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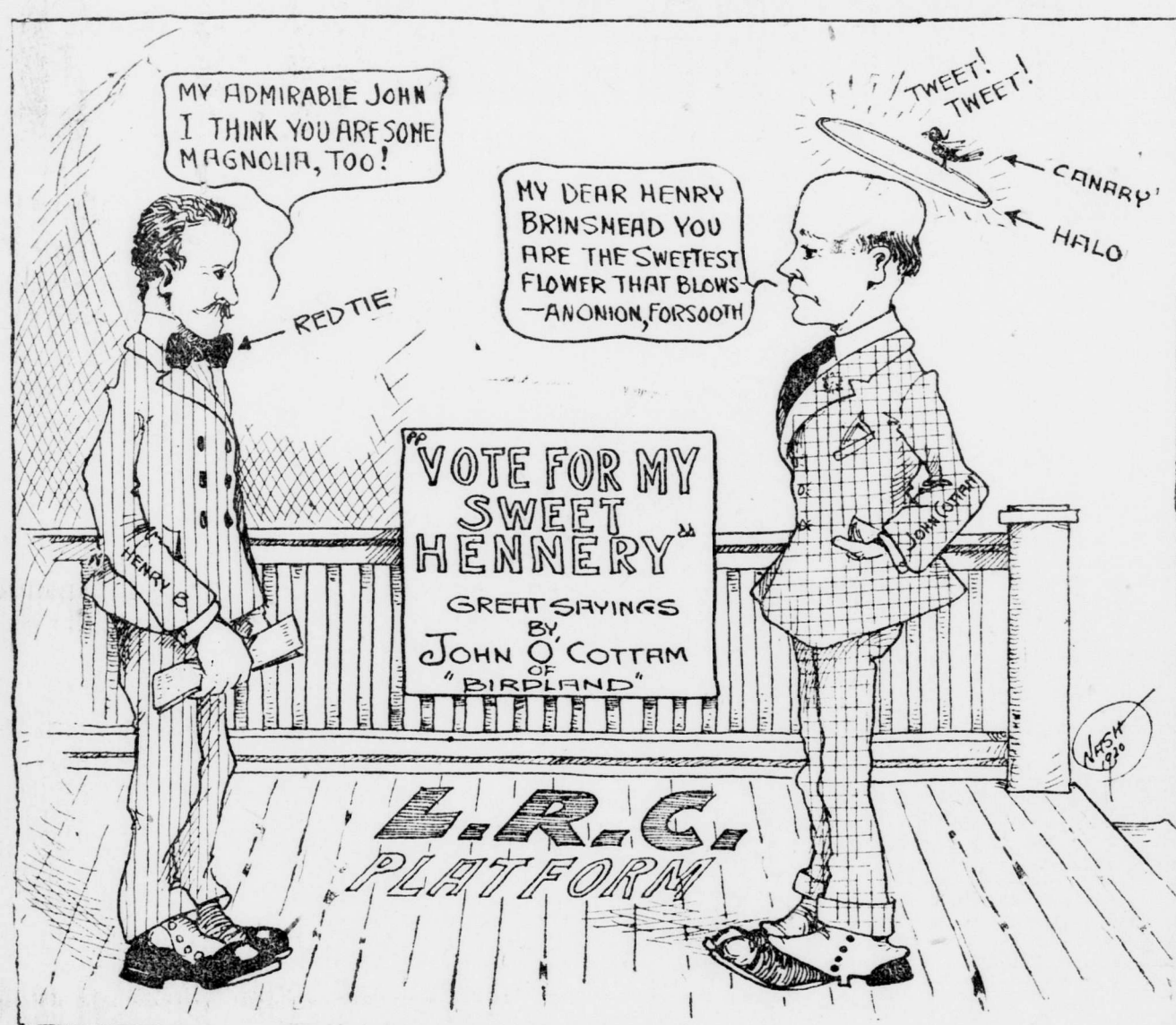
If fire came to-night, would your records be safe or would they be food for fire?  
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# All the World Loves a Good Loser!

**HENRY BRINSMEAD?**  
**What Sort of a Loser Is ASHPLANT?**

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.****MR. ASHPLANT'S STATEMENT.**

Editor Free Press: I desire to place on record my sincere appreciation of the splendid tribute paid yesterday to the principles I represented in the mayoralty campaign, as shown by the vote of more than 3,500 electors in my favor. When it is remembered that retiring Mayor Somerville was elected by a vote of only 3,533, my splendid vote is particularly significant.

I am greatly pleased and have every personal reason to be proud of the result of the vote cast. I certainly won a personal victory. Yesterday's vote for Ashplant for mayor was cast by the cleanest, most intelligent and honest elements in the London electorate.

The vote for Little for mayor included the most debased, most ignorant and politically corrupt elements in our electorate.

I am informed that Mr. Little was backed by men whose names are on the criminal records of Ontario, and by others who, if the truth is ever revealed, will be in the same category.

One feature of the general campaign is the ridiculous showing of the Chamber of Commerce.

The mayor-elect of London has done me the honor to advertise the fact that I am regarded as possessing good red blood. I am glad that the mayor-elect never charged me with the yellow-streaked colors and moral cowardice which confronted me in this campaign.

The personal insults to myself embodied in Sid Little's personal advertising I shall take future occasion to deal with in public meetings in the mayor-elect's presence.

In the meantime I desire again to thank those electors who cast their ballots in yesterday's election for Ashplant as the representative of the new democracy, for which cause my only brother fell on Flanders Fields. There is, I think, little doubt that I shall again be asked to contest the mayoralty on behalf of the best elements in the organized labor movement of London.

(Signed) HENRY BRINSMEAD ASHPLANT.

JAN. 2, 1920.

London citizens have no quarrel with any branch of organized labor. But these elements, which are known to lean toward extremes which would jeopardize our city, should be opposed with the only real means in your possession—

A VOTE FOR LITTLE AND PROGRESSIVE CIVIC ADMINISTRATION.

# VOTE FOR LITTLE

**BRITAIN PAYING LOAN TO CANADA**

\$5,000,000 a Month Sent Through New York Banks  
REDUCING EXCHANGE  
Causes Advance in Quoted Value of Canadian Dollar

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—(Special to The Free Press)—Plans for the retirement of \$100,000,000 in credit advances made to Great Britain during the war period by a group of Canadian banks to finance the purchase of war materials in the Dominion have been completed by the British treasury. Information obtained in financial circles here indicated that the credits are being paid off by the British treasury at the rate of \$5,000,000 a month. To date three instalments for an aggregate of \$15,000,000 have been paid.

Payment of these credits, bankers with Canadian connections said, is being made through the New York market. The British treasury is selling sterling bills here and buying dollars, using the dollars in turn for the purchase of exchange on Canada for the purpose of remittance to the Dominion.

**STEADYING EXCHANGE**

The firmer tone in the rate of exchange on Canada in this market in recent days is attributed in part to the action for the account of the British treasury, which has only completed the payment of the third instalment.

Another factor in strengthening the Canadian rate in New York has been the cessation of selling of bills by Canadian bankers. The latter, in order to make a better showing in their annual reports, have been withdrawing a portion of their balances from New York by shipping currency to the Dominion, instead of using the ordinary channels of the exchange market.

After the need of "window dressing" is over these balances will be shifted back to the United States.

**DEMAND DISMISSAL**

FROM UNION OF S. & L. RAILWAY EMPLOYEES

GLACE BAY, N. S., Dec. 30.—Because they refuse to accept it the striking railway men in the plants of the Dominion Steel and Nova Scotia Steel and Coal companies, the expansion of employees of the Sydney and Louisburg Railroad, a subsidiary of the Dominion Steel Company, from the Brotherhood of Railroad Engineers will be demanded by union men on the Canadian National Railways. The men on the C. N. R. recently declared a freight embargo against the plants.

The strike originally took place because the plant railway men were not receiving as much money as the Sydney and Louisburg Railway engineers, who receive the Chicago scale.

There will be a meeting of the grand division of the Canadian Brotherhood in Ottawa on January 8 and it is expected that the matter will be thrashed out among the heads of the organization then.

**BLAME RUSSIAN FOR DEATH OF COMPATRIOT**

ST. CATHARINES, Dec. 30.—Dan Desselevo, a Russian, who was fatally shot on Christmas night at the home of Mike Kosko, came to his death from a revolver shot fired by Steve Mazurko, a compatriot, according to the verdict given by a coroner's jury here today. An ante-mortem statement made by Desselevo to the effect that he and Mazurko were good friends was produced as evidence at the inquest.

Witnesses testified that five bottles of wine had been partaken of by the party, all of whom were Russians, and that Mazurko shot at Kosko, and Kosko's wife, the bullet going wide and hitting Desselevo.

Mazurko is a returned soldier.

**U. S. FORD CO. ISSUES STATEMENT ON CLOSING**

DETROIT, Dec. 30.—The Ford Motor Company, which closed for inventory on December 24, will remain closed indefinitely. The company issued the following statement to-day:

"When the Ford Motor Company closed its plant on December 24, factory employees were informed that it would remain closed for inventory and would resume operations on January 3.

"The company has now decided not to reopen the plant next week, but will resume operations as early as possible. The assembly plants throughout the United States will continue their operations as usual."

**MONTH FOR DUNBLANE MAN**

WALKERTON, Dec. 30.—Archibald Brown, of Dunblane, appeared here yesterday in court charged with ill-treating his aged sister, Mrs. Isabella McNeill, and was committed to the county jail for one month. The charge was laid by Reeve Jamieson, of Glasgow.

**DIAMONDS**

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Necklets \$30.00 to \$800.00  
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Army Blankets... \$7.00  
Army Haversacks... \$2.50  
Army Mitts... \$2.25  
Army Overboots... \$2.75  
Army Rubbers... \$1.00  
Army Rubber Coats... \$10.00  
Army Underwear... \$1.00  
Army Leather Leggings... \$6.50

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Hosiery Department—Main Floor.

**CLEARING SALE OF BRASSIERES**  
BRASSIERES of fine white nainsook (slightly soiled), broken sizes, also CHILDREN'S WHITE PERCALE WAISTS, odd sizes. Friday to clear at, 25c each

Corset Department—Main Floor.

**WOMEN'S VESTS AT BARGAIN PRICES**  
WOMEN'S VESTS, union weight, gray or white, high neck, long sleeves. On sale at 35c each, 3 for \$1.00

Underwear Department—Main Floor.

**SALE OF VEILINGS**  
Short ends, 3 1/4 to 1 1/4 yard lengths. Regular 50c to \$1.00 a yard, Friday to clear at, a yard 35c

Main Floor.

**CLEARING SALE OF CHILDREN'S HATS**  
Velvet Shapes with streamers, Sailors, Tams and Soft Plush Hats. Friday marked for quick selling, 98c at

Fourth Floor.

**Big Price Reductions In Women's Ready-To-Wear, Third Floor**

**BIG PRICE REDUCTIONS IN BLOUSES**  
BLOUSES OF JAP SILK, V. round or square neck, small tucks or hemstitched around collar, long sleeves with hemstitched cuffs. Regular \$6.75, Friday sale price \$5.95

**VOILE WAISTS**, embroidered fronts, V. square or round necks, short or long sleeves; all sizes. Regular \$2.25, Friday for \$1.39

Regular \$3.00 and \$3.50, for \$2.69

**MISSES' DRESSES**  
OF FINE BOTANY WOOL NAVY SERGE, coat style with vest of open tricotee; two only, sizes 18 and 20. Regular \$19.95, \$30.00, to clear at \$19.95

**MISSES' FRENCH SERGE DRESSES**, chemise style, waist and skirt daintily embroidered, cord at waist; two only, navy, size 18; black, size 20. Regular \$33, Friday to sell at \$29.95

**WOOLEN SCARFS**, a large selection, in brown, burgundy, paddy, gray. Friday to clear at 49c

**WOMEN'S SWEATER COATS**, brown, rose, two dozen. Values to \$8, Friday's big reduction price \$3.95

**HOUSE DRESS APRONS** of good quality print, all sizes. Regular \$1.50, Friday to clear at \$1.00

Third Floor.

**1,800 YARDS FLANNELETTE MILL ENDS**  
White, gray and striped, 1 to 10 yard lengths. Values up to 39c a yard, to clear at, a yard 25c

**FACTORY COTTON MILL ENDS**  
1 to 7-yard lengths. Regular 25c a yard, sale price, a yard 19c

**200 PAIRS WHITE FLANNELETTE BLANKETS**  
(Slightly soiled, not seconds), ordinary double-bed size. Regular \$3.50, sale price, a pair \$2.69

**SALE OF UNION WOOL BLANKETS**  
Regular \$11.00, sale price \$7.95  
Regular \$13.50, sale price \$10.00  
Regular \$15.00, sale price \$11.00  
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**200 ONLY LACE-EDGED DRESSER AND SIDEBORD SCARFS**, values up to \$1.00, to clear at, each 59c

**ANDERSON'S SCOTCH GINGHAMS**  
A large range of Plaids, in pretty color combinations. Values up to 65c a yard, on sale Friday only at, a yard 39c

Staple Department—Main Floor.

**WOMEN'S FLANNELETTE GOWNS**, V. square or high neck, slipover or button-front styles. Values up to \$2.50, Friday's sale price \$1.98

**WOMEN'S O. S. FLANNELETTE GOWNS**, high neck, tucked yoke, double yoke at back. Regular \$3.00 and \$3.25, Friday's sale price \$2.59

**CHILDREN'S FLANNELETTE NIGHT-GOWNS**, V. neck, scalloped neck and front; sizes 8, 10, 12. Regular \$2.25, Friday's sale price \$1.69

**WOMEN'S WHITE FLANNELETTE UNDERSKIRTS**, hemstitched or scalloped edge. Regular \$1.50 and \$1.65, Friday selling at \$1.29

**CHILDREN'S ONE-PIECE PYJAMAS** of white flannelette; sizes 6 to 14. Regular \$2.75, Friday's sale price \$2.35

**KIMONOS** of heavy eiderdown, in plain colors of open, rose and gray; cord at waist. Regular \$12.00 to \$15.00, Friday's sale price \$9.95

**BABY CARRIAGE ROBES** of white eiderdown; size 30x38. Regular \$5.25, Friday's sale price \$3.95

**BABY CARRIAGE ROBES** of white chinchilla, with pocket; size 26x32. Regular \$4.50, Friday's sale price \$3.59

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