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Franco-British Peace Proposals Fail

QUEENS COUNTY BY-ELECTION SET FOR JANUARY 6

Constituency Opened To Give Mr. Dunning Liberal Nomination

Mr. J.J. Larabee Vacates Seat To Become "Special Officer In Department Of Fisheries To Supervise Boats Of The Department On The Atlantic."

ANNOUNCEMENTS
COMING EVENTS,
MEETINGS, ETC

••South Milton school concert Friday, December 20. L-3917

••Buy live hogs Albany Thursday, 19th, Emerald Friday 20th until noon. G. C. Green. L-3840-12-17-31.

••Marshfield School concert in Hall December 20, 7:30 p.m. Admission 10 and 15 cents. L-3923

••Get all new high prices. All kinds of Poultry, Progressive Egg & Poultry Market, Queen Street. L-3837-12-17-41.

••Dr. LaCoursiere, Dentist, will be in Murray River December 20th and 21st. L-3910-12-19-11.

••Carleton School Concert, Cape Traverse Hall, December 19th. L-3893-12-19-11.

••Albany, Friday, December 20th, Card Party at home of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Warren. L-3894-12-19-11.

••West Royalty Concert Thursday, December 19th. Admission 15c and 10 cents. L-3892-12-19-11.

••North Wiltshire Christmas Concert December 20th. L-3852-12-17-19-21.

••Buying all kinds of Poultry daily. Top market prices. E. Livingstone, Murray River. L-3836-12-17-41.

••Xmas Concert at Hartsville Hall, Tuesday, December 24th. If stormy, Wednesday. L-3895-12-19-23-21.

••Poultry—Buying all kinds dressed poultry on graded basis, George Leightizer Co., next Queen Hotel. L-3893-12-17-41.

••Beginning December 10th, we will be buying live and dressed poultry, all kinds, paying highest market prices. Matthew & McLean Ltd. Bridgetown. L-3534

••Basket Social and Concert at Canoe Cove Hall, Monday 23rd. Admission 10c and 15c. Ladies with baskets free. L-3912.

••Buying poultry at Albert Stetson's, Preetown on Friday, December 20th till noon. Also buying at Kensington every day. Geo. A. Webster. L-3876-12-18-21.

••Buying live and dressed poultry daily at J. F. Proffitt's warehouse, Kensington, paying highest market prices. H. S. McEwen and Oliver Campbell. L-3945

••Buying live hogs Hunter River Friday, December 27th. Everett Haslam, Emerald, Alden Moase, Kensington buying December 28th. Signed A. E. Wedlock. L-3876-12-18-21.

••School Concert in Bonshaw Hall Friday, December 20th, at 7:30 P. M. If unfavorable the following night. Admission 10c and 15c. L-3896-12-19-11.

••We carry a large assortment of Toys and Christmas Gifts for all. Look our stock over first. Store now open nights until Christmas. Mc-Guilgan & Boyle, Hunter River. L-3901-12-19-21.

••Silver fox—Mr. Harry Kirsch will be buying silver foxes tomorrow and Friday at J. D. Jenkins' office. High price skins his specialty. L-3920

••Loading live hogs, lambs, calves at Kensington until noon, Friday, December 20. Nicholson Bros. loading at home until noon Friday, December 20. H. S. McEwen and Oliver Campbell. L-3918

••The Millview Shipping Club will be buying dressed poultry, all kinds, Friday afternoon, December 20. Highest market prices. Lawson Jenkins, secretary. L-3919

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)

OTTAWA, Dec. 18—The constituency of Queens, P. E. Island, has been opened to provide a seat for Finance Minister Charles Dunning, by the appointment of the member-elect, J. J. Larabee, to a position in the Department of Fisheries. Prime Minister Mackenzie King announced tonight that the by-election would be held Jan. 6, the date of polling in the Assiniboia by-election where J. G. Gardiner, Minister of Agriculture, will be the government candidate.

"SEVERAL DAYS AGO"

An invitation came to Mr. Dunning several days ago from the Liberal Association in Queens, asking him if he would be their candidate in the event of Mr. Larabee resigning. Mr. Dunning accepted.

Prince Edward Island has had no representation in the cabinet since Hon. J. A. MacDonald, Minister without portfolio, was appointed to the Senate last summer.

NEW JOB CREATED

Mr. King announced tonight that Mr. Larabee had been appointed "special officer in the Department of Fisheries to supervise boats of the department on the Atlantic," a position for which provision was made in the estimates some time ago.

Neither Mr. Dunning nor Mr. Gardiner contested the last general election. Mr. Dunning had been in private life since the 1930 election, and Mr. Gardiner was Premier of Saskatchewan.

The vacancy in Assiniboia was created by the appointment of the member-elect, Robert MacKenzie, to the Canadian Farm Loan Board. Mr. Gardiner will be in Assiniboia for the nomination proceedings to be held Dec. 23. Nominations for the Queens by-election will be on Dec. 30.

With Mr. Dunning representing Prince Edward Island every province except Alberta will have a representative in the cabinet. Only one Liberal candidate was elected in Alberta.

Fixes' Quake Epicentre Near Temiskaming, Quebec

(C. P. by Guardian's Special Wire)

OTTAWA, Dec. 18—The Dominion observatory today released a report fixing the epicentre of the Nov. 1 earthquake under a small lake four miles north of Temiskaming, Que. The disturbance was felt over an area of 500,000 square miles and occurred about 125 miles underground.

The report, made by Dr. Ernest A. Hodgson, Dominion Seismologist, after a month of field work in the epicentral area, described wide cracks in gravel soil and discoloration of the lake under which the shocks occurred.

The report said calculation of the distance from Ottawa to the epicentre was made from the difference in arrival times of the preliminary and secondary tremors, 3 1/2 seconds. The direction was indicated by the fact that seismographs recorded a shock travelling south-east, showing the earth had been pushed from the north-west.

Dr. Hodgson learned from persons living near the epicentre that the quake was accompanied by a "terrifying roar" which was noted several seconds before the shocks were felt and lasted for the duration of the quake.

The epicentre was fixed tentatively at the north-west end of T-Lake, a small body of water near Lake Kivawa. This lake, although not observed the day of the quake, had been noted for the clarity of its water. The lake is deep and its banks rocky. The day after the quake it was found to have turned the color of café au lait. Dr. Hodgson said it remained that color as long as he was there.

Queens Conservative Executive Meeting

A meeting of the executive of the Queens County Conservative Association has been called for today to consider whether or not the party will oppose Finance Minister Dunning, Mayor Kennedy, President of the Association, announced last night.

Death Claims Veteran Dictator

(A. P. by Guardian's Special Wire)

CARACAS, Venezuela, Dec. 19—(A.P.)—Firm-handed General Juan Vicente Gomez, who established a dictatorship in Venezuela, died last night—still the ruler of his country despite his 78 years.

An old malady caused the death of the President and announcement of it was withheld until today.

Discovery Makes For Greater Safety In Flying

(C. P. by Guardian's Special Wire)

LONDON, Dec. 18—(C. P. Cable)—A chemical method of preventing the formation of ice on airplane wings has been discovered by research engineers of the Royal Air Force, it was announced tonight by Sir Philip Sassoon, parliamentary under-secretary to the Air Ministry.

It is generally believed the loss of the Belgian air liner Dec. 10 near Tatsfield, Kent, which took 11 persons to their death, was caused by the accumulation of ice on the plane's wings.

Sir Philip said the new discovery is being carefully developed and is expected to make for greater safety in all kinds of flying.

800 DEAD IN FIGHTING ON NORTH FRONT

Savage Hand-to-hand Fighting Follows Italian Attempt To "Break" Ethiopian Offensive.

ASMARA, Eritrea, Dec. 18—Thirty thousand Ethiopian warriors commanded by Ras Imru, who forced Italian troops to retire along the Takkaze River front, have been surrounded and are in danger of annihilation, Italian officials said tonight.

Italian outposts, numerically inferior to the Ethiopian force, fell back to Bembé Guina Pass after a savage Ethiopian attack had been halted by tanks and machine-gun volleys in a three day battle.

(Rome claimed an Italian victory with more than 500 Ethiopians and about 300 Italians killed.)

The advance of the Ethiopians who drove through the Italian lines at Bembé Guina Pass will escape the Italians, officers asserted, saying that if they resist they will be wiped out.

The officers spared no adjectives in describing the "mad courage of the Ethiopians" who drove the Italian outposts back, but said the engagement gave the Italians the opportunity they "have been looking for"—to fight a battle face to face with the enemy.

Hand-to-hand fighting with knives, curved swords and bayonets raged as the Ethiopians attacked at a steeply-banked ford.

Withering Fire

Italian outposts, stationed on high ridges, poured withering machine gun and rifle fire down on the attackers and the Ethiopians, charging blindly, were met in the epicentral area, described wide cracks in gravel soil and discoloration of the lake under which the shocks occurred.

However, the Ethiopians fought so desperately, using every rock and tree for shelter, that numerically inferior Fascist outposts were ordered back to Bembé Guina Pass.

Italian officers estimated the Ethiopian forces to number 30,000, and said they were commanded by Ras Imru. His objective, the Italians believed, was the Holy City of Aksum.

Moncton Wedding Of Interest Here

MONCTON, Dec. 18—A wedding of interest to many friends throughout the Maritimes took place here today in the bride's home when Miss Hazel Palmer, youngest daughter of Mrs. Charles Palmer, became the bride of George E. Frampton, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Frampton, of this City. Rev. A. I. Higgins, of Wesley Memorial United Church performed the ceremony in the presence of relatives and friends of the couple. Following a wedding tour to the United States they will reside in Charlottetown. P. E. I., where the groom is employed with the Canadian National Railways.

Reduction In Gasoline Price

A general reduction of one cent per gallon in the price of gasoline has been made throughout the Province, as the result of an agreement reached among gasoline selling agencies. The reduced prices, which came into effect this week, are 32 1/2 cents, No. 1 grade, and 30 1/2 cents No. 2 grade.

A similar reduction is reported this week in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

The reduction here, dealers state, was not due to government intervention or to enforcement of legislation, as is claimed to have been the cause in the other Province.

Keen Bidding At Mt'l. Fur Auction

MONTREAL, Dec. 18—Improved grade of offerings of silver foxes resulted in keen bidding today at the Canadian Fur Auction Sales Company, Limited, dealers reported. A feature of the day, third of the four-day sale, was the active buying by Canadian manufacturers whereas on Monday and Tuesday most sales were to European accounts.

It was stated approximately 55 per cent of the 5,300 pelts offered were sold with the top price for a full silver skin reaching \$152.

Queen's County Member Opens Seat To Dunning



HON. CHAS. A. DUNNING



MR. J. J. LARABEE

Delayed Gifts Are Worrying

We Regret That The List Of Neediest Children Greatly Exceeds The Number of Santa Pals. Shall Empty Stockings Greet Any Expectant Child?

With the Santa Pals responses falling somewhat behind last year, it is timely to recall the method pursued in behalf of the children's charity. There is absolutely no personal solicitation. No individual receives a letter requesting a contribution on or before a certain date. The only appeal is that in the printed word in our columns, listing the christian names of the needy little ones and the toy they expect Santa to bring them, and telling of the growth of the Santa Pals membership. At this point come in the value of the gifts sent promptly. There is no doubt at all judging from previous experience, that there are still many persons intending to give of their comparative abundance, who have been postponing their contributions. The earlier these come, the better it will be for the sponsors. They will serve as a stimulation to others. Many who might otherwise not have been moved to give anything will see the enlarging list and will wish to join us in the good cause. The time is slipping fast. We want all the children taken up by Saturday, so that the Rovers might get the parcels all de patched by Monday, leaving Christmas eve for the Rovers own domestic affairs. Hence our urgent request and fervent appeal to kind-hearted readers to give quickly so that we may know in good time that all our little charges have been provided with Santa Pals. Choose a name or names and number and send your gifts to Santa Pal Fund care the Guardian or the wherewithal to buy them.

YESTERDAY'S SANTA PALS

In Memory of Bradford Chester McLure.

Mrs. Chester Howatt.
Joyce Haslam, Springfield.
Diana Dougherty, Victoria.
Joyce Gillis, Kentown Cross.
Bennett Gillis, Kentown Cross.
Alpha P. N. G. Club.
Miss Gertrude Howatt.
Sarah Forbes.
Long Creek Young People's Society.
Miss Florence Strickland.
W. K. Rogers.
Wanda Livingston, Clyde River.
"A Friend".
Mrs. J. A. LePage.
Fay and Heather Inman, London, Ont.
Paula Rayfield.
Mrs. E. Champion.
Margaret, Elizabeth and Donald Martin.
Gordon Harding.
Barbara Hamm.
Dewar Hamm.
Stewart Chandler.
Phyllis Tail.

Late News Flashes

GENEVA, Dec. 18—(A.P.)—League of Nations circles were astonished by the sudden resignation of Sir Samuel Hoare, British Foreign Secretary.

Some delegates predicted the retirement of Sir Samuel would mean that Great Britain now will seek a settlement of the Italo-Ethiopian conflict more in harmony with League principles than was the Anglo-French peace plan which the Foreign Minister helped to draft.

BOSTON, Dec. 18—(C.P.)—A Southbridge youngster, postal officials reported today, deposited the family cat in a mail box addressed to Santa Claus. The idea was that Santa would pay for the cat with a lot of shiny new toys.

NORTH SYDNEY, N. S. Dec. 18—(C.P.)—A trip to North Sydney to buy Christmas gifts ended fatally for Allister MacDonald, 35, of Dingwall, today when he was swept off the deck of the schooner N. A. MacDonald and drowned.

STELLARTON, N. S. Dec. 18—Accidentally shot by a companion while rabbit hunting here today, 21 year old James Hulse walked to his home with a .22 calibre bullet in his hip. He was rushed to hospital and an X-ray revealed the bullet had broken into two pieces near the hip joint. It will not be touched unless complications arise, attending physicians said.

HOARE RESIGNS POSITION

(By Harold P. Braman, Associated Press Staff Writer)

LONDON, Dec. 18—While the Franco-British peace plan which he helped to frame was virtually discarded today at Geneva, Sir Samuel Hoare, Foreign Secretary, suddenly resigned tonight as the latest sensational development since the terms of the plan were disclosed.

Sir Samuel's resignation, which was accepted by Prime Minister Baldwin, came 10 days after he drafted the plan secretly at Paris with Premier Laval.

The action of the foreign secretary, which created a political sensation, came on the eve of a foreign affairs debate in the House of Commons. He had cut short a vacation in Switzerland to go before the Commons, many of its members hostile, tomorrow to defend his part in the Paris proposals, which opponents contended would reward Italy for her aggression.

No official explanation was offered for Sir Samuel's abrupt retirement from his political career, regarded as brilliant before the African war clouds gathered.

Political circles believed he withdrew to save the cabinet from blame for the plan when it faces Parliament tomorrow.

At Geneva the peace plan was virtually buried today and Anthony Eden, Minister for League Affairs, did not even defend it.

Speculate on Successor

Several possibilities were listed in speculation as to who would take over Sir Samuel's duties, vital in the face of the current European-African crisis.

These were that Prime Minister Baldwin might assume the post.

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Further Sanctions Against Italy To Be Considered

League Council To Meet In Secret Session Today. Sanction Committee Meets Friday.

(By George Hambleton, Canadian Press Staff Writer)

(C. P. Cable By Guardian's Special Wire)

GENEVA, Dec. 18—The Franco-British peace plan has failed.

Tonight the council of the League of Nations heard Anthony Eden declare on behalf of Great Britain that if the Franco-British proposals are not accepted by the League, by Italy and by Ethiopia alike, the British government "could not continue to recommend or support them."

Within four hours Geneva learned that Foreign Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare, who joined Premier Laval of France in sponsoring the plan, had resigned from the British cabinet, while Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin prepared to face a full-dress debate in the House of Commons tomorrow.

Eden's declaration before the League Council could scarcely be interpreted otherwise than as the requiem of the now famous Paris plan. The Council itself made no pronouncement, took no action. As the committee of 15—which means the full Council without Italy—it meets privately tomorrow.

The British themselves expect the plan to prove generally not acceptable to members of the Council. It will therefore fail to satisfy the essential condition of acceptance by the League as well as by Italy and Ethiopia.

Morover Mussolini is expected to be uncompromising in his program for the conquest of Ethiopia. Emperor Haile Selassie condemns the Paris plan as a complete and flagrant negation of the principles underlying the report of the League's five power committee which attempted to settle the dispute three months ago.

Little remains for the Council to do but give a decent burial to the ill-fated plan drafted by Premier Laval and Sir Samuel Hoare 11 days ago.

Then comes the next step: Further sanctions against Italy?

Unless there is an unexpected development tomorrow, the Sanctions Committee of 18 will meet on Friday. In readiness to discuss oil sanctions, X. C. Starling of the petroleum department in the British Board of Trade arrived here today from London.

It was regarded in Geneva as significant that Starling accompanied Anthony Eden, Minister for League of Nations Affairs.

Eden told the Council the British Government entertained no illusions as to the difficult task of conciliation. It had always been in the minds of the British and French governments that before finally pressing any terms of settlement upon the parties to the dispute, those terms should be approved by the League, "for the members of the League are bound to respect and do their utmost to apply the Covenant."

"Indeed, though it may well be maintained that it has proved to be at the present juncture of events—an almost impossible task, it was proper that the attempt

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Columnist Assaulted

(A. P. by Guardian's Special Wire)

NEW YORK, Dec. 18—The New York Sun said today Walter Winchell was beaten last night by two unidentified assailants a few minutes after he left a barber shop on Broadway.

A pivot tooth was knocked loose and there was blood on the columnist's face when he staggered back into the barber shop. He told the barber two men assaulted him.

5 MORE SHOPPING DAYS

A POLITICIAN OBJECTS TO PUBLICITY UNTIL HE FINDS OUT HE ISN'T GETTING ANY!

Maritime Provinces: Fresh southwest to west winds; mostly cloudy with scattered snowflurries; stationary or a little lower temperature.

TORONTO, Dec. 18—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Dawson	4B	38
Aklavik	2B	33
Edmonton	28	30
Regina	0	18
Winnipeg	0	18
Toronto	24	32
Ottawa	12	22
Montreal	18	26
Quebec	16	20
Saint John	18	26
Halifax	28	34
Charlottetown	24	26

High tide this afternoon at 5.10 and tomorrow morning at 6.11. Sun sets this afternoon at 4.20 and rises tomorrow morning at 7.33.

New moon Wednesday, Dec. 25, 12.49 p.m.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

CAR FERRY
Leave Borden 9.45 A. M. (Extra)
1 P. M.
Leave Tormentine (Extra) 11 A. M.
2.55 P. M. Daily except Sundays.