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ST. JOHN END TO THIS BUSINESS, THEY ALLEGE

U. S. Revenue Men Rake in $1,500 at Windsor

Americans, Believed on Way to Sail From Here and Who Could Not Show Receipted Bills for Income Tax.

Windsor, Ont., Dec. 13.—United States revenue inspectors yesterday afternoon corked in spectacular manner a pipe line by which it is believed the United States government has been defrauded out of thousands of dollars, when they descended on the Michigan Central station in Detroit, and demanded to see the income tax receipts of all prospective passengers on the C. P. R. train scheduled to leave at half-past two p. m.

As a result of the raid, fifty passengers who were unable to produce the required documents were escorted to the offices of the internal revenue department, which were opened for the occasion, and a total of $1,500 was collected from them.

In addition, the collector notified his deputies to keep watch on all persons attempting to board the two midnight trains for Montreal, and to detain any persons who failed to prove they had met their income obligations.

The heavy exodus of travelers at this time is traced to the sailing, from St. John, N. B., on Wednesday, of the steamer Empress of Britain, the Empress of France from the same port on Dec. 20, and the steamship Victorian on Dec. 24. This traffic, according to information that has reached Detroit revenue authorities, is attaining vast proportions and is being enlarged by hundreds of aliens of home-goers from Minnesota and other northwestern states, who, by crossing the Detroit river, escape the critical government examination which greets every alien passenger at the New York docks.

GIRL KILLS SELF AFTER 'PHONE CALL

Sister of Mrs. J. T. Talbert, Widow of National City Bank Vice-President — Mystery About the Cause.

New York, Dec. 13. — Miss Betsy Tevis, 18 years old, committed suicide by shooting herself through the heart with a 38-calibre revolver, in the apartment of her sister, Mrs. Joseph T. Talbert, of 110 East Fifty-fourth street, where she had made her home since last July. Mrs. Talbert is the widow of a former vice-president of the National City Bank who died several months ago.

According to Mrs. Talbert, she and her sister were waiting to go out to dinner with friends when Miss Tevis received a telephone call from a man with whom she had been acquainted about ten days. When she left the telephone, Mrs. Talbert said, her sister appeared depressed and went to her own room, although she had been in good spirits and was playing the piano when the telephone bell rang. A few minutes later Mrs. Talbert heard a shot and ran to her sister's room to find her lying across the bed with a bullet wound in her breast. In her right hand was clutched the revolver.

A Japanese servant employed by Mrs. Talbert was absent on an errand and she notified the elevator operator, Thomas Hawthorn, who called Dr. C. P. Neding, of 112 East Fifty-fourth street. The girl died before Dr. Neding arrived.

The revolver used was the property of Mrs. Talbert's husband.

According to Mrs. Talbert, her sister was moody at times, and frequently jested about committing suicide. Mrs. Talbert declined to give the name of the young man to whom Miss Tevis was engaged. She appeared to attach no great significance to the telephone call.

Dr. Thomas A. Gonzales, deputy medical examiner, and Detective Calhane investigated the death of Miss Tevis and reported no suspicious circumstances.

Miss Tevis was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Thomas Stone Tevis, of Madison, Ky., and she spent last winter in Pasadena, Cal., with Mrs. Talbert. Both returned to New York in July and took the apartment at 110 East Fifty-fourth street.

Mrs. Tlbert, who is prostrated by her sister's death, is under the care of Dr. H. R. Sheffield, of 127 West Eighty-seventh street, the family physician.

At the Talbert apartment, friends of the girl said:

"There is nothing to this, little Betsy is dead; while examining a revolver it accidentally went off."

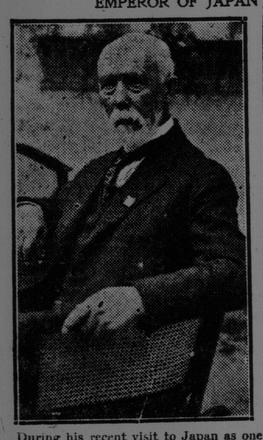
Deputy Medical Examiner Gonzales and Detective Calhane do not agree with this theory. Detective Calhane said the index finger of Miss Tevis' right hand was slightly bruised and marked with powder. He said it would require considerable effort for a small woman of her build to fire a 38-calibre revolver, at least enough to leave a mark on the index finger.

Mrs. Talbert's husband died last May in California. Miss Tevis' mother, before her marriage, was Miss Betsy Bellewoot, of Madison, N. Y.

LIGHTED MATCH IN GAS-FILLED ROOM SEND TWO TO THE HOSPITAL

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 13—Henry Snoxell and his wife were badly burned on Saturday night as a result of an explosion following the lighting of a match in a room filled with gas. They are in the General Hospital in a serious condition, but may recover.

PRESENTED PAINTING TO EMPEROR OF JAPAN



During his recent visit to Japan as one of the Canadian delegates to the World's Sunday School Convention, John W. L. Dorster, a Toronto portrait painter, presented one of his own pictures, a painting of the Emperor and Empress of Japan, to Their Majesties on behalf of the convention.

This picture was taken of Mr. Dorster in Tokio for the British & Colonial Press, Ltd.

BUSINESS TODAY AT THE CITY HALL

Report on Victoria Rink—Matter of Accounts of Playgrounds and Grants Taken up — Improvement League Bills—Work for the Unemployed.

Commissioner Thornton presented a joint report of the city engineer and the city building inspector to the common council in committee this morning, rewarding the condition of the Victoria Rink. The officials said that they found the structure generally in a weak condition, and reported, "We are of the opinion that the building is not suitable for public assemblies owing to its age and weakness."

Mr. Thornton said it was too bad that this was the only covered rink in the city, but that in its present condition he did not like taking the risk of allowing a large gathering in the building. On his recommendation the report was ordered filed.

On motion of Commissioner Bullock, lease of a lot in Fairville, on which is erected the hall of No Surrender Lodge, I. O. G. T., was ordered renewed to George Brown at $50 a year. Mr. Bullock explained that the lot was leased for $1 a year to the lodge on condition that it would be used for no other purpose than for a temperance lodge. As the lodge desired to make the property pay its way it passed a resolution granting Mr. Brown the right to renew, the top floor of the building to be reserved for the lodge.

A representative of the Canadian Publications, Ltd., asked the council to take advertising in a publication called Canada Today. The matter was referred to the mayor for report. The price was stated as $300 a page.

Playground Grants.

Commissioner Frink said that an order had been passed by council to the effect that grants to playgrounds be spent under the supervision of the commissioner of public safety, but that this had not been done this year. He said that he had received accounts from the East End Improvement League, covering expenditures of $512.34, with all vouchers attached; and from the West End and South End Leagues, without the necessary vouchers. He said the order in council would have to be varied if the accounts were to be paid.

He therefore moved that the order be varied so that the accounts from the East End League be paid and also that the bills presented by the St. John Playgrounds Association, the West End and the South End Improvement Leagues be paid when proper vouchers were presented. The motion was carried.

The mayor observed that $4,500 had been granted to the Playgrounds Association and $500 to each of the sectional leagues. He understood that it was only the latter that were under the supervision of the commissioner.

Unemployment.

Touching upon the matter of unemployment, the mayor said that he had a continually growing list of men looking for work and asked what the departments might be able to do.

Commissioner Frink said that he would get the city crusher in operation on the Shamrock grounds as soon as practicable; he had had prepared a countour plan of the work to be done in Millidge avenue and hoped to be able to start work there soon, and he noted that Commissioner Jones was calling for tenders for the water and sewer service in Douglas avenue. He said that other cities were notifying outsiders that there were plenty of men on hand for the work offering and he thought that St. John should send broadcast the fact that this city was not a haven for unemployed at the present time.

The mayor, in reply to a question from Mr. Jones, said that the Tucker park commission had sufficient funds on hand to carry out the work proposed in connection with cutting a new road through the park. Mr. Jones said he might have some other work this winter as soon as he had ascertained if it was to be paid for by general revenue or by the revenue of the water and sewerage department.

F. E. Williams, owner of Victoria rink, in conversation with a Times reporter this afternoon, said that the rink was in better condition than it ever was and that in his opinion there was no danger in its use. He had made plans for the season, and tickets were already on sale.

Commissioner Thornton, when asked about the matter, said that, in the face of the report of the city engineer and building inspector, his department could not allow Mr. Williams to use the rink for any purpose and notice to this effect would be sent to him.

FIRST LARGE U. S. MILL CORPORATION TO CUT THE WAGES

Reduction for Some 16,000 in Lawrence, Mass.

To Make Decision on Catholic Holidays to Be Observed by Three Mills Concern—Tom Moore on Unemployment Question.

Lawrence, Mass., Dec. 13—First announcement of actual reduction of textile operatives wages by large United States mill corporations was made today by the Pacific and the Arlington mills of this city.

Their 16,000 workers, constituting one half of the operatives of this textile centre, were notified that a readjustment had been made, effective Dec. 20. In accordance with custom the amount was not stated, but it was understood to approximate 22 1-2 per cent. as suggested by a manufacturers' conference last week.

Three Rivers, Que., Dec. 13— The 500 men and women thrown out of work last Thursday morning by a decision of the directors of the Wabasso Cotton Co., because they refuse to work on Wednesday last, a Catholic holiday, returned to work this morning, the company having decided to take them back.

Mayor Tessier will meet Messrs Whitehead and Aird, directors of the Wabasso, and they will decide together which will be the Catholic holidays that the company will observe in the future.

40,000 More.

New Bedford, Mass., Dec. 13—Wage reductions affecting approximately 40,000 operatives, were announced today by all cotton mills affiliated with the New Bedford Cotton Manufacturers Association. The reduction, amounting to 22 1-2 per cent., will become effective next Monday.

Labor President.

Toronto, Dec. 13.—Saying that he believed that in the present crisis of unemployment many small industries would go under and be taken in by others, and that some of the unemployment was artificial, President Tom Moore, of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, at a conference of labor representatives here on Saturday on the serious situation with regard to workless men, made the following suggestions:—

Distribution of work to keep all employed, and the creation of a fund to supplement wages, if necessary, to 75 per cent. of the former pay envelope, this fund to become permanent later on; reduction by the federal and provincial governments of the ten-hour day to an eight-hour day on the Welland Canal contract and the hydro development work at Chippawa.

President Moore said that employers had brought from England to Montreal on October 18 last eighty textile workers when employers knew that their mills would not provide the employment they had promised. He also charged that a large corporation in Ontario was laying off mechanics whom it had brought from England during a strike last summer, to take on other mechanics whom it had recently brought from England. "Even when the collapse was here," Mr. Moore said, "Toronto employers brought boot and shoe workers to the city, knowing there was no prospect of employment."

Hamilton's Plan.

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 13—Immediate and substantial relief, not in the form of crumbs of charity, but in the form of work, will be given to Hamilton's 2,500 unemployed residents. Plans to carry out this project were made on Saturday night at a special meeting of the board of control. A portion of the Scott barracks, which has been used during the influenza epidemics as an emergency hospital, will be opened on Monday night, fully equipped to give asylum to destitute returned soldiers and civilians, who will be given breakfast each morning before setting out in quest of work. The city plans to employ as many men as possible for the laying of watermain, road grading and new sewers.

The dominion government will be petitioned to begin the construction of a proposed new post office here immediately.

GOVERNOR PRIOR DEAD IN VICTORIA

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 13—Lieut.-Governor E. G. Prior died at seven o'clock last evening

PORTUGAL'S PLAN FOR INDUSTRIAL ASSISTANCE

London, Dec. 13.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Lisbon says the minister of finance of Portugal intends to establish an agency with a capital of 10,000,000 escudos to aid trade and industry through the difficulties due to the financial crisis.

SOUTH FOR CHRISTMAS

Edward T. Rourke of the firm of Rourke & Griffith, general contractors, West St. John, left on Saturday for Savannah, Georgia, to spend Christmas with his father.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "I haven't seen a bootjack for years and years and years."

"I dassay Hanner's got one stowed away in the loft somewheres," said Hiram. "She hes a lot o' truck she keeps for the sake of old times."

"I remember," said the reporter, "when a house without a bootjack was like a biscuit without saleratus. Then the laced boots came and the boot-jack went. No more could a boy get astride of a man's leg and seize his boot by the heel and pull, while the man's other foot aided in the process and perhaps sent him headlong to the floor when the boot came off."

"An' when the boot was tight, an' good an' wet it was some pull," said Hiram.

"And do you remember the boys' long boots with copper toes and red morocco tops," said the reporter. "The boy who got a pair could outshine the gobbler on parade in the barnyard; and in school or Sunday School what was a lesson or a text compared with a pair of well-tallowed boots with copper toes. Heigh-ho! Hiram—we're growing old."

"Yes, we be," said Hiram, "I mind one time I got a pair o' boots that went away above the knee. Say—I wanted to be wadin' in the water all the time. I wonder if youngsters hes as much fun with their skatin' boots an' skates screwed on as we used to her with the old wood tops strapped onto our feet. I s'pose they do. Aint it cur'ous how Christmas sets us thinkin' about when we was little fellers? Well, I hope Sandy Claus'll be good to every little boy an' gal this year. He's the greatest old feller in the world."

GIANT 'PLANE FOR TRIP OVER OCEAN

Caproni Plans One That Will Carry 300 People Across Atlantic in 36 Hours

Rome, Dec. 13—Gianni Caproni, the airplane inventor, plans to build a giant plane which will carry 300 passengers across the Atlantic in about thirty-six hours. Plans for the machine are now being completed and provisions are being made for dining and sleeping accommodations on board the aerial liner.

A smaller airplane designed by Signor Caproni will make its first trip in January at the Caproni factory near Lake Maggiore. This airplane, it is said, will be capable of carrying 100 persons a distance of 500 miles. Work on the trans-Atlantic plane will be started as soon as this smaller liner has been tested.

FORM BOYS' CLUB AT ST. LUKE'S

With the object of assiting those who are in need and for the benefit of the boys of the north end in general, a boys' club was formed last week in St. Luke's church. The matter was explained at a meeting held in the school room at which Mr. Flinch and A. Corrigan spoke.

The following officers were elected: President, R. Miller, Secretary, John Ramsay; treasurer, L. Morey. Plans were made for future meetings. The boys appeared to be enthusiastic over the project and anticipated a busy and profitable winter. The meeting adjourned with the national anthem.

Phelix and Phreedhand

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meterological service.

Synopsis—The weather has been fair over the dominion, cold in a few sections of the western provinces, and comparatively mild elsewhere. A moderate disturbance which is just west of the Mississippi Valley is likely to cause unsettled weather in the lake region.

Showers.

Maritime—Moderate northeast winds; cloudy today and most of Tuesday, followed by showers in western district; not much change in temperature.

Gulf and North Shore — Moderate winds; fair today and most of Tuesday, followed by snow in western districts.

New England—Rain probably tonight and Tuesday; warmer Tuesday and in Connecticut and western Massachusetts tonight; increasing east and southeast winds.

Toronto, Dec. 13.—Temperatures:

	8a.m.	Highest during Yesterday.	Lowest night.
Prince Rupert	34	36	34
Victoria	38	44	28
Kamloops	36	40	34
Calgary	28	34	12
Edmonton	8	10	2
Prince Albert	18	22	18
Winnipeg	24	26	22
White River	34	30	30
Saulte Ste. Marie	40	40	36
Toronto	39	44	35
Kingston	22	42	22
Ottawa	22	32	36
Montreal	22	26	22
Quebec	26	28	24
St. John, N.B.	28	32	28
Halifax	32	40	22
St. Johns, Nfld.	30	38	28
Detroit	30	50	46
New York	42	48	38

TERROR REIGNED IN CITY OF CORK

Great Loss by Fire, May Be $15,000,000

Various Versions of Occurrences Reach London—Happenings in the United States re Irish Affairs.

London, Dec. 13. — British regulars stood guard today over twisted and blackened ruins left by the fires which on Saturday night and yesterday swept virtually unchecked through the city of Cork, Ireland.

Charges are made that police auxiliaries there, maddened by the killing and wounding of comrades by ambushed Sinn Feiners on Saturday, loosed the fire demon city. Estimates of the loss run as high as $15,000,000.

Hours of terror were spent by the people of Cork during the day and night, the wildest disorders prevailing throughout the city. It is said several lives were lost, and despatches declare two brothers named Delaney were called from their homes and shot, one of them fatally.

Two districts of Cork were swept by the flames. In the business section, along St. Patrick street, from Cook to Maylor, hardly a shop was left unscathed. This was the shopping centre of Cork, and in untroubled times boasted many prosperous stores. South of St. Patrick street the fire ran uncontrolled along Winthrop street and other narrow thoroughfares as far as Old George street. Thus an area of three blocks in this part of the town was reduced to masses of debris.

It was not in this district, however, that the loss of the fire was centered. The magnificent city hall of Cork, located on the southern end of the Parnell Bridge that spans the River Lee, was also laid in ruins. In addition, the Carnegie library, just across Anglesia street, to the west, was burned, and the corn exchange, just behind the city hall, and to the south, was at least partially destroyed. Reports say Albert Quay, lying along the southern bank of the river, is a mass of desolation.

Despatches reaching London today say that Cork was quiet and orders had been given the regular soldiers to shoot looters on sight. It is said that damaged premises have been plundered in some instances, but the military is in absolute control at present. Rumors relative to the loss of life are conflicting and are, for the most part, vague and conjectural.

Exact details of the events leading to the conflagration of Saturday night have not as yet been received here. Some reports tend to question the accuracy of earlier despatches, but others repeat the story told in first reports. All indicate that the disorders and fires had a direct connection with an attack made upon a lorry carrying police auxiliaries, and some newspapers are frankly scpeical of these reports, and suggest that the fires might have been caused by the explosion of stored explosives such as were found on Saturday in the city of Dublin.

Othels indicate their belief that the fires were a reply to the establishment of martial law in Southwestern Ireland, and it is remarked that despatches have not furnished proof that the fires were set by men bent on reprisals.

Monsignor Daniel Cohalan, Bishop of Cork, is said to have announced in his cathedral last evening his intention to excommunicate anyone participating in further ambuscades of crown forces in his diocese.

In Massachusetts.

Boston, Dec. 13.—At the state headquarters of the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic, it was announced that 130 meetings had been held by branches of the association in Boston and other cities in Massachusetts yesterday at which the conflagration in Cork was denounced as having been inspired by the British authorities. At meetings here resolutions were adopted attacking Premier Lloyd George and other British officials.

In New York.

New York, Dec. 13.—Resolutions condemning the burning of the city of Cork were passed last night at a meeting here of several thousand former members of the Friends of Irish Freedom, who formed an organization designated "the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic." Dr. Patrick McCarten envoy of "the Irish Republic" at Washington, Jeremiah O'Leary, president of the American Truth Society, and others spoke.

New York, Dec. 13. — Twenty-five thousand men and women of Irish birth or extraction voluntarily broke away from the Friends of Irish Freedom and at the same time voted themselves into the American Association for the recognition of the Irish republic, through 5,000 delegates who assembled last night in the Lexington Theatre. Two thousand delegates who could not get inside the building held a meeting outside.

Dr. Patrick McCartan, "envoy" of the "Irish Republic," announced that a new movement for Irish relief would be started today, when 50,000 Irish women would campaign the houses and streets of the city for funds. He said it was planned to carry out a system of relief in Ireland above the lines established by the Red Cross.

SMITHS LEAD IN NEW YORK AGAIN

New York, Dec. 13—The "well known Smiths" have regained their numerical supremacy in New York momenclature, so it is revealed by the city's new directory, issued today.

Last year they were several columns behind the combined lists of Cohans, Cohens and Cohns, but the Smiths, exclusive of Schmits and Schmids, have leaped into the lead again by more than about four columns or around 500 names.

Fifty-two columns of Smiths, with about 120 names to a column, are listed.

ROBBED OF HAIR, GEMS AND $300 IN A PULLMAN CAR

Fort Thomas, Ky., Dec. 13—Mrs. Waters Home of Orlanda, Fla., who arrived here today, said a thief had clipped off her hair while she was asleep in a Pullman car en route from Jacksonville, Fla. She was also robbed of jewelry and $300.

HYDRO LIGHT AND POWER ON EVERY ONTARIO FARM

Hon. M. W. Doherty Speaks of Plans—Rural Credit System to be Promoted.

Brompton, Ont., Dec. 13—Hon. Manning W. Doherty, minister or agriculture for Ontario, addressing the Peel county U. F. O. here on Saturday, said that soon every farmer in Ontario should have hydro light and power for his farm. He said that the Dury government was the business friend Sir Adam Beck had in the last ten years at the parliament buildings in Toronto.

"We are absolutely behind Sir Adam and any developement of hydro," Mr. Doherty said, and as to radical railways, wherever they were justified they would be built.

Hon. Mr. Doherty said that so soon as is could be brought about, Ontario would have a system of rural credit similar to the system in Quebec and the western provinces by which a man could raise money on his business standing and his character.

"There has never been one dollar of loss through rural credit," the minister added.

GIVES HIMSELF UP

Man Wanted in Hamilton, Ont., Denies Killing Harry Burns.

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 13—Lou Lachapelle, who has been wanted by the Hamilton police since the night of November 26, when Harry Burns of thi city was killed in a quarrel, gave himself up at Central Police Station yesterday, and is said to have exclaimed as the door cell clanged with him behind it, "I am glad I was man enough to come back."

He is charged with the murder of Burns, whom he is alleged to have struck and fatally injured with a scantling. Lachapelle told the police that while he was in a barber shop in Moose Jaw he learned that Edward Taylor, of Hamilton, had been arrested charged with the murder of Burns. It was this, he said, that had caused him to return to Hamilton, as he did not want an innocent man to bear the blame. He asked that Mrs. Taylor be informed of his having given himself up. The police say Lachapelle denied having struck Burns.

WOULD RETAIN RELATION WITH PRIVY COUNCIL

Canadian Counsel Now in Cases in London Write to Times.

London, Dec. 13.—(Canadian Ass'd. Press)—A joint letter appears in Saturday's Times from Wallace Nesbit, F. Wegenast, Thomas Moss and B. Clark, counsel now appearing before the privy council in Canadian cases, wherein they declare that the opinions of John S. Ewart, K. C., of Ottawa, recently expressed on the subject of continuance of dominion appeals to the privy council, would be discounted by informed public Canadian opinion because of his pronounced anti-imperialist views.

The writers of this letter think that popular Canadian opinion as distinct from professional opinion has not been engaged on the matter but say that the Ontario board of trade have passed a resolution opposing the abolition of the appeal to the privy council.

The writers finally assert that the privilege is most valued in regard to constitutional questions although cases sometimes reach the council which do not fall under this classification.

SAY TIA JUANA IS NAUGHTY TOWN

Washington, Dec. 13.—The United States state department today was petitioned to protest to the Mexican government against alleged "vice conditions" in Tia Juana, Mexico, across the border from San Diego, Calif., and until such conditions were corrected, to deny passports to United States citizens desiring to go there. The petition was presented by representatives of the Methodist board of temperance, and other similar organizations. It declared San Diego was "suffering seriously because of Tia Juana's misbehaviour.

The petitioners say the passport offices have been kept open on Sundays and holidays to accommodate the crowds of United States citizens who are anxious to visit the naughty Mexican town.

BOSTON STORY DENIED.

Newspaper Said McGill Students Had Insulted U. S. Flag.

Montreal, Dec. 13.—A statement carried by the Boston Sunday Advertiser, under scare headlines, that McGill students spat upon, tore and trampled an American flag on Nov. 20 here was unqualifiedly denied yesterday by Gen. Sir Arthur Currie, principal of McGill University. U. S. Consul Gen. Halstead, stationed here, also said he attached no importance to the st—

CRITICISM FOR LLOYD GEORGE AND FRENCH PREMIER

Their Action in Matters Before League Assembly

N. W. Rowell One of Those Who Object to Their Course—Question of Military Control of Danzig—International Court.

Geneva, Dec. 13—Military control of Danzig by Poland has been recommended to the council of the League of Nations in a report from the military commission. This recommendation, should it be adopted, would be in line with a request from the Polish government made some time ago, it being alleged at that time that military control of the port of Danzig was necessary to insure the transportation of food ,munitions and raw materials to Poland.

The council has decided to refer the report, along with a suggestion by Viscount Ishii, of Japan, that a military commission study the best means to defend the town, to the high commissioner, who will be asked to send in a report.

Separate action by the premier of France and Great Britain on matters before the assembly of the league are made the subject of sharp comment by the committee on admission of new states.

Newton W. Rowell of the Canadian delegation, Lord Robert Cecil representative of South Africa, and Dr. Nansen of Norway agree in criticizing the action of these governments in announcing policies regarding such questions as the admission of Armenia throught other channels than their representatives at the assembly meeting here, who are charged with such problems.

Rene Viviani of France, who has been said to be most particularly annoyed by the declaration of the British and French premiers to the effect that Armenia should not be admitted to the league, was not present today. Comment on the incident continues to be one of the predominant features of the meeting, the opinion being expressed that if powers desire to continue to treat such questions in the old form of diplomatic action, they are not ready for the league of nations.

Leon Bourgeois of France has presented a report for the committee on an international court. The plan finally adopted by the committee makes jurisdiction of the tribunal voluntary instead of obligatory.

DIVORCE COURT

Surprise Announcement Made in McDonald Case in Fredericton.

(Special to Times.)

Fredericton, Dec 13—The divorce court met here this morning and judgment in three cases was delivered. In two others judgment was deferred until the next sitting. Hearing in the case of Evelyn Ward McDonald vs. John Fenwick McDonald, was postponed until this afternoon in order to give the jurymen summoned time to reach Fredericton.

Judge Crocket gave judgment in the cases of David McKay vs. Nellis McKay, Violet F. Faulkner vs. Howard N. Faulkner and Annie Alaevia Joseph vs. Russell Robert Joseph, that an order issued for decrees of absolute divorce in all cases and in the last case with costs. He said that with regard to Robert Karl Watson vs. May Olga Watson and Arthur Howard Collier vs. Emma Collier, he would reserve judgment until the next term.

In the McDonald case J. B. M. Baxter, K. C., appeared with Francis Kerr proctor. W. J. Mahoney with D. Mullin, K. C. for the defence, were the original counsel, but on Saturday it was announced to H. G. Fenety, registrar, that there had been a change in counsel, B. L. Gerow acting for Mr. McDonald. It also was stated by Mr. Gerow that the case would not be defended. This came as a surprise, as the defendant had filed a counter libel.

Dr. Baxter presented an affidavit from Dr. L. M. Curren to the effect that Annie M. Seely, a material witness, was in such a state of health that she could not attend court. Dr. Baxter on that account applied for a commission to take her evidence.

Judge Crocket said that on account of a jury having been summoned it would be difficult to issue a commission. The witness should be present to give evidence. He would decide on the point this afternoon.

ORTHODOX ZIONISTS PLAN ORGANIZATION SEPARATE FOR CANADA

Toronto, Dec. 13.—Orthodox Zionists (Mizrchi) of Canada, in convention here yesterday, decided upon independent national organization, separating from the United States body to which they have heretofore been attached. The ultimate objective is restoration, in the Holy Land, of a form of government in harmony with ancient Biblical laws and usages.

Resolutions were yesterday adopted and cabled to Right Hon. David Lloyd George, and to the British high commissioner for Palestine, emphasising the deep appreciation by Canadian Zionists of the British Palestine policy. Another resolution requests the British government to interests itself to secure early delimitations of the true boundaries of the Holy Land.