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ONTARIO GOVERNMENT WILL DROP THE FRILLS

Opening of the Farmer-Labour Government Will Be Minus the Glory, Gorgeousness and Formality of Former Years. Uniformed Officers and Bejewelled Women Will Not Be in Evidence.

(Special to The Guardian.)

TORONTO, Dec. 3.—The frills, pomp and display which age-old customs have fastened upon the ceremony that marks the opening of the Ontario Legislature are to be done away with by the United Farmers and Labor Government. At the next session of the legislature most of the frills and show and the atmosphere of social exclusiveness which in the past has been characteristic of the ceremony attendant upon the opening day of the house will be disregarded. Instead a simpler ceremony from which the social element will in a sense be lacking and which in the

judgment of the government will be more in keeping with the democratic ideals of the people of this province, which carried them to power will mark the first session of each legislature. When the house first meets in February next the booming of cannon, the attendance of Governor and officials in court uniforms of other days, the presence of a throng of officers in full military regalia and of women in jewels and evening dress will be lacking. The occasion will be simple and unostentatious. In comparison with the glory, gorgeousness and formality of former years it will be markedly sober.

FRENCH GIRLS ARE MARRYING CHINKS

Number of Weddings to Orientals Causes Minister of Interior to Issue Warning.

PARIS, Dec. 3.—Birds' nest soup, ancient eggs, shark fins and similar delicacies, not to mention the despot rule of a husband who is vested by his laws with the right to do anything he pleases to or with his wife, are going to be the portion of many French women who have recently married Chinese laborers who have been working in the old battle areas. The number of weddings between the Orientals and the women of France has increased at such an alarming rate that the French Minister of the Interior, M. Pams, has found it necessary to issue a warning to his countrywomen against such alliances.

Due to the war the number of eligible Frenchmen has been greatly reduced. Foreign marriages have been increasing rapidly. Men from all the allied armies, including thousands of Yanks have claimed French women as brides. Now the armies have been withdrawn or have moved up into the Rhine areas and only the Chinese laborers are left. Undaunted, the women have accepted them and scores of couples have been married. M. Pams in his circular to the prefects, points out that while the Chinese are drawing the same wages in France as other laborers, they will eventually be returned to China where they will be able to earn the equivalent of only a few dollars a month. He also concludes that undoubtedly many of the Chinese bridegrooms already possess wives in China because early marriages are a practice there. M. Pams paints a dark picture of the French brides reaching China on the arms of their husbands only to find the first Mrs. Choo, or whatever her name may be, waiting at the dock for her Sam.

FILES DEFENCE IN \$40,000 LIBEL AND SLANDER SUIT

TORONTO, Dec. 3.—Sergeant J. Harry Flynn, president of the United Veterans' League, has filed his statement of defence in the \$40,000 slander and libel charges brought against him by W. E. Turley, secretary of the Ontario branch of the G. W. V. A. and C. E. Jenkins, another G. W. V. A. official. Sergeant Flynn denies that he made any specific reference to either of the officers in speeches alleged to have been defamatory and that in the speeches complained of by Mr. Turley and Mr. Jenkins, any references he made to the G. W. V. A. could not reasonably have been regarded as referring to the plaintiffs. He also denies that the plaintiffs have suffered damage by reason of anything he said about them.

CAME AS BOMBHELL TO THE ADMIRALTY

LONDON, Dec. 2.—The story of the arrest, imprisonment and final release of Captain Kaiserwetter, commander of the German submarine which sank the British hospital ship Glenart Castle, discloses a wide difference of opinion between British Government departments as to what right the Allied Powers have to punish the perpetrators of wanton warfare. The government legal department held that England had no right to detain Kaiserwetter during the life of the armistice, while the admiralty officials believed that they had the right to arrest such offenders any time and hold them for trial after peace was declared. After the signing of the armistice, Kaiserwetter went to Spain, where he obtained passports for his return to Germany. He made the mistake however, of landing at Palmouth, where he expected to board a vessel for the Baltic. Admiralty officers at Palmouth arrested him and brought him secretly to the Tower of London. Every effort was exerted to keep secret the identity of the prisoner, but those interested in Kaiserwetter learned of his arrest and promptly appealed to the government legal department, which found that England was not entitled to arrest him until peace had been declared. The examination was held in the great secrecy and there was no announcement of the ruling. This negative much of the work the Admiralty has done in tracing the perpetrators of the more barbarous submarine warfare. In view of the great amount of secret work done on various cases of this kind, the Kaiserwetter ruling came as a bombshell to admiralty officers.

LIVELY HAPPENINGS PROMISED IN SPEN VALLEY ELECTION CONTEST

LONDON, Dec. 2.—(C. A. P.)—The Spen Valley election which all along promised liveliness, is seemingly to become more lively through the personalities concerning the candidates. Mr. Hamar Greenwood, Minister of Overseas Trade, went down on Saturday for a meeting with Colonel Charles Fairfax was adopted as Liberal coalition candidate, and recommended Fairfax to the voters, because he was the only candidate who during the war, witnessed a shot fired in earnest. This was obviously a platform shot fired against Sir John Simon, the Independent Liberal candidate who left the Asquith Government on the conscription issue, but later accepted a staff billet which took him to France for some time. Greenwood further asserted the present Government "was the most independent of the House of Commons which had ever existed in this country."

CONDENSED SPECIALS

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GERMANY REFUSES TO SIGN PROTOCOL

They Refuse Indemnity for Ships Sunk at Scapa Flow and are Balking Over the Surrender of German Officers to Trial. Their Attitude Declared to be Outcome of U. S. Senate's Refusal to Ratify Treaty.

(Special to The Guardian.)

PARIS, Dec. 3.—Germany has decided not to sign a protocol presented her by Allies as a condition for putting the Peace Treaty into effect. The Peace Conference has been notified. It was learned only today that Baron Kurt von Lerner, head of the German delegation here, called on Secretary Dastasta of the Conference on Monday and told him that Germany had made such a decision. The attitude is taken as confirming the report of a sharp reaction in Germany within the last fortnight. Training observers of German developments have expressed to members of the peace conference the view that there has been a complete transformation of the situation in Germany, brought about, in their opinion, by the failure of the United States Senate to

ratify the peace treaty. These observers declare that while the vast majority of the Germans before the Senate's adjournment desired the peace treaty ratified as soon as possible, they are now supporting the government's attitude in resisting the demand of the allies for indemnity for the sinking of the German fleet at Scapa Flow, recompense for which was provided for in the protocol. The question is the insistence upon the trial of Germany's officers, accused of the commission of crimes in France and Belgium. Thus far it is stated no indications have reached Paris of any disposition on the part of the Germans to modify their attitude. The Supreme Council today addressed a note to Germany protesting against the increase of Germany's armament contrary to the provisions of the peace treaty.

KING AND QUEEN PROUD OF THEIR SON

King for First Time Hears Prince of Wales Make Speech in Public and Says He is Proud of His Son.

(Special to The Guardian.)

LONDON, Dec. 3.—One who was present at the banquet given by the King at Buckingham Palace in honor of the return of the Prince of Wales

says the occasion was the first time the King had heard the Prince make a formal speech. The King himself concluded his own remarks by saying "His mother and I are proud of him."

CANADIAN FINANCIERS BECOME INTERESTED IN P. E. ISLAND FOX INDUSTRY

A telegram received in Summerside yesterday indicated that an immense fur sales organization has been formed in Montreal to establish permanent fur auction sales. This organization is headed by Canada's foremost financiers and leaders of industry including Lord Shaughnessy, ex-President of the Canadian Pacific Railway, Sir Herbert Holt, President of the Royal Bank of Canada, Lord Webb, President of the Quebec Railway, Vice-President of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Co., Director of the Merchants Bank of Canada and many other successful Canadian industries. Mr. Webster, referred to above wired Mr. A. Pierce, President of the A. & B. Pierce Co., who has been in Summerside looking over the ground that he is leaving Montreal by special train to discuss the prospects and possibilities of fur farming and a

meeting will be held in the Town Hall, Summerside, Friday evening at 8 o'clock. It is expected that this will be one of the most important gatherings of fur farmers yet held in the province. When men of the standing of those referred to become interested in the industry it only needs the co-operation of the fur farmers of P. E. Island to make the organization an assured permanent success. Mr. Webster's visit is principally intended to discuss personally the working principles of the organization and doubtless there will be a large attendance at the meeting. The policy of this organization means success to the fox ranchers and every business man in the province. Mr. Webster leaves on return Saturday morning.

Preparations For Winter Fair

AMHERST, Dec. 3.—The Maritime Stock Breeders Association have been working hard to make this year's Winter Fair eclipse all previous efforts along that line. Their efforts are meeting with encouragement. This morning Mr. F. L. Fuller, Secretary of the Association, received letters of acceptance, to be present and participate in the Fair, from Mr. H. S. Arkell, Live Stock Commissioner, Ottawa, Prof. George E. Day, Secretary of the Canadian Short Horn Breeders Association, Guelph and several other prominent stock men. Hon. Murdoch McKinnon, Lieutenant Governor of Prince Edward Island has consented to be present and to officially open the Fair at eight o'clock Monday evening, December 15. The opening will also be participated in by Hon. Dr. S. F. Talmie, Minister of Agriculture and Prof. E. S. Archibald, Director of Experimental Farms, Ottawa, who will be present throughout the Fair. The attendance of these nationally eminent specialists in stock breeding and raising will make the Fair one of rare value to Maritime breeders who according to present prospects will attend in greater numbers than ever. Special housing arrangements are being made so that all can be properly cared for.

THE WEATHER TEMPERATURE TIDE, MOON, ETC.

TORONTO, Dec. 4.—Northwest winds, fair and cold. The tide will be high this morning at 7.53 and tomorrow at 8.57; it will be high tonight at 7.38 and tomorrow at 8.28. The sun sets this afternoon and tomorrow at 4.41; it rises tomorrow morning at 7.35 and Saturday at 7.36. First quarter moon, Sunday, Nov. 30th 11.47 a. m. Full moon, Sunday, December 7th 5.04 a. m.

Prize Money For Naval Men in Spring

OTTAWA, Dec. 2.—The Naval Department has issued a statement from the Admiralty with regard to the collection and distribution of prize money arising out of captures made during the war. The statement draws attention to the fact that the proceeds cannot be paid over to the Naval Prize Fund until captured vessels and goods have been condemned and the various accounts and claims arising out of each case have been adjusted by the Prize Court. Efforts are being made to get these matters settled as quickly as possible. The value of each share of the money has not yet been definitely determined, but it is considered likely that distribution may be commenced during the spring of 1920. The distribution of prize money depends upon the completion of the war record of each officer and man, and the amount of money which the Naval Prize Fund contains.

SIR THOMAS LIPTON HAS SAILED FOR HOME

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—Sir Thomas Lipton sailed for home Friday on the steamship Adriatic for Cherbourg and Southampton still smilingly predicting that his Shamrock IV would lift the America's cup next year. He will return here in April with his 23 meter Shamrock, which has lifted more cups than any yacht abroad, as the challenging yacht's "trial horse," he said. A distinguished party sailed on the Adriatic heading for England in time for the Christmas holidays.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

**RESERVE Wednesday, Dec. 10th for auction sale at B. A. Mellett's, York.
**WHERE are you going Wednesday 10th? To the bazaar and supper in King George's Hall, Port Hill. 2783.

400 Canadians Out of Work In England

(Special to The Guardian.) LONDON, Dec. 3.—The Canadian Associated Press learns that an informal census has been taken regarding the Canadian soldiers who have taken their discharge here and now find themselves in want. The total number who seem genuinely anxious to be returned to Canada, through want of work here, appears to be about four hundred although there may be more who have not proclaimed themselves stranded.

Winnipeg Wheat Moving Slowly

WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 3.—To date 76,666,000 bushels of wheat have passed over the C. P. R. lines and it is said that between 30,000,000 and 35,000,000 bushels will yet be shipped out.

St. John Dry Dock Completed in Two Years

(Special to The Guardian.) ST. JOHN, N. B., Dec. 3.—Mayor Hayes announced yesterday that he had been assured that the new dry dock in Courtney Bay, which will be the largest in the world, will be completed in two and a half years.

New Kolchak Cabinet Has Been Formed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The personnel of the new Kolchak Cabinet was announced by official advices to the State Department today from Irkutsk. The Premier is Papatov who holds the portfolio of Minister of the Interior; Treitkoff becomes vice-president of the council and acting Minister of Foreign Affairs, Bourishkine becomes Minister of Finance and for the time being the new minister of war will be General Khargine. Incumbents were retained in other offices.

Contempt of Court Proceedings Next

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 3.—Convicted that the efforts to bring about the resumption of operation of coal mines through the offer of a 14 per cent wage advance to miners have failed and that the injunction issued by the United States district Judge Anderson against strikes have been violated, the government has concluded to institute contempt proceedings at once, it was indicated here last night.

Canadian Delegates Return to Ottawa

OTTAWA, Dec. 3.—Canadian delegates to the International Labor Conference at Washington returned home well pleased with the results and grateful for the position attained by the Dominion in the World's Labor Parliament with inevitable absence of the United States from congress. The Canadian representatives were faced with an important and difficult situation.

Supreme Court At Summerside

The Supreme Court closed yesterday morning when His Lordship Chief Justice Matheson delivered the following judgments: *Palmer vs. Hillman*, judgment for plaintiff, \$37.55. *Palmer vs. White*, judgment for plaintiff \$150. *Waite vs. Murray*, judgment reversed. *The King vs. Gallant*, action for shopbreaking and larceny, accused pleaded guilty, was sentenced to two years in penitentiary.

DEVELOPMENT OF ST. LAWRENCE WATERWAY.

MONTREAL, Dec. 2.—Canada's next great national enterprise is the development work on the St. Lawrence from Montreal to Morrisburg, to make a thirty foot waterway to the head of the lakes and to provide an additional three million electrical horsepower. The scheme is both international and inter-provincial and in addition to these complications conflicts with enormous corporate power interests. To arrive at an agreement with the United States will take considerable time, to satisfy the conflicting interests of Ontario and Quebec will be even more difficult, to eliminate private interests will require careful and tactical negotiation, and even when all this is accomplished the financial responsibility, already a burden, may deter the federal government from rapid development of this scheme. The whole scheme cannot be completed for less than \$300,000,000 and it may require double this amount.

8,000 STEEL WORKERS OUT OF EMPLOYMENT

American Sheet and Tin Plate Company Obligated to Close Factory Because of Coal Shortage. Other Factories Employing Four to Five Thousand Men Likely to Follow Suit.

(Special to The Guardian.)

GARY, Ind., Dec. 3.—Eight thousand steel workers were thrown out of work here today when the American Sheet and Tin Plate Company, the largest manufacturing concern of its kind in the world was forced to close

because of the coal shortage. All mills of the company were forced to be shut down completely and reports reached here that the company's plants at Elwood, Ind., employing four thousand to five thousand persons also had banked its fires.

LADY ASTOR, M.P., MAKES FIRST MISTAKE

Was Called to Order for Violation of Rule Which Forbids Talking Within the Bar. But She Had Her Say Outside the Bar.

(Special to The Guardian.)

LONDON, Dec. 3.—Lady Astor had her first experience in being called to order last evening in the House of Commons, when she innocently transgressed one of the canons of the House. She was returning to her seat after voting on a measure and stopp-

ed to chat with another member within the bar where nobody is allowed to stand. The speaker called order but Lady Astor, unaware she was addressed, continued talking. Thereupon the speaker raised his voice and repeated this warning. Lady Astor turned quickly beyond the bar and continued her conversation there.

ORDERS ISSUED BY WHEAT BOARD

WINNIPEG, Nov. 30.—The Canadian Wheat Board today ordered that until further notice, bran and shorts maximum wholesale prices shall be \$45 and \$52 per ton, respectively, net weight in 100 lb. jute sacks f.o.b. Montreal.

ROYAL BANK BONUS LIKELY PERMANENT

HALIFAX, Dec. 2.—This city has always been proud of her Royal Bank of Canada for it was here where, as the Merchant's Bank of Halifax, fifty years ago, it first saw the light. Its renovated office building in this city, which will be ready for occupancy about the beginning of the year, is the most splendid banking premises in Halifax, or indeed in the Maritime Provinces. It has been in the hands of the contractors for more than a year. The celebration of the bank's jubilee is being happily conducted both for the shareholders and the staff. The former will have a distribution of two per cent on the \$14,000,000 of capital which means the tidy sum of \$280,000 extra in their dividends and the staff are to have a bonus of twenty per cent on their salaries. The staff numbers more than 5,000, of whom about 1,800 are women. Taking the women and the men together the year's salaries at an estimated average of \$1,000 a year, comes to \$5,000,000. In a bonus of 20 per cent the staff will, therefore, receive the tidy sum of \$1,000,000 in salary bonus. This, indeed is a handsome and most satisfactory way to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary, especially from the point of view of the men and women in the branches everywhere who keep the bank to the front by their efficient service. It is not unlikely that the two per cent dividend bonus will be made permanent, thus placing the stock on a 14 per cent basis. GREEKS SLAY TURKS TO REACH NEW LINE SET BY THE ALLIES

BODY OF GIRL MISSING 3 YEARS FOUND IN TRUNK

LAWTON, Mich., Dec. 1.—Jammed into a rotting trunk which was concealed under a pile of shingles in the cellar of her home, the body of a woman, believed to have been Maud Crithlow, missing about three years, was found yesterday by her sister, Florence Tabor Crithlow. The missing girl was the daughter of the late Lester Tabor, prominent attorney. The mother and a brother, Walter Tabor, are said to reside in the west, where it has been reported, Miss Tabor had died on a ranch a few months after her disappearance. Circumstances prior to her disappearance are now being investigated by the authorities. The young woman was a graduate of the University of Michigan and an instructor in foreign language.

SALONIKI, Dec. 1.—In taking the new line assigned them by the Allies in the Smyrna district the Greek troops inflicted considerable casualties upon Turkish detachments which resisted the movement since an official Greek army statement issued today.

"In the course of engagements of Nov. 21 and 22 during the occupation of the line of demarcation in Asia Minor," the communique read, "the enemy sustained casualties of one hundred killed, including the rebel Chief Gausez, and two hundred wounded."

SHORTAGE IN BITUMINOUS COAL IS CAUSING GRAVE CONCERN TO CANADA

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 2.—Officials of the fuel section of the Canadian Trade Commission stated this morning there was no change in the situation with regard to the supplies of bituminous coal available for Canadian consumption. The machinery for the distribution of the emergency supply has been perfected, and it is expected that it will only be a matter of a very short time before the coal is being distributed to those sources entitled to first claims upon it. So far no further releases of soft coal have been secured, and while the Fuel Controller is being deluged with appeals from all sorts of industries, the answer in every case has been that he is unable to do anything toward meeting their needs until conditions have changed across the border. There is no change in the acute situation thus far.

VATICAN ANXIOUS OVER CONDITIONS IN MEXICO

ROME, Dec. 2.—Anxiety is felt by the Vatican relative to the situation in Mexico, especially regarding ecclesiastics in that country. Religious connections have recently seemed to have returned to a satisfactory and normal condition in Mexico, bishops had returned to their sees amid greetings of the people and laws against the church were not rigorously enforced. Fears are expressed that a new upheaval in Mexico may lead to persecution of the clergy.

17 MORE SHOPPING DAYS



NORFOLK HOTEL AT NEW GLASGOW GUTTED

NEW GLASGOW, N. S. Dec. 2.—The Norfolk Hotel here was gutted by fire. The firemen put up a great fight but were greatly impeded in their work by defective hose. There is \$40,000 insurance on the building.