

GOVERNMENT TO GIVE SOLDIERS PREFERENCE

Premier Announces Policy in Regard to Civil Service Appointments.

EXAMPLE TO COUNTRY

Provincial Governments to Do Likewise—Perley's Tenure of Office Indefinite.

By a Staff Reporter.

OTTAWA, Feb. 9.—In appointments to the civil service of Canada preference is to be given hereafter to veterans of the present war. This was the announcement made in the house of commons today by Sir Robert Borden, who stated that a copy of an order-in-council had been already laid on the table of the house. The prime minister further intimated that all the provinces would give a similar preference in making appointments and it was hoped that the same course would be followed by all municipalities.

The announcement was made during the course of a debate upon a resolution offered by W. S. Middlebro, Conservative member for North Grey. Mr. Middlebro's resolution declared that "in the opinion of this house, in all future appointments to the civil service of Canada preference should be given to those properly qualified candidates who have served with the Canadian expeditionary forces in the present war."

Mr. Middlebro argued that the government should set the example to other employers. The preference to old soldiers in making appointments, he said, prevailed in Great Britain, France and the United States. He said of course it would be impossible for the government to find employment for all the returning veterans. Some of them would be totally disabled and have to depend upon their pen and others would be able-bodied men who would return to their old jobs or rapidly find employment elsewhere. There would be many men who, while disabled from pursuing their former callings, would still be able to fill many places in the civil service.

Hon. George P. Graham said that we were now living in a new Canada; a Canada more just and less selfish than formerly. He supported the Middlebro resolution and called attention to the fact that in Germany the returning veterans were employed on the state-owned railways in many capacities.

Hon. Frank Oliver thought a great deal might be done for returning veterans thru the technical school and educational training. He thought many soldiers disabled by the war might find employment in the technical school teaching. There was a big technical school in Edmonton, he said, which the city was scarcely able to keep up at this time and no doubt there were other schools throughout the country which could be secured by the Dominion Government.

Mr. Burnham (West Peterboro) and Mr. Aguirre (Stormont) supported the resolution. Mr. Burnham, however, did not think much of the present plan for taking care of the veterans. There was a flavor of tutelage and guardianship about it. The soldier he said, was a man who enlisted for hazardous work and should be paid a high salary; his life should be insured for the benefit of his family. If he were injured he should be compensated along the lines provided by the Workmen's Compensation Act.

Vocational Training. Sir Robert Borden said that an order-in-council had already been made which practically carried out the terms of the resolution. The order had been laid upon the table of the house, but was not now in the possession of the house. He, having been destroyed by the fire, was greatly interested in the question of vocational training. In England he had visited the great institution founded by Mr. C. A. Pearson, the publisher, for the education of the blind. A great deal of information gathered concerning this institution he had communicated to the economic commission, and also to the war hospital commission. He was glad to say that all the provincial governments were co-operating with the Dominion government in the matter of vocational training of disabled soldiers. The preference to soldiers in appointments to the civil service would be established, not only by the government of the Dominion, but also by the provincial governments, and he hoped also by all municipalities.

Want Advice on Pensions. "Our veterans must not stand around on street corners asking for charity," declared the prime minister. The government has outlined a pension scheme and invites discussion. We were disappointed last session that members of the house did not have more to say upon the subject, and hope that this session they will help us with advice and suggestions.

The house then went into supply on civil government estimates. There was some discussion on red cross subjects. Mr. Boulay (Rimouski) thought too many girls were employed in the civil service. A young lady getting \$1500 or \$1800 a year, was disinclined to marry. A young man on the same salary would find a family. Mr. Boulay also suggested that there was some discrimination in our treatment of soldiers. The men on guard at the parliament buildings at the night of the fire who perpetrated indiscriminate looting deserved little consideration.

Immigration Inspectors Lax. Hon. George Graham thought alien enemies and other undesirable citizens came too freely into Canada from the United States. A man leaving New York for Montreal or Toronto merely filled up a blank form given him and then slept the rest of the journey undisturbed. His answers might be true or false, but the immigration inspector had to accept them.

Sir Thomas White on the other hand complained that returning citizens of Canada were subjected to unnecessary inconvenience by immigration officials on the trains. Pressed for some statement about the high commissionership at London, Sir Robert Borden said that he could see no reason for superseding Sir George Perley, who was acting high commissioner, and was rendering valuable service to the country without remuneration.

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FINAL READING OF BYLAW IS HELD UP

Hydro Radial Proposals Vetoed by Mayor of St. Mary's.

ST. MARYS, Ont., Feb. 9.—The St. Marys Council, at its last regular meeting, refused to pass the final reading of the agreement between the Town of St. Marys and the Hydro-Electric Commission of Ontario, known as the hydro radial bylaw, by the casting vote of the mayor, Wm. Weir, who claims that he was acting on the advice of his legal adviser.

The bylaw was submitted to the ratifiers and carried at the last January election. It is claimed the town has exceeded its borrowing powers and cannot legally pass the measure.

Blanchard Township, which defeated the bylaw last January, has decided to re-submit it to the vote of the electorate on March 13.

KEATS WAS THE HERO

TORONTO IN A DRAW

Centre Player Scored Two Goals in Ten Seconds at Quebec.

QUEBEC, Feb. 9.—After getting a lead of three goals on the Toronto, Quebec could get no better than a draw tonight. Keats being responsible for the salvation of his team in the second period, when he scored two goals in ten seconds, and McNamara evening up in the third period, while there was no score in the overtime.

Quebec made the mistake of trying to hand out the tough stuff, but they got as good as they gave. On both sides there was a constant procession to the penalty bench, and it was a good thing that Russell Bowls and Brennan were handling the game.

The showing of the so-called bull dogs has not taken with the critics lately, and it was a small crowd that watched the game.

Keats and Cameron starred for Toronto and Ritchie and Crawford for Quebec. Both goalkeepers were at the top of their form.

LOCAL SENIOR GROUP.

Riversides 8 2 50 30
Argonauts 5 2 49 39
40th Battery 4 4 32 29
T.R. and A.A. 0 6 13 46

BASKETBALL.

The final game in the City Playground Junior Basketball League was played last night on Oser floor between McCormick, winners in the western series, and Elizabeth, winners in the eastern series. McCormick won 23-13 after one of the best and hardest junior games played during the series. In the first half Elizabeth boys were successful in finding the basket 10 times, while Oser only caged the ball five times, and the half ended 21-12 in favor of Elizabeth. The second half Oser scored 7 baskets and kept the Elizabeth boys from making a field shot. Teams: McCormick—Langdon, I. Clarke, T. London, E. McMahon, B. Brooks, F. Platt. Elizabeth—B. Sager, J. Pearl, I. Greenbaum, R. McCallum, S. Sager.

QUEEN'S OWN PARADE IN ORDER OF BRIGADE

Special March Thru City Last Night First of Its Kind in History of Canada.

LOOK OUT FOR RECORDS

Hundred and Ninth Will Engage in Great Recruiting Campaign Today.

"A brigade" of Queen's Own men marched out for a special parade of the city last night, it being the first occasion in the history of Canada that one regiment has been able to parade in "brigade order."

There were three battalions, over 1300 men, in line—two of the Q.O.R. and one of the Q.O.B. overseas. Lieut. Col. R. C. Levesque acted as brigade commander, and Captain W. J. Rooney as brigade major. Major Mitchell commanded the overseas men. The march-out was by way of Queen, Parliament, Wilton, Yonge and Agnes streets, returning down University avenue.

Before the parade the men were formed in brigade formation, the armories and formed column of route, headed by the bugle band. The Q.O.R. and 16th Brigade bands were massed between the overseas and home regiments.

One hundred and fifty-eight men came forward for enlistment yesterday, 110 being accepted. At the armories, 111 offered and 89 were accepted. At the 10th Regiment, 47 offered and 21 were accepted. Yesterday's recruits brought the strength of the overseas battalions now actively recruiting up to: 184th (Highlanders), 1161; 166th (Q.O.R.), 813; 168th (109th Regiment), 1003; 170th, 160; 169th, 229.

The 10th Regiment's Overseas Battalion put the whole of the overseas unit and part of the home regiment members on a recruiting scheme today. The city will be divided into 40 districts, and all places of business are to be visited. As a thousand "recruiters" will be on the job, some record-breaking enlistment results are anticipated.

Typhoid Outbreak. Word of an outbreak of typhoid at PARRY SOUND was received at military headquarters yesterday. Medical officers were immediately sent to inoculate the soldiers in training in the PARRY SOUND district.

Lt. Col. Edward Baxter, commander of the 11th Battalion, with headquarters at Cayuga, is very ill, suffering from enteric fever. He has been taken to Toronto General Hospital.

Word was received last night at the 18th Overseas Battalion (108 Regiment) offices that General Sir Sam Hughes told Lt. Col. J. G. Wright to go ahead with his campaign as before. Col. Wright also had a most satisfactory interview with Adjutant-General Hodgins.

Lt. Col. John A. Cooper of the 18th Toronto Battalion is trying to get some "soldiers of experience" into his battalion and expects to bring over from the firing line the sons of two prominent Toronto citizens. These young men have been in the trenches for a year or so. The intention is to make them lieutenants in the 18th.

The recruiting campaign of the 201st Battalion, Lt. Col. E. W. Hagarty commander which will begin as soon as accommodation for headquarters in the Technical School has been granted by special permission of the board of education, will be directed by Lieut. C. A. Schell, assisted in the east end by Lieut. Anderson.

FINANCIALLY WORRIED TRIED TO END HIS LIFE

Harry Applebaum Threw Himself in Front of Trolley, But Escaped Injury.

Harry Applebaum, 231 McCaul street, was picked up on College street by a police ambulance last night, following an attempt to end his life by throwing himself in front of a College car. The action of the motorman in applying the brakes alone saved Applebaum from being seriously or fatally hurt. He was taken to the General Hospital, examined, and pronounced of unsound mind. He was removed to Agnes street police station.

Financial worries are said to be the reason for his act.

COAL OPERATORS MEET DELEGATES OF MINERS

Joint Wage Conference Opened at Mobile Tackles First Demand of Men.

REJECTED AS WHOLE

Owners Formally Told Employees at Start of Negotiating of Demands.

MOBILE, Ala., Feb. 9.—Today's session of the joint wage conference of bituminous coal operators and miners of western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, was devoted largely to a discussion of the first demand of the United Mine Workers of America, which provides that all coal be weighed before it is screened, and that it be paid for on the mine run basis. Prior to taking this up the operators formally rejected the demands as a whole and the delegates began a technical discussion of the minimum proposition.

Next to the increase in wages asked for, the mine run is the most important of the eleven demands formulated by the Indianapolis convention of the Miners' Union.

The run of mine system now is in effect in Illinois and Ohio, while in Indiana there is a double standard system of payment. Two years ago western Pennsylvania operators refused to grant the miners the run of mine. The operators say the demand will be rejected together with all the others, and that the conference will then look for some sort of alternative proposition from one side or the other, and the real work of adjustment will begin.

GRAND JURY AT BOSTON TO PROBE TEUTON PLOT

Alleged Evidence of Conspiracy to Harass Canadian Cities to Be Sifted.

DICTOGRAPH EMPLOYED

Identity of Suspected Group Known and Movements Kept Under Observation.

BOSTON, Feb. 9.—Investigation by federal officials of an alleged conspiracy by German sympathizers here to harass Canadian cities in various ways, has proceeded so far that United States Attorney George W. Anderson is prepared to place the matter before the grand jury, it is understood tonight. The jury, which meets next Tuesday, will hear evidence of several lines of activity by groups of men said to be operating in the interests of the Teutonic allies, if information gained from attaches of federal offices is substantiated.

Dictagraph records, containing reports of a conference of the alleged conspirators, are in the possession of the prosecutor's staff, it is said. The identity of the individuals of the suspected group is known and they are under surveillance, according to federal employees. Their place of meeting, which has been watched by investigators for several days, has been abandoned.

The inquiry begun in this city is said unofficially to account for the presence in Washington of District Attorney Anderson and Edmund Billings, collector of the port. Members of their staffs are under assignments in connection with the case, which has taken at least one of them into Canada.

The coupling of this fact with the recent fire in the house of parliament at Ottawa, developed an intimation that the inspector's errand was to determine whether there was any evidence in Ottawa to support the local enquiry.

NEVER HEARD OF PLOT.

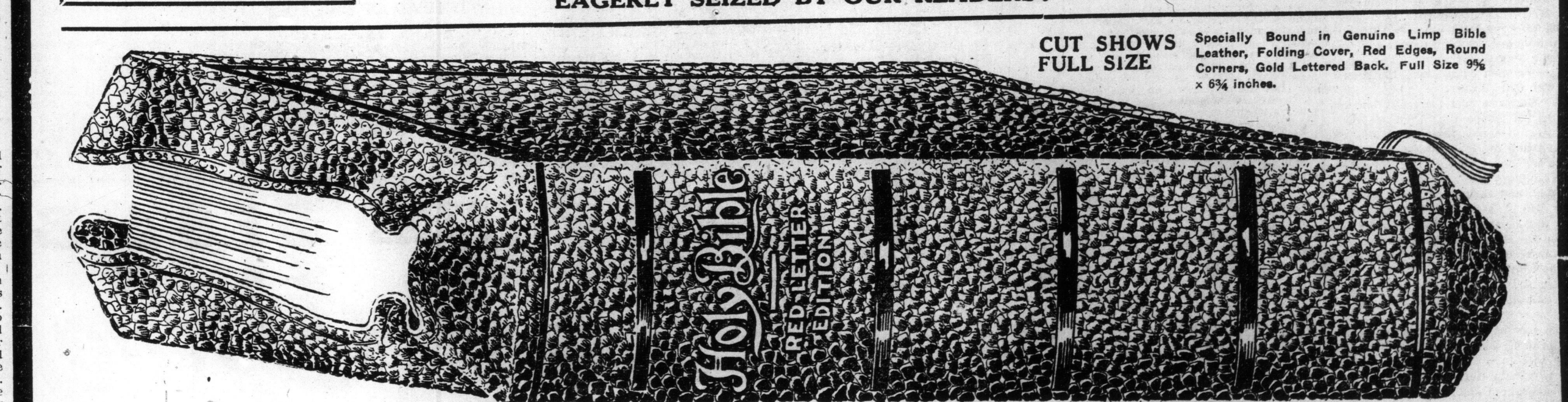
WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—George W. Anderson, United States district attorney at Boston, said here tonight that he never had heard of a German plot to use Boston as a base from which to direct hostile activities in Canada. He declared he had come to Washington solely for the purpose of attending the senate committee hearing on the nomination of Louis D. Brandeis for the supreme court.

ON SHOPLIFTING CHARGE.

Elizabeth Kydd, 48 Hook avenue, was arrested by Detective Taylor yesterday afternoon on a charge of theft from the T. Eaton store. Ruth MacDonald, 18 Ryding avenue, was arrested on a similar charge in Eaton's store by Detective Twigg.

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