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Huge Bolshevik Armies Training For War, French Mission Reports

CALIFORNIA HAS 'QUAKE A WEEK,' M'DIARMID SAYS

They Call Them "Tremors" Out There and Then Change the Subject.

YOU NEVER LIKE 'EM

Former Belleville Man Sends Bright Letter From Land of Roses.

By W. S. Macdiarmid.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 18.—Earthquakes and their causes is not a popular indoor sport in California. If you talk about earthquakes to Californians you see a pained look come over their faces and they immediately begin to talk about something else. There is never an earthquake in California—there are only earth tremors. The quakes of June last were just as hard as those that destroyed San Francisco but they were of shorter duration and that is all that saved Los Angeles. Some day the quakes will keep up for a few seconds longer and then there will be a new city to build. One last week destroyed a large warehouse of the Walnut Growers Association. The streets were covered with bricks and walnuts for a depth of three feet. The papers said the warehouse was overloaded with walnuts and that was the cause of the destruction of the building. There are about five more every week. It is the risk you take in living on the shores of the great Pacific ocean.

In the Early Days
Those who lived in Belleville in the early days of the city's growth were always used to this. It is a joke that a native son never gets over the excitement of a fire and when he leaves home and visits Toronto and other big cities, he can be seen chasing a fire engine down the street. We used to be able to tell by the ringing of the bell who was turning the crank. Officer Andy Cook was the champion long distance ringer. Chief Newton could make the bell hit on all cylinders. His batting average was the highest. In the early days the fire brigade was run on the ceremony lines with a vengeance. The fire horses had to haul gravel for the streets in the

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Robbers Get \$10 In Front St. Store

During the night, some person or persons rifled the till in the seed store of Messrs. Chas. B. Bishop & Son, Front street, about ten dollars in all being stolen. This morning it was found that both front and rear doors had been opened, but there were no indications of forcible entry. Some time ago this shop was visited by night and cash taken.

PLANS TO REGAIN THRONE BY CHARLES OF AUSTRIA ARE REVEALED BY LETTERS

BUDAPEST, Dec. 22.—Former Emperor Charles of Austria-Hungary has sent a letter to his supporters here encouraging them in the hope that he will be restored to the Austro-Hungarian throne. "Powerful agents are at work to restore the Austro-Hungarian monarchy and thereby prevent the Austrians from joining Germany," the erstwhile monarch wrote from Prangins, Switzerland, where he is still in exile. "Wait patiently, my trusty and well-beloved, the circumstances are favorable and with the help of God I shall return to my faithful Magyar subjects." The letter was brought by a confidant of Charles' adherents, headed by Prince Louis Windis-

CHURCH NOTICES

Will those who send Church Notices to The Ontario, cooperate this week, Saturday being XMAS, and please have copy for this column in this office not later than 10 a.m. Friday.

IRISH SITUATION MORE COMPLEX; HEAVY FIGHTING

Safe Conduct for De Valera Has Been Issued by British Government.
Home Rule Bill "Offers Chance For Ireland to Govern Itself."
LONDON, Dec. 22.—The Irish situation today assumed a more serious complexity with fighting going on on the largest scale known so far, the Home Rule Bill almost law and the safe conduct issued by the British Government to De Valera, "President of the Irish Republic."
The intermediaries seeking to establish preliminaries of peace continue to retreat, refusing to say whether any actual progress toward settlement has been made.
Replying from Rosemount to an inquiry of the Associated Press three days ago, whether a meeting of the Sinn Fein was contemplated to consider peace, Father O'Flanagan, Vice-President of the Sinn Fein, who has had considerable correspondence with the Prime Minister on the Irish situation, says:
"I know of no progress toward a Sinn Fein meeting."
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ITALIAN ARMY ATTACKS FIUME

(By Canadian Press)
UDINE, Italy, Dec. 22.—Fiume, the stronghold of Captain Gabriel D'Annunzio, the insurgent Italian leader, is being besieged today by regular Italian forces.

Greer Has Charge In Doughty Case

TORONTO, Dec. 22.—It was announced authoritatively today that Richard H. Greer, former county crown attorney, has been appointed crown prosecutor in the charges against John Doughty.
Mr. Greer today takes over full charge of the case and will represent the crown at the police court preliminary hearing. For some months Mr. Greer has been acting as special examiner in the case and recently presented his report to the government.

Are Grateful For Gifts by McRose

The city indigent committee wish to acknowledge with heartfelt thanks the most generous gift of the McRose Women's Institute, consisting of two bags of potatoes, two bags of apples, one of turnips, cabbage, pumpkins, twelve pounds of fresh butter, thirteen and a half pounds of pork, one pound of tea, four quarts maple syrup, two of plums, clothing and two beautiful warm quilts. They also wish to thank Mr. Bamforth for a bag of parsnips and Johns for vegetables.
These when added to the boxes prepared enables the committee to send out by far the finest boxes they have yet been able to provide with a view to making Xmas happy time for many to whom otherwise it might be cheerless and sad.
MARY YEOMANS, (Sgd.)
Chairman of Indigent Com.

Bandit-Slayer Pays the Penalty

LETHEBRIDGE, Dec. 22.—Saying "Good-bye everybody," to those who stood upon Scaffold with him, Thomas Basot, bandit and murderer, was shot into eternity at the end of the hangman's noose at the provincial jail here at six this morning. This the fifth life in the chain of tragedies in the Crow's Nest Pass fight with bandits, last August, was snuffed out.

What Chance Have Armenians?

TURKISH REBEL CAVALRY THAT IS FIGHTING THE ALLIES AND ALL CHRISTIANS IN ASIA MINOR.
These troops are a type of the Turkish Rebels under command of Mustafa Kemal Pasha who are waging war against the Allies in Asia Minor and Cilicia. They are known as Chetaks and are little better than brigands, pillaging, murdering and fighting all Christians of the Near East Relief. They are excellent horsemen and well armed.

ASKED FOOD: GIVEN DEATH

Soviet Authorities Met Request With Ruthless Killings of Men.
BOLSHIES LOOK FOR WAR
Big Concentration of Troops on Estonian Front And in Crimea.
LONDON, Dec. 22.—A serious labor riot occurred recently in Petrograd, says a Helsinki dispatch today in which many persons were killed or injured. The riot was organized and one hundred laborers were executed, the dispatch adds. The trouble started when the Soviet authorities refused the demands of the city laborers for more food and the shortening of the working day, which is sixteen hours.
Preparations for War.
Paris advices say that the Bolsheviks are regrouping and reorganizing their army for a great offensive movement in the near future according to information given to the French from their missions in countries bordering on Soviet Russia and from secret agents.
A big concentration of troops is reported along the Estonian front. Forty thousand men are said to be present in the Estonian capital, An intense propaganda is being carried on throughout Estonia; many officers as well as troops are said to be disaffected.
An Anniversary.
Due east of Latvia there are no particular Bolshevik concentrations, but that country is dangerously exposed to attack from the north through Estonia. December 26 is the anniversary of the Bolshevik's entry into Riga in 1918. The Reds have always attached great importance to anniversaries.
Southeast of Riga Red troops have been noted moving up steadily in large numbers toward the Lithuanian border, to the east of Vilna. Their approach suggests ill for the League of Nations' plebiscite army. The Soviet military strength has been greatly increased by captures from Wrangel's army, including 15,000 horses, 50 airplanes, hundreds of cannon of all calibres up to siege guns, with immense stocks of munitions.
A new Red army of 100,000 men is now in training in the Crimea whence it could easily threaten Bessarabia. Reports from Poland indicate threatening troop movements at variance with Joffe's pacifist assertions at the Riga conference. Everything points, say the French, to a speedy resumption of hostilities by the Bolsheviks.

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SEARCHES WERE GALLING

OTTAWA, Dec. 22.—Canadians at the border cities are breathing more easily because of the withdrawal of the special women's customs officers at those points, whose activities shoppers claimed were interfering greatly with Christmas shopping in stores in the United States.
Thorough searches were being made of people crossing to Canada and the worst offenders being women, female inspectors had declared.
In many cases women were found to be returning clad almost entirely in new garments. As the penalty included confiscation many of the female smugglers have had to send in hurry calls for persons to pay duty, because they had not sufficient of their own clothes to reach home otherwise.

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