# FRICTION AMONG THE EXPLORERS

Trouble Reported Among the Stefansson Party

### DOWN ON LEADER

Members Said to be Opposing His Plans.

Ottawa, Dec. 15.-Although no further word has been heard from Vilhjalmar Stefansson since his message under date of Oct. 30 from Point Barrow, as published a few days ago, and although no official statement can be obtained as yet in regard to the present outlook for the expedition, there is a well-founded rumor here that the explorer is having serious difficulties to contend with other than those arising from natural conditions of Arctic exploration. Those difficulties are said to be due to disagreements between the head of the expedition, Mr. Stefansson, and some of those who are accompanying him, as well as in regard to conditions of the equipment and personnel of the as wen as in regard to continuous the equipment and personnel of the expedition forced upon Mr. Stefansson either through political favoritism or through considerations apart from the real object he had in view when the expedition was first planned.

When Mr. Stefansson first came to

Ottawa a year ago to seek Government assistance for his three year exploration trip a comparatively simple equipment and a small but carefully selected body of men to accompany him was contemplated. One vessel and a total appropriation of about \$75,000 were all that was considered necessary. But after the Government took the matter after the Government took the matter up the plans grew, and the total cost of the expedition, with the high prices paid for supplies, is now understood to be something like \$200,000. The original number of scientists, assistants, etc., was greatly enlarged. More ample supplies of all kinds were contracted for under Governmental auspices. Instead of starting out with only one vessel the of starting out with only one vessel, the Karluk, Stefansson had to take three ships to carry all the provisions, scientifie apparatus and men.

STORIES OF FRICTION. On the way from Vancouver to Alaska it is stated that jealousies and criticism of Stefansson's leadership developed. There was also a demand made for the taking on of still 'airther supplies. These were taken on at Nome in Alaska. Since the expedition left Nome only meagre reports have been received at the Nayal Department here, and as far as the official correspondence goes there is many difficulties lay in the way. The ficial correspondence goes there is nothing on record as to any definite charges made by Stefansson friction with other members of the would probably delay its immediate constitution. expedition, or as to being handicapped by too heavily laden boats. However, is known that all had not been har mony on board, and that Mr. Stefansson would have preferred some changes with a view to increasing the mobility and practical effectivences of the ex-

In regard to a story published today suggesting that Stefansson had been deliberately abandoned by the insurrectionary members of the exbeen delineratery abandoned by the insurrectionary members of the expedition on board the Karluk when he and his six companions left the ship to bunt on land after the vessel caught in the ice, the Minister of Naval Affairs, to whose department the explorer reports, said to-night that he new nothing further about what had ned, and that the story of pos-deliberate abandonment could be only newspaper surmise.

The officials of the department scout his part of the story, and believe that oth Stefansson and the vessel are all right and that he is probably on board

#### THE UNION LIFE

Government Investigation Was Concluded Yesterday

Toronto, Les.-The Government

vestigation into the dissipation of funds of the definet Union Life Assurance Com-pany was concluded yesterday afternoon. C. A. Masten, K. C., representing the D mailon Government, amounced to Ref-erce Kappele that, following this enquiry, a report would be prepared by Liquidaor Clairson and be submitted to the bepatizent of Finance. In his report, the continuous states of the prevention of the and which mey be made by on panice of panice of panice of the session Hardy At he conclusion of the session Hardy At he conclusion of the session Hardy and the Liver furnished the investigation its reasons for the collapse of the community and its allied corporations. Mr. chans stated that the failure was due to the Scottish bondholders of the Imperial

ans stated that the failure was due to a Section bondholders of the Imperiat Son and Investment Company entering it to recover the half-million dollars much they not my confidence in the corporation. This, he maintained, resulted in public losing confidence in the instinents made by the Union Life. The issue of the prospectus prepared in the United Kingdom to float an issue of theology in the Canada ovident Investment Corporation, and ided company which at present is a dehir to the Union Life for \$340,000, was so gone into. It was hown that he cation proved to be a failure, as only 90,000 was received by the company in mada.

Although the prospectus spoke of the great advantages of investing in Western Canada farm mortgages and municipal bonds, the moneys realized by the flotation were sunk in the National Jaand. Fruit and Packing Company.

It transpired that an effort was made to place a number of debentures of the inperial Loan Company upon the London market. This was made within the past year, and the debentures were only with a frawn two menths before an order was issilued for the wind-up of the corporation.

glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth and the flower thereof falleth away; but the word of the Lord endureth forever.—I. Peter i. 24-25.

## DIED UNKNOWN

Widow of Noted Scotch Divine, Dr. MacKay.

New York despatcyh: A woman who the police say, was Mrs. Donald Sage Mackay, 45 years old, widow of the Rev. Donald Sage MacKay, D.D., the noted Scotch clergyman, died yesterday while under the influence of an anaethe-tic, in an uptown sanitarium. Coroner Hollzhauser ordered the body removed

to the morgue for an autopsy.

Mrs. MacKay was formerly Miss
Helen L. Smith, daughter of J. Gregory Smith, former governor of Vermont.
When the death was first reported When the death was first reported to the coroner, the name was given by the attending physician as Mrs. J. H. Stone, of Boston, Mass. The superintendent of the apartment hotel where Mrs. MacKay lived later positively identified the body. The physician said that the patient came to his offer and after an examination he urged her to go to the hospital for an examination for go to the hospital for an operation for an intertinal complaint.

Ontario Will Aid the Winter Fair.

Toronto Live Stock Show Got a Roast

Guelph despatch: That sufficient pres sure has been brought to bear upon the Minister of Agriculture during his visit to the Winter Fair to change his official attitude toward the future of that institution was indicated at the luncheon to-day, when Mr. C. L. Nelles, President of the Guelph Fat Stock Club, unofficially announced that Hon. Mr. Duff had definitely promised the arena so necessary to the growth of the show. As late as 9 o'clock last night the Minister declared that he had no statement whatever to make, but in the short time in tervening has evidently changed his

mind. "Yesterday Hon. Mr. Duff would make no promises," said Mr. Nelles, beginning a short address, "but last night a few of us saw the Minister and Hon. Mr. Hanna, and as a result I can tell you that we will have an arena, if it is within

would probably delay its immediate construction. He hoped, however, that the exhibitors would show "their faith" by coming again next year to the present

In an address which evidently found favor with many of the guests at the luncheon, Mr. Robert Miller, of Stouff-ville, laid ungloved bands on the ques-tion of the National Live Stock Show, held recently in Toronto.
"I don't believe that the show held a

few weeks ago in Toronto will ever be a success," Mr. Miller declared, "It was conceived in a peculiar manner, which I need not detail, by a man, or men, who simply wanted to secure a big fair for the city. They haven't much chance of success, simply because Toronto hasn't the buildings suitable for a winter live stock show. People don't want to go to Toronto every few months to see a show of live stock. I hear that they had only a small attendance, and I don't wonder at it. From things I have heard I may tell you that it cost those behind the show. People don't want to go to you that it cost those behind the National Live Stock Show about \$40,000 to pay off its debts. Toronto has, I think, inaugurated at least one show which she cannot successfully handle."
A favorite theme with speakers during the fair has been the growing cost of living. At to-day's luncheon Mayor arter emphasized the value of co-oper tive marketing as a factor in its reduction, while Professor H. H. Dean, of the Ontario Agricultural College, dwelt upon the problem of milk supply as a feature of the dairying industry.

At the morning session in the lecture room Prof. J. H. Brisdale gave a prac-

#### NEW EGG SCHEME

tical address on the feeding ci swine

Will Soon be Marketed Frozen and Dried.

House Agriculture Committee to-day that

hers.

Frozen and dried eggs," said Dr. Pengton. "soon will be marktted in small
kages, so as to be available to every
schold, instead of for bakers and other
hafacturers, as at present. Hard
zen eggs will keep a year, and there
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rage variety. eggs will ultimately displace storage variety.
"Eggs cannot be kept in cold storage and be fit for food longer than ten months," she asserted, and added that frozen and dried eggs did not lose any of those nutritive value.

BUFFUM MURDER CASE.

Little Valley, N. Y., Dec. 15.—Mrs. Cynthia Buffum and Ernest Frahm, a young farm hand, were indicted and arraigned here this afternoon on charges of murder in the first de-gree. District Attorney George W. Cole said that Mrs. Buffum had made a confession is which she admitted administering poison to her husband,

# **NEWS OF THE** DAY IN BRIEF

New French Ministry Has a Working Majority.

### JUBILEE OF PRIEST

C. P. R. Machinists to Ask for More Pay.

The Union Life inquiry was brought

The Toronto Hydro Commission will not reduce rates right away. Elmer Ericson, a boy of fifteen, was drowned at Kenora while skating over

The postal employees in Great Britain nave deserred the calling of a general strike.

Bonar Law still thinks that the im-position of home rule will bring civil war in Ireland. Miss Amy Kirk, of Gallingertown, was fatally burned through pouring coal oil into a stove.

Berlin waterworks extensions are completed, including the largest concrete standpipe on the continent. Toronto police officials will seek leg-

islation to prevent newspapers from publishing racing information. The body of Mrs. Richard Hungerford was found in Scugog River. had left her home to visit a sister.

An international fleet is guarding the neutral zone at Tampico, while the Mexicans fight for the city's possession. Rev. D. D. McLeod, D.D., of Barrie, was nominated by the Presbytery of Saugeen as next moderator of the Gen-eral Assembly.

A young man named Earle Henderson, of Trenton, was by a jury in the county court, at Belleville, acquitted on a charge of arson.

Miss Frances Galbraith, daughter of ex-Alderman Galbraith, Toronto, has won two silver medals at the Royal Academy, London, Eng. John Grey, of West Toronto, a C.P.R

engineer, admitted intoxocation while in charge of his engine between St. Thomas and Ingersoll and was fined \$100. The Railway Commission has arrang ed a hear-ng in Ottawa on December 16 to discuss the future practice of Cana-

dian railways in regard to cartage ser Rev. Mgr. Masterson was presented with a purse of gold and an address by the clergy of the diocese of Kingston, being the 50th anniversary of his or

lination to the Catholic priesthood. The new French Ministry of Gaston Doumergue came out of its first ordeal n the Chamber of Deputies better than been expected. The new Premie had little difficulty in getting a fai

The C.P.R. machinists, not alone of Montreal, but of all Canada, will make a demand in the spring for an increase of wages, and should some of the em-ployees decline to agree to be demand there may be a big strike in the spring.

#### GUELPH FAIR

Essex Growers Win in Corn Competition.

Gvelph, Des.—This was essentially a "working day" at the Winter Fair. Preliminaries were over and a permanent stride was struck, unvaried by s

ols, as against 9,857 on the same day lastyear, an increase of almost four thousand.

During the day several meetings of
different associations were held for the
transaction of minor business. At the
morning session in the lecture room an
acrin onious discussion arose over the
working of the seed control act.

For those of a more serious turn of
mind the grain and seed exhibit was an
attraction, and spectators passed in a
cortinuous procession thiough the department. The most coveted prize was the
Klinck Cup, and this was won for the
third time by T. J. Shapley, of Amherstburg, in the corn competition, which gives
him the cup for all time. The best
bushel of Dent corn this year wash shown
by the same man, while John Parks of
Amhersthurg came second. The Rennie
Cup, for best seeds other than corn,
was also captured by T. J. Shapley. In
the open competition for the best ten ears
of white Dent corn Elake Cohee of South
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Woodley, took first and all members
of white the highest grade corn.

The students' judging competition in
sheep was won by W. G. Nixon of the
Ortario Agricultural College, Guelph,

BECKER'S MOTHER DYING. the Department of Agriculture, told the use Agriculture Committee to-day that obtain of high prices and cold storage trees.

So as to be available to every members of Becker's family were the available to every members of Becker's family were the committee to-day that son coming to see her, it was learned son coming to see her, it was learned to this morning. Becker himself only knows that his morning. Becker himself only knows that his mother is ill, and has not been told that her death is morning. Among those pre-ent were Dr. Carmin, on the committee to this morning. Among those pre-ent were Dr. Carmin, on the committee that the committee that the committee that the committee that the committee to the committee that the committee to the committee that the commi mentarily expected, it is said.

Members of Becker's family were
told, when they made inquiries, that
it would be impossible to have the
condemned man taken to see his

mother.

SPANISH BANK SUSPENDS. Madrid, Dec. 15.—The Hispano-Ameriano Bank has filed its declaration of suspension of payments. All the deposi-tors were demanding their money, am-ounting to \$20,000,000, and the officials

# THIS IN ONTARIO

Awful Condition of Caistor Township Family.

St. Catharines Des.—Yesterday High Constable Boyle, who is also agent for the Children's Aid Society, and Constable Swayzee, of Grimsby, went to Winslow, in Caistor Township, a distance of 33 miles to the log hut 14 by 18 they found living six persons, an onl man 33 years of age, Mary E. Bowman, aged 46; a son, James Swaner, aged 28, a simple-minded young man; and three girls, Etnel, aged 11; Nettle, aged 7, and Clara Belle, aged 4. Thee hildren were clothed in rags. In the one room were two beds, and the premises were in a filthy condition. The woman objected to the removal of the three little girls, and the feeble old man sprang for a rifle and attempted to shoot Constable Boyle, but the gun was taken from him. Constable Boyle wrapped up the almost naked children and brought them to the Children's Shelter in St. Catharines. They are 'strong and bright, but the inspector objected to their attending school owing to their filthiness. The farm contains 34 acres, but the people are unable to work it. To-day Maristra's Campbell made an order committing the children to care of the Children's Ald Society, despite the opposition of the mother.

# FINE POULTRY

Guelph Show Best, Say U S. Visitors.

Hamilton Exhibitors' Pullet Best a tFair.

Guelph despatch: Self-satisfaction was quet tendered poultry exhibitors by the Guelph Poultry Association. It was horses, the finest feature of the Winter Fair.

Poultry men joined in the general egitation for more room. Something over 5,000 birds are crowded into quarters insufficient for half the number shown. These birds range in value from \$25 to \$500 each, Exhibators have complained that the lighting is bad, and that justice could not the judges in response to these complaints Mayor Carter, of Guelph, and Mr. H. C. Schofield, M. P. P., speaking Association, another guest,

paid high tribute to the poultry departnent of the Fair. Mr. George Urban, another member of

the Buffalo Association, stated that in his opinion the Winter Fair at Guelph

the Holmhurst Poultry Farm, Whitby, cockered, evined by John Princle, London, who by this victory carried away

#### ON CHURCH UNION

Committees Met, But Report Not Ready.

Toronto despatch: An informal meeting | vided. of the sub-committees on church union of the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational Churches was held yesterday afternoon at the hoard room of the afternoon at the board room of the Methodist book room to discuss the present aspect of church union.

subject. Rev. Dr. Clarke, of Montreal, stated that they had hoped to be in a Frozen and Dried.

New York, Dec. 15.—The aged nother of Charles Becker, former police lieutenant, who is in the death house for the murder of Herman Rosenthal, the gambler, is dying in this city, ignorant of the pepartment of Agriculture, told the found of the pepartment of Agriculture, told the found of the reason that prevents her thouse Agriculture Committee to-day that meeting be adjourned until the 12th instant. Mr. N. W. Rowell accordingly proposed that the meeting be adjourned and Rev. Mr. Pedley seconded the mo-

M. P. P. Mr. J. W. Flavelle, Hon. Pustice MacLaren, Hon. Thomas Crawford, Rev. Frank Day, Dr. Hugh Pedley, Mr. Henry O'Hara, Rev. J. W. Pedley, Rev. Dr. Warriner, Dr. A. S. Grant, Dr. Herridge, Dr. Gordon and Dr. Murray. The Presbyterian Union Committee will meet again this morning.

ITALIAN ADMIRAL REMOVED.

Rome, Dec. 15 .- A sensation was caused in Rome to-day by the publication of the news that Admiral Cagni had decided it was better to suspend cation of the news that Admiral Cagni has been removed from the command done.

Long lines of persons besieged the doors of the bank from an early hour this morning.

I as been removed the Second Cruiser Squadron because he was aboard the battleship San Giorgio when she went ashore recently near Messina. It was report-

# OFFICERS FROM UNIVERSITIES

Col. Hughes' Plan to Train the Militia.

### **HUNDREDS PERYEAR**

Recent Gifts Gave Scheme a Good Start.

Ottawa despatch: A big scheme for the turning out annually of three or four hundred university students throughout Canada as trained officers of the Canadian militia, with generous provision at each Canadian university for student residences, armories and parade grounds in connection with the military training course is now well under way. The scheme has been developed by Colonel the Hon. Sam Hughes, Minister of Militia, and it has been given a splendid start by voluntary donations from Lord Strathcona, amounting to about \$100,000, and from Major R. W. Leonard, chairman of the National Transcontinental Commission whose gift aggregates approximately half a million dollars. These donations are to start the project at Queen's and Mcreplete at the fourteenth annual ban-quet tendered poultry exhibitors by the in communication with other wealthy Canadians interested in the Canadian commendable, however, for the poultry militia and in the training of university are considered, probably next to the students to be officers of the militia, students to be officers of the minus, with the prospect of getting similar donations for the University of Toronto, the University of New Brunswick, the University of Pritish Columbia, Laval University and Dalhousie and Mount University, and Dalhousie and Mo Allison Universities in Nova Scotia.

Lord Stratheona's gift of a site for the proposed students' residence and armories in connection with McGill was announced some months ago. This gift, as has been stated, amounts to fully \$100,000, but the money will not be available until plans are completed. Major Leonard's gift of a site and buildings to Queen's University is a most magnificent one. Several acres to the arr. H. C. Schofield, M. P. P., speaking at the bonquet, promised that better accommodation would be given as soon as possible, and that the matter would be brought up at the coming sessions of their respective bodies. would be brought up at the coming sessions of their respective bodies.

Mr. Moore, President of the Buffalo parade ground.

MILITIA DEPARTMENT'S SHARE. The Department of Militia is agreeing to provide the drill hall and armories to supply under certain conditions free the Buffalo Association, stated that in bis opinion the Winter Fair at Guelph was the best in America.

Wm. McNeill, President of the Fair, spoke briefly, but pointedly. "We have a good. Tory Government." he said. "but we will one and all turn Grit if we do not get the grants necessary to the permanent corps, and to arrange for amobiligatory course of lectures and examinations in military subjects in connection with the university. All students we do not get the grants necessary to "but we will one and all turn Grit II nection with the university. All stedence must taking advantage of the residence must take the course qualifying them to be militia afficers, and they must agree to become exciteient members of the Canaton of the pourtry of the control of the country of the control of The Grand Champion of the poutry bow was a Buff Cochin. The Zenoleum dian Officers' Training Corps after one year.

The students will be required to pay a the Hoimburst Poultry Farm. Whithy.

Among the prize winners. Diff
Cochins and barred Plymouth Rocks
won the premier places. The Buldwin
silver cup for the best female in the
show was won by a Buff Co-hin. owned
by the Holmburst Poultry Farm. Whitby, while the Grand Chompion among
the males was a barred Plymouth Rock
cockered, evined by John Princle Long
cockered by John Princl

don, who by this victory carried away
the Russell silver cup.
The best pullet in the show was
awarded fifty nounds of chick feed by
the Caldwell Feed Co., Dundas. It was
a White Ornieton, owned by Petrie &
Christic, Hamilton. year, and attend annual training camp year, and attend annual training camp as specified by the Board of Governors from time to time. This Board of Governors will consist of the principal of the university, the officer command-ing the military district in which the university is situated, and the commandant of the Royal Military College. In a general way it is expected these same conditions will apply in the case of each of the other universities where similar courses and residences are to be pro-

Col. the Hon. Sam Hughes expects Toronto citizens are expected to pro vide the necessary amounts in co-operation with the Militia Department. The meeting was called at the request of the Presbyterian Union Committee.

Dr. Carman was elected chairman, and explained the project of the meeting and asked the Presbyterians to introduce the subject. Rev. Dr. Clarke, of Montreal with the Militia Department. Similar arrangements are well under way in connection with the Militia Department. Similar arrangements are well under way in connection with the Militia Department.

with the military course for the new University of British Columbia. At Laval University there are blready At Laval University there are already three hundred students taking the officers' training course, and it is stated that next year this number will be increased to eight hundred. A deputation consisting of Canon Doutre, Capt. Mercier and Mr. Faye waited on the Minister this morning on behalf of the university to urge increased accommodation, a drill hall, etc., for the students taking the military course. The Minister pro-

Ottawa despatch: The cadet corps of Canada are to be supplied with 22 calibre rifles. The Ross Rifle Company is making the rifles of a pattern approved by the Militia Department. They will weigh about five pounds or hey will weigh about five pounds or less, and are almost a miniatur,

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### LAW IS WORRIED

Thinks War Inevitable Over Home Rule.

Carnarvon, Wales, Dec. 15 .- Andrew Bonar Law, leader of the Opposition in the House of Commons, speaking here to-night, repeated his prediction that the imposition of home rule on Ulster would result in civil war.

"If the Government," he continued, "If the Government," he continued, "has any proposal to make which holds out even a prospect of avoiding the evils: we dread, we shall consider it without any regard to party advantage or disadvantage, but with sole regard for the welfare of the nation."

He added that the Government seemed content to let matters drift and these

content to let matters drift, and that meanwhile the likelihood of reaching a settlement by consent was growing smaller.

# TRAIN WRECKED

And G. T. R. Believes It Deliberately Done.

Switch Thrown Open Near Guelph Junction.

Toronto despatch: Running into a switch, which the company believe was deliberately opened by some unknown person, train No. 10, of the Grand Trunk Railway, from Sarnia was wrecked last. night a few miles east of Guelph Junction. The engine, tender, baggage car and one passenger coach were derailed,

injuring one passenger. Following the accident special raiload detectives were rushed to the scene and every effort is being exerted to locate the culprits. The railway will also open an investigation into the wreck this morning to ascertain if the local authorities took every precaution to prevent tampering with the switch. At the time of the accident the train was running at a speed of about 20 miles an hour. When the locomotive ran into the open switch it plunged

thrown from his seat against the side of the car and sustained serious injur-ies about the head and body. When the conductor inspected the coach Bordeaux was found in a semi-conscious condition, and as yet the officials have been unable to obtain his address or any further particulars regarding Before the train reached Guelph tion the wrecked coach had been filled with passengers, but fortunately all but Berdeaux were destined to that point. In the opinion of the Grand Trunk officials the switch was opened by

either a monomaniac or some person harboring an imaginary grudge against the company, and they can give no other reason for tampering with it, as the local employees claim that every precaution had been taken to ensure train No. 10 having the right of way The wreck tore up the roadbea for some distance, and seriously delayed the traffic. Auxiliary trains were sent from Guelph shortly after the wreck, but it was some hours before the derailed engine and coaches were removed.

#### MORE WHITEFISH

Enormous Quantities of Eggs Are Being Taken.

Washington, Dec. 15 .- A report issued from the United States Bureau of Fisheries shows that already this season it has taken 450,000,000 whitefish eggs in Lake Erie. This is 13,000 quarts of the tiny eggs, and by far the largest ever

Although the Government hatching plant at Put-In-Bay, on Lake Erie. was built to take care only of 100,000,000 eggs, the bureau, by farming the eggs out among the various State hatcheries and among its own plants elsewhere, is taking care of this year's enormous catch. The supply of whitefish had been diminishing so rapidly in Lake Erie, owing to poor protection, the fish be-ing under four different State and one Ing their fold different state and ene Canadian province jurisdictions, that careful preparations were made this year to do as much as possible to replenish the supply. In other great lakes also large takes of whitefish eggs are being reported, 150,000,000 having been taken to date this season in Lake Michigan, Efforts are to be made also to stock some of the northwestern lakes with

DUBLIN OFFICIAL SHOT,

Dublic, Dec. 15. — Vice-Chairman Hollwey, of the Port and Docks Book I, was accidentally shot this evening in the course of a fight between strikers and the non-union driver of a dray. He is in a critical condition.
The strikers attacked the driver and tried to overturn the wagon. He defended himself, but as he was almost over-powered he drew a revolver and fired. The bullet struck Mr. Holley, who was

HUGE SPOT ON SUN.

Jose, Cal., Dec. Id.— Father Ricard, of Santa Clara Uni-discovered a sun spot year Argest seen in two years