

## IDENTITY OF PROGRESSIVE PARTY WILL BE MAINTAINED, DECLARES HON. T. A. CRERAR

Progressive Members of Parliament Will Support Gov't in Putting into Effect Reforms Advocated by National Party—Ready to Promote and Develop Spirit of Canadian National Unity—Convinced National Railway System is Sound One, and Says He is Suspicious of Montreal.

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 11.—Farmers progressive members of parliament will support the government in putting into effect reforms which have been advocated by the National Progressive party, but the identity of the Progressive party will be maintained. This was made plain this afternoon by Hon. T. A. Crerar, who made his first public speech since the election, when he read to the convention of the United Farmers of Manitoba a resolution, adopted at the secret conference of Progressive members-elect from the three western provinces at Saskatoon on December 20.

The Resolution  
This resolution was read as follows: "That this meeting of the Western supporters of the National Progressive Party, having taken under consideration the existing political situation in Canada and the course the Progressive party should follow, is of the opinion that the gravity and importance of our many national problems call for a strong Government;

"That the first consideration of the Progressive party will be to support the legislation of the country, both in the economic and administrative sense, and, in the larger sense, of promoting and developing the spirit of Canadian national unity; and we will extend to the Hon. Mr. King's Government all reasonable co-operation and support in any efforts it may make to enact into legislation those economic and administrative reforms which have been advocated by the National Progressive party, which at the same time, maintaining the complete identity and organization of the Progressive party."

"That resolution," commented Mr. Crerar, "is the sentiment expressed in it, will be the sentiment which will guide the Progressive members in the House of Commons."

### National Railway System

Without further discussion of the Progressive meeting, or of the resolutions with the Liberal members which followed, Mr. Crerar went on to answer questions. He declared for the immediate consolidation of the Grand Trunk Railway with the National System; advocated economy in administration rather than search for new sources of revenue, and urged substantial reduction in freight rates. "I am willing," he said, "to work with any one who will seek to establish in the public administration the measures which the country requires."

The Progressive leader, who was given a fine reception, said the business of governing Canada presented grave difficulties which were almost insurmountable. Some sections were almost losing contact one with the other, when it was essential that these far-flung parts remain in contact. Differences of race and religion must be kept down. "We must have," he said, "a speaker, to think in broad terms of our common Canadianism. Along this line I hope to see the influence which we shall exert in the Commons being carried throughout the Dominion."

Keep Organization Intact  
The country is facing the questions of economic and administrative reforms more serious than have been met in the past. The Progressives must keep their organizations intact. He urged that the strength of the United Farmers be kept up. Its membership increased, the enthusiasm of the local units strengthened.

"I do not want," said Mr. Crerar, "to see any narrow parties spring up, to invade the Progressive party, to have a higher mission—to educate, to develop, to stimulate to higher ideals, to publish public men who fall below its standards, and to reward those who maintain its high standards. We must think in terms of public good. We want to see equity and justice prevail. We want to see the standard set that common welfare is the ideal."

Referring, briefly, to the railway problem, Mr. Crerar said he was convinced the National System was a sound asset fundamentally. Canada has railways for a population of ten to fifteen million people—that was the weakness of the situation. "There are certain interests and newspapers and public men," he continued, "who are opposed to the whole principle of national railways, and particularly to the incorporation of the old Grand Trunk system into the National system. It is vital to the success of the National system that the Grand Trunk consolidation be completed, and that at the earliest possible date. Continuation of the Grand Trunk, under separate management, would be fatal to the national system."

Suspicious of Montreal  
"I tell you frankly that I am just a little bit suspicious of certain interests operating in Montreal, in the matter of the Canadian National Railways. I think these Montreal interests will see that before long that they don't represent the attitude of the Canadian people. I am quite sure they don't represent the people of Quebec."

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## DEEP WATERWAY RECOMMENDED BY COMMISSION

International Joint Commission Favors Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Waterway Project.

### BILL INTRODUCED IN U. S. CONGRESS

Calls for Bond Issues Guaranteed on 50-50 Basis by U. S. and Canadian Gov'ts.

Washington, Jan. 11.—Improvement of the new Welland Canal, between Lake Erie and Lake Ontario, as well as the St. Lawrence River, to provide a thirty-foot channel for Lake Erie to the sea has been recommended by the International Joint Commission in its report on the proposed Great Lakes-St. Lawrence waterway, according to Representative Chalmers, Republican, Ohio.

Mr. Chalmers, today, introduced a bill in the house authorizing the improvement on the part of the United States, but stipulating that the expense be borne equally by the United States and Canada through a bond issue guaranteed by both Governments. The report of the Commission, which has been submitted to the State Department but has not yet been made public, Mr. Chalmers said, is a statement recommending that the project, including the widening and deepening of the new Welland Canal, be undertaken and that the costs be met through taxation by the United States and Canada in proportion to the benefits derived.

### Division of Costs

The Commission report, Mr. Chalmers said, recommends that the division of costs be figured on the basis of known traffic for the past five years to be definitely ascertained by an international survey. "It is believed such a procedure is too indefinite and intangible to be used as a basis for determining the allocation of the costs of the enterprise, which will run into the hundreds of millions of dollars," Mr. Chalmers declared. "I think the 50-50 proposition is the safest and fairest for both countries."

The Chalmers bill provides that bonds issued by the Government should be retired with proceeds derived from the sale of hydro-electric power made available for commercial use also provides that the benefits derived in the way of hydro-electric energy, shall be evenly divided between the two countries.

The bill also provides for construction and operation of the entire waterway under the Chalmers bill, would be in the hands of an International Board of U. S. members, three representing the United States and three Great Britain. The board would have authority to sell hydro-electric power and to issue bonds for the improvements.

## Piano Saved But Two Little Children Burned To Death

When Fire Destroyed House in Canso, N. S., Last Night.

Canso, N. S., Jan. 11.—Two little girls, one aged three and the other one and a half years, were burned to death, but a piano was saved. The fire destroyed the residence of Fred Johnson on Hazel Hill road near here tonight. Grandfather Johnson, a century old, was badly burned but managed to escape with her nightgown on fire, and tumble into a snow bank.

The fire had evidently originated from a Quebec heater, and spread with extraordinary rapidity. Members of the family, making their escape from the top story, sustained severe burns. In the excitement, Johnson, the father of the two little girls, thought they had been taken from the house by other members of the family, and rushed himself saving the piano. Everything else, including, it is said, a considerable sum of money, was burnt.

## Request Workers To Keep Within Law

United Mine Workers No. 26 to Remain Quiet During Arbitration Hearings.

Sydney, N. S., Jan. 11.—"We shall request our men to keep within the law and remain at work pending the outcome of the arbitration board," declared W. P. Delaney, vice-president of United Mine Workers District No. 26, when asked tonight what will be the probable effect of the action of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia in suspending the injunction restraining the Nova Scotia coal operators from pulling up to immediate effect a proposed 25 per cent. wage cut.

He added: "We anticipate that they will do so."

## GRIFFITH STARTS MACHINERY FOR PUTTING THE ANGLO-IRISH TREATY INTO EFFECT

### Fire Destroyed 500 Hundred Cases Liquor And Gin

Montreal, Jan. 11.—Five hundred cases of liquor, mostly whiskey and gin were destroyed when a large barn building was used as a bonded warehouse was destroyed by fire Tuesday night at East Hampden, Que., within a stone's throw of the United States border.

### Huge Snow Drifts Blocked Traffic In Montreal

Canadian Metropolis Experienced First Real Blizzard of the Season.

Montreal, Jan. 11.—Whirled like smoke through the streets by a forty mile an hour gale, the fine snow, of the first blizzard of the season, struck Montreal tonight and continued intermittently for eight hours, attaining its greatest intensity at eight in the evening. Drifts, in places eight feet deep, accumulated and the transit services were seriously dislocated, thousands of citizens being forced to wade home. Hospitals and police stations, however, reported no accidents, nor was the light and power system seriously affected. Temperature was comparatively mild, being eleven degrees above zero. The train service out of town is reported as running fairly well to time.

### Formal Charge Against British Schr. Golden West

Alleged to Have Landed Alcohol at Plymouth Before Seized by U. S. Customs.

Boston, Jan. 11.—Formal charge that part of the cargo of alcohol, brought by the British schooner Golden West from St. Pierre, was landed at Plymouth, before the schooner was seized outside this port, was made today when Tony Carbone and Frank Carbone, brothers of Plymouth, were arraigned on indictments returned by the Federal Grand Jury. They were charged with assisting in the importation of 2,300 gallons of alcohol.

### Despondent Over Financial Affairs, Commits Suicide

Regina, Sask., Jan. 11.—Despondent over financial affairs, Maor W. G. V. Bishop, prominent in military and social activities in Regina for many years, took his life at 1 o'clock this afternoon by shooting.

The tragedy is believed to be the result of the recent failure of E. E. Quigley, grain and investment broker, Major Bishop being a partner in the business. Quigley was arrested, following the failure, and is now out on \$20,000 bail, waiting trial on a charge of theft by conversion of \$1,500.

Berlin, Jan. 11.—The propaganda of a man who claims to be an "apostle of Mormonism" and who has been operating in Prussia and East Prussia, promises "young girls who will go to Utah" large rewards, introduction into the "holiness of the Temple" and much happiness, according to newspaper reports. The newspapers have warned German girls against the man as an "imposter."

## BRIAND, BEARING TEXT OF BRITISH ALLIANCE, FACES HOSTILE CHAMBER

Paris, Jan. 11.—Premier Briand bearing the text of the long-sought British Alliance, will face the French Parliament tomorrow, which, although hostile tonight, may, nevertheless, in the opinion of many observers, give him a vote of confidence because it dare not refuse a concrete pact owing to differences of opinion concerning some of the clauses and concessions.

Both Senate and Chamber party caucuses have sent messages of protest to M. Briand, and there is much talk of overthrowing the Government, as has frequently been the case in the past year, Briand's supporters, however, expect him to win.

## Summons Southern Parliament to Meet Saturday—De Valera and His Followers in Dail to Ignore the Saturday Meeting—The Evacuation of Dublin Castle Now Going On—Irish Labor Party to Participate in Election to be Held During Year.

London, Jan. 11.—The summoning of the Southern Parliament to meet Saturday by Arthur Griffith, president of the Dail Eireann, and his cabinet, has started the machinery for putting the treaty into operation. Half a dozen huge vans backed in front of the chief secretary's office in Dublin Castle this afternoon and removed stacks of official documents and effects of the secretariat and police departments, thus beginning the evacuation of the castle, the symbol to Irishmen for centuries of British control.

## PROGRESS MADE ON REVISION OF NAVAL TREATY

Differences of Opinion Arose Over Rules for Scrapping of Battleships.

Washington, Jan. 11.—The "Big Five" made further progress today in their final revision of the naval treaty but encountered a difference of opinion when they came to lay down rules for the scrapping of battleships.

For the United States delegation, it was proposed that the surplus vessels be rendered entirely useless. France readily supported that view, with Italy indicating a similar attitude. Great Britain and Japan withheld assent, however, the suggestion being made that the dismantled ships might be used as harbor guards or training vessels.

### Question Unsettled

When the five delegation heads adjourned, after several hours of debate, the question remained unsettled and will be taken up again tomorrow. During their two sessions today, however, they had completed approval of the first of the treaty annexes, embodying a replacement chart, and they expressed hope tonight that all of the five annexes might be disposed of tomorrow or Friday.

Except for the article dealing with Pacific fortifications, all of the text of the treaty proper already had been virtually approved, and should Tokyo's refusal to accept the decision be restricted in time, a plenary session for public discussion of the completed treaty may be held Saturday or Monday.

## Ontario Liberals To Choose New Leader At February Convention

Until New Chieftain is Selected F. W. Hay Will Continue as Chief Whip and Leader.

Toronto, Jan. 11.—Ontario Liberals will choose their new leader at a convention to be held in Toronto during the last week of February. The fixing of the exact date is to be left to the discretion of the executive. Between five and six hundred delegates will be empowered to attend this gathering. Each of the 111 provincial ridings will be entitled to send four representatives.

Until the new chieftain is chosen, F. Wellington Hay, M. P. P., North Perth, will continue to occupy his dual position of Liberal whip and temporary house leader.

## Heavy Rain Storm Hits Halifax

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 11.—A heavy rain storm arrived here at eight o'clock this evening with the wind blowing at the rate of 40 miles an hour and veering from southeast to northeast.

"Hell's" Kitchen Scene of Fierce Gun Battle  
Customs Inspector Shot by Negro in Bootleggers' Battle—Detective Called in.

New York, Jan. 11.—After a desperate gun and hand-to-hand fight which aroused the notorious "Hell's Kitchen" section, four police detectives tonight arrested Edward McDonald, a negro, 23 years old, on the charge of having shot and seriously wounded Michael U. Kennedy, a customs inspector, in a bootleggers' battle in Weehawken, N. J., last night.

According to the police, McDonald signed a confession.

The four detectives came upon McDonald in a doorway of his home in West Thirtieth street. When answered their command to surrender with a shot, which the officers answered with a fusillade. They pursued him into the hallway, and McDonald, who is known as "the big bear" because of his prodigious strength, fought them off until brought down with blacking.