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New Year To Bring Labor Government To Great Britain

EXAGGERATED TENSIONS ALARMING

LABOR PARTY TO ASSUME POWER SOON

Englishmen Calm and Look Upon Change as New Development.

TO WATCH RESULTS

Certain Members of Press Shout Blue Ruin, But Nation is Calm.

(British United Press.)

London, Dec. 31.—The fact that the New Year opening tomorrow will be in all probability bring to Great Britain a government diametrically at variance with centuries old British policies, and government created by Labor and pledged to socialism, fails to move the average Englishman from his normal calm confidence that the country will muddle through somehow much the same.

Except for a limited capitalist and aristocratic section voiced by the Rothmans Press and the Morning Post, which will shriek blue ruin daily and plead for one kind of a coalition to West Labor, the man in the street accepts the situation philosophically and awaits developments with curious interest.

Another Development.

"After all," he says, "they're Englishmen and Englishmen move slowly and with general regard for precedent. This development had to come sometime. In other countries it would have required a revolution. Here it is simply another step in constitutional development. After all the other parties have made a bit of a mess of it. Let's see what these Johnnies can do. If they start to mess things up we can turn them out. England has generally managed to milk something good out of all the policies thrust upon her and we will get what is good out of this."

This attitude of the public mind is building all efforts of the politicians and the log roll for an anti-Labor combine which Asquith is reported to favor. Whatever Asquith or other Liberal leaders may fear there is no doubt about the attitude of the rank and file. They want no deals with Toryism at present. They much prefer giving Labor a chance, knowing they hold the place of power. Of course, the scene may change in it but unless something unforeseen happens up the present government will be down cheering in a week or so and Labor will form a government and face the almost impossible dilemma of keeping its own radicals in line and at the same time retaining through moderate support to keep office.

BANDITS SHOOT UP CHICAGO SUBURB

Get \$15,000 in Bank Which is Now Robbed For Fourth Time.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Six armed bandits Saturday shot up the town of Summit, a suburb, terrorized employees and officials of the Summit State Bank, scooped up about \$15,000 in cash and Liberty bonds and escaped after a pistol duel with policemen. It was the fourth time in six years that the bank has been robbed. The first time robbers obtained \$40,000, the second time \$20,000 and the third time about \$11,000.

Two cashiers, two girl clerks and two patrons were in the bank when an automobile drew up outside. Five men leaped out, leaving a sixth at the wheel, and ran for the bank, firing as they entered. With the employees and patrons cowed, the bandits hastily scooped up all the valuables in sight and hurried from the bank. A grocer across the street opened a fire with a pistol, while other citizens appeared with shotguns. One of the bandits is believed to have been hit. Two policemen spied the bandit car as it entered Chicago, and engaged in a duel with the bandits before the car was finally

Fought Rockefeller; He Died Penniless

Indianapolis, Dec. 31.—Henry Childs, 80, the man who bucked Rockefeller and who once had a fortune in oil, has died penniless in the city hospital here.

Inheriting a quarter of a million dollars at the time the oil industry was beginning to boom, Childs saw possibilities in the "flowing gold," and invested heavily in the Pennsylvania fields. So powerful did Childs and his group of associates become that John D. Rockefeller, when he formed the Standard Oil Company, invited Childs to join forces with him. Childs declined to continue operating independently. But he was unable to buck the Standard Oil. Gradually he was forced to dispose of his oil holdings. At sixty he was broke. The last twenty years of his life he was dependent on a daughter.

TROUBLE CAUSES VICEROY'S RETURN

Afghan Raids Over Northwest Frontier Cause Increasing Tension in India.

Rangoon, British India, Dec. 31.—The viceroy has curtailed his tour of Burma and is returning to Delhi because of the Afghan trouble. There is an increasing tension because of the raids over the northwestern frontier. Mohammed Ali, president of the India National Congress, denies the possibility of an Afghan invasion, saying that the "Kabul Pony cannot swallow the Indian elephant."

Recent dispatches from London have reported the murders of British officials and women along the northwestern frontier of India by Afghan tribesmen. As a result of these crimes, it was said, relations with Afghanistan were strained, and British officials in London advised that unless a satisfactory settlement was reached the government's minister to Kabul would be withdrawn. The Afghan government was added, had taken steps to cooperate with Indian troops in running down the murderers.

Building Trades Accept 50 Cents

New York, Dec. 31.—Increased building operations in New York with two years of peace in the industry were predicted after a meeting of the Building Trades Council, representing 100,000 mechanics and laborers, which authorized its constituent unions to accept the compromise offer of employers for a general wage increase of 50 cents a day on a two-year agreement, making the pay of journeyman \$10.50 and of helpers \$8.50.

Takes Cargo at Sydney For Japan

North Sydney, Dec. 31.—The Ellerman liner Knaresboro ended the first leg of her maiden voyage at this port yesterday. The steamer is bound from West Hartlepool to Japan. Her first cargo will be 700 tons of steel to be loaded at the Dominion Iron and Steel Company's plant, Sydney. Her cargo for the Orient will be completed at New York. The freighter Trevaist also arrived in port yesterday to load Dominion Steel products for Japan.

Wire Briefs

Victoria, Dec. 31.—A by-law to authorize the construction of a civic amusement center in Victoria has been endorsed by public vote.

Toronto, Dec. 31.—George C. Jones, general manager of the Canadian National Telegraphs, was found dead in his apartment at the National Club today.

London, Dec. 31.—Frank Kellogg, U. S. ambassador to Great Britain and Mrs. Kellogg arrived in their new home town Sunday from Plymouth, where they landed from the S. S. President Harding.

Toulon, Dec. 31.—The widow of Lieut. Grenadan, commander of the lost dirigible Dixmude, whose body was found in the Mediterranean off the coast of Sicily Friday, gave birth to a son Saturday.

Quebec, Dec. 31.—His Excellency Lieutenant-Governor L. P. Brodeur was taken suddenly ill yesterday, but is improving at noon today. His physicians prescribed a rest.

Elmira, N. Y., Dec. 31.—Four convicts made a sensational escape from Elmira Reformatory at one o'clock this morning, stealing an enclosed automobile belonging to a guest at the home of Superintendent Frank Christian.

WEEK PASSES NO CHARGE IN MURDER

Keen Interest Manifested in Brutal Slaying of Mrs. Clara Whiteside.

PUZZLING FEATURES

Public Fails to Understand Lack of Information in Atrocious Crime.

UNHAPPY MARRIED MEN FORM CLUB

Nearly 200 Respond to Invitation to Join in Town in France.

Paris, Dec. 31.—The little town of Firminy, near St. Etienne, has the distinction of being the first community to organize an "unhappy married men's club."

The population of Firminy at the last census was 19,980, but when notices were posted at public places calling upon "every unhappy married man in town" to present at a given place and a given date "in order to organize a club, nominate officers and arrange a banquet," nearly 200 men, ranging in age from 25 to 60, responded.

SAYS OIL IS CURING TRACADIE LEPERS

Superintendent Reports to Ottawa on Eleven Cases at Lazarete.

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—(Canadian Press)—In a report to the federal department of health, Dr. J. Laing, superintendent of the Leper Station at Tracadie, N. B., expresses the conviction that the chaulin cogra oil treatment developed by Canadian and American scientists, is a cure for the dread malady.

Canada has two leper stations, one at Tracadie, and the other at D'Arcy Island, B. C. The medical officers at D'Arcy Island report steady improvement in the condition of the five patients under their care, where the oil treatment is also used. He acknowledges the courtesy of American medical authorities in Honolulu, who furnish the preparation free of charge.

The five patients at D'Arcy Island are Chinese, a Russian afflicted with the disease is receiving treatment at the William Head quarantine station. At the close of the fiscal year eleven patients were under care at Tracadie, six men and five women. One new case, a Chinese, whose trouble was diagnosed in a Montreal hospital, was reported in 12 months, 1913. Tonnage of shipping entering and leaving British ports with cargo was also larger this year than in either 1922 or 1923.

France Suffers In Stormy Weather

Paris, Dec. 31.—(Canadian Press)—Stormy weather still prevails throughout France. The rivers in many districts continue to rise and the public service has been disorganized. The cyclone which swept the districts of Montpellier and Avignon interrupted communications in many places. Trains were held up and coastal navigation was rendered very difficult by the exceptional violence of the storm in southeastern districts of France. Much damage to property is reported from Marseilles.

Dime Found In Berlin Is Fortune

Montreal, Dec. 31.—The terrible straits to which many government employees in Germany are reduced by the collapse of the mark is exemplified by the receipt here of an American dime which was picked up in the streets of Berlin by the wife of an official of the German foreign office. It was mailed to a friend in Montreal with the request that it be exchanged and the value in German marks sent to Berlin, as it represents the total savings of its sender.

Seine Is Rising; People Are Afraid

Paris, Dec. 31.—The Seine was rising faster than ever this morning and experts observed said it would probably continue to do so all this week. Parisians are beginning to fear repetition of the terrible ordeal of 1910 when the river raised the 275 foot mark.

New Rush Is On For Riches in Klondyke

Dawson, Y. T., Dec. 31.—Canadian Press.—The Klondyke is in the grip of another gold and silver rush. At the head of the Beaver River, fifty miles west of Keno Hill, a silver and gold discovery of gigantic proportions has started a stampede from Keno and from Mayo, the major mining settlement of the Yukon, to the new country, where it is said official assays reveal pay dirt running one thousand one hundred ounces of silver to the ton. There is gold in the district too, according to dispatches reaching the Dawson News.

Keno City, which has come to rival Dawson as the center of the Yukon's population, is almost deserted by the prospectors, the messages say, and some of the large mining companies are sending officials to the Beaver district to investigate the new find.

SUCCESSOR TO GEDDES IS NAMED

Sir Esme Howard is the New British Ambassador to Washington.

SHIFT CAUSES STIR

British Labor Press is Incensed at Change of Officials.

BY LLOYD ALLEN (British United Press) London, Dec. 31.—Official announcement of the appointment of Sir Esme Howard to succeed Sir Auckland Geddes as British ambassador to Washington was made here simultaneously with the arrival of American Ambassador Kellogg, who took up his official duties at the embassy today as successor to George Harney.

Commenting on the coincidence, the Daily Express said today: "Both newcomers follow in the footsteps of men who have worked devotedly for the cause of Anglo-American friendship. They continue a line of remarkable personalities. Their task is easy. Obliteration of the last seeds of ill-feeling has made a reality of the friendship which has been made many decades of lip service."

The Labor Press is incensed by the change of British Ambassadors and even the Daily News, not objecting to Sir Esme Howard personally, says that the change is a "blow" and wants to know if the Conservatives are afraid that a Labor Government would appoint some Communist like the noisy "Red."

BRITAIN'S TRADE BETTER IN 1923

Foreign Business Shows Nice Gain; Ahead of Pre-War Years in Some Cases.

London, Dec. 31.—Great Britain is closing the year 1923 with her foreign trade larger in amount, both as to imports and exports, than for the year 1922. Imports in eleven months of 1923 exceeded the same period of 1922 by £80,000,000 and exports were more than £35,000,000 greater.

In two features of this year's foreign trade Great Britain has surpassed not only last year, but has gone ahead of pre-war figures. Coal exports during the present year (January-November) have amounted to 73,535,713 tons or 175,000 tons better than the best record, which was 73,400,118 tons exported in 12 months, 1913. Tonnage of shipping entering and leaving British ports with cargo was also larger this year than in either 1922 or 1923.

Large Cannery and Dwellings Burn

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 31.—Fire of unknown origin destroyed the Bella Bella cannery on Denny Island, 320 miles north of Vancouver on Sunday. The cannery was owned by Goss Millard Packing Company, Limited, and was partly insured. A score of employees' dwellings were burned and the total loss will be \$200,000.

Babies' Fund Grows Slowly; Only Few More Days To Aid

The dollars came in a little more freely today for the proposed babies' fund for the four babies born on Christmas Day to Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Mahaney, 77 St. James street, but the total to date is only \$200. As this fund will close on Saturday of this week, January 5, those who feel inclined to contribute to this fund are requested to do so at once. The amounts received today include the following: Harry Talbot, \$1; H. W. Jones,

With Bobbed Hair!

Steady Crushing of Rebels is Predicted With New Assistance.

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Girl Becomes Demented After Living in Hay Mow—Sent to Asylum.

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Part of Petrograd Under Neva Flood

Moscow, Dec. 31.—Reports from Petrograd say that part of the city is submerged under the waters of the Neva.



The only woman ambassador in the world is Mrs. Kolontay (above). She's the Bolshevik envoy to Norway. She's a real diplomat, they say.

Advertisement for 'The NEW LEDGER' featuring a cartoon illustration of a man reading a newspaper.

Turn over the page, for a year is done. And nineteen hundred and twenty-three is a book that's finished, a year that's spun. A thing that isn't—but used to be. Here's a brand new page and a brand new pen. With which to scribble some brand new lore. Shall we improve on the days of yore? So—what'll we write in '24?

Shall we carry over the last year's dope Of greed, hypocrisy, hate and doubt? Or shall we substitute Love and Hope. And leave those uglier passions out? Here's a brand new page and a brand new chance For a brand new tally, a brand new score. What'll we write on the days of yore? What'll we write in '24?

The blots and errors of '23. The blurs and scratches are absent here. For this is a brand new page we see. A brand new page and a brand new year. What ever is written is ours to write. Shall we improve on the days of yore? It's up to us—here's a pen that's white. What'll we write in '24?

Which has flooded its banks despite the severe winter weather. Many factories have been inundated. The Neva is full of icebergs floating in from Lake Ladoga.

Weather Report

Toronto, Dec. 31.—A disturbance which was over the far western states on Saturday morning is now centered near Lake Erie causing light snow or sleet in Ontario. The weather has been somewhat colder in eastern Canada and decidedly cold in the western provinces.

Snow; Sleet; Rain.

Maritime—Strong winds or gales, from eastward tonight; snow tonight; snow tonight and part of Tuesday; probably turning to sleet or rain in some districts.

Gulf and North Shore—Fair today, strong northeast winds and cold with local snow flurries. New England—Rain and slightly warmer tonight. Tuesday rain or snow and colder, much colder Tuesday night, fresh to strong east and southeast winds shifting to westerly Tuesday.

Toronto, Dec. 31.—Temperatures: Highest during 8 a.m. yesterday, night.

Table with 2 columns: Location and Temperature. Locations include Victoria, Kamloops, Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Montreal, St. John, Halifax, and New York. Temperatures range from 18 to 35.

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