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ANOTHER UNIVERSITY RE-QUIRING ASSISTANCE

The University of Montreal, which some years ago was launched with millions of subscriptions, including a Quebec million from the Province of Quebec, has found that in these later days the subscribers are unable to keep their promises, and the governors of the institution are applying to the Province of Quebec for an annual grant of three hundred thousand. It is doubtful if they will receive it, because such universities as Laval and McGill were assisted equally when the University of Montreal was considered, and to give to one of them greater assistance without extending it to the others might invite some resentment. The Montreal Gazette observes that:

In these days of large demands on private purses depleted by heavy taxation, and on public revenues scarce adequate to meet inescapable liabilities, it is the part of prudence to walk warily. For the truth is that neither provincial nor federal governments can afford to make new expenditures without endangering public credit. Even so worthy a cause as education should not press its claims until conditions have so improved that these may be given a cordial consent and a generous response at private hands.

A QUEBEC VIEW.

The Legislative correspondent of a Montreal newspaper points out that one of the most unusual of bills to come before the Quebec Legislature at the approaching session is a measure in which the petitioners are members of the government of the Province of New Brunswick, and it adds: "That the province has under way a water power development at Grand Falls, in New Brunswick, and in order to enlarge the project it is necessary that a dam be constructed on part of a river which is the Province of Quebec. Naturally, the New Brunswick Government has no power to construct storage dams in another province, and in order to get around that difficulty there is the present demand. In it is asked power to create the petitioners a company known as the 'New Brunswick Electric Power Commission Company,' with powers to construct and maintain, in the Province of Quebec, dams for the storage of water, and for these purposes to 'enter and take possession of the bed and beach of rivers, enter upon and survey all lands necessary from time to time; purchase, acquire, hold, enjoy, by agreement or otherwise, all lands and other property necessary for the said change roads and highways for the purpose of its undertaking, and generally to have all powers in Quebec which may be necessary for the development of its power plans at Grand Falls."

CHRISTMAS IN RUSSIA.

In Russia Christmas is not observed until January 7th, next Wednesday, which is the old Gregorian calendar date for Christmas. But this applies more particularly to the villages. In the cities all of the official and commercial life of Russia suspended on Christmas Day, December 25th. Of course the Soviet Government does not recognize Christmas as a holiday, but, then, why should they recognize Christmas when they do not recognize any religion or things religious? It was noteworthy that vodka, which was abolished by the Czar, flowed freely for the first time since the revolution. The government has found prohibition to be difficult of enforcement, and, of course, there is no revenue from vodka once it is prohibited from being sold. Poor Russia was not able to celebrate Christmas very adequately, but rich and poor people there still have a lot of money, had Christmas trees, roast turkeys and all that provides the material enjoyment of Christmas. It is an encouraging sign, however, to note that in spite of the Bolshevik attack upon religion and all things religious, the greater part of the population in the larger cities went eagerly to church to celebrate the birth of the founder of the Christian faith, and the icons in many homes were brilliantly illuminated. So long as the Russian people cling to their religion, there is hope that the nation will be restored to sanity.

people, whose patronage has been growing and who live at such a distance that the present late theatre hours are objectionable. Pretty soon it will just mean a hasty snack after the day's work and then a rush to the theatre. But will anybody go to bed any earlier for all that?

Odds and Ends

"You never know what you'll find among the odds and ends."—From "Notes by a Wayfarer."

Gaelic in Schools.

The new programme for secondary schools aims at a system under which all teaching shall be done through the medium of Irish. It puts a premium on the language which discards in the most practical fashion the teaching of science. In a word it laughs at the doctrine of the survival of the fittest. If it is maintained it will send into exile thousands of our youth and will doom the rest to a hopelessly parochial outlook on the world.

The Housing Supply.

Enough has already been done by way of experiment with duo-slab concrete and steel houses to show that such material and brick. Lord Provost Sager points out that no fewer than 50 different styles of houses are being erected in Amsterdam. In face of this it seems incredible that people in this country should be rootless because means cannot be found to vary building methods beyond the present—and obviously inadequate two or three. What is wanted literally is a new constructive policy.

Visit of U. S. Ships.

(Auckland News, New Zealand.) As the cruise of the British special service squadron has been an inspiration to the British peoples so may the proposed American cruise to the British Antipodes be in an inter-political sense. Misunderstanding is banished by the personal touch. The trivialities which suggest that ancient grudge are merely specks of foam on the deep waters of friendship and the visit to New Zealand now contemplated will help to prove it. The trouble maker in either country will find a poor audience when American warships lie in New Zealand harbours and the effect of the visit will be lasting.

Development of Telephone.

During recent years telephone development has outstripped the other industries in population. Some interesting figures on this subject are presented by J. S. McCulloch, new president of the New York Telephone Company, in Forbes Magazine, (N. Y.). In the last ten years the company has increased from \$254,000,000 to approximately \$372,000,000. At the end of 1914 the total number of stations in the territory of the New York Telephone Company was 1,698,859, whereas today there are approximately 2,200,000—a gain of over 100 per cent. During the same period the population increased only approximately 19 per cent. On October 1, 1924, over 156,000 of these telephones were being served by machine-switching central offices which are being installed to take care of growth or to replace manual switchboards that have served their useful life. These automatic exchanges are priced at \$3,000,000 stations and will be provided for 3,000,000 stations and the daily average of calls will have climbed from the present figure of between 10,000,000 and 11,000,000, to 14,390,000. Extension is now being made on this basis.

Were Parted by Her Parents.

Florence Nightingale's sweetheart married at Elora, Ontario, according to recent statements. The story is thus told in the current issue of the London Sphere by C. K. Shorter: "I have received a copy of a newspaper entitled the Confederation, published at St. John's, Ontario, in which I find an interesting story. It would seem that in the cemetery at Elora, Ontario, there is a tomb with the inscription: 'John Smithurst, clerk in Holy Orders, died September 1, 1887, aged 36 years 11 months and 21 days. A native of Lea Hurst, Derbyshire, England; 12 years missionary to the Red River section of the Northwest Territory, and later became the pastor of St. John's Church, Elora. The narrative by Mr. Common of Elora is well substantiated by documents, and forms an interesting contribution to Florence Nightingale's always beautiful story.'"

The Joy of the Chase!

"Happiness," said a pompous man, "is only the pursuit of something, not the catching of it." "Oh, I don't know," answered his plain friend. "Have you ever chased the last one on a rainy night?"

Cause For Jealousy.

She came to court and demanded a separation. "Yes," said the magistrate, "but on what grounds? There must be some cause of complaint." She knitted her brows—"I got cause enough, sir. I've caught 'im 'titing an other woman."

A Barrie Story.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle has just published a new book, Memories and Portraits. He tells the following story of Sir James Barrie: "Kieristie could be by no means understand Barrie's success, and looked upon their great son as an inexplicable phenomenon. They were actually aware, however, that tourists were arriving from all parts to see the place on account of Barrie's books. 'I suppose you have read them,' I said to the wife of the local hotel man. 'Aye, I've read them and steep, steep, weary work it was, said she.'"

Coolidge In Caricature



This is how Henry Major, Hungarian caricaturist, sees President Coolidge. He is just completing this clay bust of him. It will be exhibited in New York, along with other work of the artist's.

SAVAGE ATTACK ON Letters to The Editor EX-PREMIER SMUTS ARE OUR GARAGES DANGEROUS

Blamed for Licensed Murder in Rand Miners' Strike of 1922.

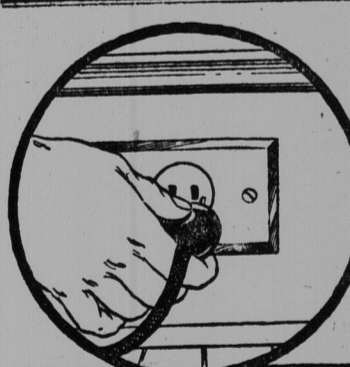
KIMBERLEY, South Africa, Jan. 4.—The disturbances on the Rand during the miners' strike in 1922 were discussed at the annual conference of the Labor Party and the delegates strongly urged that a fresh inquiry into the whole matter should be instituted with a view to clearing the Labor Party of any imputations as to its responsibility for the trouble. This view received considerable support in the conference. Henry W. Sampson, a member of the House of Assembly, said that the former Smuts Government should be indicted for the Rand rioting at the time of the strike.

Blames Smuts.

Dr. Colin Styrin, another member of the House of Assembly, said he did not see how the Hertford Government possibly could refuse to reopen the inquiry which was held some time ago and which proved unsatisfactory to the Labor Party. He asserted that under martial law on the Rand in 1922 under the Government of General Jan Christian Smuts, there was licensed murder. These were strong words, he admitted, and he added that he knew what they meant.

HORSES DESTROYED.

Police Constable Chisholm was called to 142 St. Patrick street yesterday morning to shoot a horse that was unfit for use and owned by Percy Bonnell. On Saturday Police Constable McFarland was called by James Beasley to a barn in the rear of 98 Winter street to shoot a horse that was not fit to live.



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BOY DROWNED IN HIS FATHER'S ARMS

10 Year Old Lad Trapped Under Fall of Earth Digging Well.

MELVILLE, Sask., Jan. 4.—Carl, the 10-year-old son of Fred Grabe, who farms a few miles east of Melville, was drowned in his father's arms Thursday, when water rushed into a hole the two had been digging. The boy had been helping his father sink a well. A depth of 12 feet had been reached when, without warning, a portion of the bottom of the hole fell in. The well immediately commenced to fill with water. Grabe was out of the hole at the time but, hearing his son's cry and the sound of rushing water, he jumped down. The little fellow had been trapped by falling earth, and the father was unable to extricate him before he was submerged. The water continued to rise, and was up to Grabe's chest when rescuers arrived.

ONE DIES, 3 BURNED IN HOSPITAL FIRE

Short Circuit Cause of Blaze in Private Institution at Boston, Mass.

BOSTON, Jan. 4.—One woman was suffocated and three other persons, a patient, a nurse and a fireman, suffered severe burns or injuries when fire this afternoon, swept through both buildings of the Scooby Hospital, a private institution in Beacon street, near the Brookline town line. Fourteen patients and a nurse were carried down ladders or smoke-filled stairways to the street by firemen. The fire, which necessitated three alarms, was believed to have originated from a short circuit in the cellar of one of the buildings. Elizabeth Jenkins, 24 years old, of Boston, was found dead near a window on the top floor of the main building after the fire had been extinguished. Helen Dwyer, a nurse, and Eugene Byington, a patient, were carried down ladders or smoke-filled stairways to the street by firemen. The fire, which necessitated three alarms, was believed to have originated from a short circuit in the cellar of one of the buildings. William E. Coughlin, a fireman, fell from the roof to the floor below and suffered a possible fracture of the spine.

To foster its growing lumber industry, Turkey has levied a tax which practically forbids importation.



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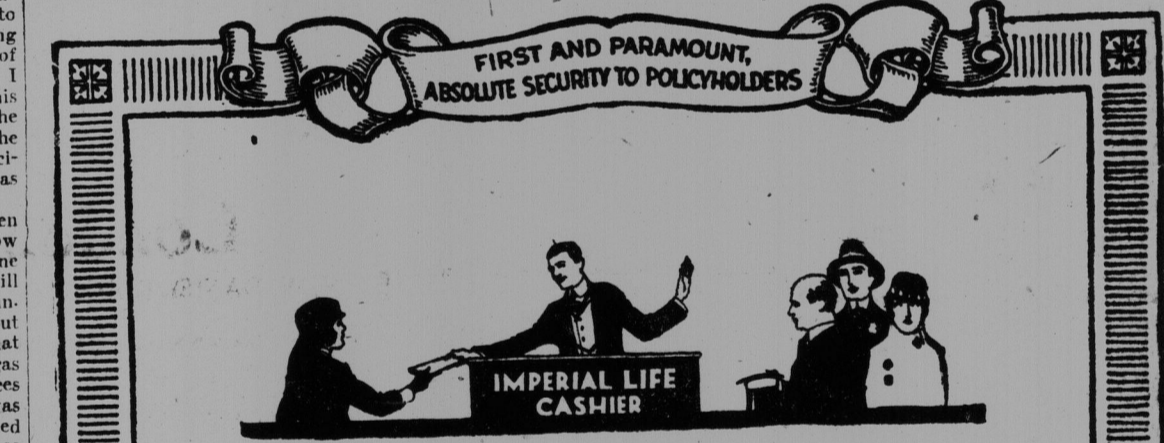
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SIX ARE MISSING

Unaccounted For Following Explosion and Fire in Pittsburgh Suburb.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 5.—Six persons were reported missing early this morning following an explosion that wrecked a two-story brick dwelling at Wilkinsburg, a suburb.

The explosion was immediately followed by a fire which has spread to two adjoining buildings. Police report the explosion resulted from an accumulation of gas. The missing persons are Frank Davis, a fruit merchant, his wife, and their four children. Neighbors report that the Davis family, who resided in the wrecked home, were not seen after the explosion and police fear that the family was caught in the debris.



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