TELLS LURID TALE OF AERIAL BATTLE

Minneapolis Report of Capture of Alleged Swindler at Winnipeg.

New York, Dec. 24.—A special despatch from Minneapolis to The Tribune this morning says:

"Machine guns of an airplane manned by members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and private detectives riddled a plane piloted by Joseph H. Gadbury, alleged confidence man, forcing him to land near Winnipeg and resulting in his capture, Minneapolis police learned today.

"Gadbury, wanted in Britt, Iowa, on a charge of forgery and obtaining money under false pretences, is held in Winnipeg jail.

"Establishing himself in Britt and promising farmers of that community to build an airplane factory, Gadbury obtained about $18,000, it is alleged. He also is charged with passing worthless cheques totaling $1390, after which he started for Winnipeg in an airplane.

"Gadbury was forced to land near Emerson, Manitoba, near the border, where his ship underwent repairs. Meantime private detectives from Iowa were on his trail.

"Arriving in Winnipeg, these detectives obtained the co-operation of the Canadian police, and started out in an airplane to capture Gadbury. On the way to Emerson they met Gadbury in his plane, and an aerial battle rivaling an engagement in war was fought.

"The propeller of Gadbury's plane was damaged, the gasoline tank punctured, and the fuselage riddled by machine gun bullets before the fugitive landed and was captured, police say."

TEDDY BEAR COMES BACK FROM ARCTIC

Capt. J. Bernard Tells Interesting Story—Ship Frozen in Ice Two Years.

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—After spending four winters in the Arctic, having been frozen in the ice of Coronation Gulf for more than 24 months, and being unaware that the war was over until a year after the armistice, Captain Joseph Bernard, skipper of the little gasoline schooner, "Teddy Bear," reached Ottawa last night on his way to his home in Tignish, P.E.I.

Captain Bernard's ship was a trader, and his life in the far north was his choice of making a livelihood. He has been located in the north since 1901, but only since 1909 did he take to trading in the Canadian Arctic, fitting the "Teddy Bear" and sailing up to the icy desolation of Victoria Island, King William Land and Coronation Gulf. He is now in Ottawa renewing acquaintances with members of the Canadian Arctic Expedition, which set sail in 1913.

His little ship wintered in Coronation Gulf in 1916, the first time any ship wintered there since Captain Collinson, Royal Navy, did so in the winter of 1852-3.

HAMILTON B. O. T. A. APPEAL DISMISSED

The appeal to quash the conviction against Alexander Powell of Hamilton was yesterday dismissed with costs. Powell was sentenced to three months with hard labor and fined $1,000 or three months on a charge of selling contrary to the O.T.A. G. Lynch-staunton, K.C., appearing for Powell, alleged in argument that a sale contrary to the O.T.A. would be impossible as the O.T.A. forbids selling.

"If this was advanced seriously, Mr. Staunton has forgotten that the O.T.A. permits licensed sale," says the judgment. Appeal was made on the ground that the sentence was greater than the act allows, but the judgment decides that the "hard labor" clause is at the discretion of the trial judge.

Canada's Naval Officers Are Feted by Halifax

Halifax, Dec. 23.—In the presence of a large gathering in the council chamber of the city hall this afternoon, Mayor Parker, on behalf of the citizens of Halifax, presented an address of welcome to the officers commanding the Royal Canadian Naval warships now at this port. Lieutenant-Governor Grant was also present and delivered a brief address. Captain Adams and Lieutenants Jones and Agnew replied, thanking the council and the city of Halifax for the address and for the hearty way in which they have been received since coming to Halifax.

Allied Ministers Remain For the Moment in Athens

Athens, Dec. 23.—There is much speculation as to how long the allied ministers will remain in Athens, due to their notifying Premier Rhallis that they woud remain "for the moment," but without contact with the government. One assumption is that they will stay here until after the Nice conference.

The Patris protested against the seizure of the private automobile of ex-Premier Venizelos, which was presented to him by friends.

Storms raging in the Mediterranean are preventing the departure of all vessels.

WELL-KNOWN WRITER DEAD.

London, Dec. 23.—George Herbert Perris, writer and speaker, especially on international affairs, died in London today.

George Herbert Perris was born in Liverpool in 186. He was a journalist from 1888, an editor of various publications, and one of the founders of the Anglo-German and Anglo-Russian friendship committees. He was foreign editor of The Tribune and of The Daily News for several years, and war correspondent of The Daily Chronicle in France, 1914-1918. He published a darks number of works dealing with Russian, German and eastern affairs.

ANTI-CIGARET LAW VIOLATED IN KANSAS

Topeka, Kansas, Dec. 23.—Richord J. Hopkins, attorney-general, today formally requested attorneys at Atchison and Shawnes counties to investigate reported violations of the state anti-cigaret law and institute prosecutions if evidence warrants.

Nineteen Atchison men each contributed te ncents toward a fund for a carton of cigarets sent as a Christmas gift to President-elect Harding, while prominent Topeka women and the local American Legion post have sent cigaret gifts to disabled soldiers at Camp Funston and in the Topeka State Hopital, according to information received by the attorney-general. Both the gift and sale of cigarets are illegal in Kansas.

CHILD WELFARE IS DISCUSSED

And Civic Candidates State Platforms at St. Michael's Parish.

Miss Mary Power, B.A., of the Ontario government department of public health, and president of the Catholic Big Sisters, was the speaker at the last of the series of advent lectures given in St. Michael's parish hall, under the auspices of the Catholic Women's League. The subject was the important one of child welfare, and was treated in an able manner, the speaker pointing out many ways in which child-life and development should be cared for in various phases of existence.

Mrs. Sidney Small, candidate for aldermanic honors in ward four, was given an enthusiastic reception. She spoke briefly on social welfare as represented by housing, education, the care of girls—in which she is particularly interested as president of the Protestant Big Sisters—and general social service. Alderman L. A. Hamilton outlined things that had been done by the council, and spoke in favor of a democratic commission to handle social questions and problems. Controller Gibbons was another speaker. At the request of the chairman, Mrs. Edmund Kelly, the controller gave some explanation of the ybiaws, with special attention to Hydro, assessment of property and the laws governing local improvement. He stated that the labor unions for years had been trying for equal pay for men and women.

Miss Gertrude Lawler, M.A., president of the league, in a brief address, welcomed the candidates for municipal office. Miss Mary McMahon, seconded by Mrs. Fitzgerald, moved a vote of thanks to the speaker of the evening, and Mrs. W. A. Kavanagh made a warm plea for better living conditions for girls, and for the elimination of the temptations of the ordinary rooming-house.

MOVIES AND DINNER FOR JAIL CONVICTS

Special Christmas Privileges Mark Yuletide Season in Kingston Institution.

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Christmas Day will be marked by special privileges and special menu at the Portsmouth penitentiary. Warden J. C. Ponsford has arranged to have all the restraints of strict discipline relaxed for that one day in the year, and the program is calculated to give the inmates, some of them behind the walls for ten and fifteen years, a little enjoyment. There will be religious services in both the Protestant and Roman Catholic chapels. There will also be a celebration of the holy communion. In the afternoon a musical concert will be given.

Menu Chief Interest.

Between Christmas and New Year's a special concert and moving picture show will be given, at which all the prisoners will attend. But it is the menu that will interest most of the convicts. The Christmas dinner for the convicts will consist of soup, roast pork, brown potatoes, mashed turnips, pudding, bread and butter.

BOUGHT CHRISTMAS GIFTS AND THEN SUICIDED

New York, Dec. 23.—After investing in Christmas presents, with which he filled several suitcases, a man killed himself in a rooming house here today and endangered the lives of five other persons by turning on three gas jets. He was known to his landlady as "John McLaren," but on one of the suitcases was a tag with the name "John G. Wynne."

Present Tablet in Memory Of Dr. Henry Wilson, Cataraqui

Kingston, Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Miss Madele Wilson, New York, who is spending the Christmas season with friends in Kingston, is presenting to Christ Church, Cataraqui, a memorial tablet given by her sister, Mrs. Frederick Wonham, Brooklyn, N. Y., and herself, in memory of their father, the late Dr Henry Wilson, who was the first rector of this church.

Five-Cornered Contest in Chatham for Mayoralty

Chatham, Ont., Dec. 23.—The contest for mayor is very apt to be a five-cornered affair in Chatham this year. Alderman Newkirk is the new man to enter the race, and it is believed he will qualify for the election. Nominations: For mayor—Fred R. Briscoe, J. R. Harrington, Jas. R. Newkirk, Jas. C. McLean and Murray Reeve.

SUSSEX IS REFLOATED.

St. John, N.B., Dec. 23.—The steamer Sussex, which grounded on Navy Island bar this morning as she was about to leave the harbor on her voyage to Australia, was pulled off at 3 o'clock tonight. The vessel is believed to have suffered no damage, but was returned to her dock to await inspection before resuming her voyage.

PAYS HEAVILY FOR B. O. T. A.

Kitchener, Ont., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Peter A. Wagner of Wellesley, Ont., paid a fine of $1,000 in police court today after pleading guilty to having whiskey on his hotel premises at Wellesley. Inspectors Elliott and Zinkann, in evidence, stated they searched the hotel and found two cases of liquor hidden under a mattress in a top floor bedroom.

JEWS IN PALESTINE POSSESSING LAND

Member of World's Zionist Organization Declares That Harmony Prevails.

St. John, N.B., Dec. 23.—Among the notable arrivals on the steamship Empress of France today was Rev. Smaryah Levine, Ph.D., member of the executive of the Zionist organization of the world, which has its headquarters in London, England. Dr. Levine has just returned from Palestine, where his home now is. He is now on a tour of Canada and the United States, and will visit all the large centres to give publicity to the Zionist aims and ideals.

The Jews, he says, are beginning the actual reoccupation of the country, and have gained possession of the land, following out the spirit of the British declaration, Dr. Levine added. Sir Herbert Samuel, the high commissioner, in his administration, has met with wonderful success and brought about complete harmony and a perfect understanding between all factions and all nationalities in that land.

As he views it, the country of Palestine is destined to be the bridge or intermediary between Asia and Europe. He believes that the Jews will have the best understanding of both continents, and will be a means of bringing about more amicable relationships between the two.

SHRINERS DISTRIBUTE CHRISTMAS CHEER

The Rameses Temple Shrine Motor Club is continuing its activities along charitable lines and has attempted to bring cheer to 762 boys and girls and 166 aged women by the distribution of seven barrels and two boxes of apples, 17 pails and ten dozen one-pound boxes chocolates, 36 dozen candy canes, 12 pails candy, 12 cases oranges, 100 pounds chicken, besides nuts, clothing, mitts, stockings, games and other material. These goods were distributed yesterday to the following institutions: Girls' Home, 229 East Gerrard street; Boys' Home, 339 George street; East End Day Nursery, 28 River street; King Mission, 32 River street; Soldiers' Aid Commission, 116 College street; Preventorium Consumptive Children, Yonge street; Industrial Refuge, 48 Belmont street; Aged Men's Home, 45 Belmont street; Aged Women's Home, 47 Belmont street; York Cottage, Willowdale; West End Creche, 197 Euclid avenue; Victoria Street Day Nursery; Mrs. Melrick's Home, 1094 College street.

NOBLE RETREATS BEFORE MAYOR

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with the audience to place him (McBride) at the city hall, where they would have a man who understood all the needs of the city and the board of education.

"How," he asked, "can Mayor Church know anything of children since he has none himself?"

Controller Gibbons made an attack upon Major Lewis, M.L.A., who, he declared, was holding down a sinecure that brought him in $6000 per year, which the city had to find, and said that there were far better men in the city hall whose salary was less than half Major Lewis was getting with the Deep Waterways Association.

Applause For Mayor.

Mayor Church, who was received with loud applause, made a bold attack on Dr. Noble and the school trustees, who, he declared, were spending the city's money like water. Turning to the present education campaign, the mayor emphasized that since there was to be new blood in next year's board he advised them to at once discharge all those school inspectors and headmasters who had used their positions and time to conduct the present unjust campaign against the ratepayers. This campaign, Mayor Church continued, was not directed against him, since he had to protect the ratepayers; therefore these people were attacking the city who paid them their salary.

Ald. Nesbitt's Stand.

Alderman Russell Nesbitt, candidate for the board of control, in a five-minute speech, outlined his work while in the council, and pointed to the fact that most of the planks in the platform of his opponents had originally been introduced by himself and ex-Ald. H. H. Ball, who is also running for board of control Mr. Nesbitt further stated that he was strongly in favor of public ownership and the clean-up of the street railway, and mentioned that it was by his instignation that the city abattoir was still city property, and not as some of his opponents wished, under private control. The speaker also stated that for the first time in its history and under the present new management the abattoir was free from an adverse balance sheet.

Cheers for H. H Ball.

Ex.-Ald. H. H. Ball, who was received with cheers, stated that he came forward this year with the view to increasing his poll at the last election. He only wanted to increase the friends he made at that time to be certain of a seat. Mr. Ball, whose arguments were punctuated with frequent applause, mentioned that Mayor Church wanted some good help to back him up in the new problems now on hand, and said that, if elected, he would give the mayor his wholehearted support.

Controller J. G. Ramsden, Controller R. H. Cameron, Alderman E. E. Blackburn, Alderman James Phinnemore and others addressed the meeting, while E. Smith occupied the chair.

INSPECTOR EACRETT RETAINS BRANT POST

Brantford, Dec. 23.—(Special.)—It was stated today that Liquor Inspector Eacrett, who had been asked for his resignation, had been informed by the department that the request had been withdrawn. The news locally was received with acclaim. The trouble, which caused the reported dismissal, did not arise in Brant County, and it is understood that Mr. Eacrett will only be relieved of his jurisdiction as regards Haldimand.

HAS AUDACIOUS SCHEME TO SECURE INSURANCE

Joseph Warsh, 196 Arlington avenue, was arrested late yesterday afternoon by Detective-Sergts. Elliott and Archibald on charges of attempted fraud and perjury.

On November 12, the police allege, Warsh left his car standing out in the cold and the radiator burst from being frozen. Warsh, the police claim, then reported the auto stolen to the police and swore out an affidavit in order to secure $200 from the Provident Insurance Co., by whom his car was insured. The two detectives, however, considered it strange that the auto should have been recovered in a garage after being stolen, and commenced investigation, which resulted in Warsh's arest on the aforementioned charges.

REDEEM TICKETS ON ALL COMPANIES

Any Bakery or Milk Company Will Accept Them —Unemployment.

"Some of those usually too proud to beg for charity are now approaching us for aid," said Brigadier Fraser to The World yesterday afternoon. "This is a sad state of affairs and indicates the general situation. I may say that the Salvation Army in this connection has been authorized by Commissioner Chisholm to deal with all men registering from the House of Industry. They will be refereed back immediately unless they can show good cause for making application to the Church street bureau of relief. There are too many deserving families and too many ex-service men up against it for us to permit those not entitled to take advantage of any aid we can offer. Dealing with these cases we naturally make room for scores who are really needy and who, when attended to by our bureau, will get on their feet."

18,000 Registrations.

On Wednesday night 200 men slept in shakedowns in the hostel at Church street, but last night this number was considerably reduced, the brigadier having acted according to instructions from Commissioner Chisholm. Registrations of single men totaled yesterday 1300. Of this number 98 only were new cases. Married men registered about 260 strong, and of this number 150 were new cases. Altogether so far just over 18,000 cases have applied for relief.

Extremely serious was the way Sergeant-Major Crighton characterized the general situation. The sergeant-major stated that very few casual jobs were offering, and that if the situation was to be relieved it would be necessary for employment of the right sort to be found for 200 men a day.

It may now definitely be stated that milk and bread tickets redeemable by any bakery or milk company in the city were issued yesterday by the medical health authorities engaged in relief work.

An Unauthorized Parade?

A rather strange fact in connection with the unemployment parade, so widely advertised for yesterday afternoon, was that both J. Fred Marsh and J. Harry Flynn of the G.A.U.V. denied emphatically that they gave permission for any such parade, and said that it was not held under the auspices of their association. They stated that the unemployment committee in conjunction with the authorities at both Church street and King and Bay streets were doing all in their power to alleviate the situation.

Rev. J. A. Miller, superintendent of the government employment bureau on King street, stated yesterday afternoon that the Hydro-Electric Commission had sent for 50 men for employment at Niagara Falls during the winter season. They will commence work on Monday.

Brigadier Fraser stated yesterday afternoon that the industrial bureau of the Army at 496 West Richmond street had received large reinforcements of overcoats and winter clothing since reference had been made in the press to the great need of the relief commission in this respect. They had received 16 overcoats and large numbers of new socks of the best make. The latter, three dozen in number, were knitted during the war, and the honor reqested that they be given only to returned men.

YOUTHS POSSESS LOADED REVOLVER

Gordon Williams, 1389 West Dundas street, and Burton Vanwicklin, 63 Gwynne avenue, were arrested late yesterday afternoon by Detective Waterhouse, Plainclothesmen McArthur and Davie and Police-Sergt. Bolton on a charge of vagrancy and carrying loaded revolvers. The two, when arrested, were sitting in an automobile at Front street and Spadina avenue. In the men's possession when arretesd were two revolvers, fully loaded and in the men's pockets were found a quantity of ammunition. The auto in which the men were sitting was loaned to them it was found by the police officers who investigated the case.

CHARGE IS THEFT.

Claude Davis, Rosedale Heights, was arrested late last night on a charge of theft of $81 from the Turlin sisters, who were staying at the same hotel. According to the police, Davis visited the girls' room, and after he left they missed the money. One of the girls later identified a twenty-five-cent bank note, which was found in Davis' room.

PRICE OF CURIOSITY.

Inquisitive or hungry, a mouse poked its head between the open shells of a live oyster in an English fish market one night not long ago, when the mollusk clamped the sharp edges of its shells together, killing him. The mouse was found in the unusual trap by the proprietor next morning.

AREA OF LAKE ATHABASCA.

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MINE OPERATORS REJECT DEMANDS

Tell Workers They Are Ready to Adjust Individual Cases of Inequality.

Philadelphia, Penn., Dec. 23.—Declining to reopen the award of the U. S. anthracite coal commission, the mine operators here today rejected the demands of the hard coal mine workers for additional wage increases, a minimum $6 a day labor rate and the establishment of a universal eight-hour day.

The operators, however, notified the miners' representatives that they stood ready to adjust any "individual cases of inequality" that may be due to the application of the commissioner's award.

Mine workers' representatives told the anthracite operators that they could not accept any compromise and stood by their original demands.

They said that the entire matter would be placed before the union's general scale committee at a special meeting in Hazleton next Tuesday, at which time a "definite policy for future action" will be outlined.

HAMILTON HOLDS CIVIC NOMINATIONS

Jutten, Halcrow and Coppley Mayoralty Contestants—Eight for Controllership.

Hamilton, Dec. 23.—Surprises were few in civic nominations tonight, and only those mentioned before for aldermanic honors and positions of school trustees were named to start on election day. The idea of holding the nominations at night was to allow the working men to attend, and Ald. F. F. Treleavan was the father of the scheme. The workers took advantage of the night meeting, and there was a good attendance at most of the places.

The nominations were:

Ward 1: Ald. F. F. Treleavan, Harold Saville, Herbert E. Wilton, Herbert Mackay, R. B. Spera, Wm. Cassady.

Ward 2: S. L. Heaton, Wm. Morrison. Ward 3: Ald. Wm. Cooper, David Garson, G. N. Sones, James McIlwraith, Stanley Slater. Ward 4: Ald. John McIntosh, Wm. H. Thompson, Ald. E. Hughes, Andrew K. Walls. Ward 5: Ald. Wm. Birrell, Ald. Roy, G. V. Urie. Ward 6: Ald. Robert Stamp, Ald. Gurry, C. Hennessy. Ward 7: Ald. David Newlands, Ald. E. A. Fearnside, J. W. Mosgrove. Ward 8: Ald. Archie Burton, Ald. Charles Brayley, A. H. Peart and Sam Lawrence.

Ward Two in Doubt.

In connection with the aldermanic race there is some doubt as to the situation in Ward 2. Ald. McQuesten has not definitely decided to permit his name to go before the electorate again.

Board of Education: Ward 1: Mr. Brandon, Mrs. Brown. Ward 2: E. F. Lazier. Ward 3: J. Orr Calaghan. Ward 4: James L. Semmens, James Smith. Ward 5: F. J. Howell, Herbert Hall. Ward 6: E. E. Linger. Ward 7: Gordon McNichol. Ward 8: Mrs. Janet Inman, Humphries Mitchell.

The nominations for mayor and controllers was held at noon at the city hall. Geo. C. Coppley, Controller T. W. Jutten and Geo. Halcrow, M.L.A., were nominated for mayor, and the following for controllers: Controllers Aitchison, O'Heir and Davis, and H. G. Fester, Ald. Tope, T. S. Morris and Hedley Snider.

HAMILTON

Hamilton, Dec. 23.—When the board of control met this afternoon a deputation from the board of education appeared and told of the efforts the department had made to be of some assistance this winter to the unemployed. All work, it was promised, would be rushed on without delay. The deputation said that an early start would be made on the alterations and additions to the West avenue school, and estimated to cost $80,000, and also the collegiate institute alterations, which will cost $20,000.

Why the Dominion and provincial governments will not bear one-third of the cost of relief work provided for unemployment, if these governments are willing to pay this amount for charity, is what is worrying officials of the city, and petitions are being prepared, which will be sent shortly, asking the government to pay this amount to a relief fund.

Ald. T. B. McQuesten of Ward 2 tonight stated that he would not seek re-election, as his duties in professional life were too great. He said he was thru with municipal politics.

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GUELPH WOMAN DIES AFTER FALL ON PAVEMENT

Guelph, Ont., Dec. 23—(Special).—Mrs. John Lamont, 52 Cork street, met with a fatal accident this afternoon, while she was on her way to the Church of Our Lady. She slipped and fell on the icy pavement, falling heavily to the ground. She was carried into the church and medical aid summoned, but the woman failed to recover consciousness, and passed away in a few minutes. She leaves to mourn her loss her husband and five small children, her mother, one brother and two sisters.

NEW YORK CRIME WANING RAPIDLY

Intensified Police Activity at Last Seems to Be Effective.

New York, Dec. 23.—New York's crime epidemic appeared to be waning rapidly today before intensified police activity, supported by drastic measures of criminal court judges.

Eighty-four men, most of whom previously had been released on low bail, were sent to jail by judges in the courts of general sessions, when the amounts of the sureties were raised so high the prisoners could not furnish them. Bail amounting to $150,000 was ordered forfeited in the cases of sixty others who failed to appear when ordered.

Bail of one prisoner, the records showed had been at liberty under a total of $5000 on two separate charges, was increased to $35,000 by Judge McIntyre, who declared if this was forthcoming he would raise the amount still higher.

Announcement was made that on Monday 500 men will be started on a course of intensive training, preparatory to joining the regular police force.

Police stations were ordered by Commissioner Enright to report to headof the state or federal drug laws. The quarters complete records of all violators records will be turned over to the narcotic division as part of a new plan to check up all drug addicts in the city.

Two men were arrested today after the detectives said they had bought $3 worth of heroin from them. Later officers reported seizure of $1000 worth of heroin in a candy store run by the two.

Few accurities crimes were reported today. Numerous arrests were made, however, and several prisoners were held on charges of carrying concealed weapons.

Albert Smith, 29, arrested early this morning, after a chase over house tops, during which the police fired many shots, was held without bail today on a charge of burglary

COMMONS ACCEPTS LORDS' AMENDMENTS

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"It is of the highest importance," the speech continued, "that Poland and her neighbors should compose their political differences and devote their undivided energies to producing internal stability and to the task of economic reconstruction."

The distribution of the mandates and other work of the assembly of the League of Nations were taken up, and the assembly was declared to have "shown its sense of the importance of including all nations in its membership by admitting two late enemies."

"It is my earnest hope," added the speech, "that the spirit of harmony and good will manifested at the assembly is an augury of the value of the league as a force making for conciliation and peace thruout the world."

The speech referred with gratification to the success of the Prince of Wales' imperial tour, and regretted that the prince was not able to inaugurate new councils in India. The promise was given that the government would make every effort to reduce expenditure.

The Irish Troubles.

Dealing with the subject of Ireland, the speech said:

"The state of affairs in Ireland grieves me profoundly. I deplore the campaign of violence and outrage, whereby a small section of my subjects seek to sever Ireland from the empire, and I sympathize with the loyal servants of the crown, who are endeavoring to restore peace and maintain order under conditions of unexampled difficulty and danger.

"It is my most earnest hope that all sections of the people of Ireland will insist upon a return to constitutional methods, which alone can put an end to the terrible events, which threaten ruin to that country, and make possible reconciliation and a lasting peace."

Then, announcing briefly the passage of the home rule bill, the speech says:

"I sincerely hope that this act, the fruit of more than thirty years of ceaseless controversy, will finally bring about unity and friendship between all the peoples of my kingdom."

The King concluded by recounting the measures passed during the course of the parliamentary session. He referred to unemployment as the darkest cloud on the horizon, springing less from internal causes than from contraction of the export trade, arising out of the poverty of other nations and their inability to secure credits. The government, he said, was giving unremitting attention to this problem.

BANDITS HOLD UP FAMILY IN HOME

Brantford Township Gathering Visited by Three Desperadoes.

Brantford, Ont., Dec. 23.—(Special)—No clue has been found to the three perpetrators of the daring holdup of Mr. Ira Baker, Brantford township, last night. While the family was assembled in the evening, two men with revolvers walked in and held the gathering up, while a third robbed the cellar of eight cases of liquor and drove away in an auto. County Constable Kerr is mystified, as no clue was left. The shipment had just been received.

The new registry office for Brant county was formally opened this afternoon, Warden Rosebrugh and members of the county council taking part in the opening ceremonies.

Put on Fifty Men.

City Engineer Adams this morning put on 50 men, not all returned soldiers, on the Bruce street sewer and the dyke construction in West Brantford. While there are more than actually out of employment, and the list may run up to 200, from interviews held with the various manufacturers, it is believed that all can be placed before the winter. One local firm stated that 25 men could be taken on after New Year's, and while this was the best assurance received, there are openings in a smaller way in other factories. The G.W.V.A. officials propose to keep the matter of unemployment in hand for the winter months, and an accurate register will be kept. Only Brantford men will be looked after.

CRIME WAVE IN TOLEDO STILL SWEEPS ONWARD

Toledo, Ohio, Dec. 23.—With every policeman and detective in the city working full time to apprehend criminals in an effort to halt the epidemic of hold-ups, house robberies and safe blowing, nearly a dozen such crimes were reported to police today.

MULE REPLACED COW, MILK THIEF GETS HIS

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 23.—A terrific racket last night in the barn of A. Johnson, a farmer near here, announced that a milk thief had met his Waterloo at the business end of a farm mule.

Johnson had planted the mule in the stall of a cow which the thief had been milking at night.

GREAT SEIZURE OF ARMS IS MADE IN COUNTY CORK

Dublin, Dec. 23.—One of the largest seizures of arms and ammunition of recent months was made by the military today in a raid near Fermoy, County Cork, where there is a big garrison of troops. Thirty-three rifles and shot guns, five revolvers, twelve bombs and 2,220 rounds of ammunition were taken, in addition to a quantity of military equipment, explosives and documents.

Franco-British Convention On Palestine and Syria Signed

Paris, Dec. 23.—Premier Leygues and Lord Hardinge, British ambassador to France, today signed the Franco-British convention regulating certain affairs of Syria and Palestine. The boundaries, administration of railways and waters and administration of the regions between the two territories are affected.

CHRISTMAS MAIL ARRIVES.

St. John, N.B., Dec. 23.—The real Christmas mail from the old country arrived this morning on the Empress of France. It consisted of nearly seven thousand bags, and was re-shipped from St. John on a special train of fourteen cars this afternoon.

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