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#### WAR IN FIUME **D'ANNUNZIO PROCLAIMS** OF

# POST OFFICE STAFF HANDLING LARGE VOLUME OF CHRISTMAS

Working Overtime, Clerks Keep Up With Largest Holiday Rush in History of Postoffice—Thousands of Extra Stamps Sold to Londoners.

The inevitable holiday rush has taken the local postoffice staff by storm, but the local postoffice staff by storm, but has been conditioned the local postoffice staff by storm, but has been conditioned the local postoffice staff by storm, but has been conditioned the local postoffice staff by storm, but has been conditioned the local postoffice by the local part of the local postoffice by the local postoffice

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The addition of working space to the postoffice, namely several vacant stores on Richmond street, has added materially to the efficiency of the staff in tandling mail, the main office providing father cramped quarters. I one of these buildings also a supplementary stamp tending office, greatly lessens the bursen on the rendors in the main office,

### **CRIME WAVE HITS** MONTREAL, HOLDUPS **BECOMING COMMON**

Highwaymen Failed in an Attempt To Rob Man and Wife.

Montreal Dec 23. The holdun crime wave is beginning to affect Montreal, and last night Peter Rabinovitch of 223 Ontario street west, who had just stepped, with his wife, into the courtyard of the Berthelet apartments, where lives, when three men jumped on him, ordering him to hand over his money. He gave fight and called for help, as did also his wife. Their cries attracted the attention of a nearby fire station and a chauffeur. When they arrived the holdup men jumped into an automobile and speeded away. They gave chase and the men stopped their car and ran away in different directions. Their machine was found to be a stolen car which had been reported car which had been reported in the evening. No arrests were

Mr. Rabinovitch lost nothing and suffered only slight bruises about the hea

## REVISED EDITION **BURKE'S PEERAGE**

Re-issue Is Made After Break of Four Years.

London. Dec. 23.—Canadian, Associated Press. After a break of nearly four years, Burke's Peerage is reissued in a new, carefully-revised edition.

Never, since the Wars of the Roses, have so many members of the aristocracy fallen in battle, and the gaps in the ranks of the titled classes have been many and wide. The succession to more than 200 hereditary honors has been directly affected, and nearly the same number of heirs were killed.

The changes in hereditary peerages same number of heirs were killed. The changes in hereditary peerages cover a royal dukedom, three marquisates, seven earldoms, sixteen viscounties and forty-six baronies. In the same period fifteen peerages have become extinct.

The new order of the British Empire, included in the present edition, includes over 25,000 members of all classes. The title of Dame, says Burke, is a revival of an ancient honor, formerly prefixed to the name of a knight's or baronet's wife.

#### WILL RETAIN MILITIA WORKERS FOR WINTER

haronet's wife.

OTTAWA. Dec. 22.-In view of the orthand situation, the militia de-aemployment situation, the militia de-artment has decided not to discharge still on duty at headquarters and in military districts. A small number of these men are engaged in clerical work at Ottawa, and throughout the Dominon, but they were to have been re-

## POET PROHIBITS CITIZENS FROM LEAVING FIUME

D'Annunzio Proclaims State

SEVERE RESTRICTIONS

Any Person Speaking Against Him Liable To Be

into operation the provisions of the treaty of Rapallo. Dispatches received here state that military works along the line marking the frontier of the "Regency of Quarnero" have been raided, and an Italian destroyer is said to have shelled D'Annunzian batteries on the Island of Veglia, southwest of Fiume.

Encounter Takes Place Be-EAMONN DE VALERA, "President of the Irish Republic," who will be per-mitted to arrive in England, should he so desire, without intervention of the tween Rival Forces At Jeleno.

> London, Dec. 23 .- An encounter beween Italian regulars and D'Annunzio's legionaires is reported to have taken place at Jeleno, 10 miles from Fiume says a dispatch to the London Times from Trieste. One regular soldier was killed and two were wounded. The dispatch adds that the Government carabineers put the rebel Arditi

#### to flight by a counter-attack. THOUSANDS SEEKING **CHARITY IN TORONTO**

Unemployment Situation in Queen City Is Serious.

Toronto, Dec. 23 .- The central relief station reports today that 18.064 individuals in the city of Toronto have asked for charity to tide them over "present desperate conditions in which they find themselves." It is officially announced that the unamployment situation in the city is "extremely seri-Several thousand workless men and women this afternoon attended a dem-onstration in Queen's Park, where they were addressed by J. Harry Flynn of the G. A. U. V. and various local labor leaders

#### DEPARTMENTS OF ARMY AND NAVY ASKED TO

REDUCE ESTIMATES London, Dec. 23.—Estimates sub-mitted by the army and navy depart-ments have been returned by Mr. Lloyd George, as chairman of the cab-inet's finance committee, and he has instructed the departments to reduce their figures by more than one half, says the Daily Mail. Mr. Lloyd George has directed that the total national expenditures for the coming year must be held as near £950,000,000 as possible, the newspaper

MONTREAL FIREMEN INJURED. Montreal, Que., Dec. 23.—Fireman Lee LePierre and Capt. Arthur Ferron were injured, and Fireman A. Langelier had a narrow escape from a 30-foot fall, when fire destroyed the premises of a when fire destroyed the premises of a wine company on St, James street last night. While entering the second floor through the fire escape window Fireman LaPierre was injured when a wine case feell, striking him on the back. Defective wiring caused the fire. The loss is estimated at about \$65,000.

TEXAS MOB LYNCHES MAN.

HE FOLLOWED HIM UP AND HE'LL FOLLOW HIM DOW!



# ELECTION IS PROMISED

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## **COLD AND SNOWY** CHRISTMAS DAY IS PREDICTED

Strong Winds and Sleet Have
Played Havoc With
Wires.

Or society for their present plight? Who knows?

If anybody wants to send something down to brighten the monotony of Christmas in the jail, and sort of stave off too big a run on the soup that now constitutes the piece-de-resistance in the bill-of-rare, they may rest assured that the jail officials will be mighty glad to see that the prisoners get it.

BRANTFORD TP. FARMER

Brantford, Dec. 23.—Two masked men last night held up Ira Baker in his home in Brantford Township while a home in Brantford Township while a third party went into the cellar and removed seven cases of whiskey, a legal shipment, which Mr. Baker had seincer, as well ag the New England shipment, which Mr. Baker had secured. The robbery was reported to the police about 8 o'clock last night.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—By the Canadian Press, accompanied in many places by snow or sleet, played havoe with the telegraphic and telegraphic and telegraphic and telegraphic and telegraphic and the sussex is laden for Australia.

The ship went on the bar at about high tide. She is reported undamaged, and there was general demoralization of wire communication in soft. As she lies she blocks the Carleton ferry entrance, and the ferry service has been diverted. In some districts, Snowstorms and colder weather are promised in all Eastern Canada. The prospects generally are Canada. The prospects generally are Brantford, Dec. 23.—Two masked men last night held up Ira Baker in his home in Brantford Township while a third party went into the cellar and removed seven cases of whiskey, a legal shipment, which Mr. Baker had secured. The robbery was reported to the police about 8 o'clock last night. The culprits had a big car when they called at the Baker home, which is about three miles off the Hamilton road

Moter guns, just at the time that he heard someone moving about in the cellar. High Censtable Kerr was at a loss in trying to figure out suspects in the hold-up. Some parties must have had knowledge of the shipment of liquor to the Baker home. Mr. Kerr remarked: "All these bootleggers carry revolvers."

Mrs. Oldham, William street, found a after a visit with friends. She telephoned for the police, but the burglar got away, taking a purse containing \$9.

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—MUCH COLDER. Toronto, Dec. 22—8 a.m. Forecasts.

Today—West to northwest gales, before coming much colder, with local snow flurrles.

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GREEKS ORDERED TO LEAVE.

Constantinople, Dec. 23.—Greeks employed in provincial branches of the Ottoman Bank in the Heraklea coal of whether there is a British censorship of cable messages to the United States from Great Britain of the Western Union Telegraph Company, that cable messages coming to the Western Union Telegraph Company, that cable messages coming to the Western Union Telegraph Company, that cable messages coming to the United States from Great Britain by the British naval intelligence authorship.

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U. S. VETERANS OPPOSE MENNONITES MOVING

## REPAST WILL CONSIST OF SOUP AND VEGETABLES

Bill of Fare.

BUT NOT ANY MORE

Holiday Behind Walls of Bastille. Christmas cheer for the 40 or 50 irre-

concilables of established society who will spend the holiday in the Middlesex county jail will not be very bright, uness some Good Samaritan supplies some extras to relieve the monotony of heir accustomed prison fare. In the old days roast pork used t be provided for the prisoners' Christ-

mas dinner, but that was before the Ontario temperance act went into effect and congestion really became noticeable in the jail accommodation. Roast pork at present prices for half a hundred prisoners, counting the few extra anteholiday celebrators who will in all probability be gathered in before Friday night, would cost quite a figure, and the administration of the jail is very economical. There were 42 prisoners in

man's size dinner of steak and sausages, dessert, candy nuts, oranges and other incidentals, and it was followed by a program of good music and singing, along with a few addresses by some of London's best singers, players and

speakers. speakers.

What will be the thoughts of the prisoners in jail this Christmas? Will they look back over the years of happy Christmas days of long ago, when wider happing the control of the prisoners of the priso under happier skies they enjoyed a real old-fashioned Yuletide with home and kindred? Will they blame themselves or society for their present plight? Who

WILL CLOSE FACTORY. Truro, N. S., Dec. 23.—Announcement was made here that the Borden Company, Limited, manufacturers of condensed milk, would close its plants here for a period of probably 60 days, beginning the first of next month, on account of present market conditions.

artment and now receiving considera-ion. The question is whether a man who becomes naturalized in Canada and

neriod of over two years thereby for-feits any of his rights or his naturaliza-tion certificate. INSANE ASYLUM BURNS. Halifax, N. S., Dec. 23.—Word was received here last night that the TERANS OPPOSE
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INTO MISSISSIPPI

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## JAIL CHRISTMAS MURDERED CANADIAN SOLDIER NOT FROM THIS DISTRICT, NO RECORD OF MAN CAN BE FOUND

Roast Pork Used To Be On the Dan Cleary, Found Dead Near Grosse Point With Bullets in Head and Body—Class A Button and Identification Number 103510.

Windsor, Dec. 23.—Canadian Press.—Dan Cleary, believed by

Fifty Unfortunates Will Spend the Detroit police to have been a Canadian soldier stationed at London, Ont., was found dead this morning on the Seven Mile road near Grosse Point with a bullet through the temple and six shots in the body. He was wearing a blue suit with a white stripe and a brown overcoat. On the body were found a Class A button and identification No. 103510.

> At the records office of military district headquarters here, careful investigation failed to find any record at all of a soldier named Dan Cleary, and according to the director of records, the Class A button of the number mentioned in the dispatch could not have been issued in this district.



SIR JAMES LOUGHEED, who states that the question of a high protective tariff on goods entering the United States has not been thrown into the Canadian arena yet, but that the Gov-

#### CLOSER FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN PROVINCES

Quebec, Dec. 23.—In an interview here today on his return from Ottawa, Hon J. E. Carron "I observed in our friends of Ontario marked sentiments of cordiality and benevolence towards us. There is no hostility on their part. There, as here, a closer relationship between Quebec and Outerio is desired, and I believe that it is the at-titude of Quebec that has aroused. this feeling in our Ontario

## **CURRENT LOANS IN** CANADA DECREASING

Bank Statement for Novem-

Canada also fell away from \$125,100 in October to \$169,677,659 in November Notice deposits jumped from \$1,271,275,751 to \$1,292,009,008. Other figures indi-

## IRISH RAILWAYMEN TO BE REINSTATED

British Government Agrees to, Workers Returning to

Dublin, Dec. 23.-The Imperial Gov-

bushn, Dec. 23.—The Imperial Government as an outcome of the negotitations instituted by J. H. Thomas, general secretary of the National Union of railwaymen, has agreed to the reinstatement of the railroad workers, in Ireland, who went out on strike over the question of carrying munitions. The Covernment has agreeted the reiedge. Government has accepted the pledge that there will be no further trouble subsequently leaves the country for a and it is expected that normal service will be restored promptly. Mr. Thomas says that the Government acted handsomely and that the attitude of the frish people contributed towards the settlement.

MICH, Ded. 23.—Four men yesterday afternoon held up the cashier of the Clio State Bank at Clio, north of here, beat him into insensibility and escaped with currency estimated at \$12,000.

# WILL NOT SUBMIT QUIETLY SEEKING POLITICAL

**GOVT. OF MANITOBA** Meighen Will Be Asked To Go

To Winnipeg To Assist.

**ALLIANCE TO SAVE** 

Toronto, Dec. 23 .- The Toronto Star has the following special dispatch from Winnipeg: "Fearing that the Government of Manitoba is in danger of the Labor-Farmer alliance, following the failure to agree to a tentative working arrangement which spells security for the Norris Government at the caucus last night, the Conservatives in the Lex islature, numbering seven, have asked Premier Meighen to come to Winning; and see if an alliance between the Conservatives and the Norris supporters cannot be arranged. Isaac Pithlada has the matter in hand for the Government. With the support of the Conservations

### THREE CANDIDATES IN MAYORALTY CONTEST IN MOUNTAIN CITY

Labor Member of Parliament Among Aspirants.

Hamilton, Dec. 23.—Municipal nominations are being held here today, those for mayor, controllers and hydro commission taking place this morning. Ald. ermanic and school candidates will be nominated tonight. No surprises were spring. There will be a three-cornered contest for the mayoralty, the candi-dates being Controller Thomas W. Jut-ten. who has served in the council for fourteen years: George C. Halcrow, Labor member in the Provincial House, Labor member in the Provincial House, and a former member of the board of control, and George C. Coppley, president of the Chamber of Commerce.

There is a field of seven for the board of control: Calvin Davis, Charles Aitchison and Thomas Oheir, members of this year's board; Harry Pester, Heeley Snyder, Thomas Morris and Alderman John Tope. Mr. Morris is the former assistant city treasurer. The soldiers and sailors federation and labor are co-operating and have framed a slate.

## **REDS' PROPAGANDA** AGAINST BRITISH **DELAYS AGREEMENT**

Sir Robert Horne Explains the Situation to Parliament.

London, Dec. 23.—Sir Robert S.—Horne, president of the board of trade, in announcing with regret in the House last night that it had been impossible to conclude a trade agreement with Russia, explained that the hindrance was that the Boisheviki were engaged in anti-British propaganda in Persia, Afghanistan and India, which, if allowed to continue, would bring war instead of peace to the world. The soviet government, he said, had not yet ungovernment, he said, had not yet undertaken to cease this propaganda, but he was hopeful that an agreement would eventually be concluded ACCIDENTALLY SHOOTS HIMSELF Quebec, Dec. 23.—Nelson Cantinaged 25 years, a brakeman on the C. N. R. residing near the Quebec Bridge in St. Foy Parish, was shot to

MICHIGAN BANK ROBBED.

#### LLOYD GEORGE'S EMIGRATION PLAN STRONGLY CONDEMNED

London, Dec. 23.—Canadian Associated Press.—The Times and Daily Mail both make scornful comments today upon Premier Lloyd George's suggestion that emigration would relieve unemployment in these islands, pointing out that the overseas dominions and the United States are also confronted with serious unemployment problems. "We are faced with the difficulty that if the emigrants are of the type that would be readily accepted abroad, we cannot afford to lose them, while if they have suffered in health and lack capital they will not be permitted to land," the Mail declares. The Times directs attention to what it calls the flasco of the recent emigration bill when, it says, the dominions were told in so many words that they were trying to rob this country of useful me, whose presence here was absolutely necessary to supply the ravages made by the war. Now that times are hard, the paper adds, the Government turns in a panic to a suggestion which it then did its utmost to discourage. islands, pointing out that the overseas dominions and the United States

## "GREEN" CHRISTMAS

The possibility of a "green" Christmas is looming on the horizon, and has already been the topic for the oldtimers of the district, who recall rare Yuletide seasons of the past when such was the case. A few veteran citizens discussed the possibility on the market this morning, and one bearded sage rose to remark: "It might not be a green Christmas, but it will be a dry one." Others present disagreed with him, and regretted their lack of diplomacy, when he signified his intention of calling on them for some Christmas cheer.

The majority of citizens would prefer that Christmas be not a "green" one, because of the fact that snow, sleighs and sleighbells enhance the holiday, and add to the charm of Santa Claus lore. An added objection, which offsets the dry roads and pavements, is the fact that according to the ancient proverbial adage, "A green Christmas makes fat church-yards." That is to say mild weather with no snowfall at Christmas time is conductive to ill health, and furthers the ravages of various maladies which annually exact their toll by increasing the death rate. So here's to Santa Claus, snow and sleigh bells to arrive in Western Ontario before Christmas Eve.

# Port Chester, N. Y., Dec. 23.

ROBS MOTORIST

WOMAN BANDIT

MAY LAND IN ENGLAND

Port Chester, N. Y., Dec. 23.—A "lady" bandit yesterday made her appearance near here and, while two men companions looked on, robbed Mrs. Clarence W. Mertz, wife of a local contractor, of \$80 in cash and \$1,000 in checks, Mrs. Mertz was driving toward White Plains in her automobile when another car drew up in the road before her, combelling her to stop. A man compelling her to stop. A man and woman stepped out, the man carrying a revolver. An-other man remained in the car-The couple climbed into Mrs. Mertz's automobile and ordered her to hand over her valuables. After she had complied, the woman searched her, returned two monogrammed rings and handed her two \$1 bills, saying: "You may need this to buy gasoline." Then they left her and drove away in their car."

#### LOUGHEED DOUBTS THAT LLOYD GEORGE ADVISED IMMIGRATION MEASURE

Calgary, Dec. 23.—"I do not think Lloyd George could have been correctly reported," was the comment of Sir James Lougheed, minister of the interior, commenting upon the dispatch announcing that the British premier had prescribed immigratin within the Empire as the only solution of the British unemployment problem likely to be available until the world is in a more settled condition. "We have our unemployed problem, as well as Britain, and

## they were to have been retained the end of the calendar year. touncil, however, has decided eir services shall be retained rate for the winter. Montreal, Dec. 23.—A private recention was tendered Premier Arthur Meighen and Mrs. Meighen last evening by Mr. Meighen's cousin, Mrs. Robert Wilson Reford, at her home here.

Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 23.—Tom W. Vickery, a white man, held on a charge of murder in connection with the killing on Monday night of Policeman Jeff C. Couch, was taken from the county jail here shortly after midnight by a mob and hanged Several shots were fired into his body.

about three miles off the Hamilton road and six miles from Brantford. The STATE DEPARTMENT TAKES wall while they covered Baker with their guns, just at the time that he

QUITE SO. QUITE SO!

Constable William Middaugh

Constable William Middaugh was giving evidence in police court today in an effort to convict a man of gambling.

"Sir," he said, addressing Chief of Police Birrell, who was prosecuting, "the prisoner told the constable who was with me, that he was a liar and had no brains."

"Quite so, quite so," replied the chief, as he scratched his chin. meditatively.

**BOOZE BANDITS SECURE** 

SUPPLY FROM CELLAR OF

flurries.

Friday—Strong northwest winds and quite cold, with local snow flurries.

Saturday—Fair and cold.

Temperatures.

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

Stations. High. Low. Weather. Victoria ... 42 40 Cloudy Calgary ...... 2 8 Clear letoria ..... Winnipeg ... Port Arthur.

# **EXCEPTION TO EMBASSY'S**

Kingston 32 28 Fair
Ottawa 20 29 Rain
Montreal 22 22 Rain
Quebec 18 16 Snow
Halifax ... 32 20 Rain
Minus (—) means below zero.
Weather Notes.

The disturbance which extended from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico yesterday morning is now centred near the Georgian Bay as a well-defined storm, causing gales, with rain or snow from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces.

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LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

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