

speech which attracts most attention is that expressing confidence that the other Dominions see the desirability in the interests of the whole Empire of following New Zealand's patriotic action.

"The gift of this magnificent ship to the motherland at a time of serious crisis was one of the greatest acts of far-seeing imagination for which any modern state can claim credit," he said. "This small community, far away in the recesses of the Pacific, contributed the money out of which this magnificent ship has been called into being, then dedicated it, wholeheartedly, without reserve, without condition and without return, to the general services of the Imperial navy. We recognize the sacrifice and exertions Australia is making and we look forward with hope and confidence to the assistance Canada will bring. The gift of New Zealand does not rank beneath the exertions or contributions of any of the Dominions and may well be considered, in some respects, as an example, or perhaps a forerunner."

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First Lord Criticized.

London, Dec. 17.—Mr. Winston Churchill's speech yesterday to the crew of the New Zealand is unfavorably criticized by the Manchester Guardian, perhaps the weightiest Liberal newspaper in Britain.

"The gift of New Zealand," says the Guardian, "was based on a complete misapprehension of facts. Its distinguishing quality was not far-sightedness. We believe as little in Mr. Churchill's navy imperialism as in Mr. Chamberlain's political or economic imperialism."

"We are quite sure," continues the Guardian, "that a common system of imperial defence is unworkable until there is common political unity. The present crisis over naval expenditure is largely due to ambiguity over these three Dreadnoughts offered by Canada. Mr. Churchill tried to have it both ways. When the offer is made we are not to spend less. When it disappears we are to spend more."

"The overseas Dominions think that each of the ships is a grant in aid of the British taxpayer in support of a policy over which they have no control. That every tub should stand on its own bottom is not, perhaps, an exalted maxim, but the result is, at any rate, stable and not without certain dignity."

A Liberal Protest.

A deputation of Liberal members of parliament, a great many of whom were associated with the memorial presented last year, urging the House not to accept the Canadian naval contribution without its full consent, will wait upon the prime minister today to represent that there is a great unbusiness in the Liberal party at the "anticipation" of the increase in expenditure. The deputation suggests that a further increase in armaments beyond that arising from the programme already sanctioned by the House of Commons is unnecessary and ought to be refused, and that the country is already spending up to the hilt great revenues derived from the trade boom, so that any decline in trade must mean a considerable addition to existing taxation. They hold the view that the nation was never in a safer position, both from its strength and the present state of international relations and that in those circumstances any increase in naval expenditure will create a situation of great gravity in the fortunes of the Liberal party and affect the welfare of the nation.

Ban on Cabarets.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 17.—Mayor Albright today issued an order to all grill managers that the cabaret performers must not dangle with the guests on New Year's eve, when the gay cabaret shows in Portland will formally pass into the discard. The mayor recently put the ban on cabaret shows as they now exist, but gave the few days of grace on account of the New Year. More than \$8000 in cash has been deposited by prospective merry-makers for tables on New Year's eve.

Rabbits Seemingly Know Their Geography

East Killingly, Conn., Dec. 17.—Since the Connecticut game law went into effect there has been much trouble along the state line over Rhode Island shooters coming over to this side. Connecticut game wardens and protectors are scattered all along the line looking out for law violators, who plead ignorance of the state line whereabouts.

Two Providence men yesterday were fined \$30.14 for each rabbit "holed," for they hadn't caught any.

One of the men said: "Them gosh hanged rabbits appear to be well posted on southern New England geography and coax us over the line so you darned loafers can get a chance to make money by roping us in."

JUDGE CLOTHES A THIEF

Magistrate Takes Pity and Gives Homeless Man Overcoat.

New York, Dec. 17.—James Rice, homeless, admitted in the Central street police court today that he walked into a second-hand store, put on a \$15 overcoat and walked out. "I would pay for the coat," said Rice, "if I had a chance. Therefore, I maintain that the ownership of the coat is in doubt."

Rice had no clothing to speak of and he complained that it was cold in the Tombs. Magistrate Levy held Rice for the special sessions.

"Can't I wear that overcoat?" pleaded Rice.

Levy whispered to the court attendant, who brought an overcoat.

"Try that on," commanded the magistrate.

It covered Rice completely.

"That was my overcoat," said the court. "It is yours now."

Levy sent home for another overcoat.

AND HE DIDN'T COLLECT

Man Walks 1350 Miles for \$15 Debt Due Two Years.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 17.—To collect a debt of \$15.75 Andrew Burd of Kansas City walked 670 miles to Pueblo, Colo., and then failed of his object. Then he walked 670 miles back to Kansas City, and after no better success at this end of the line he asked the Free Legal Aid Bureau to help him.

Two years ago Burd worked for the Missouri Pacific Railroad at Pueblo, but for some reason did not draw his pay.

Last summer Burd arrived here and decided to walk to Pueblo to collect his money. He failed there, so he struck out for Kansas City to spend the winter and borrow of the Free Legal Aid Bureau, asked the attorneys there to collect the money for him.

King's New Year's Honors.

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—A rumor was prevalent today that the King's New Year's birthday honors will include Major E. M. Leonard, chairman of the National Transcontinental Railway Commission. Major Leonard it is said will be given a knighthood.

Commissioner Rees Much Better.

Toronto, Dec. 17.—So marked has been the improvement in the condition of Commissioner David M. Rees of the Salvation Army, in the last few days, that the nurse in attendance this afternoon said his recovery is almost assured.

and others have been disposed to fight shy of the Canadian field. Three years ago the late government suggested that improved conditions might be brought about by the framing of a Dominion Mines Act which would include all the best features of the provincial acts and additional features applicable to the territories and the prairie provinces.

Bill Already Drafted.

The Canadian Mining Institute fell in with the idea and has drawn up a draft bill which is now receiving the consideration of Hon. Louis Coderre, minister of mines, and his officials. With modifications such as the government considers advisable, this bill will, in all probability, be introduced at an early date in the session. After receiving a second reading, it will be referred to the committee on forests and mines to be dealt with in detail. It is understood that the new legislation will be largely based upon the Ontario Mining Act.

HERNAN SINGH WILL FIGHT DEPORTATION

Writ of Habeas Corpus Was Issued This Afternoon by Justice Macdonald.

Hernan Singh, the Hindu whose discharge and subsequent rearrest caused such a commotion at the Courthouse a week ago, is to be brought up on habeas corpus again tomorrow before Mr. Justice Macdonald, when efforts will be made to have him discharged from the custody of the immigration officers on the ground that the present charge is res judicata of the charge on which he was recently released and that the man can not be tried twice for the same offence.

Mr. A. H. MacNeill, K. C., will rely on the judgment of Mr. Justice Morrison in the Rahim case.

"Can you not proceed by summons. These friends of yours are taking up a great deal of the time of the courts nowadays," queried Justice Macdonald.

"I am afraid not. We are informed that it is the intention of the authorities to deport this man on the boat which sails tomorrow, and the application is therefore urgent," said Mr. MacNeill.

"Their desire to stay in the country is certainly very flattering, and it is their right to use the courts," commented his lordship.

"It is their only chance. They have to do this; it is their only remedy," added Mr. MacNeill.

His lordship accordingly gave special leave to bring the matter on tomorrow morning.

NO SHADE OF APPLE TREE

Portland Man's 44-Acre Orchard Cut Down by Orders.

Portland, Dec. 17.—Every apple tree in the 44-acre orchard of Herman Metzger—2300 in all—was cut down this morning by the state fruit inspector and a force of men. Metzger stood by protesting, but was unable to stop the destruction of his orchard. Neighbors of Metzger claimed his trees had every disease known to apples. He was given a month in which to comply with the law requiring annual spraying, and failing to do so the trees were cut down and burned. The orchard is near the city limits of Portland.

Still Seeking Girl.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Additional detectives were placed on the supposed trail of Jessie Evelyn McCann, the missing Brooklyn social worker, here today.

that the sales will be brisk. And this for charity, of course. The Santa Claus fund is to be the sole benefactor. moonlight.

ROBINSON CRUSOE IN LAKE SUPERIOR

Recluse Had Lived Nearly a Year on a Lonely Islet.

Subsisted for Months on Fish and Sea-gulls' Eggs.

Fort William, Dec. 17.—A story in real life which rivals Defoe's narrative of Robinson Crusoe and his man Friday, was unfolded here yesterday when the provincial police brought to the city Frank Johnson, one of the two recluses who have spent close to a year on a desolate island in Lake Superior, about seventy miles east of here. Fishermen who visit McKenzie Island at infrequent intervals in summer, last week brought word that Alex. Haley, formerly of Port Arthur, who has long been the single inhabitant of the island, was missing and that a strange-appearing man with long, unkempt hair and beard, which all but hid his features, was there alone.

The provincial police yesterday went to the island. They questioned the man, who said he had started across the lake in a flat bottomed boat 14 feet long, which he had built early last spring. He said he had been directed by a doctor to spend the remainder of his life on the island as he had an incurable and contagious disease. He told that the wind blew him on to McKenzie Island where he found Haley leading the life of a hermit. The pair decided to make their future home in a crude cabin Haley had built. It is now believed that Haley, who has been missing several weeks, has been drowned. The only boat by which he could have reached shore is still at the island, which is less than a quarter of a mile square. Johnson claims that he has eaten nothing but sea gull eggs, fish and an occasional duck since spring. The officers found neither flour nor vegetables in the cabin. Johnson was brought here and will probably be deported as an undesirable. He claims New Orleans as his home.

APPEAL TO PARLIAMENT

British Postmen Decide Not to Take a Strike Ballot.

London, Dec. 17.—The leaders of the British postmen, at a meeting of the executive committee yesterday, decided that no drastic action for redress of their grievances should be taken until an appeal has been made to Parliament to reverse the refusal of the postmaster-general to grant them the desired increase in wages. A motion to have the men take a ballot as to whether or not, at an early date, a strike should be declared, was defeated.

\$1000 Cup for Hockey.

Houghton, Mich., Dec. 17.—James McNaughton of Calumet, general manager of the Calumet & Hecla Mining Company, has announced a donation to the American Hockey Association of a cup to represent the championship of the United States. The cup will not cost less than \$1000.

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