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Lloyd George Will Force Acceptance of Home Rule Bill

While Sinn Feiners Cannot be Compelled to Form their Own Parliament, They will not be Permitted to Interfere With the Ulster House.

(Special to The News via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
LONDON, December 26.—Ireland may have to accept Premier Lloyd George's plan introduced into the House of Commons on Monday, whether she likes it or not, an official close to the British premier declared in an interview. The premier is prepared to force the acceptance of his measure, this official asserted. Its passage by Parliament was assured before the measure was submitted, he added. Lloyd George, according to the official, is "heart and soul" for the passage of some legislation which will at least start the government on its mission of solving the Irish question.
The premier places this problem as second only in importance to the winning of the war. It is believed in Government circles, according to this source of information, that the Ulsterites will accept the plan. If Ulster accepts, and its parliament is threatened by the Sinn Fein element, the "entire British" army is available for the protection of Ulster, it was added.
The Government realizes that it is impossible to force the Sinn Fein section of Ireland to organise a parliament, the official said, but he pointed out that it would be easy to offer them a chance to deal with the Orangemen through a legislative body, and to grant the Ulsterites protection in case there was any attempt to interfere with them.

TWO CASES OF BREAKING AND ENTERING XMAS

Prince Rupert Drug Store Broken Into and Fulton St. Cigar Store Robbed.
Yesterday afternoon the Prince Rupert drug store, Third Avenue, was again broken into, this time in broad day-light. It being a holiday, the staff were not on hand all day and during the afternoon thieves deliberately cut a window pane and entered the washroom. Here they were met with a locked door and probably before they could get it broken open were disturbed. Immediately on discovery of the entry, the police were notified but no trace was to be found of the burglars outside of some foot-prints and dirt on the window sills. The police found that the place had been entered before this week. Some boys are suspected and it is probable the police will make a round up today.
The cigar store on Eighth Ave. and Fulton St. belonging to Miss Bessie Riley was also entered while the proprietor was out and a considerable quantity of cigars and cigarettes taken. This happened between 8 and 12 last night and the entry was made by means of a pass key.

SANTA CLAUS WAS AT LOCAL BUTCHER SHOP

Visited Frizzell's Meat Market on Christmas Eve—Many Youngsters.
What was possibly the largest crowd of youngsters ever gathered together congregated in Frizzell's butcher shop on Christmas Eve to receive the gifts provided by Santa Claus and the genial George Frizzell. There were over a thousand parcels consisting of fruit, candies, nuts and toys given out and the youngsters were surely enthusiastic.
Santa Claus drove up in a four-horse rig, with the customary jangle of sleigh bells, and was a very busy man for some time. Frizzell's Meat Market has gained many friends among the juvenile population of the city.
Albert & McCaffery, Ltd., have just received a shipment of five hundred doors and windows—the most and varied stock in Northern B. C.

Ask for Atkins' Sausages. tf

FRENCH MILLS RAPID REPAIR

Employ Already Forty Thousand Persons—In Two Years Ought to Surpass 1914 Output.
LILLE, France, Dec. 26.—Over forty thousand persons are at work in the French textile mills, which were razed or looted by the Germans of their wonderfully delicate machinery. The repairing of the mills and the reinstallation of the stolen machinery is going on steadily and many thousands more will also find employment soon.
Within a year both Government officials and the manufacturers agree that the production of textiles will reach half of the pre-war total and within two years these men forecast that the 1914 output will be surpassed. The woolen industry is said to have recovered the most rapidly, with cotton in second place. Linen weaving is reported to be the slowest in getting back to normal, because of the shortage of flax formerly obtained from Russia.

U.S. RAILROADS TO BE RETURNED TO OWNERS BY FIRST DAY OF MARCH

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The President has today issued a proclamation returning the railroads and express companies to private control on March 1st. Failure of Congress to enact remedial legislation was given for the reason of extending the two months' time originally agreed upon for the relinquishing of government control of the railroads.

GERMAN PASSENGER LINERS MAY BE SOLD

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The Shipping Board has under consideration the sale of all former German passenger ships, with the stipulation that the vessels be run under the American flag. These vessels total 103, aggregating approximately 250,000 deadweight tons. No price has been fixed for these ships, but \$200 a ton is submitted as the probable valuation.

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CHRISTMAS EVE PARTY AT GENERAL HOSPITAL

Tree Loaded with Gifts for the Nurses—Presentation to Miss Atkinson.
On Christmas Eve a joyous party and Christmas Tise was held at the General Hospital for the nurses and probationers. The evening's entertainment took the form of dancing and excellent music was provided by Will Edmunds and W. J. Pitman. All the hospital staff were in attendance as well as many friends who were specially invited.
The gifts on the beautiful big tree spoke of the popularity and esteem in which the hospital staff is held and it was loaded with many remembrances, both useful and ornamental. Santa Claus was there and was kept busy making the various presentations. Miss Atkinson was presented with an afternoon tea set and tray by the junior nurses. Matron here for only a few months, Miss Atkinson has already won the confidence and esteem of her helpers, as well as all with whom she has come in contact. Miss Bunberry took a leading part in the arrangements for the happy party.

NORTHCLIFFE PRESS PRAISE PREMIER

Signs of Healing the Breach Between the Two Big Men of Great Britain.
(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
LONDON, Dec. 26.—Some of the political observers yesterday saw in the unanimously laudatory attitude assumed by the Northcliffe Press toward Premier Lloyd George's proposals for Irish Home Rule, the possible rapprochement between the great Britisher and Britain's statesman. Both the London Times and the Daily Mail, the two leading Northcliffe publications, were profuse in their praises of the premier's plan. Heretofore these newspapers have been bitter in their attacks upon Premier Lloyd George, following upon the break between him and Lord Northcliffe during the Peace Conference.

BABE WANTS THE MONEY

LON ANGELES, Dec. 26.—Babe Ruth is through with major league baseball unless his demand for a \$20,000 salary is complied with. He has returned an unsigned contract for \$10,000.

Spirella Corsetiere. Phone Black 257.

Ladysmith Coal. The best. Prince Rupert Coal Company. Phone 15.

John D. Rockefeller Gives Hundred Million Dollars in Christmas Presents

(Special to The News via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
NEW YORK, December 26.—John D. Rockefeller has given \$100,000,000 in Christmas presents for public purposes. Half of this sum will go to the General Education Board to raise the salaries of College professors and the other half will be placed at the disposal of the Rockefeller Foundation to aid in the work of combatting disease, through the improvement of medical education, public health administration and scientific research. It is estimated that Rockefeller's gifts now approach the large amount of \$450,000,000.
Canadian schools will benefit from this sum to the amount of \$5,000,000. Appropriations will be made to the medical schools by the Foundation upon the condition that they raise additional sums from other sources.

BIG SENTENCE FOR PILLAGE

German Officer Who Destroyed French Factory Machinery Severely Doled With.

(Special by G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
Amiens, Dec. 26.—The Court Martial held here sentenced the German officer Robert Roeckling, who was administrator of mines at Karlsruhe, to ten years imprisonment, fifteen years exile and a fine of ten million francs, upon his conviction on the charge of organising pillage of the factories of eastern France. He collected the machinery and other material from the factories and blew it up in November, 1918. His brothers, Herman and Ludwig, were given similar sentences by default.

SANTA CLAUS VISITED JAPANESE KIDDIES

Grand Christmas Tree in Anglican Mission Hall Yesterday Pleas'd Little Ones.

The Anglican Japanese Mission Hall at the corner of Sixth Avenue and Fulton Street was the scene of Christmas festivities yesterday. Over sixty Japanese were present, of whom half were children. There was a Christmas tree and Santa Claus was in attendance. Christmas hymns were sung, some in English by the children and some in Japanese by the whole assembly. Recitations were given in both languages. Mr. Higashi, the missionary in charge, gave an address on Christmas and Mrs. Higashi directed the various classes of children in their motion songs and other parts.
Mr. Enyu, who came to Port Eslington nearly twenty years ago, was the chairman of the evening, and interpreted Bishop Du Verne's brief address on the Spirit of Christmas. Canon Bix and the Bishop were invited guests. The peals of laughter over Santa Claus indicated that child nature, whether Japanese or Canadian, is essentially the same.

RUSSIAN PROPAGANDA BY GERMAN AGENTS

German Agent Had Free Entry to U. S. State Department and Was Well Vouched For.

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The disclosures at the Senate investigation into the Russian Bolshevik propaganda in the United States, which will begin soon after the New Year opens, are expected to show the presence of German secret agents here masquerading in the guise of Russians, a senator said yesterday. One of these agents, who during the war, was active in the German spy system, had free entry to the State Department, where he had been well vouched for.

J. MacMillan, Charles D. Anderson and R. M. McDougall are in the city, having arrived from Atlin Inlet yesterday morning.

Esthonia and Soviet Russia Peace Negotiations Seem Likely to be Successful

(Special to The News via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
DORPAT, Livonia, December 26.—Some indications that an agreement might be reached in the negotiations for peace between Esthonia and Soviet Russia are being observed here. The Bolsheviks are showing a distinct willingness to make further concessions in the matter of territorial adjustments, which it is believed would obviate the necessity of the Tarva front, to which the Esthonian Government has been offering strong objections on account of its strategic position.
According to the Esthonians, the Bolshevik forces on the Tarva and Pskof fronts combined now total 100,000 men.

CLEMENCEAU TO BE PRESIDENT

"The Tiger" Expected to be Elected Without Opposition; Cabinet to Resign January 17.

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
PARIS, Dec. 26.—President Poincaré's successor will be elected on January 17, according to the inference generally drawn by the Parisian press from President Clemenceau's statement in the Chamber that the cabinet would definitely resign on that date. It is also deduced that he will be a candidate for the presidency, which means that he will be elected virtually without opposition.
Speculation regarding "The Tiger's" successor as head of the cabinet is consequently eclipsing discussion as to the next president of the republic. Alexander Miller, governor of Alsace Lorraine, seems to have the greatest lead in popularity, so far as can be judged meantime.

MANY DRAWINGS IN CITY SHOPS

Winners Announced at Barrie's—Numbers Given for Others.

With the exception of Bulger's Christmas drawing, all the drawings in the local stores for Christmas prizes were held on Christmas Eve. The drawing at Bulger's store takes place tonight at 8 o'clock.
No. 1969 is first prize winner for the eiderdown comforter at Wallace's. The ladies' silk sweaters won by 5175 and the pair of ladies' shoes goes to 2700. Mr. Minns, manager, announces that if the winning tickets are not presented within ten days the prizes will go to the alternate numbers, 3763, 920 and 5165 respectively.
At Barrie's Furniture Store the list of winners is as follows: First, davenport bed, Mrs. J. T. Strange, No. 546; second, oak library table, Mrs. F. G. Dawson, No. 1030; third, rocking chair, Major V. Cowper Young, No. 376.
First choice for the Brunswick at McRae Bros. is 6152 with 1 and 6067 as alternative numbers in case the first mentioned fail to appear. No. 2015 wins the Victrola at Wrathall's Stationery Store. The following are the winning numbers at Tite's Furniture Store: First, brass bed and fittings, 2343, held by Mrs. M. Clark; ladies' mahogany desk, 5765; kewpie doll, 1666.
Chris. Gushue raised a disturbance on Christmas Eve and this morning answered before Magistrate McMordie. He was fined \$21.50 to cover drunkenness, wilful damage and costs.

To Loyal Canadians and Allies
The GREAT WAR VETERANS' ASSOCIATION wish you
A HAPPY NEW YEAR
and invite you to their dance at St. Andrew's Hall TONIGHT at 9 p. m. Refreshments by the Ladies' Auxiliary. Augmented Orchestra. Gentlemen \$1; Ladies 50c. Raffle for \$500 Victory Bond during the evening.

WOULD POOL RESOURCES OF ALL EUROPE

General Bliss of United States Indicates Method of Reconstructing War Torn Countries.

WOULD APPOINT ONE MAN DIRECTOR OF SUPPLIES

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The fate of all Europe is so closely interwoven with that of Germany that the other European nations should lend her every assistance in the organization and maintenance of a stable government, General Tasker H. Bliss, United States representative on the Supreme War Council, said today. The present unrest in Europe is due almost entirely to unfair or economic conditions, General Bliss continued, but this could be raised and wholly corrected if all Europe combined their resources in one big effort.
General Bliss suggested the pooling of necessities and raw materials under one man, vested with the necessary authority and organization. This man would be designated Director General of Supplies and would have associated powers as Director General of Distribution to see that the supplies available were apportioned where they were the most urgently needed.

ALLIES VERIFYING GERMAN STATISTICS

Ratification of Versailles Treaty Depends Upon How Soon Figures Can Be Checked Up.

(Special by G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
PARIS, Dec. 26.—The final date of the repeatedly postponed exchange of ratifications of the Versailles Treaty now depends upon the speed with which the Allied Missions in Germany can verify the German figures of the available floating docks and other marine equipment claimed by the Allies as compensation for the sinking of the German ships at Scapa Flow.

BIG MONEY TO STAGE CHAMPIONSHIP FIGHT

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—C. B. Cochran, the British fight promoter, arrived here on the steamer Mauretania, prepared to offer a substantial sum for the staging of the world's heavyweight championship match between Georges Carpentier, champion of Europe, and Jack Dempsey.
Launch "Alice B." Phone 41.