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ENGLISH M. P. PREDICTS WAR

**J. Norton Griffiths
Thinks There will
be a Clash with
Germany**

**All Europe will Feel the Effects of
the Conflict--Germany is Looking
for Trouble**

(Canadian Press.)
New York, Dec. 15.—John Norton Griffiths, a conservative member of parliament for Wednesbury believes that within the next six years, England and Germany will be at war and all Europe will feel the effect of the conflict. He made this prophesy without qualification following his arrival in New York from the Canadian Northwest. In saying it, he gave what he believed to be the reason for Canada's refusal to accept reciprocity at the recent election.
"The people of Canada," said Mr. Griffiths, "realize in their election that a far graver problem than trade comity with the United States confronted them and that problem was the bringing together of the English Empire in unity to confront the menace of a war which would soon threaten the existence of the mother nation. I believe that there is not a doubt," he continued, "but that within the next six years, maybe much sooner—England and Germany will be at war and all Europe will be shaken by the conflict. Yes, and America too, for America could not help feeling keenly the existence of so great a conflict as that will assuredly be. Why do I think this? Because the whole German nation is seeking war with us at every turn of the road and when a whole nation is behind a thing like this there is no stopping it. The bankers stopped war at the time of the recent crisis, but war was very near and the bankers cannot stand in the way of the whole people."

EX-BANK MANAGER SENT UP FOR TRIAL

(Special to The Mail)
St. John, Dec. 15.—The examination of Henry B. Clarke, former manager of the Bank of N. B., charged with embezzlement, was concluded here today and he was committed for trial at the next term of the County Court. The witnesses examined were Henry Gallagher, R. B. Kessen and Charles F. Sanford. The accused was admitted to bail in the sum of \$20,000.

WILLS PROBATED AT ST. JOHN

(Special to The Mail)
St. John, Dec. 15.—The will of the late Mr. Thomas L. Bourque was admitted to probate today. The estate consists of \$14,000 real property, \$8,000 personal and \$1,800 life insurance. The will of the late Mrs. Helen M. Prescott has been probated. The property consists of \$4,800 real and \$6,000 personal. All is bequeathed to her sister, Mrs. Berryman.

REMEMBERED MAN WHO BEFRIENDED HER

New York, N. Y., Dec. 15.—Fifteen years ago Dennis Lyons, then a young police patrolman, went down into his own pocket to help an elderly woman who had lost her money to buy tickets for herself and her daughter to Elmira. Last night Lieutenant Lyons was visited at his desk in the Charles Street station by an attorney, who announced that the woman he had befriended, had died and left him a fortune of \$20,000 in recognition of the kindness which the officer had almost forgotten.

Mrs. Sarah Anderson of Boston, arrived today to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Anderson.

THE TROUBLES OF A TORY CABINET MINISTER

Hon. F. D. Monk Aply Discussed the Matter at a Banquet Tendered him at Montreal--Difficult Questions Confronted the Members of the New Administration--Not Able to Hand Out Sott Jobs to all the Boys--Civil Service Reform is Needed he Says

(Canadian Press.)
Montreal, Dec. 15.—The patronage evil and the woes of a minister of the cabinet, pursued by seekers for easy positions, were depicted by Hon. F. D. Monk, minister of public works, at a banquet tendered him last evening in Montreal West. The minister declared that the popular conception of a cabinet minister as a man who sat in his office, smoking cigars and "handing out fat jobs to the boys." This, he said, was entirely erroneous. "I and my colleagues, on assuming office," he continued, "immediately found ourselves confronted with questions of the utmost difficulty and importance. The man in office is not only the man away from the contemplation of these questions waiting for settlement by the impetuosity of office seekers, but he is left by them with a feeling of disappointment that

he has not been able to satisfy the large and not perhaps unnatural, though mistaken, demands for patronage that are made upon him. All governments do some good and the late government has done some good service by starting a reform of the civil service. It has been left for us to perfect the work of making a civil service both inside and outside, that will be entirely free from patronage. This would be a great benefit to both sides and to do it, it may be necessary to carry on outside the same reforms as are being effected inside. It is an inflexible rule in England, that civil servants, whatever their personal political views may be, must refrain from any active interference in politics under pain of the penalty for such interference with which they are all perfectly familiar, and this rule must be observed with equal rigor in Canada."

DIAMOND DICK, DIME NOVEL HERO, MET TRAGIC DEATH

**Was Struck by a Train
and Badly Injured ---
Was Well Acquainted
with Buffalo Bill in the
Show Business**

(Canadian Press.)
Ogdensburg, N.Y., Dec. 15.—Word was received here yesterday of the death last night in Kansas City, of George R. McClelland better known as "Diamond Dick" famous in dime novel lore for injuries received by being run down by a train while driving over a railway crossing.
McClelland was a native of Ogdensburg and his parents still reside there. He was a crack shot with the rifle, his favorite trick being the shooting of an apple from a man's head. He ran away from home at the age of sixteen and in 1872 joined with "Buffalo Bill", Wild Bill and "Texas Jack" in the show business. He is said to have been the first doctor in Oklahoma and when the Spanish war broke out he organized a regiment of old Indian braves and offered him and their services to the country.
"Diamond Dick" gained his sobriquet because of the large number of diamonds he wore.

THE KING'S SISTER HAD NARROW ESCAPE

Gibraltar, Dec. 15.—It now seems that the life of the Princess Royal was saved by the joint efforts of Admiral Craddock, the Duke of Fife and a passenger on the Delhi of the name of McCauley.
When the cutter in which the Princess was escaping from the stranded steamship was swamped and its occupants thrown into the water, the three men named went to her assistance and, supporting her with one hand each, swam with her through the surf to the shore.

PERSONAL
Mr. B. M. McDermott of St. John is at the Barker House.
Mr. F. C. Lane of St. John is registered at the Barker House.
Mr. J. W. Davidson of Rothesay arrived in the city last evening.
Mr. M. D. Cotzen of Montreal is registered at the Queen.

Railway systems, with a mileage aggregating 47,500, have increased the wages of employees during the last year 4.87 per cent. over 1910.

MOTHER CHARGED WITH POISON- ING HER SON

**Michigan Woman Must
Answer Serious Charge
--- Other Members of
the Family Died Under
Strange Circumstances**

(Canadian Press.)
Bad Axe, Mich., Dec. 15.—The mother of Cyril Sharling in connection with whose death by poison Dr. Robert A. McGregor of Uby, held to this circuit court on a charge of murder, yesterday was served with a warrant charging her with poisoning her son. MacGregor and Miss Margaret Gibbs of Port Huron, a nurse charged with being an accessory after the fact, were held at the conclusion of a preliminary examination made sensational by the testimony of Sheriff McAuley.
McAuley testified that after the inquest to determine the cause of Cyril Sharling's death, Dr. McGregor asked him if the authorities were going to exhum the other Sharling bodies. Four members of the family three sons and the father, died of a suspicious ailment.
"If you fellows will take up Albert Sharling and find arsenic in him, I can make Mrs. Sharling confess, he says Dr. McGregor told him."

BLACK HANDERS EXPLODE A BOMB

Boston, Mass., Dec. 15.—Thirty-five people narrowly escaped serious injury and perhaps death early today, when a bomb, believed to have been placed by black handers, exploded in a five-story tenement house and store at 14 Norman Street, in the west end section. The explosion damaged the walls of the building. Beyond severe fright and slight bruises sustained in making a hasty exit, none of the tenants were injured. The house was occupied by Italians.

A LITTLE DAUGHTER
The home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Vaughan has been gladdened by the arrival of a little daughter. The popular chauffeur is being heartily congratulated.

PROPERTY TRANSFER
Messrs. W. A. and J. H. Hay of Millville made the purchase of very desirable piece of property in this city this morning becoming owners of the dwelling on Charlotte street near York owned by Mr. J. W. Travis.

NE TEMERE CASE CLOSED

**Counsel for Mrs. Hebert Made Strong
Plea on her Be-
half**

**Declares that Annulment of Her Mar-
riage is Unlawful--No Date Set
for Judgment**

(Canadian Press.)
Montreal, Que., Dec. 15.—Although the final arguments in the famous marriage separation under the Ne Temere decree, of Eugene Hebert and his wife, Emma Cloutre, were made yesterday, the date of judgment is not known today. Closing the case yesterday afternoon W. Arnold Wainwright, counsel for the separated wife, made a stirring plea.
"If the system of law in this province is what it is represented to be in the judgment of Justices Jette and Lemieux, it is a monstrous and unreasonable system, and one designed to trap the unwary," he declared, "under such circumstances a prison might go before an officer who has been given the power by the state to celebrate marriage and who is protected by the state. A person might be married by that officer, who who acted in virtue of a license emanating from the King's authority. If that marriage is invalid, not on account of any restriction in the only law of which they can be assumed to have knowledge, but on account of the provisions and ordinances of old dead and gone French kings, or on account of hair splitting distinctions of learned jurists, all of which the person cannot be expected to understand, then the law is not a protection to the public, as all laws of marriage are supposed to be, but a menace both to the state and to the individual." Ancient law was cited including a list of citizens from the judgments of Judges Day, Mondelais, Caron and Lafontaine, in the Langue-doe-Laviolette case, (1858) wherein opinions adverse to the position assumed by Justices Lemieux and Jette were according to the contention of counsel for Dame Cloutre, denounced.

WILLIAM J. MURPHY PASSED AWAY TODAY

The death of Mr. William J. Murphy occurred this morning at ten o'clock at his home on King street after a severe illness with pneumonia which continued for several weeks. The deceased was fifty years of age and is survived by a widow and five young children. Mrs. Murphy who was formerly Mrs. Granman feels her loss very keenly and the family has the sympathy of the entire community in its bereavement. Other surviving relatives are three brothers Dennis John and Michael all of this city. The funeral will take place Monday morning leaving the house at 8.50 o'clock with solemn High Mass of Requiem by Rev. Father Carney at St. Dunstan's Church at nine o'clock. Interment will be made at the Hermitage. Members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians to which the deceased belonged will attend. The deceased was a most highly respected resident of this city and for upwards of twenty years had conducted a bakery on Regent street. In his early years he had been a stone mason but took over the bakery on the death of his brother the late Lawrence Murphy. His genial and kindly nature made for him a large number of friends and his death removed a familiar figure from Regent street.

**SIR CHARLES' CONDITION IS
LITTLE CHANGED**
London, Dec. 15.—A bulletin from Bexley Heath, Kent, this morning states that there is very little change in Sir Charles Tupper's condition.

NEGOTIATING FOR PEACE WITH THE REVOLUTIONISTS

**The Coming Week Promises to be an
Eventful one in the Flowery Kingdom--
The Peace Plenipotentiary will Arrive in
Shanghai on Sunday--Prospects of Set-
tlement are Believed to be Bright--Mon-
archy may be Retained with Limited
Powers**

(Canadian Press.)
Shanghai, Dec. 15.—The coming week will be the most notable in the history of the revolution in China. Tang Shao Yi, the imperial plenipotentiary appointed by Premier Yuan Shi Kai to endeavour to negotiate terms of peace with the victorious revolutionaries, is to arrive in Shanghai early on Sunday. He is accompanied by a suite of assistants, and personal servants numbering no fewer than eighty. The party is making the voyage from Hankow in the chartered river boat Tung Ting. On their arrival here they will have travelled about 800 miles along the river Yang Tse which is patrolled by a score of revolutionary cruisers and gun boats. Included in Tang Shao Yi's party are two prominent officials Yen Shi Si, connected with the board of finances, and Yang Shi Chi, former president of the board of communications, who will act as his counsellors at the peace conference. He has also with him twenty-two representatives of different provinces of China, who have been selected by Premier Yuan Shi Kai for the purpose of offsetting the revolutionary convention now sitting at Nanking. Four representatives of General Li Yuan Heng, the revolutionary leader are travelling on the same boat with Tang Shao Yi and his party.
Shanghai, Dec. 15.—The best observers among the influential Chinese be-

lieve that there is considerable possibility of a settlement being reached during the conference, as a result of mutual concessions. The republicans are certainly at the present moment determined to demand that the dynasty be brought to a close and that the Manchus as a class or a clan, be merged with the Chinese together with their dependencies. It is on this point that the compromise may eventually be reached, namely that the emperor be retained as a Chinaman at the head of the dynasty. It may be that he will become a constitution monarch with a regent to be elected by the people but on an extremely limited franchise. The national congress if the proposition is accepted will have members elected by each province, and will control the imperial finances as well as the army and navy affairs and will elect its own governor. There is a reason to believe that if the revolutionaries cede on the question of a republic, Yuan Shi Kai, the premier will accept their terms. The chief difficulty appears to lie with the hotbed students and extremists who are demanding a republic.
A canvass among the representatives of the republicans now assembled in convention at Nanking shows that a large majority of them are in favor of a republic but at the present crisis of Dr. Sun Yan Sen, General Li Yuan Heng and other influential republicans, whose names have not hitherto been mentioned, should counsel a compromise.

BICYCLE RACE CLOSES AT TEN O'CLOCK TONIGHT

New York, Dec. 15.—For the first time in several years, the annual six day bicycle race neared a finish today with only one team in the lead. At nine o'clock Joe Folger of Brooklyn and Jack Clarke of Melbourne, Australia, were a lap ahead of the six teams and if they can hold this advantage until ten o'clock tonight, they will win first prize today 13 before the finish. Folger and Clarke had covered 2,477 miles eight laps, as there are seven prizes provided, the contestants keep the same relative positions today the next six teams will participate in the series of match races at a mile which will decide final positions.
Frank Kramar, the American sprint champion and James Moran of Chelsea, Mass., who were favorites among the experts when the race began rode in particularly hard luck early today for when Clarke began the sensational sprint which netted a lap for his team, between 1 and 2 o'clock, Moran's handlebar twisted and threw him heavily. He was unconscious when picked up and did not recuperate in time to help his partner, while the struggle lasted. Score at nine o'clock 129th hour. Folger-Clarke, 2,477 miles 8 laps. Kramer-Moran, Halsstead-Drobach, Pye-Collins, Cameron-Magin, Demara-Lawrence, Lorenz-Saldow, 2,477 miles, 7 laps. Hill-Bedell, 2,177 miles, 6 laps, Laplace-Vanbewart, 2,477 miles. Record 2,489 miles, 6 laps.

DURBAR CLOSED TODAY

Delhi, Dec. 15.—The great Durbar, with its round of festivities, lasting since the arrival of the King-Emperor and Queen-Emress on December 1st, was brought to a conclusion today. Their Majesties left the camp in state procession, the road to the station being lined with British and native troops. King George has departed on a shooting expedition while Queen Mary has gone to Agra.

BRITISH GOVT. HITS MEAT TRUST HARD

London, Dec. 15.—The agents in the British Isles of the prominent American meat packers who have up till now secured large contracts for the supply of meats to the army and navy have received the following notification from the war office:
"Pending the ultimate result of the legal proceedings in the United States court in meat packing firms it has been decided by the British government that none of the firms involved shall be invited to tender for army supplies."
The decision of the government is due to the opposition of labor and the advanced radical members of parliament to the American trusts. The contracts are now expected to go to Argentine meat packers.

MEANS LOSS OF \$20,000,000 A YEAR.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—J. Odgen Armour, president of Armour & Company, tonight said that the contracts of the indicted American packers with the British army estimated roughly, had amounted to between \$15,000,000 and \$20,000,000 annually.
Mr. Armour said he had no idea whether other countries contemplated action similar to that taken by England.
"During the Boer war and on one or more other occasions," said Mr. Armour, "the contracts of the American packers with England amounted to more than \$20,000,000 annually, if I remember correctly. These figures, however, are simply rough estimates, made off hand."

WON A DECISION

Chattanooga, Tenn., Dec. 15.—Joe Jeannette of New York, won a decision over Nat. Dewey of Chattanooga at the end of a 'eight round boxing match here last night. Jeannette had an advantage of nearly 20 pounds in weight. He had the better of the bout all the way.
Mr. J. Archibald of Boston is in the city

BURNS AFTER GOMPERS

**Declares he will have
Him Thrown Out
of Organized
Labor**

**More Arrests are Expected Soon in
Connection with the Dynamite
Conspiracy**

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 15.—Government officials, who are co-operating with District Attorney Miller in conducting the investigation of the dynamite conspiracy before the federal grand jury, learned from two sources today the details of explosions in which it is said others than the McNamara's were implicated.
W. A. Griffin, chief of police of Kansas City, Mo., who had knowledge of five explosions in Kansas City, was questioned about certain facts which it is said have never been revealed. These explosions, all directed against structures erected by firms employing non-union men, occurred from 1908 to 1910. As not more than two of them were confessedly the work of McNamara, Chief Griffin's information was sifted to ascertain who else might have destroyed the property.
Much important testimony bearing on the records taken from the headquarters of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers was also obtained from Miss Mary Dye, who went before the grand jury. Up to a few years ago Miss Dye, now of Pittsburgh, was confidential secretary in the iron workers' headquarters, and she had to do with the correspondence of J. J. McNamara, the secretary-treasurer.
Mrs. Andrew J. Hull, the iron workers' former book-keeper, also visited the federal building. Many hotel clerks from various parts of the country have been subpoenaed to tell what they know of the movements of McNamara while he was on his dynamiting expeditions. The hotel men are to be questioned to corroborate McNamara's confession, wherein he related visits to certain towns with a suit-case filled with dynamite or nitro-glycerine.
OTHER ARRESTS SOON.
Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 15.—Declaring that other arrests in the McNamara case may be expected soon and that attempts to bribe him and his men had been made, Detective William J. Burns made an address here today before one hundred members of the National Metal Trades Association. He stopped here on his way to Indianapolis, where he will continue his investigations.
Burns made another attack on Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, declaring he would not cease his attacks until Gompers is thrown out of organized labor.
MORE INDICTMENTS LIKELY IN LOS ANGELES.
Los Angeles, Dec. 15.—A little package of indictments numbering perhaps four, probably will be returned here next Tuesday or Wednesday against men living in California, and suspected of complicity in nationwide dynamite plots. This will end the western section of the government investigation and will transfer the scene of al, activities to Indianapolis, where another grand jury is in session.
A canvass and leather case, ten inches square, and as tall as a small ice cream freezer, was shown the jury today. This case and others like it are said to have been used in carrying about the country dynamite used for various "jobs."
It was such a case that Orrie McNamara carried when, according to his own statement, he came west to blow up the Livewell Iron Works. McNamara was so accustomed to its presence that he gave it to a porter, giving him also a dollar to take care of it.

SERIOUS FIRE AT LONDON, ONT.

London, Ont., Dec. 15.—The D. S. Perrin's Company's biscuit and confectionery plant five stories in height was gutted by fire last night. The cause is unknown the loss approximately is \$100,000 covered by insurance.

Dr. D. M. Carruthers of Glasgow is in the city.