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WILL ADJOURN LONDON PARLEY TO KEEP PEACE

Decide on Eight-Day Recess to Seek Cure of Differences
Between Two Countries on Reparations Question—
Open Rupture Possible.

BRITISH OPPOSED TO USE OF FORCE

London, Dec. 11.—The conference of Allied premiers, called to arrange the basis for an Allied financial and reparations conference in Brussels, has broken down. It was announced at 6 o'clock this evening that the premiers had taken adjournment until January 2.

London, Dec. 11.—Adjournment of the premiers' conference last night for eight days in order to avert an open rupture between Great Britain and France over the question of German reparations, has been virtually decided upon, it was learned today. The British cabinet, it was authoritatively stated this morning, rejected the measures of force for the Ruhr district upon which Premier Poincaré insisted.

Prime Minister Bonar Law informed Premier Poincaré that public opinion was overwhelmingly opposed to any military measures against Germany. The conference will probably resume its session in eight days in London or Paris. Meanwhile, it is hoped that some guarantees may be found which will satisfy the French and at the same time make military action unnecessary.

It was stated in French circles that the imminent adjournment was merely a manoeuvre to prevent an open break among the allies, particularly between France and Great Britain, and that there was little likelihood of finding a common basis of agreement between Britain and France.

It was further pointed out that in spite of Premier Poincaré's desire to co-operate with the new British government, he has been forced largely by the political situation at home to demand the Ruhr as the price of any concession to Germany.

The meeting of the premiers scheduled for this noon was postponed until 4 o'clock. It was expected that

By LLOYD ALLEN
Special to The Advertiser.

London, Dec. 11.—Germany was to receive today an emphatic "No" to her reparations and loan proposals submitted to the allied premiers' conference Sunday.

When the new big four of Europe, none of whom participated in the Versailles treaty now being revised, met this afternoon, they were to give Germany her answer and continue to work upon a reparations plan of their own.

Because of lack of absolute agreement, the prime ministers did not meet formally this morning, but Premier Poincaré of France was closeted with Theunis, head of the Belgian government, at the Ritz, while the Mussolini of Italy sought counsel with Bonar Law at 10 Downing street.

The full conference was to be resumed at 4:15 p.m. What Germany's plan, submitted yesterday, was the communiqué announcing its receipt did not say, but it was understood to renew suggestions for a moratorium and for internal and external loans.

It was asserted to be accompanied by a note from Chancellor Cuno. Because of lack of absolute agreement between Britain and the other Allies on a plan to deal with Germany's reparations, Bonar Law called a cabinet meeting today to discuss the future attitude of England.

CHECK RASER DEFRAUDS CITY BANK \$3,500

Clever Swindler Masquerades
Under Names of "Simpson"
and "Palmer."

LAIID CAREFUL PLAN

Arrangements Made for the
"Clean-Up" by Depositing
Small Sums.

A modern "Jim the penman," masquerading under the names of "Simpson" and "Palmer," defrauded four local banking institutions out of a sum aggregating more than \$3,500, according to information obtained today.

"Palmer," as the man is known by his latest pen name, is a clever check raiser. Two London branches of financial institutions who wished their names withheld discovered on Saturday that they had been mulcted of \$1,800.

This morning an official of a third bank, while calling off the checks, discovered that the bank had lost \$1,800 as a result of the slick methods of Mr. "Palmer." The London Loan Company, 220 Dundas street, was more fortunate. J. H. Harris, the junior entering the building early this morning, found that the revolver in the teller's cage had been stolen and its four cartridges extracted and left on the teller's desk. Apparently the men or man responsible could not find anything worth taking. According to Mr. Kent, the manager, he entered the building by the side entrance and got into the upper part of the bank through the panel-light. A room occupied by Brickenden & Harrison, solicitors, was entered and badly messed up. The invader used one of the office chairs to climb up the door and over the panel-light to make his getaway. It is said, however, that before leaving he took the keys to the safe, and duplicate keys had to be procured to open it this morning.

Gashes Check for \$3,500.
On Saturday, Mr. "Palmer" asked the teller of the third bank to mark a check made out to himself. Some months ago he had evidently been as Simpson, a check for about \$15. He made out the check for the entire amount, had it certified, disappeared for a few minutes and returned with the check.

The manager of the bank this morning swore out a warrant for the man's arrest. The office of James Young, in the London Loan Building, was also broken into. The lock was in poor condition, and the intruder expressed little difficulty in breaking it. Officials in the various banks decried the efforts of the robber, for aside from a few scarcely discernible scratches about the front, it was unmarked. The office of the office equipment was taken.

A complaint reached the police Saturday that a man giving his name as Simpson had raised a check of \$12 to \$1,800 in a London bank. He was successful in procuring the check. Another institution reported the loss of \$875.

In all the checks Simpson, or Palmer, left sufficient room between the words "Palmer" and "Simpson" to write in the figures that brought the cash value of the checks up to the thousands. The marginal amounts were similarly doctored.

Detective Down on Case.
Detective Down, in whose hands the case has been placed, examined the checks as cashed by another bank as soon as he was informed of the swindle, and found that the second institution had also been defrauded. Officials in the various banks describe Palmer as being about 30 years of age, fairly stout, with a reddish face, shaggy eyebrows and hard, bent features. His height was given as about 5 feet 3 inches. He wore a brown belt overcoat and soft felt hat to match.

"G. A. Simpson" and the second two "Thomas J. Palmer."

Arrangements for the clean-up were apparently made some months ago when savings accounts were opened by the man in several financial houses. Local police thought it extremely unlikely that Mr. Palmer is still at large in the city. His haul has been a neat one and it is most improbable that he would invite arrest by remaining in London.

Detective Down stated that when Mr. Palmer again visits the city, it will likely be in the custody of police officers.

JAPS RELIEVE REFUGEES.
Gensou, Korea, Dec. 11.—The situation of the 8,000 and more refugees, from Vladivostok here has been improved as a result of efforts of the Japanese government. All of the refugees have been fed, clothed and housed.

Resident in Surrey, England, Picks
Up Radio News From United States

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London, Dec. 11.—Broadcasting from Newark by wireless telephony was picked up here and plainly audible today.

J. H. Ridley, at his residence in Surrey, heard Newark's regular program between 2:30 and 4 a.m., Greenwich time. Around 3:15 a.m. some lively synopses to piano accompaniment, was reported. At 4 a.m.,



LORD STRATHCONA'S GRANDSON ARRIVES.
Above on the left is Lord Romilly, and with him are Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Howard, who have arrived on the Mauretania to visit this country. Hon. Mr. Howard is a grandson of the late Lord Strathcona.

New York's Women Police Eliminate Dance Parking

"Addicts" Gather to Pay Final Tribute to Various Steps
Before Official Ban Descends.

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Broadway Dancing Academy, New York, Dec. 11.—(Ringside 2 a.m.)—As the lights went out one by one along Broadway today, the "Hypodermic" and the "Chicago" sang their swan songs to the strains of "Montmartre."

After this afternoon, the convolutions of South Sea Isles origin, which are the fall and winter craze in New York dance halls, will be exhibited in public no more.

New York's woman police commissioner, Mrs. George Loft, has called a meeting of dance hall proprietors and it is agreed that "parking," "balconading" and "Puss in the Corner" are to come under the official ban. The "slow and tight" method must go and here they were, doing it for the last time, slick-haired youths with enchanted clock-topped shoes enfolded in the arms of a girl, hair-dressed, hair-powdered maidens, rocking to and fro, swaying lithely in unison, cheek to cheek, but getting nowhere, feet always in the same spot.

An "instructress" who gets her share of a 35 cent ticket for three "lessons" pointed out the intricacies of the new dances with tongue-defying convolutions of the English language. "Balconading," she explained as a couple writhed past, "that's not the half of it. You ought to see my boy and I do the 'Chiro-practic.' It goes like this." Indescribable jerkings, but obviously pleasant to dance.

The Chicago's not so bad," she continued. You ought to try the "Pussy-in-the-Corner." It sounds old-fashioned but it is not so much so. Gentlemen bouncers, "snappers" in hand, moved among the dancers like traffic policemen, commanding the "parkers" to move on. A youth and maiden, who hadn't stirred from their corner for the duration of the dance, balconaded over to another, and resumed the "parking."

"Huh," remarked the educated instructress, "that's not a cinder in the eye, to the 'Hypodermic'."

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FIRE DESTROYS SARNIA GARAGE; 50 CARS BURN

People Living in Flats Above
Escape Flames in Night
Clothing.

TOTAL LOSS IS \$150,000

Charles McFee Loses Heavily
as Building and Stock
Destroyed.

Sarnia, Ont., Dec. 11.—Fire at two o'clock this morning completely destroyed the garage of Charles McFee, Cromwell street, the total loss in building and contents, including more than fifty automobiles, being estimated at \$150,000. It is the heaviest loss from fire in Sarnia for many years.

In addition to the two-story brick building valued at \$50,000, the loss in cars alone is estimated at a similar amount.

The upper floor of the garage consisted of six self-contained flats, and the occupants of these escaped in their night attire after being warned by the night garage-man, Harry J. Lapham, of their danger.

With the exception of ten cars rescued by volunteer help, everything was lost. Six families residing above the garage lost everything they possessed.

The alarm was turned in at 1:55 a.m. by Constable James Spearman, who noticed smoke issuing from the side of the building. The fire brigade were on the spot within three minutes, but were short-handed for their task. Seven lines of hose were turned on the building, but the water appeared to only add more force to the flames.

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Britain To Build Two Capital Ships

London, Dec. 11.—Premier Bonar Law announced in the House of Commons today that the government had decided to begin construction of the two new battleships allowed under the Washington naval treaty.

QUESTIONS LEGALITY OF BOOSTING FARES

Ald. Drake Urges Council to
Probe Action of Govern-
ment.

Was it legal for the Ontario legislature to sanction an increased fare for the London Street Railway Company? Ald. Gordon B. Drake, re-elected to the city council from ward three, is at least one member of the 1923 body to direct this question, incidentally assuring that when Mayor-elect Wenige gathers the councillors-elect in special conference Wednesday or Thursday next he will introduce this phase of the issue for full consideration.

"I question seriously if this act was legal," Ald. Drake asserted Monday, "and it is my honest opinion at this time that if the city council moved for a 'showdown' in the courts we would obtain certain satisfaction."

Ald. Drake is vigorous in his declaration that the new aldermen should not allow the question to go by default and that every legitimate effort should be expended during the coming year to induce or compel the street railway company to better its service.

"I fail to understand why the company should not make an effort in this direction without compulsion," he says. "They went over our heads and secured a 5-cent fare, and the street railway company is to be the actual legality of this act."

"The point is this, that by law 1918, no binding order can be made, therefore it should not be binding in any other."

Ald. Drake suggests in all seriousness a counter-move. He entertains the belief that the city council should obtain a closer supervision of the street railway company.

"Charge the company for the use of our streets," he declares, "and I believe that we can undertake this task. Seven lines of hose were turned on the building, but the water appeared to only add more force to the flames."

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95 MORE BREW PERMITS HAVE BEEN CUT OFF

C. Webb Finds the Licensees
Should Not Have Been
Issued.

PERMIT NATIVE WINES

Some Member of Inland Revenue Department Held Responsible.

Ninety-five Londoners will have their permits for making wine cancelled. And all because some member of the inland revenue department of Canada blundered last June.

Six months ago, Cecil Webb, the local inland revenue inspector, received notice from Ottawa that manufacturing of wine from foreign fruits or from a combination of foreign and native fruits, was prohibited, excepting under permit. It was pointed out that section 192 of the inland revenue act made this point clear. According to Mr. Webb, the local office began issuing permits for the making of these beverages.

Ninety-five Londoners, taking advantage of an apparent change in government regulations, took out licenses, which cost them but a small nominal fee. Soon grocery stores found the demand for raisins was greatly increased.

Told Friends.
Those who became licensed manufacturers of wine began to tell their friends of the daily progress of their products. Invitations were extended to drop in for a few moments around Christmas time to test these wines, which, it was predicted, would have quite a kick when the Yuletide season came. But talk travels far, and soon Ottawa heard of the "kicks" being developed in London.

The result of the officials at the capital hearing this interesting information was that Inspector Webb was instructed today to cancel all licenses, it being claimed that the letter forwarded to London in June had been "misinterpreted." Whether it was misinterpreted is a question, but, anyway, some one made a mistake and it is believed a clerk in one of the Ottawa offices was responsible.

However, that matter is only a sidelight on the main issue as far as the 95 Londoners are concerned. If they have been permitted, by a "bluke," to make their own raisin wine, they are wondering whether their consciences will get them into trouble if they have a drop in their possession. For several months the wine has been developing quite a "kick," and the holders of the cancelled licenses are very reluctant to destroy it.

On the other hand, if they keep the "home brewed" wines or if they will be held accountable under the inland revenue act, which does not permit the manufacture of any wines or beers having a percentage of alcohol higher than the "two-and-a-half."

Two hundred and fifty-six citizens, who have elected to make their own beer, are congratulating themselves because they did not seek to make the variety requiring raisins or other foreign fruit. They will be able to drink their home-made beverages Christmas without feeling they are violating the law, and free from the fear that an officer is liable to step in at any time and confiscate the drinks.

LEFT MILLION, STREET
CLEANER STILL WORKS

Elizabeth N. J. Dec. 11.—Eugene Bruce, 63, street cleaner, continued to do his job today, despite the information that his wife's brother, Michael Kelly, a Kansas real estate operator, had died, leaving them an estate valued at \$1,000,000.

Bruce says safety first is his motto, and he will continue his place until he has the money in his hand. Then, he says, he may quit. He and his wife are the only relatives of Mr. Kelly.

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS.
Today—Winds blowing from strong breezes or moderate gales from the southeast and south tonight; fair today.

Tuesday—Winds or gales shifting to west or northwest; light snow, followed by a change to much colder again.

A moderate disturbance is centred this morning just west of Lake Superior, while a pronounced area of high pressure, accompanied by decidedly cold weather and snow, covers the Western Provinces.

Pressure is also high, and the weather fair and cold over Eastern Canada.

Temperatures.
The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

	High.	Low.
Victoria	28	24
Calgary	9	0
P. J. Arin.	14	12
P. Sound.	23	18
Toronto	28	22
Kingston	22	23
Ottawa	18	10
Montreal	10	10
Quebec	9	0
P. Point.	12	0
P. J. Arin.	14	12
Halifax	20	1
Below zero.		

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 31; lowest, 21. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 30; lowest, 20.

Barometric Readings.
Sunday—8 a.m., 29.68.
Today—8 a.m., 29.61.

WILL CONSIDER PLAN TO AID UNEMPLOYED

Board of Works Expected to
Take Steps to Aid
Men.

"Finding immediate work for such Londoners who are unemployed at this moment" will be the most important and probably the last question to be dealt with by the members of the board of works, at their last regular session Tuesday night.

Ald. Leonard Douglas, member of that body, gave assurance on Monday that this question would receive careful consideration no later than Tuesday. He predicted a favorable result.

"There is certain sewer work that can be undertaken without much delay," he said. "There is the Edward street project and one in the north end of the city, while sewer connections for Drake boulevard, West London, have already been approved by the city council. This task could also be commenced at this time, when employment is desired."

While the unemployment situation is by no means serious, and will not reach the peak of other winters from present indications, there are a few men, outside workers, who need a job at this time.

Ald. Douglas gives assurance, and he is backed by his colleagues and all city officials, that none but non-idealist citizens of at least one year's residence will be considered. Preference will be given, of course, to married men, returned soldiers and particularly needy cases.

ENGINE GOES OVER BANK, FIREMAN DIES

Engineer Fatally Hurt as Fast
Erie Passenger Train
Derailed.

Special to The Advertiser.
Binghamton, N. Y., Dec. 11.—The fast Erie passenger train, No. 5, west-bound, due in Binghamton at 1:41 o'clock in the morning, was wrecked four miles west of Port Jervis at 11:15 o'clock last night. The fireman, Edward Storror, 40, of Port Jervis, was killed instantly, and the engineer, Donald Regon, 58, also of Port Jervis, was fatally hurt when the engine and tender crashed over a bank.

Two day coaches, two sleepers and one baggage car in the train were derailed, but did not go down the bank.

The others remained on the track. Shattered trains, with wrecking cars and equipment, were sent out from both Binghamton and Port Jervis, carrying doctors, nurses and railway officials.

Whether or not any of the passengers were injured, other than suffering bruises and lacerations, could not be learned at an early hour this morning.

FASCISTI IN LEAD.

Rome, Dec. 11.—Municipal elections results continue to give the Fascisti candidates a large lead. At Milan they encountered much opposition from the Socialists, who had many candidates in the field, but the Fascisti triumphed, receiving 56,000 of the 150,000 votes recorded.

DYNAMITE 3 SAFES AND SECURE \$25,000

Bandits Commit Daring Store
Robbery at Harrisburg,
Pennsylvania.

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 11.—Bandits overpowered a watchman, dynamited three safes and escaped with cash, furs and silks valued at \$25,000 from the department store of Bowman & Co. here last night. The robbery was first discovered when the bound and gagged watchman was found this morning. The store is one of the largest in the city.

According to the story the watchman told, he was lured to the door by the bell shortly before midnight. He cautiously opened the door, and was seized, bound and gagged by three men, the robbers were familiar with the interior of the store in the opinion of police, who are working on the case. The bandits knew the location of safe, cases containing the most valuable furs and evening dresses and other details of the store's arrangements.

MOTHER AND CHILDREN PERISH AS HOME BURNS

Port Hawkesbury, N. S., Dec. 11.—Mrs. Donald MacDonald and her three children, two girls and a boy, ranging in age from four to seven years, were burned to death in their home at Harbor view, two miles south of Port Hood, Inverness county, on Saturday, according to word received here today. Donald, Sandy MacDonald, father of the family, was away working at Dominion No. 4 mine, Cape Breton county, when the tragedy occurred.

ERECT WOODEN HOMES FOR SUFFERERS OF FIRE

Terrebonne, Dec. 11.—Small temporary wooden houses are being hastily erected for the accommodation of sufferers during the winter months of as many as possible of 173 families, whose homes were razed in the fire which recently destroyed the lower part of the town. Most of the victims of the conflagration are being taken care of by friends.

MOB LYNCHES NEGRO.
Morrison, Ark., Dec. 11.—Jess Smith, negro, who had been teaching fatally wounded Deputy Sheriff Gran Perish, when he attempted to arrest the negro Saturday, was taken from jail and lynched here Saturday night.