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SPAIN RETURNS TO CIVIL GOVERNMENT

DE RIVERA IS MADE PREMIER; KING AGREES

**Military Directorate Steps Down After Two Years
DRAMATIC TURN**

Change, While Expected, Came Yesterday With Startling Suddenness

Madrid, Dec. 3 — King Alfonso has agreed to the abolition of the military directorate, and its succession by a civil cabinet under Captain General Primo de Rivera. The members of the new ministry arrived at the Royal Palace at 11 o'clock this morning and took the oath of office before the King.

Civilian government was abolished when the Alhucemas military was overthrown by a military coup in September 1923. The return to civilian rule while expected, came with dramatic suddenness. Rumors of all kinds became current with the return of King Alfonso from Morocco on Monday of the present. Immediately upon the announcement of the new government the cabinet list was given out as follows:

THE NEW CABINET
Premier — General Primo de Rivera.
Vice-Premier and Minister of the Interior — General Martinez Aledo.
Foreign Minister — Professor Yanguas.
Finance — Senior Calvo Sotelo.
Justice — Senior Calvo Sotelo.
War — Duke of Albuquerque.
Marine — Admiral Cornejo.
Education — Prof. Calleja.
Agriculture — Marquis Guadaluera.
Labor — Eduardo Anones.

IRISH BOUNDARY MATTER IS SETTLED

Agreement Reached Between British and North and South Irish Envoys

LONDON, Dec. 3 — An agreement has been reached on the Irish boundary question. The details will be announced tonight.

FURNITURE IN CITY HALL ORDERED HELD

Writ is Brought Against Montreal Property on Claim For \$3,000

MONTREAL, Dec. 3 — A writ of seizure was issued from the Superior Court this morning and placed in the hands of a bailiff, ordering him to seize all the furniture in the Montreal city hall. The writ of seizure was issued by the prothonotary at the request of Dr. E. Lecavalier, and calls for the payment of \$3,000 and costs. The money belongs to His Majesty the King, to whom, presumably, Dr. Lecavalier will remit the proceeds when collected.

DR WADE RESIGNS

Dr. O. E. Morehouse Said to be Successor as Medical Health Officer

Bank of England Lifts Discount Rate One Per Cent To Five Today

BRIAND SCORES VICTORY ON FINANCE ISSUE

Short Skirt Is Cause of New Epidemic

LONDON, Dec. 3 — London is having an epidemic of short-skirt influenza, a chill often followed by rheumatic pains in the knee and hip joints, the sufferers being women who wear the fashionable scanty skirts in spite of the inclemencies of the London winter. Physicians say this year's styles expose women to illness more than ever, since the skirts are short and flowing, not affording the warmth of the short tight skirt of a year ago. Wearing warm knickers with the modish skirts is being advised by doctors.

PREFER HALIFAX TO PORTLAND FOR COALING OF SHIPS

White Star Liners to Give Business to Canadian Port This Winter

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 3 — The firm of A. G. Jones & Company, local agents for the White Star Steamship Line, announced this morning that during the coming winter all White Star liners calling at the port of Halifax will coal here for the return trans-Atlantic voyage.

COMMONS HOLDS AN ALL NIGHT SESSION

Sits Until 7.15 This Morning—Industry Protection Debated in Camera

LONDON, Dec. 3 — The House of Commons sat until 7.15 o'clock this morning after the last three hours of which were held in secret, a precaution not taken before since the critical days of the great war.

THREE WEEKS LEFT IN WHICH TO MAKE SOME POOR KIDDIE HAPPY

Empty Stocking Fund Mounts Slowly, But Much More is Needed—City Cornet Band Fair Tonight Gives Chance to Contribute.

The Times-Star Empty Stocking Fund was increased to \$161.75 by the contributions that came in since noon on Wednesday. There is a long way to go yet, and but three weeks left before Christmas eve, when it is hoped to be able to send a well filled stocking to every child of the poor in the city. That can be done if the fund grows in proportion to the worthiness of the object and the extent of the field.

BAND FAIR TONIGHT.
This is the night of the City Cornet Band's fair in St. Malachi's Hall conducted by the band in their desire to help along so good a cause. The full proceeds will be for the fund, and it would be a nice thing to announce to-morrow that several hundreds of dollars had been added by this means. The band's kindly act deserves that recognition.

HOW FUND STANDS.
The standing of the fund at noon today was:
Previously acknowledged, \$146.75
Dominion L. O. L., 10.00
Friend, 2.00
Total, \$161.75

GETS MAJORITY OF 28 ON FIRST VOTE IN HOUSE

New Bank Advance and Paper Money Issue Approved

PARIS, Dec. 3 — Premier Briand's new cabinet has won its first victory. After an all night and all forenoon fight in the Chamber of Deputies for its financial measures, the Premier succeeded in forcing the adoption of new advances from the Bank of France to the Government of 6,000,000,000 francs and a new paper money issue of 7,500,000,000.

The final vote on the bill as a whole was carried 237 to 229, a majority of 28. It was the fifth vote of confidence during the lengthy session.

CONFIDENCE ISSUE.
M. Briand made it plain during the debate that the government was staking its existence on the measure in its entirety, and that if the financial program as outlined by Finance Minister Loucheur was rejected, the ministry would step down immediately.

The inflation voted today is the fourth measure of the kind in a year to be passed by the chamber. Before the final vote this morning the principal opposition groups abstained from voting, and he was upheld, 298 to 113.

The temper of the house was uncertain, the deputies seemingly being torn between realization of the gravity of the situation and fear of the effect the heavy increase in taxes would have on their constituents.

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PROPERTY DESTROYED.
The fire destroyed the seven story Grand Hotel, the Shugart Block, four-story Smith building, four-story Continental Furniture Company building, the general office building of the Childrens Gas and Electric Company, the New York plumbing shop and the consolidated offices of the Chicago, Great Western, Milwaukee, Rock Island, Illinois Central and Wabash railroads.

DETECTIVE IS SUICIDE.
SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 3.—While Chief of Police Wesley Turner was waiting for him in another room of his apartment here, Chester A. Edwards, a member of the Spokane police force for 30 years, and known over the country as a detective, shot and killed himself.

Queen Lies In State



Humble villagers of Sandringham filed past the mortal remains of Queen Alexandra of England as they rested in state in the Sandringham church awaiting removal to London later. Above is shown the royal coffin, its elegant simplicity in marked contrast to the magnificence of the interior of the house of worship.

Self-Confessed Murderer, Coroner and Jury Start On Long Trip Into B. C. Wilds

WILLIAMS LAKE, B. C., Dec. 3 — Coroner Hubert Campbell of Williams Lake, accompanied by Dr. Charles of Alexis Creek, two provincial police officers, a jury comprising eight men from this district, and a Fred Cyr, who is alleged to have confessed to the principal police that he killed Alex Ducharme, old-time trapper, as a result of a quarrel over a trap line at Chilko Lake, in the Chilcotin country, on November 5, left Hecouville Tuesday for the scene of the place where the body of the dead trapper will be exhumed and an inquest held.

\$1,000,000 DAMAGE IN COUNCIL BLUFFS.
Man Hurt in Boiler Explosion—Eight Guests Escape as Hotel Burns

C.N.R. Radio Aids In Recovery of Auto

NO OPPOSITION

Warsaw Honors Memory Of Late Woodrow Wilson

CANADA TRADE WITH BRITAIN AND U.S. MORE

\$65,000,000 Increase in Exports to Old Country
IMPORTS ALSO UP

OTTAWA, Dec. 3.—Substantial increases in the export trade of Canada with Great Britain and with the United States during the last 12 months are shown in trade summaries issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

Imports from Great Britain also increased in value from \$149,000,000 in the year ended October, 1924, to \$189,000,000 in the year ended last October. The export trade improved in all the general classifications, but notably in agricultural and animal products.

U. S. COMMERCE.
With the United States the increase in exports was not so marked. In the 12 months ended last October the value of trade was \$467,000,000, as compared with \$418,000,000 in the preceding year. Imports from the United States increased from \$934,000,000 to \$963,000,000. The chief increase in the export trade were animal products, wood and paper and non-ferrous metals.

BRITAIN MAY SET TAX ON BETTING

Would Help to Ease Country's Financial Burden, Officials Say

LONDON, Dec. 3.—A tax on betting, which heretofore has not been received with official favor, may yet be resorted to by the British government to ease the country's financial burden.

TOKIO FIRM SEEKS CANADIAN GRAIN

\$67,000,000 Firms May Establish Branch Offices in Vancouver

Bulgaria and Britain Complete Trade Pact

Motion Picture Concerns Battle Over Locarno Films

Ottawa Likely Headquarters of New Board

OTTAWA, Dec. 3.—The consensus of opinion of delegates of various Boards of Trade, who yesterday afternoon waited on the Dominion Government, is that Ottawa will be the head office for the Dominion Board of Trade, when it is organized.

It had been hoped that the delegates yesterday afternoon would take the initial step in the organization of the Dominion body. Owing to the time taken up by the conferences with the Government and the fact that the eastern delegates had to leave on an early evening train, organization work was postponed.

World News In Short Metre

MONTREAL — Joe Lamb of Sussex, N. B., now in Montreal, turned out with the Royal Bank hockey squad in practice last night.

NEW YORK — The New York archdiocesan council of Roman Catholic women in general conference passed resolutions denouncing birth control, immodest dress and salacious literature.

PHILADELPHIA — John Berger, Jr., walked into a police station last night and claimed protection from his two wives, announcing he had discovered that they had discovered each other, and insisted that a man needed "the support he could get."

NEW YORK — Declaring that the price of books is "beyond the reach of those who love them," and that he was "fed up with modern purveyors of books," Winston Churchill, famous author, indicated that he may retire permanently from the field of writing.

BEIRUT, Dec. 3.—Henry De Jouvenel, France's new high commissioner in Syria, landed here yesterday and flanked by an escort of Arabian cavalry, motored to French headquarters through streets decorated with flags and crowded with curious natives. He was greeted by Syrian civic and religious leaders and said he expected co-operation in his efforts to bring about lasting peace.

ST. STEPHEN MAN IS FINED IN HIDE CASE

Convicted at Fredericton of Not Keeping Records of Transactions

MOVE MADE TO STOP FLOW OF GOLD FROM LAND

New York Competition Seen As Underlying Cause

LONDON, Dec. 3 — The Bank of England today raised its official minimum rate to 5 per cent, an increase of one per cent. The increase was found necessary in order to check the outflow of gold, which has amounted to £19,000,000 since the bank rate was reduced in October, and over £10,000,000 on balance since the country returned to the gold standard.

It is understood there were prospects of further withdrawals of gold, and as the New York Exchange is hovering near the gold point a protective measure was thought necessary, as the bank's proportion of reserve to liabilities was not to further lower.

RESOURCES PLENTIFUL.
The money market's resources are plentiful, owing to divided disbursements, but the recent outflow of gold forced discounts to the bank rate level, and banished hope that while the New York discount rate remained unchanged, there would be no alteration here.

TRADE HAMPERED.
At the same time, trade, which has just begun to brighten, will be hampered, but the market values and the necessity for retention of the higher rate, will disappear early in the New Year. The effect of the increase will be to discontinue yesterday on the stock exchange, where gilt edged securities were still pending today's decision, but a great deal of work will be entailed in the various banks, altering interest and deposit rates, while discounts will undergo a similar readjustment.

PLAN NEW EFFORT TO END COAL STRIKE

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 3.—While interested parties were speculating on Governor Fincho's next move toward settling the anthracite strike, Chambers of Commerce in the hard coal belt today were preparing a new proposal for submission to the deadlocked parties.

Pennsylvania Chambers of Commerce Consider Scheme—Hope For Approval

The Weather

TORONTO, Dec. 3.—The storm near the coast of the Middle Atlantic States has moved but little since yesterday, while a fairly deep depression has moved from the west to the Missouri Valley. The weather is fair and comparatively mild throughout the Dominion.

Gales With Rain.	
FORECASTS:	
MARTIME—Moderate winds; fair today. Friday easterly winds, increasing to gales, with rain.	
NEW ENGLAND—Rain tonight. Friday—Mostly cloudy; probably rain on the east coast; not much change in temperature; northeast and north gales, diminishing late tonight or Friday.	
Temperatures.	
	Lowest
	Highest during
	8 a.m. yesterday, night
Victoria	44 42
Calgary	24 38
Edmonton	18 34
Winnipeg	32 44
Toronto	35 38
Montreal	28 34
Saint John	38 32
Halifax	24 38
New York	40 46