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LIBERALS WILL NOT FORCE ELECTION

"Conference" in Montreal in Which Hon. Mr. Graham Figured Not Considered to Be Charged With Special Significance—Liberals Not Eager to Force Elections.

MONTREAL, Dec. 27.—(Special.)—The very fact of the Hon. George Graham being the alleged organizer of the movement leads people here to believe that there is little or nothing in the story that a caucus took place here to consider ways and means to force the government to appeal to the country during the coming year. Hon. Mr. Graham as the president of the Travelers' Insurance Company, is in the city at least every ten days, and may be seen quite frequently at the Windsor, but it should also be added that his entourage is more frequently Conservative than Liberal.

One thing is certain: Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux was not present at the alleged gathering at the Windsor, and omitting the ex-minister of marine there are very few left. As a matter of fact the Montreal Liberals are to a great extent against the idea of a general election, knowing that the naval policy would sweep all the English divisions in Quebec and carry at least as many French constituencies as on the 21st of September, 1911.

It may be taken then for granted that the alleged conclave at the Windsor is a holiday fake.

Quite a flutter was caused in local political circles yesterday by Montreal despatches quoting The Montreal Star to the effect that at a Liberal caucus in Montreal at which Hon. G. P. Graham was prominent, it was decided to resort to extreme obstructionist tactics when parliament reopened, to force the government to the country.

EAST END HIGH SCHOOL GETS LARGE ADDITION

Sixty-Five Thousand Dollar Enlargement of the Riverdale Institute and a Gymnasium.

Sixty thousand dollar plans for the Rivendale High School addition were approved by the property committee yesterday afternoon. The growth of the East Gerrard district has made a six-room addition urgent. A gymnasium is also to be constructed. The work will be begun as soon as the tenders can be let.

The plumbing and wiring of the addition to the Malvern High School, plumbing and heating of Western Avenue School and Keele School were also ordered to be proceeded with as rapidly as possible.

The opening of a skating rink at Jarvis Street Collegiate was approved.

A vote of thanks was tendered Trustee Hodgson, chairman of the committee.

SUFFRAGETTES TO ENTER ALBANY IN TRIUMPH

With Fifty Enthusiastic Supporters and a Brass Band, Devoted Pilgrim Band Will Reach Coveted Goal Today—Marched Fourteen Miles in Driving Snow.

NIVERVILLE, N.Y., Dec. 27.—(Can. Press.)—After a 14-mile walk from Stockport in a driving snowstorm, Gen. Rosale Jones and her marching suffragettes, who are bearing a message to Gov. Elect Sulzer at Albany, decided to push on in the dark this evening for another three miles from Pine Tree Inn to Niverville. There it was decided to return to the inn for the night and the commissary car took them back. In the morning they will be driven to Niverville and from there will take up their walk again, hoping to cover the remaining twelve miles weather was very trying to the five marching pilgrims today, changing this morning from rain to a heavy snow. The roads for many miles were a foot deep with slush and snow.

The pilgrims were entertained at luncheon by Mrs. Datus C. Smith in her home at Kinderhook. It was while the suffragettes were drying wet skirts and wet feet before the blazing log fire in the home of Mrs. Smith that Gen. Jones announced that the army would finish its march into Albany Saturday. Stopping for a few minutes in Valatie, Gen. Jones spoke in twelve inches of snow, standing to a small crowd of the townsfolk who had gathered there to watch the army pass.

Will Finish in Pompey.

Fifty women enthusiasts and a brass band will meet the tired army tomorrow at East Greenwood and escort them with much pomp and ceremony the remaining three miles into Albany.

Hudson Bay Ry. Reserves Strip Bars Out Speculators in Sites

OTTAWA, Dec. 27.—(Special.)—The Canada Gazette tomorrow will publish an order-in-council reserving to the crown a strip of one-half mile on each side of the Hudson Bay Railway from the Pass to Nelson. This will provide the government with townsites and sites for stations, yards, terminals, etc., and shut off the usual race among speculators for inside tips respecting townsites and divisional points.

The credit for this progressive step is largely due, it is understood, to Hon. Frank Cochrane, minister of railways.

BALKAN ALLIES ARE GROWING MORE SUSPICIOUS OF AUSTRIA TURKEY UNABLE TO RENEW WAR

NO VERDICT YET AT INDIANAPOLIS

Whatever Proposals Porte May Place Before Conference Will Be Open to Negotiation, But Austria's Territorial Ambitions Are Recognized as Source of Real and Increasing Danger.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—(Can. Press.)—Turkey's reply to the demands made several days ago by the Balkan allies as a basis for peace in southeastern Europe will be delivered tomorrow to the peace conference in St. James' Palace. Interest, however, again has shifted from this phase of the situation and is centred tonight in the question of what are the intentions of Austria, with respect to the Balkans.

The peace delegates are prepared to consider the reply of the Ottoman Government and its counter-proposals, starting the latter may be, as simply points for future negotiations. It is well known that Turkey has not the least hope of obtaining what she will demand, and also that she has no intention of renouncing a war which may result in further disaster to her.

Will Cede Territory.

This aspect of the situation seems to receive confirmation from the fact that several attempts already have been made unofficially by members of the Turkish delegation to get the Montenegrin, Serbian and Greek delegates to recede from the demand that Adrianople be surrendered, promising in return that Turkey will not object to their respective enlargement territorially. These advances and reports, emanating from Constantinople, that Bulgaria is negotiating terms direct with Turkey there, are considered to have as their basic purpose an attempt to divide the territory with the allies.

The representatives of the Balkan states, however, have resisted all temptations placed in their way, and today present as united a front as they did the first day of the negotiations, and are just as determined as ever to have their own way in concluding peace.

Austria Still Menace.

Instead of diminishing, excitement is growing among the Serbian and Montenegrin delegations over what are considered Austria's plans in the Balkans. That the dual monarchy seems determined to carry out these plans is considered to be proven by the fact that she has not as yet begun to demobilize the big army she recently called to the colors. It is now considered certain that at the resumption of the ambassadorial conference Jan. 2, Austria will urge the representatives of Europe to make the territory of autonomous Albania as large as possible, including in it Friarland, Dacovia and even Scutari.

Meanwhile Austria is tempting Montenegro by proposing in exchange for Austria's support, and the occupation by Montenegro, that Austria be given possession of the mountains dominating Cattaro, which thus would become such an impregnable naval stronghold as to make the Vienna Government the real master of the Adriatic Sea.

Italy is Opposed.

Italy, the power chiefly interested, opposed such a scheme, as it would give her rival the coveted supremacy on the sea, which once was considered a Venetian lake. Russia equally is anxious to prevent the Austrian project, which, if successful, would stifle for ever the Muscovite ambition to obtain an outlet in the Adriatic.

Montenegro considers that the scheme would be fatal to her very existence, as Scutari is the real soul of the country, while the loss of the mountains above Cattaro, besides depriving her of a strong weapon against Austria, would put the country in Austria hands, as from those mountains cannon could dominate Cetinje. Austria's project is causing dissatisfaction against the triple entente, which is accused of acting against its own interests in failing to defend the Balkans.

SCHOONER AFIRE IN HEAVY GALE

Unknown Vessel Is in Almost Hopeless Plight Off the Rhode Island Coast.

NEWPORT, R. I., Dec. 27.—(Can. Press.)—An unknown schooner, about 12 miles southeast of Block Island, with no possibility of assistance from life-saving stations owing to a heavy gale and high seas, was reported by wireless tonight to the revenue cutters Seneca and Acushnet. The Seneca set out immediately from New London and the Acushnet was expected to go out from Woods Hole.

The revenue cutters Seneca and Acushnet were flashing their searchlights over the sea, southeast of Block Island late tonight for some trace of small boats from the burning vessel. Wireless communication with the cutters was poor, and little could be learned of the progress of their search.

The vessel, apparently a three or four-masted schooner, was first seen by a resident of Block Island, and upon report being made to Superintendent Knowles of the Narragansett Bay life-saving district, revenue cutters in the vicinity were notified, as the high northwest gale made it impossible for lifeboats to put out at about midnight.

The Seneca from New London was first in the vicinity of the burning vessel, and was joined at about midnight by the Acushnet from Wood's Hole. Both vessels cruised around southeast of Block Island. It was believed at the life-saving stations on the island that the crew of the ship had been driven to their boats by the fire, but little hope was felt that small boats could live in such a sea as was running tonight. The wind was blowing between 50 and 60 miles an hour, and the cold was bitter.

FALL FATAL TO PIONEER TRADER

MONTREAL, Dec. 27.—(Can. Press.)—George Hunter, for thirty-five years connected with the Hudson Bay Co., died today of pneumonia. On Wednesday a week ago Mr. Hunter, who was over 57 years of age, fell down stairs at his home, fractured a rib and pneumonia followed.

Mr. Hunter was born at Morwick, Orkney Islands, Scotland, and as a young man came to Canada, joining the forces of the Hudson Bay Co. A son, George Hunter, Toronto representative of the Canadian Tube and Iron Co., and two daughters, Miss Catherine and Edith L. Hunter, residing in Montreal, survive.

LIGHTING RATES CUT AT GUELPH

Civic Commission Announces Substantial Reductions in Both Electric and Gas Charges.

GUELPH, Dec. 27.—(Special.)—A Christmas box for Guelph was the welcome announcement today by the light and heat commission, following a meeting at which Samuel Carter resigned from the commission, of a reduction in gas and electric light rates. It was decided to reduce the price of gas 5 cents per thousand feet all round.

The present price is 30 cents, 35 cents and 40 cents according to the quantity used. The new rate will be 25 cents, 30 cents and 35 cents on the same ratio. The present rate of electricity for commercial purposes is 8 cents net per kilowatt hour. The new rate will range from 4 to 7 cents net, according to the new system of charging for the floor space.

The same rate, 80 cents, prevails for residential lighting, and a 10 per cent reduction under the new system will be granted them. The present price for street lighting is \$11 per light. The new rate will be \$8.50 per light.

The power prices were discussed at some length, but the commissioners will get further information before taking any action in this matter.

REILLY WAS NOT KICKED TO DEATH

Beaverton Man Died From Alcoholism and Exposure—His Friends Were Severely Censured.

BEAVERTON, Ont., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—That Ernest Reilly came to his death from alcoholism and exposure Christmas morning was the verdict returned here at 6.30 tonight by Coroner McLean's jury, who based their findings upon the medical evidence given at the afternoon sitting. A rider was added, however, severely censuring those who were with Reilly on Christmas Eve for leaving him alone while helplessly intoxicated without notifying his family.

The inquest was opened at 9 o'clock this morning and the whole day was occupied in hearing the evidence of various witnesses. Nell Cameron, section foreman, told of seeing a number of men near the water tank after the arrival of the train upon which Reilly and a number of others returned from their trip to Lindsay. It was he who found the body next morning.

George Walton, who had been with Reilly Christmas Eve, declared that he did not remember Reilly having been left in his care. He remembered seeing Reilly on the train, but after that his mind was a blank. He and Reilly had been friends. He was so drunk that he did not think that anyone would have been placed in his charge.

The medical evidence was to the effect that death was due to alcoholism and exposure to the weather. The injuries found were not sufficient to have contributed to death.

MILLION DOLLAR DOCK HERE FOR R. & O. LAKE STEAMERS

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Scott Street Slip Is to Be Filled in and New Wharf Built Out to Windmill Line—Extensive Changes in Routes of R. & O. Steamers Between Toronto and 1000 Islands.

In connection with the plans for the improvement of Toronto harbor by the harbor commission, comes a story that the Richelieu & Ontario Navigation Company intends in the near future to build a dock to cost a million dollars, and to make extensive changes in the running of the R. & O. steamers. The new dock, it is understood, will be built to take the place of the present Yonge street dock, on east side. The present Scott street slip is to be filled in and the new dock will extend out to the windmill line. Large permanent offices for the R. & O. will be erected at the north end of the new dock, which will be one of the largest in Canada.

When the dock is completed, it is said the steamers Toronto and Kingston, which formerly were called at Charlotte on their way to Prescott, will run from Toronto direct to Kingston. The steamer Rochester, which has been on the Rochester and Charlotte run, will in future run direct from Rochester to the Thousand Islands. The steamer Turbina then will make daily trips between Toronto and Rochester. The steamer Chicora will be put on to run between Toronto and Olcott, and the Macassa and Modjeska will remain on the Toronto-Hamilton route.

Both Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Chaffee of the R. & O. stated last evening that it would be impossible for the company to make any announcements of its plans until the whole policy of the harbor commissioners is made public. But the fact that a million-dollar dock will be built by the company, is practically settled.

A NEW YEAR'S PRESENT.

From The Calgary Herald.

The biggest present the people of the United States will receive this year at the hands of their government will be the parcel post on New Year's Day.

What can be sent by mail at the parcel post rates? Almost anything. Dangerous articles, such as explosives, are ruled out of the parcel post as they are now excluded from the ordinary mails: so are perishable goods, except for comparatively short distances, and articles offensive because of their odor or otherwise.

There is restriction also as regards weight. Eleven pounds is the limit. In size, no parcel must exceed six feet in length and girth. In the height of the abuse of the franking privilege, some years ago, it was disclosed that "grafters" among congressmen had used their frank to cover the free transportation by mail of grand pianos and household furniture from Washington to their homes. Nothing of the sort will be permissible under the parcel post.

The definition of articles regarded as available merchandise, however, is most liberal. It includes farm and factory products in general. Butter, lard, fish, fresh meats, dressed fowls, vegetables, berries and similar articles subject to decay may be sent for short distances. Cured meats—salted, dried or smoked—will be carried anywhere.

All such articles must be securely and properly packed, and this condition has already inspired ingenuity in the construction of containing appliances. Farmers in the far west of Oregon speak of a carton in which such a fragile product as eggs can be packed for transportation across the continent to eastern markets and eager consumers in the Atlantic seaboard cities.

What a vista of life free from the exactions of the "middleman" does the parcel post offer! What a rainbow of hope in reduction of the cost of living! And the parcel post protects its patrons. A fee of 10 cents carries insurance upon a package up to \$50 in value.



LACROSSE HATCHETS WILL SOON BE BURIED

Policy For Commission to Govern Professional Games in Dominion Will Be Outlined Today.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 27.—(Can. Press.)—The future of professional lacrosse in British Columbia may be determined at tomorrow's meeting of the B.C.L.A., which will be held at the Coliseum Hotel. Delegates will be present from both the Vancouver and New Westminster clubs, and they will be called upon to outline a policy for a commission to govern professional lacrosse throughout the Dominion. This policy, whatever it may be, may later be submitted to the officials of the D.L.A. and the N.L.U., and it is hoped to perfect the organization of a board of control before the 1913 season opens.

It is generally believed that all leagues are in harmony with the proposal to organize a commission, and it is not thought that the minor details will prove any great obstacle in bringing the leagues together.

Some opposition is expected from the N.L.U., which has a war on its hands with the "Big Four," but hatchets must be buried and the game elevated to its proper basis.

CANARY AND CAGE BIRD SOCIETY'S SHOW TODAY

Record Number of Entries For Twentieth Annual Exhibition in St. Andrew's Hall.

The twentieth annual open show of the Toronto Canary and Cage Bird Society is being held in St. Andrew's Hall, Augusta avenue, today from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. There are about 350 birds on exhibition, including representatives of almost every breed of these feathered pets, such as Belgians, Scotch Fancies, Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Lancashires, Lizards, Border Fancies, Greens, Displays, Rollers, Mules, Wild Birds, etc.

It is expected that a large number of bird lovers will visit the show in the course of the day.

STEAMERS COLLIDE—ONE SINKS.

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 27.—(Can. Press.)—The Kosmos line steamer Amalia and the Prince Line steamer Austria Prince came into collision in the harbor here today. The Amalia was so badly damaged that she sank. She was bound from South American ports for Hamburg. The Austrian Prince had just arrived from New York.

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