PREMIERSHIP OF FRANCE GOES TO RAOUL PERET

EDITION

Weather-Colder.

mdon Advertiser

Weather-Colder.

57TH YEAR, NO. 22920

THE LONDON ADVERTISER, LONDON, ONTARIO, FRIDAY EVENING, JANUARY 14, 1921.

PRICE THREE CENTS.

assisted by LeRoy Hiles of Langarth street, who was passing, tried to push it from the tracks. Fortunately the street, who was passing, tried to push it from the tracks. Fortunately the front wheels were in an angle suff-cient to turn. Only a few seconds after the track was cleared the train rushed

RAOUL PERET

NEW PREMIER

OF FRANCE, TO

FORM CABINET

Him To Take Over the

Responsibilities.

ACCEPTS IMMEDIATELY

Will Inform President To-

night as to Outcome of

His Efforts.

FAMINE THREATENS MANY SECTIONS OF INDIA

PLANS BEING RUSHED FOR REBUILDING OF MUNICIPAL OFFICES

New Civic Structure Will Be Four Stories in Height — An Elevator Will Carry Stout Aldermen to the Council Chambers.

under way today. Building Inspector A. M. Piper and the staff of the public utilities are co-operating on the work and likely will have complete drawings to lay before the aldermen next week. This prompt action is largely due to the fact that tentative plans were drawn up last year, although the project was not considered a live issue at that time. These furnished a basis for the plans being drawn today. These furnished a basis for the plans being drawn today.

The building will be four stories in height, and another story will be added to the present utilities building to conform with it. The same style of architecture will be followed as was used in the utilities, so that the present quariers of the commission and the city hall will have the appearance of one complete building.

According to the rough sketches the central part of the structure will be five stories in height. This additional story will accommodate the council chambers and the committee rooms, while all the city offices would be on the floors below.

The utilities building was designed in such a manner that an elevator could such a manner that an elevator could be installed it another story was added. It is now probable that this will not be necessary, as an elevator will be installed in the centre of the building, so as to reach the council chambers on the fifth floor. The elevator, at the ground floor will open on a large rotunda to which an ornamental entrance will give access from the street.

It is believed that there is ample room on the present site for a city hall to meet present needs. The site has a frontage of 95 feet and a depth of 90 feet.

Frontage of 145 Feet.

The lot occupied by the public utilities building is also 90 feet deep but only 50 feet wide. The completed city offices, with the utilities building, will have a frontage of 145 feet. The utilities building cost about \$110,000 to erect by day labor. The city hall will cost at least three times that amount, according to present estimates. at least three times that amount, according to present estimates.

Ald. W. A. Wilson declares that the present site is ideal and has many advantages which the Federal Square on the south side of the street has not For instance, the street line extends in about thirty feet on the north side. This permits the parking of a large number of cars without interfering with the traffic on the busy main thoroughthe traffic on the busy main thorough-fare. This is regarded as a particularly good feature, as there is no space for parking cars at the rear of the build-ing, as there is in Toronto and some other cities.

other cities.

Another favorable feature is that the bullding will face south. According to Ald. Wilson, the snow melts more quickly on this side of the street, and the surrounding are more pleasant.

The question of temporary quarters while the new building is under construction has not been definitely settled. Two large warehouses, which are empty af the present time, are under tled. Two large warehouses, which are empty at the present time, are under consideration. One of these is located on Richmond street. If this were cated on Richmond street. If this were taken as temporary offices, more vaults would have to be constructed and heating apparatus installed. The other building is located on King street, and is smaller than the first one. It might possibly be refitted as an office building



Venizelos (to Clemenceau and operations) yet george seems as popular as ever.

Wilson—Lucky beggar! He's got the most faithful public in the world.

—From London Opinion. (to Clemenceau and Wil son)-We've all lost our jobs, b

DROUGHT

British Government Is Deeply Concerned Over the Situation.

LITTLE MEAT EATEN

Shortage of Food Expected to Increase Unrest Among Natives.

London, Jan. 14.-Official announce ment that famine exists in several districts of India, made yesterday at the India office, has occasioned concern in England. The present scarcity of food in Great Britain's mighty dependency in the east comes at an inopportune time for the Government, which is al. ready grappling with serious unrest among the natives, and it is realized here that no other single thing could cause greater disquietude in India than a shortage of grain. Mere mention of famine in India reighted with terror for the natives of that country, who look back to times when scores of thousands of their fellows perished from starvation, which has often been attended by plague. Little meat is eaten by the 315,000,000 people in this yeast eastern empire, who subsist mainly on grate. empire, who subsist mainly on grain.
Since great tracts of the country are arid, the farmers are dependent partly on favorable monsoons, and the failure of these winds is a calamity, since racts under irrigation are not sufficient to supply the country with the necessary food.
Yesterday's India office statement said that crops in Punjab, in the exreme northwestern part of the Indian peninsula, are poor. The greatest irrigation works in all India are situated in this province. this province, the population of hich is more than 25,000,000. Several which is more than 25,000,000. Several other districts mentioned are heavily populated, notably Hyderabad, with more than 11,000,000. Even local famines would cause intense suffering, and if the whole country should be affected the results might be terrible, especially in the thickly populated cities.

BOLSHEVIK FORCES WITHDRAWN FROM **GEORGIAN FRONTIER**

War-Tired Reds in Many Cases Desert to Enemy.

Tiflis, Jan. 14.—Withdrawal of Russian Bolshevik forces from the Georgian frontier has been completed, according to an official statement issued by the Georgian Government. Demoralized and war tired, Tartar Bolsheviki have deserted to the Georgian forces, and have been disarmed.

Demobilization of the classes of 1886 to 1890 in the soviet army in the Caucasus region have been decreed at Moscow, it is said in reports, which are casus region have been decreed at Moscow, it is said in reports, which are as yet not confirmed. Karl Radek, a member of the soviet central committee at Moscow, is said to have left that city for Angora, where he will consider "Ith leaders of the Turkish National Sugestions relative to boundaries and the introduction of Bolshevism into Anatolia.

Nominations Are Being Held Today in Colony.

Toronto, Jan. 14.—(Canadiza Press).— This is nomination day throughout the British Union of South Africa, and the expectation is that there will be official. iy named in almost every constituency, candidates of each of the three principal parties—South African Unionist, Nationalist and Labor. Three-cornered contests will, it is thought, be a general thing

The South African Unionist coalition The South African Unionist coalition is the party of the present Government, led by Gen. Jan Christian Smuts. The principal issue in the campaign is that of secession from the British Empire, which the Nationalists strongly support. The latest manifestos of the leaders of that party affirm their demand for republicanism, notwithstanding the publication recently of a "minute" prepared by Senator Marais of the "Nationalist head committee," urging "that the head committee must decide to drop the republic for the time being, and contest the election of the economic issue, so as to cut the ground from under the feet of the Government."

The Labor party is split into two The Labor party is split into two camps, "Liberal Labor party" and the "Cape Labor party," both of whom, apparently, avoid the secession issue, and

WEST PETERBORO IS SCENE OF RED HOT POLITICAL CONTEST

are campaigning on internal questions

All Five Candidates Engaged in Active Campaign.

LIBERALS CONFIDENT

Women's Vote Will Be Given Careful Attention by

Organizations.

Peterboro, Jan. 14.—The five candidates now involved in the West Peterboro by-elections are now engaged in one of the liveliest political battles ever one of the liveliest political battles ever staged in this constituency. With the exception of J. C. Campbell, the U. F. O. nominee, and Thomas J. McMurray, Labor candidate, all have opened up committee headquarters, and a small army of workers are striving to clean up the voters' lists before they are closed. While the actual registration was concluded last Saturday evening, there still remains through the medium was concluded last Saturday evening, there still remains through the medium of the county judge one more chance of getting on the lists.

D. H. Burnham, ex-M.P.P., has filed his remination papers and made his

his nomination papers, and made his deposit. "I am ready for the polls," he declared. declared.

Liberal Candidate Busy.

Mr. G. N. Gordon, Liberal candidate. completed his organization last evening, and promises to set a lively pace. Women organizers have been enlisted to look after the women's vote and special quarters opened for their convenience. The R. Denne Government interests

have been at work for over two weeks, and have started their canvass of the city. They have a large force of workers, including a number from oueside, and are conducting an intensive campaign, with the tariff as the main issue. It will be another week before there is much stirring in the Lebester of the stirring in t much stirring in the Labor and U.F.O.

SOME HEN!

Ottawa, Jan. 14.—A small White Leghorn hen, owned by Mrs. G. Mc-Gill, laid an egg yesterday with three yolks intact, measuring eight and a half inches in circumference one way and six and three-quarter inches the other, and weighing four ounces.

SECRETARY WM. TITE RESIGNS FROM L. R. C.; PROTEST, CLAIMS

Vice-Pres. J. G. Hothersall Says Resignation Will Un- Objection Is Raised to Alleged donntedia Re Accepted.

NOT GOOD POLITICIAN

New Secretary Will Be Elect. ed At Meeting On Janu-

"So that others may have a turn at it and take the same chances that I have had to do," was the explanation of William Tite, secretary of the Labor Representation Committee, of his resignation of the post, which was placed in the hands of Vice-President Hothersall on January 10, but on which no action has yet been taken.
"Since taking over the duties of secretary in November, 1919, at the election of the permanent officers of the committee, I have been nicknamed the notorious Bill Tite, and I think it is time somebody else enjoyed some of 'notorious Bill Tite,' and I think it is time somebody else enjoyed some of these pleasantries," added Mr. Tite.

Elected in November, 1919.

At the present time the committee is without a secretary, and that no new appointment will be made until the regular meeting on January 28. The committee was organized in October, 1919, for the purpose of directing the efforts of organized labor in the city along political lines, and J. F. Thomson was chosen provisional secretary, his place being a month later filled by Mr. Tite.

son was chosen provisional secretary, his place being a month later filled by Mr. Tite.

The committee has taken active part in the last two municipal elections, and has run full labor slates, with some measure of success in January, 1920, but with decidedly reduced success this year. Much complaint has been made against the committee since its formation by many of the oldtime trade unionists on the grounds that it was being run by the Independent Labor Party and Socialists for their own ends rather than in accordance with the purpose of its constitution, the securing of better representation for labor in civic management.

n civic management.
Secretary of T. and L. in civic management,

Secretary of T. and L.

In answer to an inquiry by The Advertiser, J. G. Hothersall stated that owing to absence from the city, he had only received Mr. Tite's resignation today, and added, "it will be accepted. At the present time Mr. Tite is holding the position of secretary of the trades and labor council, as well as that of the Labor Representative Committee, and we have always maintained that the two positions should be separated. We have no fault to find with Mr. Tite, but one organization is pugely industrial and the other political. Mr. Tite is an excellent industrial worker, but a poor politician."

Mr. Hothersall intimated that pending the meeting of the committee on January 28 be will be recommittee on Januar

the meeting of the committee on January 28, he will carry on the duties of the secretary, but stated that he was quite unprepared to make any fore as to who would likely be chosen fill the post vacated by Mr. Tite.

\$50,000 FIRE LOSS AT WHITBY HOSPITAL

Whitby. Ont., Jan. 13.—Fire tonight caused a loss of \$50,000 on the building now under construction for use as a provincial hospital. The flames spread to the march pear by and the withered to the marsh near by and the withere grass burned fiercely.

O'CONNOR WILL CONTEST RIDING AS INDEPENDENT IF HE DECIDES TO RUN

Ottawa, Jan. 14.—"As to whether I shall be a candidate in West Peterboro, I am not able to say, and I do not expect to decide until nomination day." "That one priest who refused to write man of the board of commerce, here last night. "If nominated it will not be as a supporter of the Government, but as an independent. I am not in complete accord with the Government's tariff policy. I would go very much farther towards protection of Canadian industry and Canadian labor than does the Government's announced platform.

"That Catholic churches, convents, provided and priests were the objects of constant outrage by the British forces in Ireland.

"That one priest who refused to write Christian gospel, the Koran and other faiths of the east.

"That a priest was killed because he Brockville, Jan. 14.—Rev. Thomas Carey, formerly parish priest at Erinsteam of the commission of the committee of one hundred.

"That there was constant mistreatment of women."

"That there was constant mistreatment of women."

looking Canal.

Panama. Jan. 14.—Action by United States officers in taking possession of a small tract of ground east of Colon, on Bahla de las Minas, has resulted in on Bahla de las Minas, has resulted in the dispatch to Washington of a formal and energetic protest by the Panaman Government. On the tract of ground involved is a hill, which is said to be adapted for works defending the eastern entrance of the Panama Canal.

The note protests against "the act of force" by which the United States took possession of the land and was sent possession of the land, and was sent on January 11 to the Panaman charge d'affaires in Washington, who was in-

"been taken for the defence of the canal" under the provisions of the Hay-Varilla treaty, article two of that convention being quoted as authority for the action. Assertion is made that this action was without the consent of the Panaman Government, the right of the United States to select and occupy territory under the treaty without the consent of Panama is denied, and it is declared that development of this proconsent of Panama is genied, and the declared that development of this procedure would "give the United States the right to occupy the entire Panaman republic should it be deemed necessary for canal purposes."

O'CALLAGHAN CLAIMS **BRITISH GOVERNMENT** PERSECUTED PEOPLE

canal purposes.

Lord Mayor of Cork Appears Before U. S. "Investigating" Committee.

SPREADS PROPAGANDA

Sinn Feiner Busy While U. S. Departments Disagree On Deportation.

Washington, Jan. 14 .- Wild charges nection with its activities in Ireland were heard this morning by the commission of the committee of one hundrad, the unofficial body organized by the editor of a weekly publication, for the purpose of "investigating" the Irish situation. They were made by Donald O'Callaghan, lord mayor of Cork, who take the United States as a stow as way. A dispute between the United States as a stow as way. A dispute between the United States as a stow as way. A dispute between the United States departments of labor and to the Carling on propaganda, while the riveley between the two departments of a labor are commission.

London, Jan. 14.—Severe fighting between the Carling on propaganda, while the riveley between the two departments of labor are commission.

London, Jan. 14.—Severe fighting between the Carling on propaganda, while the riveley between the two departments of the remnants of their forces as the save leaf the remnants of their forces are preparation for this case. His avoived intention in coming here was to "testify" before the commission.

Among the many charges made by O'Callaghan, this morning, the following are a sample:

"That Catholic churches, convents, parchically stripped of his clothing and between the convention of the commission of the committee of one was known to, have received an invitation to giva testimony here the convention of the commission of the committee of one the was known to, have received an invitation to giva testimony here the commission of the committee of one That a priest was constant mistreating to was known to, have received an invitation to giva testimony here the convention of the committee of one That a priest was constant mistreating the morning the proposed of the committee of one the convention of the committee of one the convention of the committee of one That a priest was constant mistreating the convention of t

TAX RATE TO **REACH THIRTY**

Preparations for City Budget Now Being Completed.

CITY DEPARTMENTS

Preparing Figures to Lay Before the Council Committees.

in 1920.
Various city departments are now beginning to prepare their figures. This task will require several weeks, but probably the estimates will be ready to lay before the committees after the first meeting in February. Estimates from other departments not under the control of the departments are expected to be in by that time, and every effort will be made to strike the tax rate before March.

NEW YORK AFTER AN ABSENCE OF MONTH G. W. VANCE RETURNED

Balloonists Will Be Guests at Canadian Club Function.

ROCKAWAY'S WELCOME

New York. Jan. 14.—Lieutenants Kloor, Farrell and Hinton. naval bal-loonists, arrived at the Pennsylvania railroad station at 10:42 o'clock this

GUESTS OF CLUB. New York, Jan. 14.—Canadian Press.

The three United States naval balconnists, Lieuts. Kloor, Hinton and possession of the land, and was sent on January 11 to the Panaman charge d'affaires in Washington, who was instructed to present it at the state department.

President Porras, the note declares, received on December 30 a note from Col. J. J. Morrow, acting governor of the canal zone, stating the land had "been taken for the defence of the canal" under the provisions of the Hay-Varilla treaty, article two of the canal treaty, article two of the condian Club today, will be principal speakers.

It was also announced by the Canadian Club today, that Hayry W. Total dian Club today that Hayry W. Total It was also announced by the Canadian Club today that Henry W. Taft

ROCKAWAY'S WELCOME.

New York, Jan. 14.—An official welcoming committee from Rockaway headed the crowd of curious spectators which thronged the Pennsylvania station this morning to get a glimpse of the three naval balloonists. Lieuts. Kloor, Farrell and Hinton, on their return from their hazardous adventure in Northern Ontario.

The first event in what promised to

DIES TODAY AFTER

Preparation of London's budget for 1921 is now the most important matter looming on the municipal horizon with the possible exception of plans for a new city hall. Already a number of items have been listed for inclusion in the estimates, and they have begun to assume a vague form. Taking into account a ten million dollar increase in assessment preliminary guesses at the tax rate place it in the neighborhood of 35 mills, or about five mills less than in 1920.

AERONAUTS ARRIVE IN

Ready for Big Reception.

morning, exactly a month after they had landed near Moose Factory, Ont., following a day's balloon flight from the Rockaway Naval Air Station.

dian Club today that Henry W. Tafts of New York, and Rustom Rustomie, formerly editor of the Oriental Review of Bombay, India, will speak. Mr. Taft will deal with the Japanese question, while Mr. Rustomje's subject is announced as "The New Era in India."

The first event in what promised to be a busy day for the navy men was a luncheon at the Hotel Pennsylvania, after which the committee planned to bear them off on a special train for Hammels, the static

In preparation for the opening of the opening of the open which the committee planned in the moderation of the asserting point of a parade with flags and bunting for the occasion, and many shopkeepers had declared appointments to the faculty of medicine appointments to the fa against the British Government in connection with its activities in Ireland



County, Ontario, in 1849, and educated passed. at the Brampton High School and Toronto Normal School, and for several Level years taught school. In 1874 founded the W. J. Gage & Co. busin He was active in business and public matters, and among other enterprises was president of the Kinleith Paper Mills at St. Catharines; vice-president of the Chartered Trust and Executors of the Chartered Trust and Executors Company. He was widely known for his interest in relief work for consumptives and was the founder and president of the National Sanatorium Association in 1912. He is said to have given about \$250,000 towards hospitals for consumptives. He was first president of the Associated Boards of Trade of Ontario and president of the Trade

onto Board of Trade in 1911.

He received honor of knighthood anuary, 1918; was a Methodist, and

AS VANCOUVER MAYOR

Proportional Representation System of Voting Delays

Publication of Results. North Vancouver, Jan. 14.—Mayor G. W. Vance was re-elected W. Vance was re-elected mayor by a vote of 431 against 104 cast for Donald

TISDALL AS ALDERMAN. TISDALL AS ALDERMAN.
Vancouver, Jan. 14.—Owing to the slowness of counting the ballots under the proportional representation system of voting, it was impossible at 11 o'clock last night to say who had been elected

LINGERING ILLNESS LEVEL CROSSINGS AN HOURLY MENACE TO SAFETY OF CITIZENS

Mayor Little, Ald. Bridge and Companion's Hair-Raising Experience At Adelaide Street Crossing-Two D.S.C.R. Nurses Narrowly Escape Death at Rectory St. Crossing.

Mayor E. S. Little is more determined than ever to eliminate level crossings in London, as a result of an exciting experience which he, Ald. John Bridge and an American citizen had at the Adelaide street crossing of the G. T. R. this week. All of them escaped death or serious injury only by a hairsbreadth.

In the mayor's automobile they were traveling north on Adelaide street. As they approached the G. T. R. crossing a long freight passed, traveling east. Just as the car was crossing the tracks another train appeared from the tracks another train appeared from the cast. There was not time to risk cross, attached to the D. S. C. R., were riding, became stalled on the Rectory street crossing of the G. T. R., in the pathway of an appeared in the Rectory street crossing of the G. T. R., in the pathway of an appeared in the Rectory street crossing of the G. T. R., in the pathway of an appeared in the Rectory street crossing of the G. T. R., in the pathway of an appeared in the Rectory street crossing of the G. T. R., in the pathway of an appeared in the Rectory street crossing of the G. T. R., in the pathway of an appeared in the Rectory street crossing of the G. T. R., in the pathway of an appeared in the Rectory street crossing of the G. T. R., in the pathway of an appeared in the Rectory street crossing of the G. T. R., in the pathway of an appeared in the Rectory street crossing of the G. T. R., in the pathway of an appeared from the raveling east. The car, on its own accord, turned east on the main westbound track. It was stopped, however, before it had gone far. Starting the car again, the dracks another train appeared from the east, hove in sight. Climbing from the car, the nurses, attached to the D.

Nurses in Danger, Level crossings nearly added more

victims to their toll when an auto in by

WILL TAKE JAIL TERM RATHER THAN BE VACCINATED Ottawa, Jan. 14.—Mayor Plant and Controller Ellis have affirmed their intention of going to jail before bowing to a general vaccination order, if the 1921 board of health, which will be appointed Monday, recommend such a course to the city council. The general vaccination order has been requested by Dr. T. A. Lomer, civic medical officer of health. Controller Cameron, also opposed the order.

President Millerand Requests MANITOBA FARMERS ACCEPT CRERAR AS

FEDERAL CHIEFTAIN New Leader Condemns Government's Railway

Policy.

PEOPLE LACK INTEREST

100,000 UNEMPLOYED IN HOLLAND FOLLOWING

Amsterdam. Jan. 14.-The Dutch in-

dustrial slump has reached serious pro-

portions, according to the Telegraaf.

In the provincial assembly of North

Brabant, one of the chief manufactur-

for support, and this procontinue for three years.

INDUSTRIAL SLUMP

Appointed.

JICAL SCHOOL

Partly Completed by Manicon and said that the covernment railway policy, and and said that the covernment railway policy, and and said that the covernment railway policy, and the sovernment of the so

Clearfield, Pa., Jan. 14.—Fires, believed to have been of incendiary origin. broke out in Madera, near here, today. At 9:30 o'clock, thirteen buildings had been destroyed, with an estimated loss of \$100,000, and the fire was still burnine. FIRE DESTROYS SCHOOL.

THE WEATHER TOMORROW COLDER. Toronto, Jan. 14-8 a.m.

Today—Moderate to fresh southeast winds; mild and showery.
Saturday—Local snow flurries, but partly fair and somewhat colder again. The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 nours previous to 8 a.m. today:
Stations. High. Low. Weather. Victoria ... 40 32 Rain

Sault Ste. Marie. Parry Sound.... ing districts, a member declared he had Kingston been informed by the ministry of home affairs that there were 100,000 unemployed now in Holland, and soon from 50 to 60 per cent of the Dutch population would be dependent upon the state for support, and this probably would represent the formula of the support of three years.

Kingsion Ottawa Montreal Quebec Father Point St. John Halifax Minus (--) mea

Minus (-) means below zero.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.—
Following are the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 25; lowest, 19.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 34; lowest, 23.

Minus (—) means below zero. Weather Notes.

A moderate disturbance central this morning over Lake Michigan is attended by mild, unsettled weather in Ontario and Western Quebec, while fair, cold weather prevails in Eastern Quebec and the Maritime Provinces.

It has turned somewhat colder in Northern Saskatchewan and Manitobawhile it continues generally fair and mild in the other districts of the Weste.