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## UNIONIST CAUCUS WILL BE HELD IN NEAR FUTURE FOR SELECTION OF NEW LEADER

### SIR R. L. BORDEN WILL RESIGN IN JANUARY

The Ottawa Journal Announces the Premier's Early Retirement from Political Life—Decision was Made Known to His Cabinet Colleagues Last Week—The Premier Not in a Condition to Continue His Arduous Duties.

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—The Ottawa Journal says this morning:

"Sir Robert Borden is retiring from Canadian public life. His resignation from the Premiership will be officially announced immediately after the New Year and a caucus of the unionist parliamentary party summoned in Ottawa to select his successor.

"The Premier's decision to retire, which was made known to his cabinet colleagues last week, is due to his impaired health. Combat with the stress and storms of four years of war leadership has left its mark upon Sir Robert. When he returned from the peace conference his condition was such as to necessitate a rest, but it was once thought that a month or two in the south would completely restore his old time vigor. This expectation, unfortunately has not been fulfilled.

"Faced with many and difficult problems the Premier found on his return that his strength was hardly equal to his task. Last week, while in Montreal, he consulted the best available medical advice and his decision to retire has been taken as a direct result.

"It may be well to make it clear that Sir Robert's condition is in no way critical, nor even serious. It is simply that he is not in a position to continue the heavy duties and responsibilities of office without incurring grave danger, and consequently has decided to relinquish his post in favor of a younger and more vigorous man.

"Sir Robert's resignation, as already mentioned, is not to take place at once. He will carry on until the beginning of the New Year. Meanwhile, however, a call is being issued for a caucus of the unionist parliament party in Ottawa to select a new leader.

Moncton Transcript: Mr. P. Gallagher, left this afternoon for Fredericton where he will spend a few weeks with his daughter Mr. Dr. R. H. McGrath.

## SOME ANXIETY FELT FOR THE SAFETY OF A FRENCH AVIATOR

Paris, Dec. 15.—Some anxiety was felt here as to the safety of Lieutenant Etienne Poulet, the French military aviator, who left Paris October 14 in an attempt to fly to Australia. The last report concerning Poulet was his departure from Rangoon, December 4 for Bangkok, the same day that Captain Ross Smith, the British flyer who was the first aviator to reach Australia, left Rangoon.

It is believed here that Poulet, aware that Smith reached Australia, is not hurrying, but is making thorough repairs to his craft.

## TWO BROTHERS CONVICTED OF MANSLAUGHTER AT SHERBROOKE

Sherbrooke, Que., Dec. 15.—Guilty of manslaughter, with a strong recommendation to the clemency of the court, was the verdict rendered by the petit jury in the Court of King's Bench against Emile Labrie, originally charged with murder in connection with the killing of Charles E. Chase, in Stoke, on the 6th of February last. Joseph Labrie, brother of the accused, had previously been convicted of manslaughter for the same crime, the two brothers having gone out together on the night of the tragedy, Chase being found dead the next day with a bullet wound through his side.

## PREMIER NITTI AND D'ANNUNZIO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WHICH WILL SOLVE THE FIUME SITUATION

Announcement is Made by the Head of the Post's Press Bureau

—Formal Transfer of the City is Planned for the Earliest

Possible Moment—Italy Will Have Sovereignty Over Fiume and Treaty of London will be Carried Out.

Rome, Dec. 15.—The newspapers today announce that Gabriele D'Annunzio, accompanied by General Badoglio, chief of staff to General Diaz, probably will come to Rome Tuesday and confer with Premier Nitti who will be able the same day to make precise declaration in the chamber of deputies with regard to Fiume.

An agreement between D'Annunzio and the government solving the Fiume situation has been signed by Premier Nitti and D'Annunzio, according to Petrazzi, head of the post's press bureau.

### ITALY TO HAVE COMPLETE SOVEREIGNTY AND PROVISIONS OF TREATY WILL BE CARRIED OUT

The formal transfer of the city is planned for the earliest moment possible, probably Tuesday or Wednesday. France, Great Britain and Italy, according to Pedrazzi agreed to the annexation of Fiume.

Italy is to have complete sovereignty over Fiume and all the provisions of the treaty of London are to be carried out under the terms of a compact signed by Premier Nitti and D'Annunzio, according to a statement made by D'Annunzio, press representative. D'Annunzio is declared to consider that all of his ambitions which resulted in the seizure of Fiume have been attained and that the agreement signed with Premier Nitti fully guarantees their realization.

General Cavaglia is reported already to have arrived in Trieste on his way to Fiume to take over the city on behalf of the Italian Government.

## PAPER COMPANIES MUST COMPLY WITH MR. PRINGLE'S REGULATIONS

An Order-in-Council Passed Giving Minister of Customs Power to Prohibit Export by Any Company Which Disregards Price Fixing and Distribution Orders.

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—An order in council has been passed by the government giving power to the controller of newsprint, Mr. R. H. Pringle, to prohibit the export of paper by any company, which refuses to comply with his regulations.

The order is the result of the intimation by a number of the paper companies that they would decline to be guided by the newsprint controller's price-fixing and distribution orders.

A number of large Canadian daily newspapers would probably have had to cease publication if the paper controller had not been given this power.

### CAN STOP EXPORTATION.

The Canadian Pulp and Paper Association headquarters in Montreal was notified on Saturday that the government at Ottawa is issuing a new order in council empowering the Minister of Customs to stop the exportation of newsprint paper from any manufacturer in Canada who fails to comply with any order issued by the paper controller. This is the second time that an embargo on the export of newsprint has been invoked to enforce the rulings of the controller.

The new order arises out of attempts by the paper controller to compel the manufacturers to continue supplying Canadian newspaper publishers with paper at a price considerably below that obtainable for the same paper sold for export, and the notification served upon the controller by certain of the manufacturers, that they will cease on the first of January next to supply paper in Canada on any such conditions.

## MONCTON LADY SUCCUMBS TO HEER INJURIES

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 15.—On Thursday last Mrs. Mary Chisholm, sister and housekeeper of the Rev. Father Savage, pastor of St. Bernard's church, accidentally caught her clothing afire. She was seriously burned and died on Sunday afternoon from pneumonia induced by the accident. She was 67 years of age and is survived by one son, Edward, who was gassed overseas and is now in the sanatorium at River Glade.

Mr. L. F. Jackson of Toronto is in the city.

Moncton Transcript: Mrs. H. G. Hobben and the Misses Babbitt, of Fredericton, are visiting their sister, Mrs. W. K. C. Parles, Bonaccord street.

## PRIVATE CAR ACADIA HAD CLOSE CALL

Truro, N. S., Dec. 14.—The rear trucks of the private car Acadia bearing members of the railway commission attached to the first section of No. 200 train (Ocean Limited) left the track at Grand Lake about eleven thirty last night. The running gear was badly damaged. The Acadia was cut clear of the train blocking the main line and the train completed its run. The auxiliary crew was called out from Halifax to repair the damage and clear the line. There was no one hurt.

Kentville, N. S., Dec. 14.—Hon. T. A. Crerar, formerly Minister of Agriculture, in the union government, launches campaign for a dominion wide contest by the farmers for the control of the next federal parliament.

## ADMIRAL JELlicoe PAYS HIGH TRIBUTE TO WORK OF THE MERCHANT MARINE IN WAR

### FORMER M. P. FOR KENT HAS PASSED AWAY

Hon. O. J. LeBlanc Succumbs to an Attack of Pneumonia at St. Marys, Kent County.

Moncton, Dec. 15.—The Hon. O. J. LeBlanc, ex-M. P., and a well known French-Canadian, died from pneumonia at his residence at St. Marys, Kent county, on Sunday morning. He was a man of most remarkable physical strength for his age. He was born on Nov. 27th, 1830, at Memramcook, in Westmorland county, was twice married and is survived by three daughters, Mrs. R. S. Leger, of Moncton; Mrs. Martin Nowlan, of St. Marys, and Sister Marie of the Sisters of Charity at Memramcook. He was a Member of the N. B. House of Assembly for ten years, of the Provincial Government for two years without portfolio, and also a member for two years of the now abolished Legislative County. He represented Kent County in the House of Commons from 1900 and was a member about seventeen years, retiring at the last general election.

### Death at Marysville

Miss Matilda Donald died Sunday at the home of her niece Mrs. Samuel Arnold, Marysville, at the advanced age of eighty-eight years. The deceased is survived by two brothers Alexander and William both of Penniac, four nieces Mrs. John Boyce and Mrs. Samuel Arnold of Marysville, Miss Margaret Donald of Penniac and Mrs. John Sanson of Stanley also one nephew William Donald of Stanley. The funeral will take place Tuesday at 1 p. m. by Rev. J. J. Pinkerton, Interment will be made in the Methodist Cemetery, Penniac.

### Had a Good Year

The annual meeting of the New Brunswick Guides Association, usually held before Christmas has been postponed until April. Since the close of the hunting season the guides have been busily engaged in trapping fur and they expect the job to last some weeks yet. Most of the guides had a very busy hunting season and as the non resident sportsmen all came from the United States, the generous premium allowed on American money proved to be quite a windfall for the guides.

## EX-KAISER MAY TESTIFY BEFORE HUN PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE

Berlin, Dec. 14.—Former Emperor William may be included in the list of witnesses who are to be cross-examined by sub-committee of the parliamentary committee inquiring into responsibility for the war, in connection with its work in establishing the attitude and procedure of the Imperial Government toward the Bosnian Government at Sarajevo prior to the outbreak of the war. The committee has concluded, however, to defer action in this regard until replies have been received to a sheet of questions sent out to leading diplomatists and army leaders. The committee will meet again in January to decide upon the question of having the former Emperor cross-examined through the medium of Holland.

## C. P. R. TELEGRAPH OPERATORS IN TORONTO THREATEN TO STRIKE

Toronto, Dec. 15.—If the reply of General Manager McMillan of the C. P. R. Telegraph Company to the demands of its operators that employees in the head office in Toronto, now working on the bonus system be paid straight wages, is not satisfactory, the operators will serve notice on the company of "immediate action," according to G. F. Pawson, chairman for the province. The reply is expected by Wednesday and is delayed because of business which took Mr. McMillan to Halifax. This was the decision of operators of the company who met here today.

### ATTENDED LUNCHEON ON S. S. CARMANIA

Repairs to Cunarder Damaged in Collision Off Cape Race will Cost \$2,200—Steamer Getting Ready to Return to England on Wednesday—American Steamer in Distress is Drifting Towards the Azores Islands.

Halifax, Dec. 15.—Viscount Jellicoe paid a high tribute to the work of the British merchant marine throughout the war at a gathering on board the Cunard liner Carmania Saturday afternoon. The occasion was the visit of Lord Jellicoe to the Carmania to inspect the Nelson plate which had been presented to the Carmania in recognition of her memorable achievement in sinking the German auxiliary cruiser Cap Trafalgar off the Island of Trinidad in the early months of the war.

Temporary repairs costing \$2,200 are being made to the Carmania while she is being coaled in the stream. The Halifax Shipyards have the contract for the job, and it is proposed to patch up the dented plates to keep out the water until the ship returns to England. The work has been started, and it is hoped it will be finished and the bunkering completed to enable the steamer to sail Wednesday night.

The United States Shipping Board steamer Davidson County, previously reported in distress, is drifting towards the Azores, according to wireless messages received this morning by the Shipping Board officials here.

The steamer is using tarpaulins for sails. The American steamer West Tugus attempted to tow the Davidson County, but had to abandon the effort, not having suitable towing apparatus.

### Death Last Night

Mrs. Catherine Pettiford passed away last night at the home of her daughter Mrs. J. W. Mitchell, 323 Woodstock Road, after an illness of some months. The deceased was the widow of Charles Pettiford and formerly resided in Guelph, Ont. The funeral will take place at 2.30 Tuesday, Rev. Dean Neales conducting service at the house. Interment will be made in the Rural Cemetery.