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PERSONAL CRISIS UPPER HOUSE

Lord Curzon Asks The Government About It

PARTITION OF COUNTRY?

Lord Morley Replies For Ministry and Says Russia Had Not Uttered Designs on Shah's Domain

London, Dec. 8.—In the House of Lords yesterday afternoon, Lord Curzon raised the Persian question and inquired as to the government's policy. He asked for the views referring to Russia's first ultimatum which required that Great Britain had divided Persia to comply. He thought that the advice was unpalatable, but with regard to the second ultimatum there was evidence that Mr. Sturtevant had shown an unfortunate lack of acquaintance with diplomatic usage and language.

Lord Curzon wanted to know if Mr. Sturtevant's action was really an excuse for a armed occupation of the part of Russia. The government, he said, could not shift its hands off all responsibility for the second ultimatum. He foresaw that an administrative partition would inevitably proceed to a political partition and then to a geographical one.

Lord Morley said that the troubles of Persia arose not out of the Anglo-Russian agreement, but from the very nature of the experiment that was being tried in Persia. With regard to the ultimatum which Lord Curzon said that Mr. Sturtevant certainly had shown a want of tact. He ignored the position of the indisputable claims of Russia and Great Britain. Russia's object, he said, was the establishment of a normal and stable government in Persia, the removal of elements of discord, the removal of further proposals to that end, though she did not aim at a wide extension of her influence and independence.

"She assured us categorically," said Lord Morley, "that such measures as had been taken, were purely provisional." Regarding indemnity, he hoped that Russia, after that crisis had passed, would find a way out of the difficulties. Great Britain, he said, had informed Russia that it would be impossible under any circumstances, to recognize the Shah.

Concluding, Lord Morley said, that there was good reason to hope that the new solution which was now so full of difficulties, but not altogether hopeless.

Lord Morley's statement is regarded as being the crisis in Persia. It is assumed that Russia's further proposals of the nature of which Lord Morley gave no hint, could modify the last ultimatum. This ultimatum was described today by Lord Curzon, as harsh, peremptory and precipitate. Sir Edward Grey, the secretary of foreign affairs, will make a further statement in regard to Persian affairs in the House of Commons next week.

London, Dec. 8.—The House of Commons last night passed the third reading of the naval bill. A motion for its rejection was defeated, 172 to 125.

Forenoon Bulletin from Toronto. Forecasts—Moderate northerly winds, fair and not much change in temperature today and on Saturday. Light variable winds, fair to cloudy with occasional showers of rain. Light variable winds, fair to cloudy with occasional showers of rain. Light variable winds, fair to cloudy with occasional showers of rain.

Local Weather Report at Noon. Highest temperature during last 24 hrs 42. Lowest temperature during last 24 hrs 34. Wind at noon, S.W. 4. Barometer readings at noon (sea level) and 20 degrees F. 30.28 inches. Wind at noon, Direction, N. Velocity, 12 miles per hour. Clear.

Bank Transfer. John Smith, who for some time has been in the Bank of New Brunswick, near William street, left last evening for Montreal, where he has been promoted accountant. Frank Estabrook succeeds him in the local office.

LABOR MEN TO DISCUSS MATTER

Twelfth Annual Conference in England to Take up "Labor Unrest"—Minimum Wages \$7.50 a Week

London, Dec. 8.—This year's remarkable developments in the industrial world will form the main topics of discussion at the twelfth annual conference of the labor party, which will be held in Birmingham in January. Some of the resolutions have now been issued by the party. One of the most important will be brought forward by the Independent Labor Party in the following terms: This conference expresses its great gratification at the "labor unrest," during the past year, and congratulates those unions which were able to obtain increased wages and better conditions for their members. It trusts that all trade unions will continue their activities to organize the workers of the United Kingdom and to promote a stern fight for more human industrial and social life.

On this subject the Women's Labor League have also prepared a resolution. The question of the right to strike will be raised by the following resolution from the London Trades Council: That this conference expresses its indignation at the repression policy towards trade unionism which the present government have persisted in, and views with alarm, the proposals which, in pursuance of this policy, are being made for the assurance of what is called "industrial peace."

The conference does not favor nor encourage strikes, but the power to strike is the only powerful weapon in the armory of industrial organization; the right to strike is the one thing which distinguishes the free workman from the chattel-slave and that right must be jealously guarded, and every attempt to impair it must be energetically resisted.

Canon Ellegood LEFT \$150,000 Bulk of it to Niece in England; Some Church Bequests

FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OBSERVED

Services in Catholic Churches Today—The Art Works in the Cathedral

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception today was observed in the Catholic churches in St. John and throughout the world as a holiday and large congregations attended the services. In the cathedral in addition to the low masses, pontifical high mass was celebrated by His Lordship Bishop Casey, assisted by Rev. D. S. O'Keefe, Rev. A. W. Meahan, Rev. M. O'Brien, and Rev. E. Conway. High mass was sung in St. Peter's church, North End, by Rev. A. J. Duke, C. S. S. R., assisted by Rev. P. J. O'Regan and Rev. J. H. Borgmann, C. S. S. R. Rev. Father O'Regan preached a forceful and eloquent sermon on the observance and significance of the feast.

Those who attended the services in the cathedral were impressed by the handsome pictures which have been hung in the church, the jubilee gift of Bishop Casey. On the left of the middle entrance is Leonardo DaVinci's "The Last Supper," while further towards the centre of the church is Rembrandt's "Descent from the Cross," and opposite to it a copy of Van Dyck's "The Crucifixion," all of them valuable works of art.

MONTREAL PEOPLE AND THE TELEPHONE RATES

Montreal, Dec. 8.—Only fifteen of the thousands of telephone users in Montreal want lower phone rates. That is to be judged by the lack of interest in the petition now before the board of railway commissioners to order the telephone rates lowered, only fifteen complaints being received.

The demand of the corporation of Montreal, which has received such meagre backing from the public, is that the telephone rates be reduced from \$55 to \$50 for business service and from \$35 to \$30 for private service.

WITCHCRAFT FAILURE AS GOD FINDER

Now Montreal Man is in Court Over it—Probably First Charge of Kind in Canada

Montreal, Dec. 8.—Because the "witchcraft" which he is alleged to have practised, failed to bring to light a buried treasure supposed to have been buried in Yorkville, Arthur Gilbery has been haled before the courts by Narcisse Laplante, who brings a complaint that he and a third man each paid Gilbery \$100 on the strength of his belief that he possessed occult powers.

The articles purchased for the operations included a book of incantations and instructions procured from England, a silver plate which had to be perfectly plain and a quantity of black powder, which had to be placed on the plate according to certain prescriptions.

The gold failed to materialize, but when the wizard suggested further expenditures and a little more secrecy by the mysterious rites, he was haled to court, and is now charged with practicing witchcraft, probably the first charge of the kind ever laid in Canada.

LATE SPORT NEWS

New York, Dec. 8.—Joe Jeannette, a local champion light weight of Canada, had a scheduled ten round bout, at the Forum Athletic club last night. Smith hit Jeannette but twice during the three rounds.

In the first round, Jeannette contested himself with boxing with Smith. In the second, he dropped the Englishman with a hard right to the body, but by covering up and holding on Smith managed to last out the round. In the third the colored man went down and Smith dropped him to the floor for the full count, with a wicked right to the jaw.

On Dec. 8—Billy Allen, the champion light weight of Canada, had a shade on Kid Alberts at the Forum Athletic club last night. Allen was too clever for the New Yorker, and their twelve round bout was covered up so well that Alberts could not land the punch that many expected him to succeed. He staggered Allen in the ninth, but afterwards Allen blocked him on every attempt. Allen had the better of the close work, but quick swings enabled him to get in and out again before Alberts could connect.

Both boys were under weight. Alberts weighed in 122 and Allen 125. New York, Dec. 8.—A six-day bicycle race will be started tomorrow night in Madison Square Garden. The entries include the winners of last year's race, Jimmie Moran and Eddie Root, the former being teamed this time however, with Frank Kramer, while Root has Fred Hill of Boston for a riding mate. Lorenz and another competitor are German, and French and Breco, a French-Italian combination, and Lapize and Van Howerst, a Franco-Belgian pair.

"Paddy" Palmer, and "Jumbo" Wells are an Australian team, while E. A. Pyle, another Australian, is teamed up with Elmer Collins of Boston, and Jackie Clark with Joe Fogler. Demara and Lawrence are two San Franciscans working together and the week's riding will be preceded by short distance championship racing in the garden on Saturday night.

Providence, R. I., Dec. 8.—Fred Clark, reinman and trainer, who was formerly well known on the grand circuit and New England tracks, is dead at his home in Pawtucket, after an illness of several months. Death was due to paralysis.

PLANS FOR GILBERT'S LANE PLAYGROUNDS ORDERED BY MAYOR

Plans for the children's playground at Gilbert's Lane are to be drawn up immediately, and the work is to be started as soon as the city council has given its approval. The land, which is part of the Gilbert estate, and is situated at the entrance to Rockwood Park, was given to the city by Joseph Allison for use as a public playground several years ago, but so far no steps have been taken to fit it for this use.

Mayor Frink, this morning gave instructions to the city engineer to go ahead with the work of drawing up plans for laying out the grounds, installing water and sewerage, etc., and preparing estimates of the cost of the work.

EXONERATES OYSTER OF TYPHOID BLAME

New York, Dec. 8.—The oyster has at last been exonerated of causing typhoid. A report by Health Commissioner Lederer of New York, gives the oyster a clean bill of health for several years, "the commissioner says, "diligent investigation has failed to trace a single case of the disease to the eating of oysters."

SEEK TO SETTLE SUIT

Paris, Dec. 8.—The Curie-Langevin suit which has caused so much commotion in France, owing to the prominence of both the parties in the scientific world, was called today before the correctional court of the Seine. None of the parties, however, appeared, and the judge postponed the hearing for a fortnight. It is understood that negotiations are still going on with a view to an amicable settlement.

SCOPE OF MARRIAGE QUESTION MAY BE GREATLY WIDENED

Hebert Case to Be Resumed in Montreal on Monday

The Contention of the Opposing Interests as Affecting Church and Civil Law Are Quoted in Statement of the Case

Montreal, Dec. 8.—That the scope of the vexed question at issue over the jurisdiction of the Ne Temere decree, may be greatly widened when the annulled Hebert wedding case is resumed on Monday, seems evident from the great range of matters quoted in the contentions of the two parties embracing many phases of church and civil law.

Mrs. Hebert contends that the marriage of Catholics by a Protestant minister is valid. Hebert contends that, according to the "Tametsi" decree, promulgated because the church is the custodian and administrator of all sacraments.

The second contention of Mrs. Hebert is that the ecclesiastical tribunal which pronounced her marriage null was without jurisdiction, that the church had no right to annul a marriage. On the other hand Hebert asserts that marriage in the eyes of the Catholic church is a sacrament and that therefore the church should control the nullity of a marriage.

The church contends that it has the right to legislate on marriages and of interpreting what legislation she has brought into effect.

Mrs. Hebert contends that her marriage was performed before a competent officer appointed by the government of the province, and was, and still is, a valid marriage. To this the opposition replies that the only competent officer to perform a marriage is a Catholic bishop or a priest.

In this respect the opposition declares the civil law supports the Tametsi decree and implicitly the Ne Temere decree. There have been many precedents, marriages performed before a Protestant minister, which are declared irregular. French law, it is contended, lays great stress on the competency of the officiating minister.

It is pointed out, it is still in effect in the province of Quebec.

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NEARLY 200 ARE HURLED INTO RIVER

Bridge Over Volga River in Russia Collapses and Workmen Meet Death

St. Petersburg, Dec. 8.—Between 150 and 200 workmen were today plunged into the Volga river through the collapsing of a railroad bridge near Kasan. The bridge was under course of construction, and was carried away by the pressure of ice. Only four corpses thus far, have been recovered.

NEWS? MEN IN SESSION IN MONTGTON

Monton, Dec. 7.—The annual meeting of the Eastern Press Association held here today was attended by fourteen representatives of daily papers in the maritime provinces.

The following directors were elected:—Frank B. Ellis and E. W. McCready, of St. John; J. D. Black, Fredericton; E. J. Payne, Moncton; J. H. McNeil, Sydney, and C. C. Blackadar and Wm. Dennis, of Halifax.

The directors elected officers for the ensuing year as follows:—President, Frank B. Ellis; vice-president, C. C. Blackadar; secretary, G. Fred Pearson.

The meeting passed a resolution and appointed a committee to urge upon the ministers of finance the necessity for removing the duties on typesetting machines and parts thereof and printing presses or parts thereof. This is a movement in which the whole press of Canada is united.

Matters of interest to the press of Canada were discussed and Messrs. Dennis and McCready, who attended the recent Canadian Press meeting in Toronto on behalf of the Eastern Press Association, made a report on the matters brought up there.

The visiting newspaper men were entertained at a most enjoyable dinner at the Hotel Minto by John T. Hawke, proprietor of the Transcript, and E. J. Payne, manager of The Times.

BOARD OF TRADE DELEGATION TO MEET PREMIER

At a meeting of the council of the board of trade this morning it was decided to make arrangements to have a delegation from the board to meet Premier Fleming here next Tuesday to confer on the immigration problems of the province. It was reported that 250 letters have been sent out to boards of trade and other organizations throughout the province regarding the recent action of the board with regard to immigration and agriculture and enclosing a copy of the resolution passed at the annual meeting.

The council is endeavoring to arrange for a representative delegation from the board to go on the West India excursion, which will leave St. John on January 29. The council also made arrangements for some of the work which is to be taken up during the year.

SANFORD ON TRIAL

Portland, Me. Dec. 8.—An indictment, containing six counts for the death of six persons, was returned today by the grand jury against Rev. Frank W. Sanford, leader of the "Way of the Cross" in St. John. The trial is to begin immediately.

BORDEN IN NEW YORK

New York, Dec. 8.—Hon. Robert L. Borden, premier of Canada, came here today to deliver the principal speech before the Canadian society at its annual dinner to-night. Governor Dix of New York will also speak.

UNITED STATES CROP REPORT

Washington, Dec. 8.—The December crop report of the Department of Agriculture issued yesterday afternoon, shows 22,215,000 acres sown to winter wheat this fall, compared with the newly revised estimates (based on the census bureau's 1910 statement of acreage, of 23,648,000 acres for the crop of 1911, and 31,550,000 acres for the crop of 1910.

The condition of winter wheat on December 1, was 86.6 per cent of a normal, compared with 82.5 in 1910, 95.8 in 1909, and 89.9, the ten year average. The area sown this fall to rye is estimated at 2,436,000 acres, compared with the revised estimate of 2,415,000 acres for the crop of 1911, and 2,415,000 acres for the crop of 1910. The condition of rye on December 1, was 93.4 per cent of a normal, compared with 92.9 in 1910, 94.1 in 1909, and 92.8 the ten year average.

Battleship Was Aground. Kiel, Dec. 8.—The battleship Kaiser Wilhelm II. grounded here yesterday, but was floated during the afternoon.

PRINCESS HERE THIS AFTERNOON

Patricia of Connaught To Arrive at 5.20 O'Clock

GOING TO OTTAWA

Reached Halifax at Two O'Clock This Morning But, Despite the Hour, Many Were on Hand to Give a Welcome—Bouquets Presented

Her Royal Highness the Princess Patricia, daughter of Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, will pass through the city this evening on her way to her future home in Ottawa, to join her parents.

Her Royal Highness and suite will arrive on No. 25 train, reaching here at twenty minutes after five in the private car of the governor general. She arrived in Halifax at an early hour this morning on board the S. S. Empress of Ireland, and left soon after for the city, where she will leave again at five minutes to six.

A message was sent to her this morning asking her if she would receive a delegation from the Women's Club, and she replied that it would be a delightful pleasure. Accordingly, a delegation composed of Mrs. F. H. Price, Lady Miller and Mrs. E. A. Smith will meet the princess while she is here.

(Special to Times) Halifax, N. S., Dec. 8.—The C. P. R. S. S. Empress of Ireland arrived at two o'clock this morning. There was a crowd of military officers, including General Drury, at the gangway to welcome Her Royal Highness.

FIFTY-EIGHT DIED ON THE VOYAGE

British Steamer is Heavily Penalized by United States Commerce Department

Washington, Dec. 8.—(Canadian Press)—Penalties aggregating \$7,900 were today imposed by the department of commerce upon the British steamer Oretic, charged with what the department characterized as a case of neglect of stowage passengers ever brought under the passenger act of 1882.

The penalized vessel was employed to carry Spanish and Portuguese immigrants through Magellan Straits to Honolulu. Among the 1252 passengers, the department says, were 150 children, 150 of whom were brought under the passenger act of 1882.

The investigation further revealed that the sexes were not properly segregated and that inadequate ventilation increased the mortality. The general sanitary condition of the vessel, including the hospital quarters, was found to be almost beyond belief.

FEARFUL LEAP TO DEATH

Plunge of 375 Feet From Dome of New York World Building

New York, Dec. 7.—In the sight of thousands of pedestrians in Park Row and in city hall park, yesterday, an unidentified man jumped to death from the towering dome of the World building, 375 feet above the street. The human form came hurtling through the air with great force and struck the motor hood of an automobile standing in front of the entrance of the building, narrowly missing the chauffeur. The body was frightfully mangled and the forward portion of the motor car was crushed by the impact.

The name "Albert Demans D'Arques, No. 4 Rue Pallott, Paris," and a card bearing the name "William Davidson, M. D., No. 139 Clark street, corner of Carteret avenue, Jersey City, N. J.," were the only clues by which to trace the man's identity. He was apparently about 50 years old.

IRON WORKERS' UNION BOOKS ARE SEIZED

Salt Lake, Utah, Dec. 8.—The books of the iron workers union here, seized by United States marshals and sent by them today to await instructions from federal officials in Los Angeles, are wanted, it is said, on high authority, to trace to their ultimate disposition large sums of money sent by the union to the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers Union, (J. J. McNamara), in the last union, ostensibly for "organization in the west."

NEW COUNTERFEIT \$20 BILL

Washington, Dec. 8.—A new counterfeit \$20 gold certificate photographic production has been discovered by secret service of the work of the officials, say, is evidently that of an amateur and should be easily detected. The number of the counterfeit is B1192516.

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