

ROBS—Easterly winds; mostly cloudy and a little colder; light local snow.

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Three Canadians Knighted—Battle in Mexico Still Proceeds—Poultry Raisers Held Up

VOTE TODAY FOR HOCKEN, McCARTHY, SMPSON AND THOMPSON

CONTROLLER FOSTER'S PROPERTY, ASSESSED AT 50 CENTS A FOOT, QUOTED YESTERDAY AT SIXTY DOLLARS A FOOT

SIX CANADIANS ARE INCLUDED IN NEW YEAR'S HONORS LIST BRYCE BECOMES A VISCOUNT

Lieutenant-Governor Cameron of Manitoba, Chief Justice Archambault, Quebec, and Henry Egan, Ottawa, Are Knighted—Sir Francis Langelier Becomes K.C.M.G., and Aubrey White a C.M.G.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—(C.A.P.)—The following Canadians appear among the New Year's honors, the official list of which will be published tomorrow:

K.C.M.G.: His Honor Sir Francis Langelier, LL.D., lieutenant-governor of the Province of Quebec.

His Honor Douglas Colin Cameron, lieutenant-governor of the Province of Manitoba.

C.M.G.: Charles Jerome Jones, S.O., assistant secretary to the governor-general of Canada.

Aubrey White, Esq., deputy minister of lands and forests, Ontario.

Knight Bachelor: Honorable Horace Archambault, chief justice of court of king's bench, Quebec.

Henry Kelly Egan, Esq., Ottawa.

Bryce Most Distinguished.

Of all the names which figure in the New Year's honors list, the most distinguished perhaps is that of Hon. James Bryce, who becomes a viscount. The other four peers are Sir Rufus Sand and Alexander Ure, who were recently raised to the rank of baronets, and Sir Charles Cripps, M.P., who is thus honored by his political opponents, and Sir Harold Harcourt, who thus provides the interesting and rare spectacle of two brothers receiving peerages during the lifetime of both. Sir Harold is a brother of Lord Northcliffe.

The honors lists comprise five peers, five privy councillors, six baronets, twenty-two knights, and an enormous number of decorations and promotions to the various orders in the home, Indian and colonial and civil services.

Arts Neglected.

The single appointment to the order of merit goes to Sir Archibald Gelkie, president of the royal society. Literature and the arts are rather conspicuously neglected, the only notable names being James Bryce, the former British ambassador at Washington, who becomes a viscount; Sir Archibald Gelkie, Owen Seaman, editor of Punch, and Ernest Rutherford, director of the physical laboratory of the University of Manchester, and a writer on physical and philosophical subjects, who is knighted.

Commerce is largely represented and there are rewards for political service, as well as numerous distinctions for naval and military merit.

"No, Thanks," Said Rogers

OTTAWA, Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Some surprise was expressed this evening that the New Year's honor list did not include the name of Hon. Robert Rogers. It was well known that he had been offered a knighthood, but until this evening it had not been known that he had refused the honor.

HOUSE BURNED AT EARLSCOURT

Frank Crook's Home Was Totally Destroyed During First Hour of New Year.

The first hour of this year was a disastrous one for Frank Crook of Hatherley road, Earls Court. His house caught fire at midnight and was totally destroyed, despite the efforts of the Earls Court Fire Brigade to save it. The firemen arrived in good time, but the house was too short, the nearest hydrant being a quarter of a mile away. By the time additional hose had been secured the house had collapsed, and all the brigade could do was to see that the fire did no further damage.

The house was a detached frame building, fully furnished, but the loss is reported to be covered by insurance.

Mr. Crook is an employee of the Mc. Knight Construction Company.

BOY SCOUTS ARE GREETED BY DUKE OF CONNAUGHT

Hopes Organization Will Grow Steadily in Numbers and Efficiency.

OTTAWA, Dec. 31.—(Can. Press.)—The following message of greeting has been addressed by his royal highness, the Duke of Connaught, to the Boy Scouts of Canada:

"As chief scout I cordially wish the happiest and most useful of New Years to all Boy Scouts and a substantial increase in the numbers and efficiency of the association. (Signed) "Arthur."

TASMAN'S PERIL TOLD BY MADAME NORDICA

Steamer Now Able to Resume Voyage After Running Ashore.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—(Can. Press.)—Mrs. Lillian Nordica sent the following wireless despatch today to the Associated Press telling of the peril encountered in the Gulf of Papua by the steamship Tasman, on board of which she is a passenger:

"On board the steamer Tasman, by wireless telegraphy to Cooktown, Queensland, Dec. 31.—All on board the Tasman speak highly of the splendid behavior of her captain, her officers and her crew and her wireless operator. The vessel struck on Saturday night and much uncertainty prevailed as to the possibility of refloating her. She had gone ashore on Bramble Cay reef, from which she was towed off only yesterday by a Japanese collier. The exact amount of damage sustained has not been ascertained, but the pumps are now keeping the water well under, and the Tasman is proceeding to Thursday Island under her own steam for repairs, after which she will continue her voyage to Batavia. (Signed) "Lillian Nordica."

BIG OCEAN LINERS TO CALL AT QUEENSTOWN

Hamburg-American Line Plans Cause Flutter in Shipping Circles.

QUEENSTOWN, Dec. 31.—(Can. Press.)—Interest in shipping circles has been aroused by the report that the Hamburg-American Co. intends to place some of its biggest ships, including the Cincinnati and Cleveland, in a service making Queenstown a port of call during the summer season. The Hamburg will call at Queenstown Jan. 20, 1914, one day before the rate conference meets in Paris. She will be the first steamer sailing from Ireland for America without a previous call at an English port. It was planned to have the Hamburg make her first call at Queenstown on Jan. 6, but the magnitude of the civic reception which is being prepared for her caused a postponement.

QUEEN'S PARK SENDS NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

Progress, Prosperity and Happiness is Forecast Made by Legislative Assembly.

With the dawning of a new year the Ontario Government issues an expression of good cheer to the province at large. Coupled with it comes the word of Sir James Whitney's steady improvement.

"The best wish of the provincial government to the people of Ontario for 1914 is that they may enjoy to the utmost all that the new year has in store for them, and that progress, prosperity and happiness may be theirs in great abundance.

"Ontario holds a signal place in this Dominion, and may what is hers in health and wealth be also the lot of the other provinces. May it be a real happy new year."

MORMONS WILL INVADE CANADA

Presbyterian Home Mission Board Learns Eight Thousand Are Coming to Alberta.

Eight thousand Mormons from Utah and other parts of the United States will arrive in western Canada next spring, according to the message just received by the Presbyterian home mission officials here from W. Shearer of Calgary.

The influx of thousands of Mormons into Alberta is regarded in Presbyterian home mission circles as a peril, because of their views respecting polygamy. Mr. Shearer says: "I have not yet met a gentle who has lived any length of time among the Mormons of Alberta who did not believe that many of them were polygamists." The situation will be dealt with at the approaching meeting of the Presbyterian home mission committee.

POULTRY MAKING GOLD STORAGE MEN RICH

Producers, Unlike Dairymen, Are Unorganized and Middlemen Are Enabled to Reap Rich Profits as Consequence—Evidence is Given Before Government Commission.

(Special to The Toronto World.)

OTTAWA, Dec. 31.—The commission on the cost of living had John A. Ruddle, dairy and cold storage commissioner, before them yesterday, and today they called William A. Brown, chief of the poultry section of the live stock branch. From both these government officials the commission got some useful first-hand information. Probably 15 or 20 officials in various departments will be examined in this way. The commission, after this morning's session, adjourned till next Monday, when they will try to arrange for a meeting with the ministers of their respective departments. Hon. T. W. Crothers, Hon. Martin Burrell and Hon. J. D. Reid. The premier may also be present.

The commissioners wish to ask some questions about the procedure to follow and the scope of the enquiry. At present no record is being kept of the evidence given by the government officials.

Poultry Business Unorganized

The evidence of Messrs. Ruddle and Brown showed that there is a vast difference in the efficiency with which the dairy and poultry industries are carried on. The former is well organized and the production and marketing of dairy products is on a scientific and businesslike basis. The poultry business, on the other hand, is in a comparatively primitive state in this country, both as to the quantity and quality of the eggs and fowl and the system of marketing them. The stupid consumer who is satisfied that "eggs is eggs" is no worse than the stupid producer who reasons that "hens is hens" and pays no attention to quality of breed of fowl.

Not Properly Classified

In the marketing of eggs, too, there is no provision for classification, as they pass from producer to retailer and then to wholesaler. It is only when they reach the cold storage firm that they are carefully classified, the best ones weeded out and the rest placed in five grades. As for the rest, placed in the cold storage man, that is unknown to the public. Poultry are often purchased also without classification and merely according to the weight of a large number of birds taken together. It is felt that both producer and consumer would benefit considerably if the poultry industry were got on a better basis. And this is just an example of the improvements that could be made in other departments of agricultural production.

PICTURE SHOW FIRE ALMOST CAUSED PANIC

One Thousand Dollars' Damage Done is Covered by Insurance.

Fire in a moving picture shown owned by Nicholas Tugietti, at 485 Dundas street, last night, caused considerable excitement amongst the inmates of the theatre, but happily every person got out safely. About 9.30 the film caught fire from the overheating of the machines; the exits were immediately thrown open and the crowd of 50 or 60 persons quietly told to evacuate the building. For a moment it looked as if there might be a panic, but the quieter spirits prevailed, and in a minute the theatre was clear.

The damage is about \$1000, most of which is to the contents. The loss is covered by insurance.

Dineen's Great January Fur Sale

With the coming of the new year there are pronounced profits awaiting buyers of furs at Dineen's 140 Yonge street. The sale just commenced at this old-established house promises to draw crowds by reason of the extraordinary price inducements offered. The benefit of an early visit must be obvious to those who appreciate values, and prices marked on Dineen furs will surely impress all visitors.

FEDERALS RESIST FIERCE ATTACK OF REBELS

Driven From Outposts to Adobe Buildings and Inner Trenches, Huerta's Troops Make Last Desperate Stand at Ojinaga—Result of Day's Fighting is Indecisive.

PRESIDIO, Dec. 31.—(Can. Press.)—After withstanding bullets, shells and shrapnel poured in on them from the rebels, the federal army at Ojinaga, Mex., tonight was still entrenched within the village, but in the opinion of military experts, with small hope of beating back the attacking force.

Gen. Torribo Ortega's 6000 rebels, scattered over the surrounding hills, after driving the 4000 federals from all their outposts and into the shelter of the adobe buildings and inner trenches, were beginning at sundown to demolish the horse corral and other loopholes buildings where the bulk of the federals were housed.

Gen. Caraveo Killed

Numbers of the federal officers, including Gen. Marcello Caraveo, commander of volunteers, were reported to have been killed or wounded. Much of the rebel cavalry fire was of no effect, but when Gen. Ortega put into action the field pieces brought from Chihuahua, the outlying adobe houses crumbled into heaps of dried mud, leaving a clearer range into the heart of the settlement. How many dead or wounded resulted from the preliminary skirmishes with the field pieces was impossible to learn, but the losses from that cause were not believed to be heavy, as most of the bullets had been abandoned by the federals as they retreated.

Fighting Intensive

One of their shells burst on an opposite hill, and a host of rebels had ascended to command a range on the federal. The explosion caused a scurrying of rebels and left a number on the ground. The sixty hours of fighting so far as was observed was "intensive," except that the rebels were steadily gaining ground, while the operation of the federal shells was becoming more limited. To frighten the federals into a retreat across the border into Texas, and thus end the battle without a prolonged siege or without the fatal results of a close encounter, was obviously the purpose of the rebel commanders who repeated their promise not to direct the fire into United States territory. Only from the few deserters who wanted federal soldiers, who succeeded in gaining the American shore, was information brought as to the casualties. The word of these soldiers was taken with allowance for their excited condition.

ITALIANS ROUT ARABS WITH SEVERE LOSSES

Chief Opponent of Italian Rule in Tripoli Among Slain.

TRIPOLI, Dec. 31.—(Can. Press.)—Advices were received today of a battle in the neighborhood of Murzuk, capital of Fezzan. A column of Italian and native troops completely routed the Arabs after five hours of fierce fighting. The Arab leader, Mohammed Ben Abdallah, the chief opponent of Italian rule, and several other notables were killed. The Italians lost sixteen killed and seventy-seven wounded.

SCULLIN DRIVEN FROM POSITION

Organizer of Industrial Peace Association Resigns Following Charges Made by E. M. Trowern.

At the request of the Toronto branch of the Industrial Peace Association, Organizer Scullin has resigned all connection with the association, and is thought to have left the city. His resignation followed upon the charges made publicly against him by E. M. Trowern, secretary of the Retailers' Association, and the charges were forcefully reiterated thru the press.

The Toronto branch of the association continues in existence with President Falconer of Toronto University as chairman of the board of directors.

Looking Forward

Mayor Hocken's good wishes for the New Year.

"It is with more than usual confidence that I extend to the people of the City of Toronto my most cordial wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year."

RUSH TO EVADE EUGENICS LAW

Medical Examination Requirement Before Marriage Certificates Can Be Issued Causes Flurry.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 31.—(Can. Press.)—A rush to evade the new eugenics marriage law, effective tomorrow, made today the busiest on record for the Milwaukee county marriage license clerks. At the regular closing time eighty-four licenses had been issued, and the office was so crowded with applicants that it was decided to issue licenses until midnight.

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The new law requires a thorough medical examination of both applicants for a license to wed. It also stipulates that three dollars shall be charged by physicians for making the examination. Many doctors have declared that they will not make the necessary tests for this fee. Fear that county officials will refuse to issue licenses unless medical certificates states that comprehensive blood tests have been made caused the record demand for wedding permits in the closing days of the year. Reports from other counties in the state agree that an unprecedented number of permits have been granted.

CLERKS IN MANY COUNTIES HAVE ASKED THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL FOR AN INTERPRETATION OF THE LAW, AND SEVERAL HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY WILL OBEY LICENSES UNTIL THE SUPREME COURT HAS PASSED ON THE STATUTE.

JURORS RETURN "OPEN" VERDICT

Calumet Jury After Deliberating Six Hours, Unable to Ascertain Who Raised Alarm of Fire.

CALUMET, Mich., Dec. 31.—(Can. Press.)—An open verdict, including a finding that the Christmas Eve panic which cost 72 lives in Italian Hall, was caused by an alarm of fire raised within the hall, was returned tonight by the coroner's jury after three days' hearing of the evidence of participants in the disaster.

Every Allegation that Enemies of the Western Federation of Miners were Responsible for Starting the Panic was Rejected by the Jury.

The taking of testimony concluded shortly after midday, and it was well along in the afternoon before consideration of the testimony was begun. The jurors wrestled with their problem for six hours.

WAR CLOUDS GATHER

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THE THIRD REASON LLOYD GEORGE CONSIDERS THE WEIGHTIEST OF ALL, AND HE BELIEVES THAT THIS IS THE RIGHT MOMENT FOR A HOLD FAST TOWARDS THE RESTRICTION OF THE GROWTH OF ARMAMENTS AND THINKS IT IMPERATIVE THAT IN THE HIGHEST INTERESTS OF CIVILIZATION HE SHOULD SET IT.

FOSTER ASKS \$60 A FOOT FOR HIS LAND

His Marjory Avenue Property Assessed at Fifty Cents a Foot, Was Quoted Yesterday at Sixty Dollars as a Site for Proposed New Factory.

A manufacturer who is seeking a site for a large factory, asked yesterday for a price on the land on Marjory avenue, that is owned by Thomas Foster, who was controller last year.

The agent stated that the price is \$60 per front foot.

That property is assessed at 50 cents per front foot.

When Thomas Foster, who was controller last year, was asked a week ago how he managed to have the property on Marjory avenue assessed at 50 cents per front foot when it was worth nearer \$50 per front foot, he declared the property is not worth ten cents per front foot.

The property is one of the best manufacturing sites in the city, and is right up against the Grand Trunk Railway.

Thomas Foster, who was controller last year, and who is trying to be re-elected today, has publicly declared that the assessment commissioner should be dismissed for assessing the property on Marjory avenue at 50 cents per front foot.

Thomas Foster, who was controller last year, asks the electors to re-select him, notwithstanding that he has "worked" the assessment department for years. This land that he now asks \$60 a front foot for, and is assessed at 50 cents per front foot now, was a few years ago assessed at 25 cents per front foot.

Thomas Foster, who was controller last year, puts upon the assessment commissioner the blame for this enriching Thomas Foster at the expense of the ratepayers who put Thomas Foster at the head of the poll last year, and who are asked by Thomas Foster to put him at the head of the poll today.

Thomas Foster has put up a big bluff on the electors. He expects to get away with it, too.

OUTLAY ON NAVY CAN BE REDUCED

Lloyd George Believes Opportunity for Retrenchment is Best Afforded in Twenty Years.

LONDON, Jan 1.—(Can. Press.)—In the form of a report of long conversations which Chancellor Lloyd George has had with close friends during the Christmas holidays The Daily Chronicle gives a sort of New Year's message from the chancellor to his supporters, throwing interesting sidelights on the chancellor's views on the armament questions.

Pointing to the enormous burden which armaments impose on the taxpayer and to the fact that the growth of armaments still leaves the nations in the same relative strength, Mr. Lloyd George thinks that the present is the most favorable moment in twenty years for a policy of retrenchment. He cites three reasons:

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The third reason Lloyd George considers the weightiest of all, and he believes that this is the right moment for a hold fast towards the restriction of the growth of armaments and thinks it imperative that in the highest interests of civilization he should set it.

