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FORMER U. S. PRESIDENT IS SERIOUSLY ILL

Citizens' Committee Reports On The Candy Manufacturing Plant

Grave Fears For Ex President Taft

Retired U. S. Chief Justice In Serious Condition At His Home In Washington.

(Canadian Press)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 4.—The condition of William Howard Taft was described by his physicians today as extremely serious. After an hour's examination Doctors Thomas A. Clifton and Francis R. Hagner said there was some doubt that the retired Chief Justice would recover.

Search For Flyers Is Abandoned

(Canadian Press)
MOSCOW, Feb. 4.—The Arctic Commission of the Soviet Government has abandoned all further search for Carl B. Ellison and his companion, Karl Borland in the belief that the two airmen perished in Siberia.

May Only Think They're Married

(Canadian Press)
VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 4.—Hundreds of people in British Columbia who think they are legally married may not be so at all, it was revealed here today when Hon. R. H. Pooley, Attorney General moved to put the status of all such persons beyond doubt through an amendment to the marriage act. Mr. Pooley is asking the House to validate marriages performed in good faith in the past and to set up a new system for the future.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

- **Auction and Dance in Emerald Hall February 5th. Lunch served. 1518-2-5-11.
- **Whist, Box Social, Dance, Town Hall, Georgetown, Tuesday, February 11th. 1515-2-5-8.
- **Hunter River Club landing hogs, Thursday, Feb. 6th, forenoon. Russell Nicholson, Secy. 1501-21.
- **Don't forget the Concert in St. Paul's Parish Hall Thursday evening at 8.15. It will be a rare treat. 1519-2-5-11.
- **The Ladies of St. Paul's Church will hold a Cake Sale in aid of P. E. I. Hospital Saturday afternoon at Moore & McLeod's. 1527-21.
- **Reserve February 6th Concert and Basket Social Mt. Alton Hall under auspices Women's Institute. 1443-2-1-5.
- **Reserve Wednesday, February 12th for Concert and Social in Winslow Hall. Admission 25 cents. Ladies with baskets free. 1493-2-1-5.
- **Fancy dress carnival at New Glasgow Rink, Wednesday, Feb. 6th. If not fine, Thursday. Prizes given for best costumes. 1502-21.
- **Hockey at Victoria Rink Thursday, Feb. 6th. Cape Traverse Grey Hounds vs Victoria Union. Come and see these old rivals clash. Skating after match. 1500-31.
- **Skating Cornwall Rink Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Good ice, music and hot lunches. Admission 20 cents. Sports night Monday, February 10th. Races and fun for all. Skating after sports. 1522-2-5-31.

The Prettiest



Margaret Bannerman, well-known to English and Canadian play-goers, who has been selected as "the prettiest woman on the British stage."

Control Board Reports Profits of Eight Millions

(Canadian Press)
QUEBEC, Que., Feb. 4.—Eight million dollars were handed to the Provincial Treasury of Quebec by the Quebec Liquor Commission in the year 1928-1929, after deducting all expenses, according to the eighth annual report of the Commission, tabled in the Legislative Assembly this afternoon by Hon. A. R. McMaster, Provincial Treasurer. The net operating profit was \$8,043,752, to which was added however \$1,644,515 in revenue from seizures, making a total revenue of \$9,688,267 for the year's operations. Surplus and reserves for the year were shown at a total of \$1,638,267 after turnover to the Government had been accounted for. The sales for the year showed \$27,007,430 gross receipts with purchases of stock, other operating charges and general expenses at \$9,629,058. This is by far the biggest year the Commission had from every point of view.

AIRMAIL

(Canadian Press)
OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 4.—A total of 435,163 pounds of postal matter was flown over the various air mail routes operated in Canada during 1929, according to figures compiled by the Post Office Department. These figures it is pointed out may be amended in an upward direction when more complete information is available here.

LATEST DOINGS AT THE NAVAL CONFERENCE

(Special to the Guardian)
LONDON, Feb. 4.—Delegates to the London Naval Conference sitting as a committee of the whole met at St. James Palace today to continue their discussion of methods by which tonnage and gunpower may be distributed among the various classes of warships. Premier J. Ramsay MacDonald presided. Ambassador Andre Joseph de Fleurbaey represented France in the absence of Premier Andre Tardieu. Two proposals were before the meeting. The first which has been examined privately for nearly a week came from France and included the suggestion that any nation be permitted to shift any amount of tonnage from one class to another. The second, a counter proposal by Great Britain would exclude battleships as one of the classes from which or to which tonnage could be transferred. The Big Five will continue its discussions tomorrow on the basis of the work of the first or steering committee. The committee discussed the entire problem of the Anglo-French

NOVA SCOTIA DAIRYMAN TOOK EXCEPTION

To Statement By Minister of Trade and Commerce In King Government.

TRURO, Feb. 4.—R. B. McLennan, managing director of Brookfield Creamery, in an interview given today, took exception to the statement made at Newmarket, Ont., on Wednesday by Hon. James Malcolm, Minister of Trade and Commerce, to the effect that butter production had fallen off in Canada because farmers were selling their milk production into other dairy lines and it was for

7-Months-Old Harmonica Artist

LONDON, Ont. Jan. 31.—Flag pole sitters, marathon dancers, champion pie eaters and the baby in England who whistles himself to sleep, must stand aside for Betty Howard, seven-months old daughter of Frederick Howard, 165 Highbury Avenue, who does short bits of melody on a foot-long harmonica. Betty weighs 19 pounds and is two years and has been playing the harmonica, disdaining the conventional rattle for several weeks.

1,000 Killed In Chinese Battle

(Special to the Guardian)
LONDON, Feb. 4.—Casualties totalling upwards of 1,000 dead and wounded in a battle between Nanking's Nationalist forces and rebels at Pinglo Kwangsi Province were reported today in exchange telegraph dispatches from Hongkong.

Bold Holdup

(Special to the Guardian)
TORONTO, Feb. 4.—A holdup of a Dominion Bank Branch at Danforth and Logan was reported at two o'clock this afternoon. Crowds were watching at the time, the bandits made their spectacular attempt and several customers were in the bank. It was not known how much had been secured. Three men made the attempt at the robbery. Courage of those on the spot resulted in the capture of the two. Police are hopeful of getting the other member this afternoon. J. J. Irwin is manager of the branch.

47 Years As Ambassador



Here are shown Sir Esme and Lady Isabella Howard as they arrive in Toronto. They spent a brief visit at Government House as guests of the Lieutenant-governor and Mrs. Ross. Sir Esme concludes 47 years in his resignation as British ambassador. He and Lady Isabella have left for leave for England on Feb. 13.

COMMITTEE SUGGESTS \$25,000 BOND ISSUE

New Proposition Re Candy Manufacturing Plant For Charlottetown Is Approved.

A LARGELY ATTENDED MEETING OF CITIZENS, CALLED TO HEAR THE REPORT OF A COMMITTEE PREVIOUSLY APPOINTED TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSITION OF MR. THEODORE GEORGES, OF HALIFAX, WITH RESPECT TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CANDY MANUFACTURING PLANT IN CHARLOTTETOWN, WAS HELD IN THE BOARD OF TRADE ROOMS YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, HIS WORSHIP MAYOR YEO PRESIDING. THE COMMITTEE REPORTED THAT THEY HAD OUTLINED A NEW PROPOSITION TO MR. GEORGES TO REMOVE HIS PLANT TO CHARLOTTETOWN AND RECOMMENDED THAT A NEW COMPANY BE FORMED WITH A LOCAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND A COMPETENT BUSINESS MANAGER, NEW CAPITAL TO BE SUPPLIED LOCALLY BY MEANS OF A P. C. TEN YEAR BOND ISSUE OF \$25,000 TO COVER FACTORY AND PLANT, EACH PURCHASER OF \$100 IN BONDS TO RECEIVE IN ADDITION ONE SHARE OF COMMON STOCK OF NO PAR VALUE. MR. GEORGES TO RECEIVE COMMON STOCK IN THE COMPANY IN EXCHANGE FOR THE PLANT DELIVERED IN CHARLOTTETOWN AND TO BE IN CHARGE OF THE MANUFACTURING END OF THE BUSINESS. MR. GEORGES HAS APPROVED OF THE NEW PROPOSITION, SUBJECT TO THE CONSENT OF SEVERAL OF HIS ASSOCIATES IN HALIFAX. Continued on page 3

Over 400 Former Russian Officers Executed, Is Word

Soviet Secret Service Police Blots Out Lives Of Czarist Navy Men Not Now Serving With Red Fleet.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—Secret service police have executed between 400 and 500 former Russian naval officers at various Soviet prisons in the past fortnight, a Riga despatch to the Daily Mail said tonight. The killings were ordered, the despatch said by Commissar Manjinski chief of the Soviet secret police, who for 18 months has been arresting all officers of the old Czarist navy not serving with the Red Fleet. Some of those arrested were thrown into Lublank prison at Moscow, others were held on the Solovetsk islands in the White Sea, and still others were imprisoned at various Black Sea ports. There was no confirmation of the Riga despatch from other sources. Reports of Russian events from the Latvian capital often have been proved either exaggerated or actually manufactured. Riga is a refuge for many anti-Soviet emigres. It has been a prolific source of propaganda.

REACHES PORT IN BATTERED CONDITION

Steamer Chatham With Cargo of Coal For Boston Puts Into St. John's, Nfld., After Hectic Voyage.

(Canadian Press)
ST. JOHN'S, N. F., Feb. 4.—Badly damaged by a storm 400 miles off Newfoundland, the British steamer Chatham, 2612 tons which left Glasgow on January 18th, with a cargo of coal for Boston, has reached this port. Her wireless was disorganized and ralls and portions of the bridge damaged, when the forward derricks, each weighing a ton, broke loose and ran wild on the deck tearing away the forestay and bringing down the topmast. The port derrick later went overboard after damaging one of the engine deckhouses. The steering gear of the Chatham was smashed and deck fittings and lifeboats demolished. Several of the crew sustained minor injuries. Captain Reid is Master of the ship.

P. E. I. Blaze Was Seen For Distance Of Sixty Miles

(Special to the Guardian)
SHELIAC, Feb. 4.—A fire reported on Thursday evening by Rogersville, Buctouche, Cocagne Cape, Cape Bauld, Sheliac and elsewhere, was that at O'Leary, P. E. I., 28 miles across the Northumberland Strait. M. E. Turner, manager of the Turner Ltd., general store and warehouses, which were destroyed at a loss of \$70,000, is a brother-in-law of Hon. Lewis Smith of Coverdale, Minister of Agriculture. The blaze was seen as far distant as 60 miles.

Got Judgment

(Canadian Press)
OTTAWA, Feb. 4.—Two judgments in favor of the Dominion Government for sales tax in one instance and sales and gallonage taxes in the other were given against distillers by the Supreme Court of Canada today in the case of Prowd Limited, successors to Joseph E. Seagram and Sons, Limited, Waterloo, Ont. The Supreme Court sustained a decision of the Exchequer Court awarding \$101,000 to the Government for arrears of sales tax in the case of Carling Export, Brewing and Malt Company, London, Ontario. The Supreme Court reversed a decision of the Exchequer Court and awarded \$402,000 to the Government for arrears of sales and gallonage taxes.

Son Sues Dad for Beatings Received During Childhood

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—After thinking over the beatings he received from his father through childhood, George W. Biel, 21, son of a wealthy steel operator, sued his father for \$75,000. George F. Biel, partner in the Hollingsworth and Biel Company, is the father. The bill states, "a black snake" whip was used sometimes and that most of the beatings were given because of his low grades in school. As a result of the father's con-

Storm Centre



Louis J. West, secretary of the Standard Stock Exchange, Toronto, around which centres the present storm, resultant of the arrest of eleven prominent Toronto stock brokers.

CANADA WILL SHOW GOODS IN BELGIUM

For The First Time In 30 Years — Intl. Exhibition Opens In Antwerp In April.

(Special to the Guardian)
TORONTO, Feb. 4.—For the first time in thirty years Canada will have an opportunity this year to show her goods in Belgium on an extensive and dignified scale. Arrangements have been made by the Trade and Commerce Department of the Canadian Government for participation in the International exhibition which opens at Antwerp on April 26, and continues on page 3

Monkey Business

TORONTO, Feb. 4.—Attempting to obtain money with which he hoped to secure a divorce, Arnet Peters 21, was arrested by detectives today after he had attempted to lock members of the Danforth and Logan Avenue branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce in a vault and escape with a handful of currency. According to the teller, young Peters entered the office and handed a note in the cage. The note said, "I want \$1,000 and no monkey business."

TORONTO, Feb. 4.—Hon. Vincent Massey, Canadian Minister to Washington is likely to be the next Canadian High Commissioner in London, in succession to the late Hon. Peter C. Larkin who died in the British Capital yesterday. It is believed at Ottawa that George Washington Stephens, former head of the Saar Governing Commission in 1923-25 may be accredited to the White House to replace Mr. Massey.

ONTARIO HOUSE OPENING WILL BE UNIQUE

Speech From Throne Will Be Broadcast To Throng Outside — Opening Will Be Done By Button And Lever.

(Special to the Guardian)
TORONTO, Feb. 4.—The first session of the eighteenth legislature of Ontario which opens tomorrow will be unique. It will be an experiment. Government officials usually placid and without worry when the social function of the opening of the house is performed, probably will be nervous for fear that the voice that the button releases will not be the voice that it should be. Tomorrow's opening will be done by a button, a lever and a set of tubes. The new broadcasting system installed in the Legislative Chamber and not completed until today is the cause of the worry. The operator will have to regulate each voice as it floats out to the waiting throng, but some Queens Park officials are wondering what the voices will sound like until the adjustments are made. Imagine the Lieutenant Governor's voice, reading the speech from the throne in a high falsetto. Tomorrow's opening will be as brilliant if not more so than any ever held in Ontario. While the ceremonies are scheduled for 3 o'clock it will be an hour before this time, when beautifully gowned and begloved women will be escorted into the Chamber by uniformed scouts. The ladies will fill the place usually occupied by the members of the House.

SMALLPOX

(Canadian Press)
MEXICO CITY, Feb. 4.—A despatch to El Universal today from Ixmiquetepec Morelos reported 600 deaths from smallpox there and near by within the last fortnight.

The Weather, etc



TORONTO, Feb. 5.—Maritime: Moderate fresh easterly to northerly winds, cloudy with some snow or probably part rain in northerly portions.
Toronto, snow ... 16-16
Montreal, fair ... 06-04 below
Charlottetown, clear ... 11-05 below
Halifax, clear ... 26-01
St. John, clear ... 14-05 below
Boston, cloudy ... 42-32
New York, cloudy ... 50-32
High tide this afternoon at 3:04 and tomorrow at 3:30.
Sun rises this morning at 7:17 and sets this afternoon at 5:12.
First quarter moon, Thursday, Feb. 6, 1:02 p. m.
Summer's tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.