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...view on the Hoc... Suspensions.

...clares for Open Sessions of Inquiry Into the Amateur Sport Situation—Independent League Formed in Nova Scotia.

(Canadian Press)

Montreal, Dec. 31—Hugh McKinnon whose affidavit resulted in the suspension of thirteen maritime hockey players from the amateur ranks, in a statement to a local paper today said:

"My opinion of the amateur situation and also the opinion of the majority of the sporting men in Nova Scotia and N. B. is that either the amateur association must rule and that there be a general clean up, or that the association be abolished altogether and let the players be whatever they wish, as the condition that affairs now is abominable.

"Why is it, that President Covey picked on Nova Scotia instead of N. B. to make his clean up, as one province is bad as the other?"

Halifax, he says, is about the only city that is in favor of the amateur association as all the other towns favor the system that was in vogue before the governing body was inaugurated. If Mr. Covey made his alleged clean up there would be few amateurs of repute either in New Brunswick or Nova Scotia, as McKinnon contended that the majority of players are being paid with the exception of two or three teams.

"There are rumors," said McKinnon, "that the meeting whenever it is held will be behind closed doors, but if I am asked upon to appear I will strongly advocate for a meeting at which the public are allowed to be present, as I want everything to be done and said in the light and not behind closed doors.

"I have been double-crossed and I am sorry for some of the fellows who have been suspended, but seeing that the situation has gone this far, I am going to stick it to the end and the quicker the meeting is held and something done, the better it will be for everyone, for the way things are going now, nothing will be done before the winter is finished. The affair has scared quite a lot of players down there as the new ruling is that if a player signs his application card as an amateur and it is found that he has been receiving money for playing he can be accused of perjury.

"It is said that some of the players intend are engaging lawyers, but I am not afraid of this as I will be able to produce witnesses, and I wish that a meeting would be held at once so that the whole thing could be cleaned up."

Independent League.

Amherst, N. S., Dec. 31—Arranging a schedule subject to change for the sole purpose of accommodating a Halifax team, providing that they express a desire to enter the Independent Amateur Hockey League, delegates to a conference in Amherst yesterday afternoon elected their officers, and drew up a schedule. Great enthusiam was displayed by the representatives from Moncton, Amherst and New Glasgow and all expressed the opinion that they would go through an excellent winter.

Amherst was the bone of contention, for some time, as Messrs. F. F. Cormier and George Stuart stated that they would be unable to enter a team in the league, owing to the fact that the rink management would not come to terms, after the independents had "demanded" a percentage of sixty per cent. from the gate. This was speedily settled when the Moncton rink men were called on the 'phone, and they promised to give Amherst a percentage that would place the team in a better position financially than they enjoyed last year, providing Amherst played all games in Moncton. With this the outstanding obstacle removed from the path of the local independents a team was entered. The league will include Moncton, Amherst and New Glasgow with a slight prospect of Halifax breaking into the running.

Baseball Question.

The question of independent baseball was considered and indefinite plans were formulated for the coming season. The status of various amateur athletes was questioned while the present definition of an amateur player was considered as being impossible, nonsensical and ridiculous.

The following officers were elected—President, Ray Rogers, New Glasgow; vice president, F. F. Cormier, Amherst; secretary-treasurer, B. A. MacLeod, Moncton; executive, George Stuart, Amherst; Frank Brown, Moncton; Dr. Fraser, New Glasgow.

Amherst will open the league in Moncton on January 8, when they meet Moncton.

N. S. League.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 31—A Nova Scotia hockey league was organized here yesterday by representatives of Amherst and Springhill hockey teams and of the Wanderers and Crescents teams of Halifax.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 31.—That Pete MacDonald, Leon Fluck and Art Callahan did not make the trip from Halifax to New Glasgow with Frank Rossalo's hockey team in 1920 is the statement of hockey players who made the trip, according to the Herald. The three players were mentioned in Hugh McKinnon's affidavit, on the strength of which thirteen Nova Scotia athletes were suspended from amateur standing.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 31.—The League of the Cross hockey team, Antigonish, and Wanderers, Halifax, will play off for the 1920 hockey championship of N. S. on January 9 at Antigonish, so the two clubs have agreed.

Sherbrooke, Que., Dec. 31.—The eastern townships hockey league was officially revived last night, composed of Lennoxville, Bayer's Cliff, Lennoxville and St. Patrick's of Sherbrooke, while it is quite probable that Bishop's College will enter a team.

The Centuries

FATHER AND SON

The century named "Twenty" is not old.
We hail his twenty-second birthday now;
Though heir to endless Time's bright crown of gold;
Already care has lined his noble brow.

His father was a wild rake in his day,
And plunged the world in warfare for a time;
Trafalgar, Waterloo, and many a fray,
And many a grevious wrong, and many a crime.

When half his race was run he settled down,
And sent our land good women, and wise men;
The brightest gems in great Victoria's crown,
Reflecting peace and happiness, and then—

When fourteen years his son and heir had reigned,
Loomed blacker clouds than e'er were seen before;
And war's dread thunder crushed the peace we'd gained,
And swept Time back, a hundred years or more.

But "Twenty" is much older than his years;
And wiser, through misfortune, than his sire.
Then greet his birthday with three ringing cheers;
The future glows with Peace! our heart's desire.

HOPE A. THOMSON.

BATTLESHIP RUNS WILD IN THE CHANNEL

Towlines Part and Vengeance Thrashes About in Storm, a Menace to Vessels.

Cherbourg, Dec. 31—The British battleship Vengeance, with a small crew aboard, was running wildly adrift before a storm in the English Channel this morning, in imminent danger of collision with other craft or of piling up on the shore.

The Vengeance, a vessel of 12,000 tons was being towed by tugs on her way to a shipyard to be dismantled. The tow lines parted in the storm last night, and the crew was unable to gain control of the big ship.

Two French naval tugs sent out to her rescue have been beaten back by the storm, and other British and French naval craft are attempting to reach her.

HILTON BELYEA IN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Enthusiastic Over the Meet Here—His Rink Open to Speed Contestants.

Hilton Belyea announced this morning that he will enter in the half, one mile and three mile events in the Canadian championships on Lily Lake on January 18 and 19 under the auspices of the Y. M. C. I. He is in the pink of condition and during his workouts has been making fast time.

Mr. Belyea has thrown open the doors of his rink in West St. John to local men who will compete in the championship events. As soon as their entries are made with the Y. M. C. I. and thereafter until the time of the meet, Mr. Belyea courteously gives these speed artists an opportunity to practise.

Mr. Belyea is much enthused over the fact that the championships will be contested in St. John and looks upon it as one of the biggest sporting events ever held in this city.

INDUCTED AS RECTOR AND DEAN OF MONTREAL

Montreal, Dec. 31—Venerable Archdeacon Arthur Carlile of Windsor, Ont., was last night installed as rector and dean of Montreal in Christ Church Cathedral here.

As an indication of the growing strength of the church union movement, there were present in the procession of clergy who took part several who represented Presbyterian and Methodist churches.

FOUL WORK, THIS.

A mysterious disappearance from the office of the detective department, alleged to have taken place last night, has been recorded. It seems that someone gave Sergeant Detective Power a box of choice cigars for Christmas and he had them in his desk so they would be handy when he wished to treat his friends. When he left last night there were nine of these choice smokes still in the box, but, on opening it today, he found that someone with more taste than conscience had taken all but two. While, he says, he didn't mind them having the cigars he wishes they had asked for them. Several ways of detecting the culprit were suggested to the sergeant this morning, one of the newspapermen offering the idea of lining up the night force and carefully smelling their breaths for the aroma of that particular brand, which aroma, he says, will last for at least a week.

Montreal Stock Exchange.

Montreal, Dec. 31. — The Montreal stock exchange closed its business for the year yesterday, the final session before New Year's day being dropped, as usual.

ELECTIONS IN OLD LAND LIKELY IN FEBRUARY

Reports of Early Appeal to Country Persist, With the Irish Question About Settled.

(Canadian Press.)

London, Dec. 31—Reports of an early election have received great stimulus by the widespread publication of apparently inspired statements. That subject was the sole topic of conversation at a recent dinner of cabinet ministers, including Premier Lloyd George. The tide of opinion now seems to set towards February as the probable date of the election. Political correspondents almost unanimously assert that all the principal ministers except Lord Birkenhead and Austen Chamberlain favor that date, the principal arguments advanced being that the last measure of the government's last election programme will have been put into force, the Irish question will have been settled and the Washington conference will have added to the prestige of the government.

TROJANS AND COLLEGE TEAM

The college boys from maritime colleges are here to meet the Trojans' basketball team on the Y. M. C. A. floor this evening. The visitors' line-up will be exceptionally strong, as it will be selected from the following well-known players: Ted Cairns of the U. N. B., Tom Wilson and Ted Coster of Dalhousie, Sid Chipman, H. H. Wetmore and Tom Robinson of Acadia, "Pie" McAndrews of the N. S. Agricultural College, and Charlie Malcolm, from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston.

The Trojans will line up as follows: Malcolm, centre; Kerr and Fleming, forward; McGowan and Cross, defence; with Urquhart, Shaw and Garrett as spares.

Two preliminary games will also be played this evening in connection with the Trojan game — one between St. David's and the Y. M. C. A. Business Boys, and the other between two teams from the Y. W. C. A.

The big game of the evening between the Trojans and the college team will furnish the real thrills of the evening and basketball fans are looking forward to a good fast game.

ELEVEN HURT IN CLASH OVER ELECTION IN MEXICO CITY

Mexico City, Dec. 31—Eleven persons were injured in the fighting near the Chamber of Deputies yesterday in connection with the election of a permanent commission to legislate during the congregational recess. Two clashes occurred between sympathizers of the social-Democratics bloc which succeeded in gaining control of the commission, and those of the Liberal Constitutionalist party.

CAPTAIN PERRY OF WEST INDIA LINER IS DEAD IN HALIFAX

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 31—Captain John P. Perry, 35, commander of the New York to West Indies liner Parims, is dead at his home here. He came here for Christmas and subsequently took ill.

SUGAR DOWN HALF CENT IN MONTREAL

Montreal, Dec. 31—Local refiners announced a drop of fifty cents per cwt. for granulated sugar today. The price is now $6.90 per cwt.

Sugar Down in Halifax.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 31—Sugar prices in Halifax to the retailer dropped ten cents to $7.60 per hundred weight yesterday.

HAS LIQUOR CARGO.

The little schooner David Lynch sailed this morning for Nassau, Bahamas, with a cargo of 600 cases of whiskey.

As Hiram Sees It

"I see," said Mr. Hiram Hornbeam to the Times reporter, "Mayor Schofield has been hevin' some trouble with his cook."

"You are quite wrong," said the reporter. "The mayor's digestion is excellent. He eats up more work than any other man in the town—and thrives on it."

"I meant his cook at Musquash," said Hiram.

"It was not the mayor who had the trouble there," said the reporter, "but the cook himself. He went away for Christmas and had to eat somebody else's cooking. It laid him out for three days. On his return the camp was disputing with the rabbits for the juicy buds from the fallen birches, and even gnawing the bark. The cook has given bonds not to leave camp again till spring."

"Well, sir," said Hiram, "if the's any one thing that's needed in a lumber camp it's a good cook. I mind one we hed one winter when I was in the woods that made sour bread an' left a bone in the petaters an' never put enough pork in the beans. He jist lasted a week—fer if the's one thing a man wants in the winter time when he's swingin' an axe all day it's vittles—yes, sir."

FRENCH OFFICIAL UNDER CENSURE

Commission Advises Demand for Payment of 1,200,000 Francs.

Paris, Dec. 31—M. Vilgrain, French war time food administrator, is censured for alleged use of his official prestige to his own advantage in grain deals in a report by a chamber of deputies commission.

The commission advises the government to demand that M. Vilgrain pay into the public treasury 1,200,000 francs, which it alleges was his share of commission paid to the firm of Samuel Sanday & Co. of London for the purchase of Australian wheat for the French government after M. Vilgrain left office.

BOY DROWNED IN Y. M. C. A. TANK IN TORONTO

Toronto, Dec. 31.—Entering the swimming tank at the Central Y. M. C. A. while the swimming instructor, Fred. Young, was out, Jack C. Richards, aged sixteen, got into deep water and was drowned last evening. There was a similar drowning at the "Y" about a year ago.

STORM WARNING

The Canadian weather service this morning ordered the display of storm signal No. 4 throughout the maritime provinces. A severe disturbance is moving eastward across the Great Lakes. The weather will likely turn milder tonight, with southerly winds, shifting to westerly on Sunday, with increasing gales, accompanied by rain or snow.

New York, Dec. 31.—Warning of a southwest storm this afternoon from Norfolk, Va., to Eastport, Maine, followed by south and southwest winds reaching gale force, was issued today by the weather bureau.

The warning said the disturbance over the lake region was moving eastward rapidly.

Phelix and Pherdinand

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries. R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—An intense disturbance is moving rapidly eastward across the Great Lakes, while pressure is high over the western portion of the continent. The weather is fair and somewhat colder in the west, milder with snow or rain in most districts of Ontario, and fair and cold to the eastward.

Forecasts:—

Milder; Rain or Snow.

Maritime — Increasing southeast to southwest winds; overcast and becoming milder tonight. Sunday, westerly gales; milder, with light rain or snow.

Gulf and North Shore—Strong southeast and east winds; milder, with snow tonight and early Sunday.

New England—Cloudy and warmer tonight. Sunday, generally fair and colder; southwest and west gales.

Toronto, Dec. 31—Temperatures:

Stations	8 a. m.	Highest during Yesterday	Lowest night
Prince Rupert	40	36	36
Victoria	32	38	32
Kamloops	16	28	4
Calgary	8	32	4
Edmonton	6	24	6
Prince Albert	6	24	*8
Winnipeg	4	24	2
White River	28	28	20
Sault Ste. Marie	28	30	28
Toronto	38	42	30
Kingston	30	22	22
Ottawa	6	6	2
Montreal	10	2	2
Quebec	4	*4	*8
St. John, N. B.	*4	4	*4
Halifax	10	38	8
St. John's, Nfld	36	32	20
Detroit	36	34	30
New York	32	24	12

BIG CANAL PROJECT FOR EUROPE IS PLANNED

Munich, Dec. 31—A corporation with an initial capital of 1,200,000,000 marks has been organized for the construction of a canal connecting the Rhine, the Main and the Danube, the biggest waterway project ever undertaken in Europe, which will require twenty years for completion.

INJUNCTION IN COAL WAGES CASE IS GRANTED

Judge Russell, of Halifax, Restrains Dominion Coal, N. S. Coal and Acadia Coal Companies.

Sydney, N. S., Dec. 31—The executive board of the United Mine Workers, District No. 26, at a meeting yesterday adopted a resolution advising the coal miners of Nova Scotia, pending a district convention, to continue at work on and after January 2, when the British Empire Steel Corporation and constituent companies propose to put into effect a wage reduction of 33 1-3 per cent.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 31—Before Justice Russell counsel for United Mine Work District No. 26, moved for an interlocutory injunction restraining the Dominion Coal Company, the Nova Scotia Coal Company and the Acadia Coal Company from putting into effect the wage cut of 33 1-3 per cent notified for January 1. The application is based on the ground that no change is permissable in working conditions pending the result of arbitration proceedings under the Lemieux Act. Justice Russell this morning granted an injunction.

GOOD RECORD AT SAND POINT

Liquor Shipments of Thousands of Cases Only 41 Bottles Short.

That pilfering from C. P. R. steamers and of goods from these liners while in the sheds in Sand Point this season has been exceptionally small was a statement made to the Times this morning by W. J. Stevens, head of the local Investigation Department of the C. P. R. Two of the liners arriving here recently brought more than 27,000 cases of liquor, the Pretorian 20,000 and the Minnedosa more than 7,000. Out of this large amount only forty-one bottles were reported short, eighteen from the Pretorian and twenty-three from the Minnedosa, making less than two bottles per one thousand cases The handling of liquor cargos is a trying one for the members of the Investigation Department as it requires guards on duty at all times from the lifting of the hatches until the cars are sealed and ready for despatch. This morning the last shipment went forward to Montreal, consisting of thirteen cars.

With reference to pilfering of general merchandise Inspector Stevens said that since the opening of the port season that outside of a few petty thefts there was nothing of any great value stolen. Every effort, he said, is being made to put a stop to stealing, but it is a hard task as there is so much territory to be covered and so many people about the sheds and wharves. He said he did not think there is nearly as much pilfering going on here as there is in Continental ports. He said it is not unusual to find in discharging cargos that goods are missing.

Asked why it is that there has been considerably less stealing this year he gave his opinion that there are not so many hoodlums working at the port this season from outside centres and also due to the fact that owing to the unemployment situation men value their jobs more than goods they may be tempted to steal. He paid a tribute to the longshoremen for their co-operation with the members of his department in endeavoring to eliminate all pilfering from the steamers and sheds.

BUSINESS IN NEW BRUNSWICK IN 1921

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 31—The passing year in business in New Brunswick has been featured by the slump in the lumber business. The close of the year, however, finds prospects somewhat brighter in many sections, crews have been rushed into the lumber woods and cutting has been resumed, but wages are considerably less than half what they were a year ago and not more than one-third of what they were in the winter of 1920. Some of the companies say that $26 a month and board for men and $10 a month for a pair of horses are the best wages being paid now.

Agricultural returns show that New Brunswick farmers have been blessed with bountiful crops and this has been especially true of potatoes, the yield of 216¼ bushels an acre being the largest average yield reported from throughout Canada.

The fishermen have had abundant catches, this being especially true of the catches of smelt on the North Shore.

SCHOONER WRECK AT ST. PIERRE

St. Pierre, Miq., Dec. 31—The Newfoundland schooner Bohemia, carrying coal from Sydney, N. S., to Burin, Nfld, was a wreck in the harbor here today. After seeking refuge yesterday she was blown ashore by a northeast hurricane during the night. The crew escaped with difficulty. Vessel and cargo will be a total loss.

THE CASE OF A TAXI DRIVER

George Banks, who was arrested on a warrant charging him with assault on Harry A. Holt on or about December 18, pleaded not guilty in the police court today. Harry Holt, a taxi driver, testified that on a day about one week before Christmas the accused deliberately drove his car up to the rail at the station in such a way as to strike him on the leg, and then laughed at him. He said that on several occasions the accused called him abusive names and used threatening language to him.

Rutherford Muir told of hearing some abusive language used but had seen nothing of an assault. George A. App also said he had heard the defendant call Holt names and had seen him take a customer away from Holt on one occasion. This closed the case for the prosecution.

The defendant admitted using abusive language on one occasion but denied the others. He said that he had never touched Holt with his car to his knowledge and that to do so he would have had to jump his car over a curb of about six or eight inches. He refused to say whom he meant when he called one particular name. He swore he had no conversation with a man named O'Leary in connection with the fare he had taken away from Holt. It was a trunk, he said, and he turned it over to another man because it was too large to go on the running board of his car. He said he had not seen the trunk at all. The case was postponed until Tuesday at 2 o'clock. G. H. V. Belyea, K. C., appeared for the complainant.

Banks also pleaded not guilty to a charge of operating car No. 12343 in excess of the speed limit in Prince Edward street and not sounding his auto horn at the corner of Brunswick street on December 25. He said he had not had the car out on that date.

Policeman Corner said that the car had passed him twice on that day, once at a rate of about twenty-five miles an hour and the next time between thirty and thirty-five miles an hour. He could not say who was in the car because it was closed in and going at a rapid rate.

PRINCE LEAVES FOR RANGOON

Busy Day in Calcutta and a Notable Tribute by the People.

(Canadian Press.)

London, Dec. 31—Calcutta had a busy day prior to the departure of the Prince of Wales last evening for Rangoon, says a Reuter cable from Calcutta. The prince walked in a procession from government house to unveil a cenotaph and the Calcutta war memorial, which ceremonies were carried out with impressiveness. He afterwards inspected the Bengal and Calcutta police, the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides and presented medals. He also inspected the ex-service men and lunched with the members of the Bengal Club.

President Hindley in proposing the health of the prince, declared that he left an indelible memory of a charming personality and an excellent sportsman. The prince subsequently sailed for Rangoon and waved a farewell to the cheering crowd. Despite the hartel on the day of his arrival the visit of the prince was a noted success.

AN OLD FASHIONED PARTY AT HAMPTON

The Hampton Branch of the Womans Institute entertained their friends in the School Assembly Hall on Friday evening, Dec. 30, with an oldfashioned party at which the chief feature was the quaint costumes worn by the ladies and gentlemen attending, representing in style those worn in the days by our great grandparents, others dating to even an earlier period.

During the evening many of the old quaint tunes and songs were rendered by different members of the institute, several dialogues and readings representive of the olden days were given and the guests all joined with glee in games as were in vogue in the days that the costumes and manners of the players represented. After several hours of fun and frolic the guests were invited to the domestic science department of the school where games were continued and the ladies of the institute served refreshments, without doubt quite equal to any ever served even by the ladies of olden days.

The ladies of the institute present were congratulated, for their party proved to be one of the sucesses of the season. All felt that more of just such community gatherings were needed and that it was a successful way in which to spread a community spirit of good cheer and feeling.

IN THE MARKET.

The business in the city market this morning was very quiet. The following prices were quoted: Beef, 18c. to 30c.; veal, 20c. to 35c.; lamb, 17c. to 35c.; mutton, 8c. to 15c.; pork, 25c.; ham and bacon, 35c.; turkey, 70c. to 90c.; chicken, 55c. to 65c.; ducks, 60c. to 65c.; geese, 50c. to 65c.; fowl, 40c. to 45c. a pound; potatoes, beets, carrots and parsnips, 35c.; turnips, 25c.; apples, 20c. a peck; parsley and mint, 5c.; lettuce, 6 to 10c.; celery, 10c. to 12c.; cabbage, 12c. a head; squash, 6c.; onions, 6c. to 10c. a pound; cranberries, 35c. a quart; eggs, 60c. to 75c. a dozen; butter, 40c. to 50c. a pound.

BALFOUR IS TO SAIL ON JAN. 14

Sir Auckland Geddes to Wind Up Affairs.

End of the Naval Limitation Work of Washington Conference in Sight — French Statement on Application of Law to Submarines.

(Canadian Press.)

Washington, Dec. 31.—Definite decision has been made by Arthur J. Balfour, head of the British arms conference delegation, to sail for home Jan. 14.

He will be accompanied by Lord Lee of Fareham, leaving Sir Auckland Geddes, Britain's ambassador here, to wind up any remaining conference matters.

Washington, Dec. 31.—The end of the naval limitation work of the arms conference was definitely in sight today as the naval experts of the powers turned to the task of working out detailed agreements on the programme now virtually disposed of by the full naval committee which was in adjournment today until next week.

At the same time the Root sub-committee took up today the drafting of the Root proposal, agreed to in substance by all the powers, to reaffirm existing rules of naval warfare against merchant craft and declare their application to submarines and invite adherence of all nations.

Agreement by the naval committee yesterday on aggregate tonnage limitations for aircraft carriers left for disposition only the proposal to limit future auxiliary craft to 10,000 tons and their armament to guns of not more than eight inches. Approval was given this proposal by all delegations but the French, who deferred formal answer pending advices from Paris, which are expected to permit the committee to complete the naval limitation agreement next week. It will then take up also the second Root proposal to prohibit entirely the use of submarines against merchant craft, instructions regarding which are now awaited by both French and Japanese.

A five power treaty embodying all the points upon which agreement has been reached already is in process of drafting.

With progress in the naval negotiations clearing the way for resumption of the Far Eastern negotiations probably next week, the problems remaining to be settled there had received additional emphasis today in the statement of one of the Chinese delegates that they would attempt to transfer the Shantung issue into the full conference to break the deadlock in their negotiations with the Japanese.

Paris, Dec. 31.—The French delegation at Washington, it was understood in official quarters here today, already has given hearty assent to the application of international law to the operation of submarines, which, in the French interpretation, satisfies the demand of Great Britain that submarines in time of war be prohibited from torpedoing merchant ships.

The French Press.

Paris, Dec. 31—The French press has taken little editorial of the proceedings at the Washington conference, its comment consisting of brief and occasional references to the general situation, and being usually critical of Great Britain's position. There has been no detailed comment since early this month, and the news of the conference itself has been held to brief agency despatches which are published without any great prominence.

The following from the Figaro is a good emample of the editorial opinion:—

"England considers her friendship cannot be too dear, and the French certainly place a high value on the British alliance on the condition they are not treated as 'brilliant seconds.'"

"English imperialism—to call it by its real name—is unsatisfied at obtaining endorsement by the so-called disarmament conference of its rights to keep the most powerful fleet in the world, it demands the naval disarmament of France as if France had neither coasts nor colonies. It will ask tomorrow, if we do not react, that we renounce the war reparations and the occupation of the left bank of the Rhine."

L'Eclair, in the course of an article of an instructive nature, concerning the effect of naval disarmament on French Indo-China, remarks: "M. Saraut had genuine success in including the conference to give up prolonged discussion of the question of reducing the number of underwater craft."

MOTHER AND FIVE CHILDREN DEAD IN FIRE

Quebec, Dec. 31—Mrs. Jos Perron, wife of a colonist at Lamothe, and her five young children were burned to death when their home was destroyed by fire. An older child saved his own life and that of a baby with whom he jumped from an upstairs window. The fire started when a lamp exploded. The father was terribly burned.

PRETTY CALENDARS

The Times has received a very pretty calendar from the Soulis Typewriter Company, Limited, of St. John and Halifax.

The Times is in receipt of an attractive calendar from the Imperial Tobacco Company of Canada, which portrays the enjoyment derived from the use of "Old Chum" tobacco.