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Farmers Asking Free Trade

PUBLIC BUSY IN ENGLAND PROPHESYING REGARDING NEW CABINET

RECIPROCAL FREE TRADE IS

DEMANDED BY FARMERS OF

ONTARIO IN BIG CONVENTION

NOT SATISFIED WITH AGREEMENT OF 1911, BUT WANT

TARIFF BARS SWEEP AWAY ON MANUFACTURED

ARTICLES; OPENING SHOT OF BIG

FISCAL CAMPAIGN

(Special to The News via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

Toronto, December 20.—Reciprocal free trade with the United States, in everything from A to Z is the demand of the United Farmers of Ontario. They will not be satisfied now with the reciprocal agreement of 1911, which affected natural products only, but want the tariff bars swept away on all manufactured articles as well, if the United States will do the same. Amid tremendous cheering they passed a resolution to that effect at their convention in the Labor Temple yesterday afternoon and free trade with the United States is to be one of the biggest planks in the Ontario Farmers' platform.

No longer will organized farmers of this province be accused of being behind their western brethren. This is the opening shot of a big free trade wave that seems likely to sweep across the country from Halifax to Prince Rupert and which may be effective in revolutionizing the fiscal policy of Canada.

NEW LINE IS

BEING FORMED

BY HINDENBURG

Berlin Government Asks for Ex-

planations But Has Received No Reply Yet.

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

Paris, Dec. 20. — Field Marshal von Hindenburg has telegraphed the Berlin Government advising it of his intention to form a new front six miles behind the neutral zone fixed by the armistice, according to a despatch to Le Journal from Zurich today. The government has asked the Field Marshal for an explanation adds the despatch, but has not yet received a reply.

It is also announced that two regiments of the active army will be sent to Frankfurt on the Main at an early date.

STEAMER SANK

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

San Francisco, Dec. 19.—The bay steamer Sehome, carrying 100 passengers, sank in collision with the bay steamer General Frisbie in San Pablo Bay, in a heavy fog. Two members of the Sehome's crew are reported drowned.

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WOULD RAID CLUBS

UNTIL RUN DECENTLY

Police Commissioners Discuss the

Conduct of Cabarets and

Clubs in City.

At the meeting of the police

commission the question of the

regulation of cabarets and clubs

was discussed. It was pointed out

that the clubs were incorporated

under the Companies Act and in

that way even the hands of the

attorney-general were tied.

Commissioner Macdonald said

it was well known that in some of

the clubs there was a rake-off at

the gambling tables. He thought

it would be the best thing to raid

them every day until they were

conducted decently. They may

not be able to get convictions but

they could make it very uncom-

fortable for those who conducted

the clubs. He was in favor of

making an effort to clean them

up.

The question of the cabarets

was also discussed. It was men-

tioned that they were not all

roughnecks who went there just

as they were not all roughnecks

who formerly went below the line.

The moral reform association

which was once so active, now

seemed to be dead.

The mayor explained that they

were trying to get more power to

control these institutions. He

thought they should have greater

control of their own affairs and

less interference from Victoria.

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TOM AND AL ARRIVES

WITH BIGGEST CATCH

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Leaving for Banks Im-

mediately.

Bringing 80,000 pounds of fish

the Tom and Al, Capt. Gibson, ar-

rived here yesterday after experi-

encing rough weather during the

three weeks she has been away.

She lost no gear.

The Tom and Al is a six-dory

craft, the largest share boat fish-

ing out of Rupert. She was down

south six or seven weeks ago to

have a new pilot house put on her

and will not go down for Christ-

mas. A couple more trips will

be made and it depends on the

fishing as to whether the boat will

go to Seattle then. Last year the

Tom and Al left Seattle for the

north on the day before Christ-

mas.

Last trip the Tom and Al

brought in 70,000 pounds. Her

last catch is the biggest she has

made this fall.

FEW DAYS MORE AT

NORTHERN CAPITAL

Captain Groves' "Knights of the

Hook" so Expeditious That

Boat is Missed by

Local Man.

The many friends of G. L.

Thompson of the Rocher de Boule

will be surprised to meet him

around the city today.

Mr. Thompson closed up his

business affairs yesterday, gath-

ered up his belongings; purchased

his ticket for Seattle, and pro-

ceeded to the steamer; Prince

George last night; procured his

stateroom, and after getting

settled, took a walk around the

dock, and sized up the huge piles

of baggage, express and mail; cast

his critical eye over the load-

ing operations, and concluded

that two hours at least was the

limit that such a mass of freight,

baggage and miscellaneous mat-

ter could be loaded on to the ves-

sel, and so proceeded up town to

take a last look at the long fre-

quented surroundings.

But Captain Groves' "Knights

of the Cargo Hook" were a little

more expeditious than Mr. Thompson

gave them credit for, and on his

return in about an

hour, the stillness and quietness

of the waterfront spurred him on

to a hasty descent of the steps

and approach, and on reaching

the dock itself was dismayed to

find the steamer's berth vacant,

and the lights of the vessel scin-

tillating on the placid waters of

the centre of the harbor.

Mr. Thompson tried to explain

to a straggling loiterer that she

must come back, as his effects

were all on board the ship; he did

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WORKMEN AND SOLDIERS

TRANSFER POWERS TO THE

PEOPLE'S COMMISSIONERS

IMPORTANT RESOLUTION PASSED BY GERMAN CONGRESS

GIVING EBERT GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY;

CONGRESS TO HAVE PARLIAMENTARY

SUPERVISION

(Special to The News via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

Amsterdam, December 20.—The Congress of the German Workmen's and Soldiers' Council on Wednesday passed a resolution, according to a Berlin telegram, transferring the legislative and executive power to the people's commissioners, the Ebert Government until such time as some other arrangements are made by the German National Assembly.

The congress has further appointed a central council of Soldiers and workmen to exercise parliamentary supervision over the German and Prussian cabinets and with authority to appoint and depose the people's commissioners of the Empire and to have the final regulation of state affairs in Prussia.

Amsterdam, December 20.—Her Lansburg, Secretary for Publicity in the German Government is quoted as telling the Berlin Congress of Soldiers' and Workmen's Council that 53,000 German sailors have assumed control of the German navy department. Sailors, he is declared to have added, have prevented necessary work being carried on and have released prisoners convicted of treason.

ELEVATORS MAY

MAKE LONDON

GRAIN PORT

Important Industrial Develop-

ments are Pending in England

Involving Expenditure

of £5,000,000.

LARGE REFINERY IS

GOING TO SWANSEA

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

London, Dec. 20.—Important industrial developments are pending in England, according to the Daily Chronicle, which says that enterprises already in hand involve an expenditure of £5,000,000. Chief among these is the building of a large refinery at Swansea by the Anglo-Persian Oil Co. This company is preparing to spend £2,000,000 upon wharves, railways and tracks.

Many mining enterprises are prepared, according to the newspapers.

Efforts are being made to make London the chief grain importing and distributing point in the United Kingdom, according to a London correspondent of the Scotsman, the leading Scottish newspaper.

It is said that there is a marked tendency in the dominions, particularly Australia and South Africa, in favor of the plan. The adoption of the elevator system for handling grain, which has been in operation for many years in the United States and Argentine, is favored, it is said.

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RECONSTRUCTION CABINET

IN BRITAIN IS TO FOLLOW

RETURN OF LLOYD GEORGE

SPECULATION RIFE AS TO WHO WILL HOLD POSITIONS IN

NEW GOVERNMENT; LABOR LIKELY TO LINE UP

IN OPPOSITION; CHAMBERLAIN, CHURCHILL

AND GEDDES MENTIONED

(Special to The News via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

London, December 20.—Lloyd George is keeping his own counsel regarding the reconstruction of his government until the elections show what material is available. But it is improbable that a return will be made to the unwieldy cabinets of pre-war days. One well informed opinion is that the war cabinet of six will be enlarged to a reconstruction cabinet of twelve.

Undoubtedly the Premier would welcome the widest possible broadening of the basis of government by the inclusion of labor representatives, particularly Barnes, but with the prospect of a very strong labor opposition such development is unlikely.

Rumor has it that Austen Chamberlain is slated for Chancellor of the Exchequer, though another nomination is Churchill, whose restless activities would not be satisfied with a cushy job in the cabinet.

It may be taken for granted that the Ministry of Munitions will cease, but an alternative is the Home Office which offers great scope in the years of reconstruction. The position of Sir Eric Geddes is also indeterminate. His business administration has been of the greatest value and if he cares to continue in politics, his claims to high office are overwhelming.

LID NOT OFF

FOR HOLIDAYS

Commissioner Wants Liquor Sell-

ing stopped—Public an Idea

There is a Ring.

The lid is not to be off at this

coming holiday season, according

to instructions given to the chief

of police by the police commission

yesterday at their regular monthly

meeting. There were only two

commissioners present, Mayor

McClymont and Sid Macdonald,

but both seemed to agree that

conditions in the city were not

satisfactory and that they would

have to be righted. A special

meeting of the commission will

be called early in the new year to

take up matters of importance

having to do with the adminis-

tration of police affairs.

Mr. Macdonald went on to com-

plain that it was being continual-

ly reported to him that whisky

was being sold over the bars at

50c a drink. He wanted this

stopped. He said he did not care

whether it was near election time

or not, he wanted the police to go

after the gamblers and those who

sold whisky. Representations had

been made to the effect that there

were places the police would not

go into. If it was true that liquor

was being sold openly at these

places it was no credit to the

police. If they had not the ability

to clean things up the city must

get a new force, but he had not

lost faith in the police.

The mayor said that the public

seemed to have the idea that

there was some ring. The diffi-

culty was that people were always

ready to complain but refused to

give evidence against the wrong-

doers. They told about booze

selling but when asked to give

evidence they refused. Only one

man had been found who was

ready to back up information with

an affidavit. If more would do

this it would be easier for the

commission.

Commissioner Macdonald re-

marked that the commission was

a laughing stock in the commu-

nity and he wanted the chief to

enforce the law to the limit.

BIG WOLF INVADES

PORT SIMPSON TOWN

Driven Down from Hills by Snow

Timber Wolf is Killed with

Gun.

Yesterday there was a scrap at

Port Simpson which was of con-

siderable interest to the people

there, when a great black timber

wolf appeared right in the town.

The first dog that caught sight of

it sat up and took notice, and

then mixed in in good shape.

The wolf was a big one, stand-

ing some three feet high, but not-

withstanding, the dog stood up

to him, and put up a great fight.

The odds were against the dog,

but before he gave up the un-

equal contest, the noise of the

fighting had aroused the atten-

tion of several of the inhabitants,

and the wolf was finished off

with a gun.

It is quite unusual for wolves

to be seen so close to civilization

and this big fellow must have

been hungry, or else have lost his

sense of direction.

The fight took place near Jos-

eph Mather's house, on the edge

of the reserve within the town of

Port Simpson. The animal will

be skinned. His pelt is said to be

worth \$15.00, and there is also

the Provincial Government's

bounty of \$15.00 for every one

killed, making the value of a dead

wolf about \$30.00 nowadays.

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