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Westerners Are Arriving In Capital IRELAND AND ENGLAND CONFIDENT OF TREATY ACCEPTANCE

Cabinet Talk Is Rife At Ottawa; Plans for Alliance Interesting

OTTAWA, Dec. 23.—The formation of the new Mackenzie King cabinet is believed to be entering upon its final stage and many are looking for an early announcement. The Premier-elect maintains a reticent attitude and is giving little information to newspapers and curious people.

Eastern delegations who have been conferring with Mr. King are leaving for home, and they are being replaced by western contingents. Premier Martin of Saskatchewan is here and also the W. R. Motherwell, Senator Hewitt Bostock, who will likely be the British Columbia representative in the cabinet, is also here.

YEAR'S CATCH OF FISH WILL CREATE RECORD

Conservative Estimate for 1921 is 2,746,250—Value Over Two Million Dollars.

The halibut catch for this year for the year 1921 gives promise of exceeding all previous years in quantity and value. Through the exchange from the total of one million pounds in December and the month so far has been a very light one on the banks, the grand total for the year would be 22,746,250 pounds which at an average price of 10c a pound would mean a valuation of over two and a quarter million dollars.

Final figures for the year will not be available until the end of the month when December returns are compiled but it is certain that the year will show a large increase in halibut landed and will also manifest that Prince Rupert has reached by a large margin the distinction of being the most important halibut fishing port on the Pacific coast and in the world.

CHAPLIN CLAIMS HE IS BRITISH CITIZEN AND CHANGES COURT VENUE

SALT LAKE, Utah, Dec. 23.—On the ground that he is a subject of King George V of Great Britain and not a citizen of the United States, Charlie Chaplin, movie comedian, has obtained removal of a suit in which he is defendant from the district court here to the United States District Court. The action against Chaplin, instituted several weeks ago, is to collect \$25,000 attorney fees alleged due for legal services claimed to have been rendered in this city in August, 1920, in connection with Charlie's divorce action.

SMUGGLING FROM RUSSIA

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—Russian smugglers are taxing the resources of customs officials and guards on Germany's eastern frontiers. Large quantities of precious stones and gold rubles have recently been taken from shady looking individuals seeking entrance into Germany. One smuggler had a black bread sandwich studded with diamonds valued at millions of marks.

PRINCE GEORGE HOTEL MAN SEEKS MAYORALTY

T. H. Johnson Has Announced His Candidature for Chief Magistracy of Interior Town.

PRINCE GEORGE, Dec. 23.—T. H. Johnson, proprietor of the Alexandra and Prince George hotels, has announced his candidature for the mayoralty at the municipal election to be held this month. There is a possibility that H. G. Perry, M.L.A. and ex-mayor, may also be a candidate.

PATTULLO EXTENDS SEASON'S GREETINGS

Editor Daily News:
 Will you kindly extend to the people of Prince Rupert electoral district and all the people of Northern British Columbia on my behalf the season's greetings and best wishes. We have been passing through a difficult time, but I am glad to know that the people of the north country have suffered less than most communities and that the prospects for the future are bright. There are signs of a revival of business throughout the province, and in that the north will share. Yours faithfully,
 T. D. PATTULLO.

SUBMARINES CONDEMNED

Lord Lee, Presenting Britain's Case at Conference, Says Inhuman and Useless.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Lord Lee presented Britain's argument for the abolition of the submarine at the disarmament conference today. He said it was conducive to inhuman warfare and was useless as a means of preserving communications for weaker naval powers. He gave as an instance Germany's failure to sink troop ships or any but hospital ships and non-combatant vessels during the war.

Lord Lee also said that the proposal of Charles E. Hughes, United States secretary of state, would give all countries more submarines than were actually built or were purporting at the conference to have been built. No other country but Britain favored the abolition of submarines, and France, Japan and Italy urged their retention. He considered that it was probable that Britain would join with the other nations in an effort to reach a rigid convention regulating the use of the submarine in war.

SAM McVEY IS DEAD NEW YORK

Prominent Colored Boxer Fell Victim to Pneumonia.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Sam McVey, the negro heavyweight boxer died today in the hospital, a victim of pneumonia. McVey was a heavyweight boxer of much repute having fought many famous ring battles. Among his opponents were Sam Langford, Jack Johnson and many other first-class men in the heavy-weight division.

CANADIANS IN NEW YORK IN DISTRESS

President of Canadian Club Makes Appeal on Behalf of Soldiers.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—There is so much distress among Canadian ex-soldiers in New York that the president of the Canadian Club has issued an appeal to the public on their behalf.

ADRIATIC ARRIVES NEW YORK WITH A RICH CHRISTMAS CARGO

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The steamer Adriatic arrived today from England with more than seven thousand sacks of Christmas mail, also with \$3,500,000 gold bullion consigned to local banks.



FIRST SINCE VON BERNSTORFF.
 Count Ed. von Bernstorff, photographed when he arrived in the United States on the Scandinavian-American steamship Heig Day. He is the newly appointed German Charge d'Affaires at Washington and the first diplomatic representative of Germany since Count von Bernstorff left in 1917.

CONGRATULATE NEW PREMIER

Mackenzie King Tells His Constituents of Many Messages Received.

TORONTO, Dec. 23.—Addressing his constituents in North York, Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, Premier-elect of the Dominion, referred to the large number of congratulatory letters and telegrams he had received. Since a fortnight ago, he said, between 1500 and 200 telegrams had come to hand, and between 7000 and 8000 letters. A tremendous number came from North York.

He had received cablegrams from many parts of the world—from Paris as remote as Singapore, from Europe, from Australia, from China, and a large number from England—which showed that not only the eyes of the Dominion, but the eyes of many parts of the world, were focussed on Canada. The cablegram from Singapore was from Lord Northcliffe.

GERMAN GENERAL DIED YESTERDAY

General Hans von Bessler, Prominent During War, Passed Away in Berlin.

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—General Hans von Bessler, who captured Antwerp and was later governor of German occupied territory in Russia during the war, died here yesterday.

DISORDERS IN EGYPT

Two British Warships Have Been Despatched From Malta to Scene.

MALTA, Dec. 23.—Two British warships have been ordered to proceed to Egypt where disorders have broken out. At Cairo it is said that Zagloul Pasha, a Nationalist leader, has been killed and six men were wounded in fighting yesterday near the home of the former. The trouble arose as a result of an order forbidding speechmaking.

REMAINS OF LATE CAPTAIN SELIG WERE SHIPPED TO SEATTLE

The body of the late Captain George Selig was shipped last night from the B. C. Undertakers to Seattle where burial will take place. There was service from the ritual of the Oddfellows Lodge of which deceased was a member. Steve Selig, brother, accompanied the remains south.

Dail Eireann Adjourned Last Night Without Vote On Treaty Ratification

DUBLIN, Dec. 23.—The Dail Eireann adjourned last night without having taken a vote on the ratification of the Anglo-Irish treaty. The adjournment will be effective until January 3, when the debate will again be resumed. Members opposing the treaty brought in a resolution to continue the debate until a vote was taken, but this was defeated by 77 to 43, and the house then adjourned.

ENNIS, Ireland, Dec. 23.—The Clare county council in Eamonn de Valera's constituency has voted 17 to 5 for the ratification of the Anglo-Irish treaty and has requested de Valera to use his influence towards the preservation of national unity.

DUBLIN, Dec. 23.—The decision of the Dail Eireann to adjourn until January 3 is commented upon by all Dublin papers as being favorable to the chances of ratification of the Irish agreement.

The Feeling in London.
 LONDON, Dec. 23.—Dail Eireann's adjournment, although coming as a surprise here, is considered on the whole as favorable to the treaty being ultimately ratified. It is believed that the Irish people will get together in the interval and will agitate for the ratification of the treaty. Agricultural and business associations and civic bodies throughout the country are planning meetings to urge the acceptance of the treaty. While it is expected that there will be declarations against the agreement, it is believed that the large majority of the people will support the stand of Griffith and Collins and the other treaty advocates.

TOW HILL BALLOT BOX ARRIVES BUT RETURNS UNKNOWN

The federal election ballot box from Tow Hill, Queen Charlotte Islands, reached here last night, but there was no summary of the returns sent outside the box and none of the interested parties have been advised as to the details of the vote. If none is received it will be necessary to wait until the boxes are all opened on January 7 before the return will be known. There has not been any word from Kitimat yet and the Stork majority still stands as it did a week ago at 63.

NO RECEPTION AT VICTORIA

New Year's Festivities Will Be Foregone and Money Given to the Poor.

VICTORIA, Dec. 23.—Realizing that hundreds of Victoria families will spend this Christmas in the cold and some even in hunger, Premier John Oliver and members of the provincial cabinet have decided not to hold the usual New Year's reception in the Parliament buildings. Instead the money usually used for this purpose is to be turned over to the Rotary Club Christmas fund. As a result a cheque for \$600, contributed by members of the executive, has already been donated.

NEW COLLECTOR CUSTOMS ALASKA

John C. McBride of Juneau Nominated by President Harding.

JUNEAU, Dec. 23.—John C. McBride of this city has been nominated by President Harding as collector of customs for the Territory of Alaska. His headquarters will be at Juneau.

XMAS CHEER AT VICTORIA

Steamer Eastern Merchant Arrives with 17,000 Cases of Liquor for Thirsty B. C.

VICTORIA, Dec. 23.—With one of the largest and most valuable consignments ever shipped to the British Columbia coast the steamer Eastern Merchant is here with 17,000 cases of assorted spirits. Five thousand cases are consigned to Victoria and 12,000 to Vancouver.

SELLING LIQUOR Big Business Being Done with United States in Quebec.

MONTREAL, Dec. 23.—The retail liquor depots of the Quebec Liquor Commission are doing a tremendous Christmas trade. Much of it is from the United States.

MANY DYING FROM HUNGER IN RUSSIA

Two Hundred Daily Reported to Be Buried in Region of Saratov.

MOSCOW, Dec. 23.—The death list in the famine-stricken districts of Russia are rising rapidly. More than two hundred victims are buried daily in the Saratov region.

FEW SEE PRINCE.
 PATNA, Dec. 23.—The Prince of Wales was greeted by only a few spectators when he drove through this city yesterday. The time of his arrival had been confused.