

## LORDS REJECT GOVERNMENT BILL

Declare Ministry of Health Measure Should Not Be Pressed Near Holidays.

London, Dec. 15.—The house of lords last night by a vote of 57 to 41 threw out the ministry of health bill. This is the first time the lords have rejected a first-class government measure since 1913, when it threw out bills relating to home rule and Welsh disestablishment. A number of peers made vigorous protests against the action of the government in forcing such a measure forward on the verge of the holidays. The health bill was an omnibus measure, which was to give the government powers ranging all the way from the hiring of dwelling houses to the sale of clinical thermometers. Many clauses were abandoned by the government during the bill's passage through the commons. The death of the bill will retard housing measures unless the government, as seems likely, introduces a short measure covering the provisions concerning this matter.

## ARIZONA COPPER MINES WILL REDUCE WAGES

New York, Dec. 15.—A reduction of \$1 a day in the wages of the higher paid miners at the Phelps-Dodge Corporation's copper mines in Arizona will become effective January 1, an official of the corporation announced here today. Mexican miners, who receive smaller pay, will be affected by corresponding reductions, he added.

The exact number of employees affected by the new scale could not be ascertained in the absence of detailed information at the corporation's local offices.

## FRANCE WILL RETAIN ALL HER GERMAN SHIPS

Paris, Dec. 15.—France will retain all German ships which she has been managing provisionally under the terms of the Versailles treaty, says The Martin, which asserts that recent Franco-British conversations on the subject have resulted in an agreement. These ships aggregate 430,000 tons.

## Wife of Late Greek King Given Possession of Fortune

Athens, Dec. 15.—A court decision has been handed down authorizing Madame Nance, the wife of the late King Alexander, to enter into immediate possession of the fortune left by the king. This is estimated in value at two million drachmas (about \$400,000 normally), and consists almost entirely of money and jewels.



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## TO HIT SPECULATORS AND REDUCE PRICES

Some New York State Farmers Are Combining to Store Potatoes.

Riverhead, N.Y., Dec. 15.—Farmers of Suffolk County expect to snuff out speculators and pull down food prices by marketing their products thru co-operative storehouses. They also have mapped out a five-year program to make rural life attractive to their sons and daughters.

Thru the Suffolk County Farm Bureau they expect to build structures to store the potato crops and other products and see that they are distributed evenly on the market. Then they believe they will be absolved of blame for the operations of speculators.

## LA POCATIERE COLLEGE IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Historic Institution of Learning 70 Miles From Quebec—Loss Half a Million Dollars.

Quebec, Dec. 15.—The historic college of Ste. Anne de La Pocatiere, situated on the River St. Lawrence, about 70 miles from here, was destroyed by fire this morning. The college was valued at \$500,000. Five hundred students attended the college.

## GERMAN SCIENTIFIC BOOKS HAVE ARRIVED AT MCGILL

Montreal, Dec. 15.—Two shipments of scientific books and journals, the majority of which were ordered in Germany before the war, have arrived at the Redpath library of McGill University. The orders for these were placed for the most part early in 1914 and on the outbreak of war the books and journals were put aside by the university's agent in Leipzig. One shipment contains the back numbers of several scientific periodicals which were not obtainable during the war, and which were needed by the library to complete reference files. The other shipment contains over five thousand pamphlets and monographs on birds, published in various European countries.

## KINGSTON FIRE LOSS.

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 15.—(Special)—The report of Fire Chief James Armstrong shows that the fire loss for the year amounted to \$136,000, the largest in the history of the city in recent years.

## GOVERNMENT DEFIED BY WESTERN UNION

Its President Says It Will Connect Cables Despite Opposition of U. S.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Notice was given the United States government today by Newcomb P. Carlton, president of the Western Union Telegraph Co., that his company intends to connect its new cable from Barbados with its lines in the United States by means of existing cables to Cuba, regardless of the opposition of President Wilson and the state department.

Mr. Carlton's statement was made in testimony before a senate interstate sub-committee which has before it an administrative measure giving the executive department absolute control over the landing of cable lines on United States soil. He was one of four witnesses examined at the opening of an inquiry into the whole subject of cable communications, and from whose testimony the committee developed among other things that the All-America Cables, Inc., a United States concern, is engaged with the support of the state department, in a fight against the Western Union Telegraph Co. of Great Britain and the Western Union, in an effort to break the cable monopoly enjoyed by the British company in Brazil. There also was testimony that the All-America Company enjoys cable monopolies in several Central and South American countries; that the international communication conference here has reached a tentative agreement that no censorship shall be imposed upon cable messages merely passing thru relay points; that there is no cable communication between the United States and Germany except over British-controlled lines; that some foreign governments are subsidizing news agencies disseminating reports in other countries, and that the Western Union plans further independent connections thru United States cable lines to Italy, Holland and Scandinavia.

## CHURCHES CO-OPERATE FOR MISSIONARY WORK

Belleville, Ont., Dec. 15.—(Special)—The December session of the Kingston Presbytery was held here today, presided over by Rev. A. J. Wilson, of Napanee, moderator. A report of the committee co-operating with the Methodist church relative to saving of mission funds and money was presented, and showed that out of twenty charges involved in the presbytery, only one gave an adverse vote. The committee was continued and will seek to make readjustments that will be favorable to all concerned. The Belleville ministers, with their elders, were appointed a committee to strike standing committees and report at the March meeting, to be held at Kingston.

## NEGRO BUSINESS MEN START STOCK EXCHANGE

New York, Dec. 15.—A group of negro business men, it was learned today, have obtained a charter for the Harlem Stock Exchange, which will be opened about January 1 and will be owned and controlled exclusively by negroes. Trading will be limited to stocks of corporations owned and managed by negroes, of which there are said to be more than 400 in New York all backed by negro capital and selling securities to negroes. The incorporators are arranging for the lease of a building at Seventh avenue and 139th street.

Some of the corporations in which the negroes have stock are good, said Eugene Davidson, one of the trustees, while others are "rank fakes."

## HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

To those convalescing from a serious illness, or those who need a change of scene, rest and recuperation, there is not a more attractive and satisfying place to go than Algonquin Park. A prominent guest at the Highland Inn, who recently underwent a serious operation, and who is enjoying the pleasures offered at Algonquin Park, writes as follows: "Amongst all the attractions here I feel like a boy when school is let out, and who does not have to come home until supper time. All worries have slipped from my shoulders and I am enjoying myself as I never did before. The crisp air and the musical scrunch of the snow under one's feet makes one's steps light and face to glow with color. Yesterday a deer leapt across my path not ten feet from me; and to me, who had never seen a live deer in action, it was as if I had inherited a fortune. A squirrel surveyed me with blinking eyes as it poised on a tree stump. A move of my arm and away it went. And then back to the hotel to a roasting log fire and a hearty meal. This is life and fill one samples it he is just existing."

## Force to Stop Hoarding By Farmers in Germany

Berlin, Dec. 15.—The Prussian government has issued an order to the provisional authorities to employ armed forces, where necessary, to compel the farmers to turn in the 1926 wheat yield, which it is alleged is being hoarded. It is stated that a large percentage of the last crop has not been accounted for.

Wheat is still being rationed throughout Germany. The security police have been instructed to hold themselves in readiness to enforce the government's order.

## JAS. L. STEWART HURT.

Chatham, N.B., Dec. 15.—James L. Stewart, former member of the provincial legislature, and editor of The Chatham World, fell from his chair yesterday and fractured one of his ribs.

## WATERWAY CLOSES.

Brookville, Dec. 15.—The entire St. Lawrence canal system was closed last night after a season of extensive business comparing well with recent years in the amount of commerce borne thru them.

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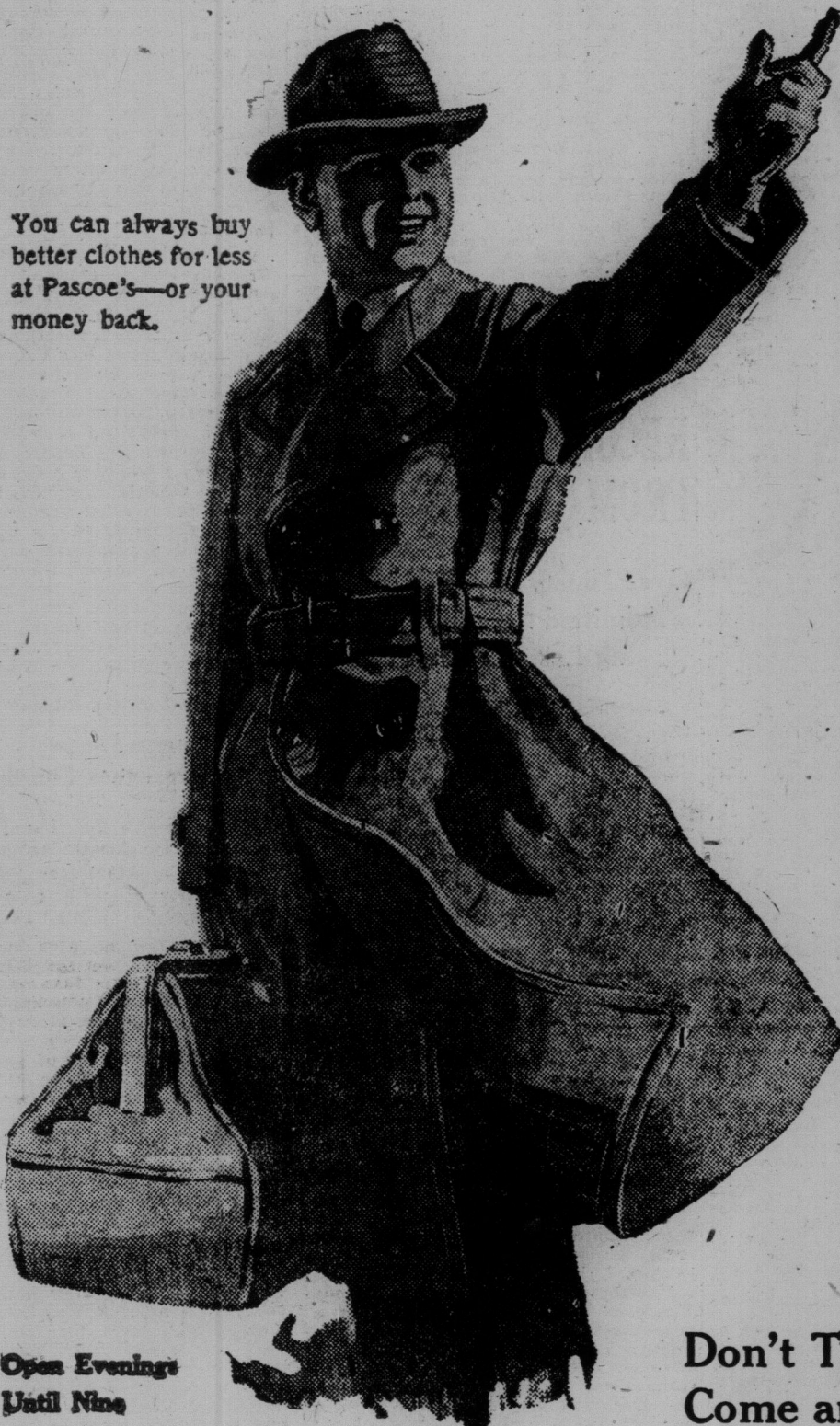
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## MASKED BANDIT ROBS BANK AT BARRY'S BAY.

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—The Merchants Bank at Barry's Bay was robbed of \$2,200 last evening when an armed masked bandit held up the paying teller between Combermere and Barry's Bay, shortly after eight o'clock.

According to information received this morning, he was returning to the Barry's Bay branch of the bank after collecting the money from the savings bank of the postoffice at Combermere and apparently was traveling alone.

## Turks Prepare an Offensive Against the Greek Forces

Constantinople, Dec. 15.—The greater part of the Kemal forces have been transferred the Ouchak front under command of General Kiazim Kara. These troops are to take part in a great offensive against the Greek forces on the Smyrna-Broun front, according to advices from Anatolia.

## ROBBED OF HER HAIR.

Fort Thomas, Ky., Dec. 15.—Mrs. Watte's Howe, of Orlando, Fla., claims to have been the victim of the meanest thief in the United States—one who, she said, clipped the hair from her head while she was asleep in a Pullman car of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad, en route from Jacksonville, Fla., to this city. Mrs. Howe reported that, besides her hair, she was robbed of several pieces of jewelry and \$300 in cash.

## Direct Radio Communication Between Big Cities of U. S.

New York, Dec. 15.—Direct radio communication service, connecting New York, Chicago, Cleveland and Detroit, will be opened to the public tomorrow afternoon.

Mayors of each of the four cities will inaugurate the system with an interchange of greetings. Representatives of business and scientific organizations will assemble at the city hall here to witness the start of regular commercial wireless communication with the middle west.

## Railway Strike in Norway Has Proved Utter Failure

Christiania, Norway, Dec. 15.—The railwaymen's strike has ended in a complete capitulation of the strikers.

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who were given none of their demands whatsoever. Traffic is being resumed and is expected to be normal Thursday.

## Rev. W. R. Robinson, St. John, Dies of Acute Indigestion

St. John, N.B., Dec. 15.—Rev. William R. Robinson, pastor of Ludlow Street Baptist Church, West St. John, died early today of acute indigestion after a few hours' illness. He was an outstanding figure. Born 55 years ago in Newcastle, N.B., he had held sev-

eral pastorates in New Brunswick. During a smallpox epidemic a few years ago, he went into a North Shore lumber camp and stayed ministering to the stricken ones till the disease was conquered.

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