

VOTE LIKELY AT OTTAWA TODAY

ITALY SEEKS A FRIENDSHIP OF EQUALITY

A Strong Statement Attributed to Italian Newspaper.

A REPLY TO LLOYD GEORGE

Her Friendship to be on Basis of Equality.

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

Rome, Jan. 14.—Italy's imperialist spirit means according to the Messagero, that 40,000,000 Italians refused to be placed beneath the economic tutelage of other countries.

This reply was elicited to a statement of Lloyd George declaring that it was hard to say what the spirit meant.

The friendship which Italy seeks in the world will be on the basis of collaboration and equality, not on the basis of servility and dependency says the paper. Further Italy wants to obtain through peaceful manifestations what it enures or greed of other countries has denied her.

TEST SHIPMENT OVER THE N. T. R. IS PROPOSED

Brandon, Man., Jan. 13.—Affairs of provincial and national importance will be debated by the delegates to the convention of the United Farmers of Manitoba during the next two days. Among the subjects which the convention will be called upon to discuss is:

A request to the Dominion Government to take immediate steps to have a trial shipment of grain and cattle made over the National Transcontinental Railway from Winnipeg to Saint John and Halifax to ascertain if it is possible to use the railway for "the purpose for which it was built."

CRIMINALS BEING SHOT IN MEXICO

(Special cable to the Daily Mail by the British United Press)
Mexico City, Jan. 14.—The police have been ordered to shoot down criminals if necessary, in connection with the chief of police's decision to put an end to murder and robbery in the capital. In Adore Gomez, a criminal with a long record, was the first victim of this drive for a policeman killed him when he resisted arrest.

POCKET FLASKS ARE BANNED AT SHRINERS' BALL

St. Thomas, Jan. 14.—Young people of the city who have shown a propensity for carrying flasks of liquors to social events this season were warned in a front page article in the local newspaper this evening that such things will not be countenanced at the annual ball of the HRO Shriners' Club of Elgin, which takes place tomorrow evening. Officers of the club announced that a vigilance squad has been appointed and all suspects will be carefully watched. The moment a flask is produced, the producer will go out of the door, irrespective of sex.

TRIAL OF BANGOR DOCTOR BEING CONTINUED

Is Charged With Performing an Illegal Operation.

HOULTON MEN TO TESTIFY

The Girl Belonged to West Waterville, York County.

Bangor, Me., Jan. 13.—Testimony for the State began today in the trial of Dr. Charles D. Edmunds, wealthy Bangor physician, under the indictment for murder by illegal operation of Anna Vivian Stairs, of West Waterville, N. B., 20 years old, a domestic in a Houlton family at the time of her death. The State called 17 witnesses.

One of the principal witnesses was Edward Gilbert, Houlton, 29. At the time of the girl's death last January he was married and had one son. He was divorced since and has married again. He admitted that he was responsible for the girl's condition.

He testified that he and the girl went to the office of Dr. Edmunds. He saw her on the operation table later. They afterwards walked to the station and took the train to Houlton, a ride of some 140 miles. Arriving at Houlton he helped her off the train and that was the last time he saw her.

Other Witnesses.

After her arrival at Houlton Miss Stairs went to a house where a girl chum, Ethel Hardy, of Lunenburg, was working. Miss Hardy testified that Miss Stairs told her all that happened in Bangor and that about 11.30 that night the two went to the Haskell residence where Miss Stairs was employed. That the last time witness saw her alive.

Mrs. George Haskell, of Houlton, testified that she saw her the night she came back. The girl appeared exhausted and ill and finally told Mrs. Haskell what she had been to Bangor for and what had happened there. Mrs. Haskell said that the girl was ill the next day and witness called Dr. Munn who after talking with the girl sent her to the hospital.

Dr. F. W. Munn, of Houlton, was on the stand at the adjournment of court tonight. He testified that an illegal operation had been performed and that there was a septic condition so serious that another operation was the only chance of saving her life. She died at 7.15 that night. The examination of Dr. Mann will be continued tomorrow.

WOULD HAVE COAL MINES NATIONALIZED

(Special cable to the Daily Mail by the British United Press)
London, Jan. 14.—Nationalization of the British coal mines was proposed today in a gigantic scheme submitted by the miners federation to the national Commission investigating the coal mining industry.

VAUDEVILLE IN CHURCH MEETS DOOM AT ERIE

Erie, Pa., Jan. 14.—There will be no more vaudeville acts during the Sunday services in the First Baptist Church of Erie. After a trial last Sunday the advisory board of the church has decided to do away with them. The plan was inaugurated by the pastor the Rev. O. C. Horstman, in an effort to ascertain the feeling of church-goers toward the theater. After last Sunday's program the pastors of all other Erie churches expressed their disapproval.

Division at Ottawa May Take Place Before Six O'Clock

Only Three Members Will Participate in the Debate—Hon. H. H. Stevens to Present Conservative Case From British Columbia Angle—Leader Forke Not Likely to Take Part.

(SPECIAL TO THE DAILY MAIL)

OTTAWA, January 14.—The vote on the Meighen non confidence amendment which will decide the fate of the MacKenzie King Government will be taken today and an effort is being made to have it taken just before the hour for adjournment at six o'clock.

J. J. Denis of Joliette, P. Q. will continue his speech when House resumes and he will be followed by Hon. H. H. Stevens of Vancouver Centre, who will present the Conservative case from the British Columbia angle.

The only Progressive member who is known to be going to speak is Alfred Speakman, member for Red Deer, Alberta, the seat held formerly by the noted free trader Dr. Michael Clarke. It is not likely that Mr. Forke, the Progressive leader, will speak on the amendment.

NEW CITY COUNCIL TO MEET FRIDAY NIGHT; COMMITTEES WERE DRAFTED YESTERDAY

Ald. Smith Retires as Chairman of Finance Committee at His Own Request—Five Chairmanships Made Vacant by Election on Monday Filled by New Aldermen — Some Changes in Membership.

The new City Council is to meet Friday night at eight o'clock for the purpose of reorganization. At this meeting the tentative slate of committees which was announced Wednesday evening will be confirmed and other business done. The latter will include the appointment of a Deputy Mayor, Exhibition Directors and Hospital Trustees.

As was announced the swearing in of W. G. Clark of Mayor was performed by His Honor the Lieut. Governor Wednesday afternoon and Mayor Clark administered the oath of office to the five new aldermen at the City Hall immediately afterward.

Committee Slate Made up.

After the formalities the members of the Council who were present proceeded to the preparation of a tentative slate of standing committees. As each of the ten aldermen has a chairmanship with some doubling on minor chairmanships, the defeat of five members of the Council last Monday left five vacancies including some of the outstanding chairmanships. In addition Ald. Smith requested that he be relieved of the Chairmanship of Finance for personal reasons. A rearrangement was made to meet his wishes. Ald. Goodspeed with the mayor and the five new aldermen were present. Ald. McKnight had been present earlier. Ald. Hay was ill at his home.

The committees were arranged but later some changes were made which City Clerk Chestnut made known this morning.

Standing Committees.

The standing committees are as follows:—

Finance — Thompson, chairman; Smith, Goodspeed.

Water and Sewerage — Mitchell, chairman; Currier, Goodspeed.

Roads and Streets — Currier, chair-

man; Richards, Davidson, Ross, Mitchell.

Street Light—Davidson, chairman; Hay, Goodspeed.

Fire — McKnight, chairman; Mitchell, Ross, Richards, Currier.

Appeals and Contingents — Ross, chairman; Goodspeed, Richards, McKnight, Thompson.

City Hall and Market — Richards, chairman; McKnight, Currier, Hay, Thompson.

Wharves and Cemetery—Hay, chairman; Richards, Goodspeed, Thompson, Currier.

Municipal Home—Smith, chairman; Richards, Currier, Davidson, Mitchell, Administration of Justice — Goodspeed, chairman; Thompson, Mitchell, Smith, Currier.

Legislation—Goodspeed, chairman; Ross, Mitchell, Currier.

Buildings—Mitchell, Goodspeed.

BLOOD RED TAGS TO MARK DEATH AUTOS

Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 14.—Cleveland officials are prepared to take another drastic step in an effort to check the rapidly mounting traffic death toll in this city.

Traffic Commissioner Donahue today proposed the substitution of blood red license tags for those of the usual color on machines whose drivers have caused fatal accidents. The glaring plates also would be substituted following convictions of reckless driving or driving while intoxicated.

Such a plan would make the car conspicuous to every one," Donahue said. "People on the streets, seeing the bright red tags, would immediately be warned to take more than the usual amount of precaution."

GORMAN WILL MEET OLYMPIC CHAMP. TONIGHT

Fast One to Compete in Madison Square Garden.

JOE MOORE TO COMPETE

Thunberg Will Make His American Debut Tonight.

(Special to the Daily Mail by British United Press)

New York, N. Y., Jan. 14.—Chas. Thunberg, Finland's "Nurmi of the ice" and the Olympic skating champion, will make his American debut in competition tonight in Madison Square Garden when he will race a three mile special against Joe Moore, international champion and Charlie Gorman, of St. John, N. B., the Canadian champion. The race will be a special feature of the programme for the metropolitan championships.

Recognizing Thunberg's speed and stamina in the 3-mile event and also aware that this distance has been selected to give Thunberg his best chance to make good and reap a harvest of publicity and subsequent large crawling gate receipts powers, Gorman, recalling his three-mile victory, which crowned him international champion and his speed at Newburgh, is confident of making it a race. The skill of the astute Joe Moore on the indoor oval track, is recognized by Gorman.

PROHIBITION MATTERS UNDER CONSIDERATION

Chief Inspector McFarlane Summoned to Meet Govt. at Saint John—Coal Mine Operators Heard.

Matters connected with the Prohibition Act are taking the attention of the Provincial Government at Saint John today. The Government concluded its business here late last evening and its members caught the early C. P. R. train for Saint John. Chief Inspector W. L. McFarlane of Nashua was instructed to appear before the Government at Saint John today in regard to matters in his department.

It is reported that vendors in Saint John City have caused friction and that applications for additional vendor ships are being pressed. The request presented to several sub-inspectors to tenders their resignations also will be dealt with it is said, as it is desired that changes be made.

Coal-mine Operators Heard.

A delegation of coal mine operators from Minto and vicinity appeared before the Government here Wednesday afternoon. The Sunbury members-elect, E. C. Atkinson and A. D. Taylor, the latter himself a mine operator, were present. The delegation discussed rates imposed under the Workmen's Compensation Act, the rate of royalties and the possibility of increasing the consumption of New Brunswick bituminous coal.

Considers Change.

The complaint was that an insufficient quantity was used by the Canadian Pacific Railway. The Canadian National burns a considerable quantity. It also was suggested that the public buildings of the province at Fredericton could use more Minto coal.

The Minister of Public Works is considering alteration in the grades of the furnaces for the purpose of utilizing Minto coal.

GERMANY IN FAVOR OF AN ARMSPARLEY

Will Participate in the League of Nation's Meeting.

WOULD BAN POISON GAS

Germany Disarmed Now Wants Other Nations to Follow Suit.

(Special to the Daily Mail by British United Press)

Berlin, Jan. 14.—Predicting that Germany would participate in the League of Nations forthcoming preliminary meeting to arrange an arms parley, Defense Minister Gerster Told the United Press today that Germany disarmed, awaited to see if the other nations would follow her example.

In an exclusive interview he strongly advocated banning all poison gas and bacteria warfare pointing out that Germany last year proposed banishment of poison gas warfare before the arms traffic conference at Geneva.

"Bacteriological warfare," he said, "Must remain in the limbo of fantasy and according to my opinion could be forbidden like gases, thereby preventing even toying with such in human notions."

NOT MUCH HOPE FOR ENTOMBED COAL MINERS

Wilburton, Okla., Jan. 13.—Eight of the 101 men entombed by an explosion at a coal mine near here this morning emerged from the mine alive at a late hour today. All eight were negroes. Little hope is held that any of the others are alive.

About 70 of the imprisoned men are said to be negroes. The men, who were held in a small enclosure under 100 feet of debris in the main shaft, worked their way out to the air shaft, which was open, and were rescued. They told of seeing numbers of bodies, both whites and negroes, on their way to the air shaft.

Three Bodies Recovered.

* Fire which broke out in the workings late today made rescue work hazardous. White damp and falling rock also contributed to the difficulties. One hundred and one men, 25 white and 76 negroes, were in the mine when the explosion occurred this morning. Eight negroes had come out alive late today. The bodies of three men were recovered early tonight.

COUNT VALPI CONFERS WITH CHURCHILL

(Special to the Daily Mail by British United Press)

London, Jan. 14.—Italian Finance Minister Count Volpi, and ambassador De La Torretta conferred for more than an hour today with Hon. Winston Churchill, chancellor of the exchequer, apparently as a preliminary to opening to Italo-British debt negotiations. Afterward the parties decided to divulge the nature of their conversations, but it was noted that the conferees were smiling and appeared satisfied with their deliberations.

F. Leslie Wood, Provincial Poultry Supt., on Tuesday night attended a meeting of the Stanley egg circle. The members renewed the contract with the N. B. Poultry Exchange for the year 1926. Increased membership is expected. Mr. Wood visits Taymouth egg circle tonight.