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FALLING FROM HER PLACE AS NAVAL POWER

London Telegraph Sees United States Sliding Down To Fourth Position

ENGLISH NEWS OF INTEREST

C. J. Cuthbertson, Elected Alderman Over Times' Manager, Falls Dead as Lord Mayor Congratulates—Rev. Mr. Campbell Back From Canada

(Canadian Press)

London, Jan. 31—The Daily Telegraph says today: —"There is every reason to anticipate that of all the great powers of the world, the United States will be the only one which will not begin the construction of an armored ship this year. The decision not to begin the building of any vessels will probably solve the existing difficulty as to crews. In this event this year's expenditure on the American fleet, which, for two years, has been reduced, will show a further decline during the next twelve months, and a still greater fall in the following year.

"The result will be that the American fleet, which now occupies the second place in gross effective tonnage, will sink in a few years, if the policy of economy is pursued, below the total displacement of the French navy, ranking fourth among the world's fleets.

C. J. Cuthbertson fell dead yesterday immediately after the lord mayor's announcement of his election as an alderman for the ward of Farrington within. His nearest opponent was John Walter, managing director of the Times, who polled 190 votes to 331 obtained by Mr. Cuthbertson.

The tragedy occurred in Cutler's Hall. The lord mayor had just offered the victor his congratulations, and Mr. Walter had seconded them. A vote of thanks to the lord mayor was being proposed by the new alderman, when, it was noticed, that his face was ashen grey. With a faint exclamation Mr. Cuthbertson sank to the floor and expired before medical aid could be summoned.

The Rev. R. J. Campbell, pastor of the Temple, London, who returned last week after a trip to Canada and the United States, said that he was delighted with his reception abroad.

He said:—"It was marred only by the tactics of the yellow press, which expected sensational utterances and was disappointed, so invented them and then refused corrections."

TWO TOTS BURNED TO DEATH; TWO OTHERS IN CRITICAL CONDITION

New York, Jan. 31—A boy of six years and a girl of four were burned to death in their beds early today and two other children—brother and sister of the victims are in a critical condition in a hospital in Brooklyn as the result of an explosion of an oil lamp in the home of Louis Isler, their father.

Isler and his wife were seriously burned.

PLEASANT POINT REQUEST FOR A WATER SERVICE

A petition signed by a large number of residents of Pleasant Point asking that the water main which now runs to Milford be extended to Pleasant Point was presented to Mayor Frink this morning and will be submitted to the common council. The district is thickly settled and it was said today that, as the Milford extension has paid good returns, it is expected the petition will receive due consideration.

The mayor has received from the West End committee a copy of the resolution in protest against the increase in the ferry tolls which was adopted at the recent public meeting.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries. R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Forenoon Bulletin from Toronto.

Forecasts:—Today and on Thursday, moderate to fresh east to north winds; snowfalls; not much change in temperature.

Synopsis:—Pressure continues comparatively low to the southward of Nova Scotia. Moderately cold weather prevails generally; to the Grand Banks and American ports, moderate to fresh east to north winds.

Local Weather Report at Noon.

Wednesday, Jan. 31, 1912.

Highest temperature during last 24 hrs 24
Lowest temperature during last 24 hrs 20
Temperature at noon 24
Humidity at noon 73
Water readings at noon (sea level and 32 degrees Fah.), 29.53 inches.

Wind at noon—Direction northeast, velocity four miles per hour; snow.

Corresponding date last year—Highest temperature 20, lowest, zero; clear day.

D. L. HUTCHINSON, Director.

DISREGARD ARMISTICE

Chinese Republicans Followed up Advantage Gained in Tuesday's Defeat of the Imperia Troops

(Canadian Press)

London, Jan. 31—The armistice between the imperialist and republican forces, which was officially renewed yesterday, is being disregarded by the republican troops, according to a news agency despatch received here today from Tien Tsin.

The republican army is following up the advantage it gained at Kucheng, in the province of Anhwei, where it badly defeated the imperial force commanded by General Chang Hsun, on Tuesday. The victorious rebel army is now marching towards the city of Suchow on the Tien Tsin Bukow railroad.

Mongolian agents are now endeavoring to negotiate for the purchase of arms and ammunition at New Chwang, the Manchurian seaport. Prince Na Hing left this morning for Mongolia.

A terrible panic among the officials in Tien Tsin has caused many of them to seek shelter today in the foreign concessions. Martial law has been proclaimed in the native city, according to a special despatch received here this morning. The mayor has resigned office and, fearing that the lives of the members of his family are endangered, has sent his wife and children and other relatives to take refuge in the French concession.

ABDICATION IS NOW ABOUT DECIDED ON

Peking, China, Jan. 31—The imperial foreign board announces that the Empress Dowager informed the members of the cabinet today that the throne had decided on a solution of the situation which would insure peace. She instructed the ministers to arrange accordingly. It is understood that the imperial family has accepted the conditions laid down by the republicans, and that abdication will be announced immediately.

It is believed to have been decided that the imperial family and princes would abdicate if they were allowed to retain their empty titles, reside in Peking, or elsewhere at their pleasure, and receive annual pensions aggregating 3,000,000 taels (approximately $2,000,000), and that the transference of power would be carried out with as little loss of dignity to the throne as possible.

TWO PROPERTY SALES OF INTEREST TODAY

Armstrong & Bruce Buy Cruikshank Farm—J. A. Likely Gets Union Street Parcel

The activity in real estate is being felt in a more marked degree in both suburban and city property. For a while the chief attention seemed to be centred on areas in the districts adjoining the city, but during the last few weeks more attention than formerly is being paid to property within the city limits, and in addition to the transfers already recorded, there are rumors of others that are to take place.

The Cruikshank farm of 320 acres, situated at Coldbrook, has been sold by the heirs of the Cruikshank estate to Armstrong & Bruce. This is the second property which was under option to the prison farm committee of the municipal council, but which they had to relinquish as the council refused to go ahead with the matter.

Joseph A. Likely has bought, from the Misses Sproule, the freehold property on the corner of Prince William and Union streets. There are two large wooden dwellings on the property facing Prince William street, and it extends along Union street to the Congregational church.

AFTER THE MAN WHO FURNISHED MONEY TO BRIBE JURORS

Developments of Interest Following on the McNamara Dynamiting Case

Los Angeles, Jan. 31—The Examiner today says that Bert H. Franklin, former confidential agent of the defense in the McNamara case, made, on January 14, a detailed confession of alleged jury bribing in which he implicated Attorney Clarence S. Darrow. The confession is said to have been made to Assistant Attorney Ford in the presence of a third man.

The same paper states that the $4,000 alleged to have been paid to jurors Bain and Lockwood by Franklin was brought to Los Angeles from the east by a man who will be indicted before the grand jury concludes its investigation.

The next move in the case, it is said, will be the release of Franklin on his own recognizance, so that he may accompany an officer to aid in the apprehension of the man alleged to have furnished the bribe money. This will be followed, it is said, by the indefinite postponement of the case against Franklin.

I. O. FORESTERS' INSTALLATION

On Monday evening, Court Intercolonial elected and installed the following officers for the ensuing term:—T. G. Northrup, C. R.; A. Tower, V. C. R.; F. W. Hastings, R. S.; A. Hastings, F. S.; Dr. H. C. Wetmore, treasurer; A. Poyas, orator; A. Bernstein, S. W.; I. Levine, S. B.; I. Goldberg, J. B.; W. J. Dunlop, J. P. C. R.; Dr. F. T. Dunlop, court physician; J. Beamish, C. D. C. R.; A. Poyas and M. Duker, trustees; W. H. Chambers and Dr. A. F. Emery, finance committee.

The installation ceremony was conducted by E. J. Todd, H. M., and W. A. Simonds, H. S. The reports of the officers showed the court to be in a flourishing condition both in membership and finances.

Court Rockwood, No. 1470 I. O. F. last evening installed their officers as follows: C. H. A. MacFarlane, C. R.; J. Allen, V. C. R.; Wm. Collins, P. C. R.; F. B. Hayward, Treas.; T. S. Hill, F. S.; C. Chisholm, R. S.; A. C. Tobin, O.; Thos. McFarlane, S. W.; J. R. Green, J. W.; J. H. Geldart, S. B.; W. F. Smith, J. B.; W. A. Christie, Court Physician; F. B. Hayward, C. D. H. C. R.

ONTARIO WEST ORANGE LODGE

Toronto, Jan. 31—By order of Grand Master, Lovler, the provincial Grand Orange lodge of Ontario west, has been called to meet in London on March 13. In addition to discussion on the Ne Temere and bi-lingual schools, several internal matters including the selection of a treasurer in the stead of John Hewitt of Toronto, and the arrangement of the work of organization within the jurisdiction will be dealt with.

MARRIED 11 YEARS; NO NEW DRESS SINCE

Mrs. Newton, as She Applies for Divorce, Wears Dress She Wore When Married

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 31—Wearing the dress in which she was married seventeen years ago in Liverpool, Eng., Mrs. E. E. Newton applied for a divorce in the district court yesterday. In her petition she declared she had no new clothing since she had made her wedding clothes.

SERIOUS FIRE IN A CONSTRUCTION CAMP

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Jan. 31—One hundred workmen are homeless sixty-four miles up the line of the Algoma Central Railway at Hawk Lake, as the result of a fire which swept the base of the O'Boyle Bros. construction camp early this morning.

The loss is estimated at $15,000, and work has been brought to a standstill at this point of the line. It was at this camp that all the supplies for the neighboring camps were kept, and all were lost.

WILL BE FINED IF YOU GIVE A TIP

Frankport, Ky., Jan. 31 —Kentucky's proposed anti-tipping law, passed the lower house of the legislature yesterday, by a vote of 59 to 7. The bill provides a fine for tipping waiters and porters.

WANT PROVINCES TO CONTRIBUTE

Montreal, Jan. 31—The Cartier committee has decided to invite the governments of the provinces to follow the lead of Quebec and make grants towards the erection of a statue at the base of Mount Royal to Sir George Etienne Cartier.

WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL.

The reception to Dr. DeWolfe, following his address last evening was a very pleasing feature of the meeting of the Women's Canadian Club at which the members of the men's Canadian Club were present as guests. The tea table was made very inviting with beautiful old silver and cut glass and decorations of pink carnations and maiden hair fern. Miss E. P. Hegan and Mrs. Peter Miller presided at the table and were assisted by Mrs. John Bullock, Mrs. F. E. Williams and other members of the ladies' club. The vote of thanks to the lecturer was moved by Mrs. John H. Thomson and seconded by Mrs. A. W. Robb. His Worship Mayor Frink, G. A. Henderson, president of the Canadian Club and Dr. G. U. Hay spoke to the motion commenting in the warmest terms on the eloquent address and valuable information given by the lecturer. The gathering was one of the most successful ever held by the Women's Canadian Club.

THE STEAMERS.

The S. S. Rappahanock from London arrived at Halifax last night on her way to this port.

The S. S. Kanawha, which has been in dry dock at St. John's, Nfld., left there last night for this port.

The Manchester Trader will sail tonight for Manchester via Halifax. She will load apples at the latter port.

The C. P. R. liner Monmouth will leave her berth at Sand Point tonight about half-past six o'clock. She will take away a large general cargo, but no passengers.

The S. S. Kaduna, which is loading cargo at Sand Point, will leave port sometime tomorrow.

DEATH OF WM. DALEY.

The death of William Daley took place at an early hour this morning at his home 26 Clarence street. He was a native of Albert county and had resided in this city for years. He was a shoe-maker by trade. Beside his wife, Mr. Daley is survived by three brothers, David of this city and James and Dennis of Albert county, and two sisters, Mrs. Susan McKinley of this city and Mrs. John McKinley of Albert county. The funeral will be held on Friday afternoon.

MRS. ALBERT THOMPSON.

Mrs. Albert Thompson, aged thirty years, passed away this morning, leaving her husband and four small children to mourn. Two brothers—Thomas and Bruce McKinnon—also survive, with four sisters, Mrs. John Speight of Danfield, Me.; Mrs. Arthur Storey, of Hawarden, Sask.; Mrs. Fred Scott and one unmarried in this city.

UNIONISTS' POSITION AS TO HOME RULE

Rally in London Hears Praise of Leaders of the Anti Forces

AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN

He Would Give Ulster Separate Treatment — Lord Dunraven Takes Home Rule Side and Discusses Phases of the Question

(Canadian Press)

London, Jan. 31—In a Unionist rally last night, Henry Chaplin, referring to the situation in Ulster, congratulated Sir Edward Carson, Lord Londonderry, and Ulstermen for their "noble stand in the cause of union." "They've made it clear," he said, "that, despite the conspiracy to break up the constitution and emasculate the House of Lords, home rule without a direct mandate from the people never can be carried without civil war in Ireland. (Cheers).

"The government forgot to reckon with the courage and patriotism of Ulster. I believe the leaders of the Ulster party have killed home rule before its birth, and that it will be found to be still born."

Austen Chamberlain said that if the claim of the Irish nationalists for home rule was good, the claim of Ulster for separate treatment was equally good. Account must be taken of the differences of history between the two sections of the Irish people. The home rule bill, he said, was useless, and the history of the Irish parliament was an inglorious one. It gave the people no peace or prosperity. There was no practical grievance to which they could point that justified their demand for breaking the partnership of an united parliament.

London, Jan. 31—Earl Dunraven has given an interesting interview in regard to the present agitation in Ulster. He diagnosed the agitation as a mental disease from which Ulster has been suffering for generations.

The earl says that the people of Ulster have for a long time been accustomed to complete ascendancy and come to consider themselves superior to the majority of Irishmen, politically, socially and in every other respect. They regard themselves as belonging to a nobler species of creation and what they really dread is being put upon a level with other Irishmen.

There is no reason to suppose, says Earl Dunraven, that the Catholic majority in Ireland will persecute the Protestant minority should home rule be introduced. Tolerance has been always shown by the other side.

TEN KILLED WITH BOMB

Engine of Death Hurled Into Detachment of Turkish Military Police

Constantinople, Jan. 31—Another serious bomb outrage occurred last night in Macedonia. A large number of Turkish policemen were killed and injured. The bomb was thrown into the centre of a detachment of military police in the town of Radovisht, thirty-seven miles northeast of Monastir, and the police commissary, a lieutenant of the army reserves and eight military policemen were killed, while eight other policemen, including the commander, were severely wounded.

CHILD MURDERED; BODY LEFT NEAR TRACK AT MERCY OF DOGS

Ridgetown, Ont., Jan. 31—This town was thrown into great excitement today by the discovery of the body of a young child near the Pere Marquette tracks. Doctor Marr gave it as his opinion that the child had been murdered. The body had been partly eaten by dogs.

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COME TO ST. JOHN FROM CAPITAL ON THEIR HONEYMOON

J. A. Hanlon and Miss Clara Ryan Married Today—Election of Indian Chiefs—Mrs. McCoy Dead

Fredericton, N. B., Jan. 31—(Special)—J. Alfred Hanlon and Miss Clara Ryan, daughter of Mrs. M. S. Ryan were married in St. Dunstan's church this morning by Rev. Father Carney, in the presence of a gathering of friends. Ernest Hanlon was best man, and the bride was attended by Miss Dorothy Dever. Mr. and Mrs. Hanlon left by the morning train on a trip to St. John and Halifax.

Newell Sacobi, Sol Brooks and Joe Paul will be candidates for Indian chief of St. Mary's, Oromocto and Gagetown at the election which will take place tomorrow.

Dr. and Mrs. MacDonald are to leave this evening for Huntingdon, West Virginia, to be absent three months. Rev. Dr. Cutten of Acadia University, will be one of those to supply the pulpit of the Baptist church during the pastor's absence.

Mrs. McCoy, widow of John McCoy, died at her home here last evening. She was aged sixty-one, and leaves two sons, Grover and Charles; and three daughters, Mrs. McClellan, Mrs. Morgan and Mrs. Burke.

In New Maryland yesterday George Ball, one of the most respected residents of that place, died, after a short illness, at the age of 62 years. He is survived by his wife, two sons, George and Edgar, both at home, and four daughters, Misses May, Bertie, Elsie and Gladys, all at home. Two brothers, Edmund and Alfred Ball of Woodstock, and one sister, Mrs. McAdoo, also survive.

Mrs. L. W. Bailey, jr., has received news of the death of her mother, Mrs. Gale, in Quebec. Mrs. Gale suffered from a stroke of paralysis some time ago. Mrs. Bailey, who is the only daughter, has gone to Quebec to attend the funeral.

THE HOCKEY TROUBLE

Objection to Some of the Players and Executive Will Meet on Friday in Fredericton

From the present outlook there is going to be considerable activity in connection with New Brunswick Hockey League matters within the next few days. The Fredericton team played Mike Murphy against the Marysville team in their last game, and had intended to play him for the remainder of the season, but the Chatham team has registered a complaint with the executive of the league. Sussex played Joe Crockett, formerly of the Moncton Victorias in their game last week. Other teams, made up of just amateur hockey players, are registering a complaint against these players, and the matter will come up before the executive at their meeting in Fredericton on Friday night.

The Marysville team will play here tonight, but it is not likely that any more games will be played in the league before the matter is settled. A representative of the local team will go to Fredericton to attend the meeting. It is said that the Fredericton team are trying to secure the services of Dunphy, who played with the Capitals several seasons ago.

FIJI ISLANDS ARE SWEPT BY HURRICANE

London, Jan. 31—A great hurricane swept over the Fiji Islands on Sunday, says a despatch from Levuka to the Daily Mail. Shipping and other property has been extensively damaged.

IN THE COURTS TODAY

The case of the St. John River Steamship Company vs. The St. John River Log Driving Company was continued before Mr. Justice White this morning. The cross-examination of John Ferguson was concluded. John Rowan was on the stand when the court adjourned for lunch. The case will be continued this afternoon. Dr. L. A. Curry and Daniel Mullin, K.C., are for the plaintiffs, and A. J. Gregory and M. G. Teed, K.C., for the defendants.

Probate.

In the probate court today in the matter of James Roy Buchanan of Holyoke, Mass., an infant, the father being dead, Christiana Buchanan, the mother, asked for guardianship of person and estate and for an allowance for the past as well as for future maintenance and education of the infant. The order was granted allowing a limited sum. The whole estate is $1,200. R. G. Murray, is proctor.

JOHN VINCENT.

The death of John Vincent, eighty-two years old, occured last evening at his home, 41 Simonds street. He is survived by his wife, two sons, Joseph H., and William A., of Boston, and three daughters, Mrs. Lewin Lonald of Boston, Mrs. Isaiah Drillen of Washington and Mrs. H. Milligan of Buffalo. The funeral will be from his late home in Simonds street at half past two o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

BADEN POWELL IS WELCOMED TO NEW YORK BY SCOUTS

Chairman of Greeting Committee is Twelve Year Old Hero—Handshake From Taft

New York, Jan. 31—An enthusiastic little party of boy scouts, headed by chief scout executive, Jas. E. West, hurried down the bay before daybreak today to meet the Bermuda packet Arcadian, which carried Lieut. General Sir Robert S. S. Baden Powell, the hero of Mafeking, and founder of the boy scout movement.

The chairman of the New York committee of welcomers was William Walker, a twelve-year old Brooklyn boy, whose bravery in saving a playmate from drowning gained him the coveted honor medal of the scouts of America. The committee carried with it a letter of greeting from President Taft to General Baden-Powell.

FORMER CHATHAM MAN IS DEAD IN CALAIS

Dennis Connell Was 74 Years of Age — One of Family of Twelve

Chatham, N. B., Jan. 31—(Special)—John Connell received a telegram yesterday afternoon apprising him of the death of his oldest brother, Dennis, in Calais, Maine, after an illness of many months. He was seventy-four years of age, and leaves two sons and one daughter. His wife, who was Miss Fox of Chatham, died some years ago.

Mr. Connell was born in Ireland and came out with his parents to Chatham. He left here forty-five years ago for Calais, where he made his home. He was on a visit to John Connell here two years ago. Dennis Connell was the oldest boy in a family of seven sons and five daughters. Only five now survive—Mrs. John Haley of Chatham, Mrs. Osgood of Philadelphia, John of Chatham, James of Bartibogue and Timothy in the west.

LATE SPORT NEWS

Ten Hard Rounds in New York —Ottawa Athlete is Injured

New York, Jan. 31—Eddie McGoffie of Oshkosh, and Walter Coffey of San Francisco, fought ten hard rounds at the Fairmont Athletic club last night. Although under the rules of the state boxing commission decisions are not permitted, it was the view of a majority of the spectators that the Wisconsin man was a winner by a wide margin.

Ottawa, Jan. 31—Just previous to their departure for Quebec, the Ottawas made a final effort to sign Clint Benedict and Eddie Gerard of the New Edinburghs, who are said to have been offered $1,000 each. Both declined, and will finish out the season with the New Edinburghs. The Stanley cup holders are also after Broadbent, but he will also remain amateur.

Ottawa, Jan. 31—Jack Ryan, the outside wing of the Ottawa Foot Ball Club, whose reinstatement by the Interprovincial Amateur Hockey Union and the Quebec branch of the Amateur Athletic Union caused high jinks, seems unable to avoid the spot light. He fell while skiing yesterday and broke two ribs.

Ottawa, Jan. 31—While no challenges are in to date for the Stanley Cup, Trustee William Foran said to day that as the maritime province league appeared to be an organization of senior calibre, a challenge from the winners of that organization for the trophy would be accepted. Both east and west coast leagues are expected to challenge soon.

THE G. T. P. WORK.

Moncton to Winnipeg in Two Years Except Completion of Quebec Bridge

Brantford, Ont., Jan. 31—Major R. J. Leonard of the National Transcontinental Railway Commission was the guest of honor at a banquet of the board of trade last night.

"Moncton to Winnipeg within two years with the exception of the completion of the Quebec bridge, which will probably take five or six years," was among the interesting announcements made.

Referring to the construction work over the section from Winnipeg to Moncton, he announced that it would involve a further expenditure of $112,000,000. The Quebec bridge would require $12,000,000 more to complete. All of the 1804 miles between Moncton and Winnipeg were under construction with slight exception and there was between 400 and 500 miles of track yet to lay. He hoped by the end of next autumn to have the line between Winnipeg and Cochrane completed, and by the ensuing season, the whole line except the Quebec bridge.

CALAMITY THREATENS WEST, SAYS MANITOBA GRAIN MAN

(Canadian Press)

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 31—Wet grain in the west is declared to be a serious feature just now. Hundreds of thousands of bushels have been exposed to the weather all winter for want of storage facilities. At Verigin, Sask, in one pile is 500,000 bushels covered with snow. This belongs to the Doukhobors.

"It is not a question," said a grain man today," of the ruin of an individual. It is a question of the ruin of whole districts. We are on the verge of the worst calamity, which has ever happened in western Canada."

IS BORDEN COMING TO UNCLE SAM?

Washington Story That Government Seeks Better Trade Relations

NEGOTIATIONS IN PROGRESS?

Pressure By the West to Secure Benefits of the American Market, Says New York Herald Despatch—The Situation Discussed

(Canadian Press)

New York, Jan. 31—The Herald has the following despatch from its Washington bureau this morning:—

"Surprising news that the Borden government in Canada is inclining toward reciprocity with the United States, has come to Washington through an unofficial, but well-informed channel. The general disposition has been to regard reciprocity as dead, for a few years at least, as the Borden government gained office on an anti-reciprocity platform last September.

"It is now said that the prairie provinces of Western Canada, with a vast and valuable wheat crop on their hands and with a car famine, are yearning as never before for the American market, which the adoption of reciprocity would have opened. As a result the pressure on the Ottawa government in favor of better trade relations with the United States is growing.

"One of the chief arguments of the conservative party against reciprocity was that its advantages would be given to Canada ultimately by democratic free trade legislation without Canada yielding any concessions. This has not happened, and is not likely to happen.

"One phase of the information from Canada, is that Mr. Borden already has indicated a willingness to enter into a trade agreement with the United States, less extensive than that negotiated a year ago by the Laurier government. Whether he has done so and whether there have been exchanges on the subject could not be ascertained here tonight.

"It would be difficult for the administration to obtain any amendment of the reciprocity offer which stands on the statute books. It is known to be the belief of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, now leader of the opposition in Canada, that time will ultimately bring the Canadian people actively to favor reciprocity, but Washington was scarcely prepared to hear that Mr. Borden was swinging in that direction. It has been noted, however, that he has made no effort officially to reject the reciprocity offer by definite legislation. Canada is in the attitude merely of having not enacted the legislation necessary to give the agreement effect.

"Russia's overtures to Canada for an agreement on agricultural machinery are believed to be designed to frighten the United States into a belief that the Russian market for American machinery will suffer. This would be a natural move in connection with negotiations of a new Russo-American commercial treaty."

FOX RANCH HERE, TOO

Financial Matters Being Arranged for Starting Business in This County

In addition to the boom which is going on in real estate circles in St. John, there is expected within a short time to be considerable money invested by local men in black fox ranching in this county as well as in Westmorland. There have been two or three men from other parts of the province in the city during the last few days, and they are said to have secured promise of sound financial backing for the enterprise. Musquash is looked upon as being one place in the county where operations will be begun, but it is thought that there will be other places in the county as well conducted.

For one pair of foxes to start with the cost, it is said, averages from $6,000 to $8,000, so that it will be seen that considerable capital is required to operate on a fairly extensive scale. Westmorland county is particularly favored by those interested, as it is said to be adapted for conducting a farm of this kind, but indications are that St. John will be in line as well.

MONKS ARE MURDERED

Turks Attack Monastery, Seize Nine and Decapitate Them in Church

Sofia, Bulgaria, Jan. 31—A strong Turkish band attacked a Bulgarian monastery on the border of the Uskup and Istip districts, in the vilaya of Kossopo yesterday. They bound the nine people found there and conducted them into the church, where they decapitated them. The band then desecrated the church and plundered the monastery

DINE LANCASTER FOR HIS STAND ON MARRIAGE LAW

St. Catherines, Ont., Jan. 31—Arrangements are being made for a reception to E. A. Lancaster by local admirers of his stand on the marriage question. The reception is to take place on his next trip to his home here. A banquet in his honor is also likely to follow in Merritton.