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IN EVENT OF LIBERAL WIN, INVOLVE A TAXATION OF FOOD

Conference of 1907 Will Be Free and Unfettered and Delegates Fully Instructed—Chamberlain Howled Down at Derby and Gerald Balfour Badgered—Malden on Army Reform.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.) London, Jan. 4.—On behalf of the colonial offices, Winston Churchill speaking at Manchester to-night, made an important declaration of policy in a statement regarding the prospective colonial conference. In the event of a Liberal success, the government would not enter into an arrangement for preferential union with the colonies, involving taxation of food, as said there was no need to get jump on it. A previous state about the empire, which would not sink to a fifth-rate power so soon as Mr. Chamberlain supposed.

Lord Elgin has faced many difficulties but the question of the colonial conference presented difficulties to the government. The periodical assembly of representatives of the empire, which the empire to-day is attending with great advantage, is a policy which would be as possible assistance and encouragement.

FOLLOWING CONFERENCE. Lord Elgin, before Mr. Lyttelton left office, had, with great propriety, suggested the postponement of 1907 of the conference. In the summer of 1906, year, and inquiries had already been sent to the various colonies concerned, and the government has been asked, it appeared that the postponement was, in several cases, actually convenient to colonial ministers. Moreover, all had the interests of the empire at heart. Both the country, home and the colonies would desire that these periodical conferences should be kept clear of British party passions always excited by a general election. When the conference met in 1907 it would be free and unfettered. It would be open to colonial ministers to bring forward any question or advise any proposal which seemed to afford the prospect of more intimate co-ordination or a closer union of the various widespread dependencies of the crown.

GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS. No doubt the colonial representatives at the conference would receive from their respective governments precise instructions as to the proposals they were authorized to put forward or accept. The representatives of the home government would also receive precise instructions. The nature of these instructions depended upon the wishes and feelings of the masses of British people.

If the result of the general election should provide Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman with an adequate majority for the conduct of public affairs, it would be the duty of the representatives of the British government to inform their colonial colleagues that they would not enter into arrangements for a preferential union with the colonies involving the taxation of food.

FOLLOWING PRECEDENT. In making such a statement he said the Liberal ministers would only be following the course taken by Mr. Chamberlain in 1897. The South African war had been a most instructive lesson in regard to the government was hopeful of a successful result. The South African war had been a most instructive lesson in regard to the government was hopeful of a successful result.

WOULDN'T HEAR CHAMBERLAIN. London, Jan. 4.—It was a very disorderly audience to which Mr. Chamberlain preached his fiscal doctrine at Derby to-night. Over 100 had been admitted to the drill hall without tickets. The interruptions started early and the speaker had to stop several times. He finally cut his remarks short. Mr. Palford, the candidate, rose and told them to go to bed of starvation in a ditch. Mr. Chamberlain will be prime minister of England before you are dead, and I will be member for Derby to support him.

Mr. Chamberlain presents the colonies as the solution of the great problem of the unemployed. He declared that free trade had failed in spite of the general prosperity. One-third of the nation was under-fed and on the verge of starvation. The interests of the unemployed, if not in their personal interests, he advocated a colonial preference.

Trade and Work. "How can you get more employment?" he asked only got eyes swept the main floor, the gallery by increasing trade with the colonies, by treating your relations better than your opponents. You ought to meet the offers made by your colonial fellow-subjects which have given rise to the work of don't-tracking the exports, but they forget to tell you that part of the increase was due to the colonial preference already given. Our trade with Canada was falling off. They were doing less and less with the mother country. They gave us a preference, and in a few years the trade had doubled. Now, at this time, part of the increased export trade was due to the fact that they are taking

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COMPTON GOES LIBERAL. Montreal, Jan. 4.—(Special.)—The by-election in Compton to-day was won by Hunt (Lib.) whose majority was about 200. The Liberals carried the county in 1904, defeating Rufus Pease (Cons.), who was again defeated to-day by 235.

C. P. R. DOUBLE TRACKING. Winnipeg, Jan. 4.—(Special.)—The Canadian Pacific are rapidly pushing ahead the work of double-tracking between Winnipeg and Port William. The mild winter has permitted work to continue unabated. A. Club & Sons, 4 King West, at 10c straight. Try them; they are fine cigars.

PARLIAMENT MEETS MARCH 15th

Or at Latest on March 22, By Which Time Tariff Commission Will Have Drafted Bill.

Ottawa, Jan. 4.—(Special.)—The next session of the Dominion parliament will be summoned for Thursday, March 15, or at latest, a week later.

This week's delay, if necessary, will be due only to the tariff commission, who it is desired shall draft the tariff bill before the house meets.

PETERS AS A COMPROMISE. Victoria, B.C., Jan. 4.—(Special.)—A private Ottawa message to-night says that Peter, ex-premier of Prince Edward Island, has been selected at Ottawa as the compromise appointee to the lieutenant-governorship of British Columbia.

THE CIVIC ENQUIRY. The civic investigation which was started over the Puddy Bros. abattoir will be resumed this morning at 10 o'clock before Judge Winchester Crown Attorney Drayton will do the questioning. The enquiry will take a much broader scope than was done at the former sittings. The building and furnishing of the City Hall will take up the attention of the crown to-day.

Those who have been requested by a little blue paper to give evidence are: Arthur Dennis, who did the carpenter work. W. B. Rogers, who supplied the furniture. A member of the firm of John Kay & Co., carpenter. A. D. Harris, the sewer pipe man. Aid Lynd, the accused.

MORE NATIONAL POLICY FOR ONTARIO. Hon. Frank Cochrane, minister of mines and lands for Ontario made an important announcement at the Conservative banquet at Weston last night. It was to the effect that he hoped to introduce legislation at the forthcoming session of the legislature which would result in all the nickel mined in this province being refined here, and instead of Canadian nickel, which supplies 60 per cent. of the total output of the world, being sold as United States nickel, it would thereafter be sold as Canadian nickel, and would have to be bought in this country, where it would not only be mined and washed, but also refined.

He also indicated that some kind of progressive policy was being contemplated by the Whitney government in the direction of developing and distributing the great water power resources of this province; and it would seem that the government have the idea of taking over a large portion of the power produced by the plants on the Canadian side of Niagara Falls, and distributing it to the municipalities of Ontario within a very considerable distance of the falls.

UNKNOWN MAN TAKES ACID

QUICK AND MAY SAVE HIM

Affairs are "deplorable" in Kingston. Unknown man takes acid quick and may save him. Kingston, Jan. 4.—(Special.)—Under auspicious circumstances tonight, Hon. W. J. Hanna and J. P. Downey, M.A., opened the Kingston by-election campaign at a bumper meeting for Donald M. McIntyre, who is again opposing E. J. B. Pense, presented recently on charges of corruption. The provincial secretary, said his colleague was given a most enthusiastic reception. Hon. Mr. Hanna made a strong plea for a clean election, declaring the government's policy was strict punishment for the election corruptor. The city hall was filled to the doors, and on the platform were a large number of ladies. On the walls were streamers expressing welcome to Hanna and Downey. "New men, new measures, new methods."

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EATING, FELL, STRANGLED. Stratford, Jan. 4.—(Special.)—The coroner's jury in the case of Thomas Eyles, a found dead in his room at the Victoria Hotel, returned a verdict that he died from strangulation. Having been eating in bed, he fell out with his face on the floor and was unable to help himself. The post-mortem examination showed this.

NEW COURT OF REVISION. John A. Irwin, who is an applicant for the vacancy on the court of revision, was spoken of by the late ex-revisionist, Bryce, as being spoken of by his friends as a man well qualified for the position, who is one of the best men in the province as well as ability. Mr. Irwin, who is a son of the late ex-Ald. Irwin, was in the city assessing the value of his property, and only recently resigned his position there, which gave him a full knowledge of the work of the court of revision and he thoroughly understands the working of the court.

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HANNA AND DOWNEY TELL HOW GOVERNMENT HAS KEPT PLEDGES

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ALASKAN EXPLORER DEAD. Montreal, Jan. 4.—The famous Alaskan explorer, Francis Mercer, died today, aged 68 years.

Mercler is a French-Canadian who went to Alaska forty years ago, and acted as intermediary when the country was ceded by Russia to the United States. He also explored the Bering Straits in the canoe in the interest of the French Geographical Society, as the latter wished to support its theory that the North American Indian had come over from China.

21 MINERS LOSE THEIR LIVES

IN VIRGINIA MINE EXPLOSION

GAS STOPS WORK OF RESCUE

First Casualty of the Year—One Body Recovered So Badly Mutilated as to Be Unrecognizable. St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 4.—The heaviest snow storm since 1898 prevailed in the north for hours yesterday. Snow to the depth of 18 inches fell here, and the street railway system was practically put out of business.

From Northern Wisconsin come reports of a complete tie up of all railroad traffic.

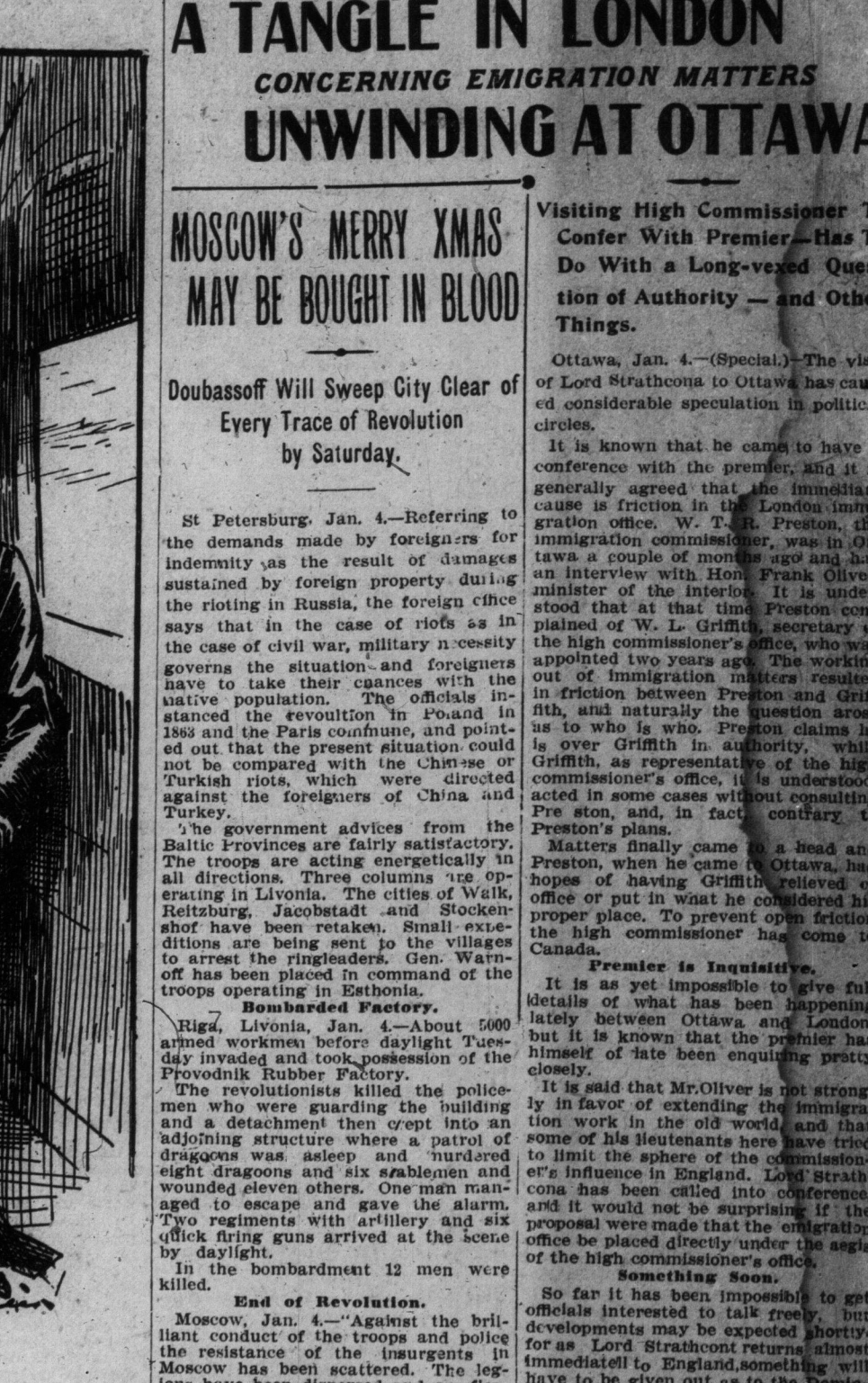
Hotel Changes Hands. The Clarendon Hotel has changed hands. John F. Hynes is the new proprietor. In place of Nick Smiley. The price paid was \$15,000.

DEATHS. BARNETT—At 25 Collier-street, on Jan. 3rd, 1906, Elizabeth, beloved wife of James Barnett, passed away in peace. Funeral private, Friday, 145, to St. John's Cemetery, York Mills.

KENT—On Friday, Jan. 5th, 1906, at a Cawthra-avenue, Thomas Kent (step-son of W. H. Ford, superintendent of Mount Pleasant Cemetery), aged 74 years. Funeral notice later.

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A TANGLE IN OTTAWA

CONCERNING EMIGRATION MATTERS

UNWINDING A OTTAWA

MOSCOW'S MERRY XMAS MAY BE BOUGHT IN BLOOD

Visiting High Commissioner To Confer With Premier—Has To Do With a Long-vaunted Question of Authority—And Other Things. Ottawa, Jan. 4.—(Special.)—The visit of Lord Strathcona to Ottawa has caused considerable speculation in political circles. It is known that he came to have a conference with the premier, and it is generally agreed that the immediate cause is friction in the London immigration office. W. T. R. Preston, the immigration commissioner, was in Ottawa a couple of months ago and had an interview with Hon. Frank Oliver, minister of the interior, in his capacity as representative of the high commissioner. It is understood that at that time Preston complained of W. L. Griffith, secretary of the high commissioner's office, who was appointed two years ago. The working out of immigration matters resulted in a friction between Preston and Griffith, and the latter has been in Ottawa since his appointment. It is understood that the high commissioner's office, it is understood, acted in some cases without consulting Preston, and in fact, contrary to Preston's plans.

Matters finally came to a head and Preston, when he came to Ottawa, had hopes of having Griffith relieved of office or put in what he considered his proper place. To prevent open friction the high commissioner has come to Canada.

Premier is Inquisitive. It is as yet impossible to give full details of what has been happening lately between Ottawa and London, but it is known that the premier has himself of late been enquiring pretty closely.

It is said that Mr. Oliver is not strongly in favor of extending the immigration work in the old world, and that some of the London immigration officers are in the sphere of the commissioner's influence in England. Lord Strathcona has been in Ottawa, and it would not be surprising if the proposal were made that the emigration office be placed under the control of the high commissioner's office.

Something Soon. So far it has been impossible to get details of what has been happening lately between Ottawa and London, but it is known that the premier has himself of late been enquiring pretty closely.

ROY, ALONE TO BLAME. St. Petersburg, Jan. 4.—As a result of the representations made by Mr. St. Petersburg, the British Charge d'Affaires, Lord Strathcona returned to Ottawa, and it is expected that he will have to be given out as the Dominion business which brought him here.

GREATEST CROP ON RECORD. C. P. R. Figures Show Remarkable Comparative Proportions. Winnipeg, Jan. 4.—(Special.)—That the prairie provinces have easily the greatest crop on record is shown by the Canadian Pacific Railway figures. The crop of wheat and the remainder of the crop are compared with the crop of the previous year. The crop of wheat is nearly double the amount ever reported before at this time.

There has been marketed \$62,000 bushels of grain, of which \$40,000 was wheat and the remainder other grain. The remarkable proportion of crop, as compared with the crop of the previous year, is shown by the figures. The crop of wheat is nearly double the amount ever reported before at this time.

It's an Ill Wind, etc. There is one advantage to the people that has accrued from the recent unemployment. It is the opportunity to buy fur at a low price. The fur trade is at a low price. The fur trade is at a low price. The fur trade is at a low price.

W. Harper, Customs Broker, 1 Melinda. Meteorological Office, Toronto, Jan. 4.—(Special.)—The weather for the day is cloudy with light rain. The temperature is 32° F. The wind is from the west. The weather is at a low price.

ORDERED TO PAY FIVE MILLIONS. New York, Jan. 4.—A verdict for \$5,000,000 against Edward Harper, once vice-president of the Fidelity National Bank of Cincinnati, was affirmed to-day by Judge Cox in the United States circuit court.