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## Thrilling Tale of Shipwreck Comes From Newfoundland Coast Drury Stands Firmly By Principle of Middlesex Appointment

### DEATH THE PORTION OF ALL WHO RUD TO PARTITION TURKEY

Proclamation issued by the Nationalist Leader Says Country Must Not Be Divided.

New York, Dec. 29.—Death to any person, whether a Moslem or of any other religious belief, if he assists in the partition of Turkish domains, was vowed in a proclamation recently issued by Kemal Pasha, leader of the Turkish Nationalists, according to Dr. George L. Richards of Fall River, Mass., who arrived here with his wife today on the steamer Black Arrow from Constantinople. Dr. Richards has been abroad in the interest of the near east relief, and spent the last three months traveling thru Armenia in a box car.

The proclamation, Dr. Richards said, declared Turkey was "one and inseparable," and the will of the nation must be absolute and that it is the right and purpose of the nationalists to resist and forbid unilaterally any attempt to occupy or interfere with any part of Turkey—particularly with reference to any attempt to turn a national and independent Armenia into a province of the United States. "Under this proclamation added that no people should be allowed to 'disturb the social equilibrium of Turkey and that 'if in any case any foreign pressure be brought about to force Turkey to cede any portion whatever of her empire, necessary measures and decisions have been taken to check such pressure and maintain her integrity."

"The entente powers must renounce once and for all their idea of partitioning the zone in which belongs to us both by superiority of Turkish civilization and because the great majority of the inhabitants are Moslem," the proclamation continued, Dr. Richards said.

### COMMERCE BOARD DENIES STATEMENTS

Says Newspaper Reports of Its Orders Are Quite Untrue.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 29.—In a signed statement issued this evening, O'Connor, assistant chairman of the board of commerce, and James Murdoch, a member of the board, declare that statements in the press regarding the proceedings of Saturday last, at Toronto, have been erroneously presented to the public by the press. The statement is as follows:

"The board of commerce of Canada, regrets being compelled to notice and repudiate erroneous statements of its proceedings of Saturday last at Toronto, since communicated from there to various newspapers. The proceedings of the board are of interest to and affect many persons and many diverse interests. It is very regrettable when the same are inaccurately reported to the public, as they frequently are, and especially in attempted summarization for sensational purposes.

"No Embargo on Farm Products.

"Notwithstanding precautions instituted by the board, really in defence of itself and its members, the misreporting of its doings and sayings has continued. For instance, no member of the board ever suggested that farm products should be embargoed to cause a reduction in prices. There never was any 'forty-day milk order' prohibiting raises in price of milk for forty days. Yet even a cabinet minister, misled by press reports, stated in the house that there was. These two matters, out of many, are mentioned only because they served to occupy the time of a whole day's sitting of the board, and, obviously, cannot take the time to read all Canadian newspapers to correct all misstatements which are made with respect to it, whether in newspapers or otherwise.

"No Packing Investigation.

"It must now suffice for the board to say that the statements in various newspapers of this date that this board has declared its intention to investigate recent mergers of Canadian packing companies is not correct."

"(2) That the statement 'in such newspapers that the board has issued an order by which retailers are authorized to charge four cents additional per pound for sliced hams is not correct.

"(3) That the statements in such newspapers with reference to this board's proceedings at Toronto in the matter of a dispute between certain wholesale grocers and certain canning companies concerning rebates on canned goods are not correct.

"As the third matter, the board's order has not yet been made, and when made it will involve only two and a half cents on every dozen of un-canned goods. Furthermore, the newspaper reports exactly invert the contentions made to and the observations made by the board at Toronto as to the legality or illegality of the rebate involved."

### THE EXCHANGE SITUATION.

British pound (\$4.86) in New York, 52.75, a discount of 22.01 per cent.  
 Canadian dollar in New York, 81.30, a discount of 1.12 per cent.

### DENOUNCE LABOR SECTION OF U. S. RAILWAY MEASURE

Four Railway Brotherhoods Meet in Washington and Are Firm on Anti-Strike Legislation—Say House Will Not Accept It.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Representatives of the four railway brotherhoods and heads of the affiliated trades adopted tonight a declaration of principles opposing legislation which would make strikes of railway workers unlawful.

The declaration framed at the conference with President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor declared that in the sense of organized railway employees that penalties in pending railroad legislation against workers ceasing their employment should be eliminated.

The White conference reiterated the demand of organized labor that the government should hold the railroads for a peace time test of two years, the railroads not to accept the labor section of the Cummins bill.

L. E. Sheppard, president of the Order of Railway Conductors, was the only Big Four Brotherhood head at the conference, the others being represented by deputies. While there were many animated speeches and general discussion of the Cummins railroad bill, with its drastic anti-strike provision, it was said that the railway men were of one mind in opposing the section making strikes illegal. Before and after the conference, however, the union representatives, discussing informally the railroad situation, said they had assurances that the house would not accept the labor section of the Cummins bill.

It is possible that offices will be opened here by agents of three of the largest distilleries of Ontario, where orders for liquor will be taken from residents of the province to surmount the obstacle of a provincial law prohibiting the taking of orders in the province where delivery is to be made. Only the orders would be taken in Detroit, delivery being made direct from the distillery.

John A. Grogan, collector of international revenue, has been approached by Andrew Baird, former United States attorney, now representing the liquor interests of Ontario, in respect to the legality of the proposed move. Baird said today he did not believe the opening of such an office for the more taking of orders would constitute a violation of the eighteenth amendment to the constitution of the United States.

### TO CURB EXPANSION OF SPECULATION

U. S. Bankers to Discuss New Discount Rates and Interest Rates on Deposits.

Washington, Dec. 29.—New discount rates and interest rates on deposits, designed to provide an indirect check on further expansion of speculative operations, will be discussed at a general conference of bankers called today by the federal reserve board to meet here Jan. 6.

The constant bidding of great financial houses for balances of smaller banking institutions thru the offering of higher rates of interest on deposits, was viewed by many officials as being conducive to speculation. Federal reserve board officials hope thru the coming conference to effect a change in the present relationship between interest rates on deposits and the discount rates of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. This relationship, established during the war, is vitally important to the credit situation. By any changes are made, Federal Reserve officials say, they desire to know the opinion of representative bankers as to means of abrogating the "existing entangling alliance."

### Russian Soviet Welcomes Aid of British Unions

Copenhagen, Dec. 29.—The all-Russian Council of Trades Unions has passed a manifesto thanking the British Trades Union Congress for its resolution regarding Russia and welcoming the decision of the congress to send a deputation to soviet Russia. The manifesto says the deputation would be met at the frontier and given every opportunity to investigate the proletarian dictatorship.

### TWENTY LIVES LOST WHEN DUTCH SHIP IS WRECKED ON NEWFOUNDLAND COAST

Five Men Still on Board the Antion Vandriel Battling for Foot Cliffs—Latest Report is Rescued Today.

Canadian Press Despatch.  
 St. Johns, Nfld., Dec. 29.—The storm which drove the Dutch steamer Antion Vandriel on the rocks at the entrance to St. Mary's Bay early today, resulting in the loss of at least 20 members of her crew, was abating tonight. It was considered possible that before morning boats might be able to put out from shore in an effort to rescue the five men still clinging to the bridge of the steamer, which was fast breaking up.

Send Steamer to Aid.  
 Halifax, N.S., Dec. 29.—Advices reaching Halifax late this afternoon would be to the effect that a steamer would proceed from St. Johns in an endeavor to rescue the five surviving members of the crew of the Dutch steamer Antion Vandriel, which struck on the ledges off the entrance to St. Mary's Bay early this morning. The success of the enterprise will depend on whether or not the wreck can hold together thru the night.

From the 100-foot cliffs which line the Newfoundland coast in the vicinity of the little fishing village of St. Mary's, the five men could still be seen late this afternoon, waving their hands in the air, and shouting their battle with death. Two of the bodies of other members of the crew had been recovered, but for the rest they were being buffeted about among the gulches at the foot of the cliffs, plainly visible to the knot of villagers watching from the heights, but unobtainable because of the precipitous coast and tremendous seas. As for the ship herself, it is not expected that she will be able to hold together very long; in view of the danger of her position and the condition of the weather.

Gruesome Sight for Villagers.  
 The Vandriel, Captain Turnwell, with a cargo of coal for the government of Holland, cleared from Sydney on Saturday with a cargo of coal consigned by the Dominion Coal Company to the order of the government of Holland.

The Antion Vandriel was a steamer of 1,500 tons net register. She was commanded by Captain Turnwell. She had made at least one trip here carrying this year in the coal previous trade.

### DEATH REMOVES FAMOUS PHYSICIAN

Sir William Osler Succumbs to Illness of Some Weeks in Oxford.

Oxford, England, Dec. 29.—Sir William Osler, the noted physician, who has been ill for several weeks past, died here this evening.

Altho Sir William Osler was known to be seriously ill at his home in Oxford, where he has been, regius professor of medicine since 1904, recent advices had given hope for his recovery. Sir William, who passed his seventieth birthday last July, was stricken with pneumonia in November, but about the middle of that month was reported convalescent. A fortnight ago, however, reports received in this country that he had taken a turn for the worse. Called advices shortly afterward announced that his condition was somewhat improved, while on Christmas Day a message from him was received at the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, in which the famous physician extended Christmas greetings to all his old friends and announced that he was "making a good fight" after an empyema operation.

Sir William Osler was one of the great men who sprang from Canadian soil. He was born at Bonhead, in the province of Ontario, and grew to the most distinguished of four distinguished sons of a famous mother, the hundredth anniversary of whose birth was celebrated at Toronto on December 14, 1906.

Receiving his medical degree from (Continued on Page 4, Column 7).

### EXPLAINS CONFLICT IN WHEAT FIGURES

Those Authorized by Sir George Foster Did Not Cover the Same Period.

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—Inquiry was made by the Canadian Press Limited today in regard to the statement by Mr. James Stewart, head of the Canadian wheat board at Winnipeg, that figures relating to exports and sales of Canadian wheat sent out from Ottawa, and attributed in some despatches to Sir George Foster, are incorrect, both as to quantities and prices received. It was learned that a considerable discrepancy exists and the figures quoted in the despatches were not given out or authorized by the minister of trade and commerce. They are figures compiled by the department of customs with the purpose of showing what nations are the greatest importers of Canadian wheat and they cover exports for the first eight months of the year only.

Another reason why the figures differ from those of the wheat board lies in the fact that the computations made by the department of customs include a portion of last year's wheat crop which has been exported since April 1, the beginning of the fiscal year, while the wheat board figures relate only to sales of this year's crop.

The statement that about two-thirds of the exportable surplus of the Canadian wheat crop has already been sold and exported thru the medium of the Canadian wheat board is believed to be approximately correct, altho exact figures are not available here.

CAR COMES TO GRIEF.  
 Hamilton, Dec. 29.—An automobile driven by George Hennigan came to grief this afternoon when struck at the corner of Jackson and Hughson streets by a Canadian Express wagon.

OUT THEY GO  
 Men's Winter Overcoats at a Great Reduction at Dineen's.

This is not an ordinary sale of odds and ends, but a genuine sale of high-class overcoats for men, made from the choicest materials, at very much less than regular prices—\$27.50 and \$35.50 Overcoats, sale price \$18.75; \$45.00 Overcoats for \$29.75. Every man in Toronto should take advantage of this. No such bargains since the war. All \$50.00, \$60.00 and \$65.00 Overcoats also reduced at Dineen's. 140 Yonge Street.

### KILLED BY BULLET FROM OWN PATROL, SAYS DUBLIN JURY

Two Inquests Held on Sunday's Affray and Doubts of Civilians' Guilt Expressed.

Dublin, Dec. 29.—Two inquests held today over the bodies of the victims killed in the Phoenix Park shooting affray early Sunday morning failed to solve the mystery surrounding the affair, but tended to show that there was no organized plan to attack the vice-regal lodge, the residence of Field Marshal Viscount French, lord lieutenant and governor-general of Ireland.

The testimony was very conflicting and confusing, but, according to the coroner's summing up, Lieut. Boast, in charge of the military squad, was killed by the fragments of a military bullet, while Laurence Kennedy, the civilian victim, was killed while on his way home thru Phoenix Park by a military bullet.

The evidence failed to establish whether Kennedy was armed. Military witnesses testified that he was killed while attempting to draw a revolver from his pocket. From the different statements of the military witnesses, however, the probability seems not entirely excluding that Kennedy may have been innocent of firing or of any complicity in the supposed raid.

Three civilians, who were arrested in Phoenix Park on the theory that they may have been implicated in the shooting, proved their innocence and were liberated today. Therefore, as in the recent attempt on the life of Viscount French, there is no clear what-ever to the persons who started the shooting which resulted in the killing of Lieut. Boast and Kennedy.

### PARLIAMENTARY GOVERNMENT THE SUPREME ISSUE IN CANADA

Two intimations, almost unofficial announcements, of no little significance, appear in Monday's issue of The Toronto Mail, which is credited with being the organ of the Union government. One is that some form of "empire government" is to be instituted. The phrase "imperial Federation" is studiously avoided, but the inference is clear that some governing body is to be superimposed upon the United Kingdom and the self-governing dominions of the British Empire to which Canada will be subject and in which she will be represented.

Nothing is said about any action on the part of the parliament of Canada or any appeal for a mandate to the Canadian people. Whatever is done will be accomplished by the imperial conference to be held in 1920, in which conference we may take it for granted Sir Robert Borden will participate on behalf of Canada. And this brings us to the present announcement of the Mail and Empire, which is to the effect that Sir Robert Borden will journey to South Africa with "Admiral Jellicoe" on his "empire-circling tour."

The admiral, to use an Americanism, seems to be swinging around the circle. The purpose of his visit to Canada has been variously interpreted. In some quarters it has been interpreted to mean direct pressure brought to bear upon the Canadian government by the government of the United Kingdom. In South Africa, it may be interpreted as a present announcement of the Mail and Empire, which is to the effect that Sir Robert Borden will journey to South Africa with "Admiral Jellicoe" on his "empire-circling tour."

Our status as a self-governing dominion within the empire has been changed of late—at least so we are told by the prime minister and the president of the Dominion parliament to visit South Africa on an imperial mission or to participate later in a constituent assembly of some kind which will create a new constitution for the British Empire? Perhaps we may be told that no mandate is necessary, and this brings sharply to the front the supreme issue of parliamentary government for Canada.

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### DRURY ADHERES TO SELECTION OF WOMAN FOR APPOINTMENT TO MIDDLESEX REGISTRARSHIP

Harold Currie Has Now No Objection, But Would Have Preferred Returned Soldier—Tells of Foul Gas Used During Elections—Drury Clings to Killing Patronage.

Appointments by promotion, efficiency and merit, and elimination of the old patronage evils are still to be the guiding principles of the Ontario government, according to a statement made to The World by Premier Drury last night. The appointment of Miss Walker as registrar for Middlesex will not be interfered with, and Harold Currie has now no objection, except that he thinks a returned soldier should have received the position.

These statements were forthcoming following a conference held in the council room at parliament buildings yesterday afternoon between Premier Drury, Hon. W. E. Roney, attorney-general; Hon. Manning Doherty, minister of agriculture; J. J. Morrison, secretary of the U.F.O., and Harold Currie of West Middlesex, concerning the recent appointment of Miss Walker.

The Premier is interested in having given his sanction to an appointment which he maintained, was carried out by the cabinet, when efficiency was the accompaniment. Mr. Roney was also concerned, because he had recommended the lady for the position in accordance with the new policy. Mr. Morrison was solicitous for the welfare of the U.F.O., and Mr. Currie was largely the centre around which the storm has raged over the lady in the case.

The conference, which lasted about three hours, was not open to the press, but it must have been an interesting one, as it was lengthy. At the conclusion, Premier Drury gave out the following official statement:

Statement by Premier.  
 "I have seen Harold Currie today, and outlined to him the general scheme of promotion and re-organization of the outside civil service by which we hope to abolish the evils of patronage. He has expressed himself as being in accord with these ideas.

"I wish further to say that Mr. Currie was not an applicant for the position of registrar of North and East Middlesex."

Asked if "the hope to abolish the evils of patronage" meant that the local political organizations or Farmers' clubs would have no voice in selecting or recommending local men for positions in the service, Mr. Drury said it probably would.

Questioned further as to whether the cabinet still stood by the appointment of Miss Walker, Premier Drury replied in the affirmative.

Statement Clears Doherty.  
 The name of Hon. Manning Doherty has been freely mentioned in connection with the appointment of Miss Walker on the possibility of North Middlesex being open up in order to provide a seat for the minister of agriculture. In this connection, Premier Drury gave out the following statement made by Mr. Currie:

"I have never received from the minister of agriculture, nor from anyone on his behalf, any communication whatsoever in reference to opening up North Middlesex for him or for any other minister."

Gas Used at Elections.  
 There is no doubt that the rumpus of which it is believed the last has (Continued on Page 5, Column 5).

### A NATIONAL MOTOR SHOW

In Toronto a Year From Now, By Voting For the Arena Bylaw.

One of many excellent reasons why motorists should vote for the proposed Live Stock Arena bylaw is the crying need of this city for a suitable building, sufficiently commodious, to house a National Automotive Show. If the bylaw is passed, the arena should be available for such a show a year from now. The embarrassment of the Toronto Automobile Trade Association at present in its efforts to stage a city motor show is due entirely to the inadequacy of floor space in the buildings available. Even if the efforts of the Ontario Motor League to secure the armories for a show in February are favorably passed on by the military authorities, so limited is the accommodation of that building that the show will have to be restricted to passenger cars only, and each exhibitor is displaced to three or four models. This is a regrettable state of affairs in the motor metropolis of the British Empire, and one of the most mortifying cities in the world. It is within the power of Toronto motorists to remedy this.

Vote for the Live Stock Arena bylaw on New Year's Day.

### Sowing More Wheat.

The increase in the price of wheat from \$2.30 to \$2.80 a bushel means that wheat may be still higher, and will not be lower until the next crop comes in. Fortunately, the farmers of Ontario are in a large crop of fall wheat, and already have a much larger acreage plowed for spring wheat sowing than for years. The one drawback will be the high price of seed wheat.

These are the questions that will engage the attention of parliament and the people, and they bring us back to the main proposition—that parliamentary government has become the supreme issue in Canadian politics. When it is to be fought, and how it is to be decided, rests primarily with the house of commons at the coming session, but ultimately with the people. Hence the urgent and imperative necessity of a federal franchise act and an elections act which will enable the people to voice their views and register their judgment in a constitutional manner.