

## BECK AND PREMIER FIGHT HYDRO LOSING MONEY

### Canadians Join In Protest Against Chicago Water Steal

#### FACTS ARE DISTORTED BY EXPERT

Ferguson and Beck Deny the  
Statement of Wyer on  
Hydro Losses.

ON PAYING BASIS  
Provincially Owned System Is  
Profitable, as Auditor's  
Report Proves.

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Toronto, Jan. 16.—Premier G. H. Ferguson and Sir Adam Beck, chairman of the Ontario hydro-electric commission, declared that the provincially owned hydro-electric system and will continue to be a paying proposition despite the statement attributed to Samuel S. Wyer, associate in industrial technology in the United States, to the effect that the system was in reality losing money.

Ferguson points out that the auditor's report corroborates the hydro statement that all interest payments are being met and a sinking fund provided much sooner than had been expected.

Sir Adam Beck said that Mr. Wyer had distorted the facts and figures supplied him by the commission when he was here to investigate some time ago. One item of \$2,500,000 which Mr. Wyer classified as taken from the provincial treasury instead of from the hydro earnings, should not have been charged against hydro operation at all, said Sir Adam. The people of Ontario had not put up in their taxes one five-cent piece to support the hydro, declared the chairman.

#### EXPULSION OF BISHOP FOLLOWS STATEMENTS

Right Rev. W. M. Brown To  
Be Punished For Utterances  
Against Church.

Associated Press Despatch.  
Cleveland, Jan. 16.—Damage to the ministry was announced here today as a fitting punishment for Right Rev. William Montgomery Brown, retired bishop of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of Arkansas. The finding came from the church's board of review, after three days of argument on the action of the trial court which last May found Bishop Brown guilty of uttering doctrines contrary to those held by the church.

The reviewing body discovered no error in the trial, affirming those proceedings without exception.

#### BRICK BLOCK BURNED WITH \$85,000 DAMAGE

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Halifax, N. S., Jan. 16.—Damage estimated in excess of \$85,000, caused last night by fire, which completely gutted the brick block on Agricola street, owned by Gordon Isner. It destroyed the stocks of four stores and damaged the next door residence. The heaviest hit was Mr. Isner, whose loss on the building and stock of men's furnishings is placed at \$68,000, with \$40,000 insurance.

#### The Weather

FORECASTS.  
Today—South  
east winds, light  
falls of snow and  
sleet.

Saturday  
Northerly winds;  
becoming colder  
again.

The pressure is  
highest along the  
Atlantic coast and  
over the north-  
western states, while a depression is de-  
veloping over the great lakes and the  
middle states.

The weather remains very cold in  
Quebec and Manitoba. Elsewhere it has  
moderated.

Temperatures.  
The highest and lowest temperatures  
during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m.  
today were:

| Stations    | High | Low | Weather |
|-------------|------|-----|---------|
| Victoria    | 53   | 38  | Clear   |
| Calgary     | 48   | 32  | Clear   |
| Winnipeg    | 42   | 28  | Clear   |
| Fort Arthur | 38   | 24  | Clear   |
| S. S. Marie | 30   | 16  | Snow    |
| Toronto     | 28   | 20  | Cloudy  |
| Kingston    | 22   | 14  | Cloudy  |
| Ottawa      | 22   | 14  | Cloudy  |
| Montreal    | 22   | 14  | Cloudy  |
| Quebec      | 18   | 10  | Clear   |
| St. John    | 18   | 10  | Clear   |
| Halifax     | 18   | 10  | Clear   |

Minus (—) means below zero.  
LOCAL TEMPERATURES.  
The highest and lowest tempera-  
tures recorded in London during the  
24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last  
night were: highest, 26; lowest, —8.  
The official temperatures for the  
12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today  
were: Highest, 23; lowest, 15.

Barometric Readings.  
Thursday—8 a.m.—30.02.  
Today—8 a.m.—29.94.



WILL VISIT CANADA NEXT YEAR.

Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles. So successful was the recent visit of the Prince of Wales to Canada that Princess Mary and her husband, Viscount Lascelles, have virtually decided to make a trip to the Dominion next year. It is announced authoritatively in London today.

#### GIRL CONTINUES TO SMILE AFTER CONFESSING MURDER

Dorothy Ellington of San Francisco Admits Murdering Her Mother.

OTHERS ARE HELD  
Young Woman Attended Wild  
Party After Committing  
Crime.

Associated Press Despatch.  
San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 15.—Pleasure-loving Dorothy Ellington, 16-year-old, confessed slayer of her mother, Mrs. Mary Ellington, maintained today the smiling mask of indifference that has characterized her attitude since her arrest yesterday charged with murder.

Emerging from twelve hours of questioning today, the girl still was "the life of the party," just as she had been after the murder when she danced at the home of a friend while her mother lay in their home, shot dead during a flare of anger.

The police today had rounded up three of seventeen young men for whom warrants were issued for continuing to the delinquency of a minor. They included David Stein, in whose apartment Dorothy was said to have attended a party a few hours after the death of her mother; Keith Lord, arrested in Venice, Cal., where she was playing in an orchestra; and Harry Lesser, alias Chemitz, taken into custody here. All are musicians.

More arrests were expected today. Father and brother confronted the girl in the city prison yesterday, the former sorrowful and pleading, the latter stern and unforgiving. The boy repudiated the advances of his sister when she sought to embrace him in the cell. With the cry: "Don't touch me!" she killed our mother," the young man pushed her from him.

The shooting came as the climax to a long series of family differences and quarrels. The heaviest quarrel was between Dorothy and her mother and father because of the clandestine life their daughter admitted she led. The mother defended her daughter and the father left home.

After the girl shot her mother to death according to her confession, she took \$45 from a purse in the same room and went on a "wild party." She had rented a room two miles from her home and there, after the party, read papers and listened to the account of her mother's death.

She was arrested through information given the police by one of her made companions.

#### MADAME F. ALDA IS HEARD FOR FIRST TIME BY RADIO

Associated Press Despatch.  
New York, Jan. 16.—For the second time vast numbers heard the tones of a world-famous grand opera star over the radio last night. This time it was Madame Frances Alda, prima donna soprano of the Metropolitan opera house, who made her radio appearance before the microphone. Her voice was broadcast in four songs from the studio of WEAF, New York. Following the president, she was listened at the first radio concert given recently by John McCormack and Lucezia Bori, the audience was requested to communicate its wishes concerning the continuance of the series by famous artists of the opera and concert stage.

#### MEXICO CITY IS IN GRIP OF DREADED INFLUENZA

Associated Press Despatch.  
Mexico City, Jan. 16.—Fully 29 per cent of the residents of the lower districts of Mexico City are suffering from influenza, which is epidemic throughout the valley of Mexico, according to investigations carried out by the newspapers.



#### MOVE \$3,000 THIS YEAR FOR MAYOR

Ashton Believes It Should Be  
Regular Salary, Not  
Expense Account.

WILL TAKE STEP  
States Official Has Right To  
Do What He Pleases  
With Money.

Plans are now under way to provide an increase in the mayor's salary for 1925. According to Ald. W. J. Ashton, who discussed the matter with a reporter today, a boost in the chief magistrate's stipend will be forthcoming, though it will not come as remuneration for office "expenses."

"The matter has got to come up before the estimates are struck," declared Ald. Ashton. In scoring the action of last year's council in passing an additional grant to the mayor after the December election, "If nobody else moves that the salary be increased, I'll do it."

"You would consider it a salary, then?" he was asked.

"I don't think he should be made to hand in an expense account. What he does with the money isn't anybody's business."

Relief Work.  
"You don't favor the city paying out relief through the mayor?"

"If he wants to give relief with his salary, he's entitled to do so. It shouldn't be considered an expense account. Just the same, the office of mayor is worth \$3,000 and I think we ought to consider it from this standpoint."

Complaining that his views had not been represented, Mayor Wengert declared that too much quibbling had been made over the salary matter.

"Have you views on the matter that haven't been published?" a reporter asked.

Won't Publish.  
"Why, yes," declared his worship, "but the papers won't publish them. They'll state them and give the papers a chance."

"No, I haven't anything for publication," averred the mayor, who refused to go into the matter further.

Aldermen of the new council are hesitant to discuss the salary situation, stating that the mayor, given the mayor, is the affair of the council. They state that they are not passing the buck but that the matter was already arranged when they assumed office.

#### Criticism Nothing To Mrs. Snowden

Sticks to Views on MacDonald  
as Told in Montreal.

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Winnipeg, Jan. 16.—Despite the criticism of the London press concerning the persons she declares Premier Herriot, in a circular sent to the prefect of the recovered provinces, "tried to spread the rumor that the government intends to restrict the free exercise of religion in Alsace-Lorraine and to fringe the liberty of conscience."

The premier asks the prefects to assure the people that such assertions are baseless. He points out that the government, while safeguarding the neutrality of a state, is determined to protect the rights of individual consciences.

SPRING HILL COAL MINERS  
DECIDE TO STAY AT WORK  
Canadian Press Despatch.  
Spring Hill, N. S., Jan. 16.—The Spring Hill coal miners last night, at a meeting called to consider their attitude as a result of the termination of the wage agreement with the British Empire Steel Corporation, decided to remain at work until further notice is received from President McLeod, the district chief of the United Mine Workers.

COATS FOR KIDS.  
Canadian Press Despatch.  
Nelson, B. C., Jan. 16.—The winter wind has been tempered to the short-haired kid on the H. C. Derrig goat ranch at Winlow, in the Slokan valley. Mr. Derrig having provided all October-born kids with special woolen coats.



GEN. C. M. B. HERTZOG.

premier of South Africa, who proposed a resolution that he would allow the recording of votes by mail.

#### PAYMENTS MAY OFFSET DEFICIT

Housing Commission Report  
May Prove More Encouraging Than Anticipated.

Early statements that the 1924 housing commission audit will show a deficit of approximately \$10,000 cannot be fully verified, though Ald. W. J. Ashton, chairman of the commission for the latter part of last year, stated today that he believed the financial statement would prove much more encouraging.

"Collections have been exceptionally good," Ald. Ashton states. "Only recently the manager reported bringing in \$17,000 for payments in arrears. That ought to offset any reported deficit."

Asked if this sum had been considered in the preliminary forecast, City Auditor Ashton stated that he was not in a position to give full information. The 1924 audit will not be ready for a month yet, and Mr. Ashton, who has been in charge of the account, said Houghton. At the same time, Mr. Houghton points out that he cannot give out information at this time as he has never received an official appointment as housing commission accountant, and handles their accounts only because it is part of the city's business.

Ald. Ashton believes that the deficit would not be nearly so great as reported if it were considered that the city still has the property it invested in and it should have the same book value as when it was secured.

#### DEATH TOLL NOW TWO IN COAL MINE BLAST

Four Others Thought Dead in  
Diamond Mine No. 1 at  
Providence, Ky.

Associated Press Despatch.  
Providence, Ky., Jan. 16.—The known death toll in an explosion in diamond mine No. 1, near here, was increased today to two with the recovery of the body of George Gardner. The body of Henry Murphy was recovered last night soon after a "windy shot" caused an explosion of dust in the mine.

Four other men were imprisoned in the pit and are believed to have perished in the blast of the "after-damp" which followed. They were Hugh Teague, James Holt, Goldie Mett and Ed. Smith.

The six men, all married, were shot in the mine to about 125 men had quit the shaft.

#### JUSTIN DE SELVES RE-ELECTED

Paris, Jan. 16.—Justin de Selves was re-elected today president of the senate, receiving 167 of the 283 votes cast.

#### Subtle Charm Is Replacing Flapper's Hard-Boiled Ways

Parisian Beauties Are Indulging  
Less Aggressively in Cigarettes and Slang.

Associated Press Despatch.  
Paris, Jan. 16.—Bobbed hair and over-bright complexions, hard hats and barbaric jewelry appear to be on the decline, and light colors have been steadily on the increase.

The short skirt has had a new lease of life, but it is still slightly fuller in the back. Sleeves for evening dresses are also more popular, and the bare arm is no longer considered essential for elegance in dress.

The bare back is also less common and very low cut dresses are rarely seen except among the show girls.

#### GUESTS GATHER FOR WEDDING BUT GROOM FAILS TO ARRIVE

Thomas Sims of St. George  
Village Leaves on Eve  
of Marriage.

ACTION IS MYSTERY  
Reported To Have Passed  
Tuesday in This  
City.

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Brantford, Jan. 16.—With tables laid for 125 guests and with a clergyman in readiness to perform the ceremony of making a young St. George couple man and wife Wednesday afternoon, a serious break occurred in the elaborate plans when the groom, Thomas Sims, failed to put in an appearance.

As a consequence of his disappearance the village is agog and friends and relatives of both young people are at a loss to account for the young man's strange behavior.

On Tuesday morning at 8:30 o'clock he left St. George for Brantford, ostensibly to purchase the wedding ring and obtain the marriage license, and has not since been seen in the village. Information elicited here is to the effect that the young man purchased a ticket for Windsor at the C. N. R. depot in this city, taking the 8:25 evening train to London. He would of necessity have been compelled to remain in London overnight to make Windsor.

The young man had been a resident of St. George and immediate vicinity for the last ten years and had worked for a well-known St. George farmer, William N. Howell, about two miles from the village, for the last six years. He had no relatives in this vicinity, his parents residing in Ireland.

#### GOLD STANDARD URGED FOR SOUTH AFRICA

Experts Declare Return to  
Parity Would Be Wise and  
Conservative Move.

Associated Press Despatch.  
Pretoria, Union of South Africa, Jan. 16.—The report advocating return to the gold standard, which was made upon the invitation of the government by Professor V. W. Kemmerer, of Princeton university, and Dr. G. Vissering, president of the Netherlands Bank of Amsterdam, points out that South Africa is found to have been on a gold standard, and gold is more stable than "managed paper money."

Therefore, they believe it would be a wise and conservative action on the part of South Africa to clinch now with the gold parity and definitely return to the gold standard on July 1. The decision must be reached immediately, they say, and adhered to, whatever happens to the pound sterling in the course of the coming year.

Professor Kemmerer and Dr. Vissering are not blind to the disadvantages attendant upon South Africa's breaking entirely with the pound sterling, and they recommend that it reduce its public borrowings and, as far as possible, borrow on a gold basis. Finally, they recommend that the gold market in South Africa be made absolutely free.

The commissioners conclude that further deflation is needless, as South Africa's gold position is very strong, and gold is more stable than "managed paper money."

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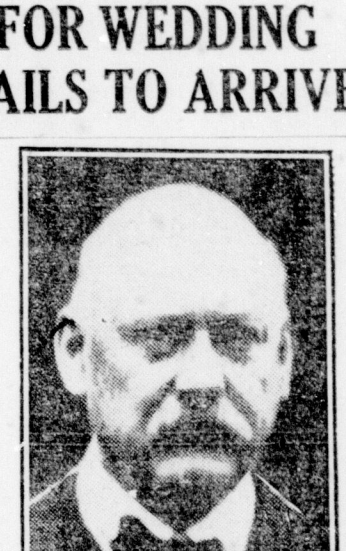
#### BRITISH UNIONISTS ARE STILL WELL IN LEAD

Associated Press Despatch.  
London, Jan. 16.—The voting on the question of the union of the three branches of the Methodist church in Great Britain, the Wesleyan, United Methodist and Primitive Methodist churches, so far shows a big majority in favor of union. In the Wesleyan church the quarterly official boards have voted as follows: For union, 648; against, 55.

The United Methodist official boards have voted thus: For union, 275; against, 65.

#### WET DISTRICTS IN B. C. OFFICIALLY RULED MOIST

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Victoria, B. C., Jan. 16.—By order-in-council yesterday, the government officially declares "wet" those districts which voted for beer in the plebiscite of last June. The liquor commissioner may refuse, however, to issue liquor licenses in any area, regardless of the plebiscite, if he sees fit.



JOHN WINGATE WEEKS.

U. S. secretary of war, to whom the Great Lakes Harbors Association has appealed in its efforts to have the diversion of lake water used by the city of Chicago stopped.

#### APPEAL IS FORWARDED TO WEEKS

Great Lakes Harbor Association Formally Protests Chicago Water Diversion.

STRONG LANGUAGE  
Modern Sewage Disposal System Would Provide the Solution.

Associated Press Despatch.  
Cleveland, Jan. 16.—The secretary of war is requested to urge Chicago to install a modern system of sewage disposal in the Chicago district, in a resolution adopted by the Great Lakes Harbor Association here today. The resolution protests against any congressional action diverting lake water for this purpose.

The text of the resolution in part reads as follows:

"With an astounding disregard for the rights of her neighbors and in defiance of all precedents and justice, under the pretext that the sanitary welfare of that city makes the dilution system of sewage disposal necessary, Chicago has, for twenty years been abstracting waters of the great lakes in colossal quantities. This abstraction of water has on the one hand caused the lowering of the levels of the lakes to the injury of commerce thereon, and on the other the raising of the levels of the Illinois river and adjacent lands, owners of that region. The sewage which Chicago by virtue of its sanitary system is thus carrying into the Illinois river, polluting the waters of that stream to an alarming degree. Thus, in order to gain an advantage for a single community, a two-fold injury is inflicted, which affects a wide area and millions of people."

Condemned as Injustice.  
"The dilution system of sewage disposal now employed by Chicago, which was adopted in 1889, is a reduction nearly thirty years ago deemed both expedient and practical, must today be regarded as the most gigantic engineering blunder of its time. Its early projectors erred in that they failed to anticipate the ultimate result of an indiscriminate raid on the waters of the great lakes and the transmission of huge quantities of sewage to the inland streams. They erred further in that they ignored the rights of their neighbors and the law of the land."

"Chicago now, however, presents the brazen spectacle of undertaking to induce the nations of the world to sanctify a bold theft into an honest act. To commit a blunder is no sin; but to defend a blunder and seek to compel its perpetration is a crime. The expense of others is an unpardonable sin, more particularly so when such a blunder involves a gross injustice as well as the pollution of the waters of the great lakes. It is to defend injustice, and it is exactly what Chicago has been doing and is now doing."

The resolution further asserts that the diversion of the waters may be a curse to Mississippi river navigation and sanitation during the flood season, and continues:

"The levels of the great lakes are at a lower stage today than they have been since such levels have been officially recorded. It is beyond dispute that the Chicago abstraction has contributed greatly to that lowering."

Primarily For Navigation.  
"If the several cities on the great lakes were to follow the example of Chicago in the degree that is now being done by the city of Chicago, the integrity of the great lakes as a navigational highway would be sadly impaired. We hold firmly to the belief that the waters of the great lakes are primarily dedicated to the use of navigation, and while they may only be used for ordinary domestic purposes they cannot be diverted or abstracted either for sanitation or for power purposes to such a degree as to injure the navigation integrity of the same."

"The diversion at Chicago up to the present time has contributed nothing to navigation, on the contrary it has contributed to great injury on the great lakes and on the navigation of the Mississippi river. In line with the foregoing statement we submit the following resolutions:

"Be it resolved: That the secretary of war be requested to urge upon the city of Chicago the installation, within a reasonable time, of a modern sewage disposal system, which would provide the solution of the problem."

WEST HASTINGS UPHELD GOVT., TOO, SAYS MURDOCK  
Canadian Press Despatch.  
Montreal, Jan. 16.—The West Hastings by-election again cropped up here last night, when Hon. James Murdock, minister of labor, together with Hon. J. P. Cadin, minister of marine and fisheries, addressed a gathering in St. Henri. Mr. Murdock declared that the election had not been fought on the question of honor in which he was involved, but that all the federal issues had been placed squarely before the electorate, and their decision had been a vindication of the administration. Mr. Cadin dealt with the government's economic program, and denounced those who were shouting "loudest about the burden of taxes."