

## CAUCUS AT BEGINNING OF THE SESSION WILL DECIDE THE FATE OF UNION GOVERNMENT

**A Movement Now on Foot at the Capital to Continue the Unionist Party Permanently—Some Difficulty is Foreseen in Regard to Fiscal Questions—Will Resist the Farmers' Movement at the Approaching Session.**

Ottawa, Jan. 26.—The Unionist party at the present time is without any particular agreement as to its permanency and without any very definite policy apart from the completion of certain works and proposals outlined in the platform of 1917.

When Parliament assembles next month there will be prompt endeavors to fill these voids. The caucus will not long be delayed at which the whole question will be considered. The primary part of it is to decide whether the union, effected in the stress of the war should continue. There has been a pronouncement as to the desirability of this policy till the end of the present terms of Parliament but not longer. The hopes of those behind the movement is to continue the party as a permanency and build up an organization essential to it.

### Part of Policy.

The success of this plan will be considerably contingent upon the policy which is adopted particularly in reference to the fiscal question. Some difficulty is foreseen in this respect but it is claimed not to be insuperable. The western support of the Government in the Commons is pretty near unanimous but at the same time, the low tariff, or free trade movement has such a hold in that part of the country that it cannot well be ignored. Should the resultant situation necessitate an appeal to the country—as conceivably it may—they would rely on the moderate protectionist vote of the Liberal party in the east and British Columbia to offset any defection in the west.

There are numerous sign and indications of a determined intention to resist the farmers' movement in the coming session and to call promptly for a showdown as to where the Unionists stand on the vital fiscal policy.

### Twenty One Degrees Below

The thermometer at the Dominion meteorological observatory during last night registered a minimum temperature of twenty one degrees below zero and at nine o'clock this morning the official temperature was seventeen and a half degrees below zero.

## THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IS READY FOR INFLUENZA OUTBREAK

St. John, Jan. 26.—Hon Dr. Roberts, Minister of Health, last night gave out the following statement:

"Let it be said that, while influenza has made its appearance in epidemic form both at New York and Chicago, and in sporadic form in Toronto and Montreal, New Brunswick has, if any, some two or three cases of questionable identity. There is no doubt, however, in the minds of the health authorities of this province but that we will have a visit from this unwelcome guest. Preparations regarding organization have been going on now for months relative to coping with this disease. Each county has its volunteer corps of professional and other nurses, who are ready at any moment when called upon to act.

"In addition, in co-operation with the Red Cross Society, large quantities of supplies for the sick, which came back from overseas, not having been utilized, are in readiness for distribution. The Saint John's Ambulance Association, through one of its departments, will be ready with diet kitchens. This service, it is to be hoped, will be placed at the disposal of many of the communities in the province.

"The Women's Institutes stand ready with their 120 organizations, scattered so as to represent almost every section of the province, to volunteer service of any kind they are capable of dispensing. With the foregoing, together with other matters being considered, New Brunswick should be placed in a much better position to withstand the depreciative influences upon the personnel of our population.

"Articles will appear in the press from time to time regarding preventive and other measures to be observed by citizens."

## COMMENT OF BRITISH PRESS ON DUTCH REPLY

London, Jan. 25.—Following are extracts from the comment of some of the leading papers on Holland's reply to the Allied demand for the surrender of the German Emperor.

Manchester Guardian: The Allies feel on second thoughts that to be prosecutor, judge, jury and hangman all at once in one's own quarrel is not a moral advantage. When he fled from the western front in 1918 the Kaiser threw away his last big thing in life. Every distinguished exit is now closed unless we should be so unlucky as to patch him up again as a sort of hero for the German monarchists by giving him the dignities of a historic court scene and death with all the world looking on.

Evening Standard: The Allies cannot consent to abandon the trial merely because Holland makes the objection that hitherto no written international code has actually denounced the acts the Kaiser committed.

Westminster Gazette: "Sober minded Englishmen must admit that this is precisely the attitude this country would take if it were asked to surrender a fugitive under similar circumstances for nowhere has the right of asylum been more upheld than in Great Britain.

## THE INFLUENZA GERM HAS BEEN DISCOVERED

New York, Jan. 24.—Dr. Earle Carr in charge of the main laboratory at the Great Lakes Naval training station has announced today that he has isolated the influenza germ. He says: "It is the real influenza Bacillus discovered by Pfeiffer in England. The bacillus is very small about one fourth the size of the tuberculosis bacillus. It is non motile and grows in clumps.

## GREAT BRITAIN IS NOT IN NEED OF ANY FINANCIAL HELP FROM THE UNITED STATES

**Prominent Boston Banker Declares That Talk of Poverty in Old Country is All Nonsense—France is Not in Need of Funds Either—Better Arrangements For International Exchange Needed.**

Boston, Jan. 26.—France and England are perfectly able to take care of themselves. They don't need the help of the United States; they are not bankrupt.

France is seventy-five per cent. an agricultural country—its people, as a nation make their living from the land. And the French farmer was never so well off as he is today. He has sold his crops and his cattle and he has money. He has a good market for what he produces now and will continue to have.

France has lost men, of course, but one result is going to be that the young man will have an opportunity in France, such as he has never had before. Factory owners have suffered the loss of some buildings. But that does not affect them as it once would have.

We think nothing of tearing down a building that is only ten years old because it's outgrown and putting a new one up on the same spot. And the French see the loss of their factory buildings differently from when they once would have, because they have a tremendous respect for the American way of doing things nowadays. Some of their buildings were hundreds of years old. Except for the way it was done, razing them will be a good thing for French industry.

### ALL NONSENSE.

England, too, is perfectly able to take care of herself. This talk about her being poverty-stricken is all nonsense. She is not an agricultural country, like France, and being industrial it takes a little longer for readjustment. War industries have to be converted back to peace production. But everybody is busy they never were as busy before. Englishmen are making money and are reducing; their Empire is no more bankrupt than the French Republic is.

No people in the history of the world ever had the opportunity for commercial advance that the United States has today. We are in the same relative position that England was in after our Civil War. We are the creditor nation of all civilization, and apart from that everybody wants to trade with us.

## PUTS PEP INTO HENS

Columbus, Ind., Jan. 26.—Every poultry expert knows that exercising hens increases egg production. But they also know hens get lazy and can not be driven to exercise. Frank Hagbig of this city has discovered a new system for putting pep into his hens and his daily production of eggs as a result has been increased greatly. Hagbig has installed a phonograph in his hen yards with a large supply of jazz records which feed into the machine automatically. Jazz music, says Hagbig, makes the hens trot around the hen yard.

## FLOUR CHEAPER ACROSS LINE

New York, Jan. 23.—The United States Grain Corporation calls attention to the price of \$10.65 for its standard pure wheat flour as compared to a range of \$15.15 to \$15.50 for well-known brands of so-called baker's patents; also its price of \$10.80 in 24½-pound bags, as compared with well known brands of family flour ranging in price from \$14.75 to \$15 in 24½-pound bags.

### Groceries Advance in Price

It is reported that a large number of proprietary articles in the grocery trade have advanced within the past few days. This is in accordance with the general upward tendency of food-stuffs.

Wilson Hall of Halifax is a guest at the Barker House.

## INFLUENZA IN NEW YORK

New York, Jan. 26.—A thousand, three hundred and thirty-two new cases of influenza developed in the twenty-four hours ending at 10 o'clock yesterday morning as against 671 cases reported in the preceding twenty-four hours; and 406 pneumonia cases as against 190 of the preceding twenty-four hours. The deaths from influenza in the given period were 23 which is eight more than the day before; deaths from pneumonia were seventy-nine which is twenty-four more than the day before.

### Weekly Roll Off

There are thirty-nine qualified for the weekly roll-off at the Palace Alleys tonight. Rock Paynter with a score of 127 is the highest. Tracy with 126 comes second followed by J. E. Giles with 125.

### Motor Truck Busy

The motor-truck of the fire department was rather busy over the weekend and this morning. Sunday morning a burning chimney at the home of Mrs. E. Staples, corner of Brunswick and Northumberland streets gave the firemen a run. At 9.30 there was a call for a burning chimney at the home of Ald. D. W. Burpee. Today the truck was called three times, first for a burning chimney at the residence of Arthur Dutton, Allen Street, at 10.15 for a burning chimney at the home of Mrs. Wm. Crockett, George street and at 1 p. m. for an over-heated pipe at the Brunswick Street Baptist parsonage.

J. W. Manzer of Campbellton is a guest at the Barker House.

## BRITISH NAVY MAY SOON HAVE A NEW ARMOR-PIERCING SHELL

(Special to the Mail.)

London, Jan. 26.—The British Navy may soon be given a new "unsurpassed" weapon in a large calibre shell, which will pierce the heaviest armor without shattering, said Sir Robert Radfield, chairman and managing director of Hadfield Ltd. the steel manufacturers, recently. He indicated that possession of such a shell during the great war would have been of inestimable value to the British fleet.

## AMALGAMATION OF R. N. W. M. P. AND THE DOMINION POLICE TO BECOME EFFECTIVE FEB. 1ST

**Will be Known as the Royal Canadian Mounted Police—Squadron to be Located at Halifax—Duties Will Include Rounding Up of Makers of Moonshine Whiskey—Many Illicit Stills Seized Last Year.**

(Special to the Mail.)

Ottawa, Jan. 26.—On February first the amalgamation of the Dominion and Royal North West Mounted Police under the new name of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police will become effective. In the meantime the details for the amalgamation and for the newly organized force are being worked out by Commander Perry in conjunction with Hon. N. W. Rowell and Comptroller McLean. It is anticipated that there will be a squadron of mounted men located at Toronto, at Montreal, at Ottawa and at Halifax.

### Duties of New Force.

These men will not usurp the functions of the existing Dominion Police but will be utilized for the enforcement of Federal laws throughout the districts adjacent to their headquarters. They will, for instance, assist the inland revenue authorities in apprehending offenders against the inland revenue laws.

Not the least of the functions of the mounted men will be the location of illicit stills, which have been increasing to an extraordinary degree since prohibition became effective. During the first nine months of the present fiscal year, no less than 600 illicit stills were seized by the inland revenue authorities.

## CAN OPEN LETTERS UNDER THE NEW LAW

Jersey City, N. J., Jan. 26.—Gov. E. I. Edwards, of New Jersey was today at his office and said that his conference with the attorney general would be held in his office in Jersey City tomorrow instead of at Trenton. "The people do not seem to know the scope of the prohibition legislation," said the Governor; "that it gives Federal agents power to open a man's letters to his wife and infringes on personal liberty in other ways outside of the liquor question."

### FREDERICTON RINKS WON

Total Saturday Night Was Fredericton 38, Marysville 34.

Saturday night three rinks of Marysville and Fredericton curlers played at the Fredericton curling rink. The city rinks defeated Marysville by a margin of 4 points, Fredericton 38 and Marysville 34. Scores by skips were: Marysville Joseph Dolphin 12 W. T. Chestnut 10 G. Ward 12 Dr. A. S. Dakin 12 C MacLean 10 J. R. Walker 16

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### Saturday Afternoon Series

There were two games in the afternoon series.

Dr. H. V. B. Bridges defeated W. Limerick 16 to 9 and J. E. Page defeated G. A. Taylor 15 to 13.

### Organ Recital

The fourth recital in the series being given this winter by W. J. Smith, A.R.C.O. organist at Christchurch Cathedral took place Sunday afternoon. There was a large attendance and the music was greatly appreciated. The program was as follows: In Springtime, Alfred Hollins; Piece Heroique, C. Franck; To a Wandering Iceberg, Edward McDowell; In Nomine Domino; Hymn Abide With Me, Miss V. Belts; Dr. Dakin and Cathedral Choir; Meditation, Hugh Blair; The Magic Harp, J. A. Meale; And the Glory of the Lord, Handel.

### The Chatham Diocese

The vacancy in the Bishopric of Chatham, caused by the death of Bishop Barry, will no doubt be filled in the usual manner. The bishops of the ecclesiastical province of Halifax, Archbishop McCarthy, Halifax, Bishop LeBlanc, St. John, Bishop Morrison, Antigonish and Bishop O'Leary, Charlottetown, will meet in conference and select three names which will be sent to Rome. Generally the first name on the list receives the appointment from the Holy See.

## BIG HOTEL BURNED AT DETROIT, MICH.

(Special to the Mail.)

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 26.—One hundred guests were driven from the Hoffman hotel by fire which destroyed the structure early today. Two women were taken to a hospital suffering from slight burns and exposure.

The property loss was estimated at \$200,000. The body of an unidentified man was discovered in the ruins.

## BIG REWARD IS OFFERED

(Special to the Mail.)

Halifax, Jan. 26.—The United States Shipping Board reported last night that a reward of \$150,000 would be given to any vessel bringing in the Powhattan.

Frank J. Bowlen who has been spending a few days with his parents at North Devon returned to Trenton N. S. this morning.

## FREDERICTON MAN TO SPEAK AT QUEBEC FORESTRY CONVENTION

Montreal, Jan. 26.—A two days' forestry conference opening at the Windsor Hotel, Wednesday, Jan. 28, followed by the annual meetings of the technical and woodlands sections of the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association, the annual meeting of the parent body and quarterly meeting of the Newsprint Service Bureau, will next week make Montreal the gathering place for forestry, pulp and paper interests from various parts of Canada and the United States, and provide a programme of exceptional interest to those concerned.

The Quebec Forest Protective Association will open its sessions at the Windsor Hotel at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, with discussions on "Railway Fire Protection," "Slash Disposal" and other co-related subjects, the speakers including G. C. Piche, chief forester of Quebec; E. J. Zavitz, chief forester of Ontario; G. H. Prince, chief forester of New Brunswick, and others.