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CONTRACTORS DELAY ACTION ON MOULD PLAN

Housing Commission Holds That Responsibility Lies With Hayman & Willis.

HAVE NOT SIGNED OFFER

Similar Scheme Has Already Been Rejected by Provincial Authorities.

According to members of the housing commission, the contractors on the Pine Lawn houses, Messrs. Hayman and Willis, have not appeared to accept responsibility for the plan devised and offered to the commission by Arthur Mould for the settlement of the Pine Lawn housing dispute. The result is that pending this offer is held up.

Mould's contention was that the roofs were water-tight, and he would go over them again, and if there were any spots where a leak might occur he would fix them. He expressed the opinion that Toronto would accept his proposition.

The housing commission took the stand, however, that its dealings in regard to the roofs in question was with the contractors, to whom they let the contract, and not with Mould, the sub-contractor, who laid the roofs. They agreed Mould that if the contractors would agree to sign his offer, it would be sent to Toronto. Mould told the commission that he had outlined his plan to the contractors, and that they were favorable to it and would accept it. He predicted that they would sign it at once. They had not done so, according to Commissioners Cunliffe and Tallant.

Both these officers state that as soon as the offer is signed they are willing to go to Toronto with the contractors and go over the whole matter with the provincial authorities.

Attention, however, is called to the fact that a suggested scheme, much the same as the Mould one, has already been rejected by the provincial authorities.

NAMES COMMISSIONER IN STILLMAN HEARING

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Dec. 19.—(Ensign H. Godin, K. C., Montreal, was today appointed by Supreme Court Justice Moreschauser as special commissioner to take testimony of Canadian witnesses in the Stillman divorce case. The hearings start on January 11.

SUPPOSE NOBODY CARED!

ON CHRISTMAS MORN

CHRISTMAS DAY draws nearer and nearer, and with its approach the appeals for help come bounding into The Advertiser's letter-box—numbers and numbers of them—all breathing the atmosphere of utter desolation from whence they come.

This year the distress in the city is greater than ever before, and it is doubtful whether even the fringe of it can be touched by the "Goodfellows' Christmas Cheer Fund" unless there is a very big response to the appeals for help within the next few days.

The fund now runs over \$1,100, but \$1,100 cannot care for so very many families when the fuel boxes are empty and when the supplying of Christmas dinners means beginning with the purchase of bread and butter to stock an absolutely empty larder.

Then there are clothes to supply, for we find, on investigation, that before we can begin to make people happy on Christmas Day we shall have to give them warm clothing. A shivering, ragged child cannot be made happy for so very long by Christmas candies and toys. It is the building up of the foundations for a happy Christmas in food and clothing that uses up the money, and \$1,100 won't buy even the bare necessities for so very many people.

So, if you want to make this Christmas a truly happy Christmas throughout the whole city of London, open your purses wide and give unstintingly of what God in His goodness has already given to you.

Remember, that inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, His children, ye have done it unto Him.

Christmas comes only once a year. If you never give at any other time, oh please give just now. Those in need are crying to you for help, and only you can still their cry.

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A Friend	2 00
Miss Hobbs	1 00
Mary Moore	2 00
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A. Y. P. A., St. George's Church, West London	2 50
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A Friend	2 00

\$1,107 35

FEAR ULSTER MAY RENEW CIVIL WAR

France Accepts Battleship Ratio Proposed By U. S. But Demands Adequate U-Boat Protection

SEEKS TO WIN PROVINCIAL AID FOR CITY WORK

City Engineer Brazier Gets Promise of Co-operation From Deputy Minister.

RUSH PLANS TO TORONTO

City Engineer H. A. Brazier was in Toronto on Saturday, interviewing the Provincial Deputy Minister of Works, in regard to the city's unemployment works.

Recently the city's work received a jolt by information from Toronto to the effect that the province would not assist in paying the excess charges on unemployment work, if it had not been first approved by the province.

The position of the city is quite clear. The unemployment situation in London became so acute that the city could not wait for the belated decision of the province in regard to what it would do, and so went ahead with some works.

If the decision of the province was carried out to the letter the city would not get assistance for the work already done or for works started before the provincial authorities had approved of the plans and estimates.

It was with a view of making the city's position clear and at the same time getting approval to go on, so that the needed unemployment work would not be hampered, that the engineer was instructed by No. 2 committee to go to Toronto.

Mr. Brazier states that the Deputy minister promised to take the matter up immediately with the minister, and let the city have an early decision. In the meantime the city will have its plans and estimates hurried to Toronto for approval.

May Be Britain's Future Queen!



Lady Rachel Cavendish and Prince of Wales.

BY MILTON BRONNER.
LONDON, Dec. 19.—Loveless married couples, hatched by groups of wined diplomats behind the barred doors of council chambers, are gone forever so far as British royalty is concerned. That's the only conclusion to be drawn from the inside story of two royal romances which have set England agog.

The latest to become public is that of the Prince of Wales and Lady Rachel Cavendish, daughter of the Duke of Devonshire, governor-general of Canada from 1916 until last August. Their engagement will be announced as soon as the prince gets back from India. It is unofficially reported.

The other is that of Princess Mary, only daughter of King George and Queen Mary, and Viscount Lascelles. Their engagement already has been officially announced.

Both romances have these points in common:
They're love matches.

In both cases, the mate picked by a member of the royal family is a real Briton.

Both Lady Rachel and Lascelles are of rank far beneath that which a scion of the royal family formerly has expected to marry.

What does that mean?
Just this—that the British reigning family doesn't care to any longer marry its children to the offspring of decadent royal families abroad who may, by chance, sometime be enemies of Britain.

A diplomatic marriage of the old type made a British princess the mother of the Kaiser! It made the detested German leader a first cousin of King George!

British on Guard.
The British people knew that and they don't want it to happen again. And the royal family follows the wishes of the British people—that's why it is beloved by all within the empire's boundaries.

Lady Rachel's father is one of the richest landowners in England. Viscount Lascelles, likewise of a landowning family, has inherited a fortune of \$12,000,000.

What brought the prince and princess and their fiancées together?
In Wales' case, intimacy between the Duke of Devonshire and the royal family. The duke once was treasurer of the royal household. The duchess was mistress of robes.

So naturally Wales saw a great deal of Lady Rachel.

Princess Mary admired Lascelles' war record. She met him when he was on leave from the front, because of wounds. The whole affair grew from that.

PLAN RECONSTRUCTION OF TOWN OF SOISSONS

LONDON, Dec. 19.—(Canadian Press Cable.)—Reuter's Paris correspondent reports that the Soissons municipal council has approved of plans for the reconstruction of the town, and has also given its assent to conclude the contract with a group of Canadian banks for the issue of a \$5,000,000 loan for the purpose of rapidly rebuilding Soissons.

Vancouver Gets \$60,000 As Share in Profits of Liquor Trade

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 19.—Vancouver's share of government liquor profits for the period from June 15 to September 15, amounting to \$60,000, will be forwarded to the civic authorities within a few days, Premier Oliver announced yesterday. The city will be given this money immediately in fulfillment of the premier's promise that liquor profits will be forwarded to the British Columbia municipalities as Christmas boxes.

Victoria's share of liquor profits from June 15 to Sept. 15 will amount to \$20,000.

MAY CUT RATES FOR EDUCATION

British Economy Committee Proposes Reductions in Costs of Instruction.

HALDANE OPPOSES PLAN

LONDON, England, Dec. 19.—(Canadian Press Cable.)—Educationists throughout Great Britain are deeply agitated over a report that the government economy committee, headed by Sir Eric Geddes, will, in its report, propose a reduction of £20,000,000 in the expenditure of education. The outcry on books and stationery, it is understood, is to be cut down considerably, and there is said to be a proposal to increase the size of the secondary school classes from 20 to 22 scholars.

This would involve a reduction in the teaching staffs by one in eleven, a prospect that naturally has caused considerable alarm among the teachers.

Lord Haldane, speaking at the London University, complained about the question of economy in education having been given to the economy committee, and he asserted that it should not have been given to a committee of businessmen.

"What would happen," he asked, "if we stood still? Other nations would get ahead of us."

Viscount Burnham, who was present at the university gathering, addressed the assembly, and said that education never was so popular in this country as at present, and it seemed hardly worth while to curtail it. He said that the committee of the standing committees of the education authorities and teachers.

THIEVES AGAIN ACTIVE AT NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y.

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., Dec. 19.—Two safes were blown and a store robbed here over the week-end. It became known today when places were opened for business.

The yeags' escaped with about \$500 in money, Liberty bonds and jewelry. The first safe blown was in the Gay Bakery, Michigan avenue and Eighth street. Cash amounting to \$1,000 was secured there. Liberty bonds, cash and jewelry valued at \$2,255 was obtained at the David Taylor store on Eleventh street when the safe was blown, and \$285 in cash was stolen at Nathan Underher's store on State street.

BRIAND TELLS ENVOY FRENCH CONCUR IN PLAN

Inform American Ambassador in London Hughes' Proposals Find Favor.

ACCEPTED "IN PRINCIPLE"

Will Not Alter France's Insistence On Adequate Cruiser Tonnage.

BULLETIN.
Washington, Dec. 19.—A five-power treaty to limit naval armament apparently has been brought much nearer by a new move on the part of France.

French instructions for the French delegation, said unofficially to include Premier Briand's acceptance of the United States proposal for French naval strength, reached Washington today and impelled the French delegates to ask for a 24-hour recess in the naval negotiations while they decided the message and pondered its contents.

Meantime, despite unofficial advice from abroad saying there had been a positive acceptance by the French government, conference leaders are sounding a note of warning against over optimism.

Paris, Dec. 19.—A dispatch from London to the semi-official Havas Agency this morning said that Premier Briand, receiving the United States ambassador in London, informed him that France accepted Secretary of State Hughes' proposals concerning capital ship tonnage, as follows: United States 5, England 3, Japan 3, France 1.70, Italy 1.50.

The interpretation put upon Premier Briand's interview with Ambassador Harvey in official circles here this forenoon was that France's acceptance of the United States plan of view as to naval tonnage was an acceptance "in principle" only so far as capital ships were concerned, and that it did not alter the French insistence upon adequate allowances of submarines and cruisers. It was also declared that so far as the official advice received here showed, no definite ratio had yet been accepted by France.

Premier Briand Calls To See Lloyd George

LONDON, England, Dec. 19.—Premier Briand of France, went into conference with Premier Lloyd George at the latter's official residence in Downing street, this morning. It was expected that German reparations would be the first question considered, but the newspapers declare the conversations may develop a comprehensive discussion of the European financial and economic situation.

M. Briand was accompanied into the conference by the minister of liberated regions: Philippe Berthelot, general secretary of the French foreign office, and Prof. Paul Mantoux, who was one of the interpreters at the Versailles peace conference. They were greeted, besides Mr. Lloyd George, by Sir Robert Horne, chancellor of the exchequer and Sir Edward Grey.

A number of experts from the British treasury were assembled in an adjoining room, ready to be called in for consultation if necessary.

Dr. Walter Rathenau, former German minister of reconstruction, arrived in London this morning to continue his negotiations concerning Germany's reparations obligations.

QUAKE REPORTED BY WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—An earthquake, described as "very severe," was recorded today on the seismograph at Georgetown University, beginning at 10:27 a.m. and continuing until about noon. Father Torndorf of the university estimated the distance as south of Washington at a distance of approximately 2,500 miles.

VETERAN OF WAR LOSES MEMORY

Thomas C. Cook of Forest has absolutely lost his memory, and cannot remember anything about his past life. He is president of the Adelaide Cream and Produce Company, and was found wandering near Lucan on Saturday.

Cook was brought before Magistrate C. W. Hawkshaw at Lucan, and was committed to jail here on a charge of insanity. The prisoner is extremely quiet, and has made no fuss of any description at the jail, but does not recognize any of his friends. He was brought to London by County Constable Peter Butler.

HOW A. B. HUDSON LEAVES WINNIPEG FOR OTTAWA

WINNIPEG, Dec. 19.—Hon. A. B. Hudson, formerly attorney-general for Manitoba, and independent Liberal member-elect for South Winnipeg, left here yesterday for Ottawa. It is believed his visit to the capital has some political significance.

Hon. Charles Stewart, former premier of Alberta, passed through the city yesterday on his way to Ottawa.

Elected Mayors!



Top to bottom, Mrs. William Owen, mayor of Swansea; Mrs. Mitchell, mayor of Tynemouth; Mrs. William Smith, mayor of Durham City.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Who says British women aren't "emancipated"?
Women leaders here admit Britain was slow in taking up woman suffrage, but they declare the movement made more progress here than anywhere in the world after it got a start.

And to prove it, they point to twelve British cities with women mayors—or mayoreesses, as they call them over here.

Scores of cities where women are sitting are town councillors—that's British for aldermen, and ten women magistrates who hold commissions signed by the King himself.

GRAIN FLEET BLOWN ON SAND BARS AT BUFFALO

BUFFALO, Dec. 19.—An examination of the grain fleet, part of which was blown shoreward from the lee of the main breakwall in yesterday's 95-mile-an-hour gale shows that 12 out of 54 vessels are resting on sand bars, but none are in a position of danger. Several were towed back to the breakwall this morning.

The damage from the storm in the city along the lake shore and to the east shore of the Niagara River between here and Niagara Falls is estimated at \$1,000,000.

The Weather

FORECASTS.
Variable winds, shifting to northerly; a few local snow flurries, but mostly cloudy, and turning colder tonight and Tuesday.

The disturbance which moved across the Great Lakes on Sunday is now moving northeast across Newfoundland. This movement has been attended by heavy gales, with rain and snow in Eastern Canada.

The weather has turned very cold in the West.

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

	High, Low.
Victoria	28 18
Calgary	28 18
Winnipeg	19 8
Pt. Arthur	16 6
P. Sarnia	26 16
Toronto	26 16
Kingston	38 22
Ottawa	36 22
Montreal	40 30
Quebec	34 18
St. John	32 20
Halifax	32 24

"Below zero."

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were:

Highest, 42; lowest, 25.
The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:
Highest, 26; lowest, 23.

Barometric Readings.
Sunday—8 a.m., 29.27.

Monday—8 a.m., 29.55.

AWAIT RESULT OF N. OXFORD BY-ELECTION

All Parties Eager to Know the Trend of Ontario Politics.

THREE-CORNERED FIGHT

Woodstock, Dec. 19.—Cloudy weather with roads fair for motoring greeted the voters of North Oxford constituency when they went to the polls today in the by-election for the Ontario Legislature. A heavy vote is expected. The campaign has been strenuous. Every corner of the riding has been vigorously visited by the supporters of the United Farmer, Liberal and Conservative candidates, particularly the two former parties.

In his support of D. M. Ross, Farmer, and standard-bearer of the Ontario Government forces, Premier Drury has definitely stated that he considers this by-election a test vote on the government's hydro-radial policy. W. W. Day, also a farmer, but candidate of the Liberals, who have campaigned with him, say that the verdict will not be merely on the hydro-radial policy, but on the record of the government as a whole.

Homer B. Neely, the Independent Conservative candidate, has based his campaign on local separate school issues.

All Ontario is interested in the election, the issue of which has considerable significance in view of the narrow majority of the Drury U. F. O.-Labor government in the legislature.

The last member for North Oxford was the late John Calder, Liberal, who was elected with a majority of 2,313. There were three candidates at this election.

The writer thinks that the result will be a victory for the Liberals, but he is not sure.

Wall Street Alarmed by Threat of Another Bomb Outrage

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Wall street's principal financial institutions were being guarded by reinforced details of police and private detectives in anticipation of another bomb explosion, warning of which was sent to a broker in the district, advising him to leave town or the vicinity of the stock exchange.

Although the police were inclined to treat the anonymous prediction with skepticism, nevertheless, extra precautions were taken in view of the disclosures expected today in the statement of Wolfe Lindenberg, arrested in Warsaw in connection with the great catastrophe of September, 1920.

The warning letter said that the stock exchange and everything in a radius of five miles would be blown up by a bomb.

Dec. 19, but the authorities were inclined to treat it as the work of a mentally deranged person.

THROWS 2 FROM BURNING BUILDING

OTTAWA, Dec. 19.—Trapped on the upstairs floor of her double tenement home at 43 Sherbrooke avenue at 2 o'clock Sunday morning by a fire which was raging fiercely on the ground floor, Mrs. Riordan, in a desperate attempt to save her life and that of her two children, threw them to her husband waiting in the street below, and then jumped herself.

Unfortunately, while the husband succeeded in catching one of the children, the other slipped from his grasp and fell heavily to the ground, sustaining injuries from which it died.

Mrs. Riordan escaped with minor injuries.

CANADIAN NAVY RO BE ABSENT UNTIL APRIL

OTTAWA, Dec. 19.—The ships of the Canadian Squadron, H. M. C. S. "Amora," "Patriot" and "Patrician," which are now at Bermuda, will sail on Dec. 27 for St. Kitts. The schedule of further movements, to be announced later, will include stays throughout the winter at Rosau, the Barbadoes, Grenada, Trinidad and Demerara. On the return journey to Halifax, the navy will pause in ports of Trinidad, Nicaragua, Jamaica and the Bermudas, the whole sailing lasting until about the end of April.

Lectures for officers and men during the trip will be properly forwarded if addressed in the first instance to the postoffice, Montreal.

WILL CONSIDER BEST MEANS OF MARKETING

WINNIPEG, Dec. 19.—A meeting of the Canadian Council of Agriculture will be held in Winnipeg on Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 21 and 22. It is stated by officials of the council that the purpose of the meeting has to do with federal politics or the deliberations of progressive members-elect of Parliament.

The subject of marketing grain will be given attention, and it is said some recommendations dealing with the matter may go from the council to the provincial conventions of the farmers of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, which will be held within the next few weeks.

NOTED WRITERS SEE ULSTER AS PEACE MENACE

North Ireland's Opposition to Revision of Boundaries Creates Alarm.

DAIL CONSIDERS PACT

Griffith Moves Ratification While De Valera Opposes It.

BULLETIN.
London, Dec. 19.—The British Parliament will be prorogued this afternoon until Jan. 31, it was announced by Austen Chamberlain, government leader in the House of Commons. The original understanding was that prorogation should not occur until the Dail Eireann had acted on the Irish agreement.

Explaining the earlier prorogation, Mr. Chamberlain said the government had expected to have the result of the Dublin discussion in hand today, but it now appeared possible that the debate in the Dail would continue until Saturday, and it was not desirable to keep parliament sitting to wait the result.

London, Dec. 19.—Civil war in Ireland, arising from Ulster's opposition to the proposed revision of her boundaries under the Irish agreement, is seriously threatening the political correspondence of the Westminster Gazette.

Ulster is determined that "not one Ulsterer shall be sacrificed against his will to the Sinn Fein," the correspondent says, and adds: "She (Ulster) will certainly not appoint a representative to the boundary commission, and if the commission operates without her consent and allocates any part of her territory to the south there will be a civil war before she parts with it."

The correspondent does not believe that Ulster is bluffing and he says she fears that, if the commission considers a tract of territory taken leaving Ulster only a few counties. In the fact of such a result Ulster would have to face a choice of at least two alternatives, but the government is unable to carry out its policy.

The writer thinks that the result of the commission will be a victory for the Liberals, but he is not sure.

Also the most stubborn of characters, he says, live in the part of the northern leadership determined that Ireland should be divided, but declares that he breaks up if she tries to work Feinera in the border counties.

Will Die for Principle.
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Recalling that the boundary commission was made a vital issue by the Sinn Fein delegates at the peace conference, the correspondent says they would never have signed the treaty without the clause providing for the commission.

"To drop this clause would, at the last moment, imperil the whole settlement," he says. "This is what renders the situation so serious."

Times, confirming that the Ulster men are not prepared to yield an inch of territory and are smarting under what they regard as an insult to their province, say that the Ulster men are not prepared to yield an inch of territory and are smarting under what they regard as an insult to their province, say that the Ulster men are not prepared to yield an inch of territory and are smarting under what they regard as an insult to their province.

WILL SEIZE OPPORTUNITY

"The question of boundaries, once it is raised," he explains, "cannot leave it a six county area for intractable as the Ulstermen may be, under the British, and the arrangements they may be compelled to listen to the appeal of their co-religionists and political sympathizers in the three excluded counties of Ulster. These feel themselves abandoned by the official Ulster party of Ulster and will seize the opportunity afforded by the commission's inquiry to get readjustment of their frontier."

DAIL CONSIDERS PACT

DUBLIN, Dec. 19.—The Dail Eireann, which met shortly before noon today and began consideration of motions in support of the Anglo-Irish treaty, adjourned at 11 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. There was every indication that the speech-making would continue throughout tomorrow.

An interesting feature of the first session was the statement that Eamon de Valera had submitted to last week's private meeting of the Dail an alternative proposal to the agreement signed in London. He explained he had done this in an effort to secure unanimity in the Dail.

The arrival of members of both factions was greeted with cheers, but many influential figures in the Dail who were unknown to the Dublin crowd, passed unnoticed.

Adoption of the treaty was moved by Arthur Griffith, foreign minister, and turned to Page 11, Column 6.

MEMBER-ELECT DIES IN QUEBEC

LACHAPELLE, Que., Dec. 18.—Peter R. McGibbon, who was re-elected to Parliament for the county of Argenteuil, in the recent general federal elections, died at his home here at 10 o'clock this morning. While watching a fire which destroyed a building near this town a week ago, Mr. McGibbon contracted an illness which developed seriously, and all efforts to save his life were in vain.

Mr. McGibbon had represented Argenteuil at Ottawa in the last Parliament and won the seat again in the Liberal majority over Conservative and Progressive opposition in the recent election of Argenteuil, having been born in the county in 1854.