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TALK OF TORIES JOINING WITH MANITOBA LIBERALS

In Order to Keep the Labor-Farmer Alliance From Gaining Power--The Farmers Will Not Make An Alliance With the Norris Government.

Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—A committee of independent farmers in the legislature met Premier Norris yesterday when it had been expected a working arrangement of some sort of fusion would have been arrived at. The farmers committee, however, presented the premier with a resolution, previously adopted by the farmer group, setting forth that while not opposing the Norris government on general principles, in order to preserve the identity of the party they were resolved to decline the suggestion of alliance.

The Premier stated last night that he had suggested no merger, but merely a working arrangement to enable the provincial government to carry on during the session.

Tories Might Join Liberals.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—The Toronto Star has the following despatch from Winnipeg: Fearing that the government of Manitoba is in danger of falling into the hands of the labor-farmer alliance, following the failure of the farmers to agree to a tentative working arrangement, which spells security for the Norris government at a census last night, Conservatives in the legislature, numbering seven, have asked Pre-

U.S. HOUSE PASSES FARMERS' BILL

Washington, Dec. 23.—By a vote of 196 yeas and 86 nays the house last night passed the farmers' relief bill, imposing a high emergency tariff on a score of agricultural products, the decline in the price of which is attributed in part by the farmers to competition with imports. The measure now goes to the senate, where its fate is uncertain. It will be taken up by the senate finance committee after the holidays, but the prolonged discussion made possible by senate rules may compass the failure of its passage.

DIRECTS BY WIRELESS SETTING OF BONES

Boston, Dec. 23.—How the chief surgeon on the Leyland liner Winfredian directed by wireless the setting of seamen's broken bones and the care of irregular injuries on the Belgian steamer Menapier after she had been battered by a hurricane was told when the Winfredian reported to port from Liverpool. The surgeon is Dr. Patrick S. Burns, of Providence, a veteran of the medical service in the war.

An S. O. S. message from the Belgian ship requesting medical aid was picked up by the Winfredian several days out. The distressed steamer, bound for Antwerp from New Orleans, was 10 miles away but under forced draught the Winfredian got within hailing distance in a few hours.

"Hit hard by a hurricane," signalled the Belgian captain. "Several men washed overboard. Several others have broken legs and arms and some injured internally. There's a doctor aboard. Can you help us?" Dr. Burns attempted to put out in a life boat, but toppling seas and a strong wind prevented the launching. He then conceived the idea of using the wireless.

Details as to the men's condition splattered off the receiver in the Winfredian's wireless room and carefully Dr. Burns dictated the treatment required. For three days the two vessels lay within hailing distance unable to communicate by boat while the surgeon's instructions were obeyed. On the fourth day this message from the Menapier's captain: "All your instructions safely carried out. The men are resting comfortably and are out of danger."

ONLY A HITCH, NOT A BREAK

Good Prospects of Success of Discussion Over Irish Peace.

Dublin, Dec. 23.—There is no truth in the rumor that peace negotiations have been broken off, the Associated Press is authoritatively informed. There has been only a hitch in the peace discussions, and the belief is expressed that negotiations will soon be resumed with good prospects of success.

It is reported that Archbishop Clune has returned to London for further consultations with the British prime minister. The archbishop on his previous trip to London is said to have obtained from the premier an outline of the terms on which the government is ready to arrange a truce with the republican army, and some idea of the conditions the government is prepared to grant the Sinn Fein for a settlement of the question of independence.

Occupies Dublin City Hall.

Dublin, Dec. 23.—Military forces occupied the city hall and municipal buildings in accordance with the demand on Monday of General Boyd, commander of the Dublin district who sent notice to the Dublin corporation requiring possession of the buildings by yesterday. A large portion of the public services will be disorganized, as no other offices have been secured. Sentries were posted, and the erection of defences carried out early. When the city officials arrived, only the town clerk, his assistant and two employees in his department were allowed to enter.



HUGH C. NICKLE Re-elected Mayor of Kingston by acclamation.

Veterans Ask Medical Service Free for Jobs

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—A request that free medical service be extended to returned soldiers during the unemployment crisis has been received here from the secretary of the British Columbia command, G. W. V. A. The request came here in the form of a wire to C. G. McNeill, Dominion Secretary, G. W. V. A., who is taking the matter up with the Department of Soldiers' Civil Reestablishment, which department would be the one to deal with it.

Dandelion for Christmas Strawberries on Nov. 15th

Huntsville, Dec. 23.—Muskoka is not behind in the perpetual bloom of summer. Two days ago, just before a heavy mantle of snow spread its purity over hill and dale, Harry S. May, ex-Mayor of Huntsville, plucked from his lawn a fully developed dandelion in full bloom. Some of our citizens enjoyed the ripe strawberries from their vines on November 15, but dandelions for Christmas add another novelty to the variety of decorative features for the season of Yuletide.

Flume Besieged.

Udine, Italy, Dec. 22.—Flume, the stronghold of Captain Gabriele D'Annunzio, insurgent Italian, is being besieged by regular Italian forces.

The Light of the World

"To them that fear My name shall the Sun of Righteousness arise, with healing in His wings." "The people that sat in darkness saw a great light, and to them that sat in darkness and the shadow of Death, is light sprung up." "Yet is Thy mercy still unspent,—No barrier-line in Thee we trace, For—boundless as the firmament—Thy Christmas Message shows Thy grace!" "Though War still draws his blood-stained sword, And misery follows in his train, Thy word shall not be confuted Lord,—Thy mercy shall not call in vain!" "And they who still in darkness pine (Shadows by Death and sin and wrong, Shall they not halt thy Light Divine? Shall they not learn the Angels' Song?" "The Song of Love that will not die, The Song of Peace and Promise bright, That—brought by angels from the sky, Rang through the earth's first Christmas night!" —AGNES MAULE MACHAR.

ONUS IS PLACED ON UNITED STATES

Former French Minister Discusses Economic Conditions—Favors High Tariff.

Paris, Dec. 23.—"As long as France is indebted to the United States she cannot let us sink." With these words which were received with a tremendous ovation, Former Minister Loucheur, in the Chamber of Deputies, crystallized the feeling of big business people who consider that if France is in bad economic straits it is because the United States, since the armistice has refused further loans to France and Europe.

"A further loan of from forty to fifty billions by the United States might stabilize the economic situation of the world," was further declared also enthusiastically applauded, as was Loucheur's recommendation that a high tariff be immediately imposed to protect France from United States imports, especially wheat. He asserted that American wheat costs France 100 francs a quintal, but next year if the dollar falls to normal this price would be forty francs.

"Therefore it is necessary," he declared, "to raise a customs bulwark to protect French agricultural products."

TO TRY TO PROTECT THE BRITISH FLAG

The New York Police Get Their Instructions This Time.

New York, Dec. 23.—Recalling flag riots at the Union Club and the Capitol Theatre, William J. Lahey, Chief Police Inspector, established a special police reserve yesterday to guard against any disturbances growing out of the celebrations of the Pilgrim Tercentenary.

"During the last few weeks," said the Inspector's order, "some disturbance has occurred, particularly at the Capitol Theatre and the Union Club on Thanksgiving Day. Demonstrations were made, particularly against the British flag."

Calling attention to the fact that to-day was the 300th anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims, the order continued:

"A careful canvass will be made of all places in your precinct where any ceremonies are to take place, or where the British flag is to be displayed in connection with this celebration, and take such police measures as will prevent any disorder threat."

Practice and Preach, He Tells Poor Clergy

London, Dec. 23.—A controversy is on among the poorly paid clergymen, hard hit by the high cost of living, over a novel suggestion by Dr. Robert Rentoul, a prominent Liverpool physician, that clergymen could augment their incomes by acting as doctors as well as clergymen. He advises young clergymen to study medicine, take their degree and combine both curing with soul-saving work.

Mince Pies Sent To Teuton Students

Berlin, Dec. 23.—Thirteen thousand German university students will have their first opportunity to eat real mince pies when the American Society of Friends' service committees give them Christmas dinner.

The Germans Complain Of Indemnity Bodies

Brussels, Dec. 23.—That the reparations Commissions established in Berlin and Vienna are actually costing Germany and Austria more than their total national budgets was stated here by the German delegates. They also showed that the allied war claims have already mounted to more than five hundred billion gold marks or nearly four thousand billion dollars at the present rate of exchange.

MAYOR NICKLE RE-ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION FOR 1921

He Has Called a Meeting of Three Civic Committees To Consider a Definite Policy of Giving Employment to Men Who Are in Need.

The nomination for the office of Mayor of Kingston passed off on Thursday morning very quietly. Mayor H. C. Nickle was nominated for the second term, and no other names were put forward. This is the second acclamation for Mayor Nickle, as it is interpreted as a tribute to him personally for the manner in which he discharged his stewardship during 1920. This was forecasted at the banquet given by the Frontenac Club on Monday night when he was the recipient of many compliments.

When the time for nominations had closed, Mayor Nickle was called upon for an address, and he thanked those present and all who had evinced interest in the work of the past year for such a signal expression of their confidence in him. What he had done while mayor was done solely from a sense of civic duty and in the interest of the city. But he had to thank all those associated with him, both the aldermen and the officials who had given faithful service, and helped to make the year 1920 a successful one.

"During the coming year there will be several things requiring careful thought," said Mayor Nickle. "First and foremost is the unemployment situation, and all of our city administration must be directed with the definite policy of giving employment, and thus affording a measure of relief to those in need. There are ways in which this can be done, and I have already called a joint meeting of the finance committee, Board of Works and Board of Health to discuss ways and means within the power of this year's council to deal with unemployment. This meeting takes place at 4 o'clock this afternoon. It is a well known fact that nine-tenths per cent out of every 100 people prefer employment to charity, and we are only discharging a duty in putting employment within their reach.

"It is my purpose to bring about a more thorough understanding of city and provincial laws. All laws that are on the books should be enforced, especially our own.

LOOKS FOR MORE INDUSTRIES.

"I hope that the coming year may see a substantial addition to our civic industries. The joint industries committee did splendid work this year and we can carry on next year. The measure of success gained will stimulate us during the coming year."

Referring to the streets, Mayor Nickle said that just how far we can go next year will depend upon the cost of materials. If we go in too steep for permanent pavements the city would be burdened for a period of ten years.

"We hope that the Hydro Commission will approve of the recommendation in the annual report and grant a reduction in the power rates," he said.

The civic memorial to Kingston men who fought in the war has been engaging the personal attention of Mayor Nickle, and he has definite plans for a memorial that will express the wishes of the people. This is to make the city hall the memorial hall and have it known as such. Some cities have erected buildings, statues and tablets, but he hopes that before the end of 1921 to have all of the windows in the hall, and carry out a scheme of interior decoration that will be in harmony, and be a pleasing sight to all.

He expressed his warm thanks to all of his friends and hoped that all the aldermen who gave such splendid support to all matters of council during the year, would be sent back for another year.

THE NOMINATIONS.

City Clerk Sands received nominations for mayor and members of the Utilities Commission at the city hall from 10 to 11 a.m. Mayor Nickle was nominated by Ald. Thomas Angrove and Thomas Milo, and was declared elected.

For the Utilities Commission there were three nominations, Thomas Hewitt was nominated by J. S. R. McCann and Thomas Milo; R. N. P. Macfarlane by Thomas Milo and Ald. Thomas Angrove, and H. W. Newman by Ald. Angrove and W. C. Crozier. There are two commissioners to be elected, Mr. Hewitt and Mr. Macfarlane are in the race, but Mr. Newman has not definitely decided whether he would run or not.

WON'T LET TRAMS RUN TO BETHLEHEM

Governor of Jerusalem Bans Attempts to Modernize Holy City.

London, Dec. 23.—Ronald Storrs, Governor of Jerusalem, who described himself as the successor of Pontius Pilate, was entertained at luncheon by the Overseas Club and Patriotic League. Among his own acts as governor, said Storrs, was one to prohibit driverless trams. All laws so wholly out of keeping with the surrounding, and the High Commissioner had extended this proposition to the whole of Palestine. His reply to request for a concession to run trams to Bethlehem was that the Mount of Olives was that the first rail section would be laid over the body of the governor. He had forbidden the use of stucco and corrugated iron within the walls, and also the destruction of buildings without permission.

Brantford Water Rates To be Increased 25 P.C.

Brantford, Dec. 23.—The Water Works Commission's annual report shows a very slight balance on hand, sufficient to warrant the announcement already made, that water rates will be increased one-fourth next year. The total receipts were \$116,819. The operation cost was \$66,968, and interest on sinking fund \$55,851, which, with interest on capital funds deducted, left a very small balance on the right side. Operating costs will be further increased next year, it being the commission's intention to inaugurate the 48-hour week.

To Keep C.E.F. Men On Duty During Winter

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—In view of the unemployment situation the militia department has decided not to discharge the last remaining members of the Canadian Expeditionary force who are 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 dominion, but they were to have been released at the end of the calendar year. The militia council, however, has decided that their service shall be retained, at any rate for the winter.

STREET SPRINKLERS REPLACE SNOW PLOW

Newmarket, Dec. 23.—Unseasonable dust-storms take the place of snow-storms in North York. For the past week motor cars have been stirring up the dust as though it were the middle of July rather than the middle of December. Yesterday clouds of dust along the streets, which was the annoyance of Christmas shoppers. Merchants are grumbling, and unless snow falls immediately the town will go back to the water wagon. Old Santa may be obliged to wear a dust coat instead of a fur coat.

MAKING PLANS TO MIGRATE

Over 162,000 Mennonites in Western Canada To Go to U.S.

Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—A local paper publishes the following: "Mennonites of Canada, numbering over 162,000, are making plans for migration from Canada to South-Eastern Mississippi. The coming of spring will see the vanguard of the movement leave this country.

"H. A. Emmerson, of Yellow Pine, Ala., head of a large American land syndicate, has been in conference with H. M. Klausner, representing Mennonite colonists here, and an agreement for the purchase of 125,000 acres of land in Mississippi has been entered into. The price paid for the tract was \$18 per acre, fifty per cent in cash and Victory Bonds at par, and the balance to be paid in Canadian currency.

"Mr. Emmerson extended the Mennonites will be the vanguard of the great migration to the U.S."

SCOTTISH LIQUOR VOTE CLOSES

London, Dec. 23.—Peterhead and Aberdeen, leading centres of the Scottish fishing industry, have voted for limitation of liquor licenses, which means the cancellation of twenty-five per cent of the existing licenses. The complete poll is now taken in Scotland, and shows that the country is against drastic changes, but prohibitionists have erased forty-one licenses and thirty-five parishes have voted for the limitation of a number of licenses.

London Proposes to Try a Motor Bus Service

London, Ont., Dec. 23.—Londoners will vote in January on a proposal to set aside the sum of \$100,000 for a trial of a motor bus service in this city. A bus is being brought from Akron, Ohio, and will be operated every day on the street until election day. The city paid \$500 for the expense of bringing the bus here.

A Steamship Grounds.

St. John, N.B., Dec. 23.—The steamship Sussex, in swinging out from her berth at Sand Point, this morning, grounded on Navy Island bar. Ten tons are at work trying to free her. The Sussex is laden for Australia.

WOMEN TO TRY DIVORCE CASES

London, Dec. 23.—Women will take their places with men for the first time in juries at the high courts here after the Christmas holidays.

MUST REDUCE THE ESTIMATES

London, Dec. 23.—The estimates submitted by the army and navy departments have been returned by Lloyd George, as chairman of the cabinet's finance committee, who has instructed the departments to reduce the figures, by more than one half, says the Daily Mail. The premier has directed that the total national expenditures for the coming year must be held as near nine hundred and fifty million pounds as possible, the newspaper says.

WALL STREET "GETS" WAR MILLIONAIRES

Many Reported in Financial Straits as Stocks Take Fresh Tumble.

New York, Dec. 23.—On transactions approximately 4,700,000 shares, the largest turnover of the year, the stock market experienced another drastic readjustment of quoted values, which forced many issues down from 2 to 22 points and established numerous new low records for from one to four years.

Waiving admitted adverse conditions in trade and industry, not only in the United States, but throughout the world, traders declared there were no specific developments to explain the slump other than the growing conviction that many war millionaires in and out of Wall street have reached the end of their financial tether.

In substance, traders asserted the credit situation has cut 4 the money market to speculative operators, although local banking institutions aver that no more than the usual calling of loans customary at this time of the year has been engaged in.

AFRICAN NATIVES WEAR FRENCH HEELS

Silk Hosiery Also Popular Among Dusky Dames in the Congo.

Paris, Dec. 23.—Gray beads and bits of shell are no longer "good wampum" in the Congo, according to the report of a French explorer and trader who has just visited some of the native villages which twenty-five years ago were inhabited by veritable savages.

The incurs ons of European traders has led a desire for real civilization, as typified by French high heels of the Louis XV. type, and the glossiest of silk hosiery. The remainder of the traditional costume of savagery—native paints, feathers and more or less effective attempts to imitate European ballroom effects—have all been retained, but the vision of a stout, seminude native carrying two pianos in her arms, stalking daintily through the underbrush of a Congo forest, rather startled the French traders.

POOR RELIEF FUND

It is quite likely that the fund, which the Whig is collecting to furnish cheer for needy families in Kingston on Christmas, will amount to about \$115. On three days the morning the sum of \$165 had been received at the Whig office. There are many cases of people in Kingston, who, due to the fact that the men of the house have been unable to get work, would spend a very cheerless Christmas, were it not for the fact that friends have interested themselves. The Kingston Poor Relief committee and church organizations will send out a large number of baskets. In many cases it has been found that certain homes are without wood and coal, and the ladies who are going to distribute the Whig fund have arranged to have coal go with the baskets of cheer.

On Wednesday the agent of the Children's Aid Society learned of a family who were in need of fuel, and it was arranged to send half a ton of coal, which was purchased with some of the money by the Whig fund.

The following contributions were received on Wednesday: Miss Richmond \$ 1.00 G. A. Bateman 5.00 Englishman (Elginburg) \$1.00 Previously acknowledged \$59.00 Total \$165.00

URGES EMPLOYERS TO REDUCE HOURS

The French Minister of Labor Tackling Problem of Unemployment.

Paris, Dec. 23.—Unemployment in the French industrial centres is worrying the government. In an appeal through the Paris press to-day Minister of Labor Jourdain urges big employers to reduce the hours of labor as the most potent measure for the betterment of the situation.

"In spite of the economic crisis through which we are passing," he says, "unemployment is less serious in France than in other countries. The government is doing everything in its power to alleviate such distress as exists. I have recommended to all manufacturers to reduce their hours of labor in order to retain their present forces of operatives. Such reduction would be the most efficacious measure that could be taken to relieve the present crisis."

Widow Commits Suicide Over Loss of Husband

London, Dec. 23.—Mrs. Florence Rutherford Harris, widow of Dr. Rutherford Harris, of the British South Africa Company, was found hanging in her bedroom at Belmont Paddock, near Feverham, where she had been living. Apparently she was overwrought with grief at the loss of her husband three months ago. At the inquest a verdict of suicide during temporary insanity was returned.

King Victor Emmanuel signed the treaty of Rapallo.