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Resolution of Ontario Conservative Convention

Endorse Meighen as Premier and Criticize the Drury Government—Hold for the Right of Appeal to the Privy Council.

Toronto, Dec. 2.—At last night's session of the Liberal Conservative party convention for Ontario a resolution moved by David Spence, and George Spottan of Wingham, was carried, as follows: "That this convention deplores the flagrant lack of enforcement of the Ontario Temperance Act and the lawlessness so prevalent throughout the province and is of the opinion that such measures should be adopted as will improve the present unsatisfactory situation and carry out the law in accordance with public opinion."

Following is a summary of other resolutions passed by the convention: Denunciation of the Drury government for alleged evading responsibilities by administering public affairs through commissions.

Approval of the principle of a protective tariff. Endorsement of the hydro-electric power commission's advancement of the hydro interests of the province.

Approval of the principle of public ownership.

Disapproval of any attempt to deprive Canadians of right to appeal to the judicial committee of the Privy Council.

Condemnation of the Ontario government's policy of refusing timber grants to small producers while vast areas are being handed over to certain large foreign investors.

Demanding that all positions in the gift of the government be given to returned soldiers qualified for the positions.

Pledging support to such proposed labor measures as may be introduced in the legislature.

Formation of a women's political organization with the Conservative Party.

ARGENTINE MAY WITHDRAW FROM NATIONS' LEAGUE

Dissatisfied Over Refusal to Admit Sovereign States to Assembly.

Buenos Aires, Dec. 2.—Rejection by the assembly of the League of Nations of Argentine proposals, in favor of the admission of all countries to the league, may result in the withdrawal of this country from that organization.

It was said that a cable message was expected from Hon. Puyrreton, Argentine foreign minister and chief of the Argentine delegation at Geneva, notifying the government of his decision. He is understood to have received instructions from his government before leaving for Europe to withdraw from the league if it appeared that the league would refuse admission to all sovereign states, and if Argentine proposals for the constitution of the council as a basis of equality of representation of all nations was not adopted.

Reports that France has questioned the legal status of the Argentine delegates at Geneva are denied at the foreign office.

THIEVES BREAK IN AT HEADQUARTERS

Seek Treasure in Office of German Finance Minister—A 400-Pound Bust Stolen.

Berlin, Dec. 2.—Thieves, whose operations have given concern to police authorities in this city for some time, extended their efforts to the office of the finance minister last night. Three men broke into the office and demolished walls and destroyed furniture in the search for treasure.

What was secured is not known, but newspapers say that it is probable the thieves got nothing valuable. Other miscreants visited a park in a suburb of this city and carried off a bronze bust of Werner Von Siemens, a German industrial pioneer. This bust weighed 400 pounds.

CLOSE PLANT WHERE 750 WORK

Milville, Mass. Dec. 2.—The plant of the United States Rubber Company, foot-wear division, here posted notices yesterday that it would shut down indefinitely on December 10. About 750 operators have been employed recently.

CITY ELECTIONS IN WINNIPEG TODAY

Winnipeg, Dec. 2.—(Canadian Press)—Forty-four candidates for nineteen vacancies in the Winnipeg city council and appeals to the electors. Polling is taking place today, under the proportional representation system with the exception of the mayoralty result, it is not probable that the names of the winners will be ascertained before tomorrow.

MORE CONTRACTS AWARDED IN THE HYDRO PLAN

For Hydraulic and Electrical Machinery

Satisfactory Progress in Preliminary Work at Musquash—Swearing in of New Government Members.

Frederton, N. B. Dec. 2.—The provincial government concluded its meeting here this morning, and its members left for St. John by the St. John and Quebec Railway. Hon. D. W. Mercer, minister of Agriculture and Hon. J. E. Hetherington, provincial secretary, who were sworn into office last night by his honor the Lieutenant Governor Thursday night, attended the session of the government which followed immediately and also were in attendance this morning.

The ceremony of swearing in took place at about 10:30 in the executive council chamber in the presence of the members of the cabinet. M. B. Dixon, clerk of the executive council, administered the oath after which the new ministers signed the roll.

Premier Foster announced immediately before his departure this morning that the awarding of contracts for hydro-electric installation at the Musquash River had been awarded on the recommendation of the water powers commission.

The contractors and the contract prices are as follows: S. Morgan Smith, \$68,056, hydraulic machinery; Canadian General Company, \$162,000, electrical machinery.

Satisfactory progress is being made on the preliminary work and construction at Musquash, the contract for which was awarded some time ago. The contracts above a total of a quarter of a million dollars. Work of installation is expected to be completed in 1921.

Chief Inspector J. B. Hawthorne was before the cabinet this morning. He made certain recommendations with regard to the issuing of licenses at various places in the province. The recommendations will be gazetted soon.

Hon. D. W. Mercer, Minister of Agriculture, was at his office this morning taking up his official duties. Hon. J. P. Tweeddale, who resigned as Minister of Agriculture last night, conferred with the new Minister relative to the taking over of the duties.

Restigouche.

The situation with regard to the protest against the election of H. Dittie, and D. Stewart, in Restigouche County, is clouded. It was said today that the committee on elections and privileges of the house of assembly probably would have to consider the matter apart from the petition of protest which will go before the courts. The situation is one of the most involved ever known in connection with an election in New Brunswick.

Sheriff Craig as returning officer made no declaration of the polling at the shiretown as is required by law and as Judge McLatchey, upon taking a report of that fact, however, Sheriff Craig made a return of the election to the department of the provincial secretary.

The point of utmost interest at the present time is whether or not Messrs. Stewart and Dittie can take their seats in the house before a decision in the case is reached. That is the point which probably will have to go to the committee on elections and privileges.

Early Session.

It is reported that an early session of the legislature is desired and the work of the various departments is being rushed to make it a fact. The issuing of the auditor general's report will be the chief deciding factor.

THREE MILLS IN U. S. CUT THEIR CEMENT PRICE

Chicago, Dec. 2.—Price reductions from \$2.60 to \$2.40 a b. mill to \$2.85 and \$2.35 a b. mill were announced yesterday by three cement companies having mills in Tennessee, Illinois, Michigan and other states.

At present there is cement available in any quantity for building, according to officials of the cement companies in this city, with almost immediate delivery.

PROMINENT AT ONTARIO CONSERVATIVE CONVENTION



Hon. G. S. Henry, whose name will likely be put forward for the leadership of conservatives in the Ontario legislature.

AMENDMENTS OF COVENANT IN THE MINDS OF ALL

Article 10 Not Openly Mentioned in Debate

French Delegate Against Action Involving Modification of Treaty—A Moment of Suspense—Canada's Delegates.

Geneva, Dec. 2.—Amendments for revision held the floor of the assembly yesterday, the debate bringing out clearly that amendments of the covenant was in the minds of nearly all the delegates, some of whom were more pressing in their desire for a perfect instrument than others, but all thinking of a revision of the treaty was not to be precipitated by a special committee. This understanding, however, came largely from the anxiety of the delegates not to precipitate revision until the attitude of the United States and the new government is known.

Leon Bourgeois, French delegate, demanded that it be understood that the committee should declare itself incompetent to consider any amendment to the covenant that involved modification of the treaty.

The close of the debate brought a mood of great suspense. The committee of Argentina, who failed to take part in the debate, voted alone against the resolution rejecting consideration of amendments to the covenant at this session. The presiding officer, Sir H. Hyndman, hesitated as to whether to believe that a single delegate would prevent unanimity.

M. Viviani, France, relieved the tension when he remarked that postponement involved only a question of procedure on which unanimity was not necessary. The resolution was adopted and the committee was authorized to report to the council and to propose any amendments that may be proposed.

Montclair, N. J., Dec. 2.—New Jersey's first mixed jury, five women and seven men, including one married couple, yesterday decided a case in favor of a hardware concern suing to collect a debt. The case had an exasperating experience trying to report a decision.

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When it was all over, the jurors said they had enjoyed their service. Each received a fee of seventy-five cents. The Stones took their separately.

Give Up Guns

Williamson, W. Va., Dec. 2.—Several hundred guns and pistols have been surrendered voluntarily to authorities of Mingo county, since modified military law went into effect in the coal strike zone.

The surrender of the arms was in compliance with the edict of Colonel Herman Hall, commanding the federal troops in the district that no person other than regularly constituted authorities may carry or possess arms or munitions.

BRITISH PAYMENTS TO UNITED STATES

London, Dec. 2.—Austen Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced in the House of Commons yesterday that the British share of the Anglo-French loan from the United States was repaid on the date due at a cost of £29,229,000. He added that the sum of sixteen million dollars with interest was repaid to the United States in respect of certain transactions during the current financial year, and with this exception, no payment of interest or principal had been made in the current year.

FLOUR SHORTAGE IN NEWFOUNDLAND

Estimated it Will Reach Some 100,000 Barrels by End of December.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 2.—Owing to the falling markets and the general depression prevailing here, Newfoundland is faced with a serious shortage of flour before this month ends, imports have been smaller than usual and the shortage of November 30 amounted to 40,000 barrels.

Included in the imports were large shipments from Montreal, and the closing of navigation from there will considerably reduce future shipments.

It is estimated that the shortage at the end of December will be about 100,000 barrels, as compared with normal years. Distributions around the extensive seaboard of this colony after New Year's Day will be difficult and some remote settlements will have but a meagre supply until spring.

GREAT FIRE NEAR VAN BUREN, ME.

Saw Mill, Lumber Yard, Freight Cars and Five Business Houses Burned.

Van Buren, Me., Dec. 2.—The border village of Allendale just outside this town was encircled early today by a fire that destroyed five business buildings, a saw mill, a lumber yard and two freight cars.

The loss was estimated at close to \$200,000.

A FINE SHOWING Canadian Prize Winning in Grain at Chicago International Exposition.

Ottawa, Dec. 2.—(Canadian Press)—The Dominion seed commission announces that at the Chicago international exposition, Canada won twenty-one of the twenty-five prizes, including the first three for spring wheat. In oats, western Canadian competition with the northwestern states won all prizes, but the sixth, and eastern Canada, in competition with the New England and North Central states, won the first, third and eighth prizes. Canada also won the first three prizes for flat corn and first and third for field peas.

WOMAN JUROR HELD UP ELEVEN

New Jersey's First Experience With Mixed Jury—Man and Wife Members.

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IT'S A QUIET WAR ON THE FIRST DAY

No Fighting by D'Annunzio and Italian Regulars

Blockade of Fiume Continues—Some Islands Cut Off—Poet-Soldier May be "Conciliatory" if His Services Are Recognized.

Triest, Dec. 2.—A state of war between the Kingdom of Italy and the "Regency of Quarnero," at Fiume, began at midnight, but up to a few minutes before that time there was no visible evidence that actual hostilities impended.

The blockade of Fiume was continuing and the only indications of trouble were the fierce pronouncements of Captain Gabriele D'Annunzio against Gen. Cavaglia and the regular Italian troops which were surrounding the city.

Communication between Fiume and the islands of Arbe and Veglia was cut by an Italian patrol in the Gulf of Quarnero and supplies cannot be taken to them from the city. Thus the poet-soldier's occupational forces there appear to be isolated.

Railroad traffic was functioning last night, but the usual restrictions were enforced on the line of demarcation between Fiume and the occupation zone outside, passage of the D'Annunzio legionary through the lines being forbidden.

Missaries of D'Annunzio are going to and fro explaining his point of view, but a little before midnight there were no extraordinary signs that the threat of war would take a more concrete form. Gen. Cavaglia has been able to tighten the conditions under which D'Annunzio's forces are held in Fiume, and all ships under the command of the poet-soldier remain in the harbor.

Fiume seemed tranquil yesterday, with the exception of unimportant raids by submarine chasers. There also was not the slightest movement of the population, which was maintaining an indifferent attitude toward the legationaries who were increased in number yesterday.

A member of D'Annunzio's staff told the Associated Press here that the poet-soldier wished recognition of his services in occupying Fiume from parliament and that he would be conciliatory in that event.

"No one can deny," he continued, "that D'Annunzio saved Fiume, but the charges contained in his work in recent parliamentary orders."

The cord of cabiniers, surrounding Fiume has been increased yesterday and very strict watch was being kept on all approaches to the city.

Oh, What a Life! Perth Amboy, N. J., Dec. 2.—Alton Jensen, a Arabian inventor, wants a divorce from his wife, Doc, and she wants one from him. Here are the counter charges contained in affidavits made public today.

Wife says: Husband threw pie in her face and washed her face with butter. Husband says: Wife put carpet tacks in his rice pudding and went to bed fully dressed for eight years.

Each says the other is not telling the truth. They have a seven year old daughter, whose custody is desired by the mother.

BURIED TODAY.

The funeral of Mrs. Sarah Lovina Collins was held this afternoon from the residence of R. C. Holow, 170 Winslow street, West St. John, to Fernhill.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. P. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis.—The disturbance which was over the maritime provinces yesterday has moved out to the Atlantic and the weather is now fair and somewhat colder from the Ottawa valley eastward. Another shallow disturbance is approaching the lake region from the westward. The weather continues mild in the western provinces.

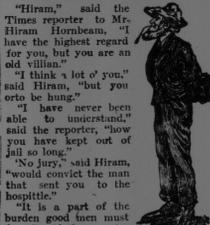
Fair. Maritime—Decreasing northwest and west winds, fair tonight and on Saturday, not much change in temperature. Gulf and North Shore—Decreasing northwest winds, fair and cold today and on Saturday.

New England—Partly cloudy and warmer tonight. Saturday unsettled and warmer; moderate variable winds, becoming south and southwest and increasing.

Toronto, Dec. 2.—Temperatures: Lowest 8 a.m. Highest during yesterday night.

Table with 2 columns: Location and Temperature. Locations include Prince Rupert, Victoria, Kamloops, Calgary, Edmonton, White River, White River, Kingstons, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, St. John, Halifax, St. John's, Detroit, and New York.

As Hiram Sees It



"Hiram," said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "I have the highest regard for you, but you are an old villain."

"I think a lot of you," said Hiram, "but you orto be hung."

"I have never been able to understand," said the reporter, "how you have kept out of jail so long."

"No jury," said Hiram, "would convict the man that sent you to the hospital."

"It is a part of the burden good men must bear," said the reporter, "that they must mingle with such miserable skunks as you."

"Oh, that," said the reporter, "that goes without saying. Everybody does that. But, as I said before,—You're a miserable skunk."

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GREAT DEMAND FOR V. O. NURSES

Meeting of Board of Governors for Canada in Ottawa Yesterday.

Ottawa, Dec. 2.—A greater demand than ever for Victorian Order nurses was registered yesterday at a meeting of the board of governors for Canada over which Dr. Thomas Gibson presided.

Others who took part in the earnest discussions as to the various forms of work included Lady Borden, Mrs. D. C. Mac-Arrow of Montreal, Mrs. J. B. Fraser, Mrs. E. A. Cruikshank, Sir George Burr, A. W. Fleck, Dr. F. Montzambert, Dr. Amyot, Dr. Charles Morse and C. A. Magrath.

Mrs. J. C. Hamington the dominion superintendent of the Victorian Order of Nurses, said there was not a sufficient number of nurses to supply the requests. A call had come in from the Magdalen Islands, and just so soon as the order peddler, including one man, who had what is said to be the largest stock of illicit drugs ever seized by the police here. During the court session, two hundred of the prisoners offered to assist the crown by divulging their source of supply. This is expected to lead to further arrests.

LOWER PRICES Cream and Pasteurized Milk in Winnipeg Cheaper.

Winnipeg, Dec. 2.—Pasteurized milk in bottles will be reduced, effective Saturday next, one cent a quart, so it was announced by local creameries yesterday. This will bring the price to fifteen cents a quart. Milk in pint bottles will remain at nine cents as now. Coffee cream will be reduced from sixteen cents to fourteen cents. The half pint and shipping cream from twenty-five cents to twenty-four cents.

HE BLAMES POLICE Father Says Interfered With if He Punishes Son for Misdemeanor.

St. Catharines, Ont., Dec. 2.—"The police of Hamilton are the ruin of families," was a statement made by the father of one of two Hamilton boys charged in the police court with holding up and robbing Jim Kee a St. Catharines Chinese laundryman.

"If I start to lick this kid all he has to do is yell loud enough and the police come in like there was a riot," said the father in court.

It was arranged that the boy, who is 16, will report to the Hamilton police once a week and report here in a month. The other kid, fourteen years of age, also of Hamilton, will go back to Mississauga to serve out the expired term of his probation.

THESE FARMERS UPHOLD STAND TAKEN BY HANNA

Ottawa, Dec. 2.—A meeting of the United Farmers of Carleton county at Bell's Corner last night endorsed an extension of rural bank credits, publicly owned long distance telephones and supported President Hanna of the C. N. R. in his stand that government railway employees should not be allowed to become candidates for federal or provincial parliaments.

THERE IS A GOOD DEAL OF SMALLPOX IN THE DOMINION CAPITAL

Ottawa, Dec. 2.—Smallpox is still reported in Ottawa and 162 cases were reported during November. At a meeting of the board of health yesterday civil health authorities said that the disease was not gaining, although patients were reported and sent to the hospital on Thursday and Friday every day.

TARIFF AS NOW PREVENTS LIVING COST REDUCTION

Premier Drury of Ontario Believes Commission

Advocates Cut Until Protective Feature Minimized—Favors Tax if it is Collected on Real Luxuries.

Toronto, Dec. 2.—Premier E. C. Drury anticipated representations to be made on the tariff question by the U. F. O. today by appearing before the commission yesterday and advocating a cut in the present tariff "until the protective feature was minimized." He said further: "I would make it a revenue tariff. He said that he had not come to go into specific details with the commission, but to deal with the question on broad general principles.

Premier Drury advocated a material reduction of the present tariff. In answer to a question from Chairman Drayton, the Premier said there were a dozen different ways of obtaining revenue besides the tariff. He would not object to a land tax, he said.

"What about a luxury tax?" inquired Sir Henry Drayton. "A very good thing if you make it a luxury tax," the Premier replied. He said he thought real luxuries, such as valuable paintings, should be taxed as a luxury.

Premier Drury said that manufacturers who sought to retain the existing tariff or have it made still higher looked at the question from a very narrow viewpoint. It was purely selfish he said. The chief thing was to get down the cost of living, and the present tariff was one of the great stumbling blocks to this.

FIVE FINED AND JAILED IN WEST IN DOPE CASES

Two Say They Will Divulge Source of Supply and More Arrests Are Expected.

Saskatoon, Sask., Dec. 2.—Fines ranging from \$200 to \$1,000, together with five jail sentences were yesterday imposed upon five cocaine and morphine peddlers, including one man, who had what is said to be the largest stock of illicit drugs ever seized by the police here. During the court session, two hundred of the prisoners offered to assist the crown by divulging their source of supply. This is expected to lead to further arrests.

ONTARIO BONDS Issue of \$6,000,000, Some of It to Be Used for Hydro Development.

Toronto, Dec. 2.—Eighteen bond houses are handling the \$6,000,000 Ontario issue which is just entering the market. In view of the reissuing of Victory bonds and the resultant unsettlement of the market, provincial bonds are offered at a price to yield 6.60 per cent.

This is well above the rate in Victory bonds at yesterday's prices. It is understood that the province requires the money for hydro development on the Chippewa Canal. The bonds will be sold at 94.84. No statement was available from the syndicate as to the price paid by the syndicate for bonds, because the cost to the province has not been disclosed.

PROMINENT JEWS AND ARABS THERE Wedding of Son of Sir Herbert Samuel on Next Monday in Jerusalem.

Jerusalem, Dec. 2.—Men recently recruited for the Jewish regiment will be mobilized on December 3 and will form a guard of honor at the wedding of Edwin Samuel, son of Sir Herbert Samuel, high commissioner for Palestine, and Miss Hadassah Graevsky of Jaffa on Dec. 6. Six hundred guests have been invited to the wedding, which will be in government house. They include prominent Jews and Arabs.

LA FRANCE AND BARGE COLLIDE; LATTER SINKS

New York, Dec. 2.—The steamship La France of the French Line, proceeding down New York Bay yesterday, collided with a three masted coal barge which sank off Staten Island.

The barge was the Greenwood, of Portland, Maine, carrying coal. La France continued on her voyage to Havre last yesterday.

David Klein, of Newark, was the only member of the Greenwood's crew found to have suffered injuries and his condition was reported not serious.