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WASHINGTON AND HIS LITTLE HATCHET.
"Never mind the cherry tree, George, but get busy with this bunch of limbs."

VIVIANI EXPLAINS FRENCH POSITION REGARDING NAVY
Huge Appropriations Not in Conflict With Conference Objects, He Says.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—In the following interview given this evening by Me. René Viviani, head of the French delegation, he explained the French position regarding the navy.

The French Parliament has just voted appropriations for new vessels and personnel. The new French vessels are to be three light cruisers, six destroyers, twelve torpedo boats and twelve submarines. There are also supplementary provisions for three more light cruisers and twenty-four more submarines. The first of these vessels will not be completed for three or four years, and it is understood that the cost will be of the order of \$400 million.

"I am sure," said Mr. Viviani, "that the American press, and the American public, will be surprised at the information which Parliament has just voted as appropriations for the French navy. Public attention has been particularly called to the fact that the naval staff is going to be increased and pass from 11,000 to 27,000 men."

Alberta Booming
Hon. Frank Oliver For The Cabinet
Would Find Place for Defeated Candidate in Senate—Chances Slim.

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—(Canadian Press)—The arrival of a deputation of Liberals from Alberta, headed by two former ministers of the Stewart Government, Hon. J. R. Boyle, former attorney-general, and Hon. L. J. Cole, has given renewed strength to the talk of an Alberta boom to have Hon. Frank Oliver, defeated candidate in West Edmonton, offered a portfolio and with it a seat in the Senate (from which to administer a department).

While there is at present no Alberta vacancy in the Senate, one of the representatives from that province in the Upper Chamber is said to be willing, if necessary, to resign his seat to allow of the appointment of the Senator-minister. That there will be any such course followed, however, appears to be unlikely from what can be learned at present.

It is also thought to be most unlikely that the recipient of any of the important portfolios will be called upon to administer his department without being able to take his place in the Commons.

Rum Runners Were Out of Gas
Easily Captured—Exciting Times Along the Boozie Highway.

special to The Standard.
Bangor, Dec. 16.—While cruising down the main road near Cherryfield, Thursday morning, looking for rum runners which are said to be plenty these days, Deputy Collector Harvey Mansfield, of Machias, and Game Warden Bela T. Waga, deputized as an assistant, sighted a new Essex roadster stranded in the road and gas in it was Joe Riley and Leo Wambolt, of Bangor, also six cases of whiskey. Riley and Wambolt had evidently been sampling the cargo as they did not seem to know or care where they were, so the officers say. The car and whiskey were sent to Machias and Riley and Wambolt brought to Bangor. They will be given a hearing before U. S. Commissioner Reid today.

According to the officials, something more than ordinary weapons are required to stop the desperate runners. The other night officers chased a car, bombarding it with a shot gun and revolvers, shooting both rear tires to strips and peeling the gas tank. The car got away on the rims but when the wreck was found it was empty. The cargo was hidden, but it is said that the 15 or 20 cases were stolen from the party hired to take care of it. Officers think the whiskey was cached somewhere and hope to locate it.

Just now there is but one road from the border through to Bangor and despite the vigilance of the officers rum runners are taking desperate chances. "We'll have to get machine guns to stop 'em," one of the officers says.

DIGBY
Digby, Dec. 16.—Fire which broke out in the Book Shop last Friday evening about nine o'clock did considerable damage to the stock and building. The smoke was first noticed in Mr. McNutt's tenement, above the store, and the alarm was given. The flames could be seen in a cupola in the rear of the store but when the window was broken it allowed a draft to go through and they were carried into the stock in the store. The damage was mostly among the Christmas stock and there was no insurance on the store. The building, which is owned by T. E. Lynch, is insured.

William Winchester, who was hurt some months ago by falling out of an apple tree, left for Kentville on Sunday to undergo an X-ray examination. Miss Freda Morehouse was taken to St. John on Monday for medical attention. She was accompanied by Guy Morehouse and Mrs. Frank Root.

G. A. Stewart, of Bear River, was in town, yesterday.

A letter received from Warren S. Wright, of Carleton, Yarmouth County, (County of Bear River) says that he and Mrs. Wright are now comfortably located in that village, and that the Miller company, in whose employ he is, has a lot of orders on hand. They are installing some new machinery, which, when completed, will give them



No Appetite

Nervous exhaustion leads to distaste for food. The nerves of the stomach are weak, digestion fails and you become generally upset and out of sorts.

The secret of complete restoration is in getting the nervous system fully built up.

Mrs. R. Cheney, 208 Richmond St., Chatham, Ont., writes:

"I was troubled with indigestion, which caused me many sleepless nights. I would be in terrible distress at times, and would get no relief for two or three hours. For six months I ate nothing but Shredded Wheat Biscuits, and I dare not eat anything else. I did not know what to do, as I had tried so many different remedies, as well as doctors' medicines, without gaining permanent relief. Finally I got some of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, and while on the second box noticed that I was improving. I continued the treatment until I am now fully restored, and have returned to my regular diet. My husband has also taken Dr. Chase's Nerve Food with splendid results, so we are glad to recommend it to others."

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Remonstrants Now Appearing in Telephone Hearing

Motion to Dismiss Application of Bell Co. Overruled by Chairman Carvell of Ry. Commission.

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—The Bell Telephone Company concluded its case this morning in its application to the Railway Commission for increased rates. Thereupon, G. R. Geary, K. C., counsel for the city of Toronto, asked the board to dismiss the application. The company, he claimed, had only shown a falling revenue so far as long distance tolls were concerned. The deficit amounting to some \$300,000 a year on a projection of six months would be more than offset by decreased expenditures. He had, further, that the evidence pointed to future diminution in the increase. R. A. Wood, counsel for the Attorney-General of Ontario, also asked for an immediate dismissal. He accepted the grounds urged by Mr. Geary and reiterated his former claim that any further hearing should be refused until accounts were produced if the Northern Electric and other companies in which the Bell Company was a large shareholder.

Hon. Mr. Carvell agreed that "little evidence had been brought out further than that shown at the former application. He allowed the case to proceed, however.

The morning was largely spent in getting evidence from the company's officials as to their needs for extensive replacements and new plant.

Moncton Industries To Have Power From Musquash Development

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 1.—At a meeting of the City Council and representatives of the C. N. R. and Moncton Tramways, Electric and Gas Company tonight, it was decided to enter into a contract with the Hydro-Electric Commission of New Brunswick for the supply of electricity five million kilowatt hours being required at present, the Moncton Tramways, Electric and Gas Company to take half for the city purposes and the C. N. R. to take the other half.

Falling Off in Wholesale Trade Throughout Canada

Winnipeg, Dec. 16.—(Canadian Press)—Wholesale business throughout Canada is showing a distinct falling off excepting in a few lines, this no doubt, being mainly due to the close approach of Christmas and the fact that retailers are mostly stocked up for the holidays and busy with the season's sales, states the weekly trade report of the Canadian Credit Men's Trust Association.

HEARTBURN A SEVERE CASE

Many people are troubled with heartburn who really do not realize just what it is.

In cases of this trouble there is a gnawing and burning pain in the stomach attended by disturbed appetite. It is generally caused by great acidity of the stomach, and whenever too much food is taken, it is liable to ferment and becomes extremely sour, causing heartburn. In such cases vomiting often occurs, and what is thrown up is bitter and sometimes bilious.

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To Guide Public Opinion

"This increase is even pointed out as appearing to be in opposition to the views generally set forth at the Washington conference by the American, Mr. Hughes, and to which Mr. Briand has adhered substantially on behalf of France. This has served as a reason to start a new debate on the naval claims of France. It seems useful not to allow public opinion in America to be led astray in this respect.

"It may first be desirable to say that no definite data have been communicated to the press about the intentions of France regarding her navy. No discussion of this kind can be entered into until the necessary concerns of the French navy have come up for examination before the conference. This is derived from the understanding that it has been agreed to deal with the question bearing on the French navy before an agreement has been reached for the American, British and Japanese navies.

"As regards the increase in personnel aimed at in the press articles to which mention has already been made above, it is to be observed that the normal budget estimates for 1922 actually provided for an increase of 1,077 men above the effective provision for 1921. This difference, therefore, is significant. This moderate increase corresponds in no way whatever to an enlargement of the French fleet. It does the construction of small units which have been approved by the French Parliament constitute an actual increase of the fleet.

No Building During War

"France has not built anything during the war, either to complete her naval programme or for the maintenance of her fleet. But all the units which have taken part in the war, and especially smaller units, have been engaged to such an extent that they have had to suffer considerably from wear and tear; it is indispensable to replace them, unless the flag of the French navy is to disappear altogether from the surface of the sea.

"That is the reason why, no construction having been undertaken since the armistice, France is under the obligation to begin to carry out a very limited programme which has been passed by Parliament to put the fleet in a proper state of repair, and only as regards very small units. This programme had already been submitted to Parliament more than a year ago.

"There is, therefore, in the steps at present taken for the French navy, absolutely nothing which may be in opposition to the principles proposed to the Washington conference.

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