

# The Evening Times-Star

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Fair and Cold

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The Maelstrom Now—  
All Together!

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## 66 of 85 Charges Against Ontario Hydro Officials False U.S. AGREES WITH BRITISH OFFICIALS

### ONLY ACCUSATIONS OF TRIVIAL NATURE AGAINST BECK TRUE

Report of Investigation of Former Secretary's Charges Made.

### GABY IS CRITICIZED

Engineer's Action re Sale of Machine is Termed "Reprehensible."



**Official Indicted**  
G. C. SNYDER  
Commissioner of Public Safety of Ontario. He is shown in the photograph with his wife and child. He was indicted on charges of conspiracy and malfeasance in office returned by the grand jury against him. His arrest with that of 12 policemen followed the activity of Rev. Father George Bennett in protecting his parishioners from the flood of illicit rum alleged to have poured in over the Weehawken docks.

By Canadian Press.  
TORONTO, Dec. 11.—In his report to the Ontario government on his recent investigation into the charges of E. Clarence Settell, former secretary to Sir Adam Beck, chairman of the Ontario Hydro Electric Commission, and now serving a three-year term in the Portsmouth penitentiary, Judge Colin C. Snyder, commissioner, found that 66 of the allegations were false, and that the remaining 19 of the total of 85 contained in Settell's letter to the hydro chairman are true or partly true.

**Some Are Proved.**  
With the exception of the charges relating to the stealing of furniture and that a hydro employee, Lee Statham, had been asked to use his automobile on behalf of I. B. Lucas, K. C., hydro solicitor, the commissioner declares that the charges of the former secretary to Sir Adam Beck regarding Mr. Lucas are true, or partly true.

**Beck Charges Trivial.**  
Only charges of a trivial nature against Sir Adam Beck are found to be substantiated. A hydro chauffeur, the commissioner declared, had driven Sir Adam's horse trailer about the London district, disbursement of hydro horses, and a small bill for lift patterns was still unpaid by Sir Adam to the hydro.

**Sale of Machine Shovel.**  
Chief Engineer Gaby was found to have recommended the appointment of his brother to the medical staff of the commission. The sale to the hydro of a machine shovel from a plant owned by Mr. Gaby while discharging his duties as chief engineer is found to be "reprehensible and improper."

**Legal Dept. Overstaffed.**  
Outstanding in the commissioner's findings were those dealing with the Lucas family and the Municipal Underwriters Association, in which one of I. B. Lucas' sons was a principal. Commissioner Snyder reviewed the amounts of \$3,600, \$1,800 and \$2,400 received by F. C. Evans, and G. H. and Brock Lucas from hydro sources. In one case at least, he commented, the amount seemed "very excessive" and proceeded—  
"Your commissioner is of the opinion that this charge by Settell is justified and true; and that the legal department of the Hydro Electric Power Commission is overstaffed."

### BASEBALL PLAYER COMMITS SUICIDE

Jack Wakefield Takes Life With Pistol After Quarrel With Finance.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 11.—Jack Wakefield, who was graduated from a brilliant preparatory school athletic record to the St. Louis National League baseball team, shot and killed himself here last night. He left the home of his fiancée after a quarrel and went to the home of a friend, saying as he entered the door: "Look out, I'm going to shoot," and pulling a pistol from his pocket, he fired a bullet into his head.

### TIMBER BERTH SOLD

Limit Near Minto Brings \$20 a Square Mile—New Orange Lodge.

(Special to The Times-Star)  
FREDERICTON, Dec. 11.—At the Crown Land office today a timber berth of two square miles near Minto, was sold to Frank Johnson at the upset price of \$20 a square mile.

### SCHOONER IS LOST

Is Set on Fire When Crew Abandons Her—Boatwain Drowned.

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Dec. 11.—The loss of the British schooner Eather Hankinson from Cadix, October 9, for St. John's, Nfld., was reported yesterday, when the Greek schooner Charalambos brought in six of her crew who were rescued after the distressed vessel had been drifting rudderless and sailless for six days. The Eather's skipper, Captain Collette, said that the boatwain, Peter Slade, was drowned while trying to rig a new rudder for the schooner. Captain Collette said that the schooner which was loaded with salt, ran into a terrific storm November 12 which stripped her bare. He said that he set her adrift in order to prevent her becoming a menace to navigation.

### GERMANY ARMING

Allied Mission Finds Secret Stores of Newly Made Munitions.

PARIS, Dec. 11.—Reports from the Allied military central mission in Germany received during the past few days have caused considerable worry in allied quarters. The mission, it was stated, has found numerous secret stores of newly manufactured arms and some newly perfected weapons, such as anti-tank guns.

### COLONEL AMERY TO VISIT CANADA WHEN HIS WORK PERMITS

Is Busy Now With Co-ordination of Colonial and Foreign Offices.

**SOME OVERLAPPING**  
Will Establish the Principle That Britain Should Go to Empire.

HERBERT BAILEY  
British United Press.  
LONDON, Dec. 11.—Colonel Amery, backed with the fullest support of the cabinet, is busy overhauling the whole machinery of the Colonial Office, so far as it affects the dominions, and has been asked by the Prime Minister to outline some plan by which the relationship of the home government to the part of officials in the making of the overseas dominions can be improved.

### AGAIN HEADS PAN AMERICAN LABOR

Gompers, Weak From Illness, Carried From Hotel at Mexico City.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 11.—Samuel Gompers, veteran labor leader, was re-elected president of the Pan-American Federation of Labor Organizations here today. It was decided that the next convention should be held at Washington in 1926.

### ROAD GANGS IN B. C. STRIKE BONANZA

Rush Follows Discovery of Rich Quartz During Blasting Operations.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 11.—Road gangs constructing a two-mile cut-off on the road from Stewart, B. C., and Hyder up to the Premier mine have struck a new bonanza, according to Charles Herron, Seattle newspaper publisher who has arrived here from the north. The new find is just about two miles out of Stewart.

### CONTRIBUTORS TO EMPTY STOCKING FUND SEND BLESSINGS TO LITTLE ONES

There is a satisfying joy in giving, particularly where the gift will bring at least a touch of happiness to the heart of a poor child. The Times-Star Empty Stocking Fund found its origin in the fact that there were many kiddies in the city, who did not know the happiness of a gift on Christmas Day, so the fund provides a pair of warm woolen stockings, filled with candy, fruit and nuts to each of these poor little ones.

Listen to the sentiments expressed by two contributors to the fund yesterday—  
"Just a wee bit (\$2) towards the good cause. Please accept, and with it my most fervent prayers: May all the kiddies enjoy gladness and a good cheer this Yuletide. God bless their little hearts."  
"Enclosed find \$10 for your fund and here is hoping you will be entirely successful in raising the amount that will be necessary to bring a measure of sunshine and gladness into the lives of these kiddies, who would otherwise miss out on the most joyful holiday of the year."  
Hundreds of plaintive requests have been received from boys and girls, almost every one a story of hardship and privation. The Empty Stocking Fund provides a channel for doing a very much appreciated charity. Will you not help?  
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### Victims of the Floods



Summer floods in China inundated whole towns and countryside, driving thousands of people into the highlands. Here are shown children who were lost from their families when death and destruction followed in the wake of the swirling waters.

### INVESTIGATOR OF CRUELTY CHARGES AT HALIFAX SCHOOL RECOMMENDS DISMISSAL OF THE ENTIRE STAFF

By Canadian Press.

HALIFAX, Dec. 11.—That the present staff of the Halifax Industrial School, headed by Superintendent William J. Johns, should be supplanted by an entirely new staff, that a new plant should be erected in a new location, and that a new charter of incorporation providing for the inclusion of women on the board of directors, should be sought, were in substance the recommendations contained in the report of E. H. Blois, superintendent of neglected and delinquent children, handed out today by Hon. Walter J. O'Hearn, K. C., Attorney General for Nova Scotia. The findings were the result of an investigation conducted by Mr. Blois under oath, following charges of excessive cruelty at the school.

### London Burglars Get Rich Hauls in Heavy Fog Siege

British United Press.  
LONDON, Dec. 11.—The "fog burglar" today replaced the "car burglar" as the latest menace to Londoners' property.

With southern England and London swathed in the dense "pea soup" fog for the last 24 hours, two Mayfair residences were burglarized of \$10,000 worth of plate and jewels each, the burglars breaking windows and entering under cover of the atmosphere.

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### ENGLAND IS FACING BIG RAILWAY LABOR WAGE CONTROVERSY

National Union Chief Presents Demand for \$150,000,000 Increase.

**LIKELY REFUSED**  
Railway Officials Declare That Men's Ultimatum is Outrageous.

British United Press.  
LONDON, Dec. 11.—What may be the beginning of a great railway labor war in England, of a mere prelude to a campaign of annoyance designed to plague the Conservative government, is seen in the formal demand of J. H. Thomas, chief of the National Union of Railwaymen, for wage increases totalling \$150,000,000. Thomas also made formal demands for a pension system that would retire 66-year-old railroaders, the abolition of casual labor and the drastic reduction of overtime.

### COMMONS LIKELY TO OPEN JANUARY 29

Premier Intimates Actual Work Will Not Start Before February 1.

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 11.—January 29, as the approximate date for the opening of the new Parliament, now appears to be too early an estimate. January 29 or even the first week in February appears to be more likely as the time for the opening ceremonies. The later dates are more probable in view of the fact that the cabinet has not yet commenced the estimates for 1925. Last year Parliament met on February 28 of the previous year at the end of January.

### TO PROTEST ARRESTS

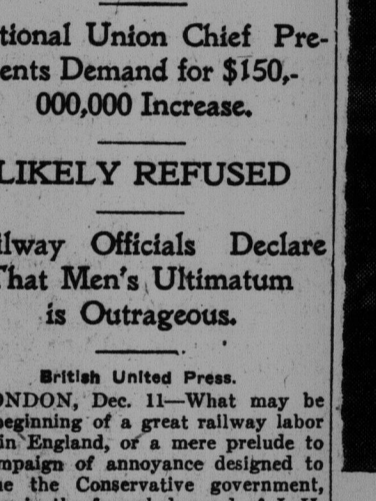
Paris Communists Announce Street Meeting But Government Prohibits It.

PARIS, Dec. 11.—The Union of Communists, whose members are employed in various public services, has announced a street meeting near the St. Lazare railroad terminal tonight to protest against the arrests and expulsions of their foreign comrades which continue to be made at the rate of two or three daily in Paris and its suburbs.

### Whiskey 68 Years Old Is Discovered

CARLETON, Dec. 8.—Workmen tearing down the burned part of the County Court House in Carleton found in the partition a bottle of pure Scotch whiskey which has evidently been there 68 years. Sheriff Wallace Secord was notified, but as the whiskey is regarded as a relic it was not tested. It was wrapped in an old, discolored newspaper printed 68 years ago and is believed to have been left there through an oversight.

### 88 Years Old Today



**SENATOR G. G. KING**  
88 YEARS OLD TODAY

Kings County Native, is One of Oldest Politicians in Dominion.

(Special to The Times-Star).  
FREDERICTON, Dec. 11.—Senator G. G. King, of Chipman, is celebrating his birthday here today, the guest of his sister, Mrs. M. E. Gohura. Senator King is a native of Bellefleur, Kings county, and is one of the oldest active politicians in the Dominion. He is the sole survivor of the Liberal minority of the Canadian House of Commons, who voted against the national policy of MacDonald in 1879. He then represented Queens county, N. B.

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Synopsis—Pressure is high near the Atlantic coast and over the Pacific states and low over northwestern Canada. The weather has been mostly fair and rather cold from Ontario eastward and mild in the western provinces.

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Maritime—Moderate northwest winds; fair and cold. Friday moderate winds; partly cloudy, stationary or higher temperature.  
Northern New England—Cloudy with slowly rising temperature tonight and Friday, probably light local snow tonight; gentle variable winds becoming moderate south and southeast.  
TORONTO, Dec. 11.—Temperatures:  
Lowest Highest during Stations 8 a.m. Yesterday night  
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St. John ... 14 20 14  
Halifax ... 22 28 20  
New York ... 28 38 26

### CHURCHILL'S STAND IS CALLED LOGICAL BY TREASURY FOLK

Chancellor Maintains England Should Get Same Treatment as U. S.

**CARRIED BURDEN**  
Press Points Out Britain Borrowed Only to Help Other Allies.

By Canadian Press.  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The United States Treasury has accepted the statement of Winston Churchill, Chancellor of the British Exchequer, yesterday on allied debts, with "obvious and logical," and has no intention of making any further comment.

This official expression was made today, after a conference between Secretary Mellon, Under-Secretary Winston, and Assistant Secretary Wadsworth, at the treasury.

London Is Pleased.  
LONDON, Dec. 11.—Winston Churchill's declaration in his first speech in the House of Commons as Chancellor of the Exchequer, that the Government considers it essential that repayments should be made to the United States, should be accompanied simultaneously by proportionate payments to this country, pleased the press and populace immensely without regard to party or color of pocketbook.

Every morning newspaper displays the account of his speech more prominently than anything else in the day's press, relegating to second place one of the worst fogs in years which has kept London dark and dismal for more than 38 hours and which this morning was still going strong.

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talk of discrimination. The Westminster Gazette says discrimination between one creditor and another would not be tolerated in private law, and if attempted in this case would ruin French credit on the London market.