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RETURN TO PATRONAGE SYSTEM FORECAST

LAURIER PLAN IS FAVORED BY LIBERAL M.P.

Dr. Fontaine Says Premier King to Attend Parley on Matter HELP FRIENDS Says Positions Now Controlled by Civil Service Will be Turned Over

OTTAWA, Dec. 16.—The Journal today carries the following: "Dr. J. E. Fontaine, Liberal M. P. for Hull, speaking at a meeting here last evening, declared in favor of a return to the patronage system of 1908, as exercised under the Laurier regime."

"He also said there would be vacancies in the Public Works Department in the near future, when positions would be found for 'our friends.'"

"He announced that a meeting was to be held by the local members including E. R. E. Cheever, Gordon C. Edwards, Liberal members for Ottawa, himself and Premier King when this matter will be discussed."

POSITIONS TURNED OVER "It was confident that more positions now controlled by the civil service would be available before the end of the next session. With the return to the standards of the Laurier regime in 1908, members would be able to exercise more authority."

"This would mean that examinations would be held at which all who wished might compete. But when the examinations are over, the minister will have the right to choose our friends and leave off the names of our opponents, he said."

REQUEST PALMER TO REMAIN ON BOARD

Vocational Bond Issue Matter For Government Not Educational Board

FREDERICTON, N. B., Dec. 16.—D. Palmer, whose resignation as chairman of the New Brunswick Vocational Board, was received by the Board of Education in Saint John recently, will be asked to withdraw his resignation, Premier Baxter said following the meeting of the Board of Education here yesterday afternoon.

"Yesterday's meeting of the Board of Education was brief, having been called chiefly for the purpose of dealing with the resignation of Mr. Palmer. School Trustees of Saint John for authorization to issue an additional \$50,000 worth of debentures for the purpose of wiping out the remaining indebtedness in connection with the construction and equipment of the vocational school. Examination of the legislation in connection with the vocational school, however, was a matter to be passed upon by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council."

AFTER SPECULATORS Labor Party Seeks to Curtail Activities of Middlemen

LONDON, Dec. 16.—Labor is interesting itself in the question of eliminating middlemen speculators in dealings of overseas importations. They declare that these men make an enormous difference to the cost of production in Canada and the other Dominions and also in the sale price in Britain.

Premier Bruce addressed a Labor group on this point yesterday. J. H. Thomas argued that the state should buy in bulk from the Dominions but Premier Bruce declared that he preferred to leave the purchasing in the hands of private firms, the state only stepping in in sheer defence to crush speculators.

Boston Court Hears Enoch Arden Tale

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 16.—An Enoch Arden tale, with modern variations, was told to Chief Justice Hall of the Superior Court by Princess Nadzda Trombetkov, who claims to have been a member of the Russian version of the Enoch Arden story told by the Princess, a woman who was married in 1917. In the version of the Enoch Arden story told by the Princess, a woman who was married in 1917, her husband was dead, learned of her mistake when he sent her a demand for \$20,000 hush-money. The judge took the case under advisement.

Bolshevism At Universities Follows In Wake of Cantonese Advance REICHSTAG IN BEDLAM OVER MEMBER'S CHARGES STUDENTS SEEK ENTIRE CONTROL OF COLLEGES

Mikado Sinking



EMPEROR YOSHIHITO The Emperor of Japan, long an invalid, is slowly sinking, and his death is expected at any moment.

FALL, DOHENY ARE ACQUITTED

Jury Out 19 Hours on Oil Company Case at Washington

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Albert B. Fall and Edward L. Doheny were acquitted today of the conspiracy charge which grew out of the senate oil disclosures.

Nineteen hours after the case was placed in its hands, a jury in criminal court here decided there had been no proof of criminal conspiracy in the oil leasing negotiations of 1921, and 1922, resulting in the award of government leases to Doheny interests while Fall was Secretary of the Interior and at Fall and Doheny's trial.

NO APPEAL POSSIBLE The verdict ended the conspiracy proceedings against the former cabinet officials and the oil magnate, as no appeal is possible. Both still are under indictment for bribery, however, as a result of the \$100,000 transaction. Their counsel believe that charge will not be pressed, but the prosecution indicated today that no decision to drop the bribery charge had been reached.

Fall and Harry Sinclair with whom he negotiated the Teapot Dome oil lease also are under indictment on both conspiracy and bribery charges.

SHIPS ARE FREED

Vessels Caught in St. Lawrence Ice Are Moving Out

QUEBEC, Dec. 16.—Definite results were attained this morning by the good work of the steamship Mikula on Lake St. Peter and opposite Sorel when at 11 o'clock the outward bound freight steamer Norvode, got under way in the narrow channel that has been opened by the ice breaker and started on her trip down stream, bound for Three Rivers.

The Ilford and New Brunoe, two more of the four steamers which have been held in the ice at Sorel for the last week, were out in mid-stream and manoeuvring to take up positions in the channel, prior to following the Norvode on the road to liberty. The LaVal County, the fourth steamer, was still at her wharf, waiting for the arrival of the New Brunoe to move out of her path to push her way into the channel and start on her trip to Three Rivers.

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MILITARISTIC CONDITIONS ARE TERMED ROTTEN

Alleges Secret Fund to Ship Arms to Russia Exists MARX REPLIES

"Why Reveal These Things to Our Enemies," Cry Nationalists in Return

BERLIN, Dec. 16.—Bedlam broke loose in the Reichstag today when Philipp Scheidemann, head of the Social Democrats, attacking Defence Minister Gessler, charged that a secret fund existed in the budget for the manufacture of arms and aeroplanes in Russia.

To this the Right parties shouted "Traitor, blackguard!" Pointing to the diplomatic box, in which foreign representatives were seated, the Nationalists cried: "Why reveal these things to our enemies?" Then they left the chamber.

Herr Scheidemann, who was leading a Socialist attack aimed at the overthrow of the Marx cabinet, replied that the allies knew about the "rotten military conditions" in Germany, and that he was not revealing a dependable matter to the enemies of the Reich.

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Bootblacks Want Stores Shut on Sunday

British United Press NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The left wing of the bootblacks will shine themselves up today to appear before Police Commissioner McLaughlin and ask him to close up every shoeshining establishment in New York on Sunday.

The radicals are sick and tired of spending their Sundays shining the shoes of persons with nothing but time on their hands.

As occasionally happens, when extreme measures are contemplated, the insurgents have formed a coalition with one of the most conservative bodies in the world, when Rev. Dr. Harry L. Bowley, general secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance agreed to present their claims.

Prince Finds Misery On Slumming Trip

LONDON, Dec. 16.—The Prince of Wales has been slumming again, but instead of gaiety on his second visit to the dismal end of London, Wales this time, found misery. Accompanied by two friends Wales visited the Somerset, North London, slum area. H. R. H.'s coming was announced. He entered several dark hovels and remained heatedly upon the conditions he found within. In one house of four rooms and two attics, Wales found 21 persons living. In another house he saw the sodden bed of a woman and learned that the roof was no protection against London's usual weather, which is damp or rainy.

BROWNING IS SUED

Bohemian Immigrant Girl Files Suit for \$500,000

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Mary Louise Spas, daughter of Bohemian immigrants has started an action for \$500,000 damages against Edward W. Browning, real estate man, whom she accuses of attempted assault and threats against her and her parents, after her adoption by Browning August 4, 1925. It was learned from attorneys for Miss Spas that she is suing for \$500,000 damages.

Miss Spas alleged four causes of action in a summons and complaint served on Browning Saturday, according to her attorney, Jeremiah A. O'Leary. Browning has 20 days in which to answer before date is set for trial.

Inmate Upkeep Is Down To \$1 A Week

FREDERICTON, Dec. 16.—The forecast is made that the cost of maintaining the Municipal Home of the County of York will be worked out at less than one dollar per week per inmate. Last year the figure was \$1.15. The Home was established in 1920. In 1925, the bond issue made for the purchase and erection of the building will be completely retired.

The farm connected with the home markets produce to a considerable value, the total for the present year being \$1,400 in addition to providing a portion of the food of the inmates.

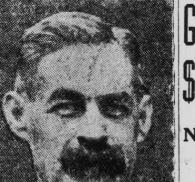
LLOYD GEORGE IS ONE JUMP AHEAD

Welshman Still Retains Party Funds—Phillips Likely to Resign

LONDON, Dec. 16.—Lloyd George has won another victory over the Asquithian Liberals and will still keep control of the party funds because it is only income from the funds which he has placed unconditionally at the disposal of the Liberal party. He retains sole control and possession of the capital which by judicious investment is said to have reached a sum of nearly two million sterling.

AROUSES COMMENT The question of control of the capital, which has been somewhat obscure, is made quite clear today at the meeting of the party and is arousing comment from Conservatives and Labor. It is believed in Liberal circles that the acceptance of his offer by the sub-committee of the party, Vivian Phillips, a devoted Asquithian, still declares that he will not resign from the chairmanship, but those best acquainted with the situation believe he will have to go shortly.

Honored By France



DR. J. A. AMYOT, Deputy Minister of the Public Health for Canada, who has been created a Chevalier in the Legion of Honor of the French Republic in recognition of the services he rendered to the Allies during the Great War.

P. J. HUGHES HAS COPY OF EVIDENCE

Court Records of Gould Case Still Missing From Official Files at Capital

FREDERICTON, Dec. 16.—The official records of the Saint John Valley Railway probe in connection with arbitration proceedings in 1917 in which Arthur R. Gould gave his evidence about the payment of \$100,000 to Hon. J. K. Flemming in 1913, when the latter was premier of New Brunswick are still missing from the files of the Provincial Legislature, but there is an official transcript of the evidence which Mr. Gould gave in connection with the transaction as the result of which effort is being made to unearth him in the United States senate.

The only known existing copy of the evidence taken before Hon. H. A. McKeown, then Chief Justice of the King's Bench Division of the Supreme Court, is in possession of Peter J. Hughes, K. C., of this city, who is the only surviving lawyer of the four counsel, who were engaged in the arbitration proceedings.

Fatally Hurt Trying To Save His Friend

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 16.—H. S. Gross, 41, lost his life last night in an effort to save an aged friend when his stalled automobile was struck by a Reading Railway express at the intersection of the two streets. Gross had dragged his wife to safety, and had dashed back to his friend, F. H. Yost, 75, when the train struck them. Yost was so badly injured that but little hope is held for his recovery.

SUCCESSOR TO CLARENDON

LONDON, Dec. 16.—The name of Lord Lovat is being suggested as successor to the Earl of Clarendon in the office of Lord Secretary of Dominion Affairs. Lord Clarendon becomes head of the British broadcasting system on January first next.

CHRISTMAS RUSH

The Canadian Pacific Bay steamer Empress was 25 minutes late in sailing this morning for Digby owing to the large amount of express and mail matter which she carried caused by Christmas business.

THE FUND TODAY

Previously acknowledged \$1,475.73 W. ... 1.00 Friend ... 2.00 K. F. G. ... 5.00 J. F. K. ... 2.00 Ladies' Aid of Fairville Baptist Church ... 5.00 M. S. ... 3.00 Master George 2nd and ... 1.00 Hugh McAvity ... 10.00 A friend who loves children ... 1.00 M. Gladys Barlow ... 2.00 Estey & Co. Ltd. ... 5.00 Employee Pacific Dairies ... 20.50 Welford L. O. B. A. No. 652 ... 2.00 B. ... 1.00 D. G. and H. T. McAdam ... 2.00 A friend ... 1.00 Mrs. Wm. Purvis ... 5.00 J. W. B. ... 5.00

WHILE the return so far is highly gratifying, nearly as much more will be required if every kiddie in the city is to have a real happy Christmas. In their letters to Santa Claus, sent in care of this fund, the youngsters, in nearly all cases, express their fears that the good St. Nicholas will not have them on his list. This is what the Empty Stocking Fund is anxious to correct. Its list is now approaching completion, and it is expected that it will total some 3,500 names. Every one of these must be provided for if possible, and only the hearty co-operation of the public will achieve this objective.

ALLEGED CROOK GETS AWAY WITH \$3,000 STOCK

North Shore Man Asks Saint John Firm to Stop Transfer

POLICE NOTIFIED N. B. Telephone Company Denounces Lost in Fake Transaction

WORD reached the city this morning that a man, claiming to represent The Equitable Agency of Saint John, obtained about \$3,000 worth of New Brunswick Telephone Co. stock from a professional man in Newcastle under circumstances said to be somewhat suspicious.

The alleged crook is reported to have left on last night's Maritime express from Newcastle, purchasing a ticket for Montreal.

At the office of J. M. Robinson & Co., Ltd., here today, it was said that a request had been received from Newcastle asking the firm to stop transfer on a lot of Telephone Company stock, but no particulars of the reason were given.

H. Eldon Beyer, manager of the Equitable agency, was out of town today and could not be interviewed on the matter.

The police have been notified to keep the matter in mind, and to watch for the alleged swindler, and in transfer of the stock will prevent him disposing of it at any of the reputable agencies.

IS NOT ALARMED

Piludski Denies Reports Over German Armament Question

WARSAW, Poland, Dec. 16.—Marshal Piludski, Polish premier, is evaginating the danger menacing Poland in connection with present international relations and is too much alarmed over the question of German armaments.

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In Rumania



DR. MIRON CRISTEA, Patriarch of Rumania, will have a hand in the settlement of the political embroilment that King Ferdinand's illness and the expected return of the deposed Prince Carol have brought about.

B. C. LIQUOR PROBE TO END

Chairman Wants to Push It But Confers on Board Disagree

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 16.—Mysterious payments by the Joseph Kennedy Company, liquor exporters of Vancouver, which it was suggested might have found their way into the hands of provincial government officials, will not be probed further by Royal Customs Commission.

George C. Reifel, president of the Joseph Kennedy Commission, was examined yesterday regarding these vouchers, but could not explain them, when questioned by Hon. N. W. Rowell, commission counsel. On each voucher was the name of a brand of whiskey, the number of cases, and the name of a street upon which a government liquor store is located. The checks covered by the vouchers were made payable to a Mr. Wilcox, salesman for the Kennedy Company, who is not available and Mr. Reifel said he did not know what Wilcox did with the money.

Prominent York County Man Dies

FREDERICTON, Dec. 16.—Alex W. Brewer died this morning at his home at Mouth of Keswick in his 59th year. He was one of the prominent men of York County serving as warden and being a member of the Municipal Staff of the town of Fairville in 1920 he was United Farmer candidate in a provincial election.

His widow and 12 sons and daughters survive. Ex-warden Brewer followed the occupation of farmer and in recent years occupied the farm formerly owned by Hon. George J. Colter.

FOREGOES 20 PER CENT

VANCOUVER, Dec. 16.—Through his solicitors Hon. Wm. Sloan, Provincial Secretary and Minister of Mines in British Columbia, according to a story published by the Vancouver Daily Province, has announced that he will forego twenty per cent of the damages awarded him in a libel which he brought against General A. D. McRae now member of parliament for Vancouver North.

THE WEATHER

SYNOPSIS — A disturbance of considerable energy has developed near Sable Island, and another of less intensity is moving southeastward across Northern Ontario. While pressure is high to the south and west. The weather has been fair and decidedly cold in the west, and cold with strong winds and local snowfalls in Ontario and Quebec.

FORECASTS: Snow Flurries. MARITIME—Local falls of rain and snow, with gales in Cape Breton and the Gulf. Friday, fresh to strong westerly winds, cloudy and colder; local snow flurries. NEW ENGLAND—Fairly cloudy, slightly colder in Massachusetts tonight. Friday, partly cloudy; fresh to strong west winds. Temperatures.

TORONTO, Dec. 16, 1926. Highest during 8 a.m. yesterday, night. Kankooops ... 18 ... 20 ... 16 Calgary ... 10 ... 12 ... 16 Edmonton ... 20 ... 16 ... 16 Winnipeg ... 10 ... 12 ... 10 Toronto ... 12 ... 20 ... 7 Montreal ... 6 ... 22 ... 4 Saint John ... 20 ... 28 ... 24 Halifax ... 30 ... 34 ... 30

STUDENTS SEEK ENTIRE CONTROL OF COLLEGES

Advance of Southern Army Now Menaces Shanghai

RAILS ARE CUT Northern War Lords Practically Concede Ultimate Triumph of Opponents

SHANGHAI, Dec. 16.—Semi-Bolshevization of the schools, missionary and otherwise, of Central China, coincident with the gradual occupation of that area by the Cantonese, is being demanded by the presentation of demands by student bodies upon their faculties.

Demands recently made by the students of the college of Yale in China at Changsha, Honan Province, one of the largest institutions of its kind in Central China, serve as a general indication of the movement in the missionary schools of that province.

SOME OF DEMANDS The principal demands of the Yale in China students were decrease in fees; subsidization by the college of the students' union; empowering the students to dismiss by vote teachers of whom they do not approve, and a provision that no student can be expelled without the sanction of the students' union.

Eighty per cent of the cost of upkeep of the Yale in China college already is borne by grants from the United States, tuition charges accounting for the other 20 per cent only.

RAILS ARE CUT Interrupting railway communications with the main ports and pressing back the northern forces in three sections the Cantonese troops of General Chang Kai-Shek seriously menace Shanghai.

Chan Kai-Shek's men have occupied Hang Chow, approximately 40 miles south of Shanghai, receiving no opposition from the troops of General Yuan Shuan-fang, who in charge of the Shanghai defenses.

TO HAVE EXECUTIVE The Cantonese are expected to name a chief executive through the machinery created by the southern parliament established by the late Dr. Sun Ya-Sen, first premier of China, and sponsor of Chang Kai-Shek.

Marshal Chang has decided that his Northern army will halt their advance southward at the Yellow River due to the approach of winter. British quarters interpret this statement as an acknowledgment by the northern war lord that the southern leaders control practically all of China except Shanghai and Chihli provinces and the "Three eastern provinces" which are known as Manchuria.

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