

L.O.F. CALLS OFF ITS BALL

Out of Deference to Cardinal Begin, of Quebec.

ORDER WOULD NOT IGNORE

The Cardinal's Condemnation of Modern Dancing in His Recent Pastoral.

Montreal, Jan. 31.—In deference to the condemnation of modern dancing expressed in a recent pastoral letter by Cardinal Begin of Quebec, the local branch of the Independent Order of Foresters has called off a ball intended to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the foundation of the order which had been fixed to be held here on Feb. 6th.

"We wish to show that the strongest mutual society in America does not want to be suspected of ignoring your recommendations and lack in respect towards authority," stated the letter of the secretary of the order to Archbishop Gauthier, apostolic administrator of the diocese of Montreal.

In his reply expressing his thanks, the archbishop said: "Abuses which are being committed today at these public dances are so grave that all Christians feel the need to get together to have them disappear."

A SMASHING DEFEAT OF THE MEXICAN REBELS

Hand-to-Hand Struggle Between Combatants in Streets of Esperanza.

Esperanza, via Mexico City, Jan. 31.—A correspondent has witnessed a desperate battle of the army of Gen. Eugenio Martinez for the city of Esperanza. The battle continued for three days and two nights of continuous struggle, culminating in a hand-to-hand fight in the streets of the city before it fell to the Federals at 10.30 Tuesday morning. This has been the most decisive and the most extensive battle of the revolution. The defeat of the rebel forces was overwhelming.

The rebel dead are placed at 400, with 800 prisoners, 300 of whom are wounded. The reported Federal losses are 40 dead and 70 wounded. The preponderance of rebel dead is due to the tactics of the Federal forces which trapped the rebels in the railroad yards, where most of their dead appear.

Rebels Had No Chance.

The advance of the Government troops was so rapid that the rebels had little chance to escape. They left everything behind, including three full trains of supplies and a hospital train with sick and wounded. One train, attempting to escape, was ambushed by Government cavalry and everyone on it was killed or wounded. All the rebels' war material, including artillery, was taken.

Tuesday night Gen. Pedro Leon, commanding the 39th Battalion with the rebels, sent word that his troops desired to surrender. Yesterday they marched into the Federal lines. The members of this battalion were captured in Tabasco by the rebels and they became part of the rebel army until the opportunity came for them to return to the Government. Tuesday morning they helped to capture Esperanza.

The rebel forces here numbered about 5,000 men and was commanded by Gen. Antonio Villareal. The battle which ended today was planned a week ago in Puebla by Gen. Serrano, the secretary of war, Gen. Martin and Gen. Juan Almazan. The rebel defeat was so stunning

Appeal Court Upholds Mandamus Order Giving Home Bank Directors Trial Without Jury

Toronto, Jan. 31.—With three members opposed and two in favor of appeal, the first divisional appellate court at Osgoode Hall to-day handed down judgment rejecting the appeal of the attorney-general of Ontario from the mandamus granted by Justice Middleton in which Senior County Judge Emerson Coatsworth was directed to grant a speedy trial in the county judge's criminal court to ten directors and officials of the Home Bank of Canada.

The accused were arrested following the suspension of the Home Bank in August last on charges arising out of their management of the defunct institution. The upholding of Justice Middleton's mandamus order means a trial without a jury.

That it is doubtful if they will be able to make much resistance. Prisoners taken state that the main rebel force engaged at Esperanza is now without reserves to make up for Tuesday's losses.

FRED HARRY, BELLEVILLE, SUICIDES BY HANGING

Found Dead in Garage—At One Time Engaged in Farming.

Belleville, Jan. 31.—Fred Harry, aged fifty-three and married, was found dead in a garage about ten o'clock last night. He had committed suicide by hanging. Last night Mr. Harry did not return for his supper and had not been seen from about three o'clock, and search was instituted. Mr. Harry was at one time engaged in farming.

CHILD WAS STRANGLER BY UNKNOWN HANDS

Verdict on Infant Found in Nurse's Room at Brockville Asylum.

Brockville, Jan. 31.—A verdict of death by strangulation by a person or persons unknown and at an undetermined time, was rendered by the coroner's jury which last night heard evidence in connection with the infant child whose mummified body was discovered in the wardrobe of one of the nurses' rooms at the Ontario Hospital for the Insane, on Thursday last.

A rider attached to the verdict recommended that all female nurses and probationers employed at the hospital be housed in the same building to be devoted to the purposes of a nurses' home and that more rigid inspection of their living quarters be made from time to time.

FRANK JAY GOULD SUEB.

Wife Claims 800,000,000 Francs, Half of Property.

Paris, Jan. 31.—Edith Kelly Gould has brought suit in the Versailles court against her former husband, Frank Jay Gould, for 800,000,000 francs.

This sum represents half of the value of the personal property included in the Kelly-Gould home at the time of the divorce.

Mrs. Kelly argues that Mr. Gould lives in France and that, as the marriage was made without a contract, she is therefore entitled to this share of the estate.

Mr. Gould has replied, contending that his wife and himself are American citizens, and that, moreover, they were married in England. Consequently, he maintains, only American jurisdiction holds.

Hungary Is to Have U.S. Receiver General

London, Jan. 31.—W. P. G. Harding, governor of the Boston Federal Reserve Bank, will probably be asked to become receiver-general for Hungary under the League of Nations plan for economic rehabilitation of that country.

League officials decided some time ago that if the proposed international loan to Hungary is to be a success, an American must be in charge of the country's finances. Such a man would be absolutely detached from the conflicting and embittered political phases of Hungary's position in Europe to-day.

"You Said It, Marceline!"

By MARCELINE DALROY On "Efficiency!"

All MEN kid themselves THEY have BRAINS (Of course they have, but SOME men don't know HOW to USE them). And some men STILL Kid themselves that WOMEN Have NO brains. But, even at that, The most BRAINLESS woman Knows what a MAN'S Brains are FOR— And profits by them. CLEVER business MEN Use their brains and make MONEY;



HON. ERNEST LAPOINTE The newly-appointed Canadian Minister of Justice.

UNITED STATES HOCKEY TEAM WINS ITS SERIES

Defeats British by 11 to 0—Canadians to Meet Old Country Team.

Chamonix, France, Jan. 31.—The United States Olympic hockey team defeated Great Britain today 11-0, clinching first place in the semi-finals. The Yanks tomorrow play the second team in the upper half, probably Sweden, while the Canadians, winners in the other half of the draw, meet the Old Country team. France defeated Belgium 7-5, ending the elimination contests in the second half of the draw.

ALBERTANS PROSPEROUS.

Investigating Heavily in Provincial Savings Certificates.

Edmonton, Jan. 31.—Twenty thousand dollars a day has been coming in all through January for provincial savings certificates, and treasury offices are doing a record business. The figures for the month will run to more than a half million. Deputy Treasurer Newson's theory about this mid-winter inflow of money is that the good effects of the crop are just making themselves felt, and that the people are investing their profits in this form of security to a much greater extent than formerly.

The total amount on deposit to the credit of sundry investors at the end of 1923 was \$4,651,718. Purchases for the year totalled \$2,555,170, and there were withdrawals of \$2,274,278.

WANT SIR ARTHUR CURRIE AS CANADIAN MINISTER

To the United States—It Is Not Thought He Will Accept.

Montreal, Jan. 31.—A special despatch from Ottawa says: If Major General Sir Arthur Currie, president of McGill University, will accept the position of Canadian plenipotentiary to Washington, the appointment will be made, so it is learned here. The matter has been discussed in the cabinet and Sir Arthur, it is understood, has been sounded out on the situation, but so far has not indicated his acceptance.

Many representations have been made to the government emphasizing the need of Canadian representation at Washington and the position will be filled just as soon as a suitable man can be found. If Sir Arthur would accept, the government would be pleased.

Sir Lomer Gouin, it is understood, declined the post.

Ottawa Is Sceptical.

Ottawa, Jan. 31.—Ottawa does not take seriously the Montreal report that Sir Arthur Currie may be Canadian ambassador at Washington. He may be offered the appointment, but no one here thinks that he would even seriously consider acceptance. Sir Arthur Currie is not a man of wealth, and has no private fortune to assist in maintenance of a Washington establishment. No salary the government might grant would be sufficient for the liquidation of all the necessary expenses attached to such an embassy as would have to be maintained at Washington. It is further pointed out that Sir Arthur would hesitate to sever his connection with McGill University, where the plans for its development were made in consideration of him being at the head of that institution for many years.

ONE MILLION HOMES UNFIT TO LIVE IN

London, Jan. 31.—Over 1,000,000 homes in England are not fit to live in. This is the conclusion of the national housing council which inquired into the matter. The council estimates that 3,800,000 houses ought to be built in the next twenty years in England and that over 600,000 new houses are required in Scotland.

Typhoid Germs Are Pumped Into Public Milk Supply

Montreal, Jan. 31.—Milk sold by David Fisher, who has his establishment at Cartierville, was adulterated by the addition of from six to ten per cent of water, and the pump in his barn yielded typhoid germs. Nine families at Bordeaux and Cartierville were ravaged by typhoid fever. Dr. A. G. Malhot of the city Health Department told Recorder Sample yesterday as Fisher pleaded guilty to selling milk under standard and was fined \$200 and costs.

PREMIER TO DODGE ISSUE?

Liberals to Attack Ferguson on His O.T.A. Promises.

CAUCUS OF THE LIBERALS

It Is Said There Will Be Six Groups in the Legislature.

Toronto, Jan. 31.—Liberals members of the legislature will hold their first caucus today at the parliament buildings. It is estimated that nothing of prime importance will emanate from the deliberations.

Mr. Sinclair will outline his policy for the session, which will be one of determined and consistent opposition to the government. The Liberal leader is leaving his final public announcement of policy over until the 5th of February, when he will speak at a banquet in his honor at Oshawa.

Upon two issues the Liberals are sure to fight the government. Mr. Sinclair has already prepared a comprehensive brief upon provincial finances and will undoubtedly make an assault on the treasury department. He has also a case worked up on the temperance issue and is confidentially said to have promised to put Premier Ferguson "in a box."

It is stated by persons close to inside Government circles that Premier Ferguson is determined now to do nothing at all this session relative to the O.T.A. His purpose is understood to be to let everyone else who desires have a fling at the liquor issue, while the government will be officially "mum" for this session at least. Mr. Sinclair is understood to possess proof that Mr. Ferguson has inconsistently promised concessions to both the wets and the dries.

Will Be Six Groups.

At the Liberal caucus the leader will also arrange the seating of his group, which will occupy the place of senior opposition. On his left Mr. Sinclair will have Sam Clarke, the old war-horse from Northumberland, who has sat more years in the house than any other member.

It is another that there will be at least six groups in the new House, as follows: (1) The Government party; (2) the Sinclair Liberal party; (3) the U.F.O., Liberals without a leader, whose membership is now said to be less than 15; (4) the Independent U.F.O.'s, who will number four or five; (5) the Laborites, numbering two, and (6) M. M. McBride, of Brantford, who will sit alone in Hon. G. H. Ferguson's old seat. He will be an independent, but with a strong leaning towards the Government.

MORE CHILD MARRIAGES.

Increasing Numbers Causing Menace to Chicago.

Chicago, Jan. 31.—Increasing numbers of child marriages are constituting a real menace to Chicago, L. Bodine, superintendent of compulsory education, declared. "These child marriages, contracted between girls of 12, 13 and 14 years and men of maturity, at Crown Point, Ind., and other neighboring 'Green Acres' after falsification regarding the bride's age is employed to get a license, constitute a great danger to the community," Mr. Bodine declared.

"We have recently sent several bridegrooms to jail, but they are still on the increase. I have enlisted the aid of county clerks in nearby county seats to try to put an end to the marriages."

Mr. Bodine urged city trustee officers to exercise great vigilance in uncovering marital unions of this sort and promptly reporting them for investigation.

GET RID OF SENATE.

Would have Governor General Made a Viceroy.

Hamilton, Jan. 31.—Professor W. P. M. Kennedy of the University of Toronto, told the Canadian Club members that Canada must get rid of the senate. He was a democrat, he said, and did not believe in a second chamber. He urged that the king should visit this and his other dominions frequently that the status of the governor general should be raised to viceroy and that his power to veto or reserve Canada's parliamentary acts should be abolished.

To Superior Court.

Ottawa, Jan. 31.—Ernest Roy, K.C., of Quebec, has been appointed a judge of the superior court in place of Justice Malouin, who comes to the supreme court of Canada at Ottawa.

Lapointe Is the New Minister of Justice

Ottawa, Jan. 31.—Hon. Ernest Lapointe has been sworn in as minister of justice. He is succeeded at the department of marine by P. J. A. Cardin, Liberal member for Richelieu.

Mr. Lapointe's transfer does not involve a by-election, while Richelieu is considered a safe Liberal seat.

SEES EVIL IN DOLE TO THE UNEMPLOYED

General Bramwell Booth of the Salvation Army Expresses His Opinion.

London, Jan. 31.—In a report on the social work of the Salvation Army, General Booth refers to the effects of the "dole" on the unemployed. "I am led sometimes," he says, "to wonder whether what is called the dole—the indiscriminate distribution of money for which no labor is required in return—is not almost, if not quite, as great a misfortune as unemployment."

Speaking of the moral decline, the mischievous influence over all alike, which springs from the evil of this thing, he added: "For once at least we see how a remedy may be far worse than a disease. The steady receipt of money for which no equivalent work is rendered, makes against everything that is good in the receiver's life. The innate ill of idleness are increased. That which is more or less a material misfortune is turned into a moral disaster. I do not hesitate to say that tens of thousands of people in these islands have learned, or are learning at this very time, to live without work and for the young people especially, this is a most disastrous experience."

NO HEAVIER TAXATION BY LABOR GOVERNMENT

Duties on Tea and Sugar Are to Be Removed, Budget Says.

London, Jan. 31.—In regard to home affairs, Labor seems cautious. Flotation of a development loan of £200,000,000, to be expended on improving the loads of the railways' electric power and relieving unemployment, is stated by J. L. Garvin, editor of the Tory Observer, to be the keynote of Mr. MacDonald's domestic policy.

This story is doubted by the Daily Herald, now an official Government organ, which states that the Government is not likely to float such an amount. The Herald suggests there are other methods, and that the Government may guarantee for such purposes when raised by local bodies.

The comprehensive housing scheme under Lloyd George's Housing Act, which permits expropriation of land for this purpose, is also certain, it was hinted in a speech today by John Wheatley, minister of health, who declared the workers' building trades would agree to admixture of non-union labor in this work if succeeding Governments would honor the bargains made with the unions by the present Cabinet.

The only other Labor move at home definitely indicated is the removal of the duties on tea and sugar in Philip Snowden's budget. Labor has decided to impose no heavier taxation in the April budget than the Conservatives had planned, and to attempt no capital levy or higher supertax, on the professed ground that the time is too short. In reality it appears probable that Premier MacDonald, who is a moderate on these subjects, has persuaded Snowden that nothing effective can be done towards taxing the rich, as promised in the Labor platform, until Labor has a House majority, and it appears probable, although not certain, that Snowden, as chancellor of the exchequer, has agreed.

MORE DIGGING IS DONE FOR A. J. SMALL'S BODY

Actor's Dream Leads to Search Underneath Grand Opera House Stage.

Toronto, Jan. 22.—Excavation work was again done in the cellar of the Grand Opera House last week, it was said today. One of the actors in "The Fool" playing there dreamed that the body of A. J. Small was buried under the stage. He communicated with Mrs. Small, who turned him over to Detective Mitchell. The officer accompanied him to the basement of the Opera House. After digging for some hours the work stopped, but that same night the same individual entered the spirit world and was assured that by another effort the body of Small would be discovered. After hours more of laborious work the effort was suspended, as the actor-director was too exhausted to do any more.

MAY REDUCE THE CABINET

As One Means of Cutting Down the Expenditures.

PRE-WAR PAY IMPOSSIBLE

Premier King Considering Every Way of Reducing Cost of Government.

Ottawa, Jan. 31.—In the effort being made by Premier King to reduce expenditure every department is being closely scrutinized, not only by the minister and the deputy minister in charge, but by the premier and Hon. J. A. Robb, acting minister of finance. There is being considered the possible reduction in personnel and also the possibility of department mergers so that many higher salaried officials can be retired, and a great saving made this way.

During the war period the department of inland revenue was merged into the customs department, but two new departments, immigration and soldiers' civil re-establishment, were created. At present there is a vacant portfolio and with the probable retirement of Hon. W. S. Fielding, there will be two. It is quite possible that only one new minister will be appointed, and two departments merged, thus saving the overhead expenses of one department.

Possible Mergers.

If the policy of merging departments is pursued the possible mergers are railways and public works under one minister, and external affairs and the department of state might also be united, except that this would throw additional work on the prime minister, who is already overburdened. The most logical amalgamation to eliminate one department, would be to divide the work of the marine and fisheries, public works and railways and canals, among two instead of three departments as at present.

While discussing reducing the civil service personnel, there is also a careful consideration of the reduction of the staffs of departments. Another method of reducing the personnel will be to have the stenographers, clerks and messengers of each department available for the work of any official of that department, instead of each sub-division and not available for service in other sub-divisions.

Must Be Increase in Cost.

It is found there must of necessity be an increase in numbers and cost of civil servants compared with the pre-war period. Salaries have advanced twenty-five per cent in all lines of business. Here is a substantial increase in cost alone. In addition the war, with its subsequent care of soldiers and new taxation, has necessitated large increases. The war is responsible for the new departments of soldiers' civil re-establishment, pension boards, air force, income tax and sales tax. These require thousands of employees, especially the income and sales tax departments. Even with the utmost economy and the most merciless pruning there must still be a great increase over the pre-war cost of administration.

ESKIMOS TO BE HANGED.

Execution at Herschell Island on February 1st.

Ottawa, Jan. 31.—The closing chapter of a tragedy of the Far North will be written on Friday with the execution of two Eskimo murderers at Herschell Island. No word of the execution will come through to civilization probably for months after the execution takes place. Indirectly, headquarters of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police here has learned that Sergeant Thorne, who carried the message that there would be no interference with the death sentence, is now at Herschell Island. No official word of his arrival has reached Ottawa and none is expected. The date of the execution is Friday, February 1st. The two Eskimos were sentenced to death for the murder of Corporal Doak, of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and Otto Binder, a Hudson's Bay Company factor.

Bread Price Up in Paris.

Paris, Jan. 31.—Beginning Friday the price of bread in Paris will be 1 1/4 francs a kilogram. The increase was authorized because of the necessity of importing foreign wheat. There is a movement afoot to bring back the war-time restrictions on bread, notably the prohibition of rolls and fancy breadstuffs.

Nova Scotia Legislature.

Halifax, N.S., Jan. 31.—Announcement was made that the Nova Scotia legislature would assemble at Halifax in regular session on February 14th, just a week earlier than the House opened last year.