

German Applause For France



Foreign Minister Stresemann, of the German government, who said to the Reichstag "We have confidence in France." The German deputies are reported to have cheered the statement before proceeding with discussion of the Locarno treaty.

Fascist Measure Suppresses Local Self-Government

ROME, Dec. 4.—The first of Fascism's important institutional reforms—replacing government municipalities with Fascist municipalities—came today before the Chamber, which approved the bill suppressing local self-government in 7,500 of Italy's 9,000 municipalities.

With one exception all the speeches heard today were laudatory. As the secessionist or so-called Aventine opposition has not yet made up its mind to abandon its boycott of parliament, almost all the orators were Fascists. The dissenting voice belonged to a Communist deputy, Grieco, who, however, aroused the Fascists' ire by repeating the regular Communist stock-in-trade about blood-sucking bourgeoisie, down-trodden proletariat, etc.

Fascist deputies lauded the bill first for its purely administrative aspects. It will, they claimed, confer good administration on small rural municipalities, in which few men can be found among the peasant population with sufficient business skill to manage public affairs properly.

Even greater stress was laid, however, in political aspects of the bill. The bill is in line, one speaker said, with the Fascist theory of unity of the state, while another orator said it "transfers sovereignty from the people, who are a mere mass of living beings, to the nation juridically organized in the state."

This same theme was taken up by Federzoni, minister of internal affairs, who exulted that the bill before parliament deals a death blow to the liberal system of government. The bill, Federzoni said, earned applause, was received with enthusiasm by the country, which feels it corresponds to the real need of modern states.

New Disclosures Expected In Texas Highway Scandal

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 4.—When the New Travis county jury meets a week from tomorrow to continue the investigation of state affairs in Texas, it is expected to have at its disposal new evidence about the highway scandal in the Ferguson administration.

Whether any present or former members of the administration shall be indicted, whether Mrs. Miriam A. ("Ma") Ferguson, governor, shall be impeached, and whether her husband, former Governor James E. Ferguson, shall be driven out of Texas politics, may depend on disclosures to be made during the coming week.

Attorney-General Dan Moody, the red-haired, Klan-fighting, 32-year-old leader of the anti-Ferguson movement, will bring the Hoffman Construction Company into court tomorrow morning in his second attempt to compel the return of money paid by the state highway commission to road contractors.

He has already forced the American Road Company to return \$600,000 in excessive profits. Now he will seek the return of \$100,000 from the Hoffman Company, plus the restoration of \$351,000 in approved but unpaid vouchers made out to that company.

Moody is a Baptist, a Sunday school leader, and an ardent prohibitionist. He is six feet tall, thin, wiry and energetic. Two years ago he broke up the Ku Klux Klan in Williamson County by sending five "Kluxers" to the penitentiary for flogging a traveling man who was a Klux rival in an affair of the heart.

RELIEF GIVEN BY THE USE OF LIVER EXTRACT

Says Experiments Have Satisfied Earlier Findings.

TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 4.—Six months of quiet but intensive work in the physiology laboratories of the University of Toronto, undertaken to test the use of extract of liver as a possible treatment for high blood pressure, was reported here last night by Dr. W. J. Macdonald of St. Catharines, Ont. Dr. Macdonald, whose investigations announced last May held the first promise of relief for sufferers from abnormally high blood pressure, spoke at a dinner tendered to him by the Academy of Medicine.

The experiments have confirmed his first findings entirely, he said, and both continued treatment of laboratory animals and a preliminary chemical analysis of the potent extract indicate that the discovery is at the same time old and new, it is old in the sure and accepted foundation on which it is based, and new in the possibilities which it presents for a weapon more powerful than any known before with which to attack the prevalent ailments of high blood pressure, and the attendant complaint of hardening of the arteries. The facts as revealed by the investigation to date were summarized by Dr. Macdonald, as follows:

An extract of liver has been obtained which possesses the properties of reducing a certain extent of arterial hypertension when there are no complications. This extract contains neither protein nor peptone, but contains histamine in small quantities. It contains choline in relative large quantities. It is quite possible the effect produced by a proper combination of these two substances, may be responsible for the lowering of pressure noted in both laboratory animals and clinical cases.

"It is more probable, however, because of the much greater effect produced by a given quantity of extract than can possibly be obtained by injection of even many times the quantity of histamine and choline contained in the said extract, the result is due to an unknown substance, or that this unknown substance may activate either the histamine or the choline or both.

"Intra-muscular injection is much more efficacious than the intravenous. The extract is more effective in hypertension than in normal cases. Pointing out that much still remains unknown, the doctor said: "Whereas our method of assaying the extract in units is definite, we have as yet no method of determining the dosage in units for any given case. Neither have we any method of determining our selection of cases for treatment."

U. S. National Air Guard Service In Lack Of Funds

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Lack of funds has prevented National Guard air service units from obtaining suitable equipment during the last fiscal year, Major General George C. Rickards informed Secretary Davis of the War Department in his annual report for the 1924-25 year, as head of the Militia Bureau.

The equipment in use at present is obsolete and unsuitable for the work the National Guard Air Service is called upon to perform," the report said. "It is deteriorating rapidly and in a very short time will be unsafe for flying purposes. Under these conditions it is considered essential that funds be provided for suitable airplanes and equipment."

General Rickards said three years of guard air service work had "proved its value" as a peace-time element of the state forces. "The stage of efficiency which has been reached in training indicates," he added, "the position that it has taken as a reserve air force available for use in case of an emergency."

A survey of the guard air camps last summer disclosed "the efficiency and high morals of the personnel participating," the report said. "The Twenty-ninth Division (Maryland) as particularly praised worthy among the fourteen divisions organizations now federally recognized. Difficulties met last year in getting pilot replacements for the guard had been overcome, it was added.

PROMINENT FIGURES OF CANADIAN TRADE CONFERENCE



R. G. Perse, on the right, President of the Winnipeg Board of Trade, and Mr. S. B. Gundy (left), President of the Toronto Board of Trade, among the leading figures in the Canadian Conference of Boards of Trade and Chambers of Commerce at Winnipeg. A national association, representing the various bodies may be a result of the conference, which confidently predicts a new era of prosperity for Canada.

URGES ABOLITION OF BRIDESMAIDS AS COMMON-SENSE SOCIAL ECONOMY

Debutantes Think Pretty Practice at Weddings Takes too much Time and Costs too Much Money—Outfits are Only Useful for a Single Occasion.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—There is a movement afoot to put an end to the quaint and pretty practice of having bridesmaids at weddings. Being a bridesmaid took too much time and cost too much money, say the debutantes. "We all have so many other and more interesting things to do," she said. "Frocks have to be chosen, and there has never been a frock made that suited all the bridesmaids equally well. Then they have to be fitted usually by the bride's dressmaker, when one would much rather go to one's own. They are usually quite unsuitable for wear afterwards, and hats, when worn, are out of fashion by next season. A famous London dressmaker who makes many bridal outfits confirmed the objection of expense.

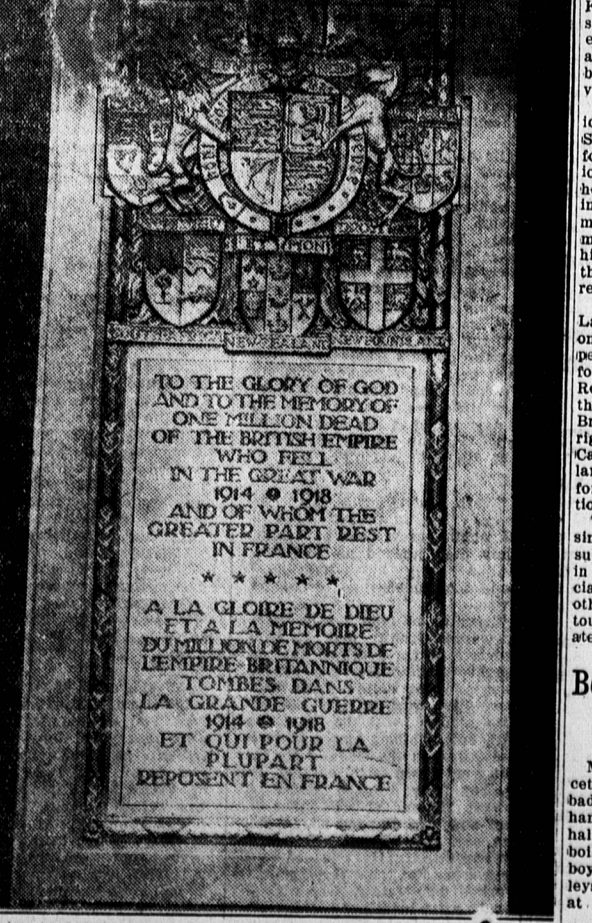
Mrs. Gallop Faces Trial Next Spring

QUEBEC, Dec. 4.—Mrs. Emily Gallop, who was transferred from the Roberval district jail a few days ago to the Quebec prison, where she is being detained pending her trial on the charge of murdering her husband by administering strychnine, will appear in the Court of Assizes at the next term to be held in the district of Roberval in the spring.

Turks Will Attend Meeting Of League

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 4.—Foreign Minister Tewfik Ruzhdi Bey, accompanied by a delegation of Turks, left for Geneva yesterday. They will attend the meeting of the Council of the League of Nations, which begins next Monday and at which, among other things, the report on the Mosul question will be considered.

IN HONOR OF MILLION BRITISH DEAD



The tablet which will be placed in the important cathedrals and churches on the western front in France in commemoration of the million who died with the British armies.

SEEK COUNTRY FOR RIVIERA FOR YULE

Old Fashioned Christmas in England Likely; Escape From Mourning Wanted.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—An old-fashioned Dickensian Christmas with a plum-pudding instead of a jazz-band as the centerpiece is likely in England for the first time in many years, partly because of the death of Queen Alexandra. Society is flocking to the country or to the Riviera to escape London during three months of mourning for the late Queen during which really elaborate entertainment would be in questionable taste.

The exodus means that the glamorous Yule Tide of hotel balls, dinners and dancing, such as England experienced during recent years will give way to the old-fashioned observance of the season and unusually wintry weather probably will add to this illusion of long ago. Skating and sleigh-riding already are being enjoyed in many parts of the country, and may continue until the holidays.

Within the Royal circles, Alexandra's death probably will result in a Royal moving day for the Duke and Duchess of York and the Prince and Princess of Wales. The Duke and Duchess have just moved into Mayfair from their suburban White Lodge. Neither the palace nor the Mayfair home is exactly suited to the positions of their respective occupants.

Since the Prince left the parental roof of Buckingham Palace and the Duke of York married the Princess of Wales, the Duke and Duchess have moved into the Marlborough House, in London, which normally would be the residence of the Prince of Wales. It was as Princess of Wales that she first lived there. Now it is likely that the Prince of Wales will move into Marlborough House in the spring, and the Duke and Duchess of York may move into the Prince's vacated quarters in St. James' Palace.

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Secy. Davis Will Consider Report Signed By Himself

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Secretary Davis of the War Department has the unique distinction of having before him for approval a report signed by himself on his own activities as Assistant Secretary of War. The document is his annual report as Assistant Secretary to the Secretary, and was signed by Mr. Davis before Secretary Weeks' resignation, although the former secretary did not act upon any of its recommendations, leaving that to his successor.

As Assistant Secretary and in charge of the general War Department procurement program, as well as of the industrial mobilization planning, Mr. Davis stressed in his report the importance of representation of his office in the department's budgetary supervision machinery.

"It has seemed to me of paramount importance," he said, "in consideration of the Army budget, my office should be represented in order to assist in pressing the point of view of the supply branches. Past history has indicated that in general the appropriation needs of the supply branches are sacrificed to those of personnel in a condition which can be remedied only by constant watchfulness and continuing effort."

The arrangement for such supervision by the Assistant Secretary's office was made with Mr. Weeks' approval during the period covered by the report. Explaining the methods for coordinating supply purchases and shaping them to the best available market conditions, the Assistant Secretary said he had established contract with other governmental agencies in order to obtain estimates on further market conditions to commodities the Army would purchase in quantity in any year. This information had been provided to purchasing officers in time for them to take advantage and plan their procurements under most favorable market conditions.

The report also disclosed that plans have been completed in a tentative way under which unified control of the railroads could be exercised. In a war emergency of major proportions, it was formulated after extensive discussions with the Association of Railway Executives and is based on the statute authorizing the Secretary of War to take over the roads, but contemplates that "actual operation of the carrying out of general policies will be left largely to existing railway organizations." The report expressed concern over the rapid depletion of reserve stocks of equipment and supplies left over from the world war, creating a situation under which the actual cost of the Army "is in excess of the present annual appropriations."

"Sooner or later this condition will have to be corrected either by means of greater appropriations or by the reduction of War Department activities," Mr. Davis said. "Bad as the situation is, the gradual depletion of our war reserves has a still more serious aspect."

"The resources of man and material which are available, or which can be made available to the United States in an emergency by a proper system of reserves, and prompt strategic and diplomatic action on the occurrence of the emergency, are so preponderant in comparison with those available to any possible combination of enemy powers that it is certain that no successful attack can be made against the continental United States unless it can be carried out with such rapidity that time is not available for out military and industrial mobilization. The tremendous importance of accelerating our mobilization by means of adequate reserves is obvious."

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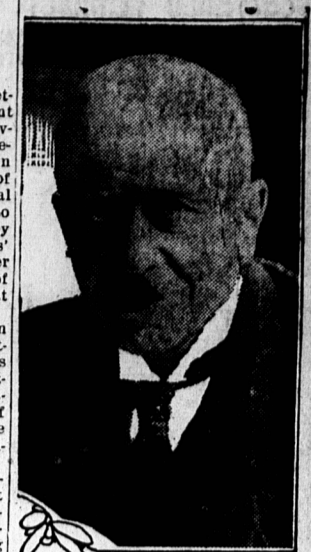
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who told the Commons that the story of the German corpse factory, which is again circulating, was accepted by the War Office during the war, but has not been proved since. The Germans did burn the bodies of animals to secure necessary elements, but rumor at the time said that they treated dead soldiers in the same way.

British Press Complaint Against U. S. Movie Films

LONDON, Dec. 4.—The House of Commons today heard a version of the complaint often raised by the British papers that United States motion picture films give an entirely false impression of British life and manners. Sir William Henry Davidson, Conservative member for Kensington, said it was desirable that British life should be presented by British made films and he wanted to know whether the government intended to introduce legislation compelling British motion picture theatres to include a certain percentage of British films in their programs so as to stimulate British production. Arthur Samuel, Parliamentary secretary of the overseas trade department, replied that the government was considering such action, but he could say no more at present. In reply to another question he admitted that there was great divergence of opinion among theatre owners regarding such compulsory legislation.

Captain H. Arthur Evans asked Mr. Samuel whether in the interest of the motion picture public he would take into consideration "the supply of British films, in either quantity or quality is not sufficient to meet any compulsory percentage."

Premier Baxter Flays King For Holding Power

MONTREAL, Dec. 4.—"I can't conceive of any English statesman hanging on to office under circumstances similar to those under which Mr. Mackenzie King is hanging on," said Hon. J. B. Baxter, Premier of New Brunswick, last night at a banquet, tendered the Shoe Manufacturers' Association of Canada, expressing his opinions on the attitude of the leader of the Government.

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The magnificent coach which bore the new Lord Mayor of London, Sir William Pryke, in the ancient pageant, the Lord Mayor's Show which took place as usual on November 9.