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One good way is to buy in St. John's shops and patronize its industries. By doing so you will not only get good value but you will be setting your money to work for everybody in the home community. Build up St. John's.

Britain Is Ready To Discuss Reduction of Armaments  
EMPIRE SHOWS WORLD'S WARES

COOLIDGE PLAN IS FAVORED

Britain Whole-heartedly Approves New Conference to Limit Armaments.

PRESS SUPPORTS  
Discusses Position of France in Light of New Bid for World Peace.

BY LLOYD ALLEN  
(United Press Staff Cor.)  
London, April 23.—President Coolidge's suggestion of a new conference for limitation of armaments and his endorsement of the Dawes report as a basis for settlement of the reparations were received with wholehearted approval in British official circles today.

In view of the Labor party's platform urging limitation of air, submarine and land forces, and Prime Minister MacDonald's declaration that such limitation is vital to preservation of world peace, it is considered a foregone conclusion that the new conference, which will be the first in the case of the Washington conference, will be the first national to express official approval of Mr. Coolidge's suggestions.

Early Action.  
It is confidently expected that Mr. MacDonald will take the earliest opportunity to make an official declaration of British approval of the Coolidge suggestions when parliament resumes after the Easter recess.

Press Praises.  
Meantime the British press warmly praises the U. S. President's remarks. Characterizing the conference as one of the "highest importance," the Daily News adds: "If a serious attempt is made by the French Government to torpedo this new effort for peace, with all the hopeful consequences that it implies, the isolation of the French Republic then must be final and complete."

The Manchester Guardian also endorses the proposal for a new conference to be held as soon as the reparations question is settled.

"As long as France is nervous about the security of her eastern frontier," it says, "her present diplomacy will continue, because there are armaments everywhere in Europe. But with a settlement of the reparations problem she can no longer have grounds for fear."

French Not Eager.  
Paris, April 23.—(By Webb Miller, United Press staff correspondent.)—President Coolidge's address in New York yesterday closed the door for French hopes for discussion of war debts in connection with the reparations settlement, in the opinion of authoritative French sources here today.

"Mr. Coolidge's statements mean that the total of Germany's debt cannot be reduced because France must demand 27,000,000,000 gold marks additional to be able to pay the U. S. and England," the Petit Journal says in discussing the address.

French authorities unanimously believed the U. S. President's speech will have a definite effect upon the development of the experts' plan because it dispels Europe's constant hope that the U. S. would consent to a discussion of war debts in connection with her participation in a reparations settlement along the lines laid down in the Dawes report.

Pertinax, a well informed political writer, saw the force of domestic political pressure in the President's remarks on the foreign situation saying: "The United States already has started its presidential campaign battle and it is apparent the Japanese are not the only people who are going to suffer hard knocks as a result."

"All in all, France felt today that there has been no essential change in the American position and that the possibility of at least seeing a reduction in her debt to American in connection with the reparations settlement is as remote as ever."

In Germany.  
Berlin, April 23.—(By Carl D. Groat, United Staff correspondent.)—Germany today greeted President Coolidge's speech as expressing full approval of the Dawes plan for a reparations settlement, and at the same time a broad hint to France that America will disapprove any effort (Continued on page 2, third column.)

St. Lawrence Season Opens

Montreal, April 23.—Inaugurating what is confidently expected to be the biggest passenger traffic season in the history of the St. Lawrence, more than 5,000 passengers will be disembarked at the ports of Quebec and Montreal this weekend by seven liners now inward bound. More than 4,000 of this number are immigrants who plan to settle permanently in Canada, the large majority being from the British Isles.

The ships due are the Minnedosa, the Garmania, the Andania, Canada, Metagama, Montreal and Montreal.

HALIFAX MAN IS DEAD IN TORONTO

Wm. Thompson, Stricken There, Had \$3,000 With Him—Was Cattle Dealer.

Toronto, April 23.—Wm. Thompson, aged 65, a cattle dealer of Halifax, N. S., who was removed from a local hotel to Western Hospital two days ago died yesterday. Death is believed to have been due to heart trouble, but as he was a stranger here and no history of his case was to be had, Chief Coroner Graham has decided to hold an inquest. The dead man had \$3,000 in pound notes on him and this was handed over to the public trustee.

SCHOONER KNOWN HERE ABANDONED

Halifax, N. S., April 23.—A wireless message from Cape Race to the Department of Marine and Fisheries states that the schooner David C. Ritcey was abandoned, sinking in latitude 40.10N, Long. 56.07W.

The David C. Ritcey is a three-masted schooner and is owned by C. W. G. Tessler of Lunenburg. She is well known in this port having been here quite frequently with cargoes of molasses from the West Indies.

Woodstock Decides To Instal New Pump

Woodstock, N. B., April 23.—As a result of the action of the Utilities Commission in not giving redress for the high price of power, and the action of the municipalities committee in the Legislature in refusing to give authority to issue debentures to instal a town plant, the town council at a special meeting last night instructed Town Manager Rutledge and Alderman Page to purchase a new pump, instal it before June 1st, and the amount of \$2,500 to be added to the assessment. The large, inefficient, costly pump and the gasoline pump will be used as auxiliary pumps in case of fire.

U. S. ELECTIONS

Newark, N. J., April 23.—President Coolidge yesterday overwhelmed Senator Hiram W. Johnson of California, in the New Jersey preferential primaries. Philadelphia, April 23.—Ralph Beaver Strassburger, wealthy Norristown publisher, running against Governor Pinchot in yesterday's primary for delegate-at-large to the republican national convention, had a lead of nearly 200,000 votes in less than half the districts.

St. Louis, Mo., April 23.—With the board on May 28. The request was granted.

Telephone Rates.  
O. J. Fraser, superintendent of the New Brunswick Telephone Company, advised the board that the company were ready to start the reduced rates for long distance messages on May 1, which were recently ordered by the board, but they feared the New England Telephone Company would not be able to co-operate as early as that, and the Maritime Telephone Company, operating in Nova Scotia, were also likely to be delayed owing to an application now being dealt with by the Nova Scotia board.

TRAINS ARE IN CRASH; 30 KILLED

Expresses Collide in Switzerland in Darkness of Night.

HARROWING SCENES  
Victims Burn to Death as Wreckage Takes Fire—Many Injured.

(United Press.)  
Geneva, April 23.—Upwards of 30 are dead as a result of the worst railway wreck in years near Gellinon, capital of the Canton of Ticino, according to word here today.

Two trains running at high speed crashed into each other in the darkness and many passenger cars were smashed completely. The dead included the engineers of both trains, according to reports here. Dozens of passengers were injured.

Estimates this afternoon placed the number of dead as high as 30 and the injured at 60.

The trains were the Bernina and the Milan expresses, and both were crowded with passengers.

Despatches told of harrowing scenes as many of the victims screamed in agony as they burned to death in the smashed cars. Relief cars were at the scene today and all the injured were being cared for.

(Canadian Press.)  
Bern, April 23.—Four Americans are reported to have been in the sleeping car on the train from Italy, which car was less damaged than the others. The Italian train had on board some French and British passengers, in addition to 45 German and 52 Italians.

POWER IS GIVEN TO THE CHAIRMAN

Utilities Board Deals With Matter of Report on Interference.

The Board of Public Utilities, in regular session this morning, gave the chairman power to act upon the report of an expert to be selected by the board in connection with disputes in regard to interference between wires and poles of competing electric systems and also authorized the chairman to arrange for the hearing of applications from Frederickton and Moncton for changes in rate schedules after a report had been filed by S. H. Midram, expert of the board.

J. MacMillan, chairman, chairman, and Commissioners F. X. LeBlanc and T. C. Burpee were in attendance.

Dr. F. R. Taylor, K.C., and M. G. Teed, K.C., appeared in connection with the application for enquiry into electrical rates in the city of Moncton and asked for a postponement until the regular meeting of the board on May 28. The request was granted.

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Ex-Premier's Son Is Pinked in Duel

Naples, April 23.—A duel with swords was fought here yesterday between Vincenzo Nitli, son of former Premier Nitli, and Giulio Francosconi. Nitli was painfully wounded in the right arm.

The duel was the outgrowth of an article published by Francosconi in the Fascist newspaper, Mezzo Giorno, which Nitli considered an insult to his father. The duel lasted for ten assaults, then Francosconi ran Nitli through the arm. Thereupon the surgeons in attendance stopped the fight.

JAP BUSINESS MEN ENTER PROTESTS

Pass Resolutions on U. S. Exclusion Bill and Shipping Act.

Kyoto, Japan, April 23.—The Federation of the Chambers of Commerce of Japan, in their annual meeting yesterday, passed resolutions regretting the passage of the Japanese exclusion bill in the U. S. Congress and the proposal to make effective Article 28 of the American Merchant Marine Act, which, it is alleged, would disturb international trade relations.

The resolution dealing with Japanese exclusion says: "We earnestly desire a satisfactory solution of this question for the sake of the maintenance of peace in the Pacific Ocean and the promotion of trade between the two countries."

Despatches told of the International Chamber of Commerce, Paris, declares the operation of the U. S. Merchant Marine Act will disturb international trade relations, "therefore we hope for your best endeavors in abolishing the act."

U. S. L.A.W AFFECTS C. P. STEAMSHIPS

Matter of Restricting Russian Immigration Quota to U. S. Creates Problem.

Moscow, April 23.—If the present immigration bill before the U. S. Congress, restricting Russia's quota to 2,000 annually, becomes law, several British steamship companies specializing in the transportation of Russian settlers to the U. S. and Canada, it is declared, will be forced to abandon their business.

The largest of these are the White Star and Canadian Pacific, which have considerable investments in their Russian services. Last year they took many thousands more brought to the interior in the belief that the immigration bill would be defeated or modified.

"The companies are faced, in the event of the passage of the bill, with the task of returning these emigrants to their homes at great expense."

H. M. DAUGHERTY DEFENDS HARDING

Says No Freer Man Ever Crossed Threshold of White House.

Washington, April 23.—Harry M. Daugherty in a statement issued here last night declared that "President Harding was nominated and elected the freest man that ever stepped across the threshold of the White House. All the cheap, sensational talk by a partisan committee and others in regard to the manner in which President Harding was nominated and elected is false," the former attorney general declared.

LOOK FOR ELECTION THIS YEAR

Parliamentary Constituencies in England Show Signs of Activity.

STIRS LIBERALS  
Lloyd George's Speech Regarded Directed at Them Rather Than Labor.

By HARRY N. MOORE.  
(British United Press.)  
London, April 23.—The effectiveness of the speech delivered yesterday by former Premier Lloyd George to the Labor delegates assembled at York, in which he lectured the Labor men for their cavalier treatment of Liberals who had given them such valuable support and made their retention of office possible, is not likely to be lasting.

Labor knows perfectly well that when the Liberals think the hour is opportune to turn them out of office they will not hesitate to do so by combining with the Conservatives, and they make no secret of the fact that they are making hay while the sun shines.

Parliamentary constituencies throughout the country are beginning to show increased activity, which means nothing but a preparation for another election to the country, and it is generally admitted that a general election this year is inevitable.

Keen observers believe that the speech of Lloyd George was directed largely towards the members of the Liberal party, in an endeavor to arouse keener enthusiasm in those ridings where Liberal votes helped to elect Labor members last election, and it is believed that the Liberal leaders will continue to do this by arousing resentment against Labor methods both in and out of parliament.

WAR TAPESTRY IS PRESENTED TO U. S.

Art Work is Gift From France at Opening of Exposition in New York.

New York, April 23.—In opening a French exposition here last night Ambassador Jules Jusserand presented to the U. S. a beautiful tapestry depicting the departure of U. S. troops from France. It was made especially for the occasion and will be placed in the new art museum in Philadelphia when the exposition ends on May 3.

Jusserand brought a message from Premier Poincare in which the French statesman wished to the exhibition, which is being conducted for the benefit of French charities in New York, every success. The ambassador said France has officially participated in only two expositions—the present one and the St. Louis exposition in 1904.

Howard Greenly, art director of the exposition, has modelled his flower and about one mile from where his exhibits range from huge automobiles to tiny bottles of perfume.

ASK COAL ROYALTY IN N. S. BE CUT

River Hebert-Joggins District Men Seek Reduction to Five Cents.

Amherst, N. S., April 23.—It was announced here yesterday that delegates representing about ten mines in the River Hebert-Joggins district will appear before Premier Armstrong this week seeking to have the royalty on coal mined in seams which are less than three feet in thickness reduced from twelve and a half cents, the rate as at present applicable regardless of the thickness of seams, to five cents a ton. The seams in this district, so it was said, do not average over two feet in thickness, and as a result the miners say they are at a disadvantage as compared with the miners in other parts of the province where the seams are much thicker.

German Send Out Big Liner

Bremen, April 23.—The North German Lloyd steamer Columbus the largest German merchant ship constructed since the Great War, cleared yesterday for New York on her maiden voyage with 800 first and second class passengers. She will touch only at Southampton on her maiden voyage. Thereafter she will also call at Cherbourg.

Smith Out For Presidency; Can't Get It In Son's Club

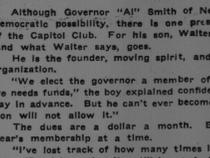
Although Governor "Al" Smith of New York has become a leading Democratic possibility, there is one presidency he can never get—that of the Capital Club. For his son, Walter, aged 15, has it all tied up.

He is the founder, moving spirit, and most of the works of the organization.

"We elect the governor a member of our athletic club, every time we need funds," the boy explained confidentially. "And we make him pay in advance. But he can't ever become our president. The constitution will not allow it."

The dues are a dollar a month. But the governor gets taxed a year's membership at a time.

"I've lost track of how many times I've been elected," he said, smiling. "But I hope that I'm still in good standing."



Operation Restores Sight of Man Declared "Totally Blind"

New York, April 23.—Victor Atwell, a thirty-three-year-old draftsman, was registered at the Long Island College Hospital more than six weeks ago as "totally blind." Now, as a result of a special operation and weeks of medication, Atwell is able to look out of his hospital window and dimly discern passersby in the street.

Doctors at the hospital expressed amazement at Atwell's recovery of sight. Poisons in his system, they said, had infected and apparently destroyed the optic nerve. They advised an operation on the lone chance that the infection might be kept from other parts of the head.

Following the operation, the patient's eyes were given an antiseptic treatment, and after three weeks the doctors held out hope for partial sight. Last week Atwell observed shadowy forms moving about his hospital room, and knew that his sight had in part returned. He is now able to see nearby objects fairly well. And Dr. George Boehm, whose patient Atwell is, said his charge might be able to read newspapers by the middle of May.

Physicians at the hospital declared Atwell's recovery to be the first case of sight restoration from total blindness within their experience.

SEA GIVES UP DEAD

Body of George Dobson, N. S. Fisherman, is Washed Ashore.

Shelburne, N. S., April 23.—The body of George Dobson of Guysboro, N. S., who was lost in his dory from the Lockport fishing schooner Nellie Viola on December 28, was found yesterday at Jordan Bay, nine miles from here and about one mile from where his dory was picked up on the day after he strayed from his vessel. A gold watch and \$35 were recovered from his pockets.

3 DIE IN WRECK

Trainmen Lose Lives When Coal Train Engines Leave Rails.

Bluefield, West Virginia, April 23.—Three persons were killed and two others seriously injured when a Norfolk and Western freight train left the rails nearby yesterday.

A train of 13 cars of coal, drawn by two engines, was rounding a curve on a sharp grade when both engines left the rails nearby yesterday. Those killed were I. E. Kitts, conductor; W. R. Dillow, fireman, and Kyle Hayes, a power company lineman.

Fear Sydney Fisherman Lost

Shelburne, N. S., April 23.—John Zinck, about 40 years of age, a native of North Sydney and for the last 30 years a resident of Gloucester, Mass., strayed in his dory from the American fishing schooner Elsie Silvia on last night, and is believed to have perished.

KING OPENS EXHIBITION AT WEMBLEY

His Heartening Words Broadcast to British Family.

TIGHTENING LINKS  
Economic and Sentimental Value of the Empire Exhibition.

(Canadian Press.)  
Wembley, Eng., April 23.—The British Empire Exhibition, covering 220 acres of grounds, and including displays from every part of the British Commonwealth, was opened today by King George, to continue until September as the Mecca of thousands from overseas as well as the millions of the United Kingdom.

The Exhibition was formally turned over to the King by the Prince of Wales, as president, at a colorful ceremony in the huge athletic stadium, staged with all the pageantry which surrounds the public activities of British Royalty.

Radio Carries Speeches  
The addresses of the King and the Prince, picked up by radio, were heard by more persons than have ever listened at one time to the words of a British sovereign and his heir apparent. Hundreds of thousands throughout the British Isles heard the King's voice for the first time. In London, loud speakers had been set up in the public squares, and as the King began to speak a great hush fell on the street crowds.

In addition to the radio broadcasting the speeches were sent over the cables to the farthest parts of the Empire.

Prince Addresses King  
The Prince of Wales, turning over the British Empire Exhibition to King George today, addressed his royal sire as follows:

"Your Majesty: As president I ask you graciously to declare open to your people this British Empire Exhibition. You see before you a complete and vivid representation of all our empire. (Continued on page 8.)

MURDERER LEAPS TO DEATH IN STREET

Slayer of Wife Springs From Third Story of Detective Bureau.

(United Press.)  
Chicago, April 23.—James DeJoy, 27, after confessing to killing his wife, leaped from the third floor of the detective bureau today and landed head first on the concrete pavement. His skull was crushed and he died on his way to the hospital.

DeJoy was being posed for a photograph when he broke away from a detective and dived head first out of the window, taking most of the window with him.

Mrs. Ann DeJoy and Mrs. Fred Potenza had only been a bit more skillful about preparing breakfast they probably would be alive today. DeJoy and Fred Potenza, confessed wife slayers, admitted to police that displeasure over their breakfasts played a large part in the murders.

After an all-night examination DeJoy early today blurted out to Captain William Schoemaker. "Yes, she would not get up mornings to get my breakfast, so I cut her throat." To this was the added aggravation of poor breakfasts when he got up, and constant bickering. DeJoy said.

Potenza shot and killed his wife in the street here late yesterday and also shot his sister-in-law, and told police a hurried breakfast constituted one of the chief reasons for the murder.

Pennant Flung To Breeze Today

New York, April 23.—The 1923 American League pennant will be raised over the Yankee Stadium today when the League champions open their home season with the Boston Red Sox. The world's championship banner will not be unfurled until a later date.

Weather Report  
Toronto, April 23.—The depression which was over the lake region yesterday morning now covers the lower St. Lawrence Valley and another low area extends from the northwest states to Arizona. Pressure is high from the Great Lakes southward. Rain and snow have occurred from the Georgian Bay eastward to the Gulf of St. Lawrence. The weather continues rather cool in the west.

Forecasts:  
Clearing.  
Maritime—Fresh to strong southerly winds, unsettled with local showers. Thursday, westerly winds clearing.  
Gulf and North Shore—Strong winds or gales from eastward with clearing. Thursday, westerly winds clearing.  
Northern New England—Fair tonight and Thursday, little change in temperature; Fresh westerly winds, diminishing tonight.  
Toronto, April 23.—Temperatures:  
Highest during 8 a.m. yesterday night  
Victoria . . . . . 86  
Kamloops . . . . . 82  
Calgary . . . . . 82  
Edmonton . . . . . 82  
Winnipeg . . . . . 82  
Montreal . . . . . 82  
St. John . . . . . 82  
Halifax . . . . . 82  
New York . . . . . 82