Earthquake in Costa Rica Causes Much Damage.

McLachlan is Released---British Estimates Show large reductions---U. S. Shipping Board to have searching Investigation Mexican Rebel Leaders seek safety in Canada.

VIOLENT EARTHQUAKE AT COSTA RICA.

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, March 4.

A series of earthshocks, the strongest felt here in twenty-five years, beginning at four o'clock this morning, damaged fully half the buildings of San Jose and caused a number of casualties. Part of the United Station building collapsed but the United States Minister and his family escaped uninjured.

SUBMARINE DISTURBANCES.

WASHINGTON, March. 4.

Two severe earthquakes lasting about three hours shocked the Central American Coast this morning. Cable reports brought information from San Jose, Costa Rica, that fully half the buildings of that city were destroyed and there were some casualties, San Juan del Sur Nicaragua and Port Limon, Costa Rica, also report having been shaken. Rev. Francis A. Tondorff, Director of the Georgetown Seismological Observatory here, said the shocks undoubtedly were submarine disturbances which travelled inland to the Central American Republic.

CUTTING DOWN EXPENSES.

LONDON, March 4.

A saving of £37,000,000 is shown in the estimates for the civil service and revenue departments for 1924-1925 now available, the figures being £269,327,127 as against £327,213,872 for the previous year. The principal reductions are £7,500,000 for the Ministry of Pensions and £2,000,000 for the Ministry of Labor.

REBEL LEADERS TAKE FLIGHT.

MEXICO CITY, March 4.

Three of the prominent leaders of the Mexican Revolution are now on their way to Vancouver, B.C., according to advices to the Department of Interior made public this morning. They are Salvador Alvarado, Rebel Captain, Deputy Sepulveda, who was appointed Rebel Governor of Guadalajara, and Domingo Ramierz Garrido. Adolpe Estrade and Manuel Dieguez, foremost leaders in the Rebels' western military campaign, have disbanded their troops and are endeavoring with a small escort to reach Acapulco for the purpose of taking refuge in foreign territory, according to the Guadalajara despatches quoting information received at Federal military headquarters.

CALIPH TAKES REFUGE IN SWITZERLAND.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 4.

Abdul Medid Effendi, the Caliph, head of the Musselman's expelled from Turkey by order of the Turkish Assembly at Angora, left here to-day for exile in Switzerland. The Caliph occupied a special train with the immediate members of his entourage a few hours after the Assembly had passed the measure for his deportation and the abolition of the Caliphate.

NOVA SCOTIA COAL OUTPUT.

HALIFAX, March 4.

An increase of over a million and a half tons of coal for the year ending September 30th, 1923, is recorded in the annual report of the Nova Scotia Mines which was tabled in the House of Assembly to-day by Premier Armstrong. The total output was 6,179,000 compared with 4,526,494 for the preceding year. There was an increase in local consumption of over 600,000 tons, while shipments to the St. Lawrence increased by nearly a half million tons. The Premier expressed the hope that a scheme might be evolved whereby Nova Scotia coal might be coked somewhere on the St. Lawrence, its gas utilized and coke go to replace anthracite.

CHURCHILL WILL STAND.

LONDON, March 4.

Winston Spencer Churchill, formerly First Lord of the Admiralty, has definitely decided to stand as a candidate for Parliament for the Abbey Division of Westminster. He will seek election as an Independent.

McLACHLAN OUT.

DORCHESTER, N.B., March 4.

James B. McLachlan, sentenced to two years in the penitentiary here for seditious libel growing out of the Cape Breton labor trouble of last summer, will leave the institution tomorrow on ticket of leave. The decision of the Government to extend clemency to McLachlan was communicated to the prison several days ago Warder C. T. Goad stated to-day, but the labor leader was engaged on an important job in the shoe dept. of the institution at the time and asked that he might be allowed to remain until it was completed. The warden spoke highly of McLachlan's conduct as a prisoner.

UNDER SUSPENDED SENTENCE.

TORONTO, Ont., Mar. 4.

Suspended sentence was the decision of Judge Dennon in the police court to-day when troopers Edward McKeown, John Gordon, Fred Knowles, Vincent Cullinan, Dan Cunningham, Martin Crowe and Neil McNeil, of Stanley Barracks appeared before him in pursuance of his decision a week ago in the case in connection with the whipping of Wm. Bowen. The assault on Bowen was carried out following statements made by the trooper at a religious meeting which the men decided reflected on the Militia.

EMBRASSING THE STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.

NEW YORK, Mar. 4.

Commissioner of Immigration Curran has notified the steamship lines of the trans-Atlantic Conference that beginning Wednesday all aliens arriving second class will have to go to Ellis Island instead of landing at piers as heretofore. Representatives of the various steamship lines declared they would call upon the Commissioner this afternoon to appeal against the enforcement of the order which they said would cause a diversion to Canada of many second class passengers. About eighty per cent. of the incoming tourists they declared came in one cabin steamers which were listed as second class at Ellis Island.

PRINCE GAINING STRENGTH.

TOKIO, Mar. 4.

Prince Masayoshi Matsukata, the announcement of whose death shocked the nation Saturday, but who was found Sunday to be alive, is gaining strength and his condition is hopeful. The prince is ninety years old. He is one of two surviving Genro or elder statesmen who are the official advisers of the Emperor. After the doctors pronounced him dead he slowly returned to life, recognized those about him, then requested nourishment.

THE DELORME TRIAL.

MONTREAL, Mar. 4.

Forty-five minutes were taken up to-day in the trial of Rev. Adelard Delorme on the charge of murdering his half brother Raoul, by a legal argument as to the admissibility of statements made by the priest to detectives prior to the murder charge being laid against him. Mr. Justice Martineau finally ruled that although the statements made by the priest to other detectives would be accepted, the replies to questions put by Sergeant Detective Lajoie could not be included in the record. The trial was adjourned to Thursday.

ANOTHER INVESTIGATION.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 4.

A sweeping investigation into the United States Shipping Board was authorized by the House of Representatives to-day.

Fresh Fruit, Vegetables, etc.

Ex. S.S. ROSALIND:

FLORIDA TOMATOES, BANANAS,
FLORIDA CELERY, FRESH PEARS,
WINESAP TABLE APPLES—45c. dozen.
CALIFORNIA NAVEL ORANGES.
FLORIDA GRAPE FRUIT.
CALIFORNIA LEMONS.
"SCOTSBURN" TABLE BUTTER—2-lb. Slabs
"CEDAR RAPIDS"
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MOIRS' FRESH CAKES—1's Pots & Slabs.
FRESH MILK-FED CHICKEN.

C. P. Eagan,

TWO STORES:

Duckworth Street & Queen's Road.

Successful Play Reproduced

Before a large audience the three act play "The Courting of Mary Doyle" was successfully reproduced at St. Joseph's Hall last night. The players were quite at home in their different parts and the audience showed by their applause, that they fully appreciated the performance. Between the acts recitations were contributed by Miss Mary Keegan, and Mr. B. Colton, duets by Misses Rodsone and Howlett, and figure dancing by Misses Saunders and McGrath, besides selections by the C.L.B. Band all of which were well received. At the conclusion of the play dancing was indulged in until midnight.

The action of the players in consenting to produce the play for the second time and the kindness of the C.L.B. Band and those who rendered specialties is much appreciated by the Rev. Fr. Pippy and his parishioners.

Weekly Meeting

ROTARY CLUB.

The usual weekly luncheon of the Rotary Club was held on Tuesday at Wood's West End Restaurant. Major B. C. Gardner presided and various business matters of importance in connection with Rotary work and aims were discussed. A programme covering the present year's proposed activities was outlined, and plans for the development and practical application of Boy Survey work, were given considerable thought. Rotarians are desirious of giving this particular field of their endeavours, special attention during the year and are hopeful of accomplishing fruitful results. After routine business matters were disposed of, the Luncheon closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

Silvia Outward

The following first class passengers sailed by Silvia to-day for Halifax and New York:—J. P. Powell, J. C. McKean, M. Goggan, W. J. Church, R. Whiteway, S. O. Bastow, J. J. Cheeseman, G. Pollett, A. Manuel, Mrs. R. J. Power, Mrs. (Rev.) C. H. Johnson, Master Johnson, Miss C. H. Milley, Mrs. Chas. Woods.

Female Impersonator

MAKES A WONDERFUL HIT AT THE CRESCENT THEATRE.

Last night at the above theatre one of the biggest laughing hits ever registered in any local theatre was the impersonation of a lady by Dan Delmar. On his appearance on the stage the audience went into convulsions of laughter and he was fully three minutes on the stage before the laughter died down enough for him to be heard in his song. His duet with Mr. Redmond was well done and quite a novelty. Several other acts appeared and each one was heartily encored, especially Joe Wheeler, Ventriloquist (who used two figures), Master Michaels, and Frank Neville. To-night, Wednesday, the big Dancing contest between Martin Day and George Burton will take place. Martin was beaten by Burton the other night, but he says "never again," so something is going to stir to-night. Most of the above vaudeville will also appear including the female impersonation, and there will be an entirely new change of pictures.

Those Pants

I hate those pants that mother makes
And "leaves me room to grow;"
That's why they drag around my legs,
That's why they wobble so.

That's why the pockets at the side
Are way down by feet;
And the way I know the front from back,
Is the patch that's on the seat.

That's why they look so kind of queer
I'm going to tell her so;
I hate those pants that mother makes
With "lots of room to grow."

At the Star Movie

See Larry Semon's best bet. Lavish sets, beautiful girls, a hundred new gags, in "The Gown Shop."

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Larry Semon's newest animal gag—the jazz alligator; it's funnier than the walking egg! In "The Gown Shop."

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Behind the scenes in a dressmaking shop! Pretty models, beautiful gowns, a picture every woman wants to see! Larry Semon in "The Gown Shop."

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The speediest, niftiest girl show ever screened, with Larry Semon, the master of comedy invention, at his best! Don't miss "The Gown Shop."

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Every girl in town will want to see "The Gown Shop." Smart models, smarter costumes and the smartest comedy ever screened. It's a Larry Semon laugh smash.

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A fashion show with a laugh in every foot of film! A riot of fun contrived by the comedy genius, Larry Semon, out of dressmaking parlors. See "The Gown Shop."

See this at the popular Star tonight.

Successful Card Tourney

The last of a series of card tournaments under the auspices of the Star R. R. and B. Committee was concluded last night. Upwards of two hundred players participated in the Card Tourney, the winners being Messrs. Reddy, Ryan, Nolan and Pittman. Following the serving of teas an impromptu dance which terminated at midnight was indulged in. On Monday night, the 17th inst., a tournament will be held in aid of the Marine Disasters Fund.

England Helping Ireland

FINANCE LAND PURCHASE.

DUBLIN—(A.P.)—Under the Land Purchase Act passed in 1923, all land tenancies in the Free State were abolished and the tenants become proprietors, paying annual instalments to the state. The instalments are from 25 to 35 per cent. less than the rents, and the purchase will be completed in about 70 years.

The landlords are to be paid for their property in four and one-half per cent. Free Stock of which 25,000,000 pounds sterling will need to be issued. The cash value of this security to the landlords depends on the credit of the Free State on the money markets, but the British Government will guarantee the principal and interest of the land purchase stock.

There are still in northern Ireland many unpurchased tenancies and the British Government is pledged to assist the northern government to complete land purchase within its jurisdiction.

Mysterious Inscriptions

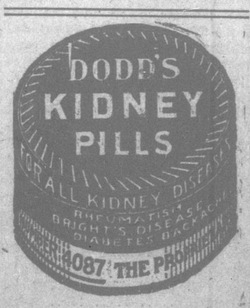
An eminent archaeologist states that German scientists have now succeeded in reading the mysterious inscriptions of the Hittites, and have added a new chapter to our history of the ancient world recovering the names and order of the Hittite kings, and something of the story of their relations with Assyria and Egypt. Incidentally they have proved that the Hittites spoke an Indo-European language. The clue to it was found in inscriptions from Boghaz-Keui, in Asia Minor, an ancient Hittite capital. These were written in Hittite script and Assyrian cuneiform.

We shall await the deciphering of the writings of the Minoan civilization in Crete, but this may be achieved any day. Excavations in Palestine may also soon reveal the racial affinities of the Philistines. Recent discoveries strongly suggest that they were European invaders of the Levant.

France Pays for Reconstruction

Paris, Feb. 18 (A.P.)—France had spent, up to December 31 last year, a total of 118,154,000,000 paper francs for the reconstruction of northern France and other accounts which, according to the Versailles treaty, should have been paid by Germany.

France has received from Germany, to offset the above, a total of 244,058,000 gold marks. These figures are official.



C. L. B. Cadets

The gymnasium Tuesday night at Headquaters was worth a visit. Instructors Morgan, Keats, Stone and LaFosse with their boys were as keen as mustard. Sections were taking lessons in boxing, wrestling, parrallel and horizontal bar work. The lads were appreciating the tips from their instructors who were helping any of the weak ducks "over the style." The physique of the boys is improving every week, muscles are growing stronger and the lads are feeling fitter and fitter. These instructors deserve great credit for their wonderful work.

The Savings Bank cashier, Lieut. W. R. Motty, reports a great increase in deposits recently. Lads are glad to have four per cent. interest, and they are having their first lessons in thrift, as Mr. F. E. Outerbridge's picture reads, "the sea is smoother when you have a bank account." The slogan this year is a bank account for all ranks!

The Old Comrades billiard tournament is now on. Thirty-six players are booked and Lieut.-Col. W. F. Rendell, O.C., has presented a magnificent cue as a prize to the lucky winner.

Captain Stick, Adjutant, held an officers class in the orderly room and was busily issuing new instructions. The energetic Adjutant is untiring in his efforts to make everybody, officers included, "toe the line" and be up to the minute in army training.

The Quartermaster's big supply of dry goods is due by the S.S. Digby. Lieut. Motty requests all Companies and individuals to place orders for needed requirements at once.

All ranks and Old Comrades were sorry to hear of the passing of Mrs. Edward Wills, wife of Old Comrade Edward Wills. Mr. Wills is one of the Brigade's oldest members and loyal supporters and all ranks at Headquarters sympathize with him in his sorrow.

Sergt. Major Bursell is busy getting his bugle band reorganized again. He will have it in great shape for our first Spring Church parade in May with six drums and eight bugles.

Lance Corporal Max Titford has been transferred to reserve on account of illness. All ranks hope that he will be "fit as a fiddle" before long and able to resume his duties.

The Athletic Association held their annual meeting February 28th. The following Executive was elected to guide its destinies for 1924: President, Lt. Col. Walter F. Rendell, C. B.E.; 1st Vice-Pres., Captain Len Stick, Adjutant; 2nd Vice-President, Major Williams; 3nd Vice-President, John Crane, President of the Old Comrades; Chairman of the Council Lieut. Fred Reid; Vice Chairman, Capt. Harold Hayward; Secretary, Q. M. Guy Shears, Asst. Secretary, A. Feaver; Treasurer, Captain P. B. Rendell. Instructors reappointed are Messrs. Keats, Stone, Adams, Morgan, Arthur Johnson and Captain Fred Marshall. Committee, Messrs. Lieut. Motty, C.S. Major Best, Regt. Sergt. Major Andrews, Sergt. L. Hookey, Corporal Barker, Co. Sergt. Major H. Hookey and Sergt. Majors Albert Johnson and Sydney Bursell. With such a number of "big guns" on the Executive, the Athletic Sports of the Brigade this year will be sure to boom.

Recent orders contain, we note with deep regret, the names of four privates dismissed for non-attendance. These lads should report at once and explain the reason of their absence and ask to be given another chance to be better boys.

Lance Cororal E. Coaker has been transferred to the reserve. Fourteen Privates have passed their exams and are now wearing their chevrons. Orderly Officer this week is Captain P. B. Rendell and Duty Chaplain, Rev. A. B. S. Stirling, Rector of St. Mary's. Lance Corporal C. Thomas is promoted to Corporal. A change in schedule of work has been made as follows: 8 to 8.45 p.m. Squad drill, and 8.50 to 9.15 p.m. Platoon drill. Section N.C.O's. must study Manual of Infantry Training, pages 28 to 74, whilst Sergeants will study pages 75 to 104 in addition to the former. Lieut. Fred Reid having been despatched on outpost duty has been granted two months leave of absence from date.

The medical department had a two weeks' holiday last month. This section of the Brigade has done magnificent work in First Aid and in the study of oneself—the human machine. Ash Wednesday has again arrived ushering in the Holy Season of Lent in commemoration of the fast of forty days by "The Master." The Church thus gives us all a period of rest from social activities—a time to put on the brakes—and a period for reflection to check ourselves up and prepare for the glorious dawn and the sunrise of a happy Easter morning. Many of the Brigade Chaplains are eagerly embracing this Holy Season as a special time of getting in closer and a more sympathetic touch with the lads of the old Brigade.

Sale Prices Every Day of the Week

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LADIES' COLOURED ALL WOOL CASHMERE HOSE, all colours, 85c. Pr.
LADIES' VELVET HATS, from only 25c. each.
CHILDREN'S WOOL CAPS. Only 10c. each.
CHILDREN'S WOOL SETS (Cap and Scarf). Only $1.00 the set.
SMALL CHILDREN'S SCOTCH WOOL GLOVES. Only 10, 15 & 20c. Pair.
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LADIES' BLACK FLEECED CASHMERE GLOVES. Only 25c. Pair.
LADIES' HEAVY CREAM and GREY FLEECED BLOOMERS. Only $1.00 Pair.
CHILDREN'S HEAVY GREY FLEECED BLOOMERS, also at reduced Prices.
LADIES' SUPERIOR WHITE FLEECED VESTS and PANTS. Only 65c. Garment.
LADIES' WHITE FLANNELETTE KNICKERS, from only 19c. Pair.
LADIES' WHITE FLANNELETTE UNDERWEAR and NIGHTDRESSES also at Low Prices.
LADIES', MEN'S and BOYS' STANFIELD WOOL UNDERWEAR—At Lower Prices than obtainable anywhere.
INFANTS' FINE QUALITY STANFIELD WOOL VESTS, at Low Prices.
LADIES' CORSETS, Superior Quality, from $1.15 Pair.
LADIES' SERGE and CLOTH COSTUME SKIRTS. Only $1.75 each.
LADIES' WINTER COATS, from $3.50 and $4.50 each.
CHILDREN'S WINTER COATS, at very Low Prices.
LADIES' WOOL JERSEYS—Large assortment—Big Value at $2.95 each.
LADIES' FUR SETS—Scarfs and Muffs, at Half Prices.
LADIES' WHITE IMITATION FUR NECKLETS, from only 65c. each.
ENGLISH WOOL BLANKETS, from only $3.95 Pair.
ENGLISH WHITE and CREAM FLANNELETTES, 36 inches wide; wonderful Value and selling like hot cakes, at 33c. and 39c. yard.
STAIR CANVAS, Painted Back, ½ yard wide, at 39c. yard.
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CORTICELLI WOOL, in Balls. Only 18c. Ball.
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MENDING WOOL. Regular 4c. card. Now 3c. Card.
CORTICELLI SILK, in Slips. Regular 6c. Slip. Now 5c. each.
SUNSET DYES. Now 11c. each.
IVORY SOAP. Now 4c. Cake.
PALM OLIVE SOAP. Now 11c. Cake.
TOILET SOAP. Regular 6c. Now 4c. Cake. Other Toilet Soaps at Lowest Prices.
The Famous PROPHYLACTIC TOOTH BRUSH. Regular 70c. Now 59c. each.
TOILET PAPER, 8c. Roll, or 3 for 22c.
MEN'S "SEA" RUBBER BOOTS. Regular $5.50 for $5.00 Pair.
MEN'S BLUE OVERALL PANTS and COATS. Special at $1.35 Garment.
MEN'S STRIPED COTTON TWEED PANTS. Regular $2.50 for $2.15 pr.
MEN'S TWEED SUITS, at $9.50 each.
BANNOCKBURN TWEED for Men's Wear, 56 inches wide. Only $3.50 yd.
HEAVY GREY ENGLISH WOOLLEN TWEED, 56 inches wide. Only $1.95 yard.
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REMNANTS of TWEEDS for Men's, Women's and Boys' Wear, at Low Prices.
BLACK and NAVY ENGLISH WOOL DRESS SERGES, 40 inches wide. Only 85c. yard.
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COTTON SERGES—Double Fold—all Colours. Only 35c. yard.
DRESS MELTONS, 42 inches wide, extra quality. Only 85c. yard.
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