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GERMAN SECRETARY OF STATE IS DEAD AT SEVENTEEN

Suddenly Expires On Xmas Visit To Sister

WAS SHREWD DIPLOMAT Expert on Near East Affairs and Absence From Cabinet at This Time Will Be Severely Felt—Marked Favorite of the Kaiser But Once Presumed Too Much

(Canadian Press) Stuttgart, Germany, Dec. 30.—Secretary of State, Von Kiderlen-Waechter, died this morning while he was paying his usual Christmas visit to his sister, the Baroness Von Gemmingen, near here. He had felt extremely ill for several days past, and much as his physicians feared that his illness might result fatally as his heart action was very irregular. The end came with suddenness ten minutes to eight, when the secretary of state expired from heart trouble, while he was practically alone.

Alfred Von Kiderlen-Waechter, who was only sixty years old, had occupied office as imperial secretary of state for several years since June 28, 1910, when he succeeded Wilhelm Von Schoen, who became German ambassador to France. The advent of Kiderlen-Waechter was not greeted with great enthusiasm in the German imperial parliament. He was a very poor orator, and his speeches did not create a very good impression. He was known, however, as one of the most shrewd men in German diplomacy, and was regarded as an expert on affairs of the Near East, owing to his having been stationed for a long time in the Balkans. His disappearance from the German cabinet at the present time is considered a great misfortune.

During his short period of office as foreign secretary, he was very successful in securing the international position of the German empire through a period of unusual entanglement, more especially in regard to the settlement of the dispute between France and Germany as to the future of Morocco. The negotiations were brought to a successful termination last year, when France and Germany signed an agreement as the result of which their relations have become much more cordial.

He died a bachelor. He belonged to a very old Wurttemberg family which was raised to the nobility in 1808. He was born on July 10, 1852, and while he was studying law volunteered and fought throughout the Franco-Prussian war in 1871. He entered the diplomatic service in 1879, and served in St. Petersburg, Paris, Copenhagen, Constantinople and Berlin.

Owing to the suddenness of the foreign secretary's death, there is no talk as to his probable successor.

MOTHER AND SON BURNED TO DEATH Fire Destroys Farm House and Neighbors Look on, Unable to Help

Quebec, Dec. 30.—Two lives were lost yesterday by a fire in a farm house at Scarborough, about four miles from this city.

Mrs. Pierre Guibault, aged seventy-two years, and her son B. Guibault, aged twenty-eight years, were sleeping in the house when the fire broke out at 4:30 a. m. The reflection attracted neighbors but when they reached the house it was enveloped in flames and nothing could be done. When the fire burned itself out, search was made for the bodies and both were found, burned beyond recognition.

THE OUBLERS In spite of the mild weather the ice in both the curling and skating rinks is excellent. The curlers are preparing for the holiday, and in the skating rink the return match of the President vs. Vice President will be played. In the St. Andrew and Carleton rinks scratch games will be played.

WEATHER BULLETIN Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries. R. F. Stewart, director, meteorological service.

The barometer was quite low this morning both over the great lakes and over the province but there was no early indication of much change in temperature. Light rain was falling in Ontario and Quebec.

Probabilities Here. Maritime—Strong winds and moderate to light snow, occasional rain or sleet tonight and on Tuesday.

TRYING TO EXPLAIN AWAY BONAR LAW'S ASHTON SPEECH

Autonomy of Overseas Dominions in Regard to Tariffs Not to be Interfered With, Says Austen Chamberlain

(Canadian Press) London, Dec. 30.—Austen Chamberlain, giving the exact interpretation to be placed upon Bonar Law's Ashton speech, says that what the Unionist leader seeks to procure is a preference with no overseas dominions, but of exactly what character that preference shall be can be settled only when the British government is capable of concluding such an arrangement. All parties must retain their autonomy rights.

The Unionist party has no more pretensions to colonial duties than they have to fix tariffs, he said. "We believe a commercial union would be to the mutual advantage, and I don't doubt that a satisfactory agreement could be come to as soon as our people have invested our government with the necessary power."

THOUBLE HAS COME EARLY IN HOCKEY GAME

Upper Canada League Just Started and at Once There is Protest—Late News in the World of Sport

(Canadian Press) Montreal, Dec. 30.—The first storm of the N. H. A. season will be concentrated on the Ottawa Hockey Club. The Ottawa Hockey Club has just started its season and at once there is protest.

Times Has Striking Page Story on Increase of Pauperism and Blames Conditions on Labor Disputes

(Canadian Press) London, Dec. 30.—England in general and London in particular, has had the gloomiest and most depressing Christmas week. The Times newspaper has had a special issue on the subject.

PARIS, Dec. 30.—The Ontario hockey executive has dropped the Hamilton Alerts from membership, and has accepted the Ontario Hockey Association.

PARIS, Dec. 30.—Mrs. Larcombe, English tennis champion, yesterday won her first singles in the Paris tennis tournament.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The United States Supreme Court is asked by Solicitor-General Bullitt, in a brief just made public, to dismiss "summarily" the application of Jack Johnson, the negro pugilist, for a writ of habeas corpus in advance of trial.

BAD INDIANS GIVEN UP Series of Murders Charged—Threat Against Chiefs Brings Them

Vancouver, Dec. 30.—Two Indian outlaws Paul and Splatlaw, who have defied the provincial police for nearly a year, have been given up by their tribe chiefs. The government threatened to cut off the dignity of the latter if the bad men were not surrendered.

MORE THAN A YEAR AGO ON A CHARGE OF KILLING AN OLD MINE NEAR CLINTON ON THE CAROLINA TRAIL, they were committed for trial but escaped and soon after the chief witness against them an aged Chinese was found with his head battered in. This crime too, was laid against them.

Last June Congable Kindness of Clinton tried to capture them. They ambushed Kindness and killed him. Then following a long chase which resulted in nothing for the fugitives were aided by all the Indians in the district.

MISS JORDAN OF C. P. R. MARRIED IN WOODSTOCK

Woodstock, N. B., Dec. 30.—The marriage of Miss Lillian Jordan, of this town, and Doctor Danes, of Canterbury, was solemnized on Saturday evening. The bride has been on the C. P. R. general staff here for some time. They will silverware on behalf of the members of the organization.

GRIM TALE OF THE SEA

Nine Men of The Volmer Go Down in Effort to Leave Steamer in Channel Storm—Second Boat Lives But All But Two Aboard Are Lost—Chief Engineer Goes Mad

(Canadian Press) London, Dec. 30.—Two survivors of the Danish steamer Volmer, who were picked up in an open boat fifty miles to the southwest of the Lizard and landed at Newlyn by a trawler on Saturday, relate grim tales of the disaster. The great gale wrecked on Thursday by the great gale which raged in the English channel. The crew abandoned the steamer, and one of the boats, with nine occupants being drowned, all the occupants being drowned.

The second boat, with the captain and seven others aboard, managed to weather the heavy seas, but they had no coals, no water, and they were unable to obtain food from the straggling tank.

They were almost to starve and the chief officer went mad and tried to throttle the captain. Eventually all died or were rescued, and the vessel was found in the Bay of Biscay.

AMASSORS TELL TURKEY SHE SHOULD TRY TO HAVE IT SETTLED

Constantinople, Dec. 30.—The ambassadors of the European powers have advised the Ottoman government to make an effort to come to terms with the Bolsheviks. The Russian ambassador has in particular, coupled his advice with a warning of the dangerous consequences of delay in view of the situation in the Balkans.

Bar Association Moves for Establishment in Ontario—The Object

(Canadian Press) Toronto, Dec. 30.—A divorce court should be established in Ontario for jurisdiction should be given to the High Court of Justice in Ontario to dissolve a marriage and deal with all matters arising therefrom.

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London, Dec. 30.—A Berlin dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company reports the discovery of the greatest espionage conspiracy known for years.

ARRESTED THOUSAND TIMES Pittsburgh, Dec. 30.—Nesly Burns, seventy-five years old, has been sent to the workhouse. He has been arrested 1,000 times in the last forty years.

LETTER FROM FATHER MEAHAN To the Editor of The Times:—My name is in the list of the committee for the Children's Aid Society and I regret that I cannot contribute anything to the cause.

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Quebec, Dec. 30.—Owing to the importance of the good roads movement in this province, it is said that J. A. Teator, M. L. A., for Three Rivers, will be appointed minister of roads in the Coeur d'Alouette cabinet. This portfolio was created last year, and added to the department of agriculture.

RESCUED IN MID-OCEAN New York, Dec. 30.—The steamer Argosy, bound for Antwerp, brought aboard today six men of the British schooner Rymal, abandoned in the mid-ocean on December 15. The Rymal was of ninety-five tons, sailed from Buenos Aires, on Dec. 18 for Oporto with fish.

SEVEN YEARS FOR RYAN; SIX FOR SOME OF OTHERS

Sentences in Dynamite Case Follow on Over-Ruling of Motions to Aside Verdict and Arrest Judgment—Farrell Speaks For Himself

(Canadian Press) Indianapolis, Dec. 30.—Ryan gets seven years; Clancy, Young, Cooley, Butler, Hookin, Twitmore and Munsey all get six years in the dynamite conspiracy case. The court today sentenced the conspirators to terms in the State Prison for terms of seven years for Ryan and six years for the others.

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FOUND RARE OLD GOLD COINS; SOLD THEM FOR FEW DOLLARS

Rome, Dec. 30.—More ancient discoveries are reported. Two laborers, while engaged in demolishing the foundations of a medieval wall near the Circus Maximus, discovered an extraordinary hoard of gold coins. The laborers divided the coins, each taking a portion.

DEATH OF PETER RYAN The death of Peter Ryan occurred at his residence, 147 Brussels street at half past ten o'clock this morning after a week's illness. He is survived by his wife, two sons, James A. Ryan of this city and John P. Ryan of St. John's, and three daughters, Mrs. Charles Cochrane and Mrs. N. S. Ryan of St. John's, and Mrs. M. S. Ryan of St. John's.

WEDED FIFTY YEARS Mr. and Mrs. Finley Macdonald of Houlton, celebrated, on Thursday evening, Dec. 28, the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding. The occasion was the chief social event of the winter season, about 300 relatives and friends being present. Among the gifts presented were \$200 in gold. Finley Macdonald was born on McMillan's Mountain in Pictou county, N. S., the son of Scotch parents. Mrs. Susan (Robinson) Macdonald was born in Brighton, N. B.

BURIED TODAY The funeral of Rev. George G. Edwards took place this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Funeral services were conducted in St. Mary's church by Rev. Dr. W. O. Raymond, assisted by several of the local Church of England clergymen. Special music was rendered by a choir. Interment was in Fernhill.