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THE DUKE OF SUTHERLAND

In this capacity an Under-Secretary for the Air in the British Government, he will visit the United States and make a study of their development of air services.

TWO TOWNS ARE DESTROYED BY EARTHQUAKE

(Canadian Press)
BOGOTA, Columbia, Dec. 17.—Many people were killed and a large number injured by an earthquake which destroyed two small towns yesterday in the region of Ipiales, near the Columbian-Ecuadorian frontier. Already 85 dead have been recovered from the ruins of Cumbal, which, with the town of Chile, suffered most severely from the effects of the shocks, according to the reports thus far received.

Chile is situated on the slopes of the Chile volcano, to the eruption of which the present earthquake is attributed. The road from Cumbal to Ipiales is obstructed by great landslides and the full extent of the earthquake has not yet been learned. Numerous surrounding villages are believed to have been badly damaged and a commission of government officials has been sent to inspect the affected zone.

The volcanoes of Cumbal and Chile are in active eruption. Thus far, according to messages from the affected zone, 27 dead have been recovered at Tulcan. The residents fled from the town in a panic. Latest despatches from the Colombian frontier confirm the early reports that a vast region was affected by numerous earth shocks, and that many small towns were completely destroyed.

Red Cross delegations have started from Quito for the afflicted zone.

Condensed Specials

RATE—2c per word, not each insertion in this column.

NOTICE—RIVERTON MILLS will be closed till further notice on account of the proprietor, Mr. Geo. S. Leard, undergoing a throat operation in the P. E. I. Hospital. 21

BEST CHRISTMAS GREETING.—Hand-painted pictures of island beauty spots for framing or mailing by Miss Helen Hazard, at Jamieson's Drug store. 21

TO LET—HOUSE CORNER POWELL and Euston Streets, modern conveniences. Apply F. B. French 55 Upper Prince. Phone 601—L.31

HAND PAINTED PICTURES ON sale afternoons and evenings this week at 78 Euston St. 21

WANTED—GIRL FOR GENERAL housework. Apply 301 Kent St. 31

IF THE TWO BOYS WHO WERE seen and known will return the sleigh they took from 172 Prince St. Friday evening, no further action will be taken.—12-17-23.

TO LET—IN PRIVATE HOME, furnished bedroom and sitting room on ground floor. Pleasant and central location. Apply by letter to "K" Box 116, City. 12-15-23

TO LET—NEW DOUBLE TENEMENT house on Park street, finished in British Columbia fir, with hardwood floors. Modern conveniences, moderate rent. Apply 198 Cumberland street. 12

LABOR TO TRY FOR SOLUTION OF FOREIGN QUESTIONS

(British United Press)
LONDON, Dec. 17.—In preparation for the early resumption of office the Labor Party is rapidly crystallizing its policy. It is apparently easier to secure an agreement among Labor leaders on questions of foreign policy than on domestic, as a recent semi-official statement emanating from Labor headquarters with regard to their general policy ignores capital levy and socialization plans and centres on foreign issues.

The points emphasized are full recognition of the Russian Government and its entrance into the League of Nations, support of the admission of Germany into the League, an international conference to settle reparations and world debts, Ruhr occupation and dependent problems.

The Labor party desires to get United States into such a conference whether France participates or not and if both decline to attend Labor will bring the whole issue before the League. National Labor also proposes another international conference to proceed with further disarmament on land and air as well as at sea. It will also support a world court and is planning a general reconstruction of present methods of diplomacy with the idea of eliminating as far as possible the professional diplomat and filling his place with prominent radicals and intellectuals.

Two Women are Held as Bandits

(Canadian Press)
REGINA, Dec. 17.—The arrest of eight persons including two women in Havre, Montana, and Salt Lake City, Utah, is believed by United States authorities to have cleaned up the bank robbery gang which has been operating in the Saskatchewan-Dakota-Montana boundary for the last three years, according to word received Saturday by Provincial Police headquarters.

Chief among the captures was that of Arthur J. Davis, alleged by the Montana police to be one of the leaders and the boldest in the gang of outlaws which preyed on banks in the northern states and the Prairie Provinces.

Sees Possibility of General Election Next Summer

(Canadian Press)
BRANDON, Man., Dec. 17.—A general election next summer was declared by Robert Forke, Progressive leader, to be a possibility if the King government loses in the Kent County, N. B., bye-election.

"If the government is defeated it will be without a majority and will have to look to Progressives for support," declared Mr. Forke.

WANTED—MAID FOR GENERAL housework. References required. Apply at Guardian Office 12-13-23.

CHRISTMAS TREE AND ENTERTAINMENT at Central Rotary school Thursday evening Dec. 20. Entertainment starts at 7.30.—21

TO LET—COMMANDER LEWIS in's furnished house. Furnace. Low rental. Immediate possession. Apply Robert Cotton, Willow Corner. 21

ALL ORDERS FOR REPAIRING and tuning pianos or organs promptly attended to. Defy competition. Prof. Marcon Charlottetown. 12-18-23.

WANTED TO PURCHASE—A small residence in Charlottetown. Apply Eastern Securities Co., Ltd., new Bank of Nova Scotia building, City. 31

COME TO THE CHRISTMAS Tree and Concert in North Wiltshire Hall on Wednesday Dec. 19. If weather is unfavourable it will be held on the following night. 12-18-23.

THE REGULAR ANNUAL SALE and supper of the Ladies' of Tryon Baptist Church will be held at J. A. Lyman's, Tryon on Thursday 20 inst. An especially fine line of useful and fancy goods will be on sale.—12-18-23.

FRANCE ACCEPTS GERMAN CONFERENCE PROPOSALS

Question of Reparations Will Still Remain in the Hands of Inter-Allied Commission

(Canadian Press)
PARIS, Dec. 17.—The French government has accepted, with limitations, the German proposals submitted by Herr Von Hoersch Charge D'Affaires, concerning conversations Germany desires to enter into with France, as well as Belgium, on the Ruhr and Rhineland questions.

The reply, which was handed to Herr Von Hoersch this evening, takes the form generally expected, according to an official summary issued by the government.

It is pointed out that as the German government has already made known the import of its proposals, there was no need to delay publication of the gist of the French reply.

Passive resistance having apparently ceased in the Ruhr, Premier Poincare declares that he is always ready to confer with an official representative of the German government on all questions which this government wishes to bring before him; at the same time he remarks that he regards such questions as of equal interest to the Allies, and, therefore, the French government reserves the rights of conferring with them before replying.

With respect to reparations, the French government, as it has frequently declared, will never consent to take that question out of the hands of the commission instituted by the treaty nor consider any regulation not strictly conforming with the treaty. The commission will continue to function with all the power, conferred upon it and without its rights, so far as relates to Germany, being diminished in any possible manner.

"The exchange of ideas proposed by Germany to which the French government does not refuse to tend itself," continues the reply, "cannot, therefore, have for its object infringement of the prerogative of this commission, nor can it be a preparatory step, direct or indirect for revision of the treaty."

Concerning the Rhine and the Ruhr, the reply says, the French government has nothing to change in the views set forth; it cannot agree to take matters out of the hands of the Franco-Belgian authorities in the Ruhr, or the inter-Allied high commission, in the other occupied territories.

As to the establishment of a *modus vivendi* in either of these regions, M. Poincare is fully disposed to listen to suggestions from Berlin government and communicate them if circumstances admit, with his opinion to competent authority. He will, notably, accept any discussion on prolongation of agreements with the industrialists, the re-establishment of life and administrative questions, if being understood that France maintains her full right not to accept the reparation of those persons expelled except after individual examination.

M. Poincare concludes by drawing attention to the fact that the inter-Allied commissions of military control have not yet been able to resume their regular duties, and declares that while this state of affairs exists, Germany cannot claim to be loyally executing the Treaty of Versailles.

Secretary to Home Bank President Now Dead

(Canadian Press)
TORONTO, Dec. 17.—Thomas S. O'Connor, Private Secretary to H. J. Daley, President of the DeWint Home Bank, who was held on thirty thousand dollar bail as a material witness for the Crown in the prosecution of the directors and officials of the suspended institution, died in a hospital early this morning from uremic poisoning.

Think New Year Will see Further German Troubles

(Canadian Press)
BERLIN, Dec. 17.—Although Germany is having a breathing spell some of the leaders say the quiet cannot last longer than January 1st if substantial aid is not received from abroad.

The more optimistic among the leaders say the lull in the crisis may continue till March.

4 Perish in Quebec Landslide

(Canadian Press)
KENOGAMI, Que., Dec. 17.—The land slide which occurred on a farm here Saturday caused the death of four men. They were buried alive and though rescue parties worked feverishly to relieve them they did not succeed in getting through.

The victims were Joseph Lebel, Adelard Tremblay, Georges Levesque and Victor Levesque.

Bengal Home Rule Members Refuse to Take Office

(Canadian Press)
CALCUTTA, Dec. 17.—It is understood now that Swarajist home rule members of the Bengal provincial legislature decided at a meeting held Sunday not to accept office as they had been invited to do by the Governor of Bengal because of Swarajist successes in the recent provincial elections and unless several conditions were complied with. These conditions are that political prisoners be released, representative laws be withdrawn and a provincial autonomy granted.

It was also decided that the Ministers would refuse salaries and reject the budget if the party's demand was not granted.

DISCOVERER OF RADIUM NOW IN POVERTY

(United Press.)
PARIS, Dec. 17.—Mme. Curie, whose name is inseparably linked with the discovery of radium, of untold value to science and medicine, has devoted every franc she ever possessed to scientific research.

As a result, she is in extremely straitened circumstances, but has refused all offers of financial assistance for her personal needs. Friends and collaborators have, however, presented her case to the French government and it is likely that parliament will shortly agree to a proposal of the ministry of public instruction to grant her a state pension of forty thousand francs, or about \$2,200 a year.

Mme. Curie's modesty and desire for self-effacement is proverbial in French scientific and newspaper circles. When she returned from the United States with the precious gramme of radium presented to her by the women of America for her laboratory she could scarcely be induced to say a dozen words for publication.

The government's proposal is intended to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the discovery of radium, an achievement accomplished by Mme. Curie and her husband, Dr. Pierre Curie, who was killed in an automobile accident in Paris in 1906. The first of the hitherto unknown elements isolated by the scientific couple was named Polonium, as a tribute to Mme. Curie's birthplace.

"This discovery," says the proposal, "was one of the marvels of modern science. Prepared by the remarkable researches of Henri Becquerel, the collaboration of M. and Mme. Curie first revealed Polonium, then radium, the most active and mysterious of natural substances. France feels it a duty to demonstrate its gratitude to those who have given this glory to the nation. Pierre Curie died prematurely. With admirable constancy, extraordinary faith and abnegation, Mme. Curie has carried on the work. The moment has come for a national recompense."

30 Japanese Miners Entombed in Coal Mine

(Canadian Press)
TOKIO, Dec. 17.—Thirty miners were entombed in a coal mine at Kasuya in south western Japan this morning and are held prisoners by gas in the workings, according to advices received here.

Wheat Shipments Show Big Drop

(Canadian Press)
PORT WILLIAM, Ont., Dec. 17.—The falling off of shipments during the closing days of navigation resulted in their dropping by a little over seven million bushels below those of last week and thirteen million below those of the week before.

As a consequence stocks in the elevators rose by 1,159,579 bushels now standing at 21,688,385 bushels. This is six million bushels more than the stocks at the head of the lakes on the corresponding date of last year.

Greek Elections are Being Held

(Canadian Press)
ATHENS, Greece, Dec. 17.—The long postponed elections are taking place today throughout the country. Thus far there have been no reports of disturbances. The newspapers today print a statement by Premier Gonnatas to the effect that if the Liberals win and former Premier Venizelos is returned it would be the duty of the King to endeavor to persuade Venizelos to assume the Premiership.

ATHENS, Dec. 17.—Belief that a dynastic crisis is imminent in Greece is expressed in some quarters here and the departure of King George is regarded as among the possibilities of the situation.

Republicans are busily arranging demonstrations in Athens and throughout Macedonia and Thrace in favor of removing the dynasty.

Halifax to Fight Against Immorality

(Canadian Press)
HALIFAX, Dec. 17.—The Halifax police have opened a campaign against Chinese cafes which are alleged to be encouraging immorality in the city.

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Fielding's Condition is Unchanged

(Canadian Press)
OTTAWA, Dec. 17.—The condition of Hon. W. S. Fielding, Minister of Finance is reported today as little better.

P. E. ISLAND FIELD CROPS BRING TOTAL OF \$10,423,900

(Canadian Press.)
OTTAWA, Dec. 17.—For the whole of Canada the total value of the principal field crops of 1923, as now estimated by the Dominion Bureau of statistics amounts to \$892,572,300 as compared with \$962,293,200 in 1922, and \$931,863,670 in 1921. In the Maritime Provinces the total values in order are as follows, the values for last year being placed within brackets:
New Brunswick, \$22,679,800 (\$31,979,000).
Nova Scotia, \$20,545,100 (\$24,140,400).
Prince Edward Island, \$10,423,900 (\$10,889,800).
In Nova Scotia where apple orchards occupy a large area that might otherwise be voted to field crops the value of this year's crop to the growers is estimated by the provincial department of agriculture at \$4,500,000.

BANDITS SHOOT AND WOUND THREE

(Canadian Press)
MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 17.—Four escaped convicts who were cornered after leaving the Minneapolis Post Office last night shot and wounded a policeman and two bystanders. One of the gunmen was captured and taken to police headquarters, where he gave the name of "Red Ryan."

All four of the men are alleged to have escaped from the Penitentiary at Kingston, Ont., by setting fire to the prison barn and climbing over the walls. Later they are alleged to have robbed banks at Detroit and Chicago.

Those shot were Patrolman Norman Schley, seriously wounded; Gustaf Erickson, Minneapolis, slightly wounded, and Carl Erickson, son of Gustaf, slightly wounded.

The four were followed to Minneapolis about a week ago and were seen to collect mail regularly at the general delivery window.

Tonight when they called they were followed by eight patrolmen, detectives and secret service operatives.

When they got to the sidewalk, two of the detectives closed in on the quartette. Ryan drew a gun and shot at one of the detectives, the bullet missed its mark and struck Gustaf Erickson.

A moment later Ryan's companions whipped out their guns and started firing as they ran. Police returned the fire and one of the bullets wounded Ryan in the shoulder.

The bandit ran into the front entrance of a clothing store and started through it to the alley. Ryan stumbled over a box as he entered the rear entrance and was overpowered. The other three escaped.

American City is Swept by Fire

(Canadian Press)
CHARLOTTE, N. C., Dec. 17.—Fire fighting apparatus from surrounding cities were called tonight to help fight a fire in the Charlotte business district. Governor Morrison ordered mobilization of the Charlotte National Guard companies to lend their aid.

The fire broke out in the business district and quickly developed several buildings.

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FRANCE MAY LEAD WORLD IN VOTES FOR CHILDREN

Proposal Made to Encourage Repopulation by Giving Father or Legal Guardian of Orphans as Many Votes as He Has Children Under Age.

(Canadian Press.)
PARIS, Dec. 17.—If the vote of the Chamber of Deputies is indicative of the opinions of members, France will be the first country in the world to adopt votes for children after being one of the last to adopt votes for women.

By 440 to 135, the Chamber decided the project for instituting a "family vote" is worth taking into consideration. It was presented by Deputy Rouleaux Dugage.

The question really under discussion was women's suffrage, but the idea is to go still further in the direction of universal suffrage and at the same time bring into being a scheme that will encourage repopulation. Both projects have an excellent chance of passing shortly, at least in the Chamber.

STEEL MILL OF ENORMOUS CAPACITY TO BE ERECTED

Options Have Been Obtained on 2,000 Acres of Land in Pennsylvania as a Site—The Company Consists of Pittsburgers and Canadians, Who Represent \$250,000,000 in Capital.

(United Press)
ERIE, Pa., Dec. 17.—Announcement was made this morning at Conneautville, Pa., by W. G. Johnson, son of Pittsburg and Canadian steel men, he had obtained options on two thousand acres of land at Shade Lake, Pa., which may be purchased this week at the site of a large steel mill.

The property which has been optioned comprises seven farms, including the famous Powell Brothers stock farm, and is located between the Pennsylvania and the Bessemer Railroads. Johnson declared that the people he represents have already let a contract for the construction on 250 acres of the property of one of the largest steel mills in the world in the point of production. He said that plans were also being made for the construction of a new city on the site.

The J. A. Bradley Company of Pittsburg, construction engineers, this afternoon admitted that they had a contract for the erection of a steel plant for a group of capitalists, but refused to divulge the men interested, beyond saying that they represented \$250,000,000 in capital. J. A. Bradley, head of the company, asserted that several sites were under consideration, but that it was probable that the option would be exercised the latter part of this week on the Shadd Lake property and that work would start immediately. The new steel company plans to build finished and semi-finished steel of all kinds. Johnson, who holds the options, said this afternoon that plans call for the erection of seven mills—blast bar shop, sheet mill, rail mill and universal mill, together with a merchant mill. Two railroads have direct access to the property, which is in close proximity to iron and coal supplies.

Tug Picks up Seven Men Off Wrecked Ship

(Canadian Press)
MARSHFIELD, Ore., Dec. 17.—Seven men who clung last night to the wreck of the steamer C. A. Smith which piled up on the north jetty of Coos Bay yesterday put off on one of the ships boats early today and were picked up by a tug. Ten men are believed to have been lost yesterday when they attempted to leave the wreck in a life boat.

The Weather, Etc.

5 MORE SHOPPING DAYS

IF TH' FELLOW WHO INVENTED CHRISTMAS TIME VACATIONS WOULD RUN FOR PRESIDENT—HE WOULD GET MY VOTE!

ANNOUNCEMENTS, Coming Events, Meetings, Etc

RATES—2 cents per word each insertion.

Remember Tuesday, Dec. 18th for buying your Christmas fancy work and home cooking at the Baptist church. 12-17-23

Remember the Christmas tree and concert in Highfield Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, Dec. 19th inst at 7.30 p. m. 12-17-23

Donations of candy, cake, toys, money, etc., gladly received at dispensary for Christmas. 12-18-23

Reserve Tuesday, Dec. 18, for the Carleton School Christmas Concert in Cape Traverse Hall commencing 7.30. Ladies with Boxes free. 12-18-23

Come to the Christmas tree and concert in Vernon Hall, Tuesday evening December 20th at 7.30 p. m. 582-12-18-23

The Methodist and Presbyterian Sunday School Christmas tree and concert at Hunter River Hall, December 20th. 12-18-23

Come to the concert and Christmas tree in Harrisville Hall, Friday evening, Dec. 21. 21

TORONTO, Dec. 18.—Maritime fresh north west winds, fair and somewhat colder, some snow flurries in Eastern districts. Temperature yesterday: Max. 37 Min. 31. High tide this morning at 7.10 and tonight at 7.08. Sun sets this afternoon at 4.17 and rises tomorrow morning at 7.37. Full moon Sunday, Dec. 23rd 3.33 a. m. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.