

BRITISH AND FOREIGN NEWS

GERMANY WILL BUILD AN ENORMOUS FLEET

Burden of Expense To Be Borne by Inheritance Tax.

Cost of Six Year Expansion Will Cause Political Troubles.

Paris, March 30.—The motor car is the naval programme is arousing the utmost interest at the moment and general anxiety is felt as to the source from which the new expenditure will be derived. The bill has just been laid before the federal council and as soon as that assembly has passed it, it will be brought before the Reichstag. A usually well informed Berlin newspaper states that pressure has been brought to bear upon the admiralty to reduce its demands, which have been repeatedly stirred until only what is considered absolutely indispensable remains. Altogether the demands of the forthcoming navy bill are distributed over a period of six years, during which time the personnel of the navy will be annually augmented by 2,000 officers and men.

A new third active squadron is to be formed by the four warships at present constituting the material reserve, which is to be abandoned. The new squadron will further receive the reserve fleet flagships, three entirely new battleships, and two new small cruisers.

When in 1920 all are ready for service the German high sea fleet will consist of 1 flagship, 24 battleships of the active fleet, 2 squadrons, each of 8 reserve fleet warships, amounting altogether to 41 battleships and 20 armored cruisers. The expenditure commences, according to another authority, with 15,000,000 marks, increasing in very few years to 42,000,000.

The National Liberals, in fact the entire left, are agreed that the only just source of revenue to meet the additional expenses is the inheritance tax, so strenuously opposed by the Conservatives, and it is round this point that the contest will begin. The chancellor and the financial minister have had long conferences on this subject.

At a meeting held recently by the committee of the newly formed Hansa League, composed of business men of all classes in every part of the country, a resolution was passed to the effect that this form of taxation was the only one that could be considered as being the one that would oppress the masses of the people least.

General Receives Natives

Khartoum, Sudan, Mar. 30.—After the opening of the extension of the Khartoum railway, a number of chiefs from distant districts were presented to Lord Kitchener, and later in the day the governor gave an official dinner, which was held in the open air.

Great interest was taken by the natives in the cinematograph display showing the festivities arranged at Sinkat for the recent visit of their majesties King George and Queen Mary, and it is safe to say that such an entertainment had never been seen.

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TOBACCO SMUGGLED INTO FRANCE BY AUTO

Clever Excise Men Search Funeral Procession and Find Belgian Weed

Association of Cripples to Form Union—Consumption of Absinthe Greater.

Paris, March 30.—The motor car is becoming more and more an accessory to the criminal of modern Europe. Just as in New York, so in Paris and other cities of the continent is the motor car employed to aid in crime. Its chief attribute, the means of immediate and speedy escape after commission of the robbery, is what makes it alluring to the criminal.

Within the last year, also, the motor car has developed as a successful accessory for the smuggler between France and Belgium. Smuggling has long been going on at this frontier, and tobacco, owing to the high duties in France, has been the principal object of the smuggling trade. The custom officers on the frontier are professors in the art of meeting the wiles of the smuggler. All sorts of schemes are invented by the smugglers. Thus one day an entire funeral procession came across the frontier—the hearse, with the coffin built in wreaths, scented with lighted candles, weeping relatives and even a clergyman. When the suspicious authorities insisted upon examining the hearse, they found in the coffin not a body, but several hundred pounds of the best Belgian tobacco.

The modern smugglers, however, are criminals, mostly refugees from the French penal settlements, former convicts and desperate men who are willing to take any risk. The motor car has given them a means of carrying on fraudulent operations in a manner to defy the most efficient customs officers. In the three manufacturing towns of Lille, Roubaix and Tourcoing, the smuggler's car rushes across the frontier at night laden with tobacco, and speeds into France at the rate of 60 miles an hour, disappearing before the customs officials had a chance to stop it.

The customs officials admit that they are almost powerless to stop these contraband automobiles. Considering themselves gravely prejudiced in the exercise of their profession, the Association of Cripples of France wish for official protection against the hordes of sham blind, lame and paralytics who usurp their alleged rights to the charities of the state. Their president, M. P. Rosin, and M. E. Sauval, former president of the association of blind men of France, have waited on the Minister of Labor and submitted on behalf of 248 "union" cripples, their statement of claims.

The "truly afflicted" as they style themselves, demand the suppression of the "faker" they wish to put an end to the exploitation of cripples hired out for begging purposes; and they ask for the expulsion of gypsies.

The consumption of absinthe in France in recent years shows, according to the official report, "a frightful increase." The report is expected to hasten the campaign in France for the total prohibition of its manufacture and sale, after the system in vogue in the land where absinthe is entirely forbidden. Strangely enough, the drinking of absinthe is not chiefly in Paris, speaking in a proportional sense, but in the departments bordering the Mediterranean Sea. The so-called "sober" region is found in the southwestern section of the country.

A bill has been introduced in the chamber of deputies providing that when a picture, statue or other work of art is sold by public auction, 2 per cent. of the price shall be paid to the artist of the work sold. Artists, while generally in favor of the measure, fear that it will be very difficult, if not impossible, of application. M. Laloux, president of the French Artists' Society and M. Koll, president of the National Society of the Fine Arts, also fear that the measure will have the effect of drying up all the big sales abroad. However, M. Herard, under secretary of the chamber, is convinced of the utility of the measure, which he will push through.

M. Violle recently demonstrated before the Academy of Sciences an interesting mechanism invented by another scientist, M. Flageolet, by which it will be possible to anticipate by 24 hours, great variations in the weather. This little instrument is a wireless receiver of such acute sensitiveness that it records a storm at a distance of 300 miles. As it takes an average storm about 24 hours to travel this distance, the practical importance of the new invention will be considerable.

A striking illustration of the number of poisonous serpents in France is found in the report of the prefect of the department of Seine and Marne. In this department alone in the year 1911 7845 vipers were killed and this number is fewer than the year preceding. The government gives seven cents for each viper slain. The prize payer is M. Pierre Cassi, of Champagne, who alone got rid of 1818 vipers.

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CHEAP FARES FOR THE EASTER HOLIDAYS.
There will be cheap fares on the Eastern Railway for the Easter holidays between all stations on the line, and to points on connecting lines, good going April 4th to April 10th, and good for return April 10th to April 12th. There will be also through issue at one way first class fare for the round trip to Detroit, Port Huron, Sault Ste. Marie, Buffalo and points east in Canada.

Aga Khan To Remain In Power

Association of Cripples to Form Union—Consumption of Absinthe Greater.

Bombay, India, Mar. 30.—It was to be expected that the decision of the Aga Khan to resign the presidency of the All India Muslim League would meet with much friendly opposition, and it is therefore not surprising to learn that, responding to pressure, he has offered to withdraw his resignation on condition that two joint presidents are appointed. The Aga Khan holds a commanding position among the Mohammedans of India, both on account of his religious position and of his other outstanding qualities, for he has travelled largely and read much, and is thoroughly representative of educated Indian Mohammedans in general.

The memorial after its formal prefix "May it please your grace" goes on to make an earnest plea for such an emendation of the New Testament as shall remove all mistakes, whether they are due to mistranslations or were the result of the use of King James' translators of a Greek text, which later research has shown to be faulty. The authorized version of the Bible has rightly been called a monument of the English language at its best, and after three centuries it still maintains its hold upon the affections of the people.

A Chinese Separator



This is one of the official executioners of Peking, who has been very active the past two weeks separating riotous Pekingers from their heads. You are looking around. One blow does the job.

WINDSOR NEWS.

Windsor, March 26.—Yesterday afternoon the funeral of the late Mrs. Curran was held at 3:30 from her late residence, King street, Rev. G. R. Martell officiating.

Mrs. Curran was 81 years old and was the widow of Thomas J. Curran, who predeceased her in January 1876. She was formerly married to Robert Smith, daughter of the late Michael Smith, of Windsor. She is survived by one daughter, Miss Emily, and two sons, J. E. and Frederick, all at home and to whom the care of their beloved mother has for some years been a heavy burden.

For many years Mrs. Curran was an active worker in the Methodist church and was greatly respected by a large circle of friends.

Miss Bessie Smith, St. John, N. B., is a niece of the deceased and Messrs. Morton and Wm. Smith of St. John are nephews.

A government engineer has been looking over the water front here inspecting the shipping facilities with a view to recommending dredging for the benefit of the shippers. It is anticipated that a large amount of lumber will be shipped from this port which ranks third in Nova Scotia in the shipment of lumber. G. H. Boyce of this town is one of the principal shippers from this place.

The Windsor Dry Goods, Lumber Co., Ltd., is a new firm, which expects to open its doors to the public next Saturday. It is an organized company with G. D. Geldert, a dry goods merchant here, as the chief shareholder. He will have associated with him a strong body of directors of local citizens.

The method under which this concern will be operated is entirely unique in the history of the Dominion and one which has been originated by Mr. Geldert himself.

The R. J. Graham Co., whose apple evaporating plant was completely destroyed by fire here last Thursday night, has not yet decided whether it will rebuild. The estimated loss is \$21,000 with insurance \$11,000. The adjourners are in town this week looking into the matter.

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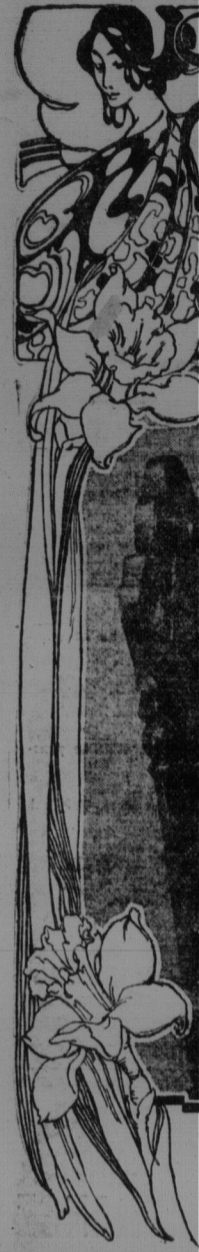
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