

WEATHER FORECAST
 TORONTO, (Noon.)—
 W. winds, cloudy and
 colder. Thursday — Fair
 and decidedly cold.

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PETROGRAD IS FLOODED BY NEVA

French Dirigible Was Destroyed By Fire

British Budget is Big Problem

LONDON, Jan. 1.—Assuming that a Labor Government will be in power next March when the Budget statement must be presented to Parliament, it is generally believed that the greatest difficulty for the new ministry, inexperienced in the art of government, will be connected with the nation's finances. There have been statements that the Baldwin Government in their last Budget were unduly optimistic concerning the coming year's revenue and that there is likely to be a large deficit in the next Budget statement. Returns issued to-night seem to bear out these fears, for they show in the first nine months of the financial year a decrease of more than fifty-two million pounds sterling in the nation's revenue as compared with same period last year. Under the peculiar circumstances the Labor party will have been in power only at most a month before presenting the Budget, and the new Government will necessarily be compelled to present a statement largely prepared by its predecessors and permanent officials, there being no time to draft an entirely new Budget.

Petrograd Flooded and Submerged

MOSCOW, Dec. 31.—Reports from Petrograd say part of the city is submerged under the waters of the Neva which have flooded the banks, despite the severe weather, and many streets have been inundated.

WAS DESTROYED BY FIRE?

PALMERO, Italy, Dec. 31.—Bits of charred wreckage swept in by the sea of Scaccia and along the coast near Palermo, have been examined by experts, and the conclusion has been reached that the French Dirigible Dixmude was destroyed by fire following an explosion.

Reported Ashore Off Wilhelmshaven

LONDON, Jan. 1.—The Hamburg-American line freighter Minnesota, the largest freighter afloat, twenty thousand six hundred tons gross, was reported ashore this morning in Jade Bay, off Wilhelmshaven, and assistance has been sent to her. The Minnesota was built for trans-Pacific service, but was used as a transport during the war, after which she was tied up until last November, when she was sold to the German Merchant marine.

Swedish Teamer Off the Rocks

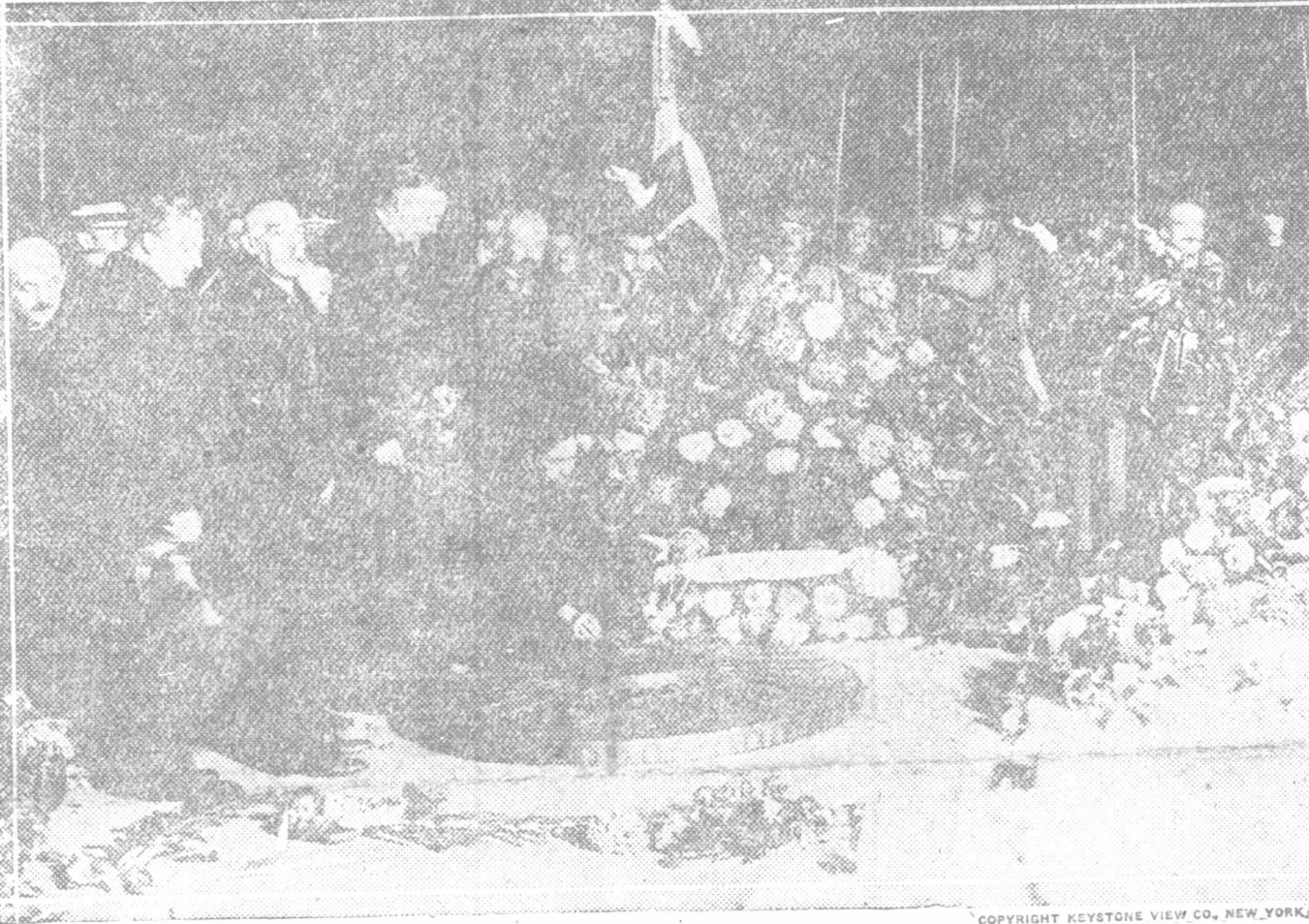
HALIFAX, Jan. 1.—The Swedish steamer Carlsholm, three thousand tons, enroute to Stockholm, ran ashore on Sable Island today and floated off again a few hours later, according to meagre reports from the island by radio. The freighter sent out wireless calls to the life saving station soon after striking, asking for assistance, but later countermanded the request and said she was proceeding apparently undamaged.

Irish Nightmare Has Past, Says Finance Minister

DUBLIN, Dec. 31.—Finance Minister Ernest Blythe, in a New Year's message to the press to-day, says Ireland is putting the last two years behind her as a nightmare. The nation has suffered no irreparable loss. The material destruction caused during the fighting with the Republicans will necessitate restriction of national expenditure, but the bill can be met without mortgaging the future.

QUICK DEATH TO THIEF

AVENZANNO, Italy, Jan. 1.—Francis co Tomel, last night met death at the hands of infuriated townspeople after he had been caught stealing from the Church here, relics of martyred Saints, patrons of Avenzanno. He was badly beaten, trampled upon, then saturated with gasoline and burned alive.



LIGHTING THE LIGHT TO BURN FOREVER—AT THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN FRENCH SOLDIER
 M. Maginot, Minister of War of France, is seen, with alcohol torch suspended from a sword, lighting the Memorial Lamp at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, in Paris, which is to burn "forever". The Minister carried his right to this task—as well as to his present Cabinet portfolio—as a simple sergeant in the Great War when he lost a leg.

Mexican Rebels and American Action

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The Huerta revolutionists in Mexico today filed with the State Department a formal protest against the plan of the United States to sell war material to General Obregon. The Obregon Government is however, the only force in Mexico recognized by the United States and there is no indication that any notice will be taken of the protest.

HEAVIEST GUN IN THE WORLD

American Experts Have Developed Huge 14-Inch Weapon
 WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—United States Army ordnance experts have developed what they believe to be the heaviest and most powerful gun of its type in the world. The weapon is of fourteen inch fifty calibre type, and is a post-war development. It is capable of hurling an armor piercing projectile of fifteen hundred pounds twenty three miles.

PRIZE FIGHTER IS DEAD

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 1.—Billy Miske of St. Paul, heavyweight, who was only knocked out once in over one hundred fights, and that time by Jack Dempsey, died late today after a week's illness with Bright's disease. He was twenty-nine.

German Express Deep Sympathy

PARIS, Jan. 1.—Herr Von Hoesch, German Charge D'Affaires in Paris, called at the French Foreign Office yesterday to express Germany's deep sympathy in the loss of the dirigible Dixmude.

Fifteen Suffer Horrible Deaths

OIL CITY, Penna., Jan. 1.—Fifteen people suffered horrible deaths in two accidents near here today. Nine were burned to death in a fire that destroyed a farmhouse at Tisbury, Clarion County, and six were blown to bits when a premature explosion occurred in an oil well that was about to be shot. The men were in the well rigging and were killed instantly.

Better Trade for Britain

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Great Britain is closing the year 1923 with her foreign trade larger in amount, both as to imports and exports, than for the year 1922. The total value in eleven months of 1923 exceeded the imports in same period for 1922 by £30,000,000 and exports were more than £55,000,000 in value.

"Fight it Out" Says Schuyler

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Between the Fundamentalists and the Modernist churchmen a shattering of Bishop Manning's Christmas truce yesterday, by pulpit statements from the both sides, was in the form of a letter from Rev. Hamilton Schuyler, Rector of Trinity Church, Trenton, N.J. Mr. Schuyler suggested that the whole question of modernism be fought out at the next general convention of the Anglican church, with definite settlement of the points at issue by which a communications may be made.

Largest Robbery Ever Known in the North

NORTH BAY, Ont., Dec. 31.—Matilda a little Hamlet and for trading post of the Hudson's Bay Company, about fifty miles West of Cochrane, has again emerged from obscurity and regained the spotlight. Word has been flashed throughout the North that the Hudson's Bay store had been broken into and furs valued at between \$6000 and \$7000 stolen. This latest fur robbery is one of the largest ever pulled off in the North.

Much Unemp'oment in Essen

ESSEN, Jan. 1.—The end of the year 1923 finds the industrial population in a stage of transition, from the languid pessimism born of passive resistance to a sort of stolid optimism over the possibility of better times. More factories are now in operation, but there are still nearly two millions of workers unemployed in an area comprising five million persons. Within the past month there has been a marked change of attitude in the relations between the French and Belgian occupation personnel and the population generally, and this is regarded as of as much importance as the material progress in production thus far made.

English Merchant is Honoured

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Baron Incheape, one of Great Britain's noted merchants, is made a Viscount in the list of New Year's honors made public to-night. Sir Charles John Darling, recently retired as Judge of the King's bench division of the High Court of Justice, is among the new Barons.

Obregon Tackles IN SEARCH FOR THE DEAD

SAN ANONIO, Tex., Jan. 1.—The Government of President Obregon has taken steps against Senators and Deputies who are making propaganda in favor of the Revolutionary movement headed by de La Huerta. A Senator and Deputy have been made prisoners, the first in Tampico, and the second in San Angel, on charges of rebellion.

Chinese Bandits Attack Missionaries

PEKING, Dec. 31.—Followers of the notorious Bandit leader, Lao Yao Jen, captured an American Missionary Mrs. Julia Kilen, and wounded two other Missionaries, Professor Bernard and Mrs. Hoff, in a raid upon the town of Tang in Yang Northern Hunan Province, near the border town of Siangyang, according to advices received here to-day.



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