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Strong winds or moderate gales from north and north-west, partly cloudy and cold today and Wednesday, snow flurries.

BRITAIN TO CONTINUE IN MOSUL

JAPAN MUST KEEP DOWN BIRTH RATE

Declared Count Soyejima in an Interview in Tokio Today.

IMMEDIATE NECESSITY

Forced by Necessity to Exercise Birth Control.

By MILES W. VAUGHAN (United Press Staff Correspondent.) Tokio, Dec. 15—Japan must choose birth control or war within a decade, Count Michimasa Soyejima, Japanese liberal and publicist, told the United Press in an exclusive interview here today.

War, the count believed was unthinkable; but he held that birth-control was an immediate necessity. The count pointed out that with a heavy birth increase last year of 740,000 the islands would soon be swarming with a population which Japan's resources would neither feed nor clothe.

Emigration Impossible: "All doors are closed to us for emigration" said the count, who is the son of a former Foreign Minister and once sat in parliament, "and our people do not like to leave the homeland even if they could emigrate. Our possessions can care for only a drop of the population increase.

War Unthinkable. "War is unthinkable. We do not want that. Any talk of conflict with the United States because of her action in barring our immigrants is sheer nonsense. To talk of such a war is like talking of a battle between a tiger and a shark. We would never be insane enough to attack America. We would be beaten and we know it. And we are sure that America will never attack us. The broad reaches of the Pacific are guarantee enough. Hence with emigration barred, war unthinkable, and our population growing so fast we already have difficulty in feeding it we must consider birth control immediately. We are forced to it."

3500 CONSTABLES IN ULSTER STRIKE WHEN DISBANDED

(Special to the Daily Mail by British United Press) Belfast, Dec. 15—In protest against their disbandment under the Ulster Free State boundary pact, 3500 special constables today went on strike throughout Ulster.

Five Belfast barracks were seized and their officers imprisoned, while at Londonderry and Bally Castle ammunition depots were captured. An ultimatum was sent to Premier Craig, demanding a bonus in view of their dismissal.

BATTLING SIKI SHOT DEAD IN N.Y. THIS MORNING

(Special to the Daily Mail by British United Press) New York, Dec. 15—Batting Siki, Senegalese heavy-weight prize fighter, was shot to death by an unknown assassin on Ninth Ave., early this morning, three blocks from Times Square, where his pugilistic exploits, in and out of the ring, were Rialto gospel. His body was found by a policeman whom he had told four hours before: "Good night, I'm going home now." A revolver was found nearby.

ASSERTS BELIEF IN IMMORTALITY IS DETRIMENTAL

Dr. Slatten Thinks Society Would Benefit by Rejecting It.

DEGRADES HUMANITY

Has Made Man the Victim of Religious Charlatans.

New York, Dec. 15—Human belief in immortality has been an outstanding detriment to the race, Dr. A. Wakefield Slatten asserted today in a sermon at the West Side Unitarian Church. Arguments in support of the belief are unconvincing he declared, and its general rejection would improve social conditions.

"The belief in immortality," Dr. Slatten said, "has been one of the most terrible curses that has ever befallen our bewildered, our credulous and exploited race. It has laid us under the power of religious charlatans and demagogues. It has degraded humanity into subservient syncophants to an order of fakirs.

"Fear and love are the two universal emotions that religion has exploited, and in no respect with such enormous success as in the field of the supposed future life. The belief in immortality has sent multitudes into the increasing army of the insane."

Dr. Slatten defined immortality as meaning "When John Doe dies, he continues to exist as a personality or apart from his former body resurrected or apart from his former body, knowing himself to be Joe Doe, and being so known by his disembodied friends."

GREEK GOVERNMENT NOW DECLINES TO PAY FINE IMPOSED.

(Special to The Daily Mail by United Press.) Athens, Dec. 15—The Greek government countermanding its previous orders to Foreign Minister Rentis to accept the League Council's decision against Greece in the Greeco-Bulgarian frontier incident ordered him today to notify the council that Greece does not agree to pay the fines imposed and asks a reduction of indemnities or an extension of time, for payment.

FRENCH FORCES PREPARE FOR PUSH IN SYRIA

(Special cable to The Daily Mail by the British United Press.) Beirut, Dec. 15—French forces are organizing an offensive in the Damascus district and to the north-east, designed to put down the menace of the rebellious Druse tribesmen. The important Arab Moawia tribe was surrendered to the French, who have impeded a fine of 5,000 gold pounds and 1500 rifles.

Going South. Saint John Globe: Rev. J. J. Ryan, pastor of the Church of the Assumption, West Saint John, announced on Sunday, that, owing to his condition of health, he would be compelled to go south during the severe weather here. (Rev. Father Ryan was a former pastor of St. Anthony's Church at Devon.)

Decision Favoring Britain in Mosul is Reached by League

Mandate Over Iraq Must, However, be Renewed For 23 Years—Turks to be Granted Commercial Privileges—Award is Provisional Pending Acceptance of Mandate by Britain—Approval of Parliament Essential.

(By Henry Woods, British United Press Staff Correspondent)

GENEVA, December 15—A decision favorable to Britain was handed down by the League of Nations Council today in the Mosul dispute between Turkey and Britain.

The Council decided to award Mosul, the valuable oil district to Iraq provided Britain renewed her mandate over Iraq for 23 years and undertake to negotiate a Turko-British economic treaty granting the Turks commercial privileges in Mosul.

The Council took its decision in one hour secret session confirming an agreement determined upon yesterday.

The decision is provisional pending receipt of a formal assurance from London accepting the mandate with all provisions governing mandated territory, inasmuch as the renewal of the mandate hitherto exercised by Britain necessitates parliamentary approval.

CHATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT MATTER REFERRED TO BOARD OF EDUCATION NEXT MONTH

Desire to Change Boundaries of Middle Island District Again Under Consideration—December Meeting of Provincial Government Opened Last Night—To Meet in Saint John on Wednesday as Provincial Hospital Commission.

Chatham school matters occupied much of the attention of the Provincial Government this morning in the second session of the December meeting which opened last night. This Chatham matter has been before previous governments. It finally was referred this morning to the January meeting of the Board of Education when both sides to the controversy will have an opportunity to be heard.

Middle Island. The matter concerns Middle Island School District which includes part of the Town of Chatham. It is desired to make a change in that district, Chatham desiring it. Middle Island opposes.

The Chatham delegation heard included E. W. Watling, J. K. Loggie, Frank M. Gallivan and Dr. G. J. Sproul, Northumberland members who are here are Akerley Holmes of Doaktown, J. L. O'Brien of Nelson and S. D. Heckbert of Chatham.

Board of Education. The Board of Education is to meet this evening the time being set at 4.30. A number of matters are to be considered.

No Lumbermen's Delegation. It had been expected that a delegation from the Lumbermen's Association would appear today in connection with matters discussed at the recent conference held at Saint John in regard to reduced compensation rates. Such a delegation did not appear this morning and no engagement was made by one with the President of Council, Hon. L. P. D. Tilley.

Hon. Mr. Smith Still Ill. Hon. Lewis Smith, Minister of Agriculture, is not attending the meeting being confined to his home by illness. The other members arrived last night and a session which lasted until after midnight was held. The Government will make an effort to complete business tonight and meet in Saint John on Wednesday as the Provincial Hospital Commissioners.

LEAGUE IS ASKED TO PUT AN END TO SPIRIT WRITING

New Yorker Declares it is the Cause of Many Evils.

CRIME AGAINST CIVILIZATION

Says Courts in U. S. are Controlled by Spirit Movement.

Geneva, Dec. 15—The League of Nations has been asked to do a lot of strange things by people all over the world, but it remained for a New York business man to request action on the most unusual of all.

Announcement is made by the League secretariat that it has received a letter from the New Yorker declaring his opinion that "brain enslavement, otherwise known as spirit writing or receiving messages from the dead, is a cause of many evils. He said he wanted the League to stop this system all over the world, making the specific charge that the American courts of "so-called justice" are controlled by the spirit movement.

The American people, the letter went on, "need help from the whole world to bring an end of something which is really the greatest crime against civilization."

K. B. PALMER CHOSEN RHODES SCHOLAR FOR N.B.

Son of Dr. J. M. Palmer of Sackville and Grandson of Late Joseph VanDine.

Kenneth B. Palmer, of Sackville son of Dr. J. M. Palmer, principal of Mount Allison Academy was chosen Rhodes scholar for New Brunswick yesterday afternoon. There were eight applications for the honor and the contest was very close, the committee finding it necessary to hold an adjourned meeting before a final decision was reached.

Mr. Palmer is a graduate in arts of Mount Allison University, taking his B. A. degree in 1923. He studied law for a year at Osgoode Hall, Toronto and is at present taking his second year in law at Dalhousie University. While at Mount Allison he had an exceptionally high academic record and occupied several important posts in the student body. During the junior and senior years he represented his college on its debating teams, the teams being successful on both occasions. He stood high in his year at Osgoode Hall. He is a keen tennis player and also played basketball while at college.

Of the eight applicants three were from the University of New Brunswick two of whom were graduates; three from Mount Allison two of whom were graduates, one St. Joseph graduate and one McGill graduate.

The committee consists of: Chief Justice Sir J. Douglas Hazen, H. O. McInerney, K. C., J. B. McNair, Fredericton, Professor Donald McGregor, Sackville and Dr. St. J. Freeze, Sussex chairman. The family of the latest Rhodes Scholar is well known in Fredericton as Dr. Palmer his father was on the staff of the city schools including the High School prior to his appointment at Sackville. His wife was Miss VanDine daughter of the late Ald. Joseph VanDine of Fredericton.

BRIAND MAY REFORM HIS MINISTRY

Deadlock Continues in French Cabinet Crisis.

LOUCHEUR MAY RETIRE

All Agree That Country Needs Services of Briand.

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

Paris, Dec. 15—The latest French cabinet crisis failed to offer a solution today. A meeting of the ministers called following yesterday's finance committee rebuff to Finance Minister Loucheur and its dislike of his proposals terminated with nothing accomplished to quiet the uncertainty or to check the falling franc. Before the session it is understood, Premier Briand declared an offer by Loucheur to retire at least temporarily if it would help Briand. However, though the Cabinet took no action towards either the retirement of Loucheur or of the entire group, it is generally held that the present impasse cannot continue. The cabinet ministers were in accord that the country needed Briand now, the skilled diplomat who had been premier eight times. Hence it is believed that if the cabinet finally does resign Briand will probably undertake to reform the regime, but without Loucheur.

ROMEO AND JULIET DRAMA IN REAL LIFE

Verona, Italy, Dec. 15—Romeo and Juliet have had their roles enacted in actual life. Giulietta Chibelli, a young girl who believed herself deserted by her fiancé, drowned herself in the River Ticino leaving 3,000 lire to the supposed faithless lover and 100 lire to the person who found her body. Her Romeo—real name Giovanni—then shot himself, explaining in a note that owing to family opposition he had thought it best to feign consent for awhile to his parents' wishes.

PRESIDENT OF COLLEGE LIKES PETTING HABIT

New York, Dec. 15—When the young man of today wishes to put his arm around a girl he asks her if she pets, Dr. Charles Alexander Richmond, president of Union College said last night in defending modern youth at a dinner of the Union Alumni Association in the Hotel Astor.

"I don't know but what 'his cold-blooded way of going about such matters is best," he continued. "It is my guess that it is"

Brightening Up. Painters have been at work for several days past giving the walls and ceilings of the offices and corridors of the departmental building a cleaning up and they seem to have made a first class job of it. The bright appearance of the walls, ceilings and floor of the main corridor has elicited much favorable comment and Caretaker DeLong has been the recipient of numerous compliments. William Golding of Saint John is the city.

CELESTIAL TEMPLE.

Pythian Sisters Elected Officers Last Night—Mrs. G. R. Lister Most Excellent Chief.

The election of officers of Celestial Temple, Pythian Sisters, was held last night, at a well attended meeting. The officers are as follows:— M. E. C., Mrs. G. R. Lister. E. Sr., Mrs. W. L. Jennings. E. Jr., Mrs. Harry Niles. Manager, Mrs. Wm. Nye. M. of R. and S., Mrs. D. Thompkins. M. of F., Mrs. A. F. Belding. Protector, Mrs. Charles Howie. O. G., Mrs. Arthur Biggs. P. C., Mrs. Gwendolyn Staples. Rep., Mrs. Charles Hashey and Mrs. G. Todd. Press Cor., Mrs. Jennings. Mr. E. R. Teed of Woodstock is a guest at the Queen. Mr. G. B. Jones, M. P., elect for Royal, is at the Queen today.