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QUEBEC REVOLTING AGAINST MCKENZIE KING

Sir Lomer Gouin Retires From the Ministry and His Newspaper, La Presse, of which He Was Formerly Director Takes the Liberal Government to Task for Failure to Fulfil Promises.

MONTREAL, Jan. 4.—The sensation of the hour is the retirement of Sir Lomer Gouin from the McKenzie King Government. The explanation is Sir Lomer's health, but while it is admitted Sir Lomer has not been in the enjoyment of the best of health, yet that is not held as sufficient to account for his retirement at the critical time when Mr. Fielding is also severing his connection. It is understood Sir Lomer is not satisfied with the administration, and this is partly borne out by the critical attitude adopted by LaPresse with which Sir Lomer is closely allied and of which he formerly was a director, LaPresse in the course of an article on the failure of the McKenzie King Government says:

"Here we are on the eve of the New Year, at the season when each and everyone expresses hopes for an era of happiness and prosperity. Good resolutions are formed, wishes are exchanged. The time, therefore is propitious to submit to the administrators of Canada desires and wishes which we are sure are those of this province. They can be summarized in a way which is at once simple and concise: The people of this province await with anxiety, and not without some impatience, execution by the Federal Government of that programme of reform and fiscal relief which two years ago won the unanimous support of Quebec.

"Two years have now passed since, dissatisfied with the Government then in power, a Government which the people held responsible for an enormous increase in the public debt and the continual aggravation of fiscal charges, the electorate of this province decided to make a change and confided to the Liberals the work of establishing in the country better economic conditions.

"For two years, our people patient and confident knowing that the Government did not possess the magic wand of the fairy of the fable, and could not perform miracles, have maintained their confidence in the King Cabinet.

"Here it is two years now that

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UNCERTAIN AS TO SUCCESSOR TO SIR LOMER

Several Appointees Discussed Among Whom is Hon. Mr. Crearar

(Canadian Press)

TORONTO, Jan. 4.—The possibility that Hon. T. A. Crearar former leader of the Progressive party, may enter the Dominion Cabinet is discussed in a special despatch from Ottawa to the Toronto Star regarding the changes which may follow the resignation of Sir Lomer Gouin and the illness of W. S. Fielding.

Other westerners mentioned in the despatch as possible appointees in the cabinet reorganization were Hon. Charles Dunning, Premier of Saskatchewan, Judge Beck of Calgary and Hon. A. B. Hudson of South Winnipeg.

Interviewed by long distance telephone today at his home at Pipestone, Man., Robt. Forke, Progressive leader said that to his knowledge there had been no recent negotiations official or otherwise having as their objective any formal association of the Liberal and Progressive parties with Progressive representation in the Cabinet.

LABOR CAN ONLY RULE IN BRITAIN WITH CONSENT OF THE OTHER PARTIES

(United Press.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—If a Labor Government is formed in Great Britain this month in succession to Premier Baldwin's ministry, no important labor legislation can be passed. Ramsay Macdonald, the Labor candidate for the Premiership, will not have a majority in the Commons, and can carry on only with the benevolent consent of the Liberals. Liberal approval will be withdrawn immediately labor attempts to bring in legislation affecting any of its major contentious projects.

In home affairs, the Laborites desire to nationalize the railways and mines. They would find the necessary money for the purchase by issuing Government bonds, based on the value of the properties. They would use the accruing profits from mine and railway operation to pay the interest on the bonds and to create a sinking fund for retiring all the bonds within a period of years.

The Liberal and Conservative objection to this policy is that no Labor Government could make the mines and railways pay. There would be too much pressure from the trades unions for raising wages and reducing fares and the price of coal. So, instead of the properties creating profits, there would be annual deficits that would have to be taken care of by increased taxation.

The Labor policy for curing the unemployed evil is very vague. The labor leaders say unemployment is linked with British foreign trade and can never be overcome until Britain finds more [illegible] abroad. This is the basic reason why a Labor Government would immediately recognize the Soviet Government of Russia. Labor believes recognition would be followed by establishing confidence in Russia among financiers and would result in Russia successfully floating foreign loans. With the proceeds of these loans, Russia could buy abroad.

There would thus be the necessary stimulus for a general European trade revival, and British unemployment would be greatly lessened, if it wouldn't vanish completely.

Ramsay Macdonald might secure Liberal support for such a program. The Liberals and Laborites jointly attacked Premier Baldwin's tariff program as the solution of the unemployed problem. It is therefore incumbent on them to put forth their own plan. The Russian trade revival idea presents the best possibilities in this direction and might be made to operate quickly.

If, by recognition of Russia, British trade were to bound upward and by the same miracle British unemployment were to fall to any considerable extent, the Laborites would be in a very favorable position to dissolve Parliament and o have another election. They could point to their success, where all others failed, and could demand the nation send a Labor majority to the Commons so that the plans fr nationalizing the railways and mines culd be made operative.

Ramsay Macdonald, therefore, has everything to gain and nothing to lose by accepting the Premiership. Even if Russian recognition has no effect upon international trade, Macdonald will be no worse off than now. He can always plead that enough time has not been given the trial for success. Though that plea would scarcely win him a British election, nevertheless, there is nothing to indicate that either Conservatives or Liberals could win by default. Therefore, by mutual agreement Macdonald might continue in office for a considerable period, all sides jockeying for position with the electorate.

9 MEN DROWNED FROM DECK OF POWER BOAT

Warning Sent Out Respecting Derelict "Governor Parr"

(Canadian Press)

BABYLON, N. Y., Jan. 4.—A monster wave swept nine men from the deck of the power boat "Sid" and to their death in the waters of Great South Bay here last night. Seven were members of the rescue party who had gone out on the "Sid" to succor three men in the speed boat "Electra" which had grounded in a storm in Fire Island Inlet. The other two had been taken off the "Electra." Others were rescued with difficulty when the helpless "Sid" after losing her propeller and rudder was taken in tow by the second rescue boat and brought to safety.

BOSTON, Jan. 4.—The United States naval authorities last night broadcasted a warning to all trans-Atlantic liners for a lumber laden derelict drifting in the main ocean highways off the Nova Scotia coast. The position of the derelict which is the British schooner "Governor Parr" wrecked months ago and abandoned at sea, was given as 45.48 north and 42.48 west. The "Governor Parr' has been reported at var-

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COMING POLITICAL EVENTS SOURCE OF SPECULATION

British Political Followers Put Forth Various Surmises as to Outcome of Situation –Labor Party All Prepared to Assume Power.

(British United Press.)

LONDON, Jan. 4.—Cabinet making is now the favorite indoor sport of politicians of all parties and the sport increases in interest as the date of reassembly draws near. Seven ministers suffered defeat at the polls in the election last month and it is not likely in view of the peculiar position of the parties that their places will be filled although certain undersecretaries are using all their influence to secure their own advancement to a cabinet rank for the few days that the Conservatives are expected to hold power.

It is understood that Ramsay MacDonald already has his state made up in anticipation of his receiving a call from the King to assume office but absolute secrecy surrounds the personnel although reports state that their will be several surprises when the list is made known.

Although the chances of the Liberals of succeeding to power grow more slender every day there is some discussion as to what places the leaders of the party will take. A cabinet meeting held today dealt with the King's speech.

It is generally believed that in the speech Parliament will be asked to implement the pledges made by the Premier at the Imperial Conference as far as preference concessions is concerned without unduly forcing a general tariff policy. Other legislation anticipated in well informed quarters includes the extension and co-operation of national insurance improvement in the conditions of pensioners who fought in earlier wars than the struggle of 1914; establishment of a statutory advisory committee to control the traffic of the city of London. Outside of these obvious measures to which the Government committed itself before the general election it is not likely that there will be any new proposals. Liberals plan to call attention to certain circumstances surrounding the November dissolution of parliament which they hold to be unconstitutional for it is freely rumored that the King was unwilling to grant Premier Baldwin's request and for this reason parliamentary Liberals will ask the Prime Minister to produce and explain reasons

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BEAR RIVER, N. S. PRISONER DECLARES LENT BLAMELESS

Miss Bertha Potter 22 Years Old, Held Captive For Past Nine Years Makes Statement.

(Canadian Press.)

DIGBY, Jan. 4.—Declaring that she became a prisoner through force of circumstances, that she was cut off from the world by a deep sense of shame and that she now wished to become a self-supporting free member of society, Bertha Potter today exonerated William Lent, of Bear River, her 62-year-old lover, from any charge of forcible restraint in connection with her nine year's confinement in his house, during which time she was only outdoors three times, and during the last five years of which she never crossed the threshold or communed with any person other than Lent.

Miss Potter is the 22-year-old girl who a few days ago was released from bondage after five years' almost solitary confinement in the centre of the thickly populated village of Bear River, scene of Nova Scotia's annual cherry carnival, when a letter from the United States revealed to the police that a girl had been seen in Lent's house in 1917 and that she had told the writer she was being detained there against her will. The Attorney-General of Nova Sotia instituted an investigation with the result that the girl, who had not been seen in Bear River for five years, was found living in a darkened room in Lent's house.

Tomorrow morning Lent, who is in custody, will be given preliminary hearing on a charge of seduction. It is known that Lent has a

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FIRE DESTROYS INFIRM HOME 1 LIFE LOST

(Canadian Press)

MONTREAL, Jan. 4.—Two hundred and fifty aged poor lost a home, and one sixty-four year old man, Adolph La Londe died of shock as a result of the fire which broke out this morning in the garret of the Hospice Camelin and provided the fire department with a stubborn fight for about four hours. The building is fully insured.

The Hospice Camelin was originally built in 1894 by the Sisters of Providence for a home for indigent and infirm. The top floor of the main building was entirely gutted the garret and roof was destroyed and every floor right down to the basement swamped with tons of water.

Installation of Officers By The Pythian Sisters

The Pythian Sisters of Charlottetown Temple No. 16, met last night in Castle Hall for the installation of officers for the year, who were installed by Installing Officer Past Grand Chief Sister Maud MacKay. There was a large attendance, refreshments being served during the evening and a social time enjoyed.

Following were the officers installed:

Past Chief—Sister M. Jenkins.
M. E. C.—Sister Carrie Brehaut.
E. S.—Sister Jean White.
E. T.—Sister Gladys Wright.
Manager—Sister Helen McNeill.
M. R. & C.—Sister Ethel Taylor.
M. of F.—Sister Helen Lowther.
Protector—Sister Frances Moore
Guard—Sister Helen Smith.

Movement to Oust Smuts Government

(Canadian Press)

PRETORIA, S. A., Jan. 4.—The Labor party at its annual conference here today confirmed the agreement tentatively entered into sometime ago between the Labor and Nationalist parties of South Afrfca the avowed object of which is to join forces to oust General Smuts from the premiership and to prevent the Smuts government profiting by three corned contests in the next general election.

Hundred Plants Idle in Berlin

(Canadian Press)

BERLIN, Jan. 4.—Owing to the refusal of metal workers here to agree to the proposed reduction in wages employers yeste-day locked out 130,000 men in the industry and one hundred Berlin plants are idle in consequence.

Wreck Of The Dixmude Is Located Off Sicily

(Canadian Press.)

MARSEILLES, Jan. 4.—A wireless message has been intercepted reporting that searchers, by means of a captive balloon sent from Toulon, have located the position of the French dirigible Dixmude, which met destruction with presumably all on board, the latter part of December. The wreck, according to these messages, lies in about 20 or 30 fathoms within a circle of half a mile radius, whose center is three miles south of Cape San Marco, Sicily.

This bears out the theory that the great airship fell into the sea. One of the gasoline tanks was picked up near Cape San Marco, only a few miles from the spot where the body of the Dixmude commander, Lieutenant Grenadan, was brought to the surface by fishermen. The upper part of the tank was blackened by fire. Several pieces of the rubber cloth used in the balloon were also found, leaving practically no doubt that the Dixmude fell in that vicinity.

CLOUDS OF WAR AGAIN GATHER OVER BALKANS

(British United Press.)

ATHENS, Jan. 4.—Rumors of impending armed conflict in the Balkans were renewed today.

Authoritative quarters learned that 7,000 members of the Bulgar Comitadjis were concentrated in the Bulgarian districts of Radomir, Custandil and Petrotiz, threatening an invasion of Greco-Serbian Macedonia.

The report added to excitement here caused by the strained relations between Greece and Roumania, following expulsion of the Greek King and Queen.

The Gonatas government resigned today, as did Colonel Plastiras, head of the military directorate which has virtually controlled Greek affairs for some time.

The resignations took place simultaneously with the convening of the new assembly.

Two Children are Burned to Death

(Canadian Press)

ORILLA, Jan. 4.—The fire which destroyed the home of Mrs. Enoch Nanigishking at the Rama Reserve this morning took the lives of two of her children, aged 4 and 11, and two others, aged 13 and 18, are in the Soldiers' Memorial Hospital here in a serious condition.

The fire was caused by the explosion of a lamp which had been left burning while the family was sleeping.

All were terribly burned with the exception of Mrs. Nanigishking.

Rush to Assist Steamer in Distress

(Canadian Press)

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 4.—Each with broken steering gear, the Japanese steel freighter "Kyosei Maru," 3,728 tons and the "Harold Dollar" 2,825 tons, of the Dollar Steamship Line, are drifting in the storm raging in the mid-Pacific, according to a radio message to the Federal Telegraph Company early today from the steamship President Grant. Neither carried passengers. The liner "Empress of Russia" is rushing to the assistance of the Kyosei Maru. The "Harold Dollar" is in the same vicinity.

Venizelos Has Arrived in Athens

(Canadian Press)

ATHENS, Jan. 4.—Former Premier Venizelos arrived here at 4.15 this morning.

SUCCESSFUL SHOWING MADE IN SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT

P. E. I. Only Slightly Behind the Leading Province in Percentage of Payments.

The following interesting facts with regard to the Soldiers Settlement scheme in Prince Edward Island has been kindly furnished the Guardian by Mr. C. W. Cavers, of the Soldiers Settlement Board, Ottawa, and is a highly encouraging review of the work carried on here:—

The Island Province is one of the first in the Dominion in respect to the successful operation of the Soldiers Settlement Act. The majority of the war veterans who took up land under the scheme are making good progress. This is shown by the collection returns for the twenty-first of December, Prince Edward Island being only slightly behind the leading province in the percentage of payments. We find that of $43,880.24 due the board by settlers, they have paid $21,607.57, or 49.2 per cent, where as the percentage for the Province of Ontario is 49.6. Collections are coming in well and it is expected that the Island will come through with the greater part of the money due. There are 362 soldier settlers with loans and 270 of them had payments due in November. Sixty-seven per cent of this number have met these payments.

From the inception of the scheme until November 30 last the board received 742 applications from war veterans and 555 passed the qualifying tests. Of that number 362 were granted loans. The number who have given up is 58, or 16 per cent of the total. Thirty-eight of the original settlers have repaid their loans in full.

For administrative purposes the three Maritime Provinces have been bracketed together, although supervision offices are maintained in Prince Edward Island. For the whole of the Maritime Provinces the number of loans granted by the board is 1,498 and the amount of loans $4,642,270.45.

Taking the figures of the whole Dominion, there are 29,850 men who have come under the board, of whom 23,508 received assistance by way of loans and 6,344 have taken

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Str. Tomoka Was Outside Three Mile Limit

(Canadian Press)

LONDON, Jan. 4.—Investigation by British authorities into the case of the British ship Tomoka being seized within the three mile limit by United States authorities, showed the Tomoka to have been well outside the three mile limit.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—Great Britain's request that United States release from bail nine Canadian and British sailors of the rum ship Tomoka commanded by "Rummy Bill" McCoy, was accompanied by a demand that the Tomoka and her 200 cases cargo, impounded here, be turned back to the owners.

Amouncements, Coming Events, Meetings, Etc

RATES.—2 cents per word each insertion.

**The Annual Meeting of the Lake Verde Dairy Co., will be held Wednesday, January 9th at 1 p. m. 766-1-3-4i.

**The Annual Meeting of the Clyde River Farmers' Institute will be held in Kingston, Saturday, January 5th.

The Weather, Etc.

TORONTO, Jan. 5.—Maritime winds shifting to N. E., fair and moderately cold.

Temperature yesterday: Maximum 27. Minimum 18.

High tide this morning at 9.38 and tonight at 9.20.

Sun sets this afternoon at 4.34 and rises tomorrow morning at 7.38.

New moon Sunday, Jany 6th 8.48 a. m.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

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*TO RENT—PREMISES LATELY occupied by W. T. Wellner, Co., known as Beer & Goff Store. Apply to D. Edgar Shaw, Solicitor. 771-1-3-3i.

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Another Letter

"At Christmas, 1920, my wife received from members of the family, among other things, one of your large fancy boxes containing assorted chocolates. She put it away and forgot all about it until a few days ago.

"I had the pleasure of sampling a number of pieces and want to say the fillings appeared to me and others who partook of them to be as fresh as when first made, and as to the coatings, they looked bright and new and if mixed with fresh made goods I doubt if any but an expert would notice any difference.

"The above may be all an old story with your firm but as one who has a pride in our local institutions and industries, I feel the least I can do is to write as I now have." Mr. A. F. Messervey, 161 Oxford St., Halifax, Dec. 22, 1923.