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29 PER CENT. INCREASE.
Last week the News Record
carried 6930 inches of paid ad-
vertising. For the same week
last year the total was 5359.

FORTY-FIRST YEAR

Farmers Oppose Class Legislation

U.F.O. PLEASSED WITH DRURY GOVERNMENT

Must Adhere to U.F.O. Platform and Promote Welfare of All People,
Whether in Castle or Cabin.

FIGHTING SPEECHES BY RANEY AND DOHERTY.

The formal motion of endorsement for the Drury Government which was carried by the U.F.O. Convention at Toronto last night reads in part:

"Whereas the cause of better government in the Province of Ontario has been the central interest in the work of the United Farmers of Ontario;

"And whereas the persistent demand of the organized Farmers of the Province for greater economy, honesty and general efficiency in public affairs has resulted in the election of an entirely new Government;

"And whereas the success of this newly-elected Government will depend upon an absolute adherence to those principles enumerated in the platform of the United Farmers of Ontario, which is based upon the idea of the greatest good to the greatest number of the people,—whether they reside in castle or cabin;

"And whereas the representative character of the great work to be done in the Province renders it imperative that the members of the present Government should not declare upon matters of future policy without due care, investigation and deliberation;

"Therefore, be it resolved, that we, the members of the United Farmers of Ontario, endorse the action of the Joint Political Committee of the U.F.O. in taking steps to select a Leader to establish a Government in the Province of Ontario;

"And also reaffirm our position in the matter of the government of this Province as expressed in the Provincial platform of this organization;

"And finally desire to urge upon the present Administration the seriousness of responsibility involved in the fulfillment of the great trust which has been placed in his hands."

TORONTO, Dec. 18.—To the 2,500 delegates of the United Farmers of Ontario, who filled every corner of Massey Hall last night, Hon. Ernest C. Drury, Premier of the Province, put this question: "Should we give class legislation or shall we not?" And the great hall reverberated with a thunderous "No."

"I know that answer would come," said the Premier. "You are farmers, but first of all you are citizens, and you want no class legislation. You want the choice of this Province government of the people, by the people, for the people."

The sentiment of the meeting that found expression in the single word of reply to the Premier's question was in accord with the above resolution endorsing the choice of Mr. Drury as the U.F.O. Leader and endorsing his selection of the Cabinet.

Premier Drury said in reply: "I thank you most sincerely," for your expression of confidence. It is with a feeling of great humility as well as with recognition of the honor you have conferred upon me and the men behind me that I accept your reaffirmation of the action of the members elected to the Political Committee in selecting me as leader. I assure you I shall honestly and fearlessly and humbly endeavor to realize your expectations of myself and of the Cabinet."

In solemn words Colonel J.Z. Fraser, warned the Premier and his Minister that with victory comes responsibility, and with success renewed obligations. No longer, he reminded the Premier and his colleagues, were they representatives of the United Farmers of Ontario. They had been called to higher things, and in their acceptance of the call had transferred their allegiance to the great common people of the Province, the men and women of all classes and creeds and parties, to whom they must look for support and encouragement, and in whose interests their labors must be spent.

"I would remind you that you should go carefully, having regard for all things. I would warn you to be careful in utterance. A word once uttered can never be recalled. Be careful in promise; every promise given is a mortgage against you that will be hard to liquidate. Deal wisely with all questions and work for the good of all."

All the members-elect of the U.

FLANDERS' FIELDS, 1919

In Flanders' fields the poppies grow
Above the dead who sleep below,
The holy dead who gave their lives
That mothers, daughters, sisters, wives
The dead and horror might not know
Of Flanders' fields.

The fee is crushed, and now no more
Is heard the cannons' dreadful roar;
Instead the gladly beating drum
Welcomes our brave defenders home.

Yet, while in grateful memory deep
The living and the dead we keep,
Let us rejoice, but not forget—
Our vanquished foes are brothers yet.

Let the sweet words of Him still live
Who from the Cross could say forgive;
Let bitterness and hatred die,
Let all in vain our heroes lie—
In Flanders' fields.

THE NEWS RECORD

KITCHENER, ONTARIO, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18TH, 1919.

PROSS.
A few light snowfalls, but
mostly fair, to-day and on Fri-
day, with rising temperature.
12 PAGES. PRICE TWO CENTS.

GENERAL REQUEST FOR RELAXATION

Thirty Souls From Atlantic to Pacific
Bombarding Government
for Old-time Christmas.

MUST WAIT FOR PEACE PROCLAMATION

OTTAWA, Dec. 18.—Anxious for Christmas cheer in the "good old way," numerous thirsty correspondents are bombarding the Government with telegrams and letters. They are from almost every part of the Dominion, and all alike ask for relaxation of the war-time orders in Council prohibiting importation of intoxicating liquor.

Delays in the ratification of the peace treaty have prolonged the life of the War Measures Act; and the orders in Council remain in force. Importation is still forbidden.

There is a Cabinet wing which has for some time urged abrogation of all the war-time orders in Council. It takes the view that the orders in Council were passed to meet special war conditions, and that the more quickly special war restrictions are removed, the less likely is there to be unrest.

There is, however, no likelihood of any relaxation for Christmas. Formal peace is not now far distant, and with its coming wartime restrictions will cease.

OFFER \$20,000 FOR COAL LANDS

(Special to the Record).

PARIS, Dec. 18.—The question of the compensation Germany should make for the sinking of the Scapa Flow fleet was again before the Supreme Council to-day. Several propositions were presented to the Council, but no definite decision was reached. One more boundary question was settled by the Council when it delimited the frontier between Galicia and Bukovina.

DROPPED AGAIN

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Foreign exchange rates suffered another decline at the opening of the market to-day. Demand bills on pound sterling were quoted at \$3.79 or 31 cents below yesterday's close. There was a fractional advance in New York funds on Canada, being quoted at 7 1/2 per cent. premium.

TORONTO TO ERECT BETTER BUILDING

TORONTO, Dec. 18.—Unknown to the general public, a battle has been waging between the province and the city for six months in connection with the reception Hospital, where persons of overwrought mind and nerve are observed and treated until their mentality has been determined. Ever since the first day of May this province has refused to accept new cases for admission to the institution; doctors and friends of persons of doubtful mental condition have round the doors closed.

AFRAID TO SEE BORDEN RESIGN

Colleagues Oppose Retirement—
Official Statement Expected
Late To-day.

OTTAWA, Dec. 18.—From present indications there is some possibility that Sir Robert Borden may be induced to postpone his proposed retirement from the premiership. Urgent requests have been made by his colleagues that he should remain, every mail brings shoals of letters expressing hope that retirement will not be necessary. Sir Robert intimated this morning that he will have an official statement probably late this afternoon.

MAY REDUCE CHEAP GRADES

TORONTO, Dec. 18.—Except possibly in the cheapest grades of carpets the reported release for export without license of woolen goods in Great Britain is not going to mean lower prices in Canada. Wool men in Toronto say that the reports of travelers and buyers in England are to the effect that even higher prices are coming.

U.F.O. ELECT OFFICERS TODAY HALBERT SCORES ABSENTEES

Those Not Delegates Placed on Platform and Get Three Good-Natured Cheers.

FIVE NOMINEES FOR PRESIDENT.

(Special to the Record).

To onto, Dec. 18.—"You're against a serious job. You're against your hands today one of the biggest things in the Province of Ontario," declared President Halbert, after delivering a lecture about the absence of some of the delegates at the U.F.O. Convention to-day. He declared himself ashamed of them and the men who sent them. He asked them present to note the absentees and report them when they went home.

Before the voting for officers started all those not delegates were asked to stand up. About 100 men did so from scattered positions throughout the hall. Cries of "put them out" arose, but some one solved the difficulty with that happy direct facility that these farmers' meetings have of turning awkward errors in a flash by shouting "put them on the platform." The idea, caught on like a flash. There was an outbreak of cheering.

"The platform will hold them," declared Sec'y. Morrison, "but I am afraid if we let them up here they will think they are members of Parliament." Cheers broke out again as the non-delegates filed up

to the seats of honor. When they were seated a huge voice from the audience shouted, "Three cheers for the coming M.P.s!"

A little while before Sec'y Morrison had scored a whole string of happy hits when giving instructions about credentials. One of the best of these was, "Oh, thing has grown so big that I don't know you all. The time was when I did. You know my face is so ugly that you can't forget it." The good-natured audience was swept as always on the least excuse with a quick glow of laughter.

The following were nominated for President, R.H. Halbert, M.P., R.W.E. Burnaby, Harold Curry, Middlesex, Amos, Perth, H.A. Gilroy, Lambton County, M. Holliman, J.W. Richardson, E. Parkinson, H.J. McGillan. The five last named withdrew.

R.W. Burnaby was elected President in succession to R.H. Halbert, M.P., elected for North Ontario. The election of Mr. Burnaby was unanimous on motion of W.A. Amos, who made a close run with Mr. Burnaby for the position.

Did Not Have Enough Pull

Why Did Porta Not Know it Sooner.—Dr. Klotz Calls Prediction
Absolute Humbug.

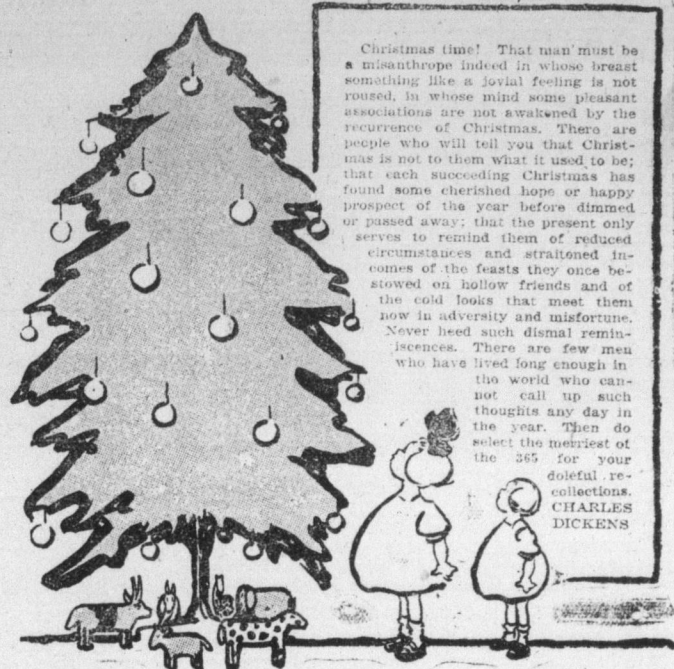
San Francisco, Dec. 18.—Professor Albert A. Porta, San Francisco meteorologist, from whose deductions on a planet configuration the prophecy of the world coming to an end yesterday, arose now declares that the prognostications of the world's demise were greatly exaggerated. The rotation of the sun, preventing a pull of the planetary phalanx on any one place of the sun's surface for any considerable length of time, would prevent the formation of any sun-spot. Professor Porta says. It was this sun spot that he feared.

In previous statements Professor absolute humbug."

Porta had admitted the possibility of disturbances in and on the earth as a result of the "pull exerted by the lined-up planets."

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—"There is nothing unusual in this temperature at this time of the year," said Dr. Otto Klotz, of the Astronomical Observatory, a brother of Mr. Jacob Klotz, of 88 Avenue St. West, Kitchener, when asked if the cold wave could be regarded in any way as a vindication of Dr. Porta's prediction. "That stuff is absolute humbug," continued Dr. Klotz, "it is not worth newspaper space. It is

HELP ALONG THE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE!



Christmas time! That man must be a misanthrope indeed in whose breast something like a jovial feeling is not roused, in whose mind some pleasant associations are not awakened by the recurrence of Christmas. There are people who will tell you that Christmas is not to them what it used to be; that each succeeding Christmas has found some cherished hope or happy prospect of the year before dimmed or passed away; that the present only serves to remind them of reduced circumstances and straitened incomes of the feasts they once bestowed on better friends and of the cold looks that meet them now in adversity and misfortune. Never heed such dismal reminiscences. There are few men who have lived long enough in the world who cannot call up such thoughts any day in the year. They do select the merriest of the 365 for your doleful recollections. CHARLES DICKENS

THE FUND FOR XMAS CHEER

HELP FUND AND CHEER!

The day of the community Christmas tree and the diffusion of Christmas cheer to the city's young folk draws nearer. With its approach the need of applied efforts to make the undertaking such that it will prove a cause of gratification becomes more pronounced.

Plans for the same are developing nicely. Last evening a conference of interested citizens was held at the offices of the John Forsyth Company Ltd., at which the necessary details were discussed, including the securing of acceptable gifts and the distribution of the same as well as the matter of funds.

While the official program will be announced Monday it may be said that the big event will take place at 7 p.m. on Tuesday December 23rd. The scene of the jingle-bells and the community Christmas centre will be on the market square and in the Market building.

It is gratifying to note the assistance that ladies, including the Daughters of the Empire, are lending to the cause. Their work like in so many other cases is entirely voluntary but none the less concentrated in the direction of success.

The big work at present of course is Funds or in other words cash contributions from the citizens. The unsolicited donations are on the way in many cases. In order to facilitate the efforts of the workers, subscriptions will be received down town as well as on the occasion of personal calls throughout the city. The Record is one of these places. Banks and the local loan and saving company also will receive them.

To-day's appeal embodies a call for a still greater number of enthusiastic workers. As the time is short, the task big but the cause the noblest there is an opening for every such person.

For another reference to the plan see another page of this issue.

U. S. BUYERS AFTER CANADIAN LUMBER

Prices Rapidly Advancing

(Special to the Record).
Winnipeg, Dec. 18.—Prices of lumber laid down wholesale on the prairie, have advanced from 15 to 25 per cent. in the last three months and are still advancing. The desired Premier Norris of Manitoba last night. "The advance at mills is even greater," he added, "and it is not the question of the Canadian manufacturer putting up the price. The increased supply is running away through the bidding of buyers from the United States above the listed prices. The demand from the States is tremendous. Even spiced from the mills north of Edmonton was being shipped to Chicago and New York at exceptionally high prices. Pine is also following the market and rapidly advancing."

Isaac Mann, aged 70, and his brother aged 57 were suffocated in a fire which gutted an apartment house on City road St. John N. B.

LIGHT COMMISSION OPPOSED TO THE HYDRO RADIAL BYLAW

Supply of Power, Even With Chippewa Development, in Future Will
All Be Required For Ordinary Consumption, Commissioners
Emphasize.

OUTSIDE CONTROL OF STREETS OBJECTED TO.

The shortage of power in this city is so acute that the Light Commissioners, after a long and full discussion last evening, are taking strong measures to better the situation. The fact was brought out that they have applications for power in the next three months amounting to over 100 per cent. of the highest peak, and no relief is in sight until the Chippewa development is completed.

With the continued rise in the cost of coal, the Commissioners are of the opinion it is certain that each year will see a large increase in the consumption of power and that power must be conserved for domestic, commercial and industrial use. The following resolution was moved by Mr. Aug. R. Lang and seconded by Mr. Carl Kranz and carried unanimously. Whereas—The City of Kitchener is badly handicapped by lack of electric power.

And whereas, there is no relief in sight until the Chippewa development is completed, and it is anticipated that the increase in applications for domestic commercial, and industrial purposes will consume all of the increase;

And whereas this commission think it unwise to hand over the control of our streets to an outside body.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Kitchener Light Commissioners go on record as opposing the Hydro Radial By-Law to be presented to the people January 1st, 1920.

The Power Situation.

In view of the opinion of the Com-

mission and the foregoing resolution the monthly statement by Superintendent V. S. McIntyre on the power situation as submitted to the Commission last evening is of interest. It follows:

Report For The Month of November. "Our peak load for the month of November occurred on Nov. 25th, at 4:20 p.m., and amounted to 6,186.3 h.p. Our peak load for the same month last year occurred on Nov. 25th, at 2:40 p.m., and amounted to 4,137.7 h.p. Since that date we have had several cuts, and to-day we have had a cut of 25 per cent., reducing our available power between the hours of 4:30 and 6 p.m. to 4708 h.p. We have been informed that the cause of this further reduction is ice troubles at Niagara Falls.

"The Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario have stated they are preparing a statement regarding power shortage which will be inserted in the newspapers all over the Niagara System. This statement should appear in the papers within a few days. I have been informed by them that they anticipate having a further supply of power available some time in February next, and advise us in the meantime not to take on any new services of any kind."

"From Nov. 19th until Dec. 1st, when our power supply was cut, we added 43 new residential services, four new commercial services, and five new power services of a total of 48 H.P. At the meeting last evening all the members of the commission were present."

HEARST THINKS REDUCTION OF SALARY A MISTAKE

Likewise That People of Ontario
Do Not Want Him in Public
Life.

TORONTO, Dec. 18.—Premier E. C. Drury's action in voluntarily cutting his salary by \$3,000 may be good politics for the Farmer-Labor Coalition Government, but Sir William Hearst, looks upon it as a mistake. He is firmly of the opinion that the stipend attached to the office should be increased.

Sir William expressed this view in the course of an address last night at the complimentary dinner tendered him at the King Edward Hotel. He explained that he did not express that opinion in any spirit of criticism. If the salaries were not increased it will not belong, Sir William declared, until only men of independent means would be able to occupy positions in the Cabinet.

The former Prime Minister set at rest any rumors that he might continue further in public life. He said quite correctly, "I don't think the people of the Province of Ontario wish that I should, and I have no desire of trying the thrust myself upon them at the present time."

Bliss Powers and Coleman Bannister McNeton N. B., were arrested on a charge of stealing 16 silver foxes, valued at \$8,000, from C. P. Munro Pettibridge.

AGRETTES SEIZED

Still the destruction of the beautiful heron goes on. A hidden package of cigarettes, valued at \$25,000, was recently discovered by a customs inspector of San Francisco in the engine room of an incoming steamship. It is one could be found admitting ownership. Their importation into the United States is unlawful.

"GOD'S IN HIS HEAVEN"

The gates of the Lachine canal will be locked up until spring, navigation having closed in Montreal harbor.

O TROUBLED hearts, forget your pain.
Your grief and loss, now once again
The merry Yule-tide brings
Its joy of giving, song and mirth
To gladden all the hearts of earth
And once more celebrate the birth
Of our great King of Kings!

Come, little birds and friendly
Xmas
And share with us the Yule-tide
feasts
Earth spreads so lavishly!
O children! let your voices say
Banish all gloom and doubt away
Be wholly happy for this Day,
And dance around the Tree!

Ring, Christmas bells! Your message
gives
Faith to believe that Truth still
lives!

Ring, ring, with right good will!
For though humanity's bruised
breast
Is throbbing with a wild unrest,
Man longs and strives yet for the
best!
God's in His Heaven still!