

PLANS FOR EMPIRE BOND;  
FRUITLESS WORK IN 1918

Imperial Conference of War Years Mapped Out Pretentious Course Which Failed to Materialize—Findings, However, May Serve as Guide in Coming Meeting.

## PROGRAM CALLS FOR LONG SESSION

Ottawa, Dec. 7.—Some guide to the ideas which Bonar Law has in mind in calling an imperial economic conference may be gleaned from a perusal of the discussions and resolutions of the conferences of 1917 and 1918. At that time the German plans for the economic consolidation of Mittel-Europa had stimulated opinion in favor of close economic co-operation between the British countries towards this end, a series of schemes and proposals received indorsement by the delegates, but when peace and victory came most of them were quietly forgotten.

The imperial investigation board, for instance, which was to report upon freight rates and kindred matters, never came into existence.

Herewith are the more important of the economic resolutions which were passed at these two conferences.

Development of natural resources.—Having regard to the experience obtained in the war, this conference records its opinion that the safety of the empire and the necessary development of its component parts require prompt and attentive consideration as well as concerted action with regard to the following matters:

## List Resolutions.

(1) The production of an adequate food supply and arrangements for its transportation when and where required under any conditions that may reasonably be anticipated.

(2) The control of natural resources available within the empire, especially those that are of an essential character for the national purposes, whether in peace or war.

(3) The economical utilization of such natural resources through processes of manufacture carried out within the empire. The conference commends to the consideration of the governments summoned there the enactment of such legislation as may assist this purpose.

Imperial preference and immigration.—The time has arrived when all possible encouragement should be given to the development of imperial resources and especially to making the empire independent of other countries in respect of food supplies, raw materials and essential industries. With these objects in view, the conference expresses itself in favor of:

## Keep People in Empire.

(1) The principle that each part of the empire, having due regard to the interests of our allies, should give specially favorable treatment to the produce and manufactures of other parts of the empire.

(2) Arrangements by which intending emigrants from the United Kingdom may be induced to settle in countries under the British flag.

## LORD BIRKENHEAD

## ATTACKS CURZON

## Beaverbrook Again Causes

## Cabinet Embarrassment by

## Publishing Letter From

## Gulnaris.

By HENRY SOMERVILLE.

Special Cable to The Advertiser.

London, Eng., Dec. 8.—Beaverbrook has again caused public interest and cabinet embarrassment by publishing a letter Gulnaris wrote Curzon last February, stating the Greek army was on the point of collapse unless Britain gave aid.

Answering questions in Commons, Bonar Law said the letter was circulated among the cabinet, but Lord Lloyd George, Chamberlain, Birkenhead and Lloyd Lee declared they never saw the letter. Birkenhead went one better than Beaverbrook by reading in the Lords Curzon's reply to Gulnaris, Birkenhead is endeavoring to throw the blame on Curzon by implying the latter never advised the cabinet of the situation, and that he wrote Gulnaris encouraging the Greeks to carry on.

Salisbury has indignantly accused Birkenhead of using confidential documents to attack Curzon when the latter was absent representing this country at Lausanne. More questions on the subject will be asked in parliament today.

Orange and Nationalist members united in Commons last night, urging the rejection of the embargo bill for its effect on Irish cattle. The bill subjects Irish imports to statutory restrictions never experienced before. One opponent of the bill said that Pat Burns, millionaire, who controlled the whole retail trade in Western Canada, if in league with a Chicago trust, could now control the price of store cattle entering this country. The bill passed its second reading by a large majority, but a small number of members can still cause formidable obstruction this session.

## WILL RAISE FUNDS TO AID

## TERREBONNE FIRE VICTIMS

Montreal, Dec. 8.—Measures for the immediate relief of the Terrebonne fire sufferers by raising funds were set on foot yesterday at a meeting of the relief committee of Montreal and district, at which it was announced that arrangements had been completed for subscriptions to be received through a variety of agents, including the English and French language newspapers, the board of trade, the chamber of commerce and the archbishop's palace. Funds thus raised will be expended on relief only, and not on reconstruction.

Control of raw materials.—(1) The conference agrees that it is necessary to secure for the British Empire and the allies the command of certain essential raw materials in order to enable them to repair the effects of the war as soon as possible and to safeguard their industrial requirements.

(2) The conference is of the opinion that the governments of the British Empire should make such arrangements among themselves as will insure that essential raw materials produced within the empire shall be available for the above purpose and should arrange with the allied countries to utilize for the same purposes essential raw material produced in these countries.

## Establishes Board.

Shipping.—The conference accepts in principle the establishment of an imperial investigation board, and refers it to a committee of the conference to frame a detailed scheme for such a board.

The conference also agrees that it be referred to the committee to consider the best machinery for promoting the development of imperial communications to the best advantage.

That for this purpose an imperial investigation board, representing various parts of the empire, be appointed, with power to inquire into and report on all matters connected with war conditions with reference to raw materials, petroleum, the establishment of an imperial mineral resource bureau, the nonferrous metals industry, dyes, trade commissioner service, patents, and inter-imperial parcel delivery.

Cable communications.—That it is in the highest interest of the empire that the rates for telegraphic communications between the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, South Africa and India should be further mutually reduced as soon as practicable.

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In addition to the prime minister, Mr. Fielding as finance minister, Mr. Stewart as minister for the interior, Mr. Murphy as postmaster-general, and Mr. Kennedy as minister in charge of our mercantile marine, will have to be in attendance if our interests are to be adequately looked after.

## LABOR DOUBLES STRENGTH

## IN NEW ZEALAND ELECTION

## Party Make Big Gain With Returns

## Incomplete Prohibition Bill

Wellington, N. Z., Dec. 8.—A feature of yesterday's parliamentary election was the vote of labor, which doubled its previous strength.

Because of the large number of absent voters who cast their ballots by permit, the results of the voting for parliament had not been ascertained. The government and reformist parties have so far won 9 seats each, while Labor has 17 and the Liberals and Independents 24.

Returns from the licensing referendum compiled so far show a majority against prohibition.

Premier W. F. Massey, who expressed the wish that he would have an absolute majority, over all the parties in the New Zealand general elections, yesterday said he was yet unable to make a definite statement as to the outcome of the voting.

## Wireless Aids Barge Caught in Storm

## On Superior to Reach Port in Safety

Special to The Advertiser.

Port William, Dec. 7.—Wireless equipment may not save every ship imperiled by storm conditions on Lake Superior, but its value in some emergencies is beyond question. In the opening of the organization responsible for handling the wrecking outfit of the Canadian Loading and Wrecking Company.

The company's tug Whalen, with the barge Empire, which recently left this port for the scene of the Maplehurst wreck, reached the Michigan coast last night about 10 o'clock, in a blinding snowstorm, the barge having wireless equipment, and though it had been in touch with the office here all the way across through the snow, the light at the entrance of the port could not be discerned.

The situation was reported by wireless and at the instigation of the office staff here the Port Arthur station and the wireless man on the Empire, together raised the Calumet wireless station, and requested the port authorities to start the siren, which had not been sounding.

Guided by the siren, Capt. Reid was able to feel his way into the shelter of the port with his tug and barge. According to reports received today weather prevailing there is unfavorable to salvage operations and the outfit is waiting within the harbor for the storm to blow itself out.

The coal cargo of the Maplehurst is to be salvaged, and an investigation is to be made to ascertain the condition of the cargo.

## Keeping Up With the Jones.

GO ASK THE PURSER HOW LONG HE THINKS STORM WILL LAST?

GEE! IT'S AWFUL! SORE SEA!

IT'S A TERRIBLE STORM! HOW LONG DO YOU THINK SHE'LL KEEP UP?

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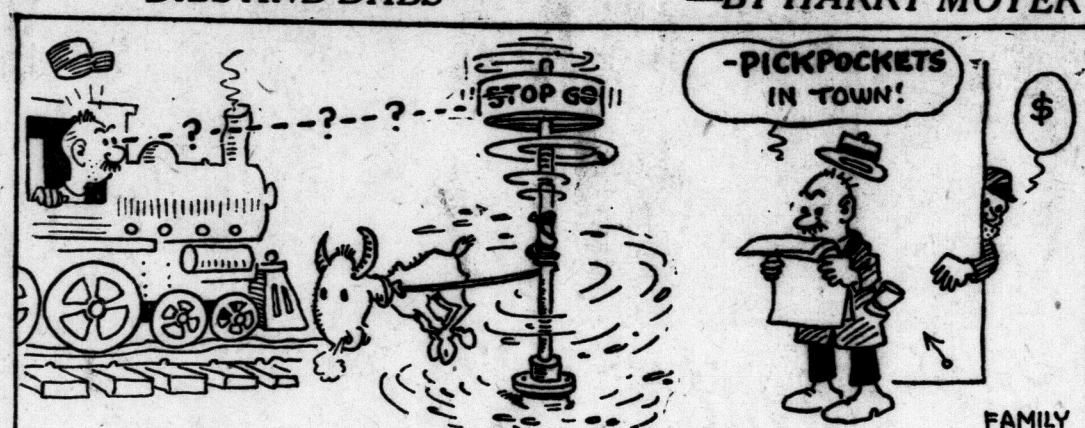
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## DIBS AND DABS

—BY HARRY MOYER



GOAT TETHERED TO SIGNAL POST CAUSES CONFUSION ON PARIS-LYONS RY.

OTTAWA SUFFERS FROM EPIDEMIC OF POCKET PICKING

-SAME PRICE IF I SOAK HIM AGAIN, SIR?

RUMMY RHYMES

TH' FROST IS ON TH' WINDOW IT MAKES A FELLER SNEEZE AND FEEL THAT HE HAS GOTTA GO AND GET SOME ANTI-FREEZE!

BAH!\$

SANDUSKY, O. COURT CLERK CHEERFULLY PAYS \$5 FINE FOR PRIVILEGE OF PUNCHING NEWSPAPER REPORTER.

MEIGHEN STICKS TO  
ATTACKS ON C. N. R.

Says He Has No Apologies to Offer for Statements About Thornton.

Montreal, Dec. 8.—Addressing the Liberal-Conservative Association and the Meighen Club here last night, Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen gave a most exhaustive review of the situation in Canada as concerns the Canadian National Railways.

Referring to statement made by him during the by-election campaign in Lanark in regard to the new general manager of the C. N. R., Sir Henry Thornton, Mr. Meighen said he had no apologies to offer for what he had said.

He had criticized the present government because they had thrown over a board of tried men in order to appoint a new board. If they were to adopt in Canada a policy of changing the board every time they changed the government, that would be a crime, he asserted.

## URGE CLEMENCY FOR SLAYERS OF OFFICER

Calgary, Dec. 8.—Clemency for Emil Piccarillo and Mrs. Florence Lassandra, recently sentenced to hang for the murder of Constable S. O. Lawson, will be asked for by members of the Women's Labor League.

A resolution asking that the capital sentence imposed upon the two murderers be commuted to life imprisonment was passed at the regular meeting held last night, and a copy of the resolution will be sent to the minister of justice at once.

ITALY'S THIRST GROWS  
AS WAR IS FORGOTTEN

Statistics Prove Much More Wine and Beer Consumed, Especially in Northern Provinces.

Canadian Press Cable.

Rome, Dec. 8.—Italy's thirst for beer and wine has been much harder to quench since the end of the war, according to official statistics just published.

Vanice takes place at the head of the list with a consumption during the last year of 22,000,000 litres of wine and 660,000 litres of other alcoholic liquors.

The per capita consumption was 140 litres of wine and 4 of the other beverages.

The use of liquors seems to be far less popular in the south than in the north, for, generally showing, the people in the northern towns and cities drank a third more than those in Central Italy, while the latter on their part consumed a third more than the Southern Italians.

The statistics for the islands show a marked decrease over last year. Sardinia, for instance, had consumed practically all of its wine to continental buyers.

## RUSSIAN TO FACE SHOOTING CHARGE

Martinchuk, Windsor Gunman, Will Appear in Court Next Friday.

As soon as Powell Martinchuk, Russian gunman, of Windsor, who is at present a patient in Victoria Hospital, learns to use crutches, he will be brought to police court to face charges of shooting with intent to kill Motorcycle Officer Gavin Monahan, and with having a revolver in his possession. Martinchuk was captured by Monahan after the officer had shot him in a running revolver duel along the L. and P. S. R. tracks near Philip street several weeks ago. The battle followed the Russian's resistance of police searching a Bathurst street house.

Martinchuk's name has been on the police court blotter several successive weeks, but each time police have reported him not in condition to appear. Today Chief of Police Robert Birrell informed the court that the prisoner was learning to use his crutches, and promised he would be transferred from the hospital to the jail next week, and would be ready for trial on Friday morning, so that Martinchuk can be sent to the jail any day now.

Since the night in October when he was taken to Victoria Hospital, his right knee shattered by a revolver bullet, the Russian has attracted considerable attention to himself. Competitors laid plans to steal him away from the hospital, but were foiled by the police. Martinchuk, chagrined at their failure, and because of his removal to a steel cage in the hospital, attempted to strangle himself with a wire from a signal light above his bed. Nurses entered his room in time to prevent him carrying out his plan.

From Russian literature found in his room on Philip street, and later transferred to the jail next week, it is believed that he is the leader of foreign radicals in Ontario.

## REGISTRY OFFICE PLANS DELAYED

Mayor Wilson Reports Proceedings Halted Pending Sanction of Provincial Authorities.

It is not improbable that among the several "legacies" to be referred to the attention of the aldermen-elect, by the members of the present city council, will be the "contemplated construction of a new registry office" on King street west.

Mayor Wilson reported Friday that all proceedings have been halted indefinitely, pending the final official sanction of the provincial authorities, who, the city officials state, are evidently not given to undue haste in the matter as the facts of the case have been in their possession for an appreciable length of time.

"The provincial architects want assurance," his worship explains, "that there will be a space of at least 10 feet on every side of the new building that will not be obstructed by a structure of any description. We have long since furnished a satisfactory report in this connection and we await their final signatures. Otherwise we are all ready to proceed."

The mayor also gives assurance that it will be imperative to advertise for new tenders, once it is ascertained that there are no further impediments in the path. Whether these are obtained or considered in time by the outgoing councillors rests entirely, it would seem, upon the pleasure of the provincial department.

Tenders recently submitted were all about \$20,000 in excess of the amount primarily estimated for a substantial job.

## LAUNCH APPROACHES END OF AROUND-WORLD TRIP

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 8.—The motor launch Speedy, with its owner, A. I. Gowan of Chicago, and Mrs. Gowan aboard, arrived here yesterday on the last lap of its trip around the world. Today Chief of Police Robert Birrell reported that the launch would leave Norfolk Saturday, docking Monday morning at New York, from whence it sailed August 21, 1921, sixteen months ago, on its globe-encircling voyage.

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## Rumor Chinese Bandits Plot to Loot Tsingtao and Kidnap All Foreigners

Tsingtao, Shantung, Dec. 8.—A reported plot of Chinese bandits, who are said to have been joined by 200 Japanese roughs, to loot this city and kidnap all foreigners yesterday created consternation in the foreign colony. On the eve of the restoration by the Japanese of the leasehold of Kiao Chow to the Chinese, which has been officially set for Sunday, the situation is extremely critical, and it is not known how Tsingtao can be saved from bandit hordes.

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## ZERO BLIZZARD FAILS TO CHECK RUSH FOR GOLD

Hardy Prospectors Make Quebec Bush Lively With Feverish Claim-Staking.

90,000,000 ACRES TAKEN

Ask Authorities to Make Changes in Mining Laws of Province.

Special to The Advertiser.

Cobalt, Dec. 8.—Despite a 20 below zero blizzard, the fortune hunters are still rushing into Quebec, every day adding a dozen or so to the contingent of hardy prospectors, now making the bush lively with their feverish claim-staking. This morning a reliable estimate has it that stakings to date in the new gold fields amounts to 90,000,000 acres.

This is equivalent to four Northern Ontario townships. Nothing so speedy as this staking boom has been seen since Porcupine.

When the snow goes, a lot of ground will be found worthless, but the extent of the favorable formation is so great that men are quite willing to take a chance of finding something valuable. Several more deals went through this week, the vendors getting ten per cent cash down, which only lucky prospectors have been getting in new camps in the last few years.

As was to be expected, a request has already been made to the Quebec authorities that they bring their mining law into conformity with that of Ontario, which is providing most of the men for the exploration of the new field.

In addition to assessment work Quebec charges rent of 50 cents an acre, and the chief request of the prospectors formal application is that this rent be abolished.

Contractors are now finishing the new office building being put up on the Continental Mines east of the Tough Oaks mine in Lebel Township. This office building will also serve as a bunkhouse during this winter. A manager's house is also being built. About 30 men are on the Continental payroll. They are still working on the surface, trenching for veins and sinking test pits.

Crown Reserve at Larder Lake has already drifted 90 feet in ore on the 300 level, with the average good commercial grade. The ore is more than six feet wide, how much wider will not be known for a couple of weeks. This ore development will be continued another month, and then the shaft will be deepened, and a new level established, probably at 500 feet. The work makes this property look more like a mine every day.

## SUDDEN CHANGE TO COLD PREDICTED FOR TONIGHT

Weatherman Promises Sinking Thermometer for Saturday—West Dry and Cold.

Toronto, Dec. 8.—While Western Canada is today enjoying typical winter weather of the prairies—the cold, "but you don't feel it variety," with temperatures at 14 below at Calgary and 8 below at Winnipeg, Ontario is being treated to a voice mixture of rain, snow and fog.

Telegraph and telephone communication has been greatly hampered by weather conditions, although there has been no complete severance. Electric transmission lines in the Niagara district up to noon had not been affected. A sudden change in temperature by night is predicted by the weatherman and tomorrow promises to be cold.

Telegraphic communication was most greatly affected in the western portion of the province.

## ARREST DETROIT WOMAN ON CHARGE