

Lloyd George Proves Himself A Real Financial Wizard

Has Realized a Profit of \$5,000,000 for the Liberal Campaign Fund and \$50,000 for Himself in a Newspaper Deal—Purchased an Interest in the London Chronicle and Has Disposed of the Same to a Syndicate.

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

LONDON, Dec. 21—David Lloyd George has just proved that he has a business as well as a political brain by making a profit of \$5,000,000 for his campaign fund and \$50,000 for himself through a judicious investment.

Several years ago he became sole custodian of a campaign fund of about \$15,000,000. He bought a newspaper with the money, and backed his judgment by investing in the paper some of his own money.

The newspaper was the "Daily Chronicle" with a circulation of around 1,000,000 a day. Lloyd George has just sold it to a syndicate at the profit stated and so joins the thin ranks of those politicians about whom people say that they could not make a living at anything but politics.

NO STENOGRAPHERS UNDER THIRTY NEED APPLY

Ottawa, Dec. 20—The alterations and improvements which began with putting the taboo on female secretaries for Cabinet Ministers has extended to the stenographers' room.

The edict has gone forth that hereafter no woman under thirty is to be employed.

This will cut out the flappers who were not strong on spelling and who had many other things to think about.

The members of Parliament look for a better service on account of the change.

Another new feature on the Senate side is Speaker Bostock's daily parade which consists of himself, the usher of the black rod, the two clerks of the Senate and the pages.

Obviously it competes with that of Speaker Lemieux, and if it would surpass it, it must take in the doorkeepers and the policemen.

FLAPPER TWIST FLIPS \$180 OUT OF A BANK

Rosebud, Tex., Dec. 21—Bank robbery by women being something of the style in Texas, three gypsy women today were charged by police with trying the "flapper twist" on the Rosebud bank here.

The three women, in gypsy dress, entered the bank yesterday and began begging among customers. After a time, the police said, they edged over toward the cashier's window. When they had gone, the cashier discovered he was \$180 short. They were captured and part of the money recovered.

FASCISM NEEDS CONAN DOYLE

Rome, Dec. 21—The fascist militia can scare the lights out of the communists, but—take it from the Rome Tribuna—it is helpless against ghosts in the apartment of one La Bella family in Turin, there have been ghosts. In this case the ghosts chose to make noises like gnawing rats. Some sturdy young militiamen were solemnly summoned to arrest the spirits. They spent the night in the haunted house, received blows and cuffs from unseen hands, and—turned the affair over to the local police.

Hector Cormier of this city arrived home today to spend Christmas. He has been working in Gardiner, Mass., for some time.

MAN BITES DOG AND THEREFOR IT IS NEWS

Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec. 21—"If a dog bites a man, it isn't news; if a man bites a dog, it is news." Charles A. Dana, editor of the New York Sun, remarked in discussing the relative values of the commonplace and the unusual in news, back in 1882.

But today that unusual news has broken, for Louis Riccio, 52, a man who bit a dog, was arraigned before Magistrate Golden yesterday on complaint of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

He bit the tails from puppy dogs to give them that fashionable, bobtail look, it was charged.

Riccio argued that biting was the accepted way of de-tailing a pup and that it was more humane than cutting. Sentence was suspended.

WINNIPEG MAY GET BIG CONVENTION

Winnipeg, Dec. 20—Confidence that the Conservative National Convention will be held in Winnipeg was announced at the annual meeting of the Conservative Club tonight when a letter from Hon. Hugh Guthrie, Conservative House leader, was read stating that, while the convention city had not been selected yet, "the strong claims of Winnipeg" would not be overlooked by the committee having charge of the arrangements.

AN INCREASE IN C. N. R. EARNINGS

Montreal, Dec. 20—The gross earnings of the Canadian National Railways for the week ended December 14 1926 were \$5,227,223 as compared with \$5,497,953 for the same week of 1925 a decrease of 21c.70 or four per cent.

Wedding at Cathedral

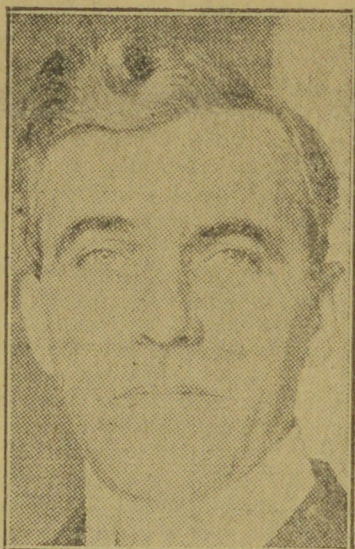
The wedding of Miss Helen Frances MacFarlane daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Brown MacFarlane of this city and Blair C. Brown of Toronto, late of Camelon, Stirlingshire, Scotland, was solemnized yesterday at Christchurch Cathedral, Very Rev. Dean Neales performing the ceremony. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brown of Camelon, Stirlingshire, Scotland. The bride recently has been a resident of Saint John. Last night the young people left for Toronto where they will reside.

WILL HANDLE VERY HEAVY XMAS TRAFFIC

The C.N.R. Plans to Run Over Thirty Special Trains This Week.

(Special to The Daily Mail.)

Montreal, Dec. 21—More than thirty special trains in addition to extra sections of regular trains will be required to handle the Christmas passenger business between various Canadian cities and between points in the United States and Canada over the Canadian National Railways, announcement to this effect was made this morning by C. W. Johnston, passenger traffic manager, Canadian National Railways on completion of plans for handling what promises to be the heaviest Christmas traffic which has yet moved over the Canadian National system. So many Canadians at present in Detroit, Chicago, Buffalo, New York, Boston and other American cities are planning on coming to Canada for Christmas, that extra trains have been arranged to carry them. From Boston and New York special trains will operate into Montreal, arriving Christmas Eve and other trains are planned for the New Year's traffic.



MAJOR ALEX C. LEWIS He has been appointed Clerk of the Ontario Legislature, succeeding the late A. H. Sydney. Major Lewis is a former member of the House for one of the Toronto seats.

FOXES FOR THE U. S.

Sackville, Dec. 20—A record shipment of silver foxes from the Sackville ranches was made on Saturday by C. N. R. express. Thirty pairs were shipped to Ohio and 26 pairs to Pennsylvania. It is understood that another 30 pairs are to be shipped to Wisconsin in the near future.

GREAT BRITAIN FORWARDS A VOTE TO POWERS OUTLINING NEW POLICY RESPECTING CHINA

The Move Welcomed as an Attempt to Clarify the Situation in the Orient—Document Gives a General Exposition of the British Attitude.

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

London, Dec. 21—Official announcement of the contents of Great Britain's note to the powers outlining a new policy with respect to China and the various warring elements there was withheld today pending its receipt by the foreign governments concerned. "The newspapers" said the British official writer today, "generally welcome the move taken as an effort to clarify some of the aspects, at least, of an extremely complicated situation and to get back as far as present conditions allow to the proposals made at Washington nearly five years ago."

The British Attitude. "Although it contains definite proposals, particularly in regard to Chinese collection of surtaxes, the British document is described as a general exposition of the British attitude toward China rather than a concrete plan for a comprehensive scheme. It is emphasized that the document must not be taken as the sequel to the recent conversations between Miles Lampson, the new British Minister, and Eugene Chen, Canton, Foreign Minister, its composition dates prior to those meetings.

KANSAS WILL TAX SMOKERS OF CIGARETTES

Twenty P. C. to be Levied on All Sold in the City.

ORDINANCE MUCH DEBATED

Will Go Into Effect on Friday, December 30th.

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

Kansas City, Dec. 21—Kansas City smokers will be forced to pay twenty percent. tax on all cigarettes bought within the city limits. The city council last night issued a much debated ordinance to levy the tax, the measure to take effect on December 30th.

THE PRISON OF MONTE-CARLO IS MENACED

Paris, Dec. 21—The Chateau d'If, which Alexander Dumas rendered famous by making it the scene of the imprisonment and escape of the Count of Monte Cristo, is menaced with ruin. The buttress of rock rising from the sea just outside of Marseilles is known to every visitor to the Mediterranean port.

Although an annual sum of 40,000 francs is provided for in the arts budget, the Ministry appears to have neglected to undertake necessary repairs.

MANY NETS LOST ON THE NORTH SHORE

Chatham, Dec. 20—During the wind of last week-end a large section of ice off Point Aux Carr broke away from the main body and went adrift carrying with it 170 nets belonging mainly to fishermen of that region.

Driven by the southwest wind that prevailed the ice finally stopped at Burnt Church and there is some hope of salvaging some of the nets.

A loss of 170 nets means a money loss of \$15,000 to \$20,000 and is a sad misfortune to overtake the fishermen just at the start of a season which has been anything but good.

Cars in Collision.

Two cars collided in Queen street today, shortly before three o'clock. One of the cars sustained considerable damage.

Miss Dorothy Turner of this city is home for Christmas. Miss Turner has been teaching in St. Andrews.

Prince George, Son of The King and Queen Given Warm Welcome

Celebrated His Twenty-fourth Birthday at Buckingham Palace—A Happy Family Reunion Was Held — The Prince Has Just Returned Via Canada From Naval Service in Oriental Waters.

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THE SAILOR PRINCE.

London, Dec. 21—Prince George, the youngest son of King George and Queen Mary, celebrated his twenty-fourth birthday yesterday. A happy family party was held at Buckingham Palace in honor of the handsome young prince who has just returned via Canada from his lengthy naval service in Oriental waters, and the birthday festivities were in the nature of a welcome home.

Prince George like his royal father is a keen sailor. He is now a lieutenant and has seen service several years.

He is very popular with his fellow officers who affectionately call him "P. G." His quiet modesty and amiable temperament have won him many friends.

PROMISES QUICK ACTION ON THE DUNCAN REPORT

Hon. Dr. Veniot a Speaker at the Commercial Men's Banquet at Moncton.

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 20—Speaking at the banquet held by the commercial men of Moncton here tonight, Hon. P. J. Veniot, postmaster-general in the federal government, declared that the Duncan report would be considered by the government at the earliest possible moment and he thought it would be one of the first matters to engage Parliament when it resumed on Feb. 8. "Don't let up in your appeal for Maritime rights," he advised the commercial men.

He admitted that the government expected some stiff opposition on the Duncan report and he asked Maritime members to forget politics and work together for the good of the Maritimes.

Hon. Dr. Veniot, who was the chief speaker at the banquet expressed the belief that he and the member for Westmorland, Dr. Price, would join hands and be in full sympathy in support of Maritime rights.

Hopes For Subsidies.

Dr. Price, member for Westmorland, also a guest of honor, agreed with Hon. Dr. Veniot that Maritime members should get together and work for the interests of the Maritimes. He would gladly co-operate with Dr. Veniot or any other member in support of the rights of the eastern provinces. He hoped to see the subsidies as recommended in the Duncan report put into effect, as the Maritimes had not been getting their fair share in this respect.

A. K. MacKasey presided at the banquet and other speakers included Hon. A. A. Dysart, Buctouche; M. F. Tompkins, traffic manager, Atlantic region; Mayor Wheeler, Major McDonald, V. C., Messrs. Reilly and Harold L. Christie, of Saint John, and W. J. Dalziel, the latter responding to the Knights of the Grip.

More than two hundred commercial men and invited guests were at the banquet.

J. K. King of Moncton is at the Queen.

W. R. Evans of Saint John is a guest at the Queen.

Ronald Guthrie, of this city is spending his Christmas vacation at home. He is a student at Rothesay Collegiate School.

R. F. Todd of St. Stephen is registered at the Windsor.

VACANCIES IN SENATE ARE FILLED

Ottawa, Dec. 20—Orders-in-council making the following appointments to the senate were signed by His Excellency the Governor-General this morning: Rt. Hon. George P. Graham, Ontario; William H. McGuire, Ontario; Donat Raymond, Quebec. An order in council was also signed this morning appointing W. D. Ross, of Toronto, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, the appointment to take effect on January 12, 1927. Mr. Ross is a native of Nova Scotia.

HARVEY LADY CELEBRATES 90TH BIRTHDAY

Coburn, York Co., Dec. 20—A notable event was the celebration on the 14th inst. of the 90th birthday of Mrs. Isabella Messer, widow of the late Walter Messer, who lives with her son Allan Messer, here. Mrs. Messer is in full possession of her mental faculties and is fairly well physically.

She was born in Northumberland County, England, and came to Harvey when very young and grew up with the flourishing colony which now includes the villages of Acton, Harvey Station, Manners Sutton, Coburn, South Tweed side, Wilmet, York Mills, Brockway and Lower Brockway, one of the largest and most prosperous farming districts in the province.

Mrs. Messer was the daughter of the late Thomas Speedy and has a large number of descendants living and a host of other relatives. A large number of friends called on her and paid their respects to one of the most honored residents of the community.

The Anticosti Voyagers.

Letters have been received from several members of the party who left here a week ago for the Island of Anticosti to work in the lumber woods. The party embarked by steamer at Gaspé, P. Q., and had a very rough passage, the majority suffering greatly from seasickness. Several members of the party did not like the outlook and boarded the first steamer for home. At the time of writing the party was comfortably housed in the village and were making preparations to start next day for a lumber camp in the interior.