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## Federal Minister Warmly Welcomed To Prince Co. Capital

Federal, Provincial And Civic Representatives Join with Fox breeders Association in Welcoming Hon. Robert Weir On Saturday. Mr. Weir, Who Is Now In Charlottetown, Will Be Speaker At Public Function This Evening.

## HOPE OF BRITISH THWARTED

Disappointed By Reception Tendered Debts Note By United States.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—The public had little encouragement today for any hopes they may have held that the second British debt note would have an immediate effect on Washington.

## READY TO STEP IN SHOULD WAR DEBT ACTION PAVE WAY

There was disappointment at this turn of events although few of the morning papers commented. The Telegraph, however, said: "The American reaction to the note is extremely disappointing to the hopes of those who had believed the argument was fortified by such unimpeachable evidence that it must have some impression even on closed minds and hardened hearts."

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC

- Orwell Cove School Christmas Concert Thursday, Dec. 22nd. 6892-11
- Mount Albion School Christmas Concert Tuesday, December 20th. 6892-11
- Reserve Thursday, December 2nd for Xmas Concert in Wiltshire Hall. 6878-12-5-11.
- Come to the concert at North Milton Hall, Tuesday, December 6th, in aid of Highfield Granites.
- Reserve Wednesday, December 7th, for Winsloe South Concert in Winsloe Hall. 6839-11
- Reserve Wednesday, Dec. 21st, for Hampshire School Concert in Kingston Hall. 6884-12-5-11
- Buying live hogs Tuesday morning, December 6th, Hunter River, Emerald and Kensington. Signed Allan Wedlock. 6359-12-3-31.
- Come to Xmas Concert in Clifton Hall, Tuesday, December 6th. It not fine following night. 6877-12-5-11.
- Big concert Rustico Hall Tuesday, December 6th, in aid of concert by Oyster Bed Dramatic Club. Admission 25c and 15c. 6882-12-5-21
- Harrington Concert Wednesday, December 21st. Outside and local talent. Admission 20c and 15c. 6875-12-5-11.
- The annual meeting of the Hope River Farmers' Institute will be held on Tuesday, December 6th, at 7.30 p.m. J. L. McGulgan, Secy. 6897-12-5-21
- Concert and sale of boxes in Belfast Hall on Wednesday, Dec. 7, at 8 p.m., under auspices Y.P.S.C.E. of St. John's Presbyterian Church, Belfast. 6894-12-5-21

Citizens of Summerside extended on Saturday a warm welcome to the Hon. Robert Weir, Federal Minister of Agriculture, on the occasion of his first visit to Prince Edward Island. Mr. Weir was met at Borden by Hon. G. Shelton Sharp, Minister of Public Works, Mr. J. F. Arnett, Mr. George A. Callbeck, President of the C. N. S. F. B. A., and motored direct to Summerside where, upon his arrival he met prominent fox breeders at the head office of the Association and discussed matters pertaining to the fox industry.

On Saturday evening Hon. Mr. Weir was the guest of honour at an informal dinner at the Clifton Hotel, tendered by the Canadian National Silver Fox Breeders Association. Mr. George Callbeck presided and read an address as president of the Fox Breeders Association. He then called upon Mayor E. W. Manson who addressed the Minister and extended a very cordial welcome from the citizens of Summerside.

Short speeches were given by Hon. Mr. Sharp, Senator Creelman, Mr. Arthur, Messrs. A. E. Maclean,

M. P., J. F. Arnett, Dr. J. A. Clark, Superintendent of the Dominion Experimental Station, B. W. Robinson, President of the Summerside Board of Trade, and Dr. G. Ennis Smith, Superintendent of the Experimental Fox Ranch. Speaking as directors of the C. N. S. F. B. Association were Major Robertson, Southport, Dr. A. A. Lockhart, Kensington, C. C. Baker, Margate. Other guests at the dinner were Mr. John S. Wright and Mr. D. L. Burgess, secretary to Hon. Mr. Weir.

Hon. Mr. Weir, who is a fluent speaker, in replying to the other speakers expressed his pleasure at the cordial welcome he had received and said that during the many dinners he had attended since becoming Minister of Agriculture this was the first at which he had not been asked for some favor. The Minister said he had not come to make long speeches but that his visit was for the express purpose of gaining information about agricultural conditions.

At the conclusion of the function (Continued on Page 5)

## Santa Again On The Air



Jolly old elf at the north pole sends out his first call for help. Will you respond?

## Premier Bennett Off To England

(Canadian Press) HALIFAX, Dec. 4.—Bound for England on a sojourn in which he expects to combine rest and governmental business, Prime Minister R. B. Bennett tonight boarded the liner Georgic at this city's ocean terminals.

"I don't think there is much I can say to you except what you already know," he told newspapermen at the gangplank's foot. "My purpose is to get a little rest. Then, there were certain resolutions passed at the last session of the Commons in connection with the Imperial trade treaties, and the responsibility of getting them into operation rests with me."

The Prime Minister had no comment to make on reception by the United States of Great Britain's suggestion that the December war debt payments be postponed. "I think it would be impertinent for me to discuss that," he said. "Besides, I have too much work of my own to take a hand in other people's business."

He viewed with interest white boxes filled with frozen turkeys from Manitoba and Saskatchewan as stevedores rolled them up for shipment to England aboard the Georgic. They are the first of such shipments under the provisions of the Anglo-Canadian trade treaty consummated at Ottawa. He was gratified too, at the evidences of port activity in the presence in

the harbor this week-end of seven ocean liners.

"I am coming back just as soon as I can," Mr. Bennett said. "Before the new year if possible. It is doubtful, though, whether I shall be able to return before Christmas. I may be at sea on that day."

## Laughs at Rumors

Before sailing, the Prime Minister took occasion to laugh at a few rumors. One was to the effect that he had been married recently or was contemplating marriage. "Does it look as if I had been married sailing for England tonight?" he asked. "It is ridiculous, of course."

"That story would be in the same category with the report that you are to become a peer?" he was asked.

"That is not under my control," Mr. Bennett laughed. "But, really, the thought had not occurred to me."

## Soviet Oil For India

MOSCOW, Dec. 4.—(A.P.)—Soviet Russia has extended its world wide sale of oil to India. The oil export trust, it was announced tonight, has just concluded a long term contract with representatives of the western India oil distributing company for sale of more than 1,000,000 tons of Soviet oil products.

## Drowned

(Canadian Press) HALIFAX, Dec. 4.—Missing since Saturday morning, Harry Mitchell, 19, was found drowned in a pool of water about half a mile behind his Bedford home today. He is believed to have fainted and fallen head first into the comparatively shallow pond.

## SANTA-PALS! HEAR THE CALL OF CHRISTMAS

Citizens, You Can Help To Make Many Children Happy By Being A Santa-Pal This Year.

In the faith that the public is ever ready to support a worthy cause, The Guardian is once more launching its annual pre-Christmas campaign on behalf of the children whom Santa Claus might accidentally overlook, and whose hearts would be torn with disappointment at the failure of their hopes of Christmas to materialize. The past has shown that there is a large number of people in the community who never fail to exemplify the true Christmas spirit, when the annual appeal is made for Santa-Pals. It is confidently expected that this season will be no exception in this regard, and that the thought of little ones shedding tears of disappointment over the empty Christmas stocking will not

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## U.M.W. Workers Lodge Protest

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—(A.P.)—Protest against the United States Treasury Department ruling that coal imported from Canada, Great Britain and Germany need not pay tariff duties, was lodged today with President Hoover in a letter from the United Mine Workers of America.

The letter, signed by Ellis Searle, as representative of the organization, characterized the ruling as "unjust" and "a disastrous blow" at the coal industry.

Senator David Reed, Republican from Pennsylvania, last week submitted to the President and Secretary of State Henry L. Stimson, during a joint conference at the White House, a vigorous protest against the ruling.

Searle's letter urged a reconsideration of the ruling holding "that it seriously retards any improvement in the condition of 70,000 American coal miners and their families."

## Boycott On British Ale

DUBLIN, Irish Free State, Dec. 4.—(C. P. Cable)—Owners of public houses in all parts of this city were under notice today that they must stop selling British ale. Their notice came last night when groups of young men who said they were members of the Irish Republican army told them they had orders to remind them of a boycott of British goods inaugurated soon after the United Kingdom imposed special duties on Free State agricultural products when the Free State refused to remit payment on land annuities owing the Bank of England.

## Safe In Port

(Canadian Press) NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Four Nova Scotians, spectacularly rescued from the storm ridden schooner Clemencia out of Clarks Harbor, N. S., were safe in port today after the liner DeGrasse docked here. A fifth member of the crew was lost overboard when he tried to lash down a loose cord of wood on the unprotected cabin top during the gale. The lost man was Douglas Kennedy, 28, from Clarks Harbor where

## Chinese Steamer Is Ambushed On Narrow River

More Than 600 Soldiers Killed On Decks While Scuppers Run Red With Blood.

(Associated Press) HANKOW, China, Dec. 4.—A gruesome episode of the Szechuan fighting was revealed here today when the small Chinese river steamer Wanan arrived from Chungking, with the bodies of more than 600 Chinese soldiers on her decks.

Scuppers of the little vessel were red with blood and her bow had been riddled, stem to stern, by machine gun bullets.

The Wanan was making her way down the river between the gorges above Ichang, according to a statement by her captain, when the hostile Szechuan troops, deployed on the rocky range opened fire; many of the soldiers lining her decks were killed.

The Wanan, unable to escape, ran through the gauntlet and immediately came back to Hankow seeking aid for the scores of wounded soldiers who managed to survive the withering attack.

## NEW GERMAN CABINET IS COMPLETED

BERLIN, Dec. 4.—(A.P.)—The "conciliation" cabinet completed today by Chancellor Kurt von Schleicher contains only one Minister who was not a member of Franz von Papen's "battle" Cabinet, which resigned last month. Dr. Herman Wirth, who will represent Germany in the world economic conference next spring, today was re-appointed Minister of Economics, and Baron Friedrich Eder von Braun was again given the portfolio of Minister of Agriculture. The only new man in von Schleicher's Cabinet is Dr. Friedrich Minister of Labor, who is president of the federal labor exchange.

## UPTREND

(Canadian Press) WATERLOO, Ont.—Customs collections at this port for November total \$107,533, largest since December, 1930, and an increase of \$21,000 over November, 1931.

OTTAWA.—Percentage of decrease of Canadian exports for nine months of this year smaller than that of any other nation except United Kingdom.

VANCOUVER.—More than 33,000,000 bushels of wheat shipped from Vancouver elevators this season or more than double the figures for same period of last year.

LEAMINGTON, Ont.—Imperial Tobacco Company have taken 300 hands back to work.

MONTREAL.—Cheese exports to United Kingdom in 1932 season highest since 1929.

WINDSOR, Ont.—Between 750 and 1,000 men taken on at plant of Chrysler Motor Car Company here.

QUEBEC.—Excise returns for November \$382,338, or nearly \$45,000 over figures for October.

HAMILTON.—Mohawk Mills, Ltd. will open dry spinning plant here and employ 50 hands.

Chinese resistance melted before the march of their enemies, and it was understood Hallar was without defenders.

The rebels under General Su Ping-Wen relinquished without a struggle the pass, which is equidistant from Tsihsihar and Hallar, although a handful of defenders could have withstood thousands of enemy troops.

Japanese infantrymen late today are speeding in armored trains towards Hallar, an important city on the Chinese eastern railway, which they hoped to occupy Monday.

Bombing of Hallar from the air seemed thoroughly to have demoralized General Su's men, so that the Shedyun tunnel, a few miles west of Pokutu, easily fell into their hands.

The episode occurred during a civil war in which four Chinese provinces were engulfed. Dispatches from the capital Kweichow province last week said the provincial government was fighting for its existence against rebels who sought to establish an independent administration. One of the other provinces was Szechuen where hostilities continued for some time between Liu Shiliang and his nephew, Liu Wen Hui for control of the province.

## Schooner Is Destroyed

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 4.—(O.P.)—The schooner Clemencia, out of Clarks Harbor, N. S., rests at the bottom of the sea tonight. The United States coastguard cutter Mojave abandoned attempts to tow her here and destroyed the water-logged vessel Saturday night by blowing her up with mines.

## The Weather, Etc

**18 MORE SHOPPING DAYS**

MOST PEOPLE'S STAND ON AMATEUR THEATRICALS IS VERY SIMPLE: WE WON'T GO!

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, Toronto, Dec. 4.—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Dawson	25	68
Edmonton	20	108
Victoria	45	48
Winnipeg	25	34
Yancouver	25	34
Halifax	25	34
Montreal	25	34
Quebec	25	34
St. John's	25	34
Charlottetown	25	34

FORECASTS  
Ottawa and Upper St. Lawrence Valleys.—Strong westerly winds; mostly fair with somewhat low temperature; probably snow flurries.  
Northwestern Quebec and Lake St. John.—Strong southwest to north west winds; cloudy and becoming somewhat colder with snow flurries.  
Lower St. Lawrence Valley.—Strong southwest to west winds of gale force; cloudy and probably some snow flurries.  
Gulf and North Shore.—Strong southeast to southwest winds and gales with snow and rain.  
Maritime West and East.—Strong south and south west winds or gales with occasional rain.  
High tide this afternoon at 5:05 and tomorrow morning at 4:50.  
Sun rises this morning at 7:22 and sets this afternoon at 4:10.  
Full Moon, Monday, Dec. 12 10:21 P.M.  
Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.  
CAR FERRY SCHEDULE  
Week days—Leaves Borden daily 9:15 a.m. and 1 P.M.  
Week days—Leaves Cape Tormentine 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.