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RUSSO-JAPANESE WAR NOW INEVITABLE

BELIEF IN FOREIGN LEGATIONS IN PEKIN

CZAR'S REPLY AWAITED WITH ANXIETY

Not Details, But a Vital Principle Separates the Two Nations.

London, Jan. 4.—Cabling under date of Jan. 2 The Times' Tokio correspondent says:

"The situation is extremely critical. Russia maintains a profound silence. Failing some conciliatory action on the part of Russia, of which there is now no appearance whatever, Japan will certainly adopt within a few days active measures to secure her vital interests. After this, war will become very difficult to avert."

WAR AT HAND.

Pekin, Jan. 3.—Information in the possession of the best informed diplomats in Pekin convinces them that war between Russia and Japan is inevitable, possibly within a few days.

Shanghai, Jan. 3.—Chinese cruisers here are preparing for active service. They are taking on board ammunition and supplies. They will remain here for orders.

Tokio, Jan. 3.—War with Russia is regarded as unavoidable, and the press is urging the immediate opening of hostilities. All the banks are withholding funds, and it is believed that this is the result of the official instructions. The government has completed and perfected arrangements for the transportation of troops and supplies, and the people calmly await developments.

San Francisco, Jan. 3.—An indication of the imminence of war in the Orient is shown by the refusal by German underwriters to insure vessels bound for the far East. "I cabled to Hamburg," said a leading insurance broker to-day, "asking for quotations on a cargo for the Orient by the American Maru, sailing Jan. 25, and have just received an answer stating that no insurance would be placed."

Bizerta, Tunis, Jan. 3.—The Russian cruiser Aurora sailed to-day for Alexandra, but, in accordance with telegraphic instructions, the remainder of the squadron destined for service in the far East has postponed its departure.

OUTBREAK SURELY COMING.

Pekin, Jan. 4.—In the various foreign legations here the opinion is prevalent that war between Japan and Russia is inevitable. This opinion is based on the latest despatches from Tokio and on the conviction that it is not a question of details which separated Russia and Japan, but the vital principle, as to whether Japan possesses the right to a voice in the settlement of questions connected with the Russian occupation of Manchuria.

Russia has all along denied this right, and unless her reply shows that she has receded, which is not expected to be the case, it will probably provoke an ultimatum from Japan, whose determination to resort to arms in support of her claim is unquestioned. Advices from Manchuria represent the Russian officials there as being surprised at Japan's readiness to fight.

GEN. YUAN SHAI KAI, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ARMY AND NAVY, has asked to be relieved of all his minor offices so that he may devote all his energies to the reorganization of the army. While the government is determined to remain neutral as long as possible, it fully recognizes the possibilities of becoming involved in the event of war.

SITUATION UNCHANGED.

London, Jan. 4.—According to BARON HAYASHI, THE JAPANESE MINISTER, the Far Eastern situation remains unchanged. Within a few days the cruisers Kasaga and Niasin, which were bought from Argentine by Japan, will be formally delivered to Japan at Genoa. The Japan flag will be run up and the Japanese Legation hopes thereby to avoid any objections on the part of the Italian government regarding the sailing of the cruisers should hostilities begin before they are ready for sea.

No little excitement prevails on the British home squadron, the officers of which are under the impression that they may at any moment be ordered to replace the channel squadron, which would be sent to the Mediterranean should the government deem it advisable to strengthen its naval force in the Far East. In the home squadron all leaves of absence have been stopped, and extra supplies of ammunition have been taken on board.

SEES NO WAR.

Montreal, Jan. 3.—H. Norman, M.P. for South Wolverhampton, and well-known newspaper man, arrived here this evening, and declares his disbelief in war between Russia and Japan. He declares that the news wired across is most unreliable, citing the alleged statement of Lord Lansdowne, that war was imminent, as a sample of the stuff printed here.

Mr. Norman is about the most vicious anti-Chamberlainite that has reached here so far. He declares that the ex-Colonial Secretary has made no impression upon the masses, and will be snowed under should an election take place. Hon. George E. Foster was also described as a failure.

He also states that British influence in the east is on the wane, and that the present government has made sacrifice after sacrifice to the detriment of British prestige the world over.

RUSSIA EXPECTS NO WAR.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 3.—Diplomatic circles confidently expect that the Russian answer to the Japanese proposals will be handed to the Japanese Foreign Office within a very few days, and do not expect grave results to follow. In other quarters the conciliatory attitude of both governments inspires belief that the answer will pave the way to further negotiations, if, indeed, it does not directly lead to a pacific settlement of the trouble.

The chief feature in the newspapers to-day was the doubt concerning the attitude of the United States in the event of war between Russia and Japan. The Birshewja Velomosti elaborates upon American power in the Pacific and adds: "It is no secret to anyone in Europe that the position of the United States in the East Asiatic crisis remains problematical."

ENGINE JUMPED TRACK.

Brighton, Jan. 3.—The engine of the eastbound way freight from York to Belleville jumped the track in the yards here about 6 o'clock last night and completely blocked traffic both ways. The westbound passenger train, No. 7, was delayed about five hours. The accident was not serious and the track was soon repaired.

BARON HAYASHI. RUSSIAN ADMIRAL AVELAN.

Ross to Make Bold Stroke Session, Then Dissolution

Will Appeal to the Province on Prohibition Issue and Expects to Win.

Premier Ross has decided to stake his all on one play of the board. He will go to the country on total prohibition as soon as he can lick his legislation into shape and the session of the legislature will be a short one.

This information was given to The World by one of the most prominent temperance workers in the province, who had just been in conference with some of the leaders of the movement on Sunday. His authority was one high up and could not be doubted. The gentleman declined to allow his name to be used.

The belief that the government would make an appeal to the electors under the auspices of the prohibition element has been growing for some time. It has spread consternation in the ranks of the element of the party opposed to prohibition, while the cold water people are correspondingly pleased with the prospect of their cause being taken under the wing of one of the two great political parties.

At the approaching session the only legislation of importance will be the voting of supplies and the calling for tenders for the construction of the extension of the Temiskaming Railway to meet the Grand Trunk Pacific. As soon as practicable the prohibition bill will be brought down, and without challenging the opposition the legislature will be dissolved and the government will go to the people for endorsement on that measure. This is said to be the program now, tho it is subject to revision. At the present time it looks like the only way out. There is nothing but disaster staring Premier Ross in the face if he goes on as he is, and it is argued that he has a chance to win—and a good chance to win—on the great moral question of the closing of the bars.

Premier Ross and his colleagues believe they can win. Their prohibition friends are sure they can win. At any rate, they can't do any worse than lose, and it's worth while taking the chance.

What the Premier fears is that the law may not be a success, and that his government may go down for a long period in opposition by reason of prohibition being brought into contempt. He has, however, received assurances of the most energetic support from the temperance people.

If the program is carried out the election protests will never go to trial, but the province will be plunged into a general election before there is the opportunity of fixing new dates after the session.

EASTERN CANADA FREEZES WEST REVELS IN WARMTH

Toronto's Sunday Temperature Ranged From 11 Below to 18 Above, Mildest in Province.

The gentlemen who believe that mild winters follow the attachment existing between the early snowfall and the nimble twig may cast about for more reliable signs. Ontario is suffering from a severe dose of chills, and the chilliness varies from 46 below zero in Bissett, which is not far from Pembroke, where the political frost still affects that region, to our mild and genial Toronto, which held the record yesterday for warmth at a maximum temperature of 18 degrees above. The mild spell happened in the afternoon, but even the morning temperature of 11 below zero was the mildest in the province, Kingston coming next with a range of from 18 below to the zero mark. Bissett's maximum was 6 below. Ottawa had 20 below to 4 below; but bright sunshine helped the sufferers to bear their freeze.

There will be little change to-day and Toronto thermometers may not climb so high as yesterday. At ten o'clock last night Kingston had 4 below. The squall that passed over Toronto on Saturday went south and brought a tremendous snowfall over New York State. New York itself had ten inches of snow, with a heavy gale blowing. There was also a heavy gale in the Maritime Provinces, notice of which was sent from the Toronto Observatory on Saturday morning. Nova Scotia had almost a hurricane, and Halifax had 15 inches and Sydney, Cape Breton, 20 inches of snow. Railway traffic will be seriously impeded in these districts. The temperature at Halifax ranged from 4 below to 10 above zero. Montreal had very slight variation, 12 below to 8 below, and Quebec 16 below to 6 below.

The Lake Superior region varied from 10 to 32 below, and Winnipeg registered 28 below to 6 below. Further west it was milder, and also in the far Northwest, Dawson City saving fuel at 2 above zero. Cold winter weather usually develops in Alberta, but this year has offered a new weather problem, the cold waves developing further east than Alberta, and coming directly south and east from Manitoba, and the region north of Lake Superior. There is no cold weather in Alberta, where for weeks the temperature has been 40 to 50 above. British Columbia has an abnormal season, more like spring than winter. While the Ontario winter threatens to be very severe a ray of comfort is offered in the official expectation that its period may be shortened.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 3.—For the past twenty-four hours Halifax and vicinity has been in the grasp of a blizzard, with snow piled in drifts six feet high on some of the streets. The wind blew a gale from the north, and the mercury dropped to eight below zero. The street railway company has been battling for twenty hours to keep the main line open. The storm is the severest that visited this city for years.

St. John, N. B., Jan. 3.—One of the most dangerous storms of years ended to-night. The wind blew 32 miles an hour, and six inches of snow fell. The mercury registered 15 below zero. On account of the storm the homeward-bound mail steamer Pretorian will not sail for Halifax until to-morrow.

Sydney, C. B., Jan. 3.—The worst snowstorm in ten years has been raging here since early morning, and at a late hour to-night it shows no sign of abating. The wind is blowing 50 miles an hour; snowdrifts are ten feet high, and the electric railway system is paralyzed.

JACK FROST AT THE BRIDGE DRYING UP NIAGARA FALLS

Likely To-Day Not a Drop of Water Will Go Over American Precipice.

Niagara Falls, N.Y., Jan. 3.—Only a very thin sheet of water thirty or forty feet wide veils the precipice of the American Falls of Niagara to-day.

The cause of the unique occurrence is a great jam of ice at the head of the American rapids. For several days this ice has been collecting, and now it is wedged so tightly that it forms a barrier of sufficient strength to stem the mighty force of the current and diverge the waters to the Canadian channel.

The scene from Prospect Park is not similar to that of March last, when the falls "ran dry," for the reason that at points where the bed of the river was exposed today huge ice hummocks immediately formed, thus covering up the bare rocks and robbing the scene of some of the interest which attached to the phenomenon of last March. The weather still holds very cold, so that there is every prospect of the ice jam holding out several days. It is probable that not a drop of water will be flowing over the American Falls to-morrow.

The channels between Goat Island and Three Sisters Islands, which under ordinary conditions are deep rushing torrents, to-night are mere rivulets, three or four inches deep. The jam is the second that has occurred in a quarter of a century, and the present one exceeds the one of last March in size and grandeur.

DIED IN AYR DEPOT.

Ayr, Jan. 3.—(Special.)—While waiting for a train here, Mr. Fairgrieve, who lives on Bond-street, Galt, dropped dead in the depot to-night. He had been on a visit with relatives and was about to take the train for home.

KILLED BY A TREE.

Arthur, Jan. 3.—A fatal accident occurred yesterday at the bush of John Morden, West Luther. Thomas Henry Morden, a young man 20 years of age, son of Henry Morden of this place, was killed instantly while he and several others were engaged in the felling of a tree.

DIED IN CHURCH.

Halifax, N.S., Jan. 3.—Daniel Connors, an aged citizen, walked over a mile to early mass this morning, and he was so exhausted when he entered St. Mary's Cathedral that he fell dead.

ADVERTISING A PAPER.

London, Jan. 3.—Mr. Stead is advertising his paper by exploding gun cotton over London from balloons, and employing the reserves of the Salvation Army by the thousands as sandwich men for displaying samples of illustrated journalism.

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PRINCIPAL AUDEN ILL.

H. W. Auden, principal of U. C. College, has been ill for several days in Montreal.

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JOHN McDONALD DEAD.

Montreal, Jan. 3.—John McDonald, the well-known chartered accountant, died here to-day, aged 64 years.

Hot Meat Pies at Smith's

THE IMPERIAL LIFE.

While an endowment or life insurance policy of the Imperial does not pretend to avert death, it does take the worry out of a man's life.

CROWD STORMED PLATFORM AT TARIFF REFORM MEETING

Barlow Cumberland and Other Speakers Howled Down and Several Persons Hurt.

London, Jan. 2.—At a meeting at Newton Abbey to-night in connection with the Middevan election, and under the auspices of the Tariff Reform League, the proceedings were most uproarious.

The crowd of 3000 persons refused to listen to the chairman or the speakers, among the latter being Barlow Cumberland of the Toronto Board of Trade.

A series of free fights culminated in the storming of the platform, some of the occupants of which were pitched headlong off of it.

Several persons were injured.

STORMED PLATFORM.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Jan. 3.—Workingmen stormed the platform at Newton Abbot, Mid Devon, where an election contest is proceeding, and ejected the tariff reform speakers, Sir John Cockburn and Barlow Cumberland, who appeared in place of Hon. Mr. Turner of British Columbia. Blood was spilt and there were free fights, many women fainting.

J. Tritton, president of the Bankers' Institute, says protection means restriction. Standing at the centre of the world's trade, with his hand on the pulse of the trade of the world, he dreaded the suggestion to close ports.

The leader calls The Montreal Herald's references to Hon. G. E. Foster refreshingly candid, and says no possible payment could be an adequate return for the dumping of 1600 words of Fosterian eloquence on the public. It thanks Prof. Goldwin Smith for warning us that these speakers are not representative of Canada, and says they found that out before his letter arrived.

Pethick Laurence, in The Contemporary Review, urges instead of the preference giving colonial loans and enterprises the same footing as British and taxing incomes derived from foreign sources sixpence a pound additional.

Dean Norwich, preaching in the cathedral last night, said that for wide world influence Chamberlain's mission had no parallel since the days Europe trembled at Napoleon's march. If the policy had been announced in France, anarchy and bloodshed would have followed.

The Express says Australia's call to Chamberlain disposes of the idea that Australia does not desire preferential treatment. It says Chamberlain's motto is: "Let others talk; I act."

The Post says in most explicit terms the Prime Minister and his colleagues of the Commonwealth speak of Australia as one of the intending partners of Chamberlain's scheme.

The News says interest in the correspondence lies in the new development of Imperial electioneering. We have already had the experience of Canadian orators and Australians are likely to come when the colony understands what Chamberlain means. It says Premier Deakin, hard pressed, is eager to obtain Chamberlain's aid.

WIFE, FATHER MOTHER, SISTER.

How One Family Has Suffered by Chicago Holocaust.

The World has been asked to publish the subjoined letter, which reveals a most pathetic tragedy as a result of the Chicago fire.

In order to avoid misapprehension of the names mentioned in the list of the late fire in Chicago, let me say I have received a letter stating that W. H. Spring, jr., is fast recovering from a severe attack of typhoid fever, but has sustained a severe loss, not only of his wife Florence, my only daughter, but also his father, mother and only sister, by the same calamity. His address is 657 Pine Grove-avenue, Chicago.

G. Scovell.

Toronto.

Mr. Scovell received a telegram last Thursday night announcing the death of his daughter, whose husband, W. H. Spring, was so seriously ill at his home in Chicago as to be unable to undertake the sad mission of identifying the remains of those who met such a tragic fate. Mrs. Scovell, accordingly, left for Chicago on Friday evening.

TELEPHONIC NEWSPAPER.

The "telephonic-newspaper" of Budapest has a rival in Indiana, according to a note in The Western Electrician. Says that paper: "M. W. Pershing, postmaster at Tipton, Ind., and also editor of The Tipton Times has telephone exchange connection with a large number of farmers in Tipton County. The Indianapolis evening papers get into Tipton on the new electric interurban line about 6 o'clock. Editor Pershing takes these papers, clips the head lines and prepares a careful synopsis of the papers' contents, and then at a particular hour after supper he connects with all his lines running into the country and proceeds to read to the farmers his summary of the latest news and follows this with the weather reports and market prices."

INHALES TACK, MAGNET SAVES.

Paris, Jan. 3.—A novel operation has been performed in the Hospital Saint Antoine on a man who had drawn a long tack into his wind-pipe. The tack had lodged in the bronchial tubes. The operation of tracheotomy was performed, a silver tube was inserted into the bronchus and with a magnet the tack, nearly an inch long, was extracted. The operation lasted five minutes.

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TO-DAY IN TORONTO.

Hon. Clifford Sifton addresses Canadian Club, 1 p.m.
City Council, 3 p.m.
License Commissioners, 3 p.m.
Jarvis-street C.I. Old Girls, 4 p.m.
Chartered Accountants' Students' Association, 8 p.m.
Young Conservatives, Temple Building, 8 p.m.
Massey Hall, "Living Canada," 8 p.m.
Theatres—See public amusements.

A GREAT LOSS.

AERONAUT ROSS (after the descent): It's not the fall that worries me so much as the injury to the machine.

Labor Leaders Disgusted With Failure in Elections

Unionists Pledged to Support Candidates Accused of Betraying Their Cause.

The defeat of the labor candidates in the municipal elections has been the food for much discussion among labor leaders, and expressions bordering on disgust have been frequently heard since the results became known. That the organized body of workmen of Toronto would ask a number of their own brothers to stand election at the polls and pledge themselves to a man to support them and then to desert them was something that those who have the movement very near to their hearts cannot understand; especially after the personal promises of every union voter.

The defeated men have said very little in regard to their defeat, but if their looks are an indication when the matter is broached to them, they are sorely disappointed, and their faith in the unity of the laboring classes much shaken. They excuse themselves from making any remarks on the ground that if the labor men did not see fit to give them their vote, they were not compelled to, and, personally, they could not accuse them of doing anything wrong other than they betrayed themselves.

Votes Against Self Interests.

Some of the leaders who were mainly instrumental in bring the scheme of labor candidates about are not nearly so reticent in regard to their feelings. They one and all characterize the action of the labor men who neglected to cast a vote for their candidate as that of a man who had deliberately worked against his own best interests and made himself and his fellow-unionists the laughing stocks of the community. The results of the election show plainly that the union men have not yet confidence in one another, and that their loud preachings before the day of elections are vapid tirades that count for nothing. With the exception of two wards the vote that the labor candidates received did not represent nearly the number of labor votes polled, not counting the votes that the candidates must have secured from their personal friends.

Will Begin Work Over at Once.

Secretary Kennedy of the Toronto District Trades Council summed the matter up this way: "I am sorry that so many union men should have shown such weakness on the day of elections. They went into the contest of their own free will, and actually defeated themselves. It is too bad that they are so blind to their own interests that they will allow the old feeling of party to influence them to go diametrically opposite to all their declarations in the lodge room. They inflicted a gross injustice on the men whom they asked to come out as the representatives of organized labor. The results belie the appellation they claim for themselves as a body.

"However, the movement has had harder things than that to contend with and it is not the intention to let this defeat dampen our ardor, but on the contrary the outcome of the elections has shown us the possibilities in the future and taught us a lesson as to when a campaign should be started. Altho I have not the authority to state definitely our plans for next year, I may say that we will begin the work of organization at once and keep it up till the day the vote is taken. There will very shortly be established in Toronto an organization force that I have every confidence will be productive of much better results than were seen this year. The amalgamation of all the trades councils is a step intended to the greater unification of the movement, and before the year is over many such reforms that will make the unionist a much more serious factor will be effected.

The Day Will Come.

"In fact, it is my belief that we will live to see the day when a union man who would so far betray his cause as to repeat his performance of this year at the polls will be looked upon as a degraded and despicable member of society. Other countries are holding the American unionist in regard to concerted effort when the ballot is taken, and it is not a distant date by any means when the labor men of Canada will come out like their brothers of Australia and be true to their own kind, thereby promoting their own interests."

HORSE MEAT GOES UP.

Poor of Paris Consume 30,000 Horses a Year.

Paris, Jan. 3.—Eating horseflesh by the poor in Paris is increasing to such an extent that the abattoirs will have to be enlarged. The present consumption is 30,000 horses a year. The horse meat is somewhat darker and stronger than beef, but it is not unpalatable. It has grown into popularity since the siege.

The flesh of the horse and the ass is about half the price of beef, but the former is becoming dearer. Used-up horses that have worked for eight or ten years in the city are bought for $50, put out to graze for a few weeks and are then led to the slaughterhouse, in some departments, such as the Nord, there is a scarcity of horses for farm work.

MARRIAGES.

GUITON—O'HARA—On Saturday, Jan. 2, at 79 Huntley-street, Mrs. Elizabeth, daughter of J. W. O'Hara, Esq., to Rolland Macdonald Guiton of Toronto, son of F. H. Guiton, Esq., of Cobourg.

GAMMOND—KNIGHT—On Tuesday, Dec. 29, 1903, at 163 Langley-avenue, Toronto, by Rev. Wesley Dean, Mr. Irving H. Gammond of Toronto, to Miss Marie Knight of Winnipeg.

McLEAN—McMAIN—On 31st ult., at the residence of the bride's parents, 75 Bleecker-street, by Rev. E. Horace Mussen, M.A., rector of All Saints', Collingwood, Godfrey Edward McLean of Collingwood (of the 35th Regt.), to Florence Maud McMain of Toronto.

DEATHS.

CLARKE—At his late residence, Fairbank, on Jan. 3, 1904, William Clarke, aged 86 years and 3 months. Member of York Pioneers.

Funeral on Monday, Jan. 4, 1904. Private.

HUNT—On the evening of Dec. 31, 1903, at 267 Concord-avenue, William Hunt.

Funeral on Saturday at 2.30 p.m.

FURNESS—At 240 Wellesley-street, on Jan. 1st, Annie J. Roberts, beloved wife of P. S. Furness, and daughter of the late David Roberts, C.E.

Interment at Eparts, Monday, 4th inst. No flowers. St. Thomas papers please copy.

FLEMMING—On Jan. 1st, 1904, at her father's residence, 296 Davenport-road, Nellie B. Flemming, in her 13th year.

Funeral Monday at 2 p.m., Jan. 4th, from above address, to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

GALLOWAY—On Monday, Jan. 4, at his son's residence, 165 Park-road, William Galloway, father of George A. and Dr. H. P. H. Galloway, aged 76 years.

Funeral private, on Tuesday afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

IONSON—At his father's residence, 1022 Queen-street East, on Friday, Jan. 1st, Albert Roy, dearly beloved son of Albert Ionson, aged 1 year and 2 months.

Funeral from above address, on Jan. 2nd, 1904, at 2.30, to Norway Cemetery.

JONES—On Sunday morning, at his mother's residence, 351 Seaton, William H. Jones, third son of the late William Jones, formerly of Simcoe County.

Funeral at Beeton, on Wednesday, on arrival of morning train.

LEADLAY—Suddenly, on Jan. 1, 1904, at his late residence, corner Queen and Crawford-streets, John Robert, beloved husband of Annie and eldest beloved son of John and A. M. Leadlay, Esther-street, in his 54th year.

Funeral to Mount Pleasant Cemetery on Monday, Jan. 4, at 2 p.m.

LOUGHEED—At his late residence, No. 5 River-street, on Friday morning Jan. 1, John Lougheed, aged 88 years.

The funeral of John Lougheed will be Wednesday afternoon, instead of Monday, as announced, from his late residence, No. 3 River-street.

McCARTER—At Erindale, on Sunday, Jan. 3, Albert Edward, youngest son of Robert McCarter, aged 18 years.

Funeral from his father's residence to Dixie Cemetery, on Tuesday, at 2 p.m.

PROBLEMS THAT LIE BEFORE CITY'S COUNCIL FOR 1904

Several Matters of Considerable Importance Will Demand Careful Attention and Wise Action.

The inquest on the municipal body that passed into history on New Year's Day will be held in the Council Chamber this afternoon, when the usual congratulations and condolence will be extended and received. The chairman of the various committees will speak on the work they achieved last year, as shown by the reports presented on Monday last. The proceedings will largely be of a perfunctory character, however, as no official business will be transacted. There are six members who will not sit in the new Council, William Burns, Oliver, Starr, Lynd and S. W. Burns, who were defeated at the polls, and S. G. Curry, who retired. As the new Council is composed of the Mayor, four controllers and 18 aldermen, as compared with the Mayor and 24 aldermen last year, the membership is reduced by but two, and the only new members will be Emerson Coatsworth, G. R. Geary and S. Alfred Jones, not including James Crane, who will not appear like a stranger in his accustomed seat.

There is a great deal of work already laid out to occupy the attention of the incoming Council. The most important question to be considered is undoubtedly that of radial railways. The draft agreement submitted by Mayor Urquhart brought the matter into concrete form, so that it could be discussed intelligently, but there has been no further progress made. There are a number of questions on which there will be conflicts of opinion between the civic authorities and the radial company, and it will be no small task to reconcile these differences. There is no doubt as to the public wish that the suburban roads should enter the city, as it is believed generally that the benefits resulting from their entrance can hardly be overestimated. There is also an almost unanimous feeling that any franchise granted to a radial company must not be extended beyond the time for the expiration of the term for which the city streets were leased to the Toronto Railway Company. The city must be in a position in 1921 to take over all car lines within the city limits at that time, or to exact such terms from the operating companies as will ensure the preservation of all municipal rights. At least a majority of the present board of Control is committed to such a policy, and the members of the Council have for the most part announced their intention of supporting it.

Question of Electric Power.

Another most important matter is that of securing electric power, in which Controller Spence has taken an active interest. As chairman of the Electrical Energy Committee he has already secured the adoption by the city of an agreement between the members of the Ontario Power Commission and the City of Toronto along with any other municipalities that may care to come in, whereby all of the information obtainable in regard to the cost and quantity of power may be secured. This agreement will come into force only on condition that six other municipalities with an aggregate assessment of $36,000,000 join with Toronto and bear their proportion of the expense, which shall not exceed more than $15,000.

Controller Hubbard will have a congenial but somewhat arduous task in working out the details of the plan for the improvement of the island on the somewhat elaborate scale prepared

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TOLD TO VOTE AGAINST SCOTT.

Ottawa, Jan. 3.—At the doors of all the French churches this morning a circular was distributed calling on the French to vote against D'Arcy Scott, as he is only trying to use the Mayoralty to get to the Dominion parliament, and would oppose Mr. Belcourt in the next contest.

WEALTHY CHRISTIAN SCIENTIST.

Trenton, N.J., Jan. 3.—Convinced thru reading, thought and observation that his faith of years has been in vain, Edward A. Stokes, one of Trenton's best known and millionaire citizens, has become an advocate of Christian Science, and has retired from membership in the Trinity Episcopal Church, in which for many years he has been an active worker.

Explosion in Hotel.

Woodbridge, N.J., Jan. 3.—An explosion wrecked the hotel and hall of Joseph Galaida, and more or less seriously injured thirty persons, at Keasbey, while St. John's Benevolent Society was celebrating its anniversary by a dance. There were 500 people in the hall, and they became panic-stricken and fought to get out, many being trampled on and seriously injured.

Rare Chances in Rare Furs.

Although Dineen Company have had a splendid holiday season's trade, they find that they have considerable stock left over and are desirous of lightening this up. This week, therefore, they are making special offers in lines of fur jackets, capertines, stoles, etc. Walk through their big showrooms.

FINE.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Jan. 3.—(8 p.m.)—A very heavy gale has prevailed to-day in the Maritime Provinces, with a snowfall of from 10 to 20 inches. Elsewhere in Canada, with the exception of a few light local snowfalls in the lake region, the weather has been fine, with very low temperatures from Manitoba to Quebec, and milder conditions in the Territories.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 42—42; Edmonton, 10—28; Qu'Appelle, 16 below—12; Winnipeg, 28 below—6 below; Port Arthur, 10 below—zero; Toronto, 11 below—15; Bissett, 46 below—6 below; Ottawa, 20 below—4 below; Montreal, 12 below—8 below; Halifax, 4 below—10.

Probabilities.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Fine and not much change in temperature.

Ottawa Valley, Upper St. Lawrence, Lowrence and Gulf—Fine and very cold.

Maritime—Fresh northerly to westerly winds; fair and very cold.

Lake Superior—Fine and very cold to-day and becoming more moderate.

Manitoba—Fair and turning milder.

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STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

Jan. 2.	At.	From.
St. Paul	Southampton	New York
Ultonia	Queenstown	Boston
Sylvania	Boston	Liverpool
Lucania	Liverpool	New York
Cymric	Liverpool	Boston
Armenian	Liverpool	New York
Bohemian	Liverpool	Boston