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Speculation as to New Mackenzie King Cabinet

Fielding Surest Guess for Finance. Most of the Others Will Depend Upon Coalition of Progressives and Liberals.

(Special to The Guardian) OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—The political situation has now reached the interesting stage where speculation is rife about the allocation of portfolios. It is definitely certain that whatever befalls Mr. Fielding will be Minister of Finance. Mr. Lapointe has designs upon the Department of Justice, but legal opinion in Ottawa is not exactly favorable to the occupancy of the office. From the professional point of view, Mr. Hudson has greater claims, and in addition enjoys the benefit of previous experience in a similar office as Attorney General for Manitoba. It is also understood that the Progressives regard the Ministry of Justice, as it is in fact, one of the key portfolios of the Cabinet for the person who controls the drafting of the legislative program and as the administration of justice commands great influence for these reasons if the Progressives are bargaining for portfolios they will likely insist upon Mr. Hudson becoming Minister of Justice. The Department of External Affairs is allotted by statute to the Prime Minister and Mr. W. C. Kennedy, who has wide business experience, would be the natural selection for the Department of Public Works. Customs will likely fall to Mr. Robb or Mr. McMaster, and Dr. Beland would be a satisfactory Minister of Militia. Mr. Crerar is suggested as Minister of Railways and in that event Mr. Stewart of Alberta, if he can be provided with a seat, would take the Department of Agriculture. If the plan of an alliance falls through...

Government Aid for Drought Stricken District

Grant of \$25,000 for Assistance to Farmers in Dry Area of Alberta. Railways Freight on Feed and Cattle Paid for by Federal and Provincial Governments.

(Special to The Guardian) OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—Provision has been made by order in council whereby the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars is set aside as the Dominion government's allotment to be shipped out to feeding points and returned freight paid towards assisting farmers in the dry area of southern Alberta. A final order to the arrangement of joint agreement has been reached between the Dominion Government and the Provincial Government and the railways, whereby feed will be transported free into the district which suffered from drought during the summer of 1921 and cattle will be shipped out to feeding points and returned freight paid towards assisting farmers in the dry area of southern Alberta. A final order to the arrangement of joint agreement has been reached between the Dominion Government and the Provincial Government and the railways, whereby feed will be transported free into the district which suffered from drought during the summer of 1921 and cattle will be shipped out to feeding points and returned freight paid towards assisting farmers in the dry area of southern Alberta.

President Harding Satisfied With Results

Difference in Interpretation of Four Power Treaty are Negligible. The Big Things Aimed at are Peace and Possibility of Discussion.

(Special to The Guardian) WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—President Harding in a formal statement today declared that differences in interpretation which had arisen over four power Pacific treaty are negligible and that the big things aimed at are peace and possibility of discussion. He said that the differences in interpretation which had arisen over four power Pacific treaty are negligible and that the big things aimed at are peace and possibility of discussion. He said that the differences in interpretation which had arisen over four power Pacific treaty are negligible and that the big things aimed at are peace and possibility of discussion.

The Stage is Set for Important Conference

Crerar to Confer With King Today. Distribution of Portfolios is Difficult Quest. A Veil of Secrecy Hangs Over All.

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—The political stage is set. Tomorrow the terms of the proposed alliance between Liberals and Progressives will be discussed, and it is expected that a definite agreement will be reached. As a preliminary, leading members of the Liberal and Progressive parties gathered here tonight, and after the afternoon arrived here, Mr. Crerar, former provincial treasurer in the government of Sir Lomer Gouin at Quebec, Mr. Mitchell spent a few hours in Ottawa, had a chat with Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, premier-elect, and departed again for Montreal. He was followed by Sir Lomer Gouin, who arrived in Ottawa, accompanied by Senator Dan Durand and Ernest Lapointe, regarded as leader of the Quebec Liberals in the last House, is still here. Mr. Crerar and Premier Drury to Hon. G. P. Graham, formerly minister of railways in the Laurier government. The defeat of Hon. R. B. Bennett, Minister of Justice, in Calgary three Western Progressives, is expected tomorrow. The conference will make the party stand, King's appointments, where the Liberal leader has been seen to receive important visitors of late. But over the whole proceeding a heavy veil of secrecy has been drawn. And the outcome may be definitely known for several days.

1921 Christmas Business Exceeded Last Two Years

New York Merchants Show Excess of Christmas Selections from Hand's Masterpiece Splendidly Rendered

(Special to The Guardian) NEW YORK, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Christmas sales by department stores in and around New York this year exceeded those of either 1920 or 1919. It is shown in a survey issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of this district. Merchants report that medium priced merchandise was generally in greater demand than the more expensive or the cheaper grade and that there was an increase in the sales of practical and useful articles, and toys, sales of jewelry and other luxuries remained about the same.

Handel's Messiah Splendidly Rendered

Methodist Church Choir Last Night

The magnificent organ and vocal selections from Handel's Messiah, rendered last night by the Methodist Church choir, were a splendid success. The choir, under the direction of Prof. W. E. Fletcher, was heard to good advantage by a large audience. The recital was given in the Methodist Church after the regular evening service. The grand opening notes of the overture on the organ were followed by solo parts, admirably rendered by Mr. G. Elmer Ritchie, Mr. G. H. Gorbell, Miss G. Coombs, Miss Bertha Carter, Mr. Chas. Gallagher, Miss B. Cheshire, and Mrs. W. E. Fletcher. These were interspersed with the choruses "Gloria in Excelsis Deo," "Gloria in F," "Lift up Your Voice," "Hallelujah," and "The Messiah." The choir, consisting of thirty-eight voices, also by an organ solo, "Pastoral Symphony" by Prof. Fletcher. The various solo parts were splendidly taken and rendered with sympathetic understanding of the composition. But it was probably the magnificent anthems of the "Gloria in Excelsis Deo," "Gloria in F," "Lift up Your Voice," "Hallelujah," and "The Messiah" which impressed the audience most deeply. Altogether, the recital was a splendid one and the choir are to be congratulated upon it.

Rent Reduction As Christmas Present

Lord Riddell Relieves In Large Typ

(Special to The Guardian) CLEVELAND, OHIO, Dec. 23.—Three hundred and fifty tenants of a dozen large apartment buildings received a Christmas present in the form of a rent reduction of ten to fifteen per cent. The reduction is effective January 1 and will continue in force till April 1, when present lease expires.

France and England Demand 500,000,000 Marks from Germany

Paris, Dec. 24.—Premiers Briand and Lloyd George have agreed to submit to the Allied Supreme Council at Cannes a plan to demand 500,000,000 marks from Germany and make the Reichsbank autonomous. The Times stated today.

Soviet Russia's First Budget Has Executive Approval

MOSCOW, Dec. 21.—The central executive committee of the Soviet Government today approved Soviet Russia's first budget estimate on a gold basis. It is for the period from Jan. 1 to Sept. 1, 1922. The Government's income for that period is estimated at 1,571,000,000 gold rubles, and the expenditures are estimated at 1,877,000,000 rubles, representing the smallest estimated deficit in the history of the Soviet Government.

Choir's Presentation To Prof. and Mrs. W. E. Fletcher

After the morning service in the Methodist Church yesterday, the choir waited upon the choir master, W. E. Fletcher, and presented him with a handsome Christmas present in the shape of a well-filled purse which was accompanied with the following address: "Charlotte, P. E. I., December, 1921. Dear Professor:—The members of your choir feel that they cannot allow this happy Christmas season to pass without expressing to you their sincere appreciation not only of your splendid ability as organist and choir director, but also of your qualities of mind and heart which have made the work of the choir under your direction a real pleasure. We cannot refrain from expressing our appreciation also of the valuable service rendered by your good wife in the musical services of the church and we trust that your personal relations may long be continued. Please accept for yourself and Mrs. Fletcher this small gift from the choir, together with the choir's best wishes for a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Signed on behalf of the choir: G. F. HUTCHINSON, E. B. WINDSOR. Prof. Fletcher returned thanks and expressed his grateful appreciation of the reasonable reminder and of the good relations which had existed and continues to exist between Mrs. Fletcher, himself and the members of the choir."

Great Religious Revival in Scotland

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Scotland is at present experiencing one of its periodical religious revivals in exaggerated form. The campaign which is headed by Pastor Clark, has led to extraordinary scenes of religious enthusiasm in the fishing towns such as Fraserburgh and Glasgow. Scenes of unparalleled religious fervor were witnessed in Glasgow last night and early today. At an all-night vigil in Seaman's Bethel in Broomfield, the cries of the "converts" could be heard in the street while the inside of the building was filled with men and women. The kneeling people struggled to express themselves but were often unintelligible in their enthusiasm. Others prayed fervently while some shouted gladness at escaping Hell and its torments. It is stated that one of the revivalists has been invited to come to London to begin a similar crusade.

Where the Christmas Trade Breaks the Record

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The Christmas shopping season in Chicago has broken all records in volume of business, according to leading merchants, but probably will not measure up, dollar for dollar with those of 1919 and 1920. The city's total retail merchandise business for December was estimated at fifty million dollars.

November Statement of the Canadian Banks

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—The bank statement for November, made public by the department of finance today, shows an increase in the assets and liabilities of Canadian banks over the previous month, but a decrease from the totals for the corresponding month last year. Liabilities of Canadian banks for November total \$2,541,336,278, as compared with \$2,519,998,671 for October and \$2,845,578,788 for November, 1920. Assets for November this year total \$2,824,130,597, as against \$2,806,827,597 for October and \$3,116,896,351 for November last year.

Prince of Wales Sees Indian Durbar

HATNA, British India, Dec. 24.—Owing to the previous declaration of a "black day" the procession which escorted the Prince of Wales through the city yesterday, attracted only a few spectators. The Durbar for the prince, which was held subsequently, proved a brilliant spectacle and elicited enthusiastic outbursts from the fondly cheering and enthusiastic cheering from the assembled crowds.

Disturbances Occur In Suez Zone, Egypt

LONDON, Dec. 24.—An Associated Press despatch from Malta yesterday said two British warships there had received orders to proceed immediately to Egypt. These followed receipt of Cairo dispatches reporting disturbances in connection with the forcible removal to Suez of said Zoulof Pasha, a Nationalist leader in the British authorities' after his refusal to obey orders that he and his followers cease political activity and leave Cairo. Two demonstrators were killed during the disturbances, which the authorities declared were relatively unimportant.

Portland in Fair Way to Lose its Winter Shipments

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 24.—Members of the local Longshoremen's Union walked out today after failure to reach an agreement with the steamship lines on working conditions, and all work on trans-Atlantic vessels ceased. Between three and four hundred men are affected. J. H. Edwards, manager for the Grand Trunk Railway in this city, announced that an embargo had been declared on export freight from Portland and that 1,800 car loads of merchandise had been accepted pending orders for diversion elsewhere. He intimated that preparations were being made under the Grand Trunk to use New London, Conn., as a port for winter shipments. The Longshoremen recently accepted a reduction in wages after a prolonged dispute but refused to agree to any changes in working conditions.

Proposed Economic Conference

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—A resolution by which President Harding would be authorized and directed to call an international economic conference was introduced in the Senate yesterday by Senator Francis Pickens of Maryland. The conference would be held in Washington in March, 1922.

Announcements, Coming Events, Meetings, Etc.

- ANNUAL MEETING of the New Perth Egg Circle will be held in New Perth hall Wednesday, Dec. 28th. SPECIAL DANCE of the Friday Assembly Class of the Country Club, Dec. 29th. THE POSTPONED MEETING of the Kingston Telephone will be on Wednesday 28th. COUNTRY CLUB Xmas Dance, three to six, Ladies 25c, Gents, 50c.

Bootlegging as Vocation, Says Boy

ST. CATHERINES, Dec. 24.—Is the business of a bootlegger a profession, a calling or just a mere job? In any event it is conceded by at least one high school pupil here to be a vocation in answer to a question put to the boy by a reporter. The boy, who is a bootlegger as his choice, Othello, declared for each unexcused party west end of London. The west end of London's fashionable shopping district is crowded these days with Christmas shoppers, and is frequented by numbers of the unemployed who are soliciting money from the holiday buyers.

London's Unemployed Threaten Trouble

LONDON, Dec. 23.—An extremist group of the unemployed in London is declared in an unauthorized statement by Scotland Yard to be planning to create a disturbance today or tomorrow in the west end of London. The west end of London's fashionable shopping district is crowded these days with Christmas shoppers, and is frequented by numbers of the unemployed who are soliciting money from the holiday buyers.

Says Crerar Will Form a Co-operative Association

TORONTO, Dec. 24.—An Ottawa dispatch says: "Arthur Trahan, the witty and philosophic member of Nicolet, has his own idea of why Hon. T. A. Crerar is coming to Ottawa. 'What do you think the progressive leader is expecting here in Ottawa?' he was asked. 'The gentleman you refer to,' said Mr. Trahan, 'has had great experience in the west in organizing the farmers into a great association. Now he is coming east to help form a co-operative association here in Ottawa.'"

CONDENSED SPECIALS

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\$25,000 Worth of Furs Stolen in Chicago

(Special to The Guardian) CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—A wagon delivering Christmas purchases from Illinois shop, one of Chicago's most exclusive stores was held up and \$25,000 worth of furs taken.

Rumanians Freed From Murder Charge

MONTREAL, Dec. 24.—Following five minutes' deliberation, a King's Bench jury here this afternoon acquitted Savel Lazaravitch and Jan Rosco of a charge of manslaughter preferred against them in connection with the death of Vasil Nicolet, a Rumanian companion, who was beaten to death under the Mowen street viaduct in July last. Evidence establishing an alibi in favor of the two accused, contributed largely to their acquittal.

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