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GENERAL SMUTS' ADMINISTRATION IS RE-ELECTED IN S. AFRICA

NO REASON WHY GOVT. SHOULD GO TO THE PEOPLE

Peterboro By-Election Proves Nothing,

STATES S. F. GLASS, M. P.

Declares Papers Supporting Government Go Off at Half-Cock.

The result of the West Peterboro by-election is not a clear indication that the Government should go to the people immediately in the opinion of S. Frank Glass, (Unionist) M. P. for East Middlesex.

"Mr. King is rejoicing in the fact that there was a vote of 8,000 against the Government, but he should remember that there was a vote of 7,000 against the elected Liberal candidate so that he is not much better off. The election indicates nothing except that the people are split up into a lot of groups and don't know what they want," Mr. Glass said.

Referring to the fact that some newspapers supporting the Government are suggesting a general election immediately Mr. Glass said "Those papers go off at half-cock sometimes. They want to anticipate public opinion, but they are not in any better position to judge the situation than any one else."

CANADIAN FLEET GOES THROUGH PANAMA CANAL

Ships Are Due at Esquimault on March 9.

Ottawa, Feb. 9.—Word has been received at the navy department that the Canadian fleet passed through the Panama Canal yesterday and has started on its northern voyage. It is due at Esquimault on March 9.

PROPOSED LIQUOR BILL FOR QUEBEC DISPLEASES SPENCE

Head of Dominion Alliance Describes Measure as "Rotten."

Toronto, Feb. 9.—"It's rotten," said Rev. Ben Spence of the Dominion Alliance, when asked what he thought about the liquor bill introduced into the Quebec Legislature.

"It is along the line which I forecasted some time ago," he said. "It looks more like permissive legislation than prohibitory legislation. There is no way of improving the liquor business. The only thing to do is to wipe it out. It is a bad business, and you cannot improve a bad business."

"Have you any information as to whether the bill will go through as introduced?"

"Yes, I think it will go through as introduced. The Quebec temperance organization is not strong enough yet to determine the character of the legislation," Mr. Spence stated.

HULL LIQUOR RAIDS CAREFULLY PLANNED

Agents of Revenue Department Posed as Auto Repairmen.

Ottawa, Feb. 9.—Two special agents from the Quebec revenue department, in the space of ten short days, took into camp nearly forty of the blindpigers, clubmen, hotelmen and others engaged in the illicit sale of liquor in the city of Hull, and through whose efforts upwards of $20,000 worth of liquor was seized on Saturday and Sunday last. was made public last night. When about ten days ago, two unassuming young men arrived in Hull and rented a small store, stating they were from Quebec, and were going to start up a repair shop for automobiles and mechanical repairs, they attracted little attention, in fact they were welcomed as assets to the city, made friends quickly, and found no difficulty in joining in with the convivial throngs which nightly gathered in the wet goods emporiums scattered, it is claimed, all over the city.

Were Under Instructions.

The two men, it is alleged, trusted agents of the revenue department, came to Hull under instructions from Special Officer P. P. Juneau, of the Quebec attorney-general's department, with the express intention of making cases against liquor sellers and finding out where the big stocks of illicit wet goods were kept, and they made good. Arriving in Hull they made known that they were expert mechanics and brought quantities of tools with them. They had large cards printed with which they went around to the various "bars" in the city, where they besought permission to hang their cards, and incidentally bought drinks. When they did so, the time and place, and quality of liquor bought was carefully noted down for future reference. Working in this way they went from bar to club, from hotel to restaurant, and to ordinary blind pigs, until on Thursday, before they quit work, they had bagged a total of 38 liquor sellers.

Their duty done, they imparted their information to Mr. Juneau, who on Friday night arrived with twenty men who were divided into five squads, and the raids began Saturday morning.

WIRELESS TO AID IN RUNNING DOWN CRIMINALS IN U. S.

New York, Feb. 9.—Wireless apparatus has been installed by the New York police department as a means of notifying police of other cities concerning the movements of suspected criminals, it was announced yesterday. Radio messages covering a radius of about 300 metres are receivable on this apparatus.

The effectiveness of the method will be greatly enhanced if other police departments themselves will install wireless apparatus instead of depending upon amateurs to report what they have picked up.

MEXICAN TROOPS AVERT DISORDERS DURING PARADE

3,000 Catholic Youths Hold Demonstration in the Capital.

Mexico City, Feb. 9.—Timely intervention by government troops probably prevented serious disorders in this city last night during a parade of 3,000 Catholic youths. The parade was held as a protest against the attempt against the life of Monsignor Mora, archbishop of Mexico, on Sunday night, when a bomb was exploded at the door of the archiepiscopal residence.

After marching for several hours the paraders turned toward the home of the archbishop, but before the prelate appeared to review the marchers a great crowd of spectators became very abusive. The situation became so threatening that soldiers were ordered to drive the crowds from the streets. They fixed bayonets and at their approach the crowd melted away. Later the marchers halted for a moment before the cathedral and doffed their hats, but abusive terms and cat calls from the crowd greeted this show of reverence. The paraders resented this treatment and there were several combats.

Former German Warship Used As a Target

London, Feb. 9.—The ex-German super-dreadnought, Baden, has been sunk at Spithead as the result of experiments by the naval authorities. The vessel has been a target for bombing aircraft. It is understood the admiralty proposes to salve the vessel, which is in shallow water, in preparation for a further series of experiments. In view of the controversy as to the future of capital ships, the tests are considered highly important and the results obtained are expected to influence the decision of the imperial conference on naval construction.

BODY OF MURDERED WOMAN IS FOUND IN NEWARK BAY

Bayonne, N. J., Feb. 9.—The body of a woman about 30 years old, who had been beaten and stabbed to death, was found floating in Newark Bay here yesterday by John Raduzzis, a boatman.

Examination showed that death had been caused, not more than 24 hours earlier, by one of a half dozen stab wounds in the head, or by a blow which crushed the skull. Bruises and cuts on the hand indicated the woman had fought with her assailant.

The body was dressed in clothing of a good quality and in a coat pocket was found a purse containing several dollars. The woman wore an unmarked wedding ring. It is believed the body was thrown into the Hackensack River, which enters Newark Bay, or was dropped into the bay from a motor launch.

REDS ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE HEAD OF JAPANESE FORCES

Tokio, Feb. 9.—Russian Bolsheviki have attempted to assassinate General Kolchiro Tachibana while en route from Chang-Chun to Vladivostok, to take the place of General Oi as commander of Japanese troops in Eastern Siberia, says a dispatch to the Jiji Shimpo of Osaka.

WAR ON KU KLUX KLAN.

Boston, Feb. 9.—A movement to declare war on the Ku Klux Klan was began at a meeting of negroes here last night when a demand was made that President-elect Harding suppress the organization as soon as he takes office.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following are the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 33; lowest, 20.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 35; lowest, 26.

TOMORROW—CONTINUED MILD.

Toronto, Feb. 9.—8 a.m.

Forecasts.

Southerly to westerly winds; partly fair and mild today and on Thursday, with a few light local falls of snow or sleet.

Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	46	42	Cloudy
Calgary	46	28	Clear
Winnipeg	38	8	Fair
Port Arthur	30	26	Cloudy
Sault Ste. Marie	28	26	Cloudy
Parry Sound	32	20	Cloudy
Toronto	32	30	Cloudy
Kingston	32	18	Cloudy
Ottawa	30	14	Snow
Montreal	22	6	Cloudy
Quebec	20	0	Cloudy
St. John	20	4	Clear
Halifax	20	6	Clear

Weather Notes.

Pressure is relatively low from British Columbia to the Ottawa Valley, and highest in the Maritime Provinces and Middle Pacific States.

Some light falls of snow or sleet are occurring in Ontario. Otherwise fair weather prevails in the Dominion.

SMUTS GOVERNMENT RETURNED TO POWER IN SOUTH AFRICA

Prime Minister Elected to the Assembly from W. Pretoria Riding.

LABOR PARTY FAILS

Will Have But Eight Members in New Assembly.

London, Feb. 9.—(By Canadian Press).—A Johannesburg cable to the Canadian Press says that at 11 a.m. this morning the returns showed that the South African party had elected 38 candidates, the Nationalists 5, the Labor party 8 and the Constitutional Democrats 1.

Gen. Smuts has been returned for Pretoria West by a big majority. The feature of the results, so far as known has been the collapse of the Labor party. Apparently the Labor party will only have eight members in the new assembly against 21 in the last House. Col. Cresswell, leader of the Laborites, was defeated in Treyville.

The urban results have been very encouraging to the South African party, but the country returns are causing anxiety to the Government. The minister of justice in the Smuts administration has been defeated by a Nationalist in Potchefstrom.

Sir Abe Bailey, well known in racing circles, retains Krugersdorp.

Tuesday's elections in the Union of South Africa were considered as vitally important to the future status of that British dominion. General Jan Christian Smuts, prime minister of the Union, headed the South African party, which represented the large British element of the population and Dutch who believe that in the Union had been found the solution of the political problems of the country.

Gen. Hertzog sponsored a policy which virtually amounted to secession from the British Empire, and numbered among his followers many of the men who fought with the Boers against Great Britain. Gen. Smuts was also a prominent leader in the Boer army which fought against the British in the South African war 20 years ago, but with many other Boers has become reconciled to the British connection and is a stout defender of British principles. He led the South African contingent fighting with the British in the recent great war.

Frederick H. Cresswell was leader of the Laborite party during the campaign, and it was charged that a strike was called in the Rand district for the purpose of consolidating the ranks of the Labor organization.

GET BIG MAJORITIES.

Capetown, Feb. 9.—Enormous majorities were given the South African party in Durban and Capetown yesterday, while the Labor party suffered a severe reverse in the Rand district. In Capetown the South African party gained two seats, in Durban three, in the Rand eight, and in East London one.

The victory of the party headed by Prime Minister Smuts is attributed to the fact that workingmen voted against the secession issued raised by General Hertzog, and did not pay much attention to the sectional issues raised by labor leaders.

SINN FEINERS SEIZE DUBLIN RAILWAY DEPOT

Train Derailed When Ties Are Placed On Rails.

Dublin, Feb. 9.—One hundred armed Sinn Feiners gained control of the Great Northern railroad station in this city last night, and held it for more than an hour. A train going from Burtonport to Londonderry was derailed by unknown persons, who placed ties on the rails, but there were no casualties.

During the evening eight armed men entered a jewelry store in Wellington Quay and carried off goods valued at £3,000.

FIFTEEN-YEAR SENTENCE.

Belfast, Feb. 9.—Timothy Crowley of Ballylanders, County Limerick, has been sentenced to fifteen years penal servitude for taking part in an attack upon police. Search of his home is said to have resulted in the discovery of three revolvers and 78 rounds of ammunition.

PRIEST IN PRISON.

London, Feb. 9.—Father Dominick, recently convicted of seditious activities by a Dublin court-martial, has been placed in Parkhurst prison, Newport, Isle of Wight.

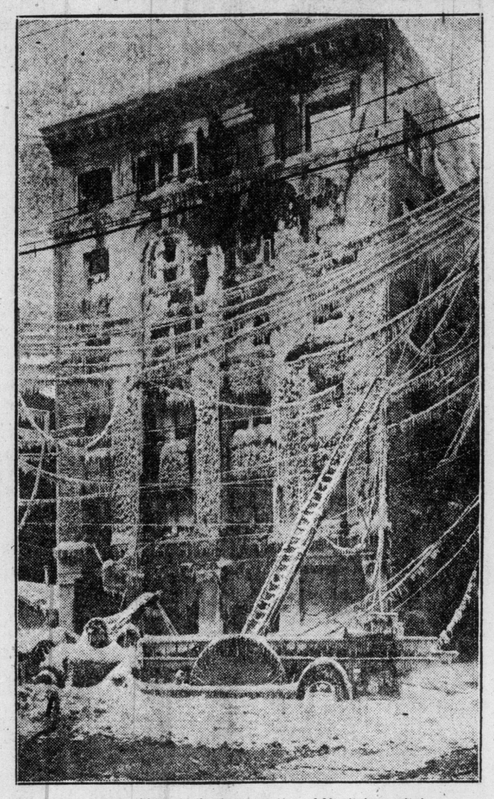
Will Wash Paint and Powder From Faces of Girls

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 9.—Birmingham girls with hectic complexions artificially produced are in for a face-washing whenever they appear on the streets in the future, according to Mrs. Hulda Newsome, policewoman. Mrs. Newsome declared today that whenever she sees a young girl with a chalky white complexion, cheeks of bright red, vermillion pigment on her lips and her nose powdered to the 'nth degree, she feels like escorting her to the nearest bathroom and "administering to her face a liberal dose of soap and water, and I am going to do it, too," she asserted.

TRAVEL 6,000 MILES TO GIVE EVIDENCE

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 9.—Three witnesses will travel six thousand miles to testify against an alleged band of harbor pirates held in connection with the murder of a Japanese seaman here on Christmas morning, according to a cablegram received today from Honolulu. The men are being returned by order of the Japanese embassy at Washington, and with the aid of the town mayor of Honolulu the expenses being paid out of an appropriation of $5,000 made by the Norfolk council.

FIGHTING WINNIPEG FIRE AT 40 DEGREES BELOW ZERO



Recent disastrous blaze in business section of Manitoba capital.

Health Inspector Finds Horse and Squealing Pig in Back Kitchens of London Homes

"Horse Has Since Died," Adds Report—Porker Also Does His "Bit" for Family Appetites—One Man Keeps 200 Chickens, Ducks and Geese in the Cellar.

Most people go to the movies to learn about the strange and weird customs of people in other parts of the world, but Health Inspector R. H. Sanders is able to turn up just as astounding facts about his own fellow citizens as ever was found by intrepid explorers of darkest Africa. In his latest report to the board of health, he declares that in the southeastern part of the city he found a back kitchen being used as a stable.

His report adds: "The horse has since died," but does not indicate whether the demise was due to the living quarters or other causes. The poor animal's departure has resulted in improved conditions for the poor humans who must still struggle along on this sphere, for the owners have promised to clean up the place.

In another place, Mr. Sanders found that a pig was being fattened in a kitchen. Poor piggie also passed on. He died a violent death under the butcher's knife instead of coming quietly to a natural end as his equine friend had done.

In a third place the inspector found two hundred chickens, ducks and geese being kept underneath a dwelling. The owner is providing another place for the fowl.

Restaurant conditions are improving steadily. Thirty-nine inspections of cafes and eating houses were made during the past month.

"Some of them are improving all the time," said Mr. Sanders. "The smaller ones have not the facilities for carrying on the business, but they have to come up to the same standard of cleanliness and sanitary conditions."

Chinese Laundries.

Chinese laundries also are being carefully inspected. Seventeen visits to these establishments were made. It was found that the living and bedrooms are being improved. In some cases the Chinese have taken the initiative and have done some whitewashing without any urging from the board of health.

Most of the butcher shops inspected were clean and sanitary looking. Others were just fair, while a few were not as clean as they should be. There are some butchers who complain about having to take the hides off calves while holding the meat for sale.

Barber Shops.

Nearly all the barber shops carry out the health regulations, but some have not the required hot water facilities. The regulation on this point has to be complied with, but Mr. Sanders thinks there will be no trouble in getting all the barbers to do so.

Boarding houses received attention, two of them being visited. Both were in satisfactory condition, although one place had fifteen boarders and the other seven.

Prosecution is threatened in the case of business places which do not provide toilet accommodation for both male and female employees.

SHACKLETON STATES BOLSHEVISM IS WORLD'S GREATEST MENACE

Ottawa, Feb. 9.—Sir Ernest Shackleton, Antarctic explorer, intimated on his arrival here last night that his next venture into the unknown wilds would be to the Arctic regions. Beyond this intimation, Sir Ernest would not discuss his plans.

The noted explorer has just returned from Norway, where he spent some time, and before that served with the British home force in North Russia, where he had abundant opportunity of observing Bolshevism at its best and worst.

"Bolshevism is a real menace to any nation that has not experienced it once," he said with much earnestness. "It panders to cupidity and does nothing to encourage a decent standard of living. I have seen it, and I cannot speak too strongly against it." He also expressed the opinion that the doctrines of Lenine and Trotzky were making considerable headway in Norway. Other European nations, too, are feeling the effect. "You on this continent do not realize what it means," he continued. "Bolshevism is certainly a great menace to the world, and the sooner this is realized the better it will be for civilization."

Sir Ernest Shackleton but recently arrived from England on the Aquitania. He landed at New York and spent last week at Montreal.

WILL CROOKS, ENGLISH LABOR LEADER, WILL SOON RESIGN SEAT

London, Feb. 9.—According to the Herald, the Labor organ, Will Crooks, Labor member of Parliament for Woolwich, will give up his seat on account of ill-health. The Independent Labor Party has chosen J. Ramsay MacDonald, former member of Parliament for Leicester, and formerly of the Labor party, to run for the seat of Mr. Crooks.

IMPORTS DECREASE.

London, Feb. 8.—British imports for January show a decrease of £66,000,000, or 33 per cent.

Exports fell £13,000,000. The decrease in raw materials chiefly cotton and cotton waste, accounts for the decline in imports.

RUSH TO FILE OIL CLAIMS AT EDMONTON

Edmonton, Alta., Feb. 8.—Twenty-two oil claims were filed on this morning at the Dominion land office, representing 4,400 acres of land in the field between Lake Ste. Anne and Lake Wabamun. In addition, 10,000 acres were applied for on coal leases in the same field.

QUEBEC AVIATOR KILLED.

Quebec, Feb. 9.—Lieut. G. Vezina, aviator, was killed, according to unconfirmed reports reaching here, when his machine fell to the ground near St. Anne de Chicoutimi yesterday. Lieut. Vezina was a member of the air fire party employed in watching the timber limits of Price Bros.

CITY GAS CO. NOT TO APPEAL "READY TO SERVE" DECISION GIVEN BY MUNICIPAL BOARD

HYDRO TO SEEK QUARTER MILLION GRANT YEARLY

Beck Hotly Attacks Proposal To Charge Rental On System.

Toronto, Feb. 8.—Sir Adam Beck, chairman of the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission, addressing the Ontario Association of Fairs and Exhibitions at a banquet here tonight announced that the Hydro-Electric Commission of Ontario was preparing to seek a yearly grant of $250,000 from the Provincial Government to provide one-third of the cost of construction of six or seven hundred miles of rural transmission lines per annum.

Sir Adam hotly attacked the proposal to impose a rental of $2 per annum on all provincial water rights as a policy which, if enforced, would be ruinous to the whole provincial electrical development scheme, he said. With the Quebec companies paying an average of five cents per horsepower and companies in New York State paying nothing at all, we would be hopelessly out-distanced in the race to provide cheap industrial power, Sir Adam added.

The chairman of the hydro commission suggested that out of the half-million dollar rental provided by the existing rates the province should pay one-third of the cost of rural transmission lines. This was the proposal put forward by the speaker as his remedy for lowering the costs of these lines to somewhere within reason.

"The farmer doesn't want to be spoon-fed," Sir Adam declared, "but he is entitled to electrical advantages afforded to other sections of the community, and if we are going to stop the decrease in the rural population we must give the farmers the advantage of all modern electric machinery and conveniences."

Sir Adam Beck expressed confidence that the Government would not adopt the suggestion made by a committee of the Legislature that $2 per horsepower per annum should be charged as a tax on all the hydro-electric system.

INDIGNANT WOMEN COMPEL CLOSING OF BUSINESS PLACES

Boycott Butcher and Baker Shops of New Brunswick, N. J.

New Brunswick, N. J., Feb. 9.—Forty-five butcher and baker shops were closed here today, and the women who started the boycott have picketed the places were jubilant. The housewives had incessantly demanded lower bread and meat prices, and when the butchers and bakers said it would not be done, the women mobilized punitive expeditions

A man, ignorant of the boycott, bought two dozen rolls. On leaving the bakery women attacked him, flung the rolls into the gutter, and pursued the unlucky one down the street. Other attacks flared up in various parts of the city, and today shop owners figured discretion the better part of valor and stayed home with the store door keys.

Unemployed conditions have embittered many consumers against the retailers, it was said, but the bakers and butchers claim they cannot cut prices until wholesale quotations drop.

FOUR HAVE NARROW ESCAPE WHEN HULL BUILDING IS BURNED

Fire Originated From Overheated Stove Pipe in Store.

Ottawa, Feb. 9.—Damage estimated at $50,000 was caused by fire which destroyed two establishments at Dupon and St. Laurent streets, Hull, at midnight last night. Four persons asleep at the time narrowly escaped death or serious injury. The fire, it is believed, started from an overheated stovepipe in the drygoods store owned by George Manna, an Assyrian, and quickly spread to a garage situated in the same building. Three automobiles were destroyed.

WILL PROTEST TO GOVT. BECAUSE OF LAVERGNE'S PHRASE

Brantford Veterans Object to Term Applied by the Quebec Leader.

Brantford, Feb. 9.—As a protest against the term "mongrels from the British Isles," as applied to English immigrants the Army and Navy Veterans' Association of this city has authorized their secretary to memorialize the British Government. The action is taken in protestation of Armand Lavergne's designation of the type of "Englishmen in Canada," the members of the local association being 70 per cent English-born.

Company Will Await Result of Bill At Present Before Ontario Legislature to Provide for a Direct Increase in Price of Gas Before Making Any Further Moves, According to Solicitor—What Becomes of the $60,000 Already Collected Under "Ready to Serve" Charge?

No appeal will be made by the City Gas Company against the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board's decision that the "readiness to serve" charge, levied for the past several months, is illegal, A. H. M. Graydon, solicitor for the company, said today.

Now that a bill to provide a direct increase in the price of gas is before the Legislature the company will await the result and make no further moves, he added.

Copies of the judgment of the railway board reached the various parties interested in the case today. They contain in detail the facts given in The Advertiser last Friday. Necessary legal details to put the order in effect will be cleared up today, according to J. N. Donahue, solicitor for George Murphy, who brought action against the company.

The order states that "there can be no doubt as to the obligation of the respondent company to furnish gas to all its consumers in the city of London at a rate not greater than 90 cents a thousand cubic feet, with the right to charge, in addition, the meter rental. The fact that owing, as alleged, to increased costs, the respondent is now unable to furnish gas at these rates and make a profit is no reason for relieving the company from its clear, statutory obligation.

"The question for decision by the board was this: 'Is the respondent violating its obligation in imposing the readiness-to-serve charge?'

"As to this the board has no doubt the very purpose of the legislation in question was to protect the customer by fixing the maximum charge to be made for gas supplied to its consumers by the respondents. If the company is at liberty to superimpose other charges under whatever designation the protection intended for the consumers of gas in the city of London is gone."

Much interest was expressed today regarding what the company would do with the $60,000 or more collected in "readiness-to-serve" charges since the plan was inaugurated. The decision of the board did not cover this point.

The general opinion expressed was that individual action would have to be brought by persons seeking to recover the money. No such action were entered in the courts today.

Texans in Favor of Embargo on Canadian Cattle

Montreal, Feb. 9.—In reviewing Canada's resources in the matter of agricultural interests, live stock and markets, the Hon. Dr. F. S. Tolmie, minister of agriculture for the Dominion, addressing the annual convention banquet of the Canadian Produce Association last night, made reference to the fact that there was a decided feeling at El Paso, Texas, when he was there in January, in favor of increasing the tariff on live stock and other agricultural products and in view of that contingency, he thought Canada should examine carefully its amount of trade with the United States. Dr. Tolmie regretted that Chinese eggs were coming into this country in such great quantities, and announced that it was his intention to go into that question at an early date.

GERMAN DYE OUTPUT EXCEEDS PRE-WAR AMOUNT

Paris, Feb. 8.—Germany is now exceeding her pre-war production of coal tar dyes, according to the dye experts attached to the reparations commission, and that by the end of the current month will have surpassed any previous monthly production of fine chemicals.

Color dyes produced during January are estimated to have totalled 12,000 tons or 750 tons more than the average monthly output before the war.

Officer Rescues Children Trapped in Burning Home

Boston, Feb. 9.—Four children, trapped in a small room, were rescued by Patrolman McCarty after he had forced his way up a narrow winding staircase through flames and smoke at a tenement fire in the north end last night. Taking two of the youngsters under his arm and instructing the others to cling to his coat, the policeman guided them to safety.

The blaze, which started in a store on the ground floor, imperilled the lives of a dozen families. Police and firemen assisted fifteen persons to the street.

ALASKAN BRIDGE OPENED.

Anchorage, Alaska, Feb. 9.—Traffic has been opened over the Susitna River railroad bridge, said to be the second longest single-span bridge in the world, it was announced today. The span is 504 feet long and was erected in temperatures averaging 40 degrees below zero.

The Hurricane Gulch 354-foot cantilever span will be swung into place next July. The government railroad is now completed 355 miles from Fairbanks, leaving but 80 miles between the ends of steel to be completed this year. Trains are now crossing the Tanana River on ice. A 700-foot span will be required to bridge the Tanana.

ONTARIO DEFICIT LIKELY TO REACH TWO MILLIONS

Provincial Treasurer to Bring Down Accounts On Friday Afternoon.

Toronto, Feb. 9.—On Friday afternoon the public accounts will be brought down by Hon. Peter Smith, provincial treasurer. It is expected that these will show a deficit of about $2,000,000 for the past year. On Tuesday next Hon. Mr. Smith will bring down the budget and the debate will be started and likely carry along for about ten days.

DRURY SUPPORTERS TO CONSIDER TOLMIE MINORITY REPORT

Labor Men Expected to Support N. Essex Member's Suggestion.

Toronto, Feb. 9.—Supporters of the Drury Government today held a caucus at Queen's Park to consider the Tolmie minority report of the O. T. A. committee which recommends that defendants in breaches of the O. T. A. cases shall have the right to appeal to county judge, who shall hear the evidence for himself. Hon T. W. Raney was present at the caucus to vigorously protest against the suggestion of the county judge rehearing evidence in these cases. Labor men will nearly all support the Tolmie suggestion. Farmer members representing Drury districts are likely to endorse the stand taken by the attorney general.

ASKS INVESTIGATION OF ADMINISTRATION PARKS COMMISSION

700 Residents of Niagara Falls Present Petition to Drury.

Toronto, Feb. 9.—Immediate dismissal of J. H. Jackson, superintendent of Queen Victoria (Niagara Falls) Park, and an investigation into the administration of P. W. Ellis, chairman of the park commission is demanded in a petition signed by more than seven hundred residents of Niagara Falls and presented to Premier Drury today. Charges of maladministration against Mr. Ellis and of incompetency against Mr. Jackson are contained in a letter accompanying the petition which was presented by Mr. C. R. Morden.

P. W. Ellis laughed when questioned regarding the petition presented to Premier Drury today asking for an inquiry into Mr. Ellis' administration as chairman of the Queen Victoria Parks Commission. "That may be the outcome of the resignation of four persons from the employ of the commission last spring," he commented. "So far as I am concerned, however, I have no comment to make."

CONSISTORY MARCH 7.

Rome, Feb. 9.—The day of the coming secret consistory has been definitely fixed for March 7, according to authoritative reports in Vatican circles today. Among new cardinals whose appointment is declared to have been decided upon are Monsignor Karl Joseph Schulte, Archbishop of Cologne; Dr. Faulhaber, Archbishop of Munich, and Mgr. Francesco Ragondsi, apostolic nuncio at Madrid.

The choice of a successor to the late Cardinal Farley is said to have been definitely narrowed down to the Most Rev. Dennis J. Dougherty, archbishop of Philadelphia, and the Most Rev. George W. Mundelein, archbishop of Chicago.

EXTENSIVE SHOP-LIFTING.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 9.—Seattle, Tacoma, Spokane, Everett and Portland have been robbed of goods valued at more than $100,000 by a well-organized gang of shop-lifters, according to the local police, who believe they have in custody the leaders of the alleged gang.