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A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL

New Yorkers Plan Lively Good bye to The Departing Year

With Some of the Spirit of the Boom Days, a Hopeful Greeting Will be Extended to the New Year; The Lid Has Been Given a Tilt—Curfew Regulations to be Disregarded.

(Special to The Daily Mail by the British United Press)

NEW YORK CITY, Dec. 31—The Metropolis laid plans today for a lively good-bye—no mere au revoir or auf widersehen—to the old year and its glooms tonight.

With some of the spirit of the boom days, New York planned to speed the departing guest and give a hopeful greeting to the New Year. The lid is not off but has been tilted.

Police Commissioner Mulrooney, himself a teetotaler, but no kill-joy, agreed that the curfew regulation for closing night clubs at 3 a.m. could be disregarded and the celebrations would continue until five o'clock in the morning.

The big hotels and night clubs were ready for a night of it.

MR. FENDERSON SAYS IT WILL BE A TEST CASE

President of N. B. Lumbermen's Assoc. is Not Very Hopeful Over the Outlook in the British Market.

Saint John, Dec. 31—Unless the British Government invokes the anti-dumping provisions of Article 21 of the Imperial Economic Conference pact, Eastern Canada's lumber exporters will have little opportunity of selling to the markets of Great Britain, in the light of the reported negotiations by which Russia will supply 870,000,000 feet of lumber, valued at four million pounds, to a large British importer.

C. L. Fenderson, of Jacquet River, president of the New Brunswick Lumbermen's Association, last night expressed this view, based on a despatch quoting H. R. MacMillan, Vancouver exporter, in the Telegraph-Journal yesterday.

"This is a definite test case for Britain on the Conference agreements, it would seem," asserted Mr. Fenderson. "The only action the Provincial Government might take is through the Federal authorities, who appear obligated to bring pressure to bear so the ideals of the Conference may be fulfilled."

Lollar and Pound

With regard to foreign countries in general, tying up the Canadian dollar with the British pound sterling on a level near parity would help the Canadian lumberman, Mr. Fenderson said.

"But so far as I can ascertain, as long as Russia guarantees to reimburse the British buyer for any competitive price lower than the Soviet quotation, no amount of exchange adjustment can aid us—Russia's economic system is such that she can afford to cut her prices. She can take a heavy loss on one hand and make a big gain on the other in some different commodity, and still balance her status," he said.

Agrees With View

He agreed with a statement made

LABOR MEN MAY GO BACK ON DE VALERA

Irish Free State President Threatened With Loss of Majority in The Dail.

Dublin, Irish Free State, Dec. 30—breach between President Eamonn de Valera and the Labor group, on whom he depends for his majority in The Dail Eireann, threatened tonight.

During the day Mr. de Valera informed William Norton, Labor leader, that he could hold out no hope of modification of the Government's program of bonus reductions in civil servants' pay, pointing out that the cost of living index figure had fallen by 10 points in the last six months.

All civil servants, particularly the lower grades, were profoundly disappointed and Labor Party leaders are accusing the Government of breach of faith.

Mr. Norton, who is secretary of the Post Office Workers' Union, proposes calling a meeting of the Union in Dublin tomorrow.

JUDGE BYRNE'S ILLNESS

Bathurst, Dec. 30—Mr. Justice Byrne is resting as comfortable as can be expected following his recent operation for acute appendicitis. Good reports continue to come from his bedside at the James H. Dunn Memorial Hospital here.

By S. F. Rutherford, president of the Montreal Lumber Association, in that if costs of production could be reduced, the British market was there and waiting for Canadian enterprise, but in the Russian move there still remained the reimbursement clause that proved "a fly in the ointment."

"Just as this Soviet action nullifies the benefit of a dollar and pound tie-up or a reduction in our production costs, unless it is quashed, it makes the significance of our 10 per cent. preference, practically, it cannot overcome such practices."

A NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

Says That the People of the Province Show Courage in the Face of Adversity.

Rothsay, N. B., Dec. 31—His Honour Lieut.-Gov. McLean has issued the following New Year's message to the people of the province:

"As the years flow by, my admiration and respect for my fellow-citizens of New Brunswick grows deeper and stronger. The last two or three years have demonstrated that even under



LIEUT.-GOV. McLEAN

the most grave adversity they maintain the courage and bravery which were the bulwarks upon which their forefathers built this community.

"We are passing through a period of economic uncertainty which is world-wide in its scope, and which is serious enough to try the mettle of even the most stout-hearted—in fact many elsewhere have succumbed to despair and disappointment. But I am proud to know that the people of this province have so far weathered the storm with patience and a staunch faith that will carry them safely through to the harbor of better times.

"I am glad to note that the indications for the near future contain many elements which give a more optimistic outlook to the situation. So, in wishing the people of New Brunswick a Happy and Prosperous New Year, I do so in the firm belief that the coming twelve months will witness a re-awakening of activity all over the province which will dim the unpleasant memory of the last two years.

"On the threshold of 1933, I suggest that we pause a while and cast our minds back to those days, one hundred and fifty years ago, when many of our ancestors, clinging firmly to their British traditions, forfeited their homes, their citizenship, in fact all that was dear on this earth to them rather than bow in allegiance to an alien flag. In the new year we will celebrate the sesqui-centennial of the Landing of the Loyalists in New Brunswick. Let us take the remembrance of their courage and will-to-do as an added incentive for us to remain staunch through these trying days, firm in our faith in the future, and ready to do all in our power to help our province

EUROPE SEES BRIGHTER DAYS FOR NEW YEAR

The Belief Universally Expressed That Crisis Is Passed

REJOICING SUBDUED
Minds of Europeans Are Centred on Political Issues

(By Richard D. McMillan, United Press Staff Correspondent)

(Special to the DAILY MAIL by the British United Press)

Paris, France, Dec. 31—With ten million homes menaced by the specter of hunger and want, the 25 principal nations of Europe welcomed the New Year with subdued rejoicing, but buoyed up by the hope that the crisis of the past three years will pass in the next twelve months.

At no time in the past hundred years has the Old World known such widespread starvation, yet it is equally true to say that the end of the year 1932 arrived on a wave of optimism inspired by the belief that the turning point had been reached.

The 400,000,000 people living on this side of the Atlantic face 1933 with their minds concentrated more on political than economic issues, holding that developments in the fields of political relations will prove to be the decisive factor to the solution of the economic deadlock. The prevailing belief is that 1932 has shown that economic measures especially the introduction of tariff barriers have produced results contrary to those anticipated.

Crisis in Many Countries

Instead of alleviating the crisis in the various countries of Europe, tariffs have aggravated the situation notably in France. The consequence is that the people look to an all-round easing of the political outlook.

The eyes of Europe therefore naturally turn to the United States to discover what will be the attitude of Washington and in particular the Roosevelt government in relation to debts. With a millstone of nearly \$11,000,000,000 in debt to America hanging round their necks, the nations here feel that they cannot expect resumption of normal trade prosperity until an all-round settlement is reached on the World War indebtedness.

The year 1932 brought with it the whisper of war across the continent. France and Italy's failure to agree on limitation of their navies fanned national hatreds between the two nations. Apparent failure of the disarmament conference at the beginning of the year evoked tremors of fear and eagerness to re-arm amongst the nations. Then final stroke in the shattering of the comparative calm, came Germany's dramatic demand for the principle of equality of armaments, which was a prelude to her withdrawal from the Disarmament Conference.

Satisfaction of Germany's demand is expected to be forthcoming within the next few months, largely due to pressure now being exercised by the British government on France.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Sissam, of Ottawa, are spending the Christmas holidays the guests of Mrs. Sissam's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Stewart Neill.

reap the fruits of returning prosperity.

"May 1933 be the brightest year in all New Brunswick's history."

HUGH H. McLEAN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Gov. Roosevelt Submits Report On Walker Case

Reasserts the Right of the Governor to Remove Public Officials Without Court Direction or Interference—Has Established a Precedent For Governors.

(Special to The Daily Mail by the British United Press)

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 31—President-elect Roosevelt made a 42-page report today on the James J. Walker removal hearing, in which he reasserted the right of the Governor to remove public officials without court direction or interference.

The lengthy review of the sensational hearing resulting in resignation of Mr. Walker as mayor of New York, was considering establishing a precedent for future gubernatorial conduct. It also constituted the Governor's reply to certain arguments advanced during the Walker hearing by Supreme Court Justice Ellis J. Staley's bulletin.

"WATCH NIGHT" SERVICES ARE NO LONGER HELD

"Watch night" services, which in former years was a significant part of the celebration of the new year by the church, seems now to have become out of use. Tonight is New Year's Eve but no "watch night" services are to be held in any of the churches. Only a few years back the Methodist church and others observed the night with the ringing of the church bells and special appropriate service and many attended.

The custom originated, according to the records with the religious movement engendered by John Wesley; it therefore became part of the ceremonial of the Methodist Church. Earlier these watches were held quarterly and finally they became associated with the coming in of the new year. Soon other churches adopted the practice. Only in very recent years has this ceremony been made obsolete.

In other places the custom still flourishes. In the mixed population of the island of Bermuda, the "black" and "whites" still embrace this ceremony. Hugh number gather in the churches and at 12 o'clock bells are pealed and the residents mingle in the streets, in sort of procession or parade. Even in parts of North America "Watch Night" is still a remnant, carried over from a onetime prominent part of the church ceremony.

BELL TOWER IS SHAKY FROM WAR SHOCK

Malines, Belgium, Dec. 31—The tower of Malines Cathedral, where Cardinal Mercier's body is entombed, is in danger of collapse.

An inspection showed that urgent repairs are needed.

The famous tower, visible on a clear day from Brussels, 14 miles away, suffered from German bombardment early in the world war and never was adequately restored.

It houses a famous carillon of which the maestro is Jef Denyn, who trained a number of players for American chime.

CLIFTON HOUSE, NIAGARA FALLS, WAS GUTTED

Famous Hostelry on the Canadian Side of Border Was Popular With Honeymooners.

(Special to the DAILY MAIL by the British United Press)

Niagara Falls, Ont., Dec. 31—The Clifton House, historic hostelry for honeymooning couples was burning with the flames out of control here today. Damage a mid-morning, when part of the central portion was completely burned was estimated at \$1,000,000. This celebrated hotel was operated by the United Hotels Company. It occupied a splendid sight near the Canadian end of the Suspension bridge and from the piazza a splendid view of both the American and Horseshoe Falls could be obtained. The hotel did a profitable business during the boom days.

THE PREMIER AT MEETING OF THE CABINET

Ottawa, Dec. 30—Cabinet Council this evening concluded its second last meeting for 1932. It was a three-hour sitting; but there was no announcement to be made at the close of the session.

With Prime Minister R. B. Bennett presiding at the first meeting since his return from London, there was discussion on the Imperial Conference trade agreements. Mr. Bennett, it is understood, discussed with his colleagues his conferences with the British Government on the working in detail of the Empire pacts.

Cabinet Council will meet again tomorrow, probably with discussion given in some degree to Empire trade.

THE EXODUS STOPPED

Washington, Dec. 31—Under restricted regulations only four hundred people were admitted to the United States from Canada during the month of November, as against four thousand during November of 1931.