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Cholera scourge in St. John was in 1854? First case reported on June 20. Loss of life very great.

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Lloyd George and Asquith Refuse To Give Baldwin Aid

HOLD-UP CHARGED IN RUM CASE

LIBERALS MAKE WAR ON BALDWIN

Former Prime Ministers Refuse to Support the Government. OPPOSE COALITION Conservatives Decide to Remain in Office Until Forced Out.

BY LLOYD ALLEN (British Unionist Press.) London, Dec. 12.—Former Prime Ministers H. H. Asquith and Lloyd George, after consultation with other Liberal leaders, declared war on Premier Baldwin and decided definitely to lend no support to the Conservative party in Commons.

Characterizing the action of Baldwin in retaining office as "unjustifiable on any ground whatever, if not actually unconstitutional," Asquith and Lloyd George decided to assist the Labor party, the official "opposition," to defeat the Conservatives at the earliest opportunity.

Oppose Coalition. The Liberals do not propose any formal coalition or arrangement with Labor, but will support Ramsay MacDonald as long as the Laborites confine their legislative activities to policies upon which both parties are agreed.

Lloyd George and Asquith at the same time that they served notice of a tinch fight on Baldwin, conveyed to the Labor leader the information that the moment he attempted to introduce the capital levy or other radical measures.

Thus the Conservatives' decision to remain in office resulted in an almost immediate clarification of the political situation. Ramsay MacDonald would recommend to the Labor party executive that it accept an invitation to form a government, if one was tendered, it was learned. Such an invitation is likely the moment Baldwin resigns, following his first defeat in parliament.

At a meeting of the executive of the Labor party today it was formally decided to fight from the drop of the hat and to accept responsibility for office when called upon.

MacDonald is too shrewd a politician not to realize impossibility of stable government, if one was tendered, and all his plans are undoubtedly being laid with a view to appeal to the country as a Labor government upon a dramatic and appealing statement of Labor policy.

Unless moderates of the Liberal and Conservative parties should deliberately unite against Labor in such a fight, it is well within the realm of possibility that the next election will result in the return of a Labor government. Strong enough in the cabinet are the Conservatives, and they are undoubtedly at work toward some reorganization of the parties, but the old animosities are still strong and it is doubtful if a really effective coalition could be formed at the present time.

BELIEVE GLOVER IS MURDERER OF 14 Negro is Arrested—Wholesale Attacks With Axe in Birmingham, Ala.

Kisses Policeman; Gets 10 Day Term. New York, Dec. 13.—Two drinks and I forgot everything I ever learned, said Patrick Rainey, 26 years old, when asked by Magistrate Levine in the West Side Court, why he tried to kiss everybody in Broadway last night.

Fire Sweeps Four Arichat Houses. Town is Saved by Heroic Efforts of a Volunteer Fire Brigade.

Arichat, N. S., Dec. 12.—Threatened with the destruction of the entire town, the residents of Arichat were aroused from their sleep at three a.m. this morning to fight a fire which, breaking out in the residence of N. Boudreau, destroyed three houses, badly gutted a fourth and involved a loss estimated at \$30,000, most of which was uncovered by insurance.

Paris Police Are in Row For Pay. Fight Soldiers When 700 or 800 are Stopped by Guards During Demonstration.

Paris, Dec. 12.—Police to the number of 600 or 800, but not in uniform, met in front of the city hall yesterday to carry out a demonstration for an increase in their annual indemnity.

Bergamo, Italy, Dec. 12.—A babe ten months old, with sunken eyes and too weak even to cry, was found yesterday by soldiers in its cradle floating down the river at Lovara.

Spent \$200,000 In Year In Charity. New York, Dec. 12.—More than \$200,000 was expended on charitable work in Brooklyn during the year by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, according to a report read at the annual meeting of the society in St. John's Chapel.

Wire Briefs. London, Dec. 12.—(Canadian Press Cable)—King George has approved of the Royal Rifles of Canada being shown in the army list as allied with the King's Royal Rifle Corps.

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—Fred MacPherson, alias Wash of Eardley, Que., was acquitted in Hull police court yesterday on a charge of having abducted 18-year-old Irene Ormandy, also of Eardley, Que., in September.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 12.—With the finding of Fred Glover, negro, and a pistol in his room, county officers believe that a long hunt for Birmingham's "axe man" has ended. Glover was identified by Mrs. E. Sparks as the man who attacked her and her husband late on Sunday evening.

Fourteen have been killed and fifteen wounded in axe attacks on storekeepers. Nine have been killed and three wounded in axe assaults on white men and women, and one has been killed and one wounded in the iron pipe assaults.

GIVES GOOD CHARACTER TO FUNDY. Court Declares Approaches to St. John Well Cared For.

NAVIGATION SAFE. Scores Kongshavn Captain for Reflections on the Soundings.

(By Canadian Press.) Montreal, Dec. 12.—A judgment severely scoring Captain James Pallander, master of the Norwegian steamer M. H. Kongshavn, now at St. John, for utter indifference to and disregard of his responsibilities, was given in the Dominion Wreck Commissioners' court yesterday as a result of the formal inquiry, held at St. John, Dec. 11, into the stranding of that ship near Bird Island in the Bay of Fundy, on Oct. 23, when the vessel suffered serious damage.

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Falls Thirty Feet Then Walks Home. Boston, Dec. 13.—Sudden 30-foot drops mean nothing in the life of Henry M. Curtin, 50, of Chelsea, who dropped fully this distance when the staging broke down on the house he was painting in Everett.

NEW TROOP DRIVE MADE IN NEXICO. Revolutionary Headquarters Announce That Loyal Forces are Beaten. ADVANCE STARTED Column of Rebel Army Reported to Have Reached Apizaco.

(By Canadian Press.) Vera Cruz, Dec. 12.—Revolutionary headquarters here announce that rebel forces under Commander Garcia, have defeated and dispersed the loyal troops which were detaching Coahuila, a town on the border of the states of Vera Cruz and Puebla.

BENSON CANNOT SEE WIFE NO. 2. Woman Says Former U. S. Soldier is Not Guilty of Murder.

Boston, Dec. 12.—Robert Lee Benson, an ex-soldier, held without bail at East Cambridge jail on a charge of murdering his first wife, Mrs. Elizabeth McHale Benson, on a lonely Melrose road last Thursday night, was refused permission by jail officials to see his second wife, Mrs. Minnie Jesseburger Benson, who expected to become a mother in a few weeks.

LION CLAWS MAN IN CAGE IN TORONTO. Causes Severe Injuries to Chief Animal Trainer in Circus—Thousands Look On.

U. S. APPROVES. Agrees to Take Part in Inquiry Into the Finances of Germany.

RUSHING THE GRAIN. Several Million Bushels Taken Out From Head of Lakes Yesterday.

GETS INJUNCTION. Montreal Policemen's Union Wins First Step in Fight, Against City of Montreal.

LAUNCHES SEIZED; HAD ALE ABOARD. Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 12.—Canadiana Customs officer yesterday seized the forty-foot launch Dawn which, with the launch Nora was chased to the Fort Erie, Ont., ferry dock by U. S. coast guard, weather conditions permitting. The Dawn was carrying 250 cases of Canadian ale aboard, so authorities said. The Dawn was of U. S. registry and was warned to leave port within 24 hours. The Dawn and the Nora were seized after clearance papers out of Cleveland, Ohio, for Havana, Cuba.

Empty Stocking Fund Boosters. Money Starts to Pour Into Empty Stocking Fund For Poor Children.

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UNION IS HALTED. Merger of "Ralph Connor's" Church With Congregational Held up by Financial Affairs.

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CANADIAN TAILORS SEE GOVERNMENT. Ottawa, Dec. 12.—Merchant tailors, representing every province in Canada, gathered in Ottawa today to interpose government officials with regard to the new sales tax which will come into effect on Jan. 1.

BOSTON DOCTOR GETS PENITENTIARY TERM. Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 12.—After a plea for clemency by the prosecution, Dr. Wm. M. Robb of Boston, was sentenced to the state penitentiary yesterday for from five to seven years. He had confessed to performing an illegal operation on Mrs. Alice M. Wolschenbody and to throwing her dismembered body into the Merrimack River, after she had died in his office.



Don't think the Empty Stocking Club members of St. John have to do up in white washers and sleigh bells to spread their Christmas cheer. Don't think, either, that the members are confined to men. Here are a couple of young women on the job with basket and bundles of joy for some unhappy children.

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THREATS TO SHOOT ALSO CHARGED. Harry Robinovitch, Arrested at Halifax, Tells of Rum "Plot."

RELATES "CHASE" Is Charged With Obtaining \$80,000 by Deceitful Methods. Rivaling in thrills that of a sensational motion picture scenario, disclosing an alleged hold-up, an exciting chase and threats to shoot, was a story told in the police court this morning by Leon Chechik, who appeared as an informant against Harry Robinovitch, who was taken into custody in Halifax and brought to this city to answer a charge of being a party in an unlawful conspiracy to defraud.

THE CHASE. The case is the outcome of some trouble among members of an alleged liquor exporting combine. Charge is Read. When the defendant appeared in court the following charge was read to him: That on the first day of November 1922, Harry Robinovitch and Benjamin Friedman did unlawfully conspire to defraud the said Leon Chechik of a sum of money between \$70,000 and \$80,000 by deceit, to wit, it being agreed upon between the said Harry Robinovitch and Benjamin Friedman to falsely represent to the said Leon Chechik the said sum of money, which was to have been paid by the said Benjamin Friedman to the said Leon Chechik, whereas in fact the same had not been stolen.

LACK KNOWLEDGE OF CANADIAN AFFAIRS. Toronto, Dec. 12.—That there are children in Ontario schools today who do not know who is the Governor of Canada, was a statement by Miss Agnes MacPhail, M. P., yesterday at the U. F. W. O. convention. She found, she said, schools where the children knew all about the Seven Year War, about George Third, who lost the country to the south of us, but who did not know who was the Premier of Canada.

PICTURED SILK FOR SPRING WEAR. New York, Dec. 12.—Barnyard scenes, teacups and Cuban bananas will be some of the designs in the new silk dress material for the feminine spring wardrobe. There will be a design and color to suit every occasion and disposition according to Henri Greengard, silk designer, who has returned from Paris.

JOHNSTON TO FILE AT MARCH PRIMARY. Pierce, S. D., Dec. 12.—Senator Hiram Johnson, will file as a candidate for the South Dakota nomination as President at the March primary. This was made known yesterday when John Sutherland, prominent Republican, received a telegram from Johnson giving him power of attorney and asking him to file Johnson's name on the minority Republican ticket in South Dakota.

STOCK MARKET. Toronto, Dec. 12.—The stock market was quiet today. The Canadian market was steady, with a slight advance in the price of gold.

WORLD NEWS. London, Dec. 12.—The British government has announced that it will support the League of Nations in its efforts to maintain peace in Europe.

LOCAL NEWS. St. John, Dec. 12.—The city council has passed a resolution to support the League of Nations.

SPORTS. Toronto, Dec. 12.—The Toronto Argonauts defeated the Montreal Alouettes in a football game yesterday.

ENTERTAINMENT. The Grand Opera House is presenting a new production of "The Mikado" starting next week.