

HON. W. A. BUCHANAN IS TO BE MINISTER OF MUNICIPALITIES

Appointment Decided on at a Meeting of the Provincial Cabinet Which Was Held Friday.

NEW MINISTER WILL ASSUME PART DUTIES OF PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.

To Have Charge of Roads and Bridges of Alberta and Local Improvement Districts

The rapid growth of Alberta and the fast increase of the duties incumbent on the provincial administration has made necessary the creation of a new cabinet portfolio which will be known as the department of municipalities. The creation of a new department to take charge of this portion of the local government was decided upon at a meeting of the provincial cabinet which was held at the government buildings yesterday. There were present all the members of the executive, Premier Rutledge, Hon. C. W. Cross, Hon. W. H. Cushing, Hon. Duncan Marshall, Hon. P. E. Lessard and Hon. W. A. Buchanan.

REVENUE OF CANADA
INCREASED \$18,469,307.
Ottawa, Feb. 4.—The total revenue of the Dominion for ten months of the fiscal year ending with January 31, was \$31,510,522, as compared with \$33,041,215 for the same period last year, an increase of \$15,490,307.
The expenditure was \$59,678,472, as against \$59,641,315, a decrease of \$4,362. The increase in the national debt during the ten months was \$7,535,593, as compared with \$16,652,250 during the corresponding period in the previous fiscal year.

THREATENED CRISIS IN
NEAR EAST IS OVER.
London, Feb. 4.—All reports concerning the situation between Turkey and Greece that have been received here are generally favorable and indicate that the situation is over.
The Porte has been also assured that the protecting powers are determined to maintain Turkish sovereignty in Crete.

CHICAGO TEMPERANCE FORCES ARE JUBILANT

Have Obtained Sufficient Signatures to Petition to Bring Question of Local Option to a Vote at Next Municipal Elections.

Chicago, Feb. 4.—Joyous beyond all restraint, the opponents of the saloons gathered at Willard Hall tonight to celebrate their first great victory in Chicago. The securing of the necessary 61,000 signatures to file their demand that the question whether Chicago shall be a "wet" or "dry" appear on the official ballot at the spring election. More than enough names were secured, some estimates running as high as 72,000. The petition must no stand the scrutiny of agents of the United Societies for Local Self Government who began work tomorrow in an endeavor to show that it contains many duplicated names and the names of persons not entitled to vote. This condition they believe to be so general that they will be able to keep the question from going to a vote.

PARIS IS RECOVERING FROM GREAT FLOOD

Seine Continues to Drop and Restoration Work Proceeding with Vigor.

Paris, Feb. 4.—The fall of the Seine was more rapid today. The appearance of the city is approaching the normal but the subway system is still inoperative. Water remains in the tubes, which after they have been emptied, must be cleaned and disinfected. The progress toward the restoration of the light, telephone and telegraph lines is slow but noticeable.
The work of disinfection and other precautions against an epidemic of typhoid have been so thorough that Paris will not only escape contagion but will emerge from the epidemic before. The superintendent of sewers reports from the examinations he has been able to make, it is evident that few of the streets remain perfect. He insisted that the Bishop should have made their complaints to the prefect to permit correction of the situation as Bishop Bellef had done. The judge advised that by saying that the law had been violated and the Cardinal ordered to correct the situation. The court, however, reserved judgment.

HON. W. A. BUCHANAN THE NEWLY APPOINTED MINISTER OF MUNICIPALITIES FOR THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA.

The new minister of municipalities will be Hon. W. A. Buchanan, the member for Lettbridge, who will have charge of the roads and bridges of the province, the local improvement districts and the collection of the education tax.
This will give the department of public works of some of the duties which have fallen to it in the past and which have been accumulating so rapidly that the work of the department has made the work of the minister of public works, Hon. W. H. Cushing, exceedingly arduous.
Will Require Legislation.
The minister of municipalities will not assume the new office until after the session of the legislature. The creation of the department will necessitate some legislation and this will be done in the course of the session which meets on next Thursday. It has not yet been definitely decided where the new minister will have his offices, but they will be arranged for in the course of the next few weeks.

MINERS AND OPERATORS.

In Convention at Toledo to Settle Outstanding Differences.
Toledo, Ohio, Feb. 3.—The joint conference of the joint committee of the miners and operators of the central competitive field, comprising western Pennsylvania, Ohio, the Kanawha district of West Virginia, Indiana, and Illinois met at Memorial hall this afternoon. President Lewis of the miners was chosen temporary chairman. Mayor Whitlock welcomed both miners and operators to the city. In his response, President Lewis said the operators had to fight the railroad, and legislators, and that he hoped for the day when the operators would pay to the railroads that they must pay a fair price for the coal they use, so that the operators could pay the miners more money and properly safeguard this hard-won occupation. After the report of several committees the meeting was adjourned until tomorrow morning, when the fight will begin. With the miners demanded an increase of wages of ten cents per ton and insisting on certain working conditions which the operators say they cannot concede; and the operators insisting either upon a reduction of the wage scale or the equating of working conditions in the unorganized soft coal fields, the general opinion is that it will be impossible to reach an agreement at the Toledo conference.

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BULLETS FLY WIDE ON TORONTO STREET

Three Men Shot on Louise Street Just off Yonge by an Inmate of a House of Ill-Fame in that Vicinity—One Man Seriously Injured.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 4.—In a desperate shooting affray on Louise street, just off Yonge street, the city's busiest thoroughfare, three men were seriously wounded in the presence of hundreds of spectators, Albert Haggitt, the young man, who had the shooting, being finally arrested after a hard struggle.
The victims are a fire named Walter Treason, shot in the groin; Lerne Street in the thigh, and Charles Turf, in the abdomen, whose wound is most serious. The altercation between Haggitt and the Pole began in a disorderly house, 3 Louise street, which Haggitt is an inmate, just before 11 p.m. The Pole was chased from the house by Haggitt, who fired several shots after him as he passed through the groin from the back and coming out in front. Lerne Street, a bystander, was hit by a flying bullet.
Policeman Mullen chased with Haggitt and Charles Turf came up behind to assist him. Haggitt turned and shot Turf, who nevertheless grappled with him, and assisted by two others, one "Banty" Russell, the well-known Argonaut footballer brought him down.
The disorderly house had just been opened. No women were found there, but four women's hats and coats, one containing a pocketful of cartridges, the proprietress of the house lives with Haggitt and is known as Mrs. Haggitt, and also as Miss Arise. Haggitt is 32 years of age and a printer.

Caught by the Waters.

Paris, Feb. 4.—A newspaper here states that beneath the deep flood water at Alfortville, there can be seen a cab, the horse, the driver and a woman in the cab. The woman apparently hired the vehicle to escape but was overtaken by the flood and engulfed, with the driver and the horse.

Zelaya Off to Europe.

Mexico City, Feb. 4.—A delayed telegram to Mexico City announces that Jose Santos Zelaya, who went to Vera Cruz Sunday night, sailed Tuesday evening en route to Belgium. His ticket read to Vigo, Spain, and he is on the German steamer Albatross.

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FOUR MILLIONS FOR DOMINION RAILWAYS

Estimates For This Department Passed by House of Commons—New Quebec Bridge Will Cost \$2,500,000—N.T.R. Will Be Completed Before Bridge.

Ottawa, Feb. 4.—An air of quietude which was in strong contrast to the excitement of Thursday over the naval bill, marked the proceedings in the House of Commons today. After a brief discussion of Canada's contribution of \$50,000 to the sufferers from the floods of Paris, the House went into supply on the estimates of the railway department, on which good headway was made. Before the adjournment at midnight all the railway department estimates, with the exception of the \$27,000,000 voted for the N.T.R., were passed, the total amount voted being over four million dollars.
When the vote for one million dollars came under discussion in the committee of supply, Hon. George P. Graham in reply to a question put by Richard Rodman, declared that in all, over three million dollars had been paid to the Phoenix Bridge company, but the government was responsible.

No More Out Rates.

Calgary, Feb. 4.—There will be no more out rates for water for schools, churches and similar institutions after the end of the present quarter, according to an announcement which Commissioner Graves made yesterday. The commissioners are trying to devise a system whereby they can place the water plant on a paying basis without raising the rates and they believe they will succeed. The first step will be to take off the exemptions on public and semi-public institutions like those already referred to. A number of schools and churches have been paying only \$25 a year and when they are placed on the same basis as other consumers the increase in revenue will be considerable. An entire re-rating of the City is to be made. The Health Officer has notified the owners of 300 houses and other buildings to connect with the sewer next summer.

METERS MUST NOW BE INTRODUCED IN PARLIAMENT TO AMEND THE INSPECTION BILL.

Ottawa, Feb. 4.—Hon. Wm. Templeman has introduced in the House of Commons a bill to amend the Gas Inspectors Act, which will be far reaching importance to the people of the country. The bill arises from the difficulties experienced by Toronto in particular. By the bill the margin of accuracy allowed in a meter, is reduced from four percent, in favor of the consumer, to three percent, and from three percent in favor of the companies to two percent. Gas inspectors will be authorized to inspect for calorific or heat-producing value of gas. At present gas inspectors were only permitted to judge of the illuminating quality of the gas.

Colonial Representation.

London, Feb. 4.—J. N. Griffiths, M.P., writes to the Mail suggesting that if the House of Lords is to be reformed it be in the direction of an Imperial senate. The present number should be reduced. Canada should nominate ten representatives, Australia eight, and the other Dominions in proportion. Editorially the Dominion in proportion. Editorially the Dominion in proportion.

RAIN OF METEORITES IN ITALIAN VILLAGES

Stones Fell Not Far from the Site of Hadramout Fall, Ruining Crops, Horses and Killing the Cattle.

Rome, Feb. 4.—According to reports a rain of meteorites fell last night upon the territory between the towns of Tivoli and Capranica. The stones were of the size and shape of hazel nuts. When they reached the ground they were red hot and the crops and the animals were killed. The fear of disasters are prolonged and consequently they are crowding the churches.

Cardinal Censured.

Rheims, France, Feb. 4.—The judge advised in the trial of Cardinal Luron, who was charged by the public school teachers as attempting to cripple the public schools through the agency of an episcopal agent, that the Cardinal had failed in the attempt. Three charges, the judge advised, were involved—the facts, the law, and the court's competency. Relative to the facts, the judge stated that the Cardinal's action was not a violation of the law of the State could prevent the abuse of pastoral letters, he argued that the Cardinal's action was not a violation of the law of the State could prevent the abuse of pastoral letters, he argued that the Cardinal's action was not a violation of the law of the State could prevent the abuse of pastoral letters.

NAVAL DEBATE IN PARLIAMENT

Sir Wilfrid Laurier in a Brilliant Speech, Defines Government's Policy Respecting Navy.

Ottawa, Feb. 3.—In a speech that for breadth of vision, masterful handling of the fundamental principles on which the empire is based, eloquence and effectiveness, Sir Wilfrid Laurier today turned a new page in Canadian history. He defined the policy of the government looking to the creation of a Canadian navy in co-operation with the navy of the mother land in a two-fold way: the first, by the creation of a Canadian navy, and the second, by the creation of a Canadian navy in co-operation with the navy of the mother land in a two-fold way.

BOYCOTT HELD TO BE CRIME BY U.S. COURT

Long Standing Case of United Hatters of America, Finally Disposed of in Circuit Court. Damages Amounting to \$234,000 Awarded Manufacturers.

Hartford, Conn., Feb. 4.—Upon the verdict of \$74,000 damages rendered by a jury before Judge Platt in the United States Circuit Court this afternoon, after four months' trial, of the seven-year-old United Hatters' Boycott case, the 22 defendants, some of whom are now dead, will have to pay to D. E. Lowe and Company of Danbury, Conn., the complainant, hat manufacturers, about \$234,000. In short the Sherman Anti-Trust Law, which the United States Supreme Court several years ago said applied to the complaint, automatically triples the found damages to \$222,000. The four prominent lawyers, who defended Martin Lewles and the other members of the United Hatter of North America, filed a long list of exceptions to the charge of Judge Platt, which was unavailing and stated that there was no question of malice in the business or violation of the law, and that the jury should have itself only with the question of actual damages. When instructions were later asked for, the judge told the jurors that they should not consider the fact that the law treated their finding that they should determine what the actual damages were which would be multiplied by three. It was pointed out tonight by a prominent lawyer that the most important feature of this case was that it held a boycott and conspiring against an employer a crime, which establishes the fact that every union in this country, who pass his union dues, becomes liable and responsible for the acts and statements of his officers.

GAYNOR FOR PRESIDENT

New York Paper Thinks He Would Win With Roosevelt's Help.

New York, Feb. 4.—The New York Herald is out today for Mayor Gaynor, as the next democratic nominee for president. Scattered throughout its editorial page is the following paragraph, printed in Italian type under the caption, "Why Not Gaynor as Candidate of the Democratic Party in the next Presidential election? There are indications that when Col. Roosevelt returns from Elba the Republican party will not be smashed, but will emerge with its hands down. We don't know at present any one better fitted for the Democratic standard bearer than Judge Gaynor."

GOVERNMENT TROOPS ROUTED INSURGENTS

Decisive Battle in Nivara—100 Insurgents, Including General Blended, are Killed. Two Machine Gun Wrecked and Many Taken Prisoners.

Managua, Nicaragua, Feb. 5.—Managua is noisy with booming guns and blaring whistles and shrieking crowds, jubilant over a reported victory of the government at Santa Tomas. Generals Vasquez and Revilla, with 1,000 men, attacked 600 revolutionists under Gen. Blended. The battle began at 1 p.m. on Friday and lasted until night fall when the government troops in a final sweep swept the defenders from the field, capturing many prisoners, with arms and ammunition.

The South Pole Expeditions.

London, Feb. 4.—Lieut. Sir Ernest Shackleton, the Antarctic explorer, speaking at the American South Pole project, said that the question is whether the Americans can land on the side opposite the British camp. The region there is unknown and he considers it very doubtful if a suitable landing place can be found. Moreover, the distance to the pole is greater and over ground so the American will be greatly handicapped in comparison with Capt. Scott, who will take a familiar route to within 97 miles of the pole.

Local Opinion Sweep.

Carthage, Mo., Feb. 3.—The drys carried every city and township in local opinion today, leaving Joplin the only wet city in this mining district.

ASQUITH KEEPING HIS OWN COUNSEL

Premier and Lloyd-George Meet at Nice To-Day. Return to London Monday.

London, Feb. 5.—Premier Asquith will meet David Lloyd-George Chancellor of the exchequer, Nice today and it is said, he will return to London on Monday. The premier is keeping his own counsel and though there are many conjectures regarding the government's policy in the new parliament, nothing definite as yet is known of the ministerial plans.

Mild Weather Has Retarded Orders—Retailers Still Clearing.

New York, Feb. 4.—Canadian wholesale houses are receiving a liberal volume of orders for spring clothing and some filling-in demand is noted, but on the whole, mild weather has tended to retard the volume of re-ordering. Retailers are still conducting clearance sales. At Montreal this class of trade has been benefited by carnival week. In Toronto the agitation for low prices has had no notable effect, and for that matter fresh meats and produce remain very firm. Beef hides are up 1 cent per pound, and lamb skins are also higher. American buyers are operating very freely in the country districts and as a result the market for that commodity is very firm. Collections are irregular, ranging from good in the west to slow in the east, with the general average about fair. Bank clearings at 13 cities for the week terminating Feb. 3 aggregated \$190,754,000, six per cent over last week, but an increase of 21.4 per cent over the corresponding week last year.

Sir George Drummond's Funeral.

Montreal, Feb. 4.—A very large number of citizens attended the funeral of Sir George Drummond at St. John's church this afternoon, fully 2,000 walked in the cortege. After the service the remains were escorted to the Mount Royal Cemetery, where they were cremated. Sir George's will has not been probated, but it is understood his will will amount to \$6,000,000, which will be divided between Lady Drummond and the three sons.

May Ask Land Grant.

Ottawa, Feb. 3.—Hon. Walter Scott, Premier of Saskatchewan, arrived in this city this morning and had an interview with Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Education, he said is a live issue in the West and while he is understood here he will cause the proposal of setting apart a proportion of the Dominion lands for University purposes, which he said would naturally take all we can get for the purpose."

An Heir In Trouble.

New York, Feb. 4.—Crus M. Drake, a farmer of Hutersville, Minn., who claims to be a descendant of Sir Francis Drake and an heir to an estate of \$200,000, is under arrest here charged with using the mails in a scheme to defraud others who believed themselves heirs of the famous British Admiral of the sixteenth century. The prisoner was unable to give bonds and was committed to the Tombs.

Bought Peary's Meteorites.

New York, Feb. 3.—Three meteorites that were brought from the Arctic by Commander Peary have been purchased by the American Museum of Natural History. The price paid it was learned tonight was in the neighborhood of \$46,000. It is understood that Commander Peary made a present of the meteorites to Mrs. Peary and that they were sold by her to the museum.

Several Bills in Senate.

Ottawa, Feb. 4.—In the Senate today the following bills were given their reading: Respecting the Montreal, Ottawa and Georgian Bay canal company; respecting the Edmonton, Dunvegan and British Columbia Railway company; respecting the Kettle River Valley Railway company; respecting the Columbia and Western Railway company.

G.T.P. Steamers Next Summer.

Montreal, Feb. 4.—A G.T.P. steamship will be placed in operation on the coast of British Columbia with Prince Rupert as headquarters early in the coming summer. The steamer will take a familiar route to within 97 miles of the pole.

Fast Time of German Cruiser.

Berlin, Feb. 4.—The new cruiser Mainz today covered a mile off Dueding at the rate of 29.6 kilometres an hour.

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