

Canadian News

Saskatchewan

REGINA.—Premier Martin late on Tuesday afternoon last week introduced his bill to amend the School Law. It provides that no one can be a candidate for the position of school trustee, who has not made a declaration that he is a citizen of Canada or, if he is not sufficiently long in Canada, to become a citizen, that he will become a citizen as soon as possible. He must also swear the oath of allegiance, and if he is not a British subject by birth, renounce his allegiance to his former country. The principal change contemplated by the bill is the prohibition of teaching any foreign language in the school during school hours. If the trustees so order, French may be taught for one hour per day, but not more. If beginners know only French, they may receive instructions in the French language in Grade 1 only. Donald MacLean opposed the bill, demanding that English alone be taught, and that French also be excluded. At the second reading, the bill was accepted by a strict party vote, all the Liberals voting for, and all Conservatives against it. After Jan. 8, when the legislature meets again, the bill will be further discussed.

Hon. George E. Langley has expressed the view that there will be general dissatisfaction among farmers if the Dominion government fails to fix the price of wheat for next crop, especially in view of the fact that the United States authorities have set the price at \$2.20 per bushel for all American wheat raised during the coming season.

Defaulters and evaders under the Military Service act will have to face court martial, according to instructions from Ottawa to the Dominion police, who are given orders to bring before the authorities all defaulters and evaders, to be dealt with according to regulations laid down for special court-martial.

P. White was recently sentenced to serve seven years and to receive 15 lashes for one of the most revolting crimes ever committed in the northwest. The accused was charged on ten counts.

NORTH PORTAL.—J. Stringer, aged about eighty, who had been residing with his son near here, has committed suicide.

Alberta

EDMONTON.—An escape was made at the Fort Saskatchewan jail when D. Macdonald and Gordon Jemer made their getaway. Both men were on the kitchen staff at the state hostelry, and had been well behaved. They managed to get hold of the guard, and tied him up. Taking the keys from his person, the rest was easy, and they walked out.

Edmonton mines are barely working 50 per cent. Some of them have cut down their staffs owing to lack of orders.

Two automobiles, owned and driven by Adolph Kihn and S. J. Bentley, collided. Mrs. Bentley and her two boys were thrown out of the car and badly bruised and cut.

The provincial police report the seizure of 435 bottles of whisky on the Edmonton-Tofield trail in the possession of Wm. Zapperzen, who was on his way to the Cold Lake district.

GRANDE PRAIRIE.—The Imperial Bank has opened a branch here under the management of C. L. Grisdale.

DRUMHELLER.—Drumheller mines are putting out about 4,300 tons of coal a day at the present time, and of this about 1,200 tons are being shipped into Manitoba.

CALGARY.—Apparently having fallen over the balcony, the

body of Reginald Ashton, about 14 or 15 years old, was found on the main floor of the Princess theatre by the caretaker. His neck was broken.

British Columbia

VERNON.—Four young people, Miss May Leatherdale, Miss Ella Johnston, Wm. Southon and Leslie Dodd, met death by drowning here, when they skated on two separate holes in the ice on Goose Lake.

Manitoba

WINNIPEG.—During one week in November there entered western Canada from the United States 219 persons with \$318,009 in cash and \$17,897 worth of effects. During the corresponding week last year 519 persons entered, with cash \$87,970 and effects \$43,067.

Winnipeg's soft water supply from Shoal Lake will not be turned on until about the middle of March.

Insanity is on the increase in Winnipeg, physicians declare. Their assertions are borne out by official figures. In November 27 lunacy cases were sent from this city to Selkirk for treatment. This is an increase of nine over October.

Charged with robbing a man and using violence in the offence, Joseph Shary and Alex Husar appeared in police court. It is alleged that they made an attack on Ludwig Grabowski while he was returning to his home late at night and robbed him of \$120.

Ontario

OTTAWA.—Dominion revenues and expenditures for November both show increases over November of last year. Revenues on consolidated fund account last month was \$29,518,652 as compared with \$24,382,946 in November 1917. For the eight month period revenue was \$193,932,828, as compared with \$170,042,006 for the same period last year. Expenditure on the same account was \$26,884,011 last month; in November last year it was \$12,922,635. War expenditure for the month was \$21,768,261, in comparison with \$18,714,472 for November of last year.

A summary of the trade of Canada for the twelve months' period ending Oct. 31, issued by the Dominion bureau of statistics, shows that goods dutiable and free were brought into the country to the value of \$894,556,688, as compared with \$1,011,208,594 during the previous twelve months. Exports were to the value of \$1,338,210,274. For the previous twelve months they were valued at \$1,451,299,545.

The government has under consideration the future of the Canadian permanent military force. Before the war there was a permanent force of some 3000 consisting of garrisons at Halifax, Quebec, Kingston, Toronto, Winnipeg and Esquimaux. It is proposed, that this should be increased to 8,000 men.

The Royal Northwest Mounted Police is to have its jurisdiction extended to cover the whole of Western Canada from Port Arthur to Victoria, B.C.

TORONTO.—The University of Toronto has with other Canadian universities, decided to add a faculty of aviation to its other branches of study, and has arranged to secure three aeroplanes from the Royal Air force.

KINGSTON.—A tragic shooting took place in the home of W. J. Thomson, near Denbigh. A 6 year old son of Thomson's moved a chair to the wall and took down a small calibre rifle. The rifle went off and the bullet killed his 13 year old sister Martha, who was standing with her back toward the boy.

PORT ARTHUR.—Indian Agent Brown, of the city, has received reports from the Kowkash mining district, of the finding of the bodies of four Indians, who died of influ-

enza, alone in their tepee, miles from civilization. At Ombabiki, at the head of the Lake Nipigon, an Indian widow and her two boys were found dead. These people were miles away from any direct contact with the disease. At Ombabiki those taken ill have been one hundred per cent.

Quebec

MONTREAL.—Irvine Schermerhorn, corporal in the Quebec Depot battalion, was fatally shot, dying in the ambulance on the way to the hospital, by an Italian, Pasquale Diodati, of Trenton, Ont.

Nova Scotia

ARICHAT.—Three of the crew of the schooner Emma Beliveau from St. Johns, N. F., for Prince Edward Island were drowned when the vessel went ashore at Cape Laronde, Cape Breton, in a storm.

Foreign News

RIO JANEIRO.—The Chilean government has completed negotiations with Holland whereby the latter will purchase almost the entire 1919 output of nitrate in Chile. This information is contained in a dispatch received here from Santiago.

BUENOS AYRES.—Last dispatches from Chile indicate that there are small hopes of settling the disputes between the two countries, Chile and Peru. Press dispatches from Lima assert that anti-Peruvian manifestations are general throughout northern Chile.

MONTEVIDEO.—There has been a steady increase in Bolsheviki agitation in Brazil, Uruguay and Argentina in the last two months, and it is reported that councils have been formed by workmen in co-operation with the police. At Rosario, Argentina, a council of this nature has called a strike.

LONDON.—The Daily Chronicle's parliamentary correspondent says that Lieutenant-General Smuts, who was reported as having resigned from the war cabinet on the ground that the war having terminated his services no longer were required, probably will remain in office as long as the war cabinet continues.

From Ireland come reports of the overwhelming victory of the Sinn Feiners. It is predicted that the Nationalist party is reduced to eight or ten seats, plus four in Ulster.

The statue of Lincoln by Augustus St. Gaudens will be placed in the Canning enclosure at Westminster, according to the decision of an American commission.

ZURICH.—President Fehrenbach of the Reichstag has requested that body to meet at Frankfurt. General von Hindenburg is sending troops to afford protection to the members.

BERNE.—A dispatch received here from Berlin says the resignation of Dr. W. S. Solf as secretary of foreign affairs has been accepted.

LISBON.—A leader of the Unionists in parliament and Magalhaes Lima, leader of the Republican party, have been arrested. A letter from Lima is said to have been found on the man who killed President D. Sidonio Paes on Dec. 14. (Lima was a leader in the revolution which upset the monarchy.)

MADRID.—The 26 deputies representing the province of Catalonia in the Spanish parliament have abandoned their seats.

ROME.—Francesco Nitti, minister of the treasury, declared in a speech that the government henceforth will make every effort to reduce expenses, increase production and prevent immigration.

The Spanish Influenza which seems to have attacked the whole world has not spared Italy. In one or two North Italian cities and in some of the closely built and not

too sanitary smaller towns and villages it has been felt even more severely than in Rome. Here the deaths at one time reached the figure of 200 a day.

VIENNA.—Secretary of State Hantusch made the announcement that because of the shortage of coal 48,000 persons were out of employment in Vienna.

MUNICH.—Kurt Eisner, the president of the republic proclaimed in Bavaria, has announced his intention of taking the schools away from the supervision of the churches and putting them into the hands of the parents, teachers and soldiers and workmen's councils.

Catholic bishops, under the leadership of Archbishop Faulhaber of the diocese of Wuerzburg, have protested formally against the separation of the church and state and the abolition of religious oversight of schools. The protest terms the move as "a one-sided breach of the right of the church, and a panicky measure of force by the temporary government against which the people must guard, as it threatens the future."

SALONIKA.—A wireless dispatch received here from Jassy, Rumania, says King Ferdinand has requested M. Bratianu, former premier, to form a national ministry. The dispatch adds that it is reported M. Bratianu will form a coalition cabinet with the support of the conservative party.

CAPETOWN, South Africa.—It is authoritatively stated that the Spanish influenza epidemic in South Africa resulted in a financial loss to the insurance companies of a million and a half sterling.

DELHI, India.—The failure of the recent monsoon, with the delay in the advance of the winter rains, is causing anxiety as to the crop outlook. The controller of food grains has already assumed control in northern Bombay. The

harvest conditions elsewhere are poor and in most provinces prices rule high.

HANOI, French Indo-China.—While inaugurating the Sunday fair at Hanoi Dec. 14, Albert Sarraut, governor of Indo-China, was shot by a former temporary agent of the civilian service.

MELBOURNE.—With a view to economy the commonwealth has decided to reduce work at the naval bases and the arsenal. The commonwealth has also decided to withdraw the fixed prices for wheat.

Centenary.—News comes from Italy, telling of the unusual preparations astrir to make the centenary of the recovery of the body of St. Francis an extraordinary event. St. Francis died at the Portuocola. Fear of secular interference induced the authorities to perform the burial with all possible dispatch, and accordingly after the ceremonies the body was transferred to the Church of St. George. Later Pope Gregory IX, commissioned Friar Elias to construct a grand basilica which was likewise to be the resting-place St. Francis' body. The basilica completed, the remains were duly transferred at the instance of Friar Elias with the utmost secrecy, lest the spot of burial be divulged. Hence it happened that in the course of ages the exact location of St. Francis' remains was forgotten and that the burial-place was not discovered until November 12, 1818.

Cornerstone Laid.—Ghirin, Manchuria, is to be the proud possessor of a cathedral and the cornerstone has been laid by Bishop Lalouyer. The scene was most impressive and it was a touching sight to see the aged Vicar Apostolic, bent with the weight of forty-five years in the missionfield, lay the first stone of that future sanctuary which will mean so much to the Church in Manchuria. The hymns of Benedictine echoed through the soft evening air, whilst above the birds carolled in the overhanging trees as if to join their humble praise with those of the Fathers, and on the river floated a few poor fishing boats, that, as Fr. Gerard so well says, reminded one involuntarily of the fishermen on the Lake of Tiberias of old.

Chinese Missions.—The new Chinese mission field allotted to the Catholic Foreign Mission of America includes a strip of land west and south of Canton, running from the coast of the South China Sea to the West River. It contains about one million people,

settled in villages along the line, and its two principal centres are Young Kong and Loting. Four priests have left Maryknoll for China to begin their labors. May God bless their zeal!

Russian Catholicism.—Catholic prospects are good in Russia, according to the Abbe Tozciak, of Petrograd, and the clergy are full of hope for the future. There are many conversions to the ranks of the aristocracy and learned professions. Many members of the Catholic families who had to conform to the Russian church are returning to the true faith. The Catholic Church has been released from the restrictions which fettered it under the government of the Czar. The nomination of bishops and the education of clergy are not interfered with. Suppressed dioceses are allowed to be restored and new ones to be founded. Religious Orders are permitted to open houses in Russia whenever they are able. All these changes show that the dominating influence of the Russian Orthodox Church has been entirely broken down.

Meeting of Cardinals.—The following Associated Press dispatch appears in Tuesday's papers:—(British Wireless Service).—Cardinal Gasparri, Papal Secretary of State, has invited the Cardinals throughout the world, and the Patriarchs, to meet in Rome for a great religious ceremony in St. Peter's on the day of the signing of peace. Pope Benedict will pontificate.

Golden Jubilee.—Rev. Charles A. Klein, S. J., celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his entrance into the Society of Jesus. He has spent thirty years in New Orleans.

Disappointed Physicians.—The Very Rev. Fulgence Meyer, O.F.M., in one of his letters from Rome to the Cincinnati Sendbote, reports the death of an Italian woman in the neighborhood of the Eternal City who was born in 1809 and confirmed by Pius IX, when Bishop of Perugia, in 1841. The most remarkable feature of the case is that this woman, who lived to the ripe old age of 109 had but one lung, and the physicians who treated her when she was a child predicted that she could not live to be twenty.

Swiss Visitors.—Six Swiss editors are touring the United States. They are making a survey of that nations industrial mobilization in support of military and naval forces.

Statistics.—It is announced by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics that a long step towards the solution of public health problems will be taken with the completion of the work now in hand in organizing the vital statistics (births, deaths, and marriages) of Canada. A conference of officials was held at Ottawa in July last and preliminary action taken towards a scheme of Dominion and provincial operation.

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