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MINISTER IN DEFENCE FROM PULPIT Rev. Dr. Blond, in Toronto Methodist Church, Scores Critics of Quarterly Board.

Toronto, Jan. 5.—Rev. Dr. Salem G. Blond, who came from Winnipeg to the pastorate of Broadway Methodist Tabernacle here, last summer, and who was severely criticized by certain members of the quarterly board soon after his arrival here because of his alleged advanced labor views, made a declaration at yesterday morning's service and scored his critics on the quarterly board. He singled out Miles Vokes, a member of the board, in a spirited defence of his course while in Toronto, and while he regretted the unsatisfactory state of affairs in Broadway Tabernacle, he expressed the belief that it was God's will that the church should face the matter. So far as he himself was concerned, Dr. Blond said "my own future does not very greatly concern me."

Dr. Blond characterized as a "childish and spiteful wish to discredit him" a recent attempt to force him either to continue the singing of the national anthem or the substitution of a prayer for King George and the royal family. "I need say nothing more to the congregation that knows me in regard to the 'temptible attempt,'" he added.

"My friends," said Dr. Blond, "there is a very small group of men, a minority on the board, a far smaller minority in the congregation, who, by discounting, misrepresentation and unkindness have been seeking ever since last June to discredit and hinder a minister whom the conference appointed to this church at their request."

Further, he said, "whence comes the singular control which these men arrogate? Not from their church, but from their money power." Frequent applause punctuated Dr. Blond's statement.

CAUSE ENGLAND SOME ANXIETY London, Jan. 5.—(Mail and Empire)—Denkine's desperate plight and the red advance through a Central Asia to Bokhara are events which naturally create profound anxiety here, for on the one hand, the Reds' promised control of the Black Sea will bring them into touch with the revolutionary elements in Turkey and, on the other hand, the occupation of Bokhara opens the road through Afghanistan to India.

With the whole east in a ferment and ominous threatenings of a holy war over the proposed removal of the Sultan from Constantinople and the evident hopelessness of any united military action against the Entente, the situation in the Balkans, the situation in the Mediterranean and the exclusion of any force that might be sent to the aid of the British staff, recently inquired of Lord French what reductions of the army of occupation in Ireland could safely be made, and it is believed that no reserves from that region could be spared. In fact, owing to the almost complete arrest of recruiting to the recent assassinations and their generally disagreeable and dangerous duties, the British government is compelled to set up elaborate recruiting machinery in England to try to keep the force up to strength. This is the first time since the establishment of the force that recruiting has ever been found necessary outside of Ireland.

To safeguard the Indian frontier British troops are being sent both from Egypt and Mesopotamia, instead of being demobilized and drafted from England also are being recruited in the Balkans. There is also a movement of a big naval force from the Mediterranean into the Black Sea to hold up the Bolshevik plan to secure control of the Bosphorus and the Dardanelles.

The conditions needing these precautions will occupy a large share of the attention of the peace conference when it reassembles in Paris this week.

WAKE OF CONNAUGHT AS HUNGARY'S KING Vienna, Jan. 4.—From Budapest comes word that the Monarchical party has begun an active propaganda in favor of an English prince for the Hungarian throne. The Duke of Connaught has been especially named for the post.

THINK SPINNER WILL BE SAVED Quebec, Jan. 5.—Shipping men here express the belief that the next news from the steamer Canadian Spinner, locked in the ice off Matane, is that she has safely reached a maritime province port. The last heard here was that she had passed Fame Point at ten o'clock on Saturday morning and that the steamer Montcalm, which was at Aspy, Cape Breton, was in constant wireless communication and ready to go to her assistance if needed.

Building operations on the construction of a war memorial hall to be erected at the U. N. B. as a tribute to the graduates and undergraduates who served in the war are expected to be commenced this summer.

Many in Mexico Are Killed by Earthquake

Ten States Shaken and Two Villages Destroyed

Convulsion in Neighborhood of Mount Orizaba, a Volcano—People Buried in Wreck of Homes—Panic in Theatre—Canary Islands Suffer.

Mexico City, Jan. 5.—Ten states were shaken by an earthquake which on Saturday night destroyed at least two villages and caused many deaths in the state of Vera Cruz. The states were Mexico, Puebla, Vera Cruz, Oaxaca, Guerrero, Morelos, Jalisco, Tlaxcala, Hidalgo and Queretaro. They stretch from the Isthmus of Tehuacan in a northerly westerly direction, a distance of nearly 800 miles and from the Gulf of Mexico to the Pacific.

Reports last night indicated the centre of the convulsion was in the neighborhood of Mount Orizaba, a volcano situated about seventy miles west of Vera Cruz on the line between the states of Vera Cruz and Puebla. It was in this neighborhood that the most serious damage was done. Teocelo, a village thirty-five miles northeast of the volcano, has been virtually destroyed, and a stationer's store, a hotel, a school and a church in that neighborhood. Wires have been torn down and only fragmentary reports have reached this city, but it is said there were many casualties in both towns.

Many houses and churches in Jalapa, a city about fifty miles northwest of Vera Cruz, were damaged, while reports from Orizaba, a city ten miles southeast of the volcano, are that several business blocks and churches near the centre of Orizaba the shock was very severe, many persons being reported killed beneath their wrecked houses.

The shock came during a performance in the theatre in Orizaba and panicked people leaped from the balconies into the pit in their efforts to escape. No one was killed, but many were injured.

Fifteen shocks were experienced at Caxtleja, a city ten miles east of Orizaba, where eleven were distinctly felt. Reports received here stated that the tremor centred at Aquanbaro, a town near Teocelo, about twenty-five miles southwest of Mexico City, but more recent reports state the shocks were not there.

While telegrams last night from the state of Vera Cruz, where the earthquake was more severe, were that scores had perished. Accurate estimates of the casualties cannot be made as yet.

Canary Islands Shaken. Earthquake shocks were felt among the hills in the interior of the Canary Islands yesterday, according to dispatches from Las Palmas. Great crevices were opened in the earth, from which columns of smoke are issuing. A volcanic eruption is feared.

FREDERICTON HAD IT 21 BELOW (Special to Times.) Fredericton, N. B., Jan. 5.—The George Street Baptist parsonage on Saturday evening, Rev. Z. L. Fash united in marriage the Rev. G. A. A. Keighan and Hazel Lillian Mills of the same locality. They will make their home in Ormococt. James S. Neill will leave this evening for California to remain for three months.

The minimum official temperature recorded last night was twenty-one below zero. The condition of city treasurer George R. Perkins is reported to be improved today. Frederick Eldon Colpitts of South Devon, died here recently, the age of nineteen. He had been ill with septic poisoning, which caused inflammation of the brain. Relatives say the illness followed dental work recently done. He survived by his mother, Mrs. Ben-ty, by three brothers, and by three sisters. The brothers are: Howard, of Halifax; Cecil and Harvey, at home; and the sisters are: Greta, Eva and Dorothy, all at home.

Mayor Hanson, who has been ill with tonsillitis for some time, expects to go away for an operation. Dr. J. W. Robertson, who recently returned from overseas, trade and market conditions in the European countries, will visit New Brunswick next month to acquaint the people with the requirements of European markets.

This morning Hon. J. F. Tweeddale got in touch with public bodies in the various provincial centres and requested them to make arrangements for accommodations for Mr. Robertson's meetings. The dates announced are—Woodstock, February 9; Fredericton, February 12; St. John, February 13; Moncton, February 14. United Farmers' organizations and Boards of Trade are asked to interest themselves in this matter. The St. John Rotary Club is to act in St. John.

BONES GIVE CLUE TO DEATH IN WOODS. Montreal, Jan. 5.—A few charred bones found in the ruins of a hunting shack in the Montford district of the Laurentian Mountains are believed to be the remains of James Brooks, until recently a fireman on the Grand Trunk railway. He left on a hunting trip two weeks ago, and has never been heard from.

Killed in Landslide. Juneau, Alaska, Jan. 5.—Two additional bodies today had been recovered from the debris of a landslide which wrecked a portion of the main street of Juneau on Friday. The dead now number three. Two injured were reported in a critical condition.

As Hiram Sees It

The Times reporter placed the following letter in the hands of Mr. Hiram Hornbeam: St. John, Jan. 3, 1920. Dear Mr. Times Reporter: Sir—Will you please settle a bet. A friend of mine said there was no such man as Hiram Hornbeam. I bet him the price of a prescription that there was, and we agreed to you as referee. Now please answer as soon as you can, for we are very anxious to settle the bet. Yours respectfully, Ephraim Begwidge.

"I can see why he wants to bet," said Hiram. "There won't be so many people hunting for prescriptions, now that every fellow in town knows his own name." "But isn't it curious that anybody should doubt your existence?" said the reporter. "Well," said Hiram, "you remember the old fellow that went to the circus and after looking at the garfield for half an hour went away and said there wasn't no such animal."

"Quite true," said the reporter. "There are people who will not believe even the evidence of their own senses. And I recall that there is still some doubt whether there is such a person as Santa Claus. I have even heard citizens scoff at the assertion that the spirits of men condemned to death had the old court house hovering around, trying to assist a politician's campaign through whom they might protest against the destruction of that venerable pile."

"There's people, too," said Hiram, "that don't believe in ghosts." "But why," said the reporter, "should any sane person doubt the existence of Hiram Hornbeam? Your picture is in the paper—how could there be a picture of a man that didn't exist?" "An' how could you talk to a man that didn't exist?" said Hiram. "Bring that fellow round here—an' if I can't convince him in two minutes that Hiram's on the job then Hanner must be a widder."

"And I," said the reporter, "must be the subject of strange dreams and hallucinations." "You ain't," said Hiram. "Least what you ain't, is a reporter. I never seen one yet that wasn't a little off—but you can't hump that—no, sir."

SINN FEIN FORM COMMITTEE TO MAKE ORDER London, Jan. 5.—The Sinn Fein in some districts of eastern Ireland have formed vigilance committees to command order and suppress violence, according to the Daily Mail's Dublin correspondent, and are policing certain areas with energy and success.

Joseph B. Stentford Dead Many friends in the city will regret to hear of the death of Joseph B. Stentford, which occurred this morning at his residence, 98 Paradise Row, after an illness of about a year and a half. He is survived by his wife, one son, John, of this city, and five daughters, Mrs. Fred McGraw and Mrs. Edward Vay, both of New York; Miss Marion, in training at the Worcester City Hospital, Worcester, Mass.; and Misses Agnes and Jennie, at home. The funeral will be held on Wednesday morning from his late residence to Holy Trinity church for interment.

Phelix and Ferdinand WEATHER REPORT Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. St. Pierre, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—The weather has been fair and decidedly cold from Ontario to the maritime provinces, while in the western provinces it has been comparatively mild. A moderate disturbance is centered this morning to the northward of Bermuda. Cold. Maritime—Northeast and north winds, moderate gales off the coast; cold on Tuesday. Lower St. Lawrence—Fair and decidedly cold today, moderating on Tuesday. New England—Fair tonight, slightly warmer except on Nantucket. Tuesday, fair and warmer; moderate shifting winds, becoming south.

Toronto, Jan. 5.—Temperatures: Lowest Stations. 8 a.m. Yesterday. Night. Prince Rupert . . . 26 40 24 St. John's . . . 26 40 24 Edmonton . . . 18 24 10 Prince Albert . . . 22 40 16 Winnipeg . . . 22 40 16 White River . . . 22 40 16 Toronto . . . 6 5 4 Kingston . . . 10 4 14 Ottawa . . . 10 4 14 Montreal . . . 10 4 14 Quebec . . . 12 2 12 St. John . . . 10 4 14 Halifax . . . 6 4 4 St. John's, Nfld. . . 16 28 14 Detroit . . . 4 16 2 New York . . . 4 22 4 *Below zero.

Reduce The Demand Made Upon Germans

COOLIDGE FOR PRESIDENCY Indemnity for the Scapa Flow Sinkings

No Chance of Settling Treaty Matter Tomorrow—Paris Sees United States Removing Herself from Allies in Matter. (Special to Times.) Boston, Mass., Jan. 5.—There is no question now about the candidacy of Governor Coolidge for the Republican nomination for president. He has played a waiting game, evidently desiring to see if the winds were favorable while the leaders of the party in this state sounded his practical candidates for delegateships to the national convention have fallen over each other in the effort to say they are for him.

LOCAL NEWS TRAIN LATE. The Maritime train was an hour and a half late in reaching the city today. The Boston & Maine reported three hours late, which would mean 4 o'clock before its arrival.

ABLE TO BE HOME. John Halpin, who has been in the St. John Infirmary for some time, as a result of a shooting accident, was suddenly recovered to normal health and left his home in Gilbert's lane a few days ago.

MEETING POSTPONED. The weekly meeting of the common council has been postponed from Tuesday afternoon to Wednesday morning at 11.30 o'clock. The change was made on account of the Canadian Patriotic Fund, of which Mayor Hayes is a member, is to meet on Tuesday afternoon.

BACK TO COLLEGE. Students of the colleges returned today to resume their studies. Those attending McGill University and St. Francis Xavier left on Saturday while those of the University of New Brunswick returned today. Most of the Acadia students returned on Saturday.

READY TO RACE. Jerry Tracey, a local speed skater, who during the last few years won several maritime championship events, is to leave for Iowa, near Sydney, C. B., tonight. He is taking his regalia along with him and will probably be matched to skate some of the residents of this city, who wish him success.

INQUIRY POSTPONED. H. C. Groat, general superintendent of the C. P. R. for the New Brunswick district, returned at noon today from Brownville, Me., where he was conducting an inquiry into the wreck at Onawa. He said the inquiry had been postponed, after the evidence of several employees had been examined, and that he would, when another session will be held at Augusta, Me.

BURIED TODAY. The funeral of Charles W. Mayall took place this afternoon from the residence of Mrs. H. Sudsaber, 60 St. Patrick street. Services were conducted by Rev. F. M. Kim and interment took place in Cedar Hill.

MORE EVIDENCE. A case against George White, charged with theft and also with assaulting Charles McKinnon in his bed in the Hamilton hotel, was resumed in the police court today, and Detective Biddiscombe told of making the arrest and finding several articles, including a flash light, in his possession. The case was postponed until tomorrow.

THE ROTARY CLUB. Stirring new year messages were given to the Rotary Club today by Canon Armstrong and R. E. Armstrong, who had large attendance crowding the long tables. Dr. Spangler began the musical exercises with Organist Christian Soler, in which all joined with great heartiness. Rotary songs were sung at intervals. E. A. Schofield directed attention to the work of the Y. W. C. A., and suggested that the club might be of some assistance. The matter was referred to the incoming executive. There was some good humored chaff about the Rotary volley team. The nomination committee submitted its report through H. S. Culver, chairman. The next meeting is the annual meeting and President Paterson appealed for one hundred per cent attendance.

Bubonic plague is reported epidemic in the Ukraine.

THIS BATCH OF "REDS" NOT SO EASY ABOUT IT

Air of Gloom Replaces Singing of First Lot Taken to Deer Island.

(Special to Times.) Boston, Jan. 5.—Of the 1,000 Reds taken in the dragnet the last three days throughout New England, more than 400 remain in the pen at Deer Island to await grilling by department of justice officials. There were 192 radicals sent down the harbor yesterday, having been seized in Worcester and Massachusetts towns beyond, and in New Hampshire. The drive is practically concluded for the present.

Today the preliminary examination of the suspected men and women was begun by Immigration Commissioner Skeffington and his assistants, but it will not be well under way before Wednesday. The immigration officers await with important documents from Washington before conducting the more prominent phases of the examinations.

Handcuffed in Paris. Sullen, silent and fearful, the suspected "Reds" that arrived here yesterday handcuffed in pairs, displayed a demeanor that was in direct contrast to that of the first aggregation brought to this city on Saturday and taken to the concentration point on the harbor island.

On Saturday the group cheered and joked as they passed along the avenue from the railway station to the prison. They made the water front ring with the defiant chorus of the favorite song of the radicals, the Internationale, as the craft ploughed its way down the harbor. But yesterday it was different. There were no cheers, no jokes, no songs as they trudged in handcuffed pairs from the railroad terminals, shivering in the icy blasts that swept the Atlantic coast to Eastern wharf. There was no exhibition of the bravado that was shown by the prisoners Deer Island-bound aboard the Monitor on Saturday, when the captain led in the choruses of defiance and hate. Yesterday it seemed that then, for the first time, came reality.

A "Red" concentration camp near here has been urged by local officials because of the overcrowded conditions at Ellis Island. (Canadian Press.)

New York, Jan. 5.—Continuation of the raids on communists here was expected during the day, according to William J. Flynn, chief of the bureau of information of the department of justice. About 600 warrants issued for alleged radicals have not been served. At least fifty-eight local branches of the communist and communist-labor parties which have not been raided are said to be in existence in Greater New York.

CONDENSED NEWS Owing to the mailpox in Ontario, General Brewster Booth, head of the Salvation Army, will not visit Toronto in February, as he had intended. It is probable that the proposed Station Army congress will be held next July, after General Booth has made a trip to the Canadian west.

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MONTREAL WATER DELIVERED IN BARRELS. Montreal, Jan. 5.—Owing to the collapse of the biggest pumping unit in the Montreal water works plant, where the employees are on strike for higher wages, the principal residential section of the city will be without water today. The city has now completed a system of delivering water by barrels in outlying parts which cannot be served owing to its inability to man all the pumps.

DEMPSEY BUSY AT WORK IN THE MOVIES. Los Angeles, Jan. 5.—Jack Dempsey was busy with motion picture work today and referred to his manager, Jack Kearns, all inquiries about his prospecting match with Georges Carpentier. Kearns said he thought this would draw \$750,000. Dempsey has been in light training for several weeks.