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WILL UNION JACK CHANGE?

Owing to New Irish Status—Work For Heraldry Experts.

Ottawa, Jan. 11.—Creation of the Irish Free State is giving heraldry experts in the capital an opportunity to conjecture as to possible changes in the national flag and the Canadian coat of arms should the Irish authorities demand the removal of the cross of St. Patrick, which is superimposed upon the Crosses of St. George and St. Andrew in the Union Jack.

Possible changes in the Union Jack because of action by the Irish government will be of special interest to Canada owing to the fact that the new Canadian coat of arms has but recently been approved by the Imperial Privy Council. Should a change become necessary, the new coat of arms will undoubtedly have to be readjusted to meet the situation.

Whether or not the department of external affairs, of which Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King is the minister, has yet taken the matter up officially could not be ascertained, but it is understood that nothing will be done here unth the Imperial government in London signifies its intentions. The Canadian flag and arms will, of course, have to be made to conform with that approved by the British government. Another feature of the problem is that it will undoubtedly again give cause for a great deal of discussion on the advisability and feasibility of the creation of a distinctively Canadaian ensign. With regard to the latter feature in any possible change, it is felt in well informed circles in Ottawa that even a special flag emblematic of Canada would have to contain the Union Jack, and that, therefore, and attempt toward securing a Canadian flag would also involve study and adaption of possible changes through Irish action.

WARNS AGAINST DANGERS OF COLDS AT THIS TIME

If You Catch a Severe Cold Go to Bed at Once.

Ottawa, Jan. 11.—Beware of February! Canadians should consider carefully the order of their going during the first three months of the year, for vital statistics for the dominion just published, show that the most fatal months of the year are the first three. Most deaths occur in February. March comes next in the list, and January third. In practically every province this is the order and your corerspondent thought it well today to find out what enemies Canadians should prepare against during these months.

Dr. J. A. Amyot, deputy minister of health, in answer to queries along this line, said that the main causes of the heavy death list in February were pneumonia and bronchitis.

"The human system becomes peculiarly susceptible to these diseases about February, because that is the month of greatest exhaustion after the hard winter. I imagine, also, that people about then are getting down to a fixed diet in which there is not enough green stuff, such as lettuce, cabbages, and so on. The cattle at that time also are probably getting less green feed than at any other time, and so the milk does not supply the lack. The vital resources are getting exhausted after the hard fight against the cold."

"What can be done?" he was asked.

"The best precaution to take is for a man to go home to bed as soon as he gets a cold. He will save time by doing it. A few days then will save a week later, and possibly prevent a condition that may develop into bronchitis or pneumonia."

May Cut Wages Further.

Montreal, Jan. 11.—Rumors are current that the officials of the major railway companies contemplate subjecting their employees to another twelve and a half per cent. reduction in wages, which, if put into effect, will entirely abolish the increase of twenty-five per cent. awarded in 1920.

HUSBAND AND WIFE.

My husband smokes cubeb cigarettes.—M. M. A.

What Does Your Husband Do?

HUSBAND AND WIFE ARE SHOT DEAD.

Belfast, Jan. 11.—A bomb was thrown at a crowded tram car on the Crumlin road this morning. The quick action of the driver in putting on speed resulted in the missle going wide of the mark. A man and his wife, living nearby, who went to the door to learn the cause of the commotion, were shot dead by rifle fire, which swept the street.

Old Country Journals Carry More Canadian News Now

London, Jan. 11.—Speaking at the production of a film illustrating meetings of the Imperial press conference in Canada some time ago, Lord Burnham said in effect that the conference had resulted in Old Country journals carrying more Canadian news and in better intelligence departments regarding Canada.

Makes Security of France Problem of Her Own

Cannes, Jan. 11.—The British memorandum of the proposed Anglo-French pact declares that Great Britain makes the security of France the problem of her own and that she will be ready again to throw in her forces if French soil is attacked.

GETTING READY FOR BIG MERCHANTS' CONVENTION

Which Will Open There Next Tuesday—To Boost the City.

W. Y. Mills, president of the Kingston Retail Merchants' Association, has announced the programme for the district convention which opens in this city on Tuesday next as follows:

2.30 p.m., registration and reception of members at Y. M. C. A. convention hall.

Opening session at four o'clock. Convention called to order by Henry Watters, president, Eastern Ontario and Ottawa district board.

Addresses of welcome by the mayor of Kingston and W. Y. Mills, president of the Kingston branch. Responses by Henry Watters and others. Short address by president. General business. An informal banquet will be held on Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock. The prime minister, or one or two of the members of his cabinet, will be present and deliver addresses.

Wednesday morning session opens at 9.30 o'clock.

This evening there will be a meeting of the Kingston merchants for the purpose of appointing committees and chairmen to look after the entertainment of the visitors. These will have the hearty co-operation of Mayor Corbett, who will extend the city's welcome at the opening of the convention, J. M. Campbell, president of the Board of Trade, the city industries committee and officials.

W. Y. Mills is giving much of his time to make the convention a great success and boost the city and the city merchants, every one of whom is vitally interested in the work of the association which has become such an influence in the retail trade throughout the dominion. The past year was one of big achievements, and Kingston is highly honored in being chosen as the place of meeting.

The programme contains much valuable information including copies of the statutes relating to retail business. The association has fifty-six branches in this district and the membership is 1,500.

THE ONTARIO SITUATION NOT HAPPY FOR FARMERS

So Far As Politics Are Concerned—Manitoba President Speaks at Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, Jan. 11.—Addressing the United Farmers of Manitoba today, J. L. Brown, M.P. for Lisgar, president, reviewed organization activities during the past year and predicted a future of increasing national service. After expressing satisfaction with the result of the general election in the west, Mr. Brown stated that the situation in Ontario did not appear so happy.

"From the standpoint of winning elections, we have made neither a failure that would have had a tendency to discourage us, nor a success that might tend to make us satisfied with the present achievement."

Arbuckle Case First.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 11.—Roscoe Arbuckle's second trial on the charge of manslaughter in connection with the death of Virginia Rappe, was the first on the calendar to-day before Superior Judge Louderback.

To Manage Washington Club.

New York, Jan. 11.—Roger Peckinpaugh, former Yankee captain, will assume the management of the Washington baseball club this season.

TO ORGANIZE FREE STATE

Dail Eireann Adjourns to Give Cabinet Opportunity to Act.

London, Jan. 11.—The Westminster Gazette calls upon the British government to-day to assemble parliament immediately and give formal authority to the new Irish government. The Free State, with its provisional government, is at present an even more shadowy entity than was Irish republic, it says, adding that there is urgent necessity to give it definite legal status, particularly with reference to the maintenance of order, collection of taxes and expenditures of public monies.

The Dail Eireann adjourned last night until February 14th in order to give the new government an opportunity to take over the power from Britain and to begin the organization of the Irish Free State.

The new Irish government intends immediately to get in touch with the British to take over the authority, and it may be in Dublin Castle before the end of the week.

It is understood that Mr. Griffith's Cabinet will constitute the Provisional government, with, perhaps, a few additions, including experts, who may be Southern Unionists.

Dail Cabinet Meets.

Dublin, Jan. 11.—Measures to be taken toward setting up a new government in Ireland were considered by the Dail cabinet at a meeting in the Mansion house to-day. One of the first moves, it is said, will be the appointment of a commission to confer with the British government. It is regarded as very likely that Dublin Castle will be taken over in a few days.

NEWS OFF THE WIRES IN CONDENSED FORM

Tidings From Places Far and Near Are Briefly Recounted.

Whiskey still seized in Gospel Hall at Bobcaygeon.

Considerable decrease in juvenile delinquency in Montreal last year.

Merritton town council does away with civic committees for the year.

Theodore Botral, "bard of Brittany," now in New York, plans to visit Montreal and several other cities in Eastern Canada.

The doors of all Vienna hotels were closed and the principal shops were shuttered on Wednesday as the result of unemployment demonstrations.

Representatives of the German government were summoned to appear on Wednesday morning before the Allied reparations commission at Cannes to expain Germany's inability to meet her January and February payments.

Big Five Railway Board Discusses Wage Agreements

Montreal, Jan. 11.—The joint conference board of the Big Five railway brotherhoods, locomotive engineers, firemen, railway conductors, trainmen and telegraphers are assembling here to-day to discuss wage agreements following the receipt of notices by the railway companies of their desire to make permanent the tentative reduction decided under Justice McLennon's board on October 8th.

To Move For Reduction Of the Customs Tariff

Regina, Sask., Jan. 11.—Hon. S. J. Latta, minister of education, has given notice in Saskatchewan legislature that he will move a resolution calling on the Dominion government for a substantial reduction in the customs tariff, the resumption of reciprocity negotiations with the United States, and placing on the free list all agricultural implements, farm and household machinery.

Little Orphan Drowned.

Picton, Jan. 11.—Florence Beasley, aged five years, an orphan, was drowned here yesterday afternoon. She was playing with other children on the marsh on the south side of the town, and broke through the ice in the channel. Help was summoned and medical aid, but of no avail. The body was found later in a standing position. Florence's father was killed overseas; her mother died a year ago.

FOUR MEN KILLED; ENGINE OVERTURNS

Portsmouth, Ohio, Jan. 11—Four men were reported killed today when an engine of the Chesapeake and Ohio Northern overturned near Wheeler's Mills.

HUGE ICICLES BAR TRAIN IN TUNNEL

Temperature Therein Always Mystery to Those Who Made Observations.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 11.—Huge icicles stopped a transcontinental train in a Cascade Mountain tunnel for several hours one day, until the obstacles were cut away.

Water dripping from some mysterious source poured into the tunnel through the roof and formed into icicles three feet in diameter, blocking the tracks.

The train, moving at a snail pace, was brought to a stop within a few feet of the blockade, and delayed for some time, while the ice columns were sawed off. During this operation the wheels of the engine froze to the rails and jets of steam had to be used to free them.

The temperature in this one tunnel has always been a mystery. The interior of most tunnels is usually warmer than the temperature at the portals, but in the single instance hoar frost sometimes forms on the steel rails several inches thick.

SEEK CLAIRVOYANT AID TO SOLVE TULLE MYSTERY

Hypnotized Subjects Made No Response to the Magistrate's Queries.

Paris, Jan. 11.—The ninth mysterious pestilence of poisoned letters in Tulle, having resisted human efforts for solution, has called forth the art of the clairvoyant, psychic and sorcerer as in the days of the medieval age.

The most impressive instance of the present day existence of magic is contained in a letter received yesterday by the examining magistrate of Tulle from an employee of the Postal Telephone and Telegraphs. The writer declares himself a socialist in the domain of animal magnetism. He has discovered, he declares, that the pendulum used by sorcerers to discover water in mines, and treasure in caches can be applied to the human mind for the purpose of discovering its secrets. His perfected pendulum reveals all human relationships, even to the extent of uncovering whereabout of lost persons through its application to photographs. This wonderful contrivance, when suspended above a person's head, will indicate by the presence of luminous spots above the temple, any attempt at lip falsehood.

The examining magistrate having occult tendencies, has already called from Paris a well-known clairvoyant to aid in the unmasking of the "Tiger's Eye" which has poisoned the minds of the city. Elaborate precautions were taken to make the seance, which was held in the judge's chambers, a success. To keep out the omniscient "Tiger's Eye" the curtains were drawn, the doors locked and guards posted.

The first woman subject was put to sleep by wavings of the magicians hand. Questions were asked amid the greatest tension. But there was no response. The second subject, a woman once suspected as the author of the letters, who volunteered services in her anxiety to help clear the mystery, was also unsusceptible to the waving of hands and refused to sleep. The third subject, a young girl, was put to sleep instantly, but with the putting of the first question she commenced to scream to be awakened. The screams attracted other officials, who burst into the chambers, rudely putting an end to the seance.

The magistrate is unable to avail himself of the aid of the sorcerer, as that personage demands the presence of a goodly share of the French Institute at the experiment, and wishes the Government to buy a pendulum at a cost of 20,000 francs.

All France is watching the Tulle affair, waiting with interest the next call on the supernatural for aid in unravelling the mystery and restoring the former state of gaiety deserving of the name of Tulle.

Clay Pipe Furnace Thing of the Past

London, Jan. 11.—Because of the small demand for clay pipes nowadays, T. George and Co. of St. Jude's, Bristol, who have made such pipes for decades, decided to close down. The last batch of clay pipes was baked in their kiln recently. Fifty years ago clay pipemaking was the staple industry in the St. Jude's district, but the fourteen firms then engaged in it are no more.

A Bootlegging Fire.

New York, Jan. 11.—A battle between negro bootleggers, who had been stealing alcohol from New York Central pier 3 in Weehawken, and a railroad patrolman and United states customs guard, took pace on the pier last night. The customs man was shot through the chest near the heart. One of the negroes was shot dead, and the railroad patrolman's coat was riddled by bullets on one side.

MUST GROW MORE TREES

In Order to Replace Our Disappearing Pine Forests, Says Drury.

Toronto, Jan. 11.—"Ontario's virgin pine forests are unpleasantly nearing their end to-day," said Premier Drury to the Canadian Forestry Association in the King Edward Hotel yesterday.

"Fully 350,000,000 feet of pine are cut each year, a hundred million more than is replaced by natural growth. At this rate in thirty-five years the virgin forests will be finished. The remedy is to grow trees, so as to replace wastage.

"Trees grow and can be replaced like a crop of corn. To administer our forest wealth wisely is not to hold large areas untouched, but to take stock of our resources and to replace wastage by new growth."

A proper enquiry of the forest situation was now being made. It would be completed and then would be the time to take such vigorous action as was needed.

A new forestry station had been started last year at Prince Edward county and other places should do the same thing.

Such counties needed these stations and public opinion should be influenced in this respect. The planting of highways and the planting of shelter huts were also advisable.

Dan. McLachlin, Arnprior, is the new president of the Canadian Forestry Association, succeeding C. E. E. Ussher, the president of the past year A sign of the times is the substitution of Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King as the honorary president, in place of Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen.

One of the important features of annual meeting, is the appointment of Robson Black, the former secretary, as manager of the association.

Paris Offers Prizes For Moving Walks

Paris, Jan. 11.—Moving sidewalks on a really large scale will be introduced in the Paris streets before another year goes by if the inventors show themselves equal to producing a workable scheme.

At a meeting of the municipal council it was decided to offer three prizes of 100,000, 50,000 and 30,000 francs for the best schemes submitted. There are practically no limitations. The plans may be made for underground, overhead or street level sidewalks so long as they help to ease pedestrian traffic and make transportation quicker and safer.

Put $25,000 on Life Week Before He Was Slain

Montreal, Jan. 11.—It has been ascertained that seven days before his murdered body was discovered outside the deserted shack near Snowden Junction, Raoul Delorme, 24-year-old student, took out $25,000 worth of life insurance with the Sauvegarde Life Insurance Co., of this city. The Sauvegarde Co. decided to carry half the risk, while the balance was reinsured with the Sun Life Assurance Co.

SHOULD DIRECTORS KNOW ABOUT BANK'S AFFAIRS?

Montreal Wonders at Small Knowledge of the High Executives.

Montreal, Jan. 11.—Montreal is pondering on the position disclosed by the president of the Merchants' of not even knowing whether a firm which failed, owing his bank millions had an overdraft or not, despite the fact that even before the war, its position was very shaky, according to the admission of one of its partners. President Allan was not even sure who would know at the time about the over-draft, excepting the Montreal manager and possibly the general manager of the bank.

Montreal is asking the question; "Is it any wonder that the Merchants' Bank got into difficulties when over-drafts, apparently running into millions, could be made, according to the president's evidence, by a single officer, and perhaps the general manager?"

The men who, Sir Montague Allan indicated, might and probably would know about the overdrafts will not be examined until Friday, as one of the counsel in the case had to go out of town, and consequently secured a postponement of the hearing.

These men are: D. C. Macarow, former general manager of the Merchants' Bank; J. D. G. Kippen, who was manager of Montreal branch, and P. Schaeffer, present manager. In addition Hon. C. C. Ballantyne, another director of the bank, is enjoined to appear on that date. It is understood that examining counsel expects to get some definite information during Friday's examination which may conceivably explain where the missing millions meandered.

CARVELL'S HARD KNOCK AT THE RAILROAD MEN

Who Won't Do Honest Day's Work For Honest Day's Pay.

Montreal, Jan. 11—The chief problem of Canadian railway centres today is trades unionism, and the refusal of employees to do an honest days work for an honest day's pay, Chairman F. B. Carvell declared yesterday at a meeting of the railway commission.

"These men need someone behind them continuously with a yardstick," he said in emphasizing his viewpoint. "The times shown in these records are absolutely unreasonable. I wouldn't keep a man of that type in my employ a minute, and neither would you," he said to the table of counsel present.

The records had to do with inspection of an electric warning system at a Grand Trunk crossing in Lachine in which it was shown that as high as twenty-five hours a month was spent in inspection of this one bell and its wiring.

"The railways are in the hands of these labor unions," he declared finally.

AWAITING THE RETURN OF PREMIER W. L. M. KING

The Date of the Opening of Parliament Is Still in Doubt.

Ottawa, Jan. 11.—Pending the return of Premier Mackenzie King, who is expected here to-day or Thursday, the government is largely marking time, dividing its activities between the routine of administration and arrangements for ministerial bye-elections. The nominations occur a week from Thursday. Ministers from Quegec and the maritime province anticipate re-election by acclamation, and also Messrs. Kennedy and Murphy, of Ontario, but some uncertainty attaches to the fate of Mr. King in North York, Mr. Murdock in Kent, and Mr. Graham in South Essex. Nominating conventions for the new ministers are being arranged in the two latter constituencies.

No definite word has come east as to the negotiations of Hon. Charles Stewart for a seat in Alberta, Lethbridge and East Edmonton have both been mentioned as possibilities, particularly the former.

After Mr. King returns the government will fix the date of the meeting of parliament. Indications still point to it being around the first of March, and while the legislative programme is planned to be brief, the report of another session in the fall is discounted.

Usually at this season of the year, the capital is invaded by delegations, but not a single one has come yet. Many of them seeking appointments have been advised to defer their visit till a later date when the political atmosphere becomes clearer and the government is able to get down to business.

OCEAN RATES ARE CUT

Keen Competition in Passenger Lines to Europe.

Montreal, Jan. 11—Another reduction in rates between this continent and Continental Europe was announced to-day by White Star Line and Robert Reford Company officials. The reduction affects the second class only, cutting down the second class fare to Hamburg and Bremen by $5, making the Hamburg rate now $125.

To Dantzic and Phillau the second-class rate is reduced by $7.50, and to Riga and Libau the second-class rate is cut $5. The Hamburg rate in this class now stands at only $10 above the second-class rate to Liverpool, the rate varying slightly on both routes, according to the type of liner. The minimum rate to Liverpool is $115, second-class and maximum $130 on the newest liners.

Florence Kinrade Is Now An Actress in Hamilton

Hamilton, Jan. 11.—Florence Wright, formerly Miss Florence Kinrade, widow of C. Montrose Wright, is appearing at a local theatre this week.

Some months after the sensational murder of her sister, she married Mr. Wright, who had been a student of Victoria College, Toronto. He gave up his plans to enter the ministry and was called to the bar, practising at Calgary until his death.

Hanna Afraid?

Toronto, Jan. 11.—Recent political changes have brought home to D. B. Hanna, president of the Canadian National Railways, the truth of the old adage, "Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown." In addressing the Young Men's Canadian Club he made humorous reference to the possibility that at almost any minute he might find himself "among the unemployed."

Invite Brockville Preacher.

Sherbrooke, Que., Jan. 11—The Presbyterian congregation of Kinnear's Mills, Leeds village, and Reid's church at a meeting at Kinnear's Mills yesterday extended a call to Rev. Peter Currie, B. A., of Brockville, Ont.

KEEP YOUR POWDER DRY

Hon. George P. Graham's Advice to His Essex Constituents.

Essex, Ont., Jan. 11.—George P. Graham, Canade's new minister of militia and denfense arrived here yesterday afternoon and was acclaimed with vociferous triumph by a crowded Liberal convention in the town hall. In addressing the convention Mr. Graham dispensed with discussion of politics as superfluous. He thanked South Essex for his victory on December 6th and confined his references to government affairs to a review of the new cabinet's personnel, outlining its individual qualifications, and describing the whole as admirably representative of the people's sentiment.

The new minister made pointed comment on the possibility of Progressive opposition to his return in the by-election to be held on February 2nd due to his cabinet appointment. He said that such opposition immediately following a general election and with the object of depriving a riding of representation in the government and on the cabinet is a development unprecedented in his experience.

Mr. Graham expressed no fears as to the outcome, a statement greeted with affirmative applause, but deprecated any contest as detaining the government's entry upon business by a period of three weeks, which could ill be afforded. The opposition, he said, if it does come will not be to Graham and it will not be only Graham with whom they will have to fight. "Such opposition is a challenge to the whole government and to the action of the premier and behind me in the fight will be eighteen other men as good or better than myself. It will mean a suspension of government business until the thing is settled and the only thing my opponents will have will be some expense and responsibility.

"I just want to tell you," Mr. Graham concluded, "to keep your powder dry because if the word on Thursday morning is 'fight', I'll give you all immediate orders to fall in, and they will be official orders this time from a minister of militia. I'm learning the terms already."

Mr. Graham was formally nominated in behalf of the convention by Dr. H. A. Bowie, president of the local Liberal association. Dr. Bowie is a Queen's graduate and formerly lived in Kingston.

MANY BRITISH EMIGRANTS

Company Has Purchased Western Lands to Settle Them.

Montreal, Jan. 11.—Rev. John Chisholm, in an address before the members of the Montreal presbytery yesterday stated that a company had been formed which had purchased eighty-five thousand acres of land in western Canada for the purpose of having it settled by immigrants. He said that aproximately half a million immigrants from the British Isles would pass through the dominion within the next year. He did not think, however, that they would all remain in Canada.

FRANCE MAY NOW DROP PLANS FOR SUBMARINES

In View of the Entente Reached With Great Britain at Cannes.

Washington, Jan. 11.—The belief that France would abandon her plans for extensive submarine construction as a result of the entente reached with Great Britain at Cannes, was explained today by members of the British Arms delegation. In this case, it was said, Great Britain would find it unnecessary to carry out her suggested programme for a fleet of auxiliary naval craft, which would have been designed as an answer to large holdings of submarines by another power.

Will It Be Published.

Cannes, Jan. 11.—Premier Briand and Prime Minister Lloyd George are considering the advisability of making public the memorandum of their talk in London regarding the proposed pact for the protecton of France. It is understood the British delegation is disposed to give out the full text (and that Premier Briand objected to publication before he had seen the British text.

Slayer Finally Arrested.

Philadelphia, Jan. 11.—Luther Boddy, slayer of Detective Sergeants Francis Buckley and William A. Miller, of New York, was arrested in a rooming house here and in a confession which he made to the police this evening declared he murdered them because he feared they intended "to beat me up forneothing." Boddy got into Philadelphia disguised as a woman.