

FRANCE'S FINANCIAL PLIGHT IS ALMOST CAUSING A PANIC

MOMENTOUS WEEK LIKELY IN FRENCH POLITICAL HISTORY

Paris Newspapers Call For a Dictatorship or Committee of Public Safety in View of the Country's Financial Plight--People Are Converting Money Into Something Tangible.

Paris, Dec. 14.—The present week is likely to prove a momentous one in French political history, as extraordinary changes in the manner in which France has been governed for the last fifty-five years are recognized as imminent by the press of all political shades. Some newspapers demand and others plead for changes in the governmental regime, ranging from the establishment of a dictatorship or a "committee of public safety," to the more conventional proposal that parliament sit in secret while the financial bills are being discussed and voted upon.

France's financial plight daily grows worse and the public is beginning to show signs of something like a panic, which is being heightened by a series of sharp drops in the value of the franc on the exchange market.

Minister of Finance Loucheur's seven bills, with which he hopes to bridge the financial situation, seemingly are disliked by everybody, irrespective of political creed.

VESEL HAS ROUGH PASSAGE ON LAKES

Had to Lighter Some Grain to Get on an Even Keel.

Midland, Dec. 14.—Running into very heavy weather on Lake Huron, the steamer Belvoir had a rough time and was five days making the trip from the head of the lakes. On Thursday morning about eleven o'clock the vessel experienced the roughest weather of the trip. Heavy seas, striking her forward, forced the water through the hawse pipe, wrecking the crew's quarters, the men losing all their personal belongings. Capt. Hefferman put back to Detroit and four or five thousand bushels were taken off in order to put the vessel on an even keel. She arrived here yesterday, and after discharging left at 11.45 p.m. for Collingwood dry dock. A quantity of her cargo was damaged.

CAPTAIN TO BLAME

And His Certificate is Suspended for All Next Year.

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—Temporary Master Jeremiah Cavanaugh of the steamyacht Anona, is found solely to blame for the collision between that vessel and the sailing vessel Cordite in Presque Bay on August 2nd last, while the crafts were going to the Belleville regatta, in the judgment delivered by Wreck Commissioner Demers, following the recent inquiry in Toronto. Cavanaugh's certificate is suspended for the whole season of navigation of 1926 or until December 31st. A. E. Mathews, owner of the Anona, is not blamed. The question of damages to the Cordite is not dealt with as being a matter for personal settlement or litigation in the civil courts.

SHOT WITHOUT WARNING.

Trial Opens Over Murder of Timber Manager Tyhurst.

Joliette, Que., Dec. 14.—Robert Tyhurst, the manager of the St. Michel des Saints office of the St. Maurice Paper Company, was shot down without a cry of warning or the slightest fighting chance for his life when he was murdered on the evening of December 4th. Louis Charron, septuagenarian woodsman and foreman of the paper company, told in simple, but dramatic fashion of Tyhurst's death, when the preliminary trial of Patrick and Edward McGuire, charged with the murder, was begun here Saturday afternoon before Magistrate Dubeau. Charron was the only witness heard and the case was adjourned until Tuesday.

Wedding of Toronto Girl To Prince of Georgia

London, Dec. 14.—Miss Beatrice Saakey of Toronto, was married to Prince Constantine M. Nakeshidze, of Georgia in London on Saturday. There were two services in connection with the wedding, the first being in the Church of Annunciation, Anglican, and the second in the Russian Church.

The Whig's Christmas Number

The Whig staff appreciates the many complimentary references that we have received regarding our Christmas number, which was issued Saturday. Nearly a thousand extra copies were printed and these were all disposed of at an early hour this morning. We were sorry to have to disappoint so many who telephoned for extra copies this morning. When putting out special editions in the future we will try to anticipate the demand.

To Interview the Minister of Justice And Ask For the Release of Peter Smith

The Fine of \$100,000 May Bar Proposal Parole of the Former Provincial Treasurer From Portsmouth Penitentiary.

Toronto, Dec. 14.—W. E. Raney, former attorney-general of Ontario in the Drury cabinet, Senator Rankin and Wellington Hay, former leader of the Liberal party in the province, will interview Hon. Ernest Lapointe, Minister of Justice, tomorrow, in an effort to secure the release on parole from Portsmouth penitentiary of Peter Smith, provincial treasurer of Ontario during the life of the United Farmer government. Mr. Smith served fourteen months of the three-year sentence, imposed on him by Chief Justice H. M. Meredith on his conviction on charges arising out of Ontario bond transactions. Under the sentence, a fine of \$100,000 must be paid before the former Cabinet minister can be given his liberty. Petitions for his release, signed by thousands of people of Perth and adjoining counties, will be presented to Mr. Lapointe tomorrow.

German Cabinet to Carry Out Treaty Agreement

Berlin, Dec. 14.—Dr. Koch, German Democratic party leader, today accepted the task of forming the coalition cabinet desired by President Von Hindenburg to carry out the policies and obligations of the Locarno security agreement.

JAPANESE DESTROYERS ARRIVE AT TIENTSIN.

Tokio, Dec. 14.—The navy department announces that the destroyers Fujii and Tsuta had reached Tientsin, China, the scene of factional troubles, and had landed fifty sailors.

Greece Must Pay Full Indemnity to Bulgaria

Geneva, Switzerland, Dec. 14.—Greece violated the Bulgarian frontier in the recent incident between the two nations and must pay reparations of thirty million leva, about \$219,000, the League of Nations Council today decided.

The Peters Case To Be Appealed

When the case of Harry Peters, of Sydneyham, charged with negligence, following the death of Florence Timms, who was struck by his auto, came before Judge Levell, on Monday afternoon for sentence, his counsel, A. B. Cunningham, asked that sentence be deferred until Thursday, at 10 a.m., pending an appeal. The judge allowed the postponement, the accused being allowed out on bail. Mr. Cunningham expects to have an order by Thursday for bail so that the accused will not go to jail until after an appeal is heard.

Man Likely Drowned.

Kemptville, Dec. 14.—Augustus Arcand, aged fifty, is believed to have been drowned when he went through the ice on the Rideau River. His gloves were found lying beside a hole in the ice, which he intended crossing to visit a neighbor on the other side of the river.

To Tax Bachelor Turks.

Constantinople, Dec. 14.—The finance ministry proposes to put a poll tax on bachelor Turks between 30 and 45 at rates half as much again as married men. For the first time Turkish women are to become taxable entities, as the price of their emancipation.

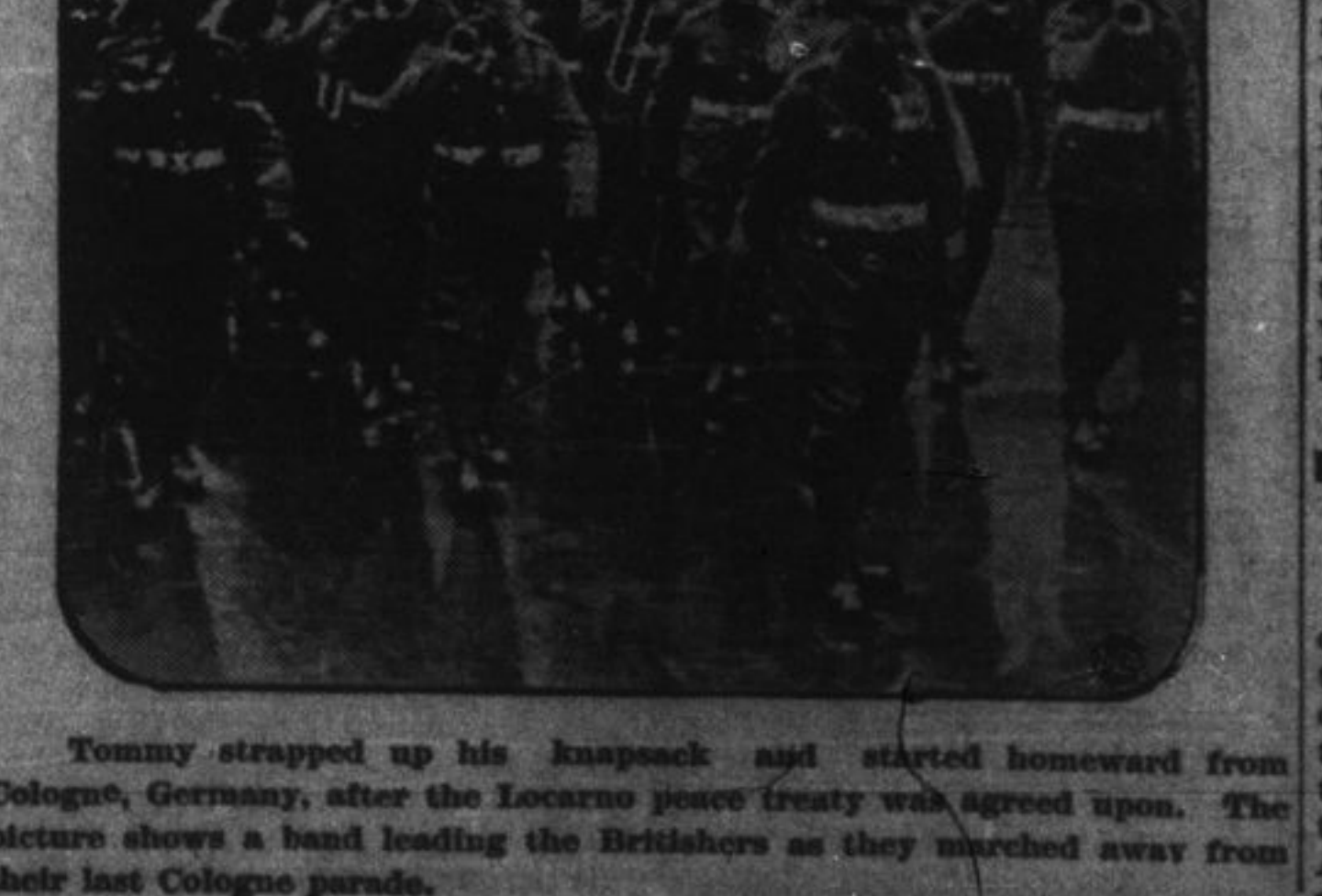
Portugal's Cabinet Resigns.

Lisbon, Dec. 14.—The Portuguese cabinet, under Domingo Pereira, resigned Saturday. Bernardino Machado, the newly-elected president of the republic, declined to accept the resignation, but the premier insisted upon it.

Death of James Rosmond.

Almonte, Dec. 14.—James Rosmond, president of the Rosmond Woollen Company, and Almonte Knitting Company, died at his home here Saturday at the age of 84.

LOARNO TREATY SENDS TOMMIES HOME



Tommy strapped up his knapsack and started homeward from Cologne, Germany, after the Locarno peace treaty was agreed upon. The picture shows a band leading the Britishers as they marched away from their last Cologne parade.

THE REBUFF OF QUEBEC TO MR. MEIGHEN

Hon. Lucien Cannon Sees Repudiation of Machine Methods.

THE VOTERS INSULTED

According to the Quebec Soleil--All Quebec Province Endorses Bagot's Rebuff.

Montreal, Dec. 14.—Lucien Cannon, summing up his impressions of Bagot's declaration that this constituency spoke the mind of all Quebec.

To him, the result is "a striking repudiation of the electoral methods of the Conservative machine, which has now been rudely taught that in the eyes of French-Canadians, money and personal interest are not the sole motives of human actions. It is, moreover, a severe condemnation of all the political comedians, who, after locking the skeleton of Mr. Patenaude into their political cupboard, tried to hitch their wagon to the seemingly rising star of Mr. Meighen."

"It is a peremptory rejection of the advances of the Conservative leader, a distinct endorsement of the Liberal policy and a clear mandate to Mackenzie King to continue his administration of public affairs. It is last of all a declaration to all public men that the public demands above everything else political honesty and sincerity."

Le Soleil of Quebec city, has the following comment: "Mr. Meighen has nothing to complain of. He was received politely. His toneyed-decree met with a courteous welcome, although he was playing the same game he plays outside Quebec, that of exciting the rest of the country against us. But this crafty politician has less finesse than we thought. Otherwise he would not have tried to treat us in Bagot as rubes and idiots."

Says Quebec Was Insulted.

Le Soleil remarks that in sugar coating his pill Mr. Meighen betrays a childish conception of Quebec. "Once he came to Quebec to distribute medals. Now he distributes chocolate drops. Our democracy has never known any greater lessening of dignity on the part of a political leader than his short-sighted attempt to stone with candy for his treatment of us as canaille."

IMPRISONED BY ICE.

Lighthouse Keepers in St. Lawrence Are Cut Off From Aid. Quebec, Dec. 14.—Three lighthouse keepers at Biquet, Red Island and Brandy Potts, situated in the lower St. Lawrence, are hemmed in by ice, and are unable to reach the mainland, according to information reaching here. They will remain so until the ice breaker Montcalm, which has been despatched from III Aux Cordons to pick up the remaining buoys in the channel below Quebec, picks up the three men and brings them back to this city.

The Sudden Death of Montreal's City Clerk

Montreal, Dec. 14.—Death came with unexpected suddenness to Mr. Rene Bausset, City Clerk of Montreal, who was stricken on the street while on his way home to lunch from the City Hall Saturday afternoon about 1 o'clock. A passer-by who saw him collapse conveyed him in a taxi-cab to the Ross Memorial Pavilion of the Royal Victoria hospital, where he died two hours later. He was in his 61st year, having spent 33 years in the service of the city of Montreal, seven of which were occupied in fulfilling the important duties of City Clerk.

Deputy Returning Officer Committed for Trial

Edmonton, Dec. 14.—J. F. Rabb, deputy returning officer at Brule, in the Peace River Riding, has been committed for trial on two charges, that he had fraudulently put into the ballot box papers other than those authorized by the Election Act; and that he put his name on banners purporting to be ballots.

New French Cabinet Shaken By Another Fall of Franc

Paris, Dec. 14.—M. Loucheur's position in the Government, if not the Government itself, seems gravely compromised. The franc-Saturday morning with the Bourse closed, took a new downward plunge, on outside trading to 27.47 to the dollar and 133.15 to the pound. As the budget which is now being hurried along through Parliament was drafted on the value basis of 125 to the pound it would seem that already before it is passed into law it is in danger of becoming inadequate.

CAN VACCINATE PEOPLE AGAINST TUBERCULOSIS

Glowing Reports on Spahlinger Treatment Made by English Medical Commission.

London, Dec. 14.—Prominent medical men who recently made an investigation of the Spahlinger treatment for tuberculosis at the Spahlinger laboratory in Geneva returned with glowing accounts of the success of the treatment. Dr. Leonard Williams, of London, declared that nobody would ever be able to do what Spahlinger could do now. Spahlinger could prevent tuberculosis, he says. He could so vaccinate people that they could not take tuberculosis. Dr. Williams looked forward to the time when children would be vaccinated for tuberculosis just as they were now vaccinated for smallpox.

Referring to the financial difficulties with which Spahlinger is faced, Dr. Williams said that if Spahlinger could not go on and finish his work something of the utmost value would be lost to the world.

IRELAND IS REAPING REWARDS OF PEACE

North and South Now Realize the Advantage of Mutual Trust.

Dublin, Dec. 14.—The London agreement already has worked wonders in reconciling the North and South of Ireland. Sir James Craig, Ulster premier, makes no secret of his confidence in President Cosgrave, inspired by their meeting. Both sides have realized the advantage of mutual trust in solving the problems of both governments.

Both are reaping large financial benefits from the agreement. Great hopes of reviving Belfast's crippled linen trade are based on the willingness of the British government to include Ulster linen in the provision of the Safeguarding Industries Act. The shipping industry, similarly depressed, is, with British help, looking up, and unemployment has been reduced.

Peace enables the northern government to disband the costly police force which, owing to the border difficulties, has reached the huge figure of thirty thousand men.

In the south there is an entirely new spirit toward the north. Heretofore the Free State insisted on maintaining the restrictions imposed by the British on Ulster self-government and hoped, by keeping Ulster's power limited, to force it into unity. Free State ministers no longer object to seeing two dominions in Ireland and hope for eventual unity through friendly co-operation.

NORTH HURON CASE IS AGAIN APPEALED

Conservative Candidate Claims Judge Could Merely Order a Re-count.

Toronto, Dec. 14.—Acting for George W. Spotton, Conservative candidate for North Huron, I. F. Hellmuth, K.C., and Granville Price have launched an appeal from the decision of Mr. Justice Wright, which allowed 342 ballots which had counterfoils attached, and, therefore, gave a slight majority to J. W. King, the Progressive candidate. The appeal is on the grounds that His Lordship had no jurisdiction to do more than order the county judge to hold a re-count, where the county judge had omitted, neglected, or refused to carry out the provisions of the Elections Act.

The appeal will come before the Appellate Division at Osgoode Hall.

The Bishop's Address

In opening his sermon, Bishop Bidwell expressed his pleasure at being present at the opening of the new structure. He chose his text from Psalms CXIII, 1. "I was glad when they said unto me, we will go when they said unto me, we will go into the House of the Lord."

"I have chosen these words for their note of joy," said the bishop. "Today is a day of joy over the accomplishment of a task completed. It seems only yesterday that we heard in Kingston of the destruction by fire of this church that stood for the religion of your ancestors. Immediately after the fire, your pastor, Mr. Swayne, came to me and expressed his wish that an endeavor be made to make good the loss. To you who have passed a lifetime in the old church, it seemed almost impossible to restore it to its former state."

(Continued on Page 7.)

BATH CHURCH IS RESTORED FOR WORSHIP

New St. John's Dedicated by Bishop of Ontario.

OLD CHURCH HISTORIC

Erected in 1793 by United Empire Loyalists--Destroyed By Fire Last April.

The Right Reverend Dr. E. J. Bidwell, Lord Bishop of Ontario, made the announcement on Sunday morning at the consecration services in St. John's church, Bath, that a record had been established which had never been equalled in the history of the Anglican church in Canada, and he doubted very much if it were not a world record. His Lordship stated that the church, which was the oldest Anglican edifice in Canada, having been built in the year 1793, had been destroyed by fire on Saturday afternoon April 4th, 1925, and through the hard work of the rector, Rev. W. G. Swayne, the church wardens, and the members of the congregation, the edifice had been rebuilt, money secured for the payment of the same, and the church consecrated for the work of God in a little over six months.

The old St. John's church was a frame structure and rough cast. The new church, which was built by Robert Pipus, contractor, Nanapanee, is a brick structure, and will later be plastered so as to make it a replica of the old building. The memorial windows which were in the old building, were destroyed by fire, but it is expected that in the near future members of the congregation will donate windows to replace them.

Originally Built in 1793. The old St. John's church was built by the late Rev. John Langhorn in 1793, one year after the Methodist church at Hay Bay had been erected. Mr. Langhorn came to Canada as a missionary in the days when there was no missionary society in Canada, and he did a noble work for the Anglican church. In his sermon Bishop Bidwell paid a glowing tribute to the faithful work of that early man.

William Rose, who was ninety-two years of age last June and is probably one of the oldest members of the congregation, was present at the service on Sunday morning and took communion.

Among the clergymen who have been rector of St. John's church are Rev. Alfred Echlin, Rev. T. J. Porter, Rev. Canon Payne, Rev. Canon Baker, Rev. F. T. Dibb, (deceased), Rev. E. T. Evans, and Rev. A. L. McTear. The latter, who two years ago was transferred to Trenton, was the popular rector for about twenty years. Rev. W. G. Swayne was placed in charge of the work two years ago, and he has certainly done valuable service.

Since the day that the church was destroyed by fire, Mr. Swayne and the members of his congregation have carried on an active campaign to raise funds for the erection of the new building, and their efforts have been rewarded with success, for which they were congratulated by Bishop Bidwell on Sunday morning.

The consecration service was a very solemn event. G. W. Loys, Bath, and Andrew C. Miller, Ernestown Township, the two wardens, read a document to His Lordship in which it was stated that the church was free of debt, and then asked that the new building be consecrated for the work of God. The consecration then took place, after which the communion service was held and most of the members of the congregation took part in this service.

Mrs. W. G. Swayne, organist and choir leader, had charge of the musical part of the service.