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MACKAY TURNED TABLES ON FOY

Pirates and Lobsters On Bridge of Opposition Ship.

THE DEBATE IN LEGISLATURE

Mr. Foy Attacks Hon. Mr. Davis Over the North York Election —Mr. Lucas Speaks.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Three speakers took part today in debate on the speech from the throne, the Conservative orators being J. J. Foy, K. C., and F. B. Lucas, and the Government champion being Mr. A. G. Mackay. Mr. Foy's address was largely devoted to "barnacles," and the remainder of it was listened to with indulgence, if not with interest, by the members of the House. Mr. Mackay made an effective reply, humorously turning the barnacle, reference upon the preceding speaker, and ably defending the Government's course. Mr. Lucas also criticised the Government.

FOY ON WEST ELGIN.

Mr. Foy in resuming the debate on the speech from the throne, congratulated the Premier on his vigorous delivery of the previous day, although he said the matter of the Premier's speech was full of weakness.

The Premier had scarcely given due weight to Mr. Whitney's statements, saying that his charges were stale, because he hoped the public would forget West Elgin. But the people of West Elgin had not forgotten, and at their first opportunity the Liberals had united with the Conservatives and Independents to roll up a majority of 500 against the Government.

He thought the Premier was also weak in his argument as to the bye-elections. He could not deny the wave of indignation that submerged him in recent bye-elections, but cried, "Remember the Three Norths," which occurred long before the Gamey episode. The result of the Gamey affair had been made plain in Muskoka and North Renfrew.

Mr. Ross had claimed that out of 24 sessions of Parliament 15 had been called in January, but most of these early sessions were called very late in January, the usual date being in February or later. Had the Legislature not been called until the usual time several election trials could have been held, and some members now decorating the House would probably be absent.

Proper notice was given of previous sessions, and the members were not summoned together, as they had been at the present time, on only a few days' notice. But there was no doubt that in the past it was not necessary to call an emergency session for the purpose of leading off election protests.

In his address Premier Ross had alluded to the recent timber sale. He was loud in his praises of the Government's methods, and took credit for the greatly increased prices that had been realized for limits at this sale. If the Government were entitled to the credit of securing such good prices, were they not also responsible for the low prices received at previous sales?

The Opposition's policy with regard to timber sales was that everything should be put up at auction, and sold to the highest bidder, and that every sale should be properly advertised. Short notice sales were to be condemned, because favorites could secure a great advantage over other competitors by having more time to inspect limits. The Opposition also maintained that in order to secure successful competition, limits should be disposed of in small lots, so that the smaller lumbermen could compete at the sales.

Mr. Foy strongly objected to the Provincial Treasurer treating all the money received from timber sales in his annual statement as revenue, arguing that it sould go to capital account.

Mr. Davis, said Mr. Foy, must have influenced the early sitting of the House to delay his election trial. Mr. Foy then moved the following amendment to the motion on the address:

"And we also beg leave to express our strong disapproval of the delay in filling the vacancy in the riding of North Renfrew, caused by the death of the late John H. Munro, and more especially at the directions given by the Government to the clerk of the crown in chancery to withhold the writ of election."

MR. MACKAY'S DEFENSE.

A. G. Mackay, the eloquent member for North Grey, next took up the cudgels on behalf of the Government. The Opposition, he said, in commencing, had been talking a great deal about barnacles on the ship of state, but he was pleased to be able to anounce for their benefit that the Government had no buccaneers on the deck, nor lobsters on the bridge.

He ventured to say that if the members of the house were asked their opinion they would, with but few exceptions, declare for an early session. No one had been injured by calling the present session somewhat earlier than usual, and the hue and cry raised by the Opposition was all poppycock. Their talk about heading off protests was equally ridiculous. If they were so anxious to have the protests tried why did they not go to the judges when no courts were sitting and have their dates fixed. But they didn't do that, and now there was a row on in connection with the ownership of the deposits that had been put up. In the case of North Grey, Dr. R. A. Pyne, M.P.P., had signed a declaration to the effect that the deposit money belonged to him, but a couple of legal firms also claimed it, and the reason why there was anxiety in some quarters was that the return of the deposit money was desired. The North Grey protest was simply a humbug. It had been hanging over his head for more than a year, and no steps had been taken to dispose of it.

In reply to the Opposition's criticism of the Government's conduct with regard to North Renfrew, Mr. Mackay said that any two members of the house could have applied for a warrant for an election if they had chosen. Mr. J. J. Foy and his nominal leader, Mr. Whitney, or his real leader, Mr. Gamey, could easily have secured the necessary warrant.

Mr. Mackay declared that the American detectives brought over by the Conservatives to check corruption in elections were a set of "Tammany thugs," who headed for the United States as soon as their course was challenger in the courts.

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A ROBBERS' COMBINE

Gang Caught Plotting to Loot Business Houses at the Soo.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Jan. 20. — The police unearthed a plot here to rob one of the principal business houses of the city. The plan was disclosed by a member of the gang, who became frightened and told the police all that he knew. As a result John Nevins and William Hamilton have been arrested and more arrests will follow within a few hours. It is believed that twenty-five robberies have been committed by the gang in the past few weeks and that the amount of their stealings runs into big figures.

MURDER AT FERNIE, B. C.

Carousal Ends in the Killing of a Lumberman.

Fernie, B. C., Jan. 20. — At Jaffray, a small lumber town 32 miles west of here, on Saturday night, John McGee, a young lumberjack, was instantly killed by being bored through the body with two shots from a 16-caliber shotgun at close range, in the hands of Louis Gillier, proprietor of the Jaffray Hotel. McGee and two companions had been around the hotel all evening, and had taken considerable liquor at the bar. Just before retiring, McGee acted in a familiar manner towards Mrs. Gillier, therefore Gillier fired two shots at McGee. McGee died immediately. Gillier was arrested and brought to Fernie. McGee comes from Nova Scotia.

MR. PATTULLO'S FUNERAL

Many Well Known Canadians Attend Interment Near London.

Woodstock, Jan. 20.—Particulars pertaining to the funeral of the late Andrew Pattullo, M. P. P., have been received. Interment took place in Highgate Cemetery, a beautiful spot outside of London, within a half hour's ride of the city. Rev. Mr. Halliday, assistant to Rev. Dr. Munro Gibson, officiated at the services in the chapel and at the grave. The pall-bearers were C. R. Robertson and Irving Robertson, brother and son respectively of J. Ross Robertson, Toronto; Mr. Ackland, of Booklovers Library, formerly city editor of the Toronto Globe; T. R. Clougher, formerly of Woodstock, and now the Globe's London representative; Roy Somerville, son of James Somerville, ex-M. P. of North Brant, and Dr. George W. Ross, of London, England, son of Premier Ross. Others present at the funeral included Percy Miller, formerly of Chicago, and a friend of the family; A. O. McKee, formerly of Woodstock; Rev. Dr. Fraser, formerly of Hamilton; Mr. Luke, representing Lord Strathcona, and Mr. Bronson, representing the Canadian Society in London. Many letters and telegrams of sympathy were received from prominent public men in England, including Lord Strathcona. The Premier of Ontario, through his son, Dr. G. W. Ross, contributed flowers and the nephew of the deceased, George R. Pattullo, jun., for the relatives, also sent flowers.

MONTREAL CHURCH BURNED

$110,000 Structure in St. Cunegonde Completely Destroyed.

Montreal, Jan. 20.—Ste. Cunegonde's Roman Catholic Church was destroyed yesterday afternoon by fire that broke out shortly before 2 o'clock. When the firemen reached the scene the flames had obtained a firm hold of the building, and with the poorest kind of water pressure their efforts to make headway were of little or no avail. The fire had almost an unchecked liberty, and rapidly spread its way from chapel to presbytery. Several smaller buildings in the rear of the presbytery house also took fire. At an early stage of the blaze the steeple fell with a crash, part of the masonry dropping on the roof of the church and thus alding the work of destruction by causing a means of draught for the flames. First of the steeple to go was the heavy cross which stood on top, and as the internal supports of this fell to the flames the huge cross went down through the structure to the street below, sending the masonry in all directions. The outbreak took place shortly before 2 o'clock, and just an hour after all that remained of the church were the walls. The presbytery adjoining was badly damaged by smoke and water. The church was built in 1885, and was one of the finest churches in the province. Its interior furnishings were particularly ornate and beautiful. The church was valued at $110,000, and was insured for about $80,000.

NORTH OXFORD FIGHT

An Enormous Majority Predicted for the Liberals.

Woodstock, Jan. 20. — Lieut.-Col. Munro, the Liberal nominee arrived in Woodstock early yesterday forenoon, from Embro. Discussing the situation in the western portion of the riding he stated that the prospects were most encouraging. He had seen a number of electors from East Nissouri and West Zorra in Embro, and all were hopeful of the result of the contest now in progress, predicting an enormous majority for the Liberal candidate. The Liberals in the west were prepared to work to the best of their ability for the nominee, whose determination to have the campaign conducted by North Oxford Liberals alone they warmly commended. Col. Munro opens the contest in his own behalf at Drumbo tonight, where in company with Walter Murray and John W. Mahon he addresses a meeting in the town hall. At Ferguson's schoolhouse in Blandford, J. A. MacKenzie, J. S. MacKay and H. P. Welford address a Liberal gathering tonight also, while E. W. Nesbitt, John M. Grant and Alfred Bicknell speak at Bright.

It is expected that Hon. George W. Ross, Hon. E. J. Davis, Hon. John Dryden, Hon. James Sutherland and Col. Munro will speak at the opera house, Woodstock, Saturday night.

The opening meetings of the Conservative campaign were held at Drumbo and Ferguson's schoolhouse last evening.

RUSSIAN PRESS AFTER UNCLE SAM

Claim That Americans Are Interfering in Quarrel.

THE ACUTE PHASE IS PASSED

Newspaper Attacks on Japan Are Ceasing—Mediation Not Considered Necessary.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 20. — The attacks on Japan in the Russian press are ceasing. The newspapers print prominently reports that the acute phase is passing, and they continue to assert that mediation is unnecessary.

A confusion of Olongapo, in Subig Bay, near Manila, with Yongampho, on the Yalu River, has led the Russian press into a curious attack on the United States. The statement that Rear-Admiral Evans' squadron was to proceed to Olongapo was either garbled in transmission or misunderstood, for it was reported here that the destination of the American ships was Yongampho. This error was made the basis of an attack on the motives of the United States by the Novoe Vremya and Listok, both papers pretending to see in this move the entrance of the United States into the quarrel. The Novoe Vremya remarks: "At least America will be an open enemy which is preferable to a secret one."

A FATAL CAVE-IN.

Butte, Mont., Jan. 20. — By a cave-in of earth in the East Gray rock mine, one of the Amalgamated properties, four men were killed and two injured. The men were working in the 1,400-foot level, when the hanging wall fell. The four bodies are under fifteen feet of earth, and it will be hours before they can be reached.

BECHTEL MURDER CASE

Prosecution Closes in Trial of Murdered Girl's Mother.

Allentown, Pa., Jan. 20.—The prosecution today closed its case in the trial of Mrs. Catharine Bechtel, accused as an accessory after the fact to the murder her daughter, Mabel.

The last witness for the commonwealth was Frank W. Hauck, who was in the Bechtel home on the day Mabel's body was found. His testimony was unimportant. Counsel for the defendant asked that the bills of indictment be dismissed on the ground of lack of evidence. In answer to this motion District Attorney Lychtenwalner stated that while the commonwealth's case rested entirely upon circumstantial evidence, it was of sufficient strength to warrant the placing of the indictments before a jury.

"The theory of the commonwealth," said Mr. Lychtenwalner, "is that Thomas Bechtel was the principal felon. We believe that he committed the crime and after its committal was shielded by Mrs. Catherine Bechtel. In support of this theory the strongest evidence is the suicide of Thomas Bechtel in a prison cell, and the testimony of Dr. Lear and the many other witnesses."

FOR RETALIATION NOT PROTECTION

Devonshire Scores Balfour For Accepting Mr. Chamberlain's Propaganda.

London, Jan. 20.—Almost simultaneously with Mr. Chamberlain's exposition of his policy in the Guild Hall, the Duke of Devonshire and Lord Geo. Hamilton addressed at Liverpool an equally enthusiastic, if smaller, meeting, which was held under the auspices of the Unionist Free Food League.

The Duke of Devonshire said he was coming more and more to believe that the Government was right in advocating a policy of retaliation against protectionist countries, but with Premier Balfour allowing himself to be so dragged into the Chamberlain propaganda, it would be impossible for the Unionists to maintain their alignment with the Government before the country if it was desired to differentiate between retaliation and protection. He said he feared the Chamberlain commission, representing the highly-organized industries, would be able to prepare a tariff scheme whereby they would benefit, and that they would be able to force it on the country to the detriment of the consumer and the less well organized manufacturers.

The meeting passed a resolution declaring against a general protective system.

AVALANCHE IN ROCKIES

Sweeps Away the C. P. R. Track at Laggan.

Winnipeg, Jan. 20. — Traffic on the Canadian Pacific Railway west of Laggan was completely paralyzed on Monday. Word of an immense snowslide has reached Winnipeg. An avalanche of snow left the mountainside some miles west of Laggan at a point near Bear Creek, crashing and tumbling down the height and carrying everything before it. The monstrous pile tore up the tracks for several hundred feet and wiped away the telegraph wires. So far as known no one was injured, but trains are greatly delayed.

THINK MOTHER BEHEADED BOY

Atrocious Act Charged Against a Jersey City Lady.

IS BELIEVED TO BE INSANE

The Husband Upon Returning From Business Finds Headless Bodies of Child and Pet Dog.

Paterson, N. J., Jan. 20.—Mrs. Arthur Oswald was arrested today on a charge of murdering her 8-year-old son yesterday at her home in Oakland. She is believed to be insane. Since she came from Germany she had lived in New York City until about a year ago, when her husband moved to Oakland, as he had obtained employment with the E. C. Potter Company at Pompton Lake. Being used to living in a big city she did not like the quiet life of Oakland, and had often asked her husband to return to New York. He finally gave up his place at Pompton Lake, and yesterday went to Jersey City to seek employment there.

On his return late last night he found the house in darkness. He opened the door with his latch key and after striking a match walked into the dining-room. There he was horrified to see the headless body of his 8-year-old son lying on the floor. The head lay near the boy's foot. Near the boy lay the body of his pet dog which had also been beheaded.

Oswald found his wife lying in bed in another room with her young baby in her arms. She was singing softly to the infant and when her husband spoke to her she did not appear to recognize him. When asked about the murdered boy she did not seem to understand what was said to her. Near the bed her two other children lay sleeping in a crib. The authorities were notified and Mr. Oswald was later placed under arrest. In the room in which the boy and the dog were killed everything was spattered with blood.

THE NEW TEST FOR HUMAN BLOOD

Experts in Bechtel Murder Case Utilize It.

WAS ALSO USED AT KISHENEFF

Blood of Rabbit Humanized by Repeated Injections — Chemical Reaction Set Up.

Allentown, Pa., Jan. 20.—A notable feature in the trial of the Bechtel family now facing a jury on a charge of murdering Mabel Bechtel is the fact that for the first time in the United States and for the second time in the history of the world the newly-discovered serum test for the differentiation of the blood of a human being from that of any other animal has been used in a criminal case.

Until yesterday no expert testifying in a court of justice in this country has been able to swear positively that the blood he had examined was that of a human being. The best that could be done was to say that it was not the blood of a chicken or other fowl. The positive differentiation of the blood of different animals beyond the question of a doubt has been impossible.

In only one case in the world had the new method been used before. That was in Kishineff last spring, when in one of the trials growing out of the massacre the new test was applied to determine the character of certain blood stains.

In becoming the pioneer in the application of the latest discovery of science, Dr. Lear has opened a new door in medical jurisprudence and paved the way for a new class of expert testimony, based, however, on the certainties of scientifgc research rather than on the mere opinion of the expert.

Dr. Lear's epoch-marking method of determining the presence of human blood is this:

Into the body of a rabbit is injected a small quantity of the serum of human blood, properly sterilized. After repeated injections the blood of the rabbit becomes "humanized." The animal is then killed and its blood is drained and allowed to coagulate. Into the serum thus obtained from the rabbit is placed a dilute solution of the suspected stain. If human blood is present in the solution a chemical reaction takes place and a precipitate is obtained. This does not occur if the stain was made by the blood of any other animal.

WEATHER BULLETIN

TOMORROW—COLD.

London, Wednesday, Jan. 20.

Sun rises..7:46 a.m. Moon rises..9:05 p.m.
Sun sets...5:11 p.m. Moon sets...8:22 a.m.

Toronto, Jan. 19—8 p.m.

The weather has become much milder in the lake region. Elsewhere it continues decidedly cold, the greatest cold, however, being now transferred to the Northwest Territories and Manitoba.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 28—32; Calgary, 20 below—8 below; Qu'Appelle, 20 below—12 below; Winnipeg, 8 below—8; Port Arthur, 14—28; Toronto, 10 below—26; Ottawa, 24 below—6 below; Montreal, 16 below—10 below; Halifax, 6 below—6.

FORECASTS.

Today—Turning colder again tonight; local snowfalls.

Thursday—Cold.

Stations.	Temperature. 8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	—20	—22	Clear
Winnipeg	—22	—22	Clear
Parry Sound	24	6	Cloudy
Toronto	36	20	Cloudy
Ottawa	2	8	Cloudy
Montreal	6	—12	Cloudy
Quebec	6	10	Snow
Father Point	— 2	—16	Clear

The sign — denotes "below zero."

WEATHER NOTES.

Another pronounced cold wave is centered in Manitoba, and a depression is developing in the Southwest States. The weather has become quite mild in the lake region, and it has moderated in Quebec.

Local temperatures: Tuesday—Highest, 27° above zero; lowest, 15.5° below zero.

A HARD ROW FOR THEATRICAL FOLK

Troupes Have Another Narrow Escape in Chicago.

GRAND PALACE HOTEL BURNED

Two Hundred Stage People Driven Into the Street in Their Nightrobes—Panic Follows Fire.

Chicago, Jan. 20. — Ill-fortune of Chicago theatrical people during the last few weeks was again in evidence at a fire in the Grand Palace Hotel, early today. Nearly two hundred members of theatrical troupes were driven into the streets by the flames. It was with difficulty that a panic was averted, and the frightened men and women assisted from the structure in safety. The fire originated on the second floor, supposedly from crossed electrical wires, and went quickly up the elevator shaft to the top floor.

Joseph Northrop, a guest who discovered the fire ran to the elevator through the smoke and flames and helped to arouse the guests on the top floor.

The halls were soon filled with excited men and women. The cooler guests were compelled to force them back from the windows and fire escapes towards which a rush was being made. A number of women were preparing to jump from the windows when policemen arrived and aided the work of restraint and rescue. The women were led to a rear stairway down which they escaped through the smoke. Few of the guests had time to dress, but a number of the women had thought of their theatrical wardrobes and stood shivering in the lower halls of the building, holding some gaudy decorations of gauze and tinsel.

The fire was extinguished quickly after the guests had been taken from the building. Almost all the guests at the hotel are members of the theatrical companies stranded in Chicago.

PREFERENTIAL TRADE

The Real Purpose of Chamberlain's Tour of England.

London, Jan. 20.—The Canadian Minister of Customs is quoted here as saying that as a result of the preference given to Great Britain by the Laurier Government, Mr. Chamberlain had left the ministry and had started an educational tour of the constituencies to bring the people to view with favor the adoption of the principle of preferential trade, by which Canada is to receive in return for the preference voluntarily given to England a preference for her products in the British market.

The Westminster Gazette says: "This is certainly a new phase of the situation. Will Mr. Chamberlain please explain whether this propaganda actually embraces taxing the food products of the world imported into Great Britain, giving Canada a special preference of exemption for these taxes?"

H. W. Lucy, in his article on "Canada and Chamberlain" in the Westminster Gazette, says: "Inquiry during my recent visit disclosed the fact that resentment over the Alaska decision had not altered the popular attitude towards Mr. Chamberlain's scheme. Canadians are Chamberlainites to a man. They uncompromisingly favor his scheme, because it promises them profits whose value is not lessened by the extortion of counterbalancing advantages to Canada's best customer—the British consumer."

NOT TO ABANDON EASTERN SECTION

The Grand Trunk Pacific Agreement Will Not Be Modified.

Ottawa, Jan. 20. — There is no warrant for the report published in Toronto that the modifications in the Grand Trunk Pacific contract sought by the Grand Trunk directors in the old country include the abandonment of the entire eastern section. A correspondent draws this information from one who is fully acquainted with the negotiations. In this gentleman's words, the negotiations between the company and the Government are not complete, but no modification of this magnitude is even asked.

BEAVERS FOR ST. LOUIS

Addition to Canada's Exhibit at the Great Exposition.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 20.—The Dominion exhibit at St. Louis promises to be an excellent one. Several consignments have already been packed and shipped, and others are being prepared for shipment. The Canadian building is about two-thirds completed, and will easily be finished for the admittance of the exhibits.

Another interesting feature has been added to the exhibit which Canada is sending. It will be a large family if beavers. These have all been secured, and will be brought to Ottawa shortly before the final exhibits are shipped.

THE PANAMA TREATY.

Washington, Jan. 20. — It has been practically determined to drop all the amendments to the Panama treaty. Assurances have been received that Panama concedes that the treaty will be interpreted, as the amendments provide, in regard to the harbors, sanitation and the limitation of the cities of Panama and Colombia.

INSOLENT THIBETANS.

Chumbi, Valley of Sikkim, British India, Jan. 20. — The general staff of the British expedition to Thibet, accompanied by a mountain battery, has returned to Chumbi. They report that Col. Younghusband, with two officers, visited the Thibetan camp at Guru, and met with an insolent reception. Up to the present there has been no hostile act on the part of the Thibetans.

PIUS NOT UNWELL

Pontiff Comments on the Ill-Health Rumors From Spain.

Rome, Jan. 20. — The rumor of the death of the Pope, which was circulated in Madrid, having come to the ears of the Pontiff, his holiness exclaimed to a friend:

"What, already? Leo was left in peace for five years after his election, while with me these rumors have begun at only the end of a few months. It may be a good thing to look at this from a superstitious standpoint, but I am quite the other way, and think it may even prolong my life."

STARTED A LYNCHING

Rev. Mr. Elwood To Be Tried by the Newcastle Presbytery.

Dover, Del., Jan. 20. — The Newcastle Presbytery has decided to try the Rev. R. A. Elwood, of Wilmington, Del., on charges in connection with the preaching of a sermon by him last June, entitled "Should the Murderer of Helen Bishop Be Lynched?"

It is alleged that Mr. Elwood delivered a sermon at Wilmington which so worked up the people that the next night a mob gathered, stormed the workhouse, took out George White, and burned him to death.

HE WAS OLD INSIDE

Youth With Vital Organs of an Old Man Puzzles Doctors.

New York, Jan. 20.—Incased within the body of a man 23 years old the doctors of the Lincoln Hospital in this city have found the vital organs that belong to an octogenarian. William McGrath, was admitted to the hospital about four weeks ago suffering intense pain in the lower part of the back, in the region of the kidneys. His face was youthful in contour, his skin smooth, and he did not appear to be within three years of his actual age. His ailment was diagnosed as acute nephritis—inflammation of the kidneys. He received the most skillful medical attention and careful nursing, but sank gradually to death. An autopsy was performed. The kidneys were examined first, and the doctors were amazed to find them shriveled and contracted, just as those of a man at 70 years. Then the dissecters found an enlarged liver that belonged to an octogenarian and not to a boy.

Further exploration disclosed a heart grown to a size out of all proportion. Exhibited to skilled anatomist, with its history concealed, it would be pronounced to be the heart of a man at least 75 years old accustomed all his life to hard work. Nature presented another and a stranger abnormality in the hardening of the arteries. These pipes had lost their flexibility. The arterial stream had flowed through them with the sluggishness of old age, while the walls had thickened and become almost brittle.

Only a meager history of the patient's previous condition was obtained when McGrath was admitted for treatment, but, so far as known, his habits were good, and he was not given to alcoholic excesses; so that, without any known cause, he died a worn out man in his twenty-fourth year.

THE CZAR'S BOOTBLACK

Herr Bebel Gives His Opinion of German Government.

Berlin, Jan. 20. — Baron Richthoff, the secretary for foreign affairs, declared in the Reichstag that the German Government was aware that the Russian embassy employed an official to watch over Russian anarchists in Germany; but the Government was not aware that German subjects were likewise under observation. The declaration was called forth by a statement of Herr Haas, Socialist, that Russia employed a chief of spies in Berlin at $9,000 a year; that this man was permitted to use German police agencies as though they were Russian, even to opening mail addressed to Russians and to searching houses.

Herr Bebel said a well-informed Russian had assured him that what Germany regarded as anarchists did not exist in Russia at all. Herr Bebel characterized the delivery of Russians whose only crime was discontent with the reigning political conditions to the Russian police to be transported to Siberia or indefinitely imprisoned as being barbarism. The German police, Herr Bebel asserted, searched the house of a Russian living at Charlottenburg, on suspicion based on forged letters. The German Government and the German Empire had become "Russia's bootblack."

MR. ROBINETTE ACCEPTS

Unanimously Nominated by Liberals for Toronto Center.

Toronto, Jan. 19.—Mr. T. C. Robinette, K.C., accepted the unanimous nomination of the Liberal party for Center Toronto in the Dominion Parliament, tendered him last night by a large, enthusiastic and representative convention of the Liberals of that division in St. George's Hall.

YIELDS TO EMPEROR

Austrian Archduke Ferdinand Gives Up Intended Bride.

Vienna, Jan. 20.—A story printed by Die Zeitung said that Archduke Ferdinand Charles, nephew of Emperor Francis Joseph, and brother of the heir presumptive to the throne, Archduke Francis Ferdinand, was about to marry the daughter of Emanuel Czuber, professor of the mathematics at Vienna University, in which event he would renounce his royal rank. It was stated tonight, however, in well-informed circles that owing to the opposition of the Emperor, the archduke had given up the intended marriage and would seek to forget the affair in foreign travel. He consulted his brother, who approached the Emperor in the matter, but his majesty refused emphatically to give his consent to the union.

Fraulein Czuber is 23 years old, highly cultured and very beautiful.

THE TIN CZAR HAS NEW IDEA

Lebaudy to Ask Roosevelt to Recommend a Body-guard.

WANTS TO HAVE ROUGH RIDERS

Will Place Them Under Command of a British Officer—Is Also After American Negroes.

London, Jan. 20. — The little tin emperor of the new empire of Sahara has another idea. In civil life, which he has in a measure deserted, he is known as Jules Lebaudy, the Parisian millionaire. He thinks it would be a grand thing for the Emperor to have a bodyguard of Roosevelt's rough riders. It is his purpose to write to his brother ruler in the United States and ask him to name some of his troopers he considers worthy of the honor.

The bodyguard and imperial life guards will comprise two entire battalions, and it is the purpose of the self-made Emperor to have one battalion officered by rough riders and the other by British soldiers of experience and unquestioned bravery.

Col. George Gouraud, Thos. A. Edison's representative in England for many years, who, as governor-general of Sahara, is organizing a military establishment for M. Lebaudy, said today:

"The invitation to recommend officers will be submitted to President Roosevelt in a few days. Whether the President will consider it proper to accept the invitation or not, the Emperor wishes to pay him this compliment.

"The Imperial Lifeguards will consist of two battalions. The first will be officered exclusively by Americans, preferably former rough riders, and the second by retired officers and noncommissioned officers of the Seventeenth English Lancers and the Royal Horse Artillery. These battalions will constitute the Emperor's personal bodyguard. The troopers will be composed of Arabs and native Saharans, who are among the finest riders in the world.

"It is proposed, besides the formation of the battalions of Lifeguards, to organize a Sahara Constabulary, which will police the country along the lines of the Canadian Northwest Mounted Police. This constabulary will be composed wholly of American negroes, but whether under white or colored officers has not yet been decided. The management of the entire force will be in the hands of a retired British army officer, who has already been selected — a man with an unsurpassed war record.

"We purpose also to encourage the immigration of the American negroes to the new empire, selecting only approved settlers, who, will be chosen by thoroughly reliable agents scattered throughout the United States. Personally I believe this scheme will secure the support of the American negroes to an extent which no other emigration plan has ever yet attained, because it will not involve the taking of them to a purely negro colony, but will settle them in a new and prosperous land with a mixed white and black population."

GREAT ILLS TO COME

Parisian Seeress Predicts a Terrible Year for France.

Paris, Jan. 20.—Paris has been producing a large crop of prophetesses or sorceresses, or clairvoyants, or people who claim to reveal the future by cards and kindred ways. There are at least twenty of such who are well known. Two claim to receive their knowledge from higher powers, one from an angel, the other from an archangel.

Mlle. Couesdon, for instance, asserts that her inspiration comes from the Angel Gabriel; Mme. Clavel-Gracien goes higher still, and would have us believe that Michael the Archangel discloses the future through her. She says:

"Dreyfus will be rehabilitated, but he will disappear suddenly. Something will occur to bring this about. Mme. Humbert, another disturbing element, will be let out of prison next year because of illness. She will be nursed in a hospital. Her case will be taken up again and more scandal will follow.

"The Combes ministry will fall during the coming year. Men like him, but women hate him, and they will succeed in influencing their husbands to put him out of power. He will be succeeded by a milder man, who is an unknown.

"A Paris theater will be burned, and there will be many victims. A great fire will break out in a big establishment on the grand boulevards, and many will be burned to death. There will be avalanches, floods, fires in the provinces. The Royalists will grow active and increase their plotting. But the republic will survive it all.

RUSSIA'S BRIGHT WOMEN

Many of Them Practice Medicine, Teach and Write.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 20.—The "Society for the Advance of Women and Their Higher Education" has celebrated its 25th anniversary and reported that its treasury controls property to the amount of 2,000,000 roubles, all of which was contributed by patriotic Russians.

The Government and the city of St. Petersburg spent only 6,000 roubles per year for woman's advance. During the last quarter of a century 2,217 Russian women graduated from the universities; one-half of these became teachers, while many practice medicine or devote their time to litrature. Seventy-five per cent of the professional women are married, showing that professional women, even in Russia, are not all blue-stockings.

Societies for women's progress are also flourishing in Moscow, Kieff, Kasan and Charkow.