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As Ambassador to U.S.A.—The Swaraj Out-numbered in Indian Elections—Winter Weather in Austria Causes Hardship.

SIR AUCKLAND GEDDES RESIGNS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30. Sir Auckland Geddes, has resigned as British Ambassador to the United States; the resignation being due only to ill health, it is understood. Sir Auckland has been virtually an invalid for three months. He had intended to sail from England next week to resume his post, but will not do so. There have been previous intimations that Sir Esme William Howard, now British Ambassador to Spain, would succeed Sir Auckland here in the event of the latter's retirement.

SIR ESME HOWARD SUCCEEDS GEDDES.

LONDON, Dec. 30. The resignation of Sir Auckland Geddes, as Ambassador to Washington, owing to troublesome eyesight, and the appointment of Sir Esme William Howard, formerly Ambassador at Madrid, to take Sir Auckland's place, has been confirmed. Sir Howard is returning to Washington for a brief visit.

BLIZZARDS IN AUSTRIA.

VIENNA, Dec. 29. Severe blizzards in Vienna are diminishing supplies, and prices are rising rapidly. Three thousand freight cars are snowed in at Alibor.

AVANCHES IN THE ALPS.

BERNE, Dec. 29. Avalanches are crashing down the passes of the Alps with greater frequency than at any time within the last ten years. Many buildings have been destroyed and in some cases whole families have been buried while asleep. Forests are suffering considerably.

DALEY AGAIN SERIOUSLY ILL.

TORONTO, Dec. 29. H. J. Daley, President of the Home Bank who with nine directors and officials of the institution face severe charges in connection with the bank's suspension several months ago, is again seriously ill; it being necessary for him to be removed to hospital.

INDIAN ELECTION RETURNS.

LONDON, Dec. 29. Returns from the Indian elections are now sufficiently complete to indicate the strength of the Swaraj or Home Rule Party in the Assembly than in the Provincial Councils. Results from 92 of the 105 districts show Swarajists obtained 41 seats, while in the Council the avowed Home Rule party held 208 seats out of 637. There are 26 Independents who will probably support the Swarajists on any question. Nationals nominated and officials members of the Assembly total forty, and as the Council members thus chosen total 179, the Swarajists will be roughly in a minority of four to one.

A FEDERAL REPORT.

EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 29. With Guadalupe practically surrounded by Federal troops and all towns in the outskirts of the city being evacuated by rebel forces, the fall of the city is but a question of hours, according to a statement received here last night from Gen. Serrano, Minister of War, who returned to

MEXICO CITY YESTERDAY FROM THE GUADALUPE FRONT.

NOTHING TO INDICATE CAUSE OF ACCIDENT. PARIS, Dec. 29. Nothing was found in the pockets of Lieut. Grenadier which would lead to knowledge of the fate of the dirigible Dismude. This is causing officials here to believe the accident which befell the airship was a sudden explosion.

TO HELP PEOPLE OF HEBRIDES.

LONDON, Dec. 29. A movement has been started in Scotland for relief of the widespread acute distress in the northern islands of the Hebrides, especially the Isle of Lewis where the people are on the border of starvation owing to the destruction of their crops by the abnormally wet weather of the past summer and autumn and the impossibility of the inhabitants drying peat in wet weather.

ALL WERE LOST.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 30. Confirmation was received to-day of the sinking of the United States Shipping Board steamer Conesjos in the Black Sea. All on board were lost.

MUTE EVIDENCE OF A TRAGEDY.

LOOKPORT, Dec. 30. A weather battered dory drifted in to Jordan Bay this afternoon and was identified as that of George Dobson, of the Lockport fisherman Nellie and Viola, who were lost from the vessel when the Lockport fleet were chased to port by the sudden blizzard which struck the coast Friday night. Dobson failed to return when signalled and was cut off by the storm. He had already been given up as lost.

RELEASED.

LUNENBURG, Dec. 30. The schr. Douglas J. Conrad, seized by writ of attachment on December 11th, when her skipper, Capt. Andrew Gauvreau, was arrested on a charge of having taken fifty thousand dollars worth of spirits from the Lucille B. of Weymouth, off Boston, some months ago by piratical means, was released by order of the court on Saturday and sailed for St. John's, Nfld.

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Margaret O'Connell (Peg) as a child . . . Eileen O'Malley
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In the Realms of Sport

NO GAMES; NO MONEY.

The way the weather man now works is certainly most shocking. Looks like there won't be much to put in the rink director's stocking.

POT POURRI.

Some day you may expect to see old Doc Cook pop up with a sheaf of statistics proving that he not only discovered the north pole but built it.

Figures never lie. Statistics are figures that started out in life with high ideas but fell in with a gang of toughs around the corner store.

You can prove anything by statistics. . . . except that roquefort isn't cheese, and Jess Willard ditto. Statistics are coy little symbols which are forever being laid end on end and reaching from here to gosh knows where.

At a football game it is never prudent to cheer the halfback who runs 87 yards for a touchdown.

The statistics of the game, published the next day, may show that your cheer was entirely out of place.

Be it ever so humbling, there are no statistics like "ten and out," says Joseph Beckett of London.

A statistician is a man with a head full of figures. . . . a figure head, as it were.

FATHER OF JACK DEMPSEY ARRESTED ON LIQUOR CHARGE.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Dec. 24.—Hiram Dempsey, father of Jack Dempsey, world's heavyweight boxing champion, is free to-day on bonds of \$300 after arrest on a charge of violating the prohibition laws.

The elder Dempsey was arrested in a local cafe last night by a policeman who confiscated a flask from which Dempsey is said to have been pouring liquor for highballs. A young woman also was taken into custody but she was released and police declined to give her name.

The police to-day said that it had not been decided what to do in the Dempsey case but that it was possible Federal officials would prosecute.

WANT TO WORK ALONG WITH N. H. L.

Amherst, N.S., Dec. 24.—A four-team Independent Hockey League was formally made effective Saturday afternoon when representatives from Amherst, Halifax, Moncton and Stellarton met here. A thirty-six game schedule was drawn up with the league opening in Moncton on December 31, with Amherst and Moncton as the contenders. The schedule concludes on February 29.

While a shortage of players was reported in Amherst and Halifax, it was stated at the meeting that there was a possibility of securing a working agreement with President Calder and the executive of the Hockey League, whereby certain substitute players will be sent to the Maritime League for experience.

ZEY AND GREY LAG FOR ASCOT.

New York, Dec. 24.—Zev, the American champion three-year-old, and Grey Lag, handicap king of the American turf, have been entered by Harry F. Sinclair, their owner, in the 1924 Ascot Gold Cup race, the big classic of the British track, it was announced yesterday.

The two great thoroughbreds will be shipped to England next Spring, and will be trained there for the Ascot race, which is to be run in June. They also may be entered in several other big European classics.

Earl Sande and Laverne Fator, the two star riders of the Ranococas stable, will be taken along by Sam Hildreth, the Ranococas trainer.

SWAN RIVER PLATE.

Buenos Aires, Dec. 24.—A twenty-year-old Anglo-Argentine girl swimmer, Lillian Harrison, has completed a swim across the River Plate, being the first person to accomplish the feat. She started Friday from Colonia, on the Uruguayan side, and reached Punta Lara, near La Plata, a distance of about thirty miles, Saturday morning. She swam for twenty-four hours, nineteen minutes.

SUZANNE AGREES TO PLAY FOR FRANCE IN OLYMPICS.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—Suzanne Lenglen has agreed to represent France in the Olympic tennis matches, says L'Auto to-day.

The Passing Hour

Father—"Is the teacher satisfied with you?"

Tommy—"Oh, quite."

"Did he tell you so?"

"Yes. Just the other day he said to me: 'If all my scholars were like you I would shut up my school this very day.' That shows I know enough."

Judge—"Have you anything to say before the court passes sentence upon you?"

Prisoner—"Well, all I've got to say is, I hope your honor'll consider the extreme youth of my lawyer, an' let me off easy."

She—"In Africa a man doesn't know his wife until after he has married her."

He—"Hum! Why mention Africa particularly?"

Mrs. Goodheart—"I am soliciting for the poor. What do you do with your old clothes?"

Mrs. Hardup—"I hang them up very carefully every night and put them on again the next morning."

AN EVEN SCORE.

Dining with his bride at a Continental hotel, a young Englishman was angered to find on his bill a charge of ten francs for fruit. Calling the manager he protested the item.

"Ah," replied that worthy, pointing to a large dish of fruit upon the table, "but the fruit is there. It is not my fault that you did not eat it."

The Englishman said no more, but on paying the bill he counted out all but ten francs, and seeing the look of inquiry on the manager's face, he remarked calmly, "that is for kissing my wife."

"Kissing my wife!" exclaimed the other aghast. "But I have not kissed your wife."

"No," said the Englishman, "but she was there, wasn't she? It is not my fault if you did not want to kiss her."

THUS MANY WILL SWEAR.

Bishop (visiting Sunday school class).—"What is the chief evil of gambling?"

Boy (who knew).—"Losing, sir."

ONE REASON.

Teacher—"Now, why do you think the mother bird sits on her eggs?"

Maudie—"I spects it's 'as she's got no chair!"

A doctor and his Irish coachman were driving past a duck pond, when the coachman said:

"O! hate them birds, sorr."

"Why should you hate the poor creatures, Pat?" the physician asked.

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One of the most popular plays ever produced is J. Hartley Manners' "Peg O' My Heart." The play has been produced in St. John's on many occasions and each time made a notable hit. At last, however, we have the opportunity of seeing the original "Peg," in the person of Laurette Taylor who plays the role in the big picture now showing at the Nickel.

Peg is the daughter of a poor Irish farmer who has married a high-class English woman, whose family has disowned her. She grows up into a vivacious, fun-loving, imaginative girl and aids her father in his campaign work for the Irish cause.

On his death bed, her uncle repents of his harsh treatment and leaves a sum of money to be used for Peg's education, with the proviso that she be taken in hand by his sister, Mrs. Chichester. Peg goes, taking with her her little dog Michael. The Chichesters are snobs and treat her with small consideration, but with her native wit she frequently gets the best of them. She makes one real friend but is disillusioned when she finds he is a nobleman, Sir Gerald Adair. Conditions get so that she decides to return home, but Sir Gerald follows her and all ends happily.

Patrons visiting St. Joseph's Hall New Year's night can enjoy themselves after Concert, playing cards or dancing.—dec 31, 1

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It was necessary to construct an entire Scotch village of "Thrums" for the filming of "The Little Minister." It will be noted that in addition to Betty Compton that Nigel Barrie who impersonated Captain Halliwell in the heavy role is a namesake of the Author. There are many important facts and situations in this strong photoplay.

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