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THE WEATHER

Fresh strong winds in west, heavy northwest and north gales, cloudy and unsettled today, colder tonight, Friday, Tuesday, fresh, northerly fair and cold.

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A FOUR POWER AGREEMENT IS DESIGNED TO PRESERVE PEACE IN PACIFIC: A BIG ACHIEVEMENT

GREAT POWERS IN AGREEMENT

Will Bind Themselves Not to go to War Over Any Dispute Arising in Connection with the Pacific Islands—All Present Defences in Pacific Waters to be Retained.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The Washington conference was prepared to announce to the world today its first major achievement—the four power agreement designed to preserve peace in the Pacific and providing in direct terms, it is understood, for abrogation of the Anglo-Japanese alliance. The conference was called to hold its fourth plenary session at 11 a. m. to receive the declaration of the United States, Great Britain, France and Japan of their acceptance of the agreement binding them not to go to war over any dispute arising in connection with the Pacific Islands until the lapse of a definite period giving opportunity for peaceful discussion and settlement. The delegates were hurriedly summoned to meet by Chairman Hughes on receipt of the French acceptance of the proposal.

With the four-power treaty in final form and an agreement on naval ratio regarded as practically assured, the arms conference goes into its fifth week with its principals confident they can wind up all their major duties here by the end of the year.

The problems of the Far East and details of the naval reduction programme, including the question of Pacific island fortifications and naval bases, now become the subjects of primary consideration. The Far Eastern discussions are to be pressed forward at daily meetings of the committee of the whole at the same time that the naval situation is clearing up through continued communication with the foreign capitals and while the separate negotiations over Shantung and Yap are verging toward decision.

Although there are indications that Japan is about ready to accept the "5-5-2" naval ratio, it is not considered unlikely that she may refrain from committing herself definitely until there is a clearer understanding about future fortifications on the Pacific islands. There has been a general indication that all the powers are willing to assent to an arrangement by which all present defenses in Pacific waters would be retained and none added in the future, but the question is yet to be made the subject of formal exchanges.

It is the general expectation that the result of the Far Eastern discussions will be a united declaration of policy by the nine nations represented here, embodying the "four points" of Ellhu Itou and making such specific application of them as may be found possible. Such a declaration, a part of which was given official sanction by the nine nations at yesterday's plenary session, it was expected would finally take the form of a "gentlemen's understanding." Some of the plenipotentiaries, however, want to write it into a treaty, and a decision on that point is yet to be reached.

Afterward a similar declaration may be made as respects Siberia, but it is possible that the separate pronouncement on that subject now understood to be contemplated by Japan, may be accepted as sufficient.

Death of Edwin A. Bustin.

Edwin Anthony Bustin died Sunday at the home of his niece Miss Bustin of Nashwaaksis at the age of eighty-four years. The deceased had recently removed from Stanley where he had passed the greater part of his lifetime. The funeral took place this afternoon with service by Rev. Mr. Branch. Interment was made at Sunnyside Cemetery, Devon.

IRELAND'S NATIONAL MUSIC THE SUBJECT

S. C. Hurley Lectured in St. Anthony's Hall to Large Audience—Several Songs Rendered.

There was a bumper house present in St. Anthony's Hall, Devon, last evening to hear the lecture of S. C. Hurley of this city upon the interesting theme of "The National Music of Ireland."

This being the first occasion since the settlement of the Irish question for an analysis of the spirit of the Irish people as exemplified in the traditions and history of the race as recorded on its song, the occasion held special interest.

The lecture itself was a brilliant effort. Mr. Hurley's delivery is ideal. He has a clear and penetrating voice, speaks every word plainly. As a composition, Mr. Hurley's oration was well balanced, smooth in its flow, forcible in its statements and enlivened by humorous allusions.

The lecturer dwelt at some length on the power of music on the soul, the heart and the mind of man. In a pleasing manner he recalled the fact that Ireland is the only country in the world that can point with pride to a musical instrument as her national emblem.

Mr. Hurley brought out the fact that even before Christianity had shed its rays over Europe, Ireland had taken a prominent place among all other countries for her knowledge of music and the fame of her bards was at that early date spread broadcast. He exploited in a convincing manner the merits of such immortal poets as Moore and Davis, and the different mind pictures painted of the stories of some of Moore's immortal poems and songs.

Tracing the history of Ireland's tradition of song from the earliest ages to the present time Mr. Hurley was frequently interrupted by bursts of appreciative applause. The theme of the lecture represented wonderful and beautiful possibilities for exploitation and these were certainly taken advantage of. It was an evening of rare enjoyment and it is to be hoped that this will not be the last time, the public will have the pleasure of hearing Mr. Hurley.

Irish airs were rendered on the organ by A. V. Lee and the enjoyment of the evening was enhanced greatly by the rendering of some of the more beloved Irish melodies by Mrs. May Colby and Leo Cain.

A SHOPGIRL'S APPEAL.

Editor Daily Mail Sir:

As a shop girl I would like to make an appeal to the public—especially the women—and ask them to have Christian consideration, as much as possible for their less fortunate sisters who are compelled to stand behind the counter from early in the morning until considerably after dark pulling down form the shelves all sorts of articles until each day they are compelled to handle tons of weight. Imagine how tired and aching are their arms and bodies from the weight they have to lift.

To women of this character I should like to say if you want to help your working sisters at this holiday period of the year, have compassion on them and do not compel them to work like dray horses for you until they are so worn out that they cannot possibly enjoy the Christmas period as you design to do. Remember, after you have tired yourself out shopping you can go home and lie down

THE MEIGHEN CABINET IS LIKELY TO RESIGN OFFICE BEFORE END OF THIS WEEK

Parry Sound, Ont., Swings Into the Conservative Column, Bringing That Party's Total up to Fifty—The Liberals Have 117 Seats and the Progressives 64—Result in the Yukon is Still in Doubt.

Toronto, Dec. 11.—The following is the Canadian Press summary of the standing by parties as the result of the Dominion elections as revised on the basis of despatches received up till 11 p. m. tonight.

Province	Con.	Lib.	Prog.	Lab.	Dtbl.
P. E. Island	0	4	0	0	0
Nova Scotia	0	16	0	0	0
New Brunswick	5	5	1	0	0
Quebec	0	65	0	0	0
Ontario	37	21	23	0	1
Manitoba	0	2	11	1	0
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Saskatchewan	0	1	15	0	0
Alberta	1	0	10	1	0
British Columbia	7	3	3	0	0
Yukon	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	50	117	64	2	2

The doubtfuls are Port Arthur and the Yukon.

Parry Sound, now conceded to the Conservatives, is shifted from the Liberal column. Otherwise the summary is the same as that filed at noon Friday, Dec. 9.

THE STANDING OF PARTIES

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—Unless the Yukon returns a Liberal, Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, premier-elect, will not have an absolute majority in the next House of Commons. The return of Col. J. Arthurs for Parry Sound brings the total of Liberal seats down to 117 or 116 when a speaker is elected from the Liberal side of the house. Should the Yukon return a Conservative, the standing (after the election of a speaker) will be: Liberals, 116; combined opposition, 118, or a minority of one for the government. On the other hand, should the Yukon return a Liberal, both sides of the house, following the choice of a speaker, will be equal.

It is however, improbable that the house will ever so divide. There are nearly always a certain number of unpaired absentees. But the situation is keenly followed in political circles here.

SOME CABINET GOSSIP

Gossip as to the possibilities and probabilities in connection with the next cabinet continues to float in all directions but apparently the man least excited over the prospect is Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, premier-elect, on whose shoulders falls the duty of choosing the incoming ministers.

Since the day of the election, Hon. Mr. King has spent most of his time at his apartment at the Roxborough, where in comparative quiet he has been able to catch up on a multitude of things which had to be left undone while he was away from Ottawa during the campaign. On his return to the capital, Hon. Mr. King found piles of correspondence and other matters needing his attention and these he has been dealing with since election day. He has seen very few visitors, and few, if any of these have been men whose names have been mentioned in the great mass of cabinet gossip which has been going the rounds.

MEIGHEN'S RESIGNATION

The resignation of Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen and his cabinet ministers is expected to be placed in the hands of His Excellency the Governor-General within the next week, and following this act, it is expected that Hon. Mr. King will be called upon to form an administration. The formation of the cabinet will then be the next step to be followed by the issue of writs for the necessary by-elections for the ministers' return. So far, however, it is understood nobody has been called to Ottawa or in any way approached with regard to the question of entering the next ministry, though it is to be presumed that the premier elect has in mind the names of the men whom he will call upon when the proper time comes.

Merchant Assigns.

Fred. T. Allen who has conducted a business in ladies' furnishings in Queen street for some two years past has made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors. The Canadian Credit Men's Association, Limited, is the assignee. Liabilities are placed at eleven thousand dollars and assets at \$4,400.

and rest and recuperate with the rest of the duties of the day but your unfortunate working sister has to stick to the job until she is nearly exhausted and all this could be overcome if you would show a little Christmas and Christian charity.

A Shop Girl.

Fredericton N. B. Dec. 10th 1921.

Death of Harry L. Wheeler.

The death of Harry L. Wheeler occurred at his home, Westmorland street, Saturday afternoon after a lingering illness with paralysis. The deceased was aged fifty-eight years. He is survived by his widow, one daughter Mrs. Frank Graham and two sons Edward Lee Wheeler and Harry T. Wheeler at home, also by three sisters Mrs. Ida Durfee of Brooklyn, Mass., Mrs. Norman Harris of Brockton, Mass., and Miss Jule Wheeler of Washington, D. C., and by one brother Benjamin of Boston, Mass. The funeral took place this afternoon with service by Rev. A. F. Bate at Christ Church Parish Church following a short service at the home. Interment was made at the Rural Cemetery.

FEDERAL BY ELECTION FOR NEW CABINET MINISTERS WILL BE HELD IN JANUARY

TRACK MEETS IN CANADA TO BE CLOSED EVENTS

A. A. U. of Canada Passed Motion Originating in Maritime Provinces—Will Hit Americans.

Toronto, Dec. 11.—Several amendments adopted by the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada which met here Friday and Saturday will have a far reaching effect.

Several amendments and suggestions were adopted by the Union which will have a wide bearing on sports. The reinstatement of professionals was one of the subjects that has received much attention from the delegates and they again demonstrated that they are firmly bound to the decision that once a professional always a professional. In future branches that reinstatement players must report the reinstatement within thirty days to the national registration committee or they will cease to be effective from that date.

A radical step was taken when an amendment proposed by the Maritime Provinces branch was carried by a vote of 53 to 44 that the Union conduct Canadian track and field championships for Canadian cities only and that steps be taken to establish records in every championship event by Canadians. This decision makes Canada the only country in the world that prevents foreign competitors from entering in the championship meets and while it may encourage Canadian track and field athletics to a certain extent it will decrease the quality of the sports for several years at least.

Judge E. D. Jackson, of Lethbridge was elected president of the Union. The other officers include A. W. Covey, St. John, N. B. second vice president; C. C. Robinson, Winnipeg, treasurer; N. H. Cowie, Toronto, secretary. Mr. Covey was also elected vice-president for the Maritime Provinces.

The board of governors for the Maritime Provinces is composed of S. J. Doyle, James Holmes, C. P. Bolton and F. M. Dayton.

DON'T MISS THE EXTRA GOOD SHOW AT THE GAIETY

The Monday-Tuesday play at the Gaiety is "The Nut" with Douglas Fairbanks the featured player.

The locale of the story is Greenwich Village, New York City, with Fairbanks cast as an inventor who invents everything from lies to a new kind of love-making. Marguerite De La Motte again is leading woman. William Lowery, Barbara La Marr, Sidney De Grey and Gerald Pring are in the cast.

At Amherst Winter Fair.

A number of the officials of the New Brunswick Department of Agriculture have left for Amherst or will leave tonight, to attend the Maritime Winter Fair which will open in that town to attend the Maritime Winter Fair which will open in that town on Tuesday. Harvey Mitchell, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and O. C. Hicks, Superintendent of Soils and Crops, have left for Amherst. F. L. Wood, Poultry Superintendent, and J. H. King, Livestock Superintendent also are to attend.

N. B. Hens Do Well.

A pen of Barred Rocks owned by the Invicta Farm, Oromocto are doing good work in the Dominion egg laying contest at Ottawa. There are sixty pens competing and the Invicta Farm birds are in tenth place with 127 eggs. The Invicta pen stands third among twenty Barred Rock pens.

ALEXANDER SMITH

GIVES OPINION

Is Recognized as an Authority on the Election Law—First Session of the New Parliament Will be Short—Annexious Customs Laws Likely to be Repealed.

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—Alexander Smith, authority on election law, says that there is nothing in the present act to prevent the by-elections for Kings ministers held in January. In the general election at least fifty-five days had to elapse between the issue of the writ and the date of voting, but Mr. Smith points out that this is not necessary if there is in existence a list prepared within two years. As lists were prepared all over Canada for the general election the writs can be issued at any time after the King cabinet is sworn in. The writs will announce the day of nomination and a date for the election two weeks later. Probably a notice of from ten days to two weeks would be allowed before nomination so that the whole thing could be over easily within a month after the issue of the writs. But even so, with this interruption in the course of business, it is scarcely likely that the next session of parliament can be called before the end of February or the beginning of March.

When the session does open, it is expected that it will be shorter than usual. The new finance minister will want time to take a survey of the entire business of the Dominion before making a complete revision of the tariff, and all that will be attempted in the way of new budget proposals will be to repeal the customs laws regarding valuation of depreciated foreign exchange for duty purposes and the marking of country of origin in order to remove the conditions most obviously irritating and interfering with trade, at present, and to make such changes as are urgently needed for the welfare of the community.

The Railway Question.

The railway question will be a different matter although there will be a desire to study it at first hand for some time so as not to have precipitate action. The fact that it had been originally intended to merge the Grand Trunk with the Canadian National lines at the end of this year will give the new cabinet something big to consider right away. Many economies could doubtless be effected by bringing about the merging at the earliest possible moment. Sir Joseph Flavelle's recent correspondence with the Montreal Star indicates that it was the intention of the Grand Trunk management to superannuate some of the older officials and promote the ablest of the younger men to the chief executive positions so that when the amalgamation came at the end of the year the Grand Trunk executives would contribute their fair quota to the men who are to run the combined system. The Star's misunderstanding of the situation and vague inferences that it meant the removal of the Grand Trunk offices or officials from Montreal, seem to have held up this reorganization. The deferring of the merging of the two systems might easily be misunderstood, and it will therefore be well when the full cabinet will be in a position to deal with it. The amalgamation would definitely dispose of the Shaughnessy plan which had as an important feature the returning of the Grand Trunk to its original owners or new buyers.

Boy Lost One of His Eyes.

Vincent Duplisea aged five years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Duplisea of Clarence Street, St. John, formerly residents of Devon, had the misfortune to lose one of eyes in an accident at St. John a few days ago. The boy fell and struck a sharp piece of ice which injured one of his eyes so that it had to be removed.