

Britain Looking to Canada for Fish Supplies

Daring Bandits Make Life and Property Unsafe in Montreal--Besco Miners Refuse to Appoint Representative to Conciliation Board.

CRIME WAVE IN MONTREAL.
MONTREAL, Jan. 9. With fourteen holdups during the past seven days of 1925 and eight others yesterday and last night, local authorities fear that Montreal is about to undergo another crime wave. The outrages are daily becoming bolder, as in the case of a lady walker with her husband yesterday afternoon being forced by automobile bandits to take off her seal coat and hand it over to them, after which they drove away and escaped. More timid citizens are afraid to walk out at night even on the most brilliantly lighted streets.

LOOKING TO CANADA FOR FISH.
NEW YORK, Jan. 9. Major General Garnet Hughes, who arrived here to-day on the Empress of France, is on his way to Nova Scotia to furnish a movement to increase Canadian fisheries with a view to dispatching a larger food supply to the Old Country. The British fish-boat fleet has taken a slump during the last few years, he said, and the British market turns to Canada for supplies.

MINERS REFUSE TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVE.

SYDNEY, N.S., Jan. 9. The rage discussion between the British Empire Steel Corporation and the United Mine Workers became more involved to-day when the Executive Board of the miners sent a telegram to Hon. James Murdock, Minister of Labor, declining to appoint a representative on the proposed Conciliation Board. The Executive Board declared that the miners view with distrust the insincerity of the company, and that as the corporation had informed them positively that there would be no contract without a reduction of wages, there could be no advantage in a Board of Conciliation. It was intimated by a union official that if the Government chose to act in favor of the miners on the Conciliation Board the miners would hold themselves aloof from the proceedings.

TOKIO HAS EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS.
TOKIO, Jan. 9. Tokio was disturbed to-day by a series of earthquakes of high severity, the first of which rocked the city at 10 a.m. and the last at three this afternoon. Many people abandoned their homes in terror. Mount Aso, a volcano 100 miles from here, has been in eruption since Tuesday, throwing out ashes and damaging lands around its base.

WHITE MAN'S LAW SATISFIED.
QUEBEC, Jan. 9. Nookulak, the Eskimo, who was caught here a year ago by the Royal Mounted police and sentenced to ten years in Stony Mountain penitentiary, has satisfied the white man's law and will be returned to his northern home with the next Arctic expedition.

Fiji, a Land of Feasting

In Fiji, which has just celebrated its 25th anniversary of British rule, amid public rejoicings, the art of feasting has, according to Sir Maynard Hedstrom, commissioner from Fiji, been brought to a more robust pitch than in any other country in the world. On the anniversary day nearly every village in the 250 islands of the Fiji group had its ceremonial feast, at which enormous quantities of food were divided among participants who were making the event the chief of conversation for many months.

Hospitality and good-fellowship are the characteristics of every Fiji. They are characteristics that have been handed down to them from long lines of savage ancestors, who, when not engaged in fighting their enemies, delighted to entertain their friends to lavish repasts. In his everyday eating the Fijian is as hearty as a giant, but upon ceremonial occasions all his inherited traits come to play, and he organizes feasts upon a gargantuan scale. In the centre of the feast ground, upon a structure of bamboo, often 20 feet high and as many yards long, the food is thickly piled. The delicacies are numerous and romantic: pig roasted whole, wild birds stuffed with spices, baked snakes, taro, yams, pineapples, and all the luscious fruits of the tropics. About this edifice the guests group themselves. They sit on their haunches,

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leaves and baked whole, formed the supreme culinary achievement. The method of catching the monster was spectacular in the extreme. From his canoe a valiant native lassoed the shark by the tail and then played it like a salmon, until, exhausted, it fell an easy victim to the spears of his friends.

St. John's Nurse Just Rubs Away Throat Troubles

Miss England Endorses New Vaporizing Ointment for all Colds.

Miss Laura England, a nurse who lives at 20 Field St., after trying Vicks, writes: "Vicks is better than anything that I have ever used for rubbing. I was subject to a quinsy throat and a few applications cured me. I also used it for a heavy cold with good results, and would not be without it for general use." For sore throat, chest colds, bronchitis or incipient pneumonia Vicks is rubbed over the throat and chest and covered with warm flannel. When so applied it's time tested ingredients—Menthol, Camphor, Eucalyptus, Thyme, etc.—are vaporized by the heat of the body and inhaled directly into the affected air passages and lungs. At the same time Vicks is absorbed through the skin like a liniment or poultice and thus helps the vapors inhaled to break up the congestion. It is a stubborn cold that can withstand this double direct action.

Clothes for Cold Weather

All the beauty culture or exercise in the world is of little use if clothing and surroundings are not healthy. There is always a tendency to don tight-fitting heavy clothes to "keep out the cold" at this season, but lightweight good quality woolly garments, loose-fitting, are just as effective. Fresh air in a bedroom is equally essential during the cold months as during the summer period; therefore, keep the window open. The British climate has been too much for an Eskimo visitor from Barfin's Land. He caught cold on practically the first day of his visit to London. Beneath King's Cross Station, London, there are acres of kitchens, pantries, stores, and wine cellars.

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Just Folks.

By EDGAR GUEST.
ON AN IMPENDING DIVORCE.
And she has reared his children, and kissed away their tears!
And she has seen him come and go through all the passing years!
She knows his every mood and whim and what he likes for tea.
And now he says he's done with her, and, oh, that bothers me!

She gave her youthful heart to him, and he has drained it dry.
Time was the light of all his world was in her laughing eye;
And she has grown so used to him, but now they can't agree.
And he declares he's done with her, and, oh, that bothers me!
She's run to get her slippers out, she's mended off his coat.
On winter days she's stood to wrap his muffer round his throat;
She's nursed him countless nights and days as gently as could be,
And he declares he's done with her, and, oh, that bothers me!

In Unknown Arabia

SECRETS OF THE DESERT—ENGLISHMAN'S ADVENTUROUS JOURNEY.

Major R. E. Cheesman delivered a lecture before the Royal Geographical Society last evening on the Deserts of Jafura and Jabrin, Arabia. There are few places in the world to-day that have not been seen by European eyes. The North and South Poles have given up their secrets. The deserts of Africa have been crossed and recrossed. The Great Southern Desert of Arabia has not only never been crossed, but, of the few European travellers who have been allowed to enter the country, but four can claim even to have a distant glimpse of the outskirts. The first European to set foot in and bring back news of this virgin desert is an Englishman.

Major R. E. Cheesman, in describing his journey across the waterless Jafura to the oasis of Jabrin, said that while staying as the guest of Ibn Saud, the Wahabi Sultan of Nejd, he was sent with men and camels to stay with the Al Mdra, an Ikhwan tribe that roams in these inhospitable wastes. Photographs of these nomads were shown, and the lecturer remarked on the similarity between their features and those seen on ancient Sumerian sculptures, suggesting that they might be the descendants of the earliest known civilization. He had learned, he said, of a place called Maganina, in the sands, about 120 miles south of Jabrin, and drew attention to the resemblance between the name Maganina and that of Magan, or Maganina, a lost country frequently mentioned on Sumerian inscriptions, and supposed by some authorities to have been situated somewhere in the region of the Persian Gulf.

SPIRIT-HAUNTED CASTLES.

Jabrin itself was found to be a depression with date palms and ruined castles, reputed by the Bedawin to be haunted by spirits. The desert is encroaching on all sides, and the wells are drying up. Ancient geographers had filled in the blank space in this part of the map of Arabia by introducing a lake and two rivers, Wadi Aftan and Wadi Jabrin, flowing across the desert, important features in forming an opinion on the hydrography of an unexplored country. Lately doubts had been cast on the possibility of their existence. Major Cheesman crossed the mile-wide channel of the Wadi Sahba, and was thus able to confirm its position and importance as a drainage channel that once carried the waters of the Nejd highlands across the great Arabian peninsula to flow into the Persian Gulf, at the same time indicating the land-slope of some 300 miles of unknown country. The channel is now choked in places by drift sand, and it is probable that at a remote period of the world's history it was a flowing river. Certain stones from the gravel plains in this area are believed by the Bedawin to be bewitched, and are said to be seen rolling along the ground. One was brought home and was exhibited at the meeting.

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By Bud Fisher