1:45, with interment in the family plot in St. Thomas Cemetery.

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HOGS BUTCHERED BY THE THIEVES

Farmer Claims Evidence That Animals Killed On His Farm.

CHICKENS ARE STOLEN

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Chatham, Dec. 14.—Hog thieves, and virtually butchering them on the farm, is the most recent form of complaint lodged by residents of the lake shore.

M. Sheets, who resides on the town line leading into Merlin, complains that he found ample evidence of the fact that the thieves had slaughtered at least four hogs before completing their daring robbery.

Many residents of the lake shore, from Cedar Springs to Port Alma, have reported numerous chicken thefts during the past few days.

A Narrow Escape. But for the bravery displayed by his school chums, Tom Mulhearn, a 7-year-old Harwich Township boy, would have been drowned in McGreggor's Creek a short distance from the city. The boy was playing on the creek bank last night, and in some manner slipped into the swollen stream. His screams were heard by Harold Mulhearn and Douglas Houston, two 11-year-old boys, who with great difficulty dragged him to safety.

Promises Assistance. The Board of Trade and Kent Motor Club will have the co-operation of the Board of Education, the Board of Commerce in urging Hon. G. S. Henry, minister of highways, to arrange for the provincial highway to be paved between Chatham and Tilbury.

Open Inquest. Coroner T. L. McRitchie of Chatham has opened an inquest into the death of a 10-year-old Bertha LeFevre, as a result of injuries sustained Tuesday morning when she was run over in Tilbury by a truck driven by Peter Maertens, a Belgian.

Appeal Allowed.

For the first time since the inception of the O. T. A., County Judge Stanworth has reversed a decision of Magistrate Arnold in liquor cases in local police courts. The judge has allowed the appeal of Bruce Haskell, who was recently fined \$100 on a charge of consuming liquor on unauthorised premises.

Find Stray Auto.

City police have in their possession a Ford touring car, which was abandoned on St. Clair street, and which is thought to have been stolen in Windsor. The car bears license number 151-663.

Will Talk Baseball.

An important meeting of baseball fans has been called for Saturday evening at which it is proposed to discuss activities for the next season and arrange for the organization of a Chatham team.

Road Is Finished.

After a checking campaign, the Queen street paving scheme, which connects city pavements with a paved county road south of the city, was finished tonight. The road will probably be open for public travel tomorrow.

Hut "House-Warming."

Boy Scouts, who have built a hut for their headquarters out of funds raised by the sale of hot dogs, to-night opened the building with a "house-warming," at which the parents of the boys were present. The hut is similar in construction to those erected by the Y. M. C. A. in France during the last war.

Physical Training.

A course in physical training for city school teachers is being planned to give them instruction and suggestions as to exercises by which pupils will benefit. It is reported that the teachers favor the suggestion.

A Liquor Case.

Jake Lombardine, in city police court today, was fined \$250 and costs on a charge of keeping liquor for sale.

Mrs. Mary Terrington.

Mrs. Mary Terrington, wife of Henry Terrington, died this morning in her 77th year at the family residence, in concession 7, Raleigh Township. The late Mrs. Terrington had been in failing health for some time. The surviving relatives are her husband, three daughters, Mrs. S. J. Todd of Detroit, Mrs. Sheridan of Chicago, and Mrs. J. E. French of Windsor; two sons, Harry and Alfred, at home.

HENSALL

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Hensall, Dec. 14.—On Wednesday afternoon at the home of the personage, Miss Laura Johnson, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Johnson, of the township of Hay, and lately of the village of Hensall, was united in marriage to Mr. George Ingram, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Ingram of the township of Hay. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. A. Sinclair. Mr. and Mrs. Ingram are on a wedding trip to London and other points.

Mr. Lloyd Davis, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Davis, spent the week-end with his parents. He has been transferred to Winnipeg from Windsor by the Molsons Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Conover spent the first part of the week in London. Word was received from Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Warner, who left here this summer for Pontiac, Mich., that their son Alvin, while riding on a bicycle, had been struck by a motor car, receiving quite painful injuries.

Reuben Higgins and Roy Webber have entered into partnership in the produce business.

Reeve Owen Geiger and Mrs. Geiger are in Detroit attending the funeral of one of Mr. Geiger's sisters.

Mr. Albert Eacrett and wife from Washington were here this week visiting relatives and friends after an absence of some eleven or twelve years.

Mrs. McGuire of Brussels, county president of the P. T. U., addressed a meeting at the home of Mrs. A. McDonnell, giving a very interesting account of the work done by the society during the past year and the outlook for the coming year.

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FORMER BANKER AGAIN REMANDED

E. E. Lewthwaite Again Before Magistrate—Has Pleaded Guilty.

AIDED INVESTIGATION

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Stratford, Dec. 14.—E. E. Lewthwaite, remanded for sentence after pleading guilty to the theft of bank money, was remanded for another eight days in