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Scouting Notes

With the passing of the festive season, troops are settling down to good hard work again. May 1924 the movement of training and the value of Scouting become more widely recognized. When Sir Robert Baden-Powell was in Canada last year, he attended a pressing invitation to Scouts for the Jamboree to be held in England during August next. This invitation was also extended to Newfoundland, and the Chief Scout had several communications from H. Q. with reference to the matter. The question was given full consideration by the Chief Scout and the Executive Committee, who thought it undesirable that any interruption of training should take place during the most active and important season of the year. This is in accord with the view taken by the Canadian General Council, and we understand His Excellency Lord Byng, Chief Scout for Canada has already wired Sir Robert Baden-Powell to this effect. The latest application for Registry of a Troop comes from St. Anthony where considerable work has already been accomplished by A. E. Blackburn Esq., M.B.E. Mr. Blackburn reports that the country in that part of the Island is admirably suited to Scouting. From recent changes we note, Colonel G. R. Pearce, V.C., formerly Scoutmaster of the 14th Calgary, is now resident in Winnipeg where he has formed a new troop. And old Scouts' Club has been formed by old scouts attending Toronto University, who intend to put on a Winter Gillwell Training Course as part of its 1924 programme. The English Universities have also recently taken a keen interest in scouting, many from Oxford and Cambridge having attended the Gillwell Course last summer. Rovering is growing in popularity among the various colleges of Oxford and Cambridge, Queen's College having two Rover Patrols. Local troops should not lose sight of the value of regular hikes during the winter as well as summer, as during all seasons signalling, compass work, woodcraft, etc., can be carried out.

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794 Votes Out of 810 For Poincare in Senatorial Elections.

Fire in Windsor, N. S., Causes Damage at \$100,000—Sun Yat Sen Predicts a World War Within Ten Years.

PREDICTS WORLD WAR.

PEKIN, Jan. 6. Sun Yat Sen, South China leader, addressing the Christian College students at Canton, has been quoted as predicting a world war within ten years in which China would be allied with Russia, Germany, India and Japan against the "infernalistic oppressors, Americans," he continued, will then know how it feels to have a powerful Chinese fleet in Frisco Harbor.

ONE OF CALIFORNIA'S AMUSEMENT DISTRICTS WIPED OUT.

OCEAN PARK, Calif., Jan. 6. Damage estimated at more than a million and a half dollars was caused by a fire that virtually wiped out the amusement district here to-day.

POINCARÉ RE-ELECTED.

PARIS, Jan. 6. In the Senatorial elections to-day Premier Poincaré was re-elected, receiving 794 of the 810 votes polled.

SCHOONER SINKS, CREW SAFE.

HALIFAX, Jan. 6. The coastal schooner Max C., running from Halifax to West Dublin, struck on Covey's Island, Saturday, and sunk to her mast tops. The crew escaped to the shore in boats. The cargo was general merchandise valued at twenty-eight hundred dollars.

\$100,000 FIRE AT WINDSOR, N. S.

WINDSOR, N. S., Jan. 6. Fire this morning caused one hundred thousand dollars damage to a block of buildings on Gerrish Street, and gave the firemen their greatest task since the conflagration of 1897, during the worst blizzard of the winter. Several people were injured in fighting the blaze.

TWO BOYS DROWNED.

SHERBROOK, Jan. 6. Two boys, Alexander Dawson, 15, and Joseph Conroy, 18, were drowned here Saturday when they skated through thin ice on a lake near their home. Both bodies were recovered.

CANADIAN FAILURES.

TORONTO, Jan. 6. Fifty-five commercial failures were reported in the Dominion of Canada during the week ending Friday, compared with 76 for the same period last year. P. E. Island and Alberta were the only provinces reporting no failures.

A SEVERE SENTENCE.

LONDON, Jan. 5. Some comment has been aroused by a sentence of 56 days' detention and deprivation of stripes won in the war which has been imposed on a Catholic Corporal in the Army Service Corps for refusing to parade with Anglican troops for religious services. It was stated the Corporal was "old" that while he would be expected to parade he would not be obliged to attend the service. The matter will probably be ventilated in Parliament at the coming session.

LAI D TO REST.

TOULON, Jan. 5. The funeral services to-day of Lt.

Burglary at Meadows

Last Thursday night the house of Cornelius Brake, at Meadows, was burglarized and about \$64 in notes and coin stolen. Mr. Brake was working at Corner Brook at the time, and Mrs. Brake had gone to a neighbour's house, and the son was also away. Entrance was made by taking out a pane of glass. The money was contained in a wooden box, a small tin

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DeGrenada, Commander of the wrecked dirigible Dixmude, were attended by Great crowds and honors were rendered by representatives of France's land and sea forces.

NANCY'S PICTURE TO HANG IN PARLIAMENT.

PLYMOUTH, Eng., Jan. 5. Signal honor is to be paid Lady Astor, Conservative member of the House of Commons, for the Sutton Division of Plymouth since 1919, according to Viscount Astor, former member for this constituency, and now sitting in the House of Lords. He announced that a painting is to be placed in Parliament commemorating the arrival of the first woman member in the House of Commons in the person of Lady Astor. The picture will be hung on the wall of the main staircase, just below the place where Queen Elizabeth is portrayed.

BROKEN BY FLOOD.

PARIS, Jan. 5. The retaining wall at the entrance to the Invalides Railroad collapsed for a distance of one hundred feet this morning and water from the nearby Seine rushed in. The station has been closed since Tuesday because of the danger from flood, and the few watchmen in the structure escaped.

CANADIAN CABINET SHUFFLE.

MONTREAL, Jan. 5. An Ottawa special to the Star, discussing possible Cabinet reconstruction, says in part: "Hon. E. M. MacDonald is strongly mentioned for the Marine Department in the event of a shuffle. It is believed in the Cabinet Shuffle, Hon. J. A. Robb will replace Hon. W. S. Fielding, while the post of Minister of Immigration and Colonization will be offered to Hon. C. A. Dunning, Premier of Saskatchewan."

DEATH OF A NOTED WRITER.

LONDON, Jan. 6. John Leyland, a noted writer as an authority on naval affairs, died to-day at his home in Forest Hill, London suburbs.

FROST MAY CHECK SEINE FLOOD.

PARIS, Jan. 6. A spell of frosty weather, which set in yesterday, after so many days' rain, seems likely to last, increasing the hope that the end of the Seine flood is well in sight.

WASHINGTON PREPARING STATEMENT.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5. The treasurer is preparing a complete statement concerning the seizure of the British steamer Tomoka, whose release has been requested by the British Government.

GERMAN CAPITAL FOR CANADA.

REGINA, Jan. 6. German capital will enter the Illinois fields along the Saskatchewan-North Dakota border—with a view to develop deposits. It was stated here by Dr. Hans Holzworth, representative of Thyssen and Co. of Mannheim, Germany. The German firm proposed to introduce a new briquetting process perfected in Germany, which, according to Dr. Holzworth, will produce fuel equal in firing efficiency to anthracite.

The Lure of Riches

VISIONS OF SUDDEN WEALTH IN U.S.A.—RINOUS SPECULATIONS OF BRITISH EX-OFFICERS.

Their eagerness to get rich quick has brought, not fortune, but disaster to a large number of Europeans in America. All these people were induced to part with money by the representations made to them by "real estate" agents on this side. Glowing stories of the boom in land values

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Just Folks.

By EDGAR A. GUEST

A NEW YEAR'S PLEA.
Lord, let me stand to the thick of the night.
Let me bear what I must without whining.
Grant me the wisdom to do what is right.
Though a thousand false beacons are shining.
Let me be true as the steel of a blade,
Make me bigger than skillful or clever;
Teach me to cling to my best, unafraid,
And harken to false gospels, never.
Let me be brave when the burden is great,
Faithful when wounded by sorrow;
Teach me, when troubled, with patience to wait.
The better and brighter to-morrow.
Spare me from hatred and envy and shame,
Open my eyes to life's beauty;
Let not the glitter of fortune or fame
Destroy the fair splendor of duty.
Let me be true to myself to the end,
Faithful to my task without whining;
Let me be right as a man, as a friend,
Though a thousand false beacons are shining.

Britain Comes Back

Great Britain is closing the year 1923 with her foreign trade larger in amount, both as to imports and exports, than for the year 1922. British imports in eleven months of 1923 exceeded imports in the same period of 1922 by £80,000,000 and exports were more than £25,000,000 greater in value.

In two features of this year's foreign trade Great Britain has surpassed not only last year but has gone ahead of pre-war figures. British coal exports during the present year (January-November) have amounted to 73,575,713 tons, or 115,000 tons better than the best previous record which was 73,490,118 tons exported in 12 months, 1913. Tonnage of shipping entering and leaving British ports with cargo was also larger this year than in either 1922 or 1913.

Official British Board of Trade figures received by the Bankers Trust Company, of New York, from its English Information Service give detailed comparisons for 1923 and 1922, as follows:

	1922 (11 mos.)	1923 (11 mos.)
Imports	\$2,898,187,278	\$2,978,187,775
Exports	\$2,755,932,582	\$2,811,434,629
Imports	(11 mos.)	(11 mos.)
Coal exports (thousand tons)	58,243	73,575
Iron and steel exports (thousand tons)	3,060	3,964
Cotton piece goods exports (million sq. yards)	3,820	3,818
Woolen tissue exports (million sq. yards)	110	135
Shipping tonnage: Arriving with cargo (thousand tons)	39,610	46,376
Departing with cargo (thousand tons)	54,631	65,173

The greater value of British imports in 1923 was due largely to foodstuffs which amounted to about \$290,000,000 more than in 1922. Raw materials, such as timber, oils, fats, etc., and partly or wholly manufactured goods notably non-ferrous metals, manufactures of iron and steel, and textiles also accounted for the larger value of imports.

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WOMEN'S BUTTON GAITERS—Medium heel and toe; extra high grade; all sizes. \$2.40

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NEW ASTORIAN TOP GAITERS—Very stylish. \$3.75

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Rubbers of all shapes and styles. Storm and Low cut.

MEN'S STORM RUBBERS—Sizes 6 to 10. \$1.45

MEN'S LOW CUT RUBBERS—Stylish, pointed toes. \$1.50

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BOYS' RUBBERS—Sizes 3 to 6. \$1.27 the pair

CHILDREN'S SKUFFER BOOTS—Sizes 5 to 8. \$2.25

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INFANTS' RED BUTTON BOOTS—Size 3 to 6. \$1.50

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Men's Tan Rubbers

MEN'S DARK TAN RUBBERS—Medium pointed toes and wide toes. To fit any sole. Specially priced \$1.90

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and the fortunes to be made by the simple process of buying and selling have lured victims from every part of Europe. Glib-tongued agents have their offices in every Continental capital, and in some instances those men have had the audacity to "sell" plots of land in the centre of New York to simple-minded peasants. So reckless indeed have some of these "real estate" agents become that in one instance newcomers to America were persuaded that they had acquired the freehold of the famous Woolworth Building, the tallest structure in New York. It is estimated that \$3,000,000 has been obtained by these clumsy misrepresentations within the past year or two. In London the trap has to be

More Skillfully Baited

It was a long while before the Canadian Government officials in London were able to put a stop to the activities of one scheme whereby scores of Englishmen, mostly young, were induced to part with their capital in exchange for "arms" on an island "right" out beyond British Columbia. Complaints poured in, and the authorities did their utmost to dissuade other emigrants from incurring similar disaster. "The trouble is that people become so hypnotized by the tales of these 'real estate' agents that they will not listen to our practical advice," declared Colonel Obed Smith, Superintendent of Emigration to Canada, to a "News of the World" representative the other day. "It is no exaggeration to say that they resent what they regard as our interference. They have pictured in their minds a bright future, and a short cut to riches, and prosperity. Tales of the great fortunes made by others in surprisingly short time lead them to hope for similar good luck. It is only when they find out the soundness of our advice that they write and deplore the fact that they did not listen to it. The sad feature of this wretched business is that so many of the victims are ex-officers, splendid fellows who might have done well, had they not been induced to part with their capital to those who have lured them into, perfectly hopeless propositions."

Enjoyable time assured those who attend the C.L.A. Dance at Columbus Hall, January 7th. Jan. 25

—By Bud Fisher.

LOOKS LIKE WALL STREET IS BACK OF CANDIDATE JEFF.

—By Bud Fisher.

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I WONDER WHERE ALL THAT LIGHT COMES FROM? IT'S AS LIGHT AS DAY!

WHAT TH?

WAR VETERANS VOTE FOR JEFF FOR PRESIDENT AND GET YOUR BONUS