

Sir Wilfrid Laurier Demands 2 Canadian Fleets With 2 Dreadnoughts

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Canadian Fleet For Each of the Coasts and 2 Dreadnaughts

Laurier Announces His Naval Policy Amid Cheers and the Singing of "Rule Britannia."

A FLEET FOR EACH COAST AND A DREADNAUGHT FOR EACH FLEET

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Dec. 12.—A Canadian fleet for each of Canada's coasts, with a super-dreadnought as the centre of each fleet. Establishment of yards in Canada and the building of the ships as far as possible in Canada.

Fleets to be manned as far as possible by Canadians, and to be maintained by Canada, ready to go to the aid of Britain in time of emergency.

Such was the policy announced by Sir Wilfrid Laurier this afternoon as the proper one for the Dominion and Empire, and one which he would be prepared to enact if given an opportunity. The announcement created a profound impression.

The Liberals cheered, and cheered again, and when the Liberal chieftain concluded, "Rule, Britannia," rolled out in deep-chested tones which shook the building.

The galleries were jammed to suffocation, and many distinguished outsiders were seated on the floor of the chamber. Every one was on the alert for the announcement. When Sir Wilfrid arose, his striking figure arrested the attention of the great assembly and commanded instant silence.

BORDEN'S POLICY UN-BRITISH.
Sir Wilfrid condemned the Borden policy of direct contribution as un-Canadian, un-British, and against the best future interest of the British Empire. He concluded with an amendment condemning the Borden policy, and expressing Parliament's want of confidence in the Government which had brought it in.

STOLEN MONEY ORDER WAS CASHED

Local Office of the Dominion Express "Stung" For Sum of \$33.75—A Warning Issued to the Public.

A warning has been issued by the Dominion Express Company that money orders stolen from Osgoode, Ont., about two weeks ago, are being cashed in this section of the province. The local office was "stung" for \$33.75 on Nov. 29, one of the stolen orders being presented for payment. The parties cashing the order chose the busiest hour of the day on one of the busiest days of the month, and got away with it. It is thought that only one order was cashed in this city, and two thieves have since passed on.

The orders are in two books, the first book being Series X, numbered from 612401 to 612449, containing 48 orders. The second book contains 31 orders of Series X, 190878 to 190899. Order number 190878 was the one cashed in this city.

NEW SENSATION AT BANK INQUIRY

"Missing" Letter Which Postponed Nesbitt Trial Was in Custody of Crown.

TRAVERS ON THE STAND
Again Says He Can Throw No Further Light on That \$3,000 Check.

[Canadian Press.]
Toronto, Dec. 12.—That the "missing" letter, for which the crown found it necessary to postpone the Beattie Nesbitt trial a couple of weeks ago, was all the time in the custody of crown officers, was the sensation sprung at what will probably be the final sitting of the Farmers' Bank inquiry, which opened this morning. The letter was put in as an exhibit in the inquiry.

The session was held at Osgoode Hall, and W. R. Travers was the only witness called. He was unable to throw any further light on the \$3,000 check, which he alleges he gave to Peter Ryan to facilitate the issue of the bank's charter.

After the inquiry had adjourned, W. C. McKel, K.C., of Belleville, who has appeared throughout for the depositors, remarked that representations would be urged at Ottawa looking to the taking over of the assets by the Government and recouping the depositors, who might otherwise lose everything. He estimated that this would cost \$1,000,000.



J. FRANK HICKEY, of Buffalo, who has confessed to the wholesale killing of boys.

A. CALDER HELD UP AT VANCOUVER

Former Londoner Lost a Priceless Watch to the Robber Who Cleaned Up Passengers on C. P. R. Train Some Days Ago.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 12.—Alex. Calder, steamship agent at Winnipeg, formerly of London, was one of the victims of the bandit who on Saturday evening held up all the passengers on the sleeping-car on the C. P. R. Imperial Limited shortly after leaving Vancouver, and secured hundreds of dollars in cash and jewelry.

The loss Mr. Calder feels more than anything else is that of a silver watch, given him in 1876 by the employees of the London street railway, when retiring as superintendent. He had carried it ever since, and its value to Mr. Calder as a memento was inestimable.

Mr. V. Cronin, who until a few years ago was the chief owner of the London street railway, visited since he left the native city, though he has not been here in a few years.

LACE VENDORS AGAIN AT WORK

Police Are Informed of Certain Alleged Sales of Counterfeit Goods to Unsuspecting People of This City—Y. W. C. A. Name Used.

The police have been asked to take care of Irish lace vendors, who, it is alleged, have been plying the old game of selling cheap laces for the genuine Limerick products in London during the past few days. The women, it is said, have succeeded in disposing of a considerable quantity of the alleged counterfeit article, and yesterday afternoon operated with much success in a downtown retail store.

The women entered for the purpose of disposing of some of the lace to one of the ladies clerks, but when that person's attention was attracted to several customers, they immediately interested several women. It is said that one of the ladies invested quite heavily before the road was off until the lace was of little value.

Working the Game.
Yesterday afternoon a rather fine-looking, tall, slim woman of 28 or 40 years called at a local institution and proceeded to interest the staff. She wore a gray overcoat, and a motor cap. A quantity of the lace was taken from a paper bag, but when examined by one of the prospective customers, was pronounced bogus. The lace vendor thereupon endeavored to prove that the lace was in reality worth much money. She first quoted 75 cents per yard, but later cut her price to 35 cents. Because of the knowledge of one of the ladies her plans were frustrated.

It is also alleged that the name of the Young Women's Christian Association has been used by the women without authority.

"SOMETHING AWFUL"

London, Dec. 12.—"Something awful" that phrase rings in the ears of every apprehensive policeman in London, and the officers would like to know what it means. The suffragettes have given fair warning that they have a thorough surprise for Christmas time, but they refuse to give an inkling of what it will be, except that it will be "something awful." If the police do not soon learn what those words mean, it is feared that some of the department heads will fall victims to nervous prostration. The gleeful suffragettes are boasting that their Yuletide performances will eclipse all of their past pranks.

"What will they do next?" is a question that all London is asking and the would-be voters reiterate the answer: "Something awful."

ITALIAN SHIP WAS LOST IN CHANNEL COLLISION

Steamer Which Was Rammed by the Centurion Believed To Be the Derna, Carrying a Crew of Twenty-Five Men.

[Canadian Press.]
Devonport, Eng., Dec. 12.—The steamer run down and sunk by the British battleship Centurion in the English Channel on Tuesday was, as has now been almost certainly established, the Derna, whose crew consisted probably of about twenty-five men. She was formerly known as the Gergenti, and was owned in Genoa, Italy.

The Derna passed Dungeness on Dec. 9 on the way to Port Talbot, in Wales, from Memel, in the Baltic Sea. Boat marked Derna, containing the body of a man, was picked up off the Isle of Wight, and the bow light found on the Centurion after the collision has been identified as belonging to the Derna.

LIBERAL LEADER DISPOSES OF HON. MR. HANNA'S JIBE

Has Several Evenings in Reserve to Co-operate for Local Option.

[Canadian Press.]
Toronto, Dec. 12.—Woodstock on Saturday evening, Mr. Rowell, leader of the Ontario Opposition, issued a challenge to the provincial ministers to prove their enthusiasm for local option by taking the stump in its favor at the forthcoming elections. To this Mr. Hanna, minister of agriculture, responded by replying that he had no objection to the challenge.

It was rumored today that while in Toronto Mayor Graham will interview the C. N. R. authorities relative to their attitude towards the London and Port Stanley Railway.

The situation is somewhat involved at the present moment. The city council passed a motion advising that the proposition to electrify the line be laid over for further consideration. The London and Port Stanley board, in the interim, had notified the C. N. R. that negotiations with them relative to leasing the road were off until the question of electrification was disposed of.

ANNEXATION OF SUBURBS IS UP IN TORONTO TODAY

Mayor Graham and City Solicitor Meredith Are in Queen City Attending Meeting of the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board—London Township Objects to Certain Names.

Mayor Graham, City Clerk Baker and City Solicitor Meredith are in Toronto today attending a session of the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board to consider the petitions from Pottersburg and Baling regarding annexation. Mr. W. R. Meredith and Miss Mary Grant, representing London Township, are also in attendance.

Mr. Baker took with him a number of affidavits bearing on the assessment rolls, and expects to establish the fact that a large number of names on the petition are really property-owners, and authorities dispute this contention.

The city clerk claims that the petitions signed for annexation are sufficiently signed, in fact, there is a clear majority of 40 or 50 votes.

On the other hand, the representatives of London Township insist that the petitions need at least eleven names to have a majority.

From previous indications, there will be a stiff battle put up by both sides.

LOCAL POLICE KNOW NOTHING OF MAN
Stratford Officers Take Into Custody Alleged Londoner on a Serious Charge.

The Stratford police have taken into custody in that city a young Hebrew, who, it is claimed, travels under the name of S. Orenstein, of Toronto, E. Rodgers, of London, and F. Wilson. The man is charged with having attempted to pass a worthless check in several stores in Stratford, and inquiries concerning him have also been received by Chief McCarthy from Milverton, Brampton and Berlin, where he is alleged to have operated.

FIND STICKS AND STONES UNDER BEST APPLE TREE

Ald. Richter Quotes "Abe" Lincoln in Discussing Attacks Made Upon Himself and the Aldermen Who Dared to Consider L. and P. S. R. Report.

"Abraham Lincoln once said that the most sticks were found under the tree that had the best apples," said Ald. Richter, with a smile when asked if he had anything to say in reply to the vicious attacks of a defeated newspaper upon himself and six other aldermen who voted to secure more information in regard to the London and Port Stanley Railway.

"In the first place we are accused of refusing to permit the matter to go to the people after the London and Port Stanley board and a committee of the board of trade had recommended that the matter be permitted to go to the people.

"This is untrue. Not a Bylaw, But Plebiscite. In regard to the Port Stanley board's recommendation there was absolutely nothing before the council to indicate that they had passed a resolution, and we were not considering their recommendation, but what appeared in the order papers as a by-law to issue \$30,000 'debentures,' but which proved to be a plebiscite. It did not conform to the order paper, and the whole thing was out of order. Surely the citizens of London want their council to act like men who understand their business, and not like schoolboys, although I do not like to cast aspersions on some of our bright schoolboys. I have no doubt that the city solicitor saw that the matter could not be submitted as a bylaw, and that the council had no right to submit anything but a plebiscite. Then there was the bungle on the order papers, which made the whole thing irregular.

Not Yet Considered.
"As to the committee of the board of trade making a recommendation, I believe this recommendation was made to its own board, and that the board of trade has not yet met to consider it. The council has no right to do with such a recommendation until it is sent by the board of trade. "I think the council was put in office by the citizens to do its duty, and it would have been a disgrace to its trust had it taken any other course than the one pursued. We had absolutely no right to submit a bylaw to the electors, and that was what the order paper called for. "If these aldermen were to be abused for doing what they saw to be their duty, then it is a poor inducement for other men to enter the public service. Surely we should not fly into personalities and abuse because we cannot see eye to eye. Personally I have lived in London for more than thirty years. I have managed to keep out of police court, and every other court, and I do not think that my reputation will be lowered by any hard words. As I said at the council meeting the best friends of a man are often his keenest critics."

WOMAN FOUND MURDERED NEAR TOWN OF FLESHERTON

Mrs. Hannah Love, Who Had Been Missing Several Days, Found Dead in Cellar of Home With Body Covered With Wounds—Son Says He Saw Stranger Near Home.

Flesherton, Dec. 12.—This town and district is all excited over the discovery here at midnight of a terrible murder, of Mrs. Hannah Love, aged 46, a prominent and popular Sabbath school worker, and the wife of Henry Love, a laborer, of Ceylon village, a mile and a half from here. The body was found in the cellar, covered with wounds in the back and head. There were evidences in various parts of the house of the woman's awful struggle for life against the murderer. She was last seen Tuesday morning by her son Arnel, aged fourteen, who left her to go to the high school in Flesherton and returned.

CONDEMNED MAN REVEALS MURDER PLOT

Say That Government Detective Petrosina Was Victim of Band in Canada.

[Canadian Press.]
Montreal, Dec. 12.—Claiming that a number of influential Italians in New York, Montreal and Vancouver are banded together in a society which has exploited poor immigrants in this country and that this society was directly responsible for the death of the Italian detective, Petrosina, in Italy, Carlo Battista, an Italian, now under sentence of death for the murder of a compatriot, Salvatore Macaruso, has made a long confession in which his claims are incorporated, and which were forwarded to the Minister of Justice, Hon. C. J. Doherty, at Ottawa.

Battista says this society, of which he was a member, made a practice of collecting subscriptions on the pretext that the money was forwarded to the royal family in Italy. The money thus secured was used for the support of the society, and to shut his mouth the society had him murdered.

NOBLES FROM MANY SHRINES PILGRIMS TO LONDON OASIS

The Shriner's are holding their annual ceremonial session this afternoon, with an exceptional large attendance of visitors and members of Mocha Temple.

Every train coming into London brought scores of nobles wearing the characteristic red fez, Detroit, Hamilton, Toronto, Buffalo, Rochester, St. Thomas, Windsor, Sarnia, Chatham, Brantford, Stratford, Sault Ste. Marie and other cities were well represented. From every standpoint the gathering will be one of the most successful ever held in London.

The afternoon meeting is being devoted largely to business matters, and the election of officers. Ill. Potentate Dr. R. W. Shaw presided. It is expected that Noble Thomas Rowe will be elected potentate for the coming year, with Noble Henry Roe, of St. Thomas, as chief rabban.

Imperial Council Delegates.
The contest for delegates to the Imperial Council at Dallas, Texas, in May next, promises to be most interesting. Past Potentate A. L. Davis, Noble J. C. Love, Noble Thomas Rowe and many others being mentioned as possibilities. The list of candidates, 104 in all, was presented to the officers, and prepared for their initiation tonight.

The fun will be at the evening performance, which will be one of the most successful yet seen in this city. The visitors were given a right royal welcome on their arrival in this city, Sergt. MacDonald and his pipers, headed by Past Potentate A. L. Davis, Nobles Bert Lind, A. B. Barr, Morley Riley, Charles McGee, Joseph Argue (Strathroy), George Parsons (Sarnia), Percy Treblecock and a number of others, met the various trains and gave the visitors the right sort of a welcome.

The Detroit Shriners.
The Moslem Temple delegation from Detroit arrived over the C. P. R. at noon, and were most welcome. They are all right good fellows and were made to feel at home.

The Buffalo and Toronto contingents will not arrive until 7:30 o'clock. Among the distinguished members of the craft already in London are: Past Potentates Estlin A. Fletcher, Rochester; Martin Blecher, Buffalo; Nobles Marc Lester, Toronto; John Bolton and Lou G. Lee, Buffalo, and many others.

A Toronto Boy.
Noble Estlin A. Fletcher, one of the best-known Shriners in America, is a Toronto boy, and for some years travelled through London and other points. Going to Rochester he went into business, where he has made a great success. At the time the Imperial Council was entertained in Rochester in 1910, he was potentate of his temple, and was an outstanding figure in the gathering. He made himself extremely popular with the visitors, and all speak in the highest terms of this well-known Shriner.

Noble Marc Lester is a London Old Boy, with a score of friends here. He was given a great welcome by scores of his old-time friends here, today. He is editor of a leading trade journal in Toronto and is making a conspicuous success of it.

The ceremonial will be terminated by a big banquet tonight.

BRITISH OFFICER KILLED

Army Captain Slain by Tribesmen Near Shiraz, in Persia.

Teheran, Persia, Dec. 11.—Captain Ackford, of the British army, has been killed by tribesmen near Shiraz, capital of the Province of Kerm.

10 MORE DAYS TO SHOP

