

NAVAL DEBATE GOES OVER TO NEW YEAR

House will Adjourn on Wednesday at Six O'clock

FOUR SPEAKERS HEARD YESTERDAY

Mr. Aikens Declares Borden Plan Means British Canadian Fleet Under British-Canadian Control.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Dec. 16.—Four speakers contributed to the naval debate today. Mr. Aikens, Dr. Clark, Mr. Stevens and Mr. Sinclair. The debate rose over the decision to adjourn on Wednesday at 6 o'clock. This decision was arrived at in response to a request for longer holidays put forward by E. M. MacDonald. With that in view the debate ran along in a leisurely way. Hon. Mr. White announced that he would introduce the bank act tomorrow.

Mr. Aikens said that the Borden plan meant "a British-Canadian fleet under British-Canadian control." He further made the point that Germany is increasing in population, wealth and strength more rapidly than the United Kingdom; that the British Empire is increasing in those respects more rapidly than Germany is. The British Empire, one and indivisible, was his phrase.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's amendment, he said, spoke of Canada going into the permanent police of defence. Defence of what? He said—of Canada or the Empire? Under either clause, he thought, Laurier said that it meant the defence of the Empire.

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FOUND DEAD AT HIS WORK

Eugene C. Bliss, Formerly of Boston, and a Painter, Died Suddenly Near Humphrey's Mills Yesterday.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, Dec. 16.—Eugene C. Bliss, formerly of Boston, and a painter by trade, was found dead about 5 o'clock this afternoon in a house near Humphrey's mills, the interior of which he had been for a short time, engaged in decorating. A physician, who was hurriedly summoned, pronounced death due to heart disease.

Mr. Bliss, who resided at the home of Mrs. J. Stultz, Humphrey's mills, left home for work this afternoon in his usual health. As he did not return to tea at 6 o'clock, his wife sent a neighbor to look for him, with the result noted above. He had apparently been preparing to leave for home when death overtook him, as he had taken off his overalls and put them aside. His head in falling, struck against the framework of the door and there was some blood on the floor, which had flowed, apparently from scratches caused by the contact with the woodwork. Coroner Purdy was summoned, but decided that an inquest was unnecessary. Mr. Bliss leaves a wife, a niece of Mrs. Joseph Stultz, of Humphrey's mills, but no children. He has for some time been subject to fainting fits.

The wrecking train was called out early this morning to go to Palmec Junction to replace on the tracks several box cars which a road gang, in shunting, had pushed over a check block and upset. The job proved a long one and the train did not get back here until late in the afternoon.

THE FRENCH STRIKE WAS HUGE FIASCO

Federation of Labor Fails in Fourth Attempt to Demonstrate Power.

RIOTS GENERAL THROUGHOUT COUNTRY.

Troops Called Out to Disperse Mobs of Idle Workers—Police Raid Paris Headquarters of Union.

Paris, Dec. 16.—Conditions in Paris and reports received from the provinces tonight show that the fourth attempt of the General Federation of Labor to bring about a general strike for the purpose of demonstrating their power to paralyze the resources of the government has been as ineffective as on previous occasions. The day passed off quietly except at one or two places. At Lyons there was considerable rioting tonight, but troops dispersed the mobs and arrested fifty of the rioters. At Levallois Perret, a suburb of Paris, the strikers tried to overturn a street car. A policeman was badly hurt and ten arrests were made.

Late this afternoon the police raided one of the strike centres in Paris and seized 1,000 cards. On one side they were inscribed: "To the order to mobilize, the workers answer by a revolutionary general strike. No other instruction than war." On the other side was printed: "Two plagues to fight—Drink and Patriotism."

FRANCE MAY ASK PANAMA CANAL RIGHTS

Representatives from Antilles Deputies to Matter—Will Prove Boon to Colony.

Paris, Dec. 16.—Several representatives from constituencies in the French Antilles today called the attention of the chamber to the approaching opening of the Panama Canal and the importance of the event to their islands. The old French West Indian colonies, one of the speakers said, up to the present time had been generally regarded like the old customs official whose claims for long forgotten duties were forgotten. Representative La Gressler of Martinique said he wished this attitude changed. The opening of the canal, he declared, meant great prosperity for the Antilles and he made a motion inviting the government to adopt urgent measures in order to encourage French commerce and the French colonies to obtain the fullest benefits from the new trade era.

Deputy Victor Severe, also of Martinique, said the Latin countries in the Eastern Pacific certainly would show a trade predilection for the European Latin peoples and it was indispensable that ships bound for Colon or beyond should be able to coal at Martinique. He added that he regretted that the Panama Canal had become entirely American, but the French people must do their best to remedy mistakes of the past by ensuring to France the fullest benefits from the canal. M. Severe called attention to Germany as a country, which while it has no colonies in Central America is showing enormous activity in the Antilles having in view the opening of the canal.

THOUGHT LOST, REACHED PORT WITH ALL SAFE

New York, Dec. 16.—The steamship Inapoco and the barge Hainaut, of the Standard Oil Company's fleet, thought to have been lost in the Gulf of Mexico with thirty-six souls on board, has arrived safe at Galveston, Texas, according to a message received by the Standard Oil Company here today. It had been feared that the boats were swamped in a storm which wrecked Standard Oil barge No. 87 in the Gulf last Thursday, drowning her captain and crew of nine.

Turkey and Allies Are Still Far Apart

DELEGATES MEET FOR ORGANIZATION

Sir Edward Grey Chosen Temporary Chairman—Turkey Asks to Retain Cities Allies Want.

London, Dec. 16.—The plenipotentiaries who have under consideration the arrangement of peace between Turkey and the Balkan states, met today in St. James Palace. They adjourned early in the afternoon without having entered into the discussion of the question of peace.

The feature of the day was the address of welcome by Sir Edward Grey, the British secretary of foreign affairs, who was elected honorary president of the conference. The responses of the heads of the various delegations indicated a desire to accomplish the purpose for which the conference is being held.

All the delegates applauded Sir Edward Grey's speech which evidently, like his statement in the House of Commons Wednesday, aimed at impartiality. But the Balkan delegates seemingly are more satisfied with its substance than the Turks. In the passage of the day, Sir Edward Grey said: "In this you will find foundations on which I trust will be built by true wisdom and statesmanship the prosperity, moral, economic and national of your respective countries."

Thus they think that the British foreign secretary, notwithstanding his efforts at impartiality, could not help—perhaps unconsciously—but give a hint on which side his sympathies are.

In his reply, Dr. Danef of the Bulgarian delegation emphasized Sir Edward's utterance, when he said that the conference would "to insure the Balkan states, so troubled in the past, an era of tranquility and progress," which is considered as meaning without Turkey.

Speaking of the first meeting of the conference, Count Dragovitch, the Bulgarian delegate said: "Today we simply looked into each other's eyes."

Turkey's Terms. The terms formulated by Turkey have been kept secret, but it may be asserted on good authority that they include the renunciation by both sides of any money transaction under the form of indemnity or otherwise, except the taking over by the Balkan States of a portion of the Ottoman public debt, proportionately to the new territories they acquire. They provide also that the Sultan shall have a representative in the territory passing to the allies where Ottoman courts shall be instituted for Muslim subjects. Adrianople, the first Turkish capital in Europe, and surrounding territory, shall remain to Turkey. The Turco-Bulgarian frontier, south of Adrianople, shall be marked by the Maritza River, while the territory west of Maritza, as far as the Struma River, shall be annexed to Bulgaria, which thus would have the port of Kavala, to which she has long aspired. Furthermore, Turkey will demand that Saloniki, over the possession of which it is pointed out serious Greco-Bulgarian antagonism has arisen, shall remain to Turkey, and, together with Monastir and Scutari and their respective districts shall form Ottoman territory surrounding Albania.

Servia is to have Uskup, Pristina, Mitrovitza and part of the Sanjak of Novi-pazar, the remaining part going to Montenegro.

To Bulgaria is conceded the Island of Thasos, but Turkey claims possession of the other islands in the Aegean, including Samothrace, Imbros, Lemnos and Mytilene, together with those now occupied by Italy, because the latter belong to Asiatic Turkey. But the administration at Constantinople pledges itself to obtain from England, Russia, France and Italy, the four protective powers in Crete, their consent that this island shall be annexed to Greece. These terms would give the allies four-fifths of the territory of which a few weeks ago was European Turkey, but, notwithstanding what seems to be a great concession, a comparison of the terms of the allies with those of Turkey is sufficient to show the immense gulf separating them.

Even admitting that many concessions are made on both sides, an ultimate understanding appears extremely difficult. Because of this the idea of mediation has been put forward. All the delegates, however, declare emphatically that they know nothing about mediation, and that it is ex-

CONFERENCES REFUSES TO BRING BODY IN WARSHIP

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TO HOLD MEMORIAL SERVICE IN ABBEY.

King George Himself Suggests this Honor for Late U. S. Ambassador—Premier Asquith Pays Tribute.

London, Dec. 16.—The memorial service in Westminster Abbey for the late Ambassador Reid was arranged at the suggestion of King George, who first sent his secretary to inquire the wishes of the Reid family. The order of service has not yet been decided on, but it is to be conducted by the Dean of Westminster, and it is expected both the Bishop of Canterbury and the Bishop of London will participate. It is understood that Mrs. Reid, while greatly appreciating the honor shown by the offer of a British warship, would prefer to take the body of her husband home quietly on a liner. The Pilgrims met today and passed resolutions of sympathy with Mrs. Reid and her family, in referring to the death of Whitehall Reid, Premier Asquith said:

"Before proceeding with the orders of the day, I would ask the leave of the House to give brief expression to the sincere grief felt by the whole British nation at the death of the Ambassador of the United States."

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"We regard him as a kinsman. He is also an honored and a welcome guest sprung from our own race, speaking our language, sharing with us by birth and inheritance not a few of our most cherished traditions, and participating when he comes here by what I may describe as his own rights, in our domestic interests and celebrations."

"The office has been held and adorned by a long succession of distinguished men, but I am not using the language of exaggeration when I say that none of them more fully entered into its spirit and maintained its special authority than did Whitehall Reid. He brought to the discharge of his manifold and exacting duties, the gathered experience of a veteran in public affairs, the endowment of a man of the highest culture, a social gift of the most genial and generous nature. He was a host in our British life, a man always open and receptive and with warmest of hearts."

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SUFFRAGETTE ARMY, ALTHOUGH BATTERED, PROCEEDS ON MARCH

Irvington, N. Y., Dec. 16.—Depleted in numbers but courageous in spirit, the suffragette "army" finished here today the first lap of its 140 mile journey to Albany to carry to Governor Sulzer a message of woman suffrage.

Thirty-four marchers were in the ranks when the expedition started from the outskirts of New York shortly before 10 o'clock but one by one they dropped out on the way until less than a dozen trudged into this village shortly after six o'clock tonight.

"We are going to Albany to get votes for women," said one of the marchers, as a matter of fact, justice and we will get them. We are asking only for a human right. The right of individuals in the community is to have a voice in the government of the country.

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LONDON BANK WILL SHARE CHINESE LOAN.

London, Dec. 16.—The Standard announces that four leading British banking firms will become partners with the Hong Kong Shanghai Bank, which heretofore has had a virtual monopoly of the Chinese loan business in the representation of the British section of the six power group.

BOY SHOTS HIS BROTHER.

Rosheron, Sask., Dec. 16.—Warned by his sister's point, shot away from her, a brother turned the weapon towards a window, only to instantly kill his 15 year old brother, who happened to pass at that moment. Michael Frison, who lives six miles from Hague, is the father of the dead boy.

WHITE GIRLS LEAVE CHINESE RESTAURANT.

Prince Albert, Sask., Dec. 16.—As the result of the agitation of the trades and labor council, followed by the action of the police commission, all white girls employed in Chinese restaurants have been induced to quit their positions in accordance with the new provincial law passed last session.

ST. LAWRENCE PILOTS PROVE INEFFECTIVE

GREEK FLEET CHASE TURKS IN SEA FIGHT

Engagement Lasted Hour and a Half—Damage Not Known.

COMMANDER WILL NOT ADMIT LOSSES.

Greek Account Says Five Men Wounded—Turkish Commander Says His Ships Sustained No Damage.

London, Dec. 16.—A naval engagement between the Greek and Turkish fleets occurred today between the Dardanelles and Imbros Island. It lasted for one hour and a half and the damage done is problematic.

The official reports from the Turkish and Greek commanders show that the Turkish warships left the Dardanelles at 8.20 o'clock in the morning. The fight began at 9.25. What ships were engaged is not known.

After a heavy cannonading, the Turks who throughout had remained under protection of the forts, retired within the Dardanelles.

The Turks claim to have silenced the guns of the armored cruiser George Averof, but the Greek account states that only five men were wounded. The whole Greek fleet cruised in the vicinity until late in the afternoon when Turkish destroyers appeared again, but quickly retired pursued by the Greek destroyers. The Turkish commander makes no mention of casualties, but says that his ships sustained no damage.

DID HENRY LOVE SLAY HIS WIFE

Coroner's Jury of Opinion That Evidence Points Very Strongly in Direction of Man Suspected.

Flesherton, Ont., Dec. 16.—Coroner Bibbey's jury after investigating the death of Mrs. Hannah Lucille Love, whose body was found by her husband in the cellar of her home after she had been missing for three days, returned this verdict tonight:

"That Mrs. Hannah Love was murdered on Monday night, and that the evidence points strongly to Henry Love as the murderer."

The crown put in as an exhibit, a large butcher knife, which it is believed was used to inflict the fatal wounds. This knife was found in the Love home.

The feature of the session was the dramatic accusation made by Love against his son, Arnold, of conspiring with Provincial Inspector Reburn, of the criminal investigation department, to send him to the gallows.

PREPARATIONS BEGUN FOR EARLY SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE

Meeting of the Government to be Held in St. John on Wednesday—Marysville People Claim Large Fortune.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Dec. 16.—Premier Flemming who is here tonight is going to St. John on Wednesday to attend a meeting of the government. It is said that the Provincial Hospital Commission will meet at the same time. Preparations are already under way for an early session of the legislature.

It is said that a fortune of \$87,000.00 is lying in the court of chancery, England, awaiting the rightful heirs. It was left by one Sergeant Major Humphries of the 15th Regiment, formerly stationed at Fredericton. It is said that some valuable island lots near here are included in the estate. Several families of Marysville claim to be direct descendants and heirs to the fortune. A New York lawyer has the case in hand and already inquiries have been instituted and favorable reports received.

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Shipping Federation Would Reorganize Pilotage System

LACK OF ABILITY CAUSE OF TROUBLE

Present Arrangement Gives Pilots Practical Monopoly of Business—Should do Away with Language Restriction.

Montreal, Dec. 16.—There is a demand in shipping circles that the present co-operative system of pilots which has charge of the pilotage below the city of Quebec will be superseded by a more workable and more efficient service.

The shipping federation of Canada representing over a half million tons of ocean and coastwise shipping trade on the St. Lawrence, is asking the Dominion government for a royal commission to look into the question in view of the many accidents that have taken place below Quebec during the past ten years, winding up the list with the grounding of the steamship Royal George within a few miles of her dock. The government wreck commissioner's findings show that in most cases these accidents have been due to faulty pilotage yet no fault is found with the pilots in charge of the river between Quebec and Montreal.

Under the present system no man can become a pilot who does not speak the French language and consequently a great number of very efficient seamen are debarred from entering the service.

The shipping federation is of the opinion that any one who is able to pass the necessary examination should be admitted to practice as a pilot, the examination to be held before competent nautical examiners and after the applicant is admitted as a pilot the least possible number of restrictions should be placed upon him in the exercise of his calling. The present law makes it impossible for a man to perform more than one pilotage trip per week. The shipping federation says of this rule:

"That to limit the number of pilots and the amount of work they should do is not conducive to efficient pilotage; that the more incentive to a man in the efficient performance of his duty is the knowledge that there are others ready and able to fulfill it in his stead; that it is not in the best interests of anyone that the pilots should find themselves in a position which practically makes them master of the situation and secure them from all risk of competition."

PLANS HUGE CELEBRATION

Earl Grey Booming Proposal For Anglo-American Peace Centenary—To Make Observance Worthy Occasion.

London, Dec. 17.—Earl Grey, president of the British committee, writes to the press bespeaking public interest and support for the Anglo-American peace centenary "in order to achieve a commemoration worthy of a great occasion." He regards the celebration as having a first rate importance not only for the countries concerned, but for the future of civilization in general, and says that it is worthy of a splendid commemoration which will do much to make its significance generally understood and prepare the way for future commemorations.

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