

ing despatch from London is interesting: London, Ont., Jan. 5.—A. J. Small, Toronto millionaire, missing since Monday, Dec. 2, is believed by R. W. M. Flock, his personal solicitor, to be dead and the body concealed in the Toronto ravine.

In an interview today Mr. Flock, one of the last persons to see Mr. Small in Toronto on the fatal day, said he had thoroughly inquired into every theory advanced as to the disappearance and came to but one conclusion—that the well-known theatre man had been killed. "I do not say that it is deliberate murder," Mr. Flock declared. "It seems to me that he was knocked on the head to make him unconscious and that the blow was too heavy. In that case the first thing to be done would be to hide the body."

The details of the day were made clear. "On that Tuesday," Mr. Flock continued, "I had lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Small about 2 o'clock. I left the party, having other business to attend to, telling the Small that I would see him later. An appointment in his private office was made for 5:30 o'clock. Perfectly normal."

"I saw Mr. Small at that time. He was perfectly normal. The great business transaction, the selling of the shares to the Trans-Canada Theatres, Limited, had practically been completed, and he had received a check for a million dollars as the first payment. This cheque he deposited in a Toronto bank. There was nothing to worry him. He was in as fine a fettle as I ever saw him."

"From what I gather Mr. Small took a Yonge street car or some other car going in that direction. This case passes over the ravine. It may be that he got off at that vicinity and was held up by thugs. I am inclined to believe that."

"As the report had been sent broadcast that Mr. Small had sold out his theatre interests for a large sum, he was a marked man. You know there have been several holdups in Toronto recently. It was known Mr. Small had received the cheque for a million dollars. The only way to find out if he had the money on him was to hold him up. This is undoubtedly what happened."

### SIR GEORGE PERLEY WITH PEACE PARTY

Will Help British Delegate as Adviser on Reparation Commission.

Ottawa, Jan. 5.—Sir George Perley, Canadian high commissioner in London, has been named as Canadian adviser to the British delegate on the reparation commission, which was constituted under article 233 (and annexes 2 and 7) of the treaty of peace with Germany.

The commission is composed of one delegate and one assistant delegate nominated by each of the following powers: Great Britain, France, the United States, Italy, Japan, Belgium and the Serb-Croat-Slovene state. The commission is to fix the amount of damages for which Germany must make reparation under the terms of the treaty. It has wide powers to consider claims, to consider the resources and capacity of Germany to pay, to determine and modify the form of payments and generally to supervise the administration of the reparation sections of the treaty.

Under article 233 it is to give the German government the just opportunity to be heard in respect of the various features of the reparation sections of the treaty.

The British delegate will be advised by a committee which is to be located in London, and on which each of the overseas self-governing dominions of the empire will have a vote. It is to this committee that Sir George Perley has been named as representative of Canada.

**ITALIANS WERE KEPT TOO LONG IN DOUBT**  
Rome, Jan. 5.—Count Storza, acting foreign minister, and other prominent persons in Italian political life, speaking today with regard to the visit of Premier Nitti to Paris and London, said the discontent toward the settlement shown by Italians during the last two months was merely the passing result of over-long uncertainty in which Italian questions had been kept by the peace conference.

"An immense majority of the Italian people," said Count Storza, "are convinced that the settlement made for Italy and her future development is the German peril. Nothing is more profoundly desired by the Italians as a whole than a closer and sincere understanding among the allied and associated powers. But in order to reach this, it is necessary that during these last discussions of still unresolved Italian problems the people here should feel, after their heavy sacrifices and losses, that they will not be unjustly treated."

**BELGIAN CABINET FAVORS BIG FIVE PER CENT. LOAN**  
Brussels, Jan. 5.—The Solar says that Belgium will not sign the Belgian Dutch treaty, elaborated by the council of fourteen in Paris. The text does not satisfy Belgium in any respect, it is asserted.

The cabinet council has approved submission to the chamber of a scheme for a five per cent. loan of 2,500,000,000 francs, redeemable in 75 years. Fifty per cent. premium is provided for one payment by drawings.

**Liberal Leader Opens Series Of Political Meetings in East**  
Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 5.—Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, Liberal leader, leaves tonight for Newmarket, where he will attend a banquet, where he will be in honor by Newmarket Liberal tomorrow night and will afterwards deliver an address. The speech will be the first of a series to be delivered by Mr. King dealing with the political situation from the standpoint of the opposition.

**Clemenceau Will Be Forced To Accept French Presidency**  
Paris, Jan. 5.—Premier Clemenceau again denied upon his return to this city yesterday that he was a candidate for the presidency of the republic, but added:

"The truth is the presidency of the republic is being forced upon me. I am being carried to the post." Relating the incident, The Echo De Paris says:

"The Tiger" has said the word. There is nothing to it now."

### SIR WILLIAM HEARST FOR JOINT COMMISSION

Canada Recommends Ex-Premier for Development of St. Lawrence.

Ottawa, Jan. 5.—The appointment of Sir William Hearst, former premier of Ontario, as a member of the Canadian section of the International Joint Commission has been recommended to the imperial authorities. Sir William will replace Hon. P. B. Mignault, K.C., who was recently named a member of the supreme court of Canada. As the commission was created under treaty between Great Britain and the United States, Canada only recommends the appointments of its members. The other Canadian members are Charles A. Magrath, chairman, and H. A. Powell, K.C., of St. John, N.B. The position carries a salary of \$6,000 per year, and members are allowed to engage in other business as well.

In view of the forthcoming development of the St. Lawrence river, making the channel deep enough for ocean-going ships, Sir William Hearst's appointment recognizes Ontario's interest in the scheme.

### TEN STATES SHAKEN BY MEXICAN QUAKE

Two Villages Wiped Out and Many Deaths Caused in Vera Cruz.

Mexico City, Jan. 5.—Ten states were shaken by the earthquake which on Saturday night destroyed at least two villages and caused many deaths in the state of Vera Cruz. These states are Mexico, Puebla, Vera Cruz, Oaxaca, Guerrero, Jalisco, Tlaxcala, Hidalgo and Queretaro. They stretch from the isthmus of Tehuantepec, in a northeasterly direction, a distance of nearly 500 miles, and from the Gulf of Mexico to the Pacific.

Reports received up to 11 o'clock last night indicated the centre of the seismic condition was in the neighborhood of Mt. Orizaba, a volcano situated about 70 miles west of Vera Cruz, on the line between the states of Vera Cruz and Puebla.

It was in this neighborhood that the most serious damage was done. Teocelo, a village 35 miles northeast of the volcano, has been virtually destroyed, and a similar fate befell Coutzlan, a small hamlet in that neighborhood. Wires have been torn down by the violence of the tremor, and only fragmentary reports have reached this city, but it is stated there were many casualties in both towns.

Many houses and churches in Jalisco, a city about fifty miles northwest of Vera Cruz, were damaged, while reports from Orizaba, a city ten miles south of the town, state that several business blocks and churches near the centre of the town were wrecked. In the suburbs of Orizaba the shocks were very severe, many persons being reported killed beneath their wrecked houses. The shock came during a performance at the theatre at Orizaba and panic-stricken people leaped from the balconies into the pit in their efforts to escape. No one was killed, but many were injured.

Eighteen shocks were experienced at Cordoba, a city ten miles east of Orizaba, where eleven were distinctly felt. First reports received here stated that the tremor centred at Acamburo, a town in Mexico City, about 25 miles southwest of Teicua, but more recent advices from Cordoba state that the centre of the quake was more severe, stated that casualties cannot be made as yet.

**Expect Earlier Convention Of the Dominion G.W.V.A.**  
Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 5.—It is probable that the annual Dominion convention of the Great War Veterans will be held this year at an earlier date than last year, when it took place toward the end of June at Vancouver. R. B. Maxwell, vice-president, who is in the city, stated tonight that there appeared to be a general desire among the members of the Dominion executive at Ottawa.

**HAMILTON**  
Hamilton, Jan. 5.—Hundreds of people are buying up bread tickets at the present prices in order to effect the expected raise in bread prices at the end of this week.

It is stated that until the sale of the Dominion Power and Transmission Company holdings to the Hydro commission becomes a fact improvements in the Hamilton street car service are impossible.

Hamilton undertakers are protesting against the order that only the new style death cards can be used. The order of Dr. Roberts' medical health officer, against students returning to the collegiate institute for the new term until vaccinated had the effect of closing most of the classes.

It is reported that 280 aliens from all parts of Canada will stay in Kapuskasing internment camp during the present winter.

Hamilton district Holstein breeders in meeting today heard an address by Dr. McMillan, president of the Ontario Veterinary College, on treating tuberculosis in cattle.

For Chest Colds, Head Colds, Grip, Influenza and Pneumonia. O-PENTRATE SALVE will be found very helpful upon the nose and penetrates the skin. Its stimulating and healing properties are comforting. Price 35c per box. It is your druggist's best sale. Send 3c for sample to Paris Medicine Co., 113 Spadina street, Toronto. A full-size box will be mailed to you promptly.

**PREPARING POULTRY SHOW.**  
Preparations are being made to hold the second annual poultry show of the Oakwood Poultry Association, which is to take place on January 8, 9, 10. The show will be held in the Crawford Garage, on Oakwood and St. Clair, and a large number of birds have been entered.

### YORK COUNTY AND SUBURBS

SONS OF ENGLAND HOLD BANQUET NOT SPECTACULAR

Todmorden Lodge, No. 298, Benefit Society, Hear Fighting Chaplain.

A well attended banquet and social under the auspices of Lodge Todmorden No. 298, Sons of England Benefit Society, was held in Playter's Hall, Danforth avenue, last night. Major (Rev.) W. L. Baynes-Reed occupied the chair, and among those present were Aid. W. H. Hiltz, Ernest Cooke, Charles Roberts, past president; W. F. Fyler, past president; Tom Braden, past president, and J. Harvey, president. Over 200 members and friends gathered to table and a substantial feast was served. The toast of "His King" was given by Aid. W. H. Hiltz, which was responded to with musical honors; E. Cooke proposed "The Returned Veterans of the Order."

Rev. W. L. Baynes-Reed, the speaker of the evening, paid a glowing tribute to the boys from Canada who enlisted for overseas and from personal experience rendered testimony to their gallant deeds for the honor of their country and their King. The speaker paid a special tribute to the women of Canada and the British women who, by their heroism, helped their men to win the war. There is a danger that a nation can go to the other extreme and forget God," reminded the speaker, who pointed out that the great forward movement is tending to life on a higher plane. "We must not forget the sacrifices of the noble men who gave their lives overseas for an ideal and endeavor to live our lives in a manner that their heroism may not have been in vain." The toast to the fourteen members who paid the supreme sacrifice was honored in solemn silence.

J. Harvey, president, gave the toast of the Todmorden Lodge, and the final toast, "The Subscribers," was given by E. Cooke.

**Danforth Poultry Association Elects Officers for Year**  
The annual meeting and election of officers in connection with Danforth Poultry Association was held in Playter's Hall, Danforth avenue, last evening. W. H. Howard, president, presided.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Aid. F. M. Johnston, H. B. Donovan and Joseph Russell, hon. presidents; N. N. Brimbleton, president; S. H. Major, first vice-president; J. Pantling, second vice-president; Wm. Daubert, secretary; C. Crooke and A. J. North, auditors. The following were named as members of the executive committee: Geo. Tobin, J. Hillier, J. Wilds, P. Ryan, W. Hearn, Joe Kane, J. Davidson, W. H. Howard, S. Whelan, Turner and G. McKelvey.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$3.18 on hand.

In reviewing the work of the past year, the president stated the number of birds exhibited at the last annual show was nearly 1,000, as compared with 238 shown at the first annual exhibition, six years ago. Every thing pointed to a very successful year in 1920. All members on the list of exhibitors and a big prize list is anticipated for the next show.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the retiring officers and officers. A feature of the proceedings was the renewal of membership of 12 returned veterans, members of the association.

**YOUNG MEN'S CLUB.**  
Jones Avenue Baptist Church Young Men's Club was re-inaugurated with 100 members. W. H. Howard was elected president and it is intended to elect the executive committee at a social meeting to be held on Thursday evening, when the sports and social program for the ensuing year will also be discussed.

**CHESTER CIRCLE INSTALLS OFFICERS.**  
Chester Circle number 140, A.O.F., installed their officers for the ensuing year at their regular meeting held in Playter's Hall, Danforth avenue, last night. District Deputy High Commissioner M. Whitaker, first vice-high circle officers, performed the ceremony. The following were the chief installers: Mrs. Helen Malcolm, companion; Mrs. J. Malcolm, secretary; Mrs. J. H. Thompson, treasurer; Miss Shields, right guard; Miss Shields, left guard. Many visitors from neighborhood lodges were present. The present membership is 75. There was a large attendance and a social evening was afterwards spent with a musical program. Refreshments were served.

**REFUSED ADMITTANCE.**  
It is estimated that about 1,000 children were refused admittance in the schools throughout the east end on opening yesterday after the Christmas holidays.

**EARLS COURT G.W.V.A. MASQUERADE.**  
A masquerade ball was held at headquarters of the Earls Court branch of the G.W.V.A., at Belmont Hall last night. The hall was crowded with soldiers, their wives and friends. The ball was given by the ladies' auxiliary and refreshments served by them. The veterans' band furnished the music.

**G.W.V.A. CHOSSES LEITCH.**  
Comrade William Leitch has been elected president of the Silverthorn G.W.V.A., succeeding Comrade Ross. The membership of this branch is steadily growing. The installation of officers will take place next week. The new hall where dances and social entertainments take place. A piano has been furnished for the use of the comrades.

**CASH BOX STILL MISSING.**  
Messrs. Pritchard & Quirk, from whose law office a cash box was stolen containing \$500 worth of Victoria bonds a few weeks ago, have given up all hopes of its recovery. Some cheques and other papers found their way back to the office, but the cash box is still missing.

### PAISH'S MISSION PRIVATE INQUIRY

To Ascertain How Far U. S. Money Can Assist the European Situation.

Washington, Jan. 5.—Sir George Paish, British financial expert, conferred today with Secretary Glass at the treasury department and plans to discuss with other officials and members of congress the general European financial situation. At Mr. Glass' office it was said that the British financier merely called to pay his respects, he and the secretary having known each other for some time.

"I am here to conduct a private inquiry to ascertain how far American money can assist in the European situation," said Sir George in comment on his visit to the United States. His mission was purely to obtain information, he said, adding that it was uncertain whether he would lay before New York financiers any proposal for the financial assistance for the war devastated countries overseas.

Sir George said the situation in England was not one to require any foreign loan, but that France and Italy were in dire straits and reconstruction in those countries could be started only by the floating of an extensive loan to stabilize international credits. He declared that the interests of Europe most particularly anxious for the loan of \$25,000,000,000 to which the United States would be invited to subscribe approximately one half, were not looking to the American government for aid. It was the purpose of the promoters of the loan, he declared, to interest banking and industrial interests.

Sir George himself will not participate in any movement to obtain the amount, he said. The object of his visit, he added, was to find out the attitude of financial leaders on the question of an international loan, and the facilities for subscribing the amount from the United States.

**ARCHIE J. BRICKER DEAD**  
Kitchener, Jan. 5.—(Special)—One of Kitchener's most popular young business men died here today in the person of Archie J. Bricker, aged 25. Deceased was stricken with hemorrhage two months ago. He made a poor recovery and was finally forced to his bed three weeks ago. He is survived by his parents.

**INSTALLING SCHOOL SEWER.**  
The work of installing sewer connection in Kitchener School, Pape avenue, is now well under way and proper sanitary accommodations will be added to this school, it is expected, by February 1.

The lack of sewer connection for the retiring four years is stated, largely due to Dr. Hastings, M.O.H., who refused to allow connection to be laid across the school ground to the main sewer in Carlaw avenue.

After considerable and prolonged agitation by the ratepayers of the city and work toward the original plan was decided upon and the work of constructing a 12-inch sewer pipe commenced during the Christmas vacation across the school grounds to a main sewer in Carlaw avenue.

A two-inch water main at a depth of six feet is also being laid to supply water to the building. In this connection a gang of workmen were engaged to thaw out the pipe across the school grounds was frozen since the school closed for Christmas and a gang of workmen were engaged to thaw out the pipe without success and a fresh pipe was laid to supply the water for heating and for Carlaw avenue.

**J. JOHN'S LODGE RE-ORGANIZE**  
The re-organization meeting and election of officers in connection with St. John's L. O. L. No. 2575, was held last night in James' Hall, West Toronto. W. B. Johnson, president, presided. The following were elected: G. Morris, W.M.; V. S. Wilson, D.M.; A. O. Wilson, chaplain; A. A. Thomas, recording secretary; W. McLean, H. H. Brown, W. B. Johnson, committee; A. H. Richardson, director of ceremonies; P. Mockford, first lecturer; T. Haggart, second lecturer; Col. J. G. Wright and W. W. Morris, committee.

A number of county, district and kindred association visitors were present.

**FORWARD MOVEMENT PROGRESSES.**  
The forward movement of the Baptist churches of Toronto are extending their work in the Earls Court district and arrangements have been made for members of the churches here to visit the Earl's Court district of Rev. Dr. A. C. Dixon, pastor of Spurgeon's Tabernacle, London, during their preachers.

Rev. W. W. Ross, house, pastor of Beon Avenue Baptist Church, and moderator of the Baptist association are taking an active part in this movement. Services are being held in the Wychwood Baptist churches this week.

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