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U. F. O. WILL RETAIN ITS POLITICAL IDENTITY Hired Man Given Year in Prison For Stealing Horse

FARMERS' PARTY TO REMAIN

W. A. Amos, U.F.O. President, Declares Organization Must Stay in Politics.

MORRISON SPEAKS

Secretary Advises Party To Retain Control of the Farmer's Sun.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Dec. 17.—The United Farmers of Ontario must stay in politics as a group was the contention of W. A. Amos, president of the United Farmers of Ontario, in his address to the convention of the party, stating: "As your president, I might be permitted to point out that the Farmers' Party is not a party of the executive but a party of the people. The recent action of some of its members in their attitude at the convention which launched the Progressive party, I said that people were all at sea with regard to what was the proper function of the U. F. O. in the political realm."

Approves Enforcement.
The convention passed a report from the legislative committee expressing pleasure at the attitude adopted by the Ferguson government in the enforcement of the Ontario temperance act since the plebiscite. The report added that the "national disgrace" of having our customs discredited by the fact that liquor is being used to carry liquor to a country which has no liquor laws, and that Canada must keep its doorsteps clean of such trade.

Morrison's Report.
J. J. Morrison, provincial secretary of the U. F. O., will speak this afternoon. He will advise the U. F. O. to maintain control of the Farmers' Sun, the weekly newspaper. "Although some progress has been made in a clearer and more definite direction of purposes yet not clear, strong pronouncement of policy by the membership has been delivered," says Mr. Morrison. "The U. F. O. must be given no real progress will be made and the organization will continue to flourish."

GRAIN AT GODERIC.
With approximately four million bushels of grain lying in storage in Goderich a heavy movement to the north is due in a short time. Twenty grain boats are tied up at the port. There are 2,917,000 bushels in the holds. Added to this, two elevators have 1,940,817 bushels in storage. Shippers look forward to considerable shipping during the winter months.

The Weather

FORECASTS.
Today—North and northwest winds, mostly fair and much colder tonight.
Thursday—Local snowfalls or flurries.
The temperature has risen somewhat to the east of the Great Lakes while over the northwest states and western Canada the pressure continues high and the weather very cold.
Temperatures.
The highest and lowest temperatures previous to 8 a.m. today were:
Stations. High Low Weather
Winnipeg 12 -20 Fair
Port Arthur 0 -10 Cloudy
Port Huron 24 18 Cloudy
Toronto 24 38 Rain
Kingston 22 16 Snow
Ottawa 10 10 Cloudy
Montreal 12 15 Cloudy
Quebec 10 8 Snow
Father Point 18 16 Foggy
St. John 21 15 Cloudy
Halifax 21 15 Cloudy
(—) Below zero.
LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were:
Highest, 36; lowest, 21.
The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:
Highest, 36; lowest, 21.
Barometric Readings.
Tuesday—5 p.m., 29.19.
Today—8 a.m., 29.22.



PRINCIPALS IN ELOPEMENT CASE.

Above are shown Mrs. Ernest Ferguson and Frank Jamieson, the hired man, who left the farm of the former's husband on Nov. 22. In police court today, Jamieson was sentenced to one year in the Ontario reformatory for the theft of a horse and buggy.

ELOPING HIRED MAN SENT TO PRISON FOR ONE YEAR

Cold Weather For Tomorrow

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Dec. 17.—While the prairie provinces are shivering with temperatures running all the way to 50 below zero, eastern Canada, particularly southern Ontario, is experiencing almost springlike weather, with the cold wave of last week-end still lingering. Following the cold wave of last week-end the temperature rose rapidly yesterday. Householders are urged to look to their furnaces tonight, however, meteorological reports indicating that much colder weather with snow is expected tomorrow.

KREISLER GETS THREAT OF DEATH

Famous Violinist Receives Note at Commencement of Recital.

Associated Press Despatch.
Paris, Dec. 17.—Just as he was about to step on the platform to begin a recital, Fritz Kreisler, the Austrian virtuoso, received a letter threatening him with death, according to a special despatch from Vienna.
The letter purported to come from three discharged officials with starving families, and said there would be an "accidental" shooting unless \$750 was forthcoming.

JUDGMENT IS UPHELD IN DEMURRER CASE

Washington Officials Expected To Appeal Decision in Post Indictment.

Associated Press Despatch.
Baltimore, Md., Dec. 17.—Upholding the demurrer of the Baltimore Post to an indictment for publishing income tax returns, Federal Judge Morris A. Soper yesterday held that congress, by the act of 1921, had determined to abandon the policy of secreting the amount of taxes paid from the general public. "One perceives," he declared, "that it is counter to the very spirit of the law to punish those who, by added publicity, materially assist to accomplish the very object which congress had in view."

LOWER MANHATTAN FIRE CAUSES \$400,000 LOSS

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, Dec. 17.—Damage estimated at \$400,000 was caused early today when fire swept through the cigar box factory of Schwartzkopf and Ruckert in lower Manhattan. A coal pocket nearby was threatened for a time. Two hundred horses owned by a coal company were led to safety.

PRICELESS TREASURES RECOVERED

Robbers Tell Scotland Yard Where Works of Art Can Be Found.

STORY OF PLOT

American Millionaire Said To Have Engaged Gang To Raid Home.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Dec. 17.—Inability of thieves to dispose of the art treasures taken from Bath House, the London mansion of Lady Ludlow, last June, has resulted in their recovery. The articles now are intact at Scotland Yard, to which they were mysteriously surrendered.
Lady Ludlow's lawyer states that the value of the stolen goods was actually not worth more than \$150,000, a figure which the previously mentioned figure of \$500,000. Lack of a market has also brought about the recovery of loot from other big robberies. Among the variety of articles displayed at Scotland Yard is an ingot of gold weighing three pounds and apparently formed of melted jewelry.

MILLIONAIRE'S PLOT.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Dec. 17.—Following the recovery of the valuable art treasures and jewels which were taken from the London mansion of Lady Ludlow last June, the Evening News publishes an unusual story today, asserting that the robbery was planned by an unnamed millionaire, a resident of a middle-western city in the United States.

Being unable to acquire the coveted objects legitimately, the millionaire was said to have employed a gang of expert cracksmen in the United States to go to London and loot the Ludlow home. Knowing the exact location of the collection from a description which had been given them by the millionaire, the cracksmen were enabled to perpetrate the robbery with a minimum of effort and danger.
After obtaining the art treasures, the robbers escaped in an automobile to Dover, it is related, proceeded in a private yacht to a French port and then, before they embarked for New York, June 19, the story continues, they found that their millionaire patron had died. Unable to dispose of the loot, the robbers anonymously informed Scotland Yard where the art treasures could be found. The collection is now intact at London police headquarters.

HARD LIQUOR MAY BE SOLD IN RURAL BEER STORES

Canadian Press Despatch.
Regina, Sask., Dec. 17.—Provision for the sale of hard liquor in some of the rural beer stores is practically certain following the discussion in the Saskatchewan legislature yesterday when additional support was forthcoming for the sale of hard liquor in city stores only be left over, so that the government could "consider its position in regard to the matter."

SMALL NATIONS OBJECT TO DEBT ASSIGNMENTS

Associated Press Despatch.
Geneva, Dec. 17.—The British government today notified the secretariat of the League of Nations that Iraq, Palestine and Transjordan, for which it has mandates, objects to the assignment of the Ottoman public debt assigned to them under article 47 of the Lausanne treaty, by which peace was concluded between the allies and Turkey.
The British communication said the objections would be presented to the council.

GRAND DUCHESS PREDICTS END OF SOVIET REGIME

Canadian Press Despatch.
New York, Dec. 17.—Grand Duchess Victoria Feodorovna, wife of the Grand Duke Cyril, self-styled empress of Russia, called on the French yesterday for Europe, after a brief visit in this country.
She refrained from discussing the aspirations of her husband, but just before the France left the dock she revealed her optimistic faith in the imperialistic cause in the remark: "All Russian factions will be united against the Soviet when the time comes."

ORPEN WRIT SET ASIDE BY JUDGE

Action Against Attorney-General Is Dismissed by Riddell.

TAX IN QUESTION

Judgment Declares Race Track Owner Justified in Testing Validity of Legislation.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Dec. 17.—Mr. Justice Riddell today set aside the writ and statement of claim filed by Abram Orpen, owner of the Long Branch racing track, against the attorney-general of Ontario as a result of Mr. Orpen's refusal of a flat permitting suit against the government for recovery of more than a million dollars collected by the government from proceeds of race track betting.
The plaintiff paid court costs. In his judgment his lordship says: "To suit its objects, it is the duty of the government to raise revenue by the constitutional duty—and in that regard the sole constitutional duty—of the attorney-general to advise the lieutenant-governor as his conscience directs, and the court has no jurisdiction in this matter of conscience. On principle and leaving to one side all archaic notions concerning the royal prerogative and the divinity which was supposed to surround royal servants, it seems to me plain that in our system of responsible government the duty of the attorney-general is to exercise his best judgment in the exercise of that duty they are not subject in any wise to the supervision or interference of the court or any other person except that of the representatives of the people in the legislative assembly. I have held that a minister cannot be compelled to disclose in the court the grounds of his official actions."

Suspects Caught By Bloodhounds

Two Will Face Charge of Murder at Charleston, W. Va.

Charleston, W. Va., Dec. 17.—Two men were arrested by county officials last night in connection with the killing of W. S. Fraker, a miner, and the wounding of four others while they were on the way to work yesterday in the "Cabin Creek Consolidated Coal mine at Kayford."

MIGHTY ANTI-HERRIOT DRIVE CHAMPIONED BY MILLERAND

Former French President Deplores Conditions Under New Premier.

FRANC DROPS

Republicans May Form Center Block to Gain Control of Parliament.

Associated Press Despatch.
Paris, Dec. 17.—Ex-president Millerand has opened his campaign against the Herriot government in earnest. At a banquet of 1,200 covers, attended by members of the National Republican League last evening, the fighting speech, which was cheered to the echo, in which he outlined his plan and invited all Republicans to join him in forming a center bloc with the object of controlling the French parliament.

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Wife Drinks Poison As Husband At Piano Composes Love Song

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, Dec. 17.—While her husband was at his piano composing a love song which he hoped would help him to patch up a small quarrel with her, and while her four-year-old daughter was asleep in her crib, Mrs. Herbert Stothart drank a mysterious and fatal poison at her home in Pomander walk yesterday. According to Stothart, his wife came and knelt beside him at the piano, leaning her head against his knee as he played. He noticed she was very pale and her eyes were glassy. Half an hour afterwards, when he had summoned a doctor, she died in his arms.
Stothart collapsed, and his brother-in-law, Eduardo Cianelli, who has the leading role in a Broadway production for which Stothart composed the music, spoke to the investigators for him. Cianelli thought that the death of his sister was accidental.

HEIRESS AND CHUM TO SPEND NEW YEAR IN NORTHERN WILDS

Florence McIntosh and Agnes Bacon To Face Rigors of Arctic Weather.

TIRED OF SOCIETY

Young Women Have No Fear For Dangers They May Encounter.

Special to The Advertiser.

Auburn, N.Y., Dec. 17.—The call of the wild has come to Miss Florence H. McIntosh, pretty Auburn millionaire's daughter, and her chum, Agnes W. Bacon, of New Haven, Conn., who are going to spend the new year in the northern wilderness of Manitoba, where the biting cold now reaches 30 below zero.
Today she engaged the fastest long distance set of dogs in the world to take her into the heart of the wilderness "for adventure." Tired of the round of social gaiety of Florida resorts, where she generally spends her winters, Miss McIntosh, with a college chum, Miss Agnes W. Bacon, of New Haven, Conn., has arranged for a dash by dog team to the northern wilderness alone except for French-Canadian guides.
The start of the plunge into the wilderness will be on Dec. 30. The two girls will start from the northernmost part of the Canadian province, near Hudson Bay. Miss McIntosh's team of dogs last winter won the annual 200-mile non-stop dog derby at The Pas sports carnival.
An expert horsewoman and yacht enthusiast in the Finger Lakes region of central New York, the heiress declares she has no fears for the adventure in the northland. "The outdoors I always loved, and it's the best possible way to wind up the old year and welcome the new," she said.

COUNCILS MAY START SOONER

Resolution Indorsed To Take Over Work in December of Year.

Will London's future councils hold their inauguration meetings Christmas week?

If a resolution which has been indorsed by the 1924 council and which is being included in the city of London private bill goes through the legislature, it will become legal to hold the inaugural meeting of a new city council on the third Monday in December.

STRESEMANN ASKED TO FORM MINISTRY

Associated Press Despatch.
Berlin, Dec. 17.—President Ebert today asked Dr. Gustav Stresemann, foreign minister in the Marx cabinet and leader of the German People's party, to form a cabinet in succession to the Marx ministry, which resigned this week as the result of the recent Reichstag elections.

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ALDERMEN WILL PROBE INCREASE

Mayor Calls on City Treasurer and Receives Additional \$1,200.

SHAW WILL ACT

Calls For Chance To Explain Reason For the Change.

According to a statement given out by several of the 1924 aldermen of this afternoon, a special meeting of the city council will be held this week to probe the matter of the switched vote on Mayor Wenig's salary. Irregularities are charged in the switching of the negative vote to one which permitted the mayor an increase.

Mayor Wenig at noon today called at the city treasurer's office and collected \$1,200 and made out a voucher in receipt of the city's check. This is the increase of stipend on which a vote was taken at Monday evening's council meeting. At the meeting a 7 to 5 negative vote was recorded, with the mayor not voting. Yesterday morning Ald. Shaw reported that he had not been properly recorded and Mayor Wenig said he should have been recorded as voting "Yes." That put a new angle on the matter, and made it appear as if the increase would be in order if a mistake in recording the vote had been made.

"A majority of the aldermen have called me asking for a meeting to investigate this switched vote," Ald. L. H. Douglass, chairman of No. 5 committee, declared this afternoon. "It is not that they do not believe the job worth \$2,000, but the method of securing the increase is quite apparently illegal. Ald. Shaw wants a chance to vindicate himself. The aldermen, too, as he has been misconstrued on the matter."

"The whole thing is quite plainly illegal," Ald. Douglass said. "The aldermen today. 'There was no doubt but that a negative vote was given on Monday night.' The switching of votes is impossible to understand."

It is likely that the council will meet this afternoon to probe the matter, having been moved for by a majority of the 1924 council.

CLEAN HEALTH BILL REPORTED FOR CITY

Diphtheria Ward at Victoria Hospital Closed—Colds Are Prevalent.

London has almost a clean bill of health, so far as communicable diseases are concerned. This morning Dr. W. S. Downham, M. O. H., stated that the diphtheria ward at Victoria hospital had been closed. In the scarlet fever ward there are nine cases, but three of these are ready to go home.

Dr. Downham and Chairman Mitchell of the board of health commented very favorably on existing conditions. Dr. Downham is a strong believer in isolation of contagious cases, and all cases under observation have been quickly placed in quarantine to prevent spread. It is, therefore, apparent that good health conditions, rather than laxity in placing in quarantine, is responsible for the encouraging report from the health department today.

Colds and influenza are prevalent, though not to as great a degree as is usual at this time of the year.

SOVIET HELD TO BLAME FOR REVOLT AT REVAL

Berlin, Dec. 17.—Documentary evidence proving Moscow's responsibility in the recent communist revolt at Reval will be presented to the League of Nations, according to an announcement by the new Estonian foreign minister, Mr. Pusta, as outlined in a special despatch received here.

The foreign minister, according to the message, charged that the soviet government supplied the insurgents with arms and munitions, and placed ten million Estonian marks at their disposal.

THE COMMUNIST UPRISING IN REVAL ON DEC. 15 WAS SUPPRESSED BY THE ESTONIAN GOVERNMENT AFTER SHARP FIGHTING, IN WHICH ABOUT FIFTY PERSONS WERE KILLED. A NUMBER OF THE LEADERS WERE SUBSEQUENTLY EXECUTED.

DENIES REPORT.

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, Dec. 16.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt denied today the report that he was planning to leave this country to hunt big game. His plans for the immediate future, he said, upon his return to Oyster Bay, L. I., will not be decided until after the first of the year.



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