

## PREMIER-ELECT ANXIOUS TO BE INDEPENDENT OF THE NEW LEADERS FROM QUEBEC

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### SIR LOMER GOUIN CALLS ON KING

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Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—Sir Lomer Gouin arrived here tonight, but whether to instruct or be instructed, remains to be seen. Already Ernest Lapointe, East Quebec, Hon. Jacques Bureau and Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux have been called in conference by their leader and now comes Sir Lomer. It is doubtful if the relations between Mr. King and the Gouin-Lemieux-Mitchell faction are as cordial as those which exist between the Liberal leader and his close parliamentary associates. Ernest Lapointe, Hon. Jacques Bureau and James Robt. This has given rise to the report that Mr. King is in negotiation with Mr. Crerar to form a coalition and make him independent of the new Quebec leaders. It is scarcely possible that the report can be true, as Mr. Crerar's supporters would not follow their leader into such a coalition, nor that Mr. King would split his Quebec support. Mr. Crerar is a strong liberal partisan, but Mr. King, in fact he was prepared to attend the Ottawa Liberal convention in 1919 and abstained only on the urgent advice of his friends.

### Crerar Tactics.

It is believed that Mr. Crerar will pursue the same tactics in this Parliament as in the last, splitting the vote of his followers, but carrying the division against the defeat of the Government. Hon. W. S. Fielding is here, and Hon. Dr. Beaudry is also on the scene. W. D. Miller, German-Canadian editor, who has also arrived and is considered a Cabinet possibility, possibly the portfolio of immigration and colonization.

### King Still Hedging.

Hon. Mr. King's statement in today's press, that he did not know what plans Mr. Meighen might be making as to the resignation of his government, is inconceivable in light of the facts. On Friday last Mr. Meighen wrote Mr. King that he was ready to retire at once and asked his wishes. He received a letter in reply that, on Thursday last, he would be informed of Mr. King's wishes. In face of this correspondence, Mr. King would appear to still be carrying on an election campaign. The Government is ready and anxious to retire from office, and in view of Mr. King's statement, will probably not await his pleasure.

Hon. Frank Oliver's boom for a Cabinet position has been killed. If there is a cabinet minister from the Senate in addition to Senator Bostock, it will be a French Canadian, chosen from such representatives as Senators Belcourt, Dandurand and Casgrain.

### Gov't in Session At Fredericton

Much Speculation as to Whether By-Elections Will be Called.

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Fredericton, Dec. 13.—The meeting of the Provincial Government, delayed because of the Federal general election last week, opened here tonight. On account of some of the members arriving late the session was short. The government will be in session tomorrow.

Two vacancies in the House of Assembly exist because of the election of Hon. J. B. M. Baxter and G. R. Jones to the Dominion House of Commons. It is not known whether by-elections will be held in the immediate future or be delayed.

## NINE PERSONS PERISHED AND THREE INJURED IN BURNING BUILDING

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 13.—Nine persons, seven of them children, are dead and three others are seriously burned, on perhaps fatally, as the result of a fire early today that destroyed the farm home of Mrs. Margaret Waken, two miles north of the Detroit city limits. The dead are Mrs. Waken's husband and her four children; Mrs. Ellen Comick, of Detroit, and the latter's three children, who were visiting at the Waken home. Mrs. Waken is not expected by hospital authorities to recover. Joseph Wawaski, 24, a boarder at the home, jumped from a second story window, his clothing ablaze. His condition is serious. Another boarder escaped uninjured by jumping from the window. The fire started from an explosion caused when Mrs. Waken poured kerosene into a kitchen stove to start a fire. The Waken and Comick children were burned to death in their beds.

## RESENT ACTION OF SO. AFRICA NAMING GERMAN FOR TRADE COMMISSIONER

London, Dec. 13.—(By Canadian Press Cable)—Strong resentment has been expressed at the action of the Government of South Africa in appointing a naturalized German, Karl Spithaus, as the South African Trade Commissioner for North and West Europe, according to a cable from Reuters' Cape Town correspondent. This appointment, which was made very recently, was the subject of a crowded public meeting last night, called by the Mayor to protest against it. The gathering unanimously passed a resolution demanding the cancellation of the appointment on the ground that Spithaus was interested during the war as a German, and was naturalized only in 1913.

## Sir Robert Borden Affixes Signature To Four-Power Treaty

Closeted With Senator Underwood in Discussion of Chinese Tariff Questions.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Sir Robert Borden, who has been laid up with a severe cold, drove to the state department shortly before 11 o'clock today and signed the four power treaty on behalf of Canada. His signature follows immediately after those of the other country delegates in the formal draft of the treaty. Immediately after the signing of the treaty, Sir Robert Borden and Senator Underwood were closeted for half an hour in one of the private offices of the department. They discussed details of the Chinese tariff question. Mr. Underwood is the chairman of the subcommittee which is dealing with this subject and Sir Robert Borden is the representative of the Empire on the committee.

Afterwards Sir Robert said that good progress was being made, but declined to discuss any of the details of the proposals. It is understood, the committee is dealing in regard to China's tariff demands. He expressed his satisfaction at being able to participate in the great event which had just been enacted. Sir Robert returned to his suite at the Lafayette immediately after his conference with Mr. Underwood. He spent a part of the afternoon in further consideration of the tariff question.

## Schooner Isma Driven Ashore And Is Total Loss

Had Romantic Career, Marked by Much Strife With Revenue Officers.

Sydney, N. S., Dec. 13.—A romantic career, marked by much strife with revenue officers, came to a close today, when the schooner Isma blew ashore in a gale and became a total loss on the rocky beach at Malindi, a lonely spot on the Cape Breton coast, fifty miles from Sydney.

Three weeks ago the Isma was seized by the cutter Restless on a charge of smuggling, after a pitched battle on the beach between smugglers and the crew of the cutter and revenue officers. Since that time she has been under arrest, anchored off the village of Malindi, awaiting the disposition of the case. She is only a small vessel and there was no one on board when she blew ashore.

## Captain Hyslop Loses His Life

Montreal, Dec. 13.—Advises were received here today to the effect that Captain James Hyslop, commander of the Cairn Line vessel Cairnross, tripped in going down a ladder and fell into the hold of his ship yesterday at Portland, Me., expiring almost instantly.

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## His Worship Mayor Mederic Martin Was Howled Down

Attempted to Make Speech at Liberal Convention in Montreal.

Montreal, Dec. 13.—His Worship Mayor Mederic Martin was howled down and pandemonium broke loose at the St. Mary's Hall here tonight when an attempt was made to hold a Liberal convention to nominate a candidate for St. Mary's division in the provincial by-election to be held December 23. Hon. J. L. Perron, who, with Hon. Athanasius David was on the platform flanked by an array of aldermen and progressive candidates recognized early in the proceedings that it would be impossible to hold the convention and declared that it was a free-for-all and that all that was asked was that a true Liberal would be elected who would support the Provincial Government.

## New Record For Port of Montreal

Arrival of Steamer Yesterday Establishes Longest Navigation Season in 70 Years.

Montreal, Dec. 13.—A new record is created for the port of Montreal by the arrival here today of the George W. Clyde, making a longer season of navigation for the port for the year 1921 than any other in its history. When the first steamer docked here this year on March 29th it constituted the earliest opening of the port for 70 years and today's arrival makes the duration of the present season eight and a half months.

The vessel experienced little or no difficulty in ascending the river St. Lawrence, but special precautions were taken to keep the Lachine Canal open to the first leg of her inland voyage to Chicago.

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## U. S. SENATOR KNOCKING FOUR PARTY ENTENTE

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## BRINGS AMERICA INTO EUROPEAN ALLIANCE

Declares Pacific Treaty Posseces All the Iniquities of the League of Nations.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Declaring that the new four power Pacific treaty made possible by a world-wide treaty had "all the iniquities of the League of Nations with none of the virtues claimed for that document," Senator La Follette, Republican of Wisconsin, today announced in a formal statement that he was prepared to do "all in my power to prevent its ratification."

Mr. La Follette declared that the document, as it stands, binds the United States to recognize the title of Great Britain and Japan to the vast territory in the Pacific seized by these powers under the treaty of Versailles, which territory he added, was divided in accordance with a secret treaty negotiated between Great Britain and Japan prior to the entrance of the United States into the war.

Under the cloak of a conference, made possible by a world-wide treaty of disarmament," the Senator continued, "the diplomats, representing reactionary sentiment in Great Britain, France, Japan and the United States, have entered into a treaty of alliance which morally binds this country to go to war whenever the rights of either of the high contracting parties in the Pacific are threatened."

"For the United States to enter an alliance with the only great imperialist nations which survived the war is a rash substitute for the peaceful, anti-imperialist United States policy tested by a century and a quarter, and based upon friendship with all nations and entangling alliance with none."

Will Not Prevent War. Article two of the Pacific treaty was attacked by a speech of Senator La Follette and as binding upon the United States as it is possible to bind a country by treaty agreement to participate in whatever "official" measure may be deemed necessary by the powers party to the treaty.

"This treaty will no more prevent war than did the alliances consummated prior to 1914," the Senator said, "and it will do more to prevent war, and when we ratify it we morally bind this country in advance to participate in any hostilities which may arise in the Pacific where imperialist nations are in conflict."

Mr. La Follette predicted defeat of the treaty, saying it was inconceivable to him that the Senate should consent "to such an act of treachery as the treaty contemplates."

## Court Annuls Bequest of \$15,000

Will Carrying Bequest Made Under Undue Influence and Otherwise Wrong.

Montreal, Dec. 13.—A bequest of \$15,000 to Mrs. Thomas J. MacNamara by will of Mrs. Robert Gruenwald, who died on July 14 last conditionally on the former taking the latter's daughter Belle and keeping her for life, was annulled in the courts here this afternoon.

## Sailings Between New York and 'The Irish Free State'

Announced by Circulars Printed in Green Ink — Ships Operated by U. S. Line.

New York, Dec. 13.—Circulars printed in green ink today announced sailings between New York and the "Irish Free State" by a fleet of five passenger ships owned by the United States Shipping Board and operated by the United States Line.

The Cunard Line announced today that it had received cable advices of the lifting of restrictions on the port of Queenstown, Ireland, and that henceforth all Cunard steamers for Liverpool would touch at the Irish port. Lifting of the restrictions on east-bound sailings were announced by the British Admiralty in London last night. The original order, issued under the restoration of order in Ireland regulations, was understood to have been designed to prevent shipment of arms into Ireland from the United States.

## RATIFICATION OF FOUR POWER TREATY BY NATIONS INVOLVED MAY MEET WITH OBSTACLES

TEN REAR ADMIRALS OF JAPANESE NAVY HAVE BEEN DISCHARGED

3,000 Steel Workers Out of Employment by Closing of Factories in Anticipation of Naval Limitation Agreement

Washington, Dec. 13.—In anticipation of a naval limitation agreement, ten rear admirals of the Japanese navy have received honorable discharges, according to advices which reached the Japanese delegation headquarters today. Some 3,000 employees of the Maru-ni Steel Company, which supplies great quantities of steel to the shipbuilding plant of the Imperial Navy, also have been discharged, the dispatches added.

## Interest Centres in Reception Which Will be Accorded Treaty in U. S. Senate.

Generally Believed He Can Muster Necessary Strength to Ratify the Pact.

Washington, Dec. 13.—(By Ben Deach, Staff Correspondent of the Canadian Press)—With the signing of the treaty for the settlement of all controversies arising in connection with the islands of the Pacific an accomplished fact, attention turned tonight to the next steps to be taken leading to the formal ratification of the compact.

Interest centers very largely in the reception which will be accorded the treaty by the United States Senate. Senator Borah's assault on the pact was followed by a similar attack from Senator La Follette today. That some of the former "irreconcilables" in the Senate will place a heavy verbal barrage in the path of the treaty is certain. The general impression is that after this element has talked itself out it would be discovered the Administration has the support of the majority of the Senate. The treaty is at most certain to be ratified, all unbiased political observers here declare.

A spokesman in the Administration said this afternoon that there would be no hurry in placing the treaty before the Senate. The general impression, however, is that President Harding will see to it that it gets there before the close of the conference.

The procedure in connection with ratification by the United States is plain, but there seems to be a good deal of misunderstanding in regard to the procedure which will be followed by the other interested nations.

Procedure Required. The final clause states that the agreement shall be ratified as soon as possible, in accordance with the constitutional methods of the high contracting parties.

Whether the treaty goes before the House of Commons in Canada will rest entirely with the Canadian Government.

The proceedings will be for the Governments of the Dominions and the British Empire and the British Government itself to authorize the King formally to ratify the treaty. The deposit of ratification on behalf of the empire, cannot take place until authorization has been received from all of the self-governing units whose plenipotentiaries have affixed their signatures to the document.

In this respect the Canadian Government thus has equal status with the government of Great Britain.

Reserve Conditions. The signing of the treaty by the United States delegates this morning was made subject to a written understanding with the Japanese Government providing that the United States-Japanese treaty regarding Yap must be consummated before the four power compact is binding.

There was no possibility of any serious difficulties arising in connection with this, it was said, and the treaty would undoubtedly be signed within a few days. Today's signature also contained a provision that domestic questions of the various powers are not to be considered as within the scope of the treaty.

## Schooner Bluenose Had Rough Trip

Arrives at Lunenburg With Salt After Stormiest Voyage in Experience of Capt.

Lunenburg, N. S., Dec. 13.—Thirteen days from Turk's Island, with salt the schooner Bluenose, champion of the North Atlantic fishing fleets, arrived here today after the stormiest voyage in the experience of her master, Captain Angus Walters, Homeward bound, she was only able to carry her whole mahogany for four hours. Vessels which left Turk's Island five days ahead have not reached here.

## London's Canada Club Pays Honor To Former Secretary

Large Number at Dinner Given to J. G. Colmer — Sir Geo. Perley Presided.

London, Dec. 13.—(Canadian Press Cable)—Members of the Canada Club of London turned up in large numbers for tonight's dinner to J. G. Colmer, who recently resigned the honorary secretaryship of the club after twenty-five years' service. Sir George Perley, High Commissioner, presided. Mr. Colmer is one of the veterans of the Canadian community of the metropolis. He came over with Sir Alexander Gait, the first High Commissioner, in 1880, and served as Secretary of the High Commissioner's office under his successors, Sir Charles Tupper and Lord Strathcona. Nearly twenty years ago he took over the office in Victoria Street for the stock exchange, becoming partner in the firm of Colmer, Son and Company, which has many close associations with financial enterprises in the Dominion.

## ECONOMIC MOVE WILL BE MADE BY LLOYD GEORGE

Plans Cancellation of All War Debts Owning Britain by France and Others.

## TWO BILLION STERLING AMOUNT INVOLVED

Problematical What the United States' Attitude Will be in the Matter.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Some of the foreign diplomats in attendance at the arms conference have received word which they interpret as indicating that David Lloyd George, the British Premier, is preparing to take the initiative in world economic matters.

The British Prime Minister's plan according to the information in the hands of these diplomats, contemplates the cancellation of all war debts owing to Great Britain by Italy, France, Belgium, Russia and the smaller Balkan Allies, amounting, with interest, to upwards of two billions sterling.

Lloyd George's Proposal. Premier Lloyd George, it is recalled, proposed to President Wilson that all inter-allied debts, including those owing to the United States, should be cancelled, but his present design, according to the understanding, does not include the renewal of that suggestion to the United States. He is said to intend to annul the debts of other countries due Great Britain subject to conditions, one, it is understood, being France should forego the debts of allied countries to her amounting to about the equivalent of two billions of dollars; another being a reduction of German reparation due to France by 12,111,000,000 francs. This is the amount the French Government borrowed from Great Britain during the war, and is about as large a sum as that loaned to France by the United States, which was 15,235,000,000 francs at the exchange then used of 5.45 francs to the dollar.

## Curley Elected Mayor of Boston

Closest Mayoralty Contest Ever Known in History of the City.

Boston, Dec. 13.—Former Mayor James Curley was elected Mayor of Boston today by a plurality of 2,315 votes over John R. Murphy, former fire commissioner. In one of the closest mayoralty contests in the history of the city, the other two candidates ran far behind. The vote was: Curley, 73,889; Murphy, 71,554; Charles S. Baxter, 4,243; Charles S. O'Connor, 10,812.

## Dominion-Wide Plan of Great War Vets For Christmas

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 13.—(Canadian Press)—Dominion-wide plans of the Great War Veterans' Association for the care of unemployed returned men and their families this Christmas include arrangements for the distribution of hampers of food, clothing and necessities and even appropriate toys to the younger children. An effort is being made by all the branches of the association to make the gifts meet the needs of the recipients. For instance, it is planned to obtain first-hand knowledge of the conditions surrounding each case and to give accordingly. A large sum of money will be expended in this effort in addition to contributions of food and clothing from merchants.

The details of the arrangements in each city and town are under the jurisdiction of the local branches. Particularly generous proposals are being worked out in Sydney, N. S., where owing to the large number of miners unemployed, there is a great deal of suffering. Excellent plans are also underway in Halifax, St. John, Moncton, and other cities.

## JAPAN ACCEPTS U. S. PROPOSAL FOR 5-5-3 NAVAL ARMS LIMITATION

Washington, Dec. 13.—Japan's acceptance of the United States proposal for a 5-5-3 naval limitation has been communicated to the United States and British delegates, and it was said that an agreement might be expected into this week.

In agreeing to accept the proposed naval ratio, it was said in United States quarters, Japan coupled with it a renewed request that she be allowed to retain the new battleship Mutsu in place of one of her old line ships, which would have been retained.

The Japanese requests were considered at a meeting this afternoon of the United States delegates with assistant secretary Roosevelt of the Navy Department and Admiral Counts, chief of naval operations. It was said that they are not prepared at this time to accept Japan's request for retaining the Mutsu.