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France Is Little Impressed With Hoover Message

Chamber Of Deputies Unlikely At Present To Shift From Its Attitude Of Postponement Of December Interest Payment.

HOOVER WILL ORGANIZE OWN COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(Associated Press)—President Hoover went ahead on his own responsibility today to organize a commission to review the war debts, after apparently receiving from President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt a refusal of his invitation to participate.

Lengthy conferences between the President and Secretary of State Henry L. Stimson and one of the Treasury, Ogden Mills led to speculation that these two Cabinet members might serve on the debt agency.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPCOMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC

- Postponed, Lyndale Concert on account of sickness. 7292-12-20-21.
- Buying chicken and fowl Wednesday, P. J. Noy & Co. 7249-12-20-21.
- Skating at Mt. Herbert Wednesday and Saturday night. Admission 10 cents. 7264-12-21-11.
- Game at Wheatley River Rink Thursday night. Skate after match. 7272-12-21-21.
- Buying chicken, fowl, live and dressed, Wednesday after three o'clock. Cutcliffe Bros. 7247-12-20-21.
- Our store will be open every evening until Christmas, P. J. Noy & Co. 7247-12-20-21.
- Borden Line Club loading hogs, hams, Albany, Wednesday, December 21. 7252-12-20-21.
- Milton Rink now open. Regular Monday, Wednesday, Saturday nights. 7257-12-21-11.
- Nine Mile Creek Concert Wednesday, Dec. 21st. Admission 10c. 7245-12-20-21.
- Come to the Eldon Christmas Concert in the Belfast Public Hall, Friday, December 23rd. 7268-12-21-11.
- Come to the St. Catherine Christmas Concert Thursday, December 22nd; if stormy, Friday. 7254-12-21-11.
- Christmas tree and concert at West. Rivalry School Thursday, Dec. 22. Admission 10 and 15 cents. 7274-11.
- Annual Christmas Tree will be held on Friday, December 23rd at 8 P. M. Special music and pantomime. 7259-12-21-11.
- Unloading car fox meat at Albany, Wednesday and Thursday, December 21 and 22. Bruce Campbell. 7263-12-21-21.
- S. S. Christmas Tree and Program in Fairview Church, North Hill, December 24th. 7258-12-21-11.
- Buying dressed chicken and fowl at W. H. Ford's, Emerald, Thursday forenoon, December 22nd. Highest prices paid. 7241-12-20-21.
- Come to Hampshire School Christmas Concert in Kingston Hall, Wednesday, December 21st, at 8 P. M. If not fine, first fine night following. 7220-12-20-21.
- Come to Concert and Xmas Tree at Wilshire Hall on December 22nd. If not fine following night. Admission 15c and 10c. 7253-12-21-11.
- Your last chance for a goose at the B. I. S. social evening to-night. Special floor prize a big goose. Modern and old time dancing. 7275-11.

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Dept. Of Labor Created In Nova Scotia

(Canadian Press)

HALIFAX, Dec. 20.—In accordance with legislation passed at the 1932 session of the provincial house, a Department of Labor has been created in Nova Scotia. Premier Gordon S. Harrington, who also acts as Minister of Public Works and Mines, will administer the new department, with Charles J. McDonald, of Glace Bay, as Secretary of Labor.

Announcement of the Department's establishment followed a government meeting today.

Mr. McDonald has been active in labor movements in Nova Scotia for the last 30 years. He has been a railroad man since 1895, first as a brakeman and later as conductor. Since 1902 he had been chairman of the general committee of the Sydney and Louisburg Railway, and since 1928 chairman of the Dominion legislative board of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen.

Second Reading Of Visiting Forces Bill

LONDON, Dec. 20.—(Canadian Press Cable)—The visiting forces bill which was given second reading in the House of Commons but was dropped as the close of the session, was given third reading in the House of Lords today. It will have to be re-presented to the Commons.

The bill will bring visiting forces of one part of the empire in another part of the empire under the military law of the country in which they are visiting.

PROHIBITIVE TARIFF ON U.S. GOODS

British Colony Of Bermuda Will Switch Business To Canada, Is Report.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(A.P.)—Plans of the British colony of Bermuda to place what is described as an "absolutely prohibitive tariff on food products from the United States, thus throwing the business to Canada" were described in telegrams from four Boston firms which Senator Collidge of Massachusetts has placed before the Senate. They have been referred to the finance committee.

Will Use The Canadian Radium

PARIS, Dec. 20.—(Canadian Press Cable)—Madame Pierre Curie, co-discoverer with her husband of radium, will use Canadian radium in her researches it was announced today.

Madame Curie has been handicapped in her work recently by inadequate supplies of the metal, known chiefly for its curative properties toward cancer.

Arrangements whereby she will receive supplies of Canadian radium were made with Major Bernard Day, representative of Canadian radium interests who has been visiting in Europe, the announcement said.

LIBEL SUIT UNDER WAY AT MONTREAL

(By Frank Flaherty, Canadian Press Staff Writer)

MONTREAL, Dec. 20.—Loans made by the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada to Samuel Insull of Chicago and to Insull Utilities Investments Inc., were repaid in full, it was disclosed today, as the trial of James J. Harpell, charged with criminal libel against Thomas B. Macaulay, President of the Sun Life, continued before Chief Justice R. A. E. Greenshields and a jury. Repayment of the loans, \$9,375,000 to the investment company and \$400,000 to Insull personally, was shown in returns made to the Dominion Government.

George Finlayson, Dominion superintendent of insurance, was the chief witness today at the trial which, before it ends, will likely find Premier L. A. Taschereau, of Quebec, Sir Herbert Holt, President of the Royal Bank of Canada, E. W. Beatty, President of the Canadian Pacific Railway, Hon. Raoul Dandurand, Liberal leader in the Senate and other prominent citizens in the witness box. All these have been subpoenaed and Premier Taschereau was ready to give his evidence today, but Calixte Cormier, counsel for Harpell said he was not ready for him.

The libel charge arises out of statements published by Harpell in his magazine "The Journal of Commerce" and in a book called "Industry, Commerce and Finance." He linked Macaulay and the late Ivar Kreuger together as the "world's greatest crooks," charged the Sun Life President with using his influence to secure payment of illegal bonuses to stockholders and with causing millions of dollars of loss to policyholders of the company.

Defence counsel was thwarted today when he attempted to ask Mr. Finlayson about the Government's past dealings with the Sun Life. He was not allowed to ask whether the department of insurance had once asked the Cabinet to cancel the company's licence or to question the official about reports he made to the banking committee of the House of Commons.

O'Neal sent word that the firm bloc is bipartisan and that sub-

See Him Smiling



Christmas for the Tots

This scene shows the results of Christmas giving to the needy and unknown child. Happiness costs but little.

Santa Claus And Christmas Are Yours To Make

You May Help The Spirit Of Christmas By Being A Santa-Pal. Help Santa To Help The Children.

The thought of there being more than 400 children in the city and in a few rural districts whom Santa Claus cannot visit is a matter to give pause. What has happened to Father Christmas or Santa Claus? Why has he failed to maintain the reputation which he took so many years to gain? But as we shall see all he asks is the power to give gifts to children. Time was, within the memory of living man, when he was known as Father Christmas; and his annual visit was very much a home affair and no business of any one's outside. In some countries he has somehow become identified with that very kindly saint, Nicholas of Myra, patron of many other sorts of human beings besides the children, to whom he used to give presents on his own dwindled 6; and by now this December St. Nicholas, under the popular name of Santa Claus, has ousted Father Christmas from his proper season. It might be argued that he is really the same being under another name; but that is not true. The make-up is the same; the characters are different. Owing, perhaps, to his training among a people more gregarious and less reticent than our own, Santa Claus is a public character who readily and openly undertakes commercial engagements and performs almost municipal duties, the very hint of which would have set Father Christmas galloping his reindeer home across the snow. And now we learn to our regret that even here he has been getting into trouble. The complaint is that he is a snob; that he gives only to the children that have and neglects those that have not. And the suggestion is that he should be shut out of the party.

It seems rather a shame. The loyalty to home traditions which bore him many thousand miles

MANIPULATION OF RELIEF FUNDS IN QUEBEC

Nation-Wide Probe To Be Instituted Following Disclosures Made In Quebec Province.

OTTAWA, Dec. 20.—Disclosures of manipulation in the administration of direct relief, principally, so far as disclosed, in the Province of Quebec—has resulted in the Auditor-General of Canada instituting a nation-wide probe.

Until he is thoroughly satisfied as to the bona fides of claims presented by some provinces for the Dominion's share of disbursements it is unlikely federal payments will be made. Disclosures now in the hands of the Government are said to approach the magnitude of public scandal, and while prosecutions have been instituted in some cases it is hinted that only the surface has been combed; that hundreds, if not thousands, more writs may be demanded and that the systems which have permitted the irregularities must be drastically re-natured.

The most amazing disclosures have emanated from Lake St. John County, Quebec. The Provincial Government authorized the issuance of "bons," or credit certificates for relief. The chief agent was a pro-

Falling Off In Births, Marriages And Deaths

OTTAWA, Dec. 20.—(Canadian Press)—A falling off in the number of births, marriages and deaths in Canada was recorded for the eleven months ended with November, says a bureau of statistics report, but the decline in deaths was the smallest. In 54 cities the births totalled 74,053, as compared with 79,099 the previous year, deaths 41,356 as compared with 41,561, and marriages 25,950 as compared with 28,025.

For November alone there was a decline of 712 births, no change in deaths, and a decline of 6 percent in the number of marriage as compared with November a year ago.

River Overflows Banks, Hunters In A Bad Way

CARATUNK, Maine, Dec. 20.—(A.P.)—Nearly 500 unhappy hunters, whose homeward trek was blocked here by the Kennebec River's invasion of the main highway from Quebec, had dug in tonight to await rescue or had turned back to enter the State by another route more than 150 miles out of their way.

Those who remained sought shelter in overnight cabins scattered along the road between here and Jackman, few of which were adapted to winter occupancy. Most of the stranded men and women were without funds—Maine residents who had gone into the woods for deer with which to stock their larders for the winter.

Among them there was no revelry and no disposition to regard their plight as an adventure. Some were hungry and not a few had families somewhere beyond the mile of swirling water and ice-choked highway with whom they were eager to spend Christmas day. A few of the stranded multitude got around the ice barrier by beating their way through the woods and over the mountain which overlooks the flooded highway. One hunter who took this route, dragging his deer behind him, arrived cold and famished to be met down the river by friends in an open car. They brought him a loaf of bread to stay his hunger

British Empire Will Listen In Christmas Day

When His Majesty The King Voices His Yuletide Message.

(Canadian Press)

OTTAWA, Dec. 20.—When His Majesty the King voices his Christmas message to his subjects throughout the British Empire next Sunday morning, he will undoubtedly address the greatest audience ever to listen to a radio broadcast. Plans now practically concluded, arranged so far as Canada is concerned by the newly created Canadian broadcast commission, will bring into being the most complete globe encircling broadcast ever attempted.

Several cities in Canada and the other Dominions, will come on the air briefly during the broadcast with brief expressions of Empire goodwill, and a novel feature will be a world-wide broadcast of the thunder of Niagara Falls.

While Toronto is on the air a microphone will be carried to the Falls and by means of remote con-

LIVELY SCENE IN U.S. HOUSE

Prohibition Issue Cause Of Unruly And Sarcastic Act- ion During Debate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(A.P.)—Moved to a high pitch of bitterness by the prohibition issue, the United States House of Representatives loudly and some times hoarsely debated the 32 percent beer bill for six hectic hours today and looked forward to a final vote by tomorrow night.

Unruly and sarcastic in action and word, the members abandoned their much-cherished dignity. Personalities were freely exchanged. Party lines were disregarded. Reaction to the debate indicated a close vote. One clash that had the members on the edge of their chairs came between representative Mouser, republican from Ohio, an ardent prohibitionist, and representative Britten, Illinois republican, an avowed repealist.

"If you force this beer bill through prior to a repeal of the 18th amendment," Mouser shouted, "you are forgetting the mandate of the American people."

"The Democrats have a mandate too, the mandate of their platform to provide a non-intoxicating beverage," Britten interrupted.

"That's the trouble with the

State Of Siege Proclaimed By Argentine

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 20.—(A.P.)—The government has proclaimed a nation-wide state of siege, although developments indicated that the authorities were master of a revolutionary plot.

The state of siege was authorized Saturday after wholesale arrests of persons, many of whom held high office, who were suspected of engaging in a plot to overthrow the government.

Meanwhile the political atmosphere cleared considerably and there were indications the revolutionary threat that has been in the background throughout the administration of President Justo had been dispelled.

Civil courts will continue to function under the state of siege measure, and extra powers will be invoked only to stamp out subversion.

Demonstrators Are Routed In Edmonton

(Canadian Press)

EDMONTON, Dec. 20.—Police vigilance in this city was increased tonight as the result of a demonstration in Market Square where 300 "hunger marchers" assembled today to march on Parliament Hill. Four persons were injured, including one policeman, before the parade was broken up and the demonstrators routed. The parade was organized in defiance of a government order prohibiting the march.

The "march on Edmonton" was part of a programme initiated by unemployed throughout the province to seek a greater share of relief. A great number came from the coal fields in the southern part of the Province. Agitators from these fields, police state, were responsible for the move on the city.

Oddities From The Mail Bag

HALIFAX, Dec. 20.—(C.P.)—Believe it or not, Halifax mailmen were not puzzled when an undressed letter arrived for delivery. They knew it was for Frank Barkhouse, because on the envelope was a drawing of a dog, with "woof-woof" emanating from its gaping jaws, and a house. And here's another. John A. McCurdy Halifax publisher, met a friend over in England but forgot to give him his address. The friend sent a letter addressed as follows: John A. McCurdy, The Royal Bank of Canada Canada." Mr. McCurdy received the letter in Halifax 12 days after it was mailed.

LATE WIRE BRIEFS

(Canadian Press)

LONDON, Dec. 20.—(Canadian Press Cable)—The Duke and Duchess of York entertained at luncheon today in honor of Prime Minister R. B. Bennett and Hon. Howard Ferguson, Canadian High Commissioner and Mrs. Ferguson.

SANTIAGO, Chile, Dec. 20.—Congress in a joint session today formally declared Arturo Alessandri legally elected President October 30 to serve until 1938. This action fulfilled a constitutional requirement and opened the way for the President to assume office on Saturday.

ROME, Dec. 20.—(A.P.)—The number of Italy's unemployed passed the million mark on Nov. 30, totalling 1,038,000, approximately the figure of last April. This compares with 878,000 at the same time last year.

Farm Bloc Is Organized In Congress

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—(A.P.)—The American Farm Bureau Federation announced tonight that a farm bloc has been organized in Congress, composed of about 150 members of the House of Representatives, in an effort to secure agricultural relief in the short session.

The announcement was made after receipt of a telegram from Edward A. O'Neal, Farm Bureau President, who is one of a group of agricultural leaders now in Washington advocating the domestic allotment farm relief plan.

O'Neal sent word that the farm bloc is bipartisan and that sub-

Roosevelt Silent

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 20.—(A.P.)—Governor Franklin Roosevelt today continued his policy of silence toward Herbert Hoover's proposals to United States Congress Monday for co-operation between the President-Elect and the President in assuring continuity of American foreign policy.

committees had been appointed to deal with farm mortgage foreclosures, farm relief legislation, currency reform and city co-operation. The bloc's tentative programme he said, contemplates legislation for an increase of currency, lowering of the price of the dollar, stopping farm mortgage foreclosures wherever possible and giving equality to agriculture and labor.

The Weather, Etc

4 MORE SHOPPING DAYS!



GETTING THE BABY TO SLEEP IS HARDEST WHEN SHE IS ABOUT EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD

High tide this afternoon at 4:32 and tomorrow morning at 5:10.
Sun rises this morning at 7:35 and sets this afternoon at 4:21.
New moon Tuesday Dec 27, 7:21 a. m.
Summer tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

WEATHER		METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, Toronto, Dec. 20—Minimum and maximum temperatures:	
Dawson	.....	SB	48
Vancouver	.....	40	44
Victoria	.....	2B	40
Edmonton	.....	4	28
Regina	.....	26	31
Calgary	.....	12	24
Saskatoon	.....	5B	19
Winnipeg	.....	15	29
Brandon	.....	10	33
Kingston	.....	21	38
Ottawa	.....	16	32
London	.....	12	34
Toronto	.....	25	34
Montreal	.....	21	38
Quebec	.....	22	30
Saint John	.....	16	32
Halifax	.....	22	31
Charlottetown	.....	20	28

Gulf and North Shores—North west winds, strong over eastern portion, partly cloudy and somewhat colder; scattered snow flurries.

Maritime East and West—Frost westerly winds; partly cloudy; not much change in temperature.

CAR FERRY SCHEDULE

Week days—Leaves Borden daily 9:15 a. m. and 1 p. m.

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