

OTTAWA, Dec. 17.—(United Press.)—Government was one year old today, and rumors are afloat that it will not survive its second birthday before an election will be held. It is expected that the Commons will be summoned the second week of February, although the date has not been definitely settled. The business to be handled will be reconstruction problems that escaped the Commons last year. The reconstruction policy will not be mentioned, which will undoubtedly disgust the west. Later it is expected that the Commons will be for the Conservatives as a party or safer as Union Government to dissolve the Commons and call for a new election. If not the present vehicle will be allowed to wobble on and complete the term. If not, there are many who believe that the Government will not survive this session.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 17.—Pleas of guilty to an alleged conspiracy to supply German warships at sea through the chartering of vessels here, in violation of the neutrality laws were entered here today by four shipping men, two shipping firms and the chancellor of the former German consulate here. Sentence was set for Saturday. The shipping men were Robert H. Swayne, C. D. Bunker, Thomas W. Anderson and Joseph H. Bley. The firms were C. D. Bunker & Company and the Northern and Southern Steamship Company. The consular agent was Heinrich Kauffman.

## COUNCIL CANNOT CUT DOWN TREES

ST. MARYS, Dec. 17.—At the council meeting held last evening, Mayor Dale stated that a writ of injunction was issued against the recent street tree bylaw passed by the town council, and as there was no defence against the writ at Osgoode Hall, that an interim injunction is granted, restraining the board of works committee of the town council from cutting down any street trees until the trial comes off.

A grant of \$200 was given by the council to the Great War Veterans' Association. Mayor Dale is in Toronto on business regarding the assessment

ST. THOMAS, Dec. 17.—David Smith, floor. Smith had made his escape. West Lorne, today pleaded guilty to a During her testimony Mrs. Taylor-al-

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robberies aggregating \$20,000.

entire stock in the heart of Edson, Alta. Five stores are a total loss, amount unknown.

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