

Persons Killed and a Church Destroyed in Quebec Earthquake

Declares Germany's War Preparation More Than Alarming—Besco Posts Notice of Stoppage of Miners' Credit—British Parliamentary Committee to Investigate Ocean Rates.

PARIS, March 2.

Conclusions drawn by Marshal Besco from the report of the Allied Military Mission on Germany's war preparation are more than alarming. Besco has posted a notice of stoppage of miners' credit to the British Parliamentary Committee to investigate ocean rates.

WOODSTOCK, N.B., March 2.

The Roman Catholic church at Woodstock was destroyed by fire early this morning. The fire started in the basement and spread to the main floor.

OTTAWA, Mar. 2.

Four instead of two earthquakes, as at first reported, visited Ottawa between the hours of 2:20 p.m. Saturday, and 2:05 a.m. Sunday. An official statement this afternoon by the Dominion Observatory states that with the development of the shocks in which the earthquakes were recorded, other quakes had become apparent.

SYDNEY, March 2.

Serious developments in the coal wage difficulty between the miners of District 26, United Mine Workers, and the British Empire Steel Corporation, are anticipated as a result of the Company's action to-day, in posting notices of stoppage of all credit to miners of collieries Nos. 2, 4, and 6, in the southern areas of Cape Breton.

LONDON, March 2.

Sir Burton Chadwick, Under Secretary for the Board of Trade, speaking in the House of Commons this afternoon, said he understood that the ocean freight rates would probably be investigated by a Parliamentary Committee.

BOSTON, March 2.

Five men were drowned when the coal barge James M. Hudson, in tow from Norfolk to Boston, foundered off Boston Light in last night's gale. Two of the bodies were recovered.

SOUTHAMPTON, Mar. 2.

H. Grindell Matthews, inventor of the death ray, asserted on his arrival here from the United States that he had disposed of his invention in the United States but would not divulge the buyers' price.

QUEBEC, Mar. 2.

That the origin of Saturday night's seismic disturbance was in the vicinity of the Saguenay River, was proved beyond doubt this morning as the result of a long distance telephone conversation with agent Harvey of the Dominion Express Company at Murrant Bay. That official gave out the surprising information that the shocks were still being experienced at the latest one was at 8 o'clock this morning. They were felt at stated intervals all Saturday, according to Mr. Harvey, and all day yesterday, continuing through the night and this morning. This official also stated that although the first shocks which shook the countryside were of a very severe nature, nothing out of the ordinary had happened, in that as serious accidents or property damages were concerned, apparently, the Saguenay River, about sixty miles below Quebec, suffered severely, from shocks, although to date there has been no loss of life reported but several injured. Property damage was very heavy in that locality. A resident of Bale St. East, states that general conditions there as the aftermath of the earthquake were very bad, and that many people had suffered great loss. The latest tremors were very light and the distance seemed to be passing to the north.

LONGUE-CHAPELLE, Mar. 2.

Today for the first time in a fortnight, King George was allowed to leave his bed and sit up for a short time in his bedroom. His condition is improving daily, and should weather permit it is hoped he will get to the Mediterranean within two weeks.

FRANCO-GERMAN PACT PROPOSALS.

PARIS, Mar. 2. Reliable French reports heard today that proposals looking to a pact of reciprocal military guarantees and security between Germany and France were received by Premier Herriot from the German Foreign Secretary, Dr. Stresemann, ten days ago.

STATE OF SIEGE IN CHILEAN PROVINCES.

SANTIAGO, Chile, Mar. 2. A state of siege has been declared in the Chilean provinces of Santiago, Valparaiso, and Antofagasta, the most thickly populated sections of the country. The measure was dictated by incidents occurring Saturday held to indicate the existence of a plot on the part of unionists with the object of overthrowing the present Government. The principal unionist leaders have been arrested.

THE CALDER ACT IN OPERATION.

OTTAWA, Ont., Mar. 2. The Government has been enabled to abolish 771 positions through the Public Service Retirement Act (or Calder Act), according to the report of the Civil Service Commission on operations of the Act tabled in the House of Commons this afternoon. From the Commissioners' report it appears a saving of \$471,376.76 has been effected by operations of the Act.

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The World's Deepest Well

The deepest well in the world was completed recently by engineers near Latrobe, Pa., when they struck natural gas at a depth of 1428 feet, or nearly 1 1/2 miles. Work on the well was begun in 1922, and drilling continued for 30 months. The gas is now flowing at the rate of 600,000 cubic feet a day. It has a strong odor like that of hydrogen sulphide, according to the engineers who constructed the well. The total cost of sinking the well was about \$200,000.

New 'Vapor' Way is Best for All Cold Troubles

An Application of Vaporizing Ointment Immediately Reaches Congested Air Passages. Mr. Robert Hand of No. 69 Gower Street, St. John's, after using Vicks Vapo-Rub in the home, gladly recommends it to his friends.

Rosalind in Port

S.S. Rosalind arrived in port at 7 o'clock last night, bringing a large cargo and the following passengers: From New York: Messrs. John H. Williams, Joseph Costigan, Albert Soper, Walter Chase, Louis Smith, Arthur Pike, James Geord, William Bisset, Walter Delma, Miss Louise Dolan. From Halifax: Messrs. Isaac LeVitz, Wm. Hayburn, Herbert Orinich, William Abbott, Anselma Smith, Walter Edgar, Edward J. Lutz, I. P. Perlin, Mrs. Perlin, Miss Helen Rogerson and 16 second class.

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THURSDAY:—The gigantic race track film, "COME ON, LOVING CUP." COMING:—Rupert Hughes' latest production "EXCUSE ME."

Last Night at the Casino Theatre

ARLIE MARKS CO. SCORE IN BRILLIANT COMEDY DRAMA.

The Arlie Marks Company admirably upheld their high reputation last night by their performance of "The Other Man's Wife." The play held the interest of the audience and kept them in a state of suspense right up to the final scene, which is the crashing climax of the evening. Not only is the play filled with beautiful dramatic incidents, but it abounds in hilarious comedy, which in the capable hands of Lindsay E. Perrin as Toby Haxton held the audience in roars of laughter. Miss Arlie Marks in the part of Susie Greene plays a popular role with sincerity and power. Paul Brady is seen especially adapted to his role which he makes more than usually interesting. Miss Agnes Stutz is the role of Samantha Bees gives a faithful interpretation of the character. A Paul D'Mathot plays well the part of Josiah Bumble, and is responsible for a good portion of the humor of the play. Merlie Scott plays a different role in this bill than we have been accustomed to see her in, that of Marjorie Morgan, who is in love with Rev. Tucker. The acting of the remainder of the cast is particularly good. The settings were indeed an eye-ful which reflects much credit to the technical staff.

Between the acts the audience was treated to a variety of specialties including Susie McDonald in Songs and Dances, Paul D'Mathot in Rube Monologue, Lindsay Perrin in "Think It Over" and the ever popular act, The Scotch Lads and Lassie in a new Scotch review. Each turn was in itself a distinct feature which was applauded to the echo. To those who witnessed this bill, we know they thoroughly enjoyed themselves; to those who have not seen it, the advice is to book reservations immediately.

The bill for the latter half of the week will be "The Sidewalks of New York" and in which twenty five local boys and girls will assist in the cast. Also see on Thursday DeLuna and Adell the new artists in their side-splitting novelty act.

Crews Signing on To-Morrow

The crews of the steamers Neptune, Thetis and Stella Maris will sign articles at Job. Bros. premises to-morrow and Thursday. The Seal at Baine Johnston's on Thursday. The Sagona's crew on Wednesday, and Prospero on Thursday. Bowring Bros. crews will likewise sign articles on to-morrow and Thursday.

Anticipates a Rush for Gold in Spring

The spring rush to the Royny mining district will probably commence about April 15, as soon as the snow is well off the ground, in the opinion of W. S. Peterson, one of the pioneers of the Cobalt, who is spending a few days at the Windsor Hotel before leaving for England. Mr. Peterson said that according to the reports of prospectors who have visited the new field and returned to Cobalt, the prospects are very bright, but railroads and money are needed before it can be properly developed. Mr. Peterson himself, who is associated with Gordon and Co., of Toronto, is interested in silver mines in South Lorraine. He has been a prospector for many years, and indeed scraped the soil and camped on the site of what were later discovered to be some of the richest mines in the Cobalt region. But old Mother Earth kept some of her riches from him. In search of mineral wealth Mr. Peterson said that he went as far as Jasper Park, spying out the ground for the future railways and making sketches for the Government—Montreal Star.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.—The treasurer of the N.B. Methodist Orphanage acknowledges with thanks receipt of the sum of \$37.62 received from the "Arlie Marks Company", being part proceeds of play.

VITAL STATISTICS.

CITY OF ST. JOHN'S—WITHIN THE LIMITS.	
Total number of births for month of February, 1925	90
Total number of deaths for month of February, 1925	48
Deaths under one month	1
CAUSE—	
Convulsions	1
Deaths under one year	3
CAUSE—	
Tubercular Meningitis	1
Convulsions	1
Intestinal Obstruction	1
Deaths from one to five years	NONE
Deaths from five years and over	44
CAUSE—	
Septicæmia	1
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	10
Phthisis	2
Tubercular Meningitis	1
Cancer of Uterus	1
Cancer of Stomach	1
Cancer of Liver	1
Rheumatic Fever	1
Cerebral Haemorrhage	2
Paralysis	1
Arteriosclerosis	2
Myocarditis	2
Valvular Heart Disease	1
Mitral Regurgitation	1
Acute Bronchitis	1
Pneumonia	1
Cardio Renal Disease	1
Nephritis	3
Chronic Cystitis	1
Enlarged Prostate	1
Senility	7
Heart Failure	1
General Exhaustion	1
	44

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.	
Years	1920 1921 1922 1923 1924 1925
Total number of births for month of Feb.	105 91 90 106 102 90
Total number of deaths for month of Feb.	47 61 37 57 50 48
Deaths under one month	8 4 6 3 6 1
Deaths under one year	2 10 4 11 9 3
Deaths from one to five years	2 2 2 2 2 0
Deaths from five years and over	35 45 25 34 33 44

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Little Jack Rabbit

"Gracious me!" exclaimed Lady Love, the little rabbit's pretty mother, as the bunny boy hopped up on the back porch of the little white house in the dear Old Bramble Patch. "A can of maple sap so soon. Where are the others?"

"You'd better hop back with a pail and empty them," said wise little Lady Love, and bustling into the bungalow, she handed him a bright shiny tin pail. "As soon as you come back I'll fill the sap and then set the thick syrup out to cool in the snow," she laughed, giving her little bunny boy a hug. "We'll then have nice Maple Sugar."

So back to the Shady Forest hopped the little rabbit, happy as could be until he came to a maple tree. Yes, the tin can was nearly full, and after emptying the others into the pail, he set out for home once more swinging the pail from his furry paw. But, Oh dear me! Why do unpleasant things often happen when we least expect them. Just as bunny boy was about to creep under the Old Rail Fence a deep, growly voice asked:

"Where are you taking that bright shiny pail?" Stand still or I'll pinch your white cottontail tail.

"On please don't," answered the trembling little bunny. "If you say that again I'll spill the sap over the edge of the pail. Please don't pinch my white cottontail tail." "Ha, ha!" laughed the voice, and out from behind a clump of bushes walked Mr. Wicked Wolf, smiling so broadly that his long red tongue and sharp white teeth made a dreadful picture to little rabbit. "I don't like your maple sap,"

growled the old wolf, dipping his paw into the pail and licking his sticky face. "Oh, dear," cried the trembling little bunny. Just then a little bird whispered: "Haven't you something sweeter in your knapsack, little bunny?" And the little bird's voice was so low and sweet that Mr. Wicked Wolf, who was old and deaf, never heard a word.

Setting down the pail, the poor frightened little bunny opened his knapsack and took out a bottle of Soothing Syrup. He had bought it the day before for Cousin Cottontail's littles baby, but had forgotten to give it to her. Wasn't that lucky? Well, I guess it was, as you soon shall see.

"Here is something very sweet in a bottle clean and neat." faltered the bunny boy in poetry. But how he could recite a verse at such a time is more than I know. "Good, let's taste it," growled the old wolf, and pulling out the cork, he held the bottle to his lips. And in the next story you shall hear what happened after that.

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GOSH! I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO FIND MY OVERCOAT AMONGST THAT PILE!!

I'LL HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL THE OTHER CUSTOMERS TAKE THEIRS OFF—THE ONE THAT'S LEFT WILL BE MINE!

I'LL PUT THIS CHAIR RIGHT OVER HERE WHERE I CAN KEEP AN EYE ON 'EM—NOBODY AIN'T GONNA WALK OFF WITH MY OVERCOAT!

I SHOULD BROUGHT MY DICTIONARY ALONG—HERE'S A MEAN VERTICAL IN FOUR LETTERS THAT'S GOT ME STOPPED!

TWO HOURS LATER

WHAT TH...!! EVERY COAT GONE!!

—COME TO THINK OF IT I CAME IN WITHOUT ONE!

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