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#### Some Question Whether or No Anglo-French Pact Can Be Saved.

London, Jan. 13.—Important developments emerged today from the confusion into which the resignation of Aristide Briand, the French Premier, threw the Genoa Conference. These were, first, that a ministry, headed by Raymond Poincaré, will take the place of the Briand administration; second, that the Genoa Economic Conference appears to have been saved out of the wreckage; and third, that the Reparations committee, acting under the direction of the Briand administration, has granted Germany a moratorium until the Allies arrive at a new decision with regard to her condition.

Germany, instead of paying the 100,000,000 gold marks due next Saturday, is to pay every ten days approximately 10,000,000 gold marks, which latter amount is considered as representing 25 per cent of her exports.

Whether the Anglo-French pact arranged between Mr. Briand and Premier Lloyd George, also can be saved is considered to depend upon a conference between Mr. Lloyd George and M. Poincaré. The latter always has been solid for the Versailles Treaty.

#### Effect on Election.

Speculation here still turns to the effect the developments will have upon the contemplated general election. The possibility of elections in Britain and France, at almost the same time, has been discussed, as it is regarded possible that the Poincaré ministry may be short-lived. The first impressions were that the French crisis made February elections in Great Britain impossible, but now that it is seen the arrangements for the Genoa Conference will proceed, opinion is veering.

The importance which Mr. Lloyd George attached to this conference is seen in the statement he made to the newspaper men at Cannes today when he declared he believed the Conference would succeed, and added, "We want to see the United States at Genoa."

The view held in political circles here is that Mr. Lloyd George has been subjected to humiliation by the refusal of the Conservative party organizers to fall in with his idea of February elections, and that he will be only too willing to adhere to his plan, if there is no hitch in the Genoa arrangements, if only to regain the prestige lost through the action of the organizers. Hence, today opinions for and against a February dissolution of Parliament were about evenly divided.

Lord Curzon, in a public speech at Canterbury tonight, declared that Mr. Lloyd George, having swallowed up the Unionist leaders, wanted to appeal to the country immediately, as he knew the Conservative party had no leaders.

### Indecent Assault Case Heard in Fredericton Court

#### Aged Man Charged With As- saulting Two Little Girls— Judgment Reserved.

Special to The Standard  
Fredericton, N. B., Jan. 13.—The case against Robert Kelly, of this city, an aged man charged with indecent assault on two little girls, aged seven and nine years, was heard private in this police court this afternoon. The accused defended the case, R. B. Hanson, K. C., appearing as counsel. Judgment will be given next Monday at noon.

### Alberta Farmers Oppose Changes in Liquor Laws

#### Desire That Their Present System Be Given a Three Years' Test.

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 13.—(Canadian Press)—The United Farmers of Alberta went on record by resolution at their convention this afternoon as opposed to any change in existing provincial liquor legislation until the present system has been tested for at least three years.

### MINISTER OF LABOR MURDOCH GIVES UNEMPLOYMENT HEAVY BODY BLOW

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 13.—Unemployment parades, "originating either through the misunderstanding of workmen out of employment, or on the suggestion of concerns or interests who desire to force action" on contracts, will not bring about any "hoity or improper action, either in the matter of recommending the issuance of contracts, possibly unnecessary, or in supporting the action of the late government awarding what may be found unnecessary and improper contracts during the closing days of its authority," on the part of the department of labor, says a statement issued tonight by Hon. James Murdoch, minister of labor.

### Swallows Poison Tablets Under Her Husband's Threats

#### Prominent California Lady Now in Paris Hospital and Husband Under Arrest.

Paris, Jan. 13.—Mrs. Audrey Creighton Ryan, better known as Miss Audrey Creighton, California violinist and prize winner at the United States Conservatory of Music in Fontainebleau, is reported dying in American hospital at Neuilly from the results of swallowing three poison tablets. Her husband, Thomas Stewart Ryan, who is attached to the Paris staff of the Chicago Tribune, was arrested on a charge of administering the tablets to her, under the threat to kill her with a knife unless she swallowed them. Later he is said to have stabbed himself, but not seriously.

Ryan told his friends that his wife's statements to the authorities were untrue.

Another version of the case was revealed by police commissioner Fraico this afternoon. Her husband, the commissioner quoted her as saying, had told her he knew she had had an intrigue with a young man, and proposed that they die together, whereupon Mrs. Ryan took the three tablets and Ryan cut his wrist and neck. Mrs. Ryan, however, losing courage, rushed out of the room and demanded to be taken to a hospital.

### Harry Jack Williams Sentenced To Seven Years in Prison

#### Charged With Robbery and Violence—One of Notori- ous London, Ont., Gang.

London, Ont., Jan. 13.—Harry Jack Williams, alias William Vaughan, who has been in the county jail since April 13, last, was brought to the police court today and sentenced to seven years in Kingston penitentiary on a charge of robbery with violence. The offense, for which Williams was sentenced today, was one of the three criminal escapades in which he, Sidney and William Murrell and the notorious "Pat" were concerned which immediately preceded the murder of Russell Campbell in the holdup of the Melbourne branch of the Home Bank. Williams, in company with the two Murrells and "Pat," visited the laundry at 43 Wardcliffe Road, London, kept by Fred and John Lee, Chinese, on April 9, 1921. The Chinese were violently assaulted and \$40 stolen.

On the night of September 1, the Murrells escaped from the county jail by sawing through the bars on their cell window. They, with the fourth man, the elusive "Pat" are still at large and since that date Williams has been the only one of the four in custody. Efforts to recapture the Murrells have proved futile.

### One Square Meal Anyhow Secured By These Two Travellers

#### Boy Wanderers Picked Out Easy Way to Machias Jail and Warm Berth.

Calais, Jan. 13.—Thirty clad, with their feet biting the icy pavement through holes in their shoes, Boy Wanderers of Pembroke and James McDonald of Eastport, both nineteen years of age, longed for a warm place to make up their minds to get arrested. They filled up on ham and eggs with the things at Bohard's restaurant. Having no money they were arrested and in the municipal court today were sentenced to thirty days in Machias jail.

### Crown Authorities Drop Proceedings Against Sinn Feiners

#### Twelve Prisoners Whose Re- lease from Londonderry Jail Go Free Under Amnes- ty Order.

Belfast, Jan. 13.—The Crown authorities have decided to drop proceedings against the twelve Sinn Fein prisoners whose release from Londonderry jail, was frustrated last December by a group of men tried to effect their release down a rope ladder. Two constables were suffocated to death by poisonous fumes during the incident.

The twelve prisoners, who later were taken to another place of detention, will be returned to the Londonderry jail, from which their immediate release is expected, under the amnesty order issued this week by King George V. They were imprisoned prior to the operation of the truce. The British government it was decided, cannot interfere in the cases of the three men sentenced to death yesterday in connection with the attempted release of the Sinn Feiners. It was held that clemency for the three can only be exercised on the advice of the Irish home secretary.

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Under the scrapping provisions, as finally agreed to, the United States and Japanese are understood to be authorized to change into airplane carriers, some of the battleships now under construction, but which, under the original plan, would have gone to scrap heap, while France and Italy are to be permitted to convert into training ships the dreadnoughts of their fleet which, by the agreement, are to become obsolete in 1931.

### PROPOSED DUTY SEVERE BLOW TO THIS COUNTRY

#### Rates Suggested in United States Congress Come from Farmers' Organization.

Washington, Jan. 13.—(By Canadian Press)—Senator Gooding, of Idaho, a spokesman for twenty-five Senators from agricultural states, this afternoon submitted a list of proposed duties to the Senate Finance Committee. The rates suggested were those advocated by various United States farm organizations. Those which will affect importations from Canada include:—Wheat, 30 cents a bushel; barley, 20 cents a bushel; oats and rye, 15 cents a bushel; cattle 1 1/2 cents a pound; sheep and goats \$2 a head; swine 1/2 cent; butter and substitutes 10 cents a pound; milk, sweet or sour 3 1/2 cents a gallon, and skimmed milk 2 cents a gallon; cream, with not more than 20 per cent butter fat, 15 cents a gallon and five cents a gallon additional for each additional five per cent of butter fat; eggs eight cents a dozen; poultry six cents a pound; corn 20 cents a bushel; dried beans 3 cents a pound; green peas \$1 per hundredweight; split peas 1 1/2 cents a pound; onions one cent a pound; potatoes 1/2 cent a pound; the seed 40 cents a bushel; grass seed 4 cents a pound; hides, green 2 cents a pound; dried six cents; fish, frozen or packed in ice not specially provided for, 2 cents a pound.

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### PREPARATION MADE FOR EVACUATION OF DUBLIN CASTLE

#### French Cabinet To Be Completed Tomorrow Night

Paris, Jan. 13.—Raymond Poincaré, who has assumed the task of forming a ministry to succeed that of Aristide Briand, said tonight that he could complete his work before Sunday evening at the earliest.

### Sir Robert Borden To Remain At Arms Conference

#### Premier King Requested For- mer Premier to Continue as Canada's Representative on British Delegation.

Ottawa, Jan. 13.—Sir Robert Borden, it was officially stated tonight, will continue to represent Canada on the British delegation at the Disarmament Conference in Washington. When the change of government took place here Sir Robert, who was then in Washington, communicated with Premier King, stating that he presumed the new Government might wish to appoint, as representative of that delegation, some one who had shown a more sympathetic understanding of the new Government and its policies than he himself had done, and that he placed himself in the new prime minister's hands and was ready to return to Ottawa at once if that was desired. Premier King, however, asked Sir Robert to continue to act as Canada's representative on the British Empire delegation. Since that time he has been communicating with Premier King, who is also Minister of External Affairs, as formerly he had been in communication with the former Premier, Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen.

### Marries Mother of His Children To Give Them Status

#### Peculiar Situation, Resulting in Wedding, Develops Dur- ing Trial in Montreal Court.

Montreal, Jan. 13.—The marriage of the father and mother of eight-year old Lily Manning, who, in March last, fell to her death in this city in a St. James street sewer manhole, took place this afternoon while the trial was proceeding in the Superior Court in which the father, J. W. Manning, is suing the city of Montreal for \$2,500 damages for the loss of his daughter.

It was declared that the pair were unmarried and Mr. Justice Lane at once advised Manning to marry the mother of his children and give them a proper status. His Lordship's advice was immediately acted upon.

The hearing of the case was adjourned until Monday.

### Two Plucky Lads Save Bank Loss of Bag With \$3,780

#### Defeat Efforts of Two Band- its from Taking Property of Bank of Hochelaga.

Montreal, Jan. 13.—The pluck of two lads, aged 14 and 16 respectively, defeated the efforts of two bandits from taking a bag containing \$3,780, the property of the Bank of Hochelaga which was in transit between the Papineau Avenue branch of the bank and the Mount Royal Avenue East branch here, this afternoon.

The attempted hold-up occurred on Papineau Avenue near the railway tracks and one of the boys, Leslie Mayer, threw himself over the bag, while the other, Rene Fournier, pulled a revolver and tried to fire it. The boys suffered severe blows in the face from the bandits before a crowd that had collected made a move to interfere. The bandits then fled in an automobile.

now involving coal and gold miners and allied workers. The situation is fraught with extreme gravity for the whole of South Africa, says a Reuters cable from Johannesburg.

The Village Deep Mine is flooding and other mines are exposed to the same danger, while it is now regarded as certain that some of the mines will never be re-opened.

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### BROKING FIRM INSOLVENT FOR SEVERAL YEARS

#### Thornton, Davidson & Co. Had Been Insolvent Six Years Prior to Bank- ruptcy, Says Trustee.

### MERCHANTS' BANK HEAVILY INVOLVED

#### Evidence Brought Out in Case Against Former Manager on Embezzlement Charge.

Montreal, Jan. 13.—(Canadian Press)—That the local stock broking firm of Thornton, Davidson & Company had been insolvent for five or six years prior to its bankruptcy in July, 1919, was the statement the afternoon of W. Finlayson, trustee in bankruptcy appointed to look into the firm's books, under examination of counsel for the prosecution in connection with the charge against Colin O. Cameron, former manager and partner of the firm, that he had embezzled \$1,000,000 of the firm's money and had assigned their books. The subsequent nature of the firm impaired the financial standing of the merchants' bank of Canada to the amount of around \$1,000,000, and resulted in its going out to the Bank of Montreal.

Affected Merchants Bank.

Other points brought out by the examination of the trustee was that the debt balance against Cameron in the firm's books totaled \$400,000, and was asked if the books of the firm disclosed financial conditions such as to justify the withdrawal by Cameron of the hundreds of thousands of dollars shown to have been taken by him from the bank on evidence of the merchants' Bank ledger sheets and cheques. Mr. Finlayson replied: "They do not." In his view the firm of Thornton, Davidson & Company had been insolvent for the past five or six years and was certainly so, from a inspection of their books, on Jan. 1, 1919, or six months before they actually went into bankruptcy proceedings.

Trustee Finlayson said, in examination, that the total debt balance owed by Cameron was \$317,933.61, while the securities held by him totalled \$217,229.79.

### Cameron's Accounts

He had examined Cameron's accounts as from Jan. 1, 1919, and the time of the failure in July of that year, and had not found a surplus. The net debt was regarded by Mr. Finlayson as a bad debt, and he added that the deficit had been brought about by depreciation of securities purchased. It represented eight different accounts held by Cameron with the Thornton-Davidson firm which, when consolidated, totalled net \$700,682.32.

Asked whether the books of the firm disclosed financial conditions such as to justify the withdrawal by Cameron of the hundreds of thousands of dollars shown to have been withdrawn by evidence of Merchants' Bank ledger sheets and cheques, Mr. Finlayson replied: "They do not."

He added that there were no credits due to Mr. Cameron at any time, and stated that the profits derived from interest and commissions during the period in question were certainly insufficient to have justified the withdrawals by Cameron. In his view, the firm of Thornton, Davidson & Company had been insolvent for the past five or six years, and was certainly so, from his inspection of the books, on Jan. 1, 1919.

The case adjourned to Monday.

### Sydney Plays Trick On Unemployed

#### 230 Men Eagerly Worked Shovelling Snow, But Got Little Money for Labors.

Sydney, N. S., Jan. 13.—After last week's heavy storm, 230 unemployed men eagerly grasped the opportunity to earn a few dollars by working for the city clearing the streets of ice and snow. When they went to city hall, today, to get their pay, many of them were tendered receipted bills for poli and other taxes, accompanied, occasionally, by a small difference in cash. One man's envelope was fifteen cents short of the amount of his taxes, and he had to make up the difference before being allowed to leave. City Clerk Curry declares the city charter compels officials to make such deductions.

### Motherwell Will Have No Opposition In By-Election

#### Regina, Sask., Jan. 13.—The Con- servatives of Regina Federal constituency will not oppose the return of Hon. W. R. Motherwell to the Federal Govern- ment as Minister of Agriculture. It was decided today at a meeting of the executive of the Conservative Associa- tion.

The meeting also unanimously adopted a resolution of confidence in Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, Conservative leader, and deprecated the fact that he is not being accorded an acclamation in Grenville, Ont.

### Dangerous To Light Cigarette Around This Home Brew

#### It would be dangerous for a man to light a cigarette after taking a drink of that stuff. His breath might explode," was the conclusion of a wit- ness in police court today, when Char- les Reid, Gainsborough Point, pleaded guilty to operating a still and was as- sessed \$500 and costs.

A police officer, who testified as to the potency of the homebrew, nearly set fire to the court room when he lit half a tin cupful of it.