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MORE KILLING IN NEW YORK

Fatally Wounded Man Staggers Into Police Station

Was in Gun Duel—Shopkeeper Kills Intruder—Boy Robbers Shoot Up Auctioneer's Shop, One Man Killed.

New York, Jan. 24.—A revolver duel, in which one man was killed, and the shooting to death of a burglar were the latest additions to the renewed outbreak of crime in New York early today.

Dominick Penti, aged twenty-seven, walked into the Oak street police station, with three bullet wounds in his back, and said he had been shot by one of three men with whom he quarreled two weeks ago over ten barrels of wine. He died soon afterwards.

The men, Penti told the police, came upon him unexpectedly and one of them opened fire. Penti fired three times, but his bullets evidently did not reach their marks. Two men have been arrested, but the police say the man who fired the shots has disappeared.

Paul Laudman, a storekeeper in Jamaica, a suburb of New York, aroused from his sleep by the sound of breaking glass, saw two men attempting to enter his store. He commanded them to throw up their hands, but when they approached him he fired three shots, two of which struck and killed an unidentified man. His companion escaped.

In the clothing of the dead man was found an American legion membership card, made out to Jos. U. Smith of Yorkville, Post No. 36. There were also found in his pockets six cents and a pawn ticket made out to "Grimes."

Boy Murderers.

New York, Jan. 24—Four boy robbers, armed with 45-calibre revolvers, burst into an East Forty-second street auction, on Saturday, and, in a frenzy that might have been due to drugs, fired forty shots, killing one man and sending another to a hospital, dying, with five bullet wounds in his body.

Of the seven men who faced the intruders and fought them with chairs and vases seized from the auctioneer's stock, two others escaped only by dropping to the floor and feigning death.

Leaving their victims stretched upon the floor, the robbers escaped in a taxicab, waiting outside for them.

WITH THE BOWLERS

In the Y. M. C. I. bowling league Saturday evening the Sparrows established a new total pin fall record for this season with a score of 1475. They took four points from the Eagles. The scores follow:—

Sparrows.

				Total	Avge.
McIlveen	104	107	102	313	104 1-3
Gamblin	103	90	93	286	95 1-3
Copp	106	79	113	298	99 1-3
Smith	80	97	91	268	89 1-3
Harrington ..	99	102	109	310	103 1-3
	492	475	508	1475	

Eagles.

				Total	Avg.
Kelly	87	93	89	269	89 2-3
McCarthy ...	73	97	86	255	85
McLaughlin .	97	92	84	253	84 1-3
Doherty	84	77	82	243	81
McAuliffe ...	93	98	88	279	93
	434	437	429	1300	

In a Girl's League on the G. W. V. A. alleys on Saturday afternoon the representatives of the N. B. Telephone Company took three points from the Imperial Oil Co., Ltd., team, as follows:

N. B. Tel. Co., Ltd.

Misses					
Stevens . ..	72	68	67	207	69
McKiel	89	58	58	205	68 1-3
Driscoll . ..	71	61	65	197	65 2-3
Morrison . .	78	80	67	226	75 1-3
McCavour	69	85	71	225	75
	379	352	329	1060	

Imperial Oil Co., Ltd.

Misses					
Rogers	69	60	55	184	61 1-3
Harrington ..	73	76	78	227	75 2-3
Willis	79	71	73	223	74 1-3
Van D.	54	65	56	175	58 1-3
Rose	63	73	74	210	70
	338	345	336	1019	

In a Clerical League match in the Y. M. C. I. alleys on Saturday night the N. B. Telephone Company quintette took three points from the McClary, Ltd. The scores follow:

N. B. Telephone Co., Ltd.

Steeves	101	96	67	264	88
Jenner	81	71	71	223	74 1-3
Wheaton	88	78	86	252	84
Till	79	86	78	243	81
Marshall	94	101	83	278	92 2-3
	443	432	385	1260	

McClary's, Ltd.

McKay	78	86	81	245	81 2-3
McLaughlin . .	86	78	91	255	85
McKenzie	101	64	79	244	81 1-3
McGowan	76	93	75	244	81 1-3
McCarthy . ..	80	85	93	258	86
	421	406	419	1246	

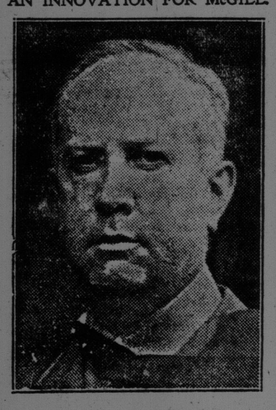
YEAR'S REVENUE FROM LIQUOR TRAFFIC IN QUEBEC $1,554,678

Quebec, Jan. 24—The provincial revenue last year from beer and wine licenses was $986,922.77. The province also collected $587,156, under the prohibition act, making a total revenue from the liquor traffic of $1,554,678.

MURRAY BELL WILL SKATE.

Murray Bell, a prominent skater, has decided to enter in the Canadian skating championships in Montreal next Friday and Saturday. He is going unattached. This will make four representatives from St. John, as Charles Gorman is going as a representative of the Commercial Club; Frank Garnett, representing the Y. M. C. I., and Hilton Belyea, representing the St. John Power Boat Club.

AN INNOVATION FOR McGILL.



Sir Arthur Currie, principal of the Montreal University who says he is considering the advisability of introducing a course on politics at the institution.

ASK CO-OPERATION OF CITY COUNCIL

Matter of Distribution of Hydro and Employment

Labor Delegation Heard—L. P. D. Tilley Offers Suggestions Regarding Taxation—Tenders for Newman Brook—Removal of Water Pipe From Lake Fitzgerald.

A delegation from the New Brunswick labor federation appeared before the city commissioners in committee meeting this morning and asked the council to use its influence to see that the distribution of electric power from the Musquash development and other developments in the province was not placed in the hands of any private corporation for profit. This was in accordance with a resolution passed at the recent annual meeting of the federation. The delegation also asked the city to take some action with regard to the establishment of a federal employment bureau here, and to take up with the Atlantic Sugar Refinery the question of employing local labor in preference to foreigners.

Under the invitation issued by the mayor this morning L. P. D. Tilley appeared and offered some suggestions to the council in the matter of assessment and taxation.

The labor delegation consisted of J. E. Tighe, president, and G. R. Melvin, secretary of the N. B. Federation of Labor, and Fred. A. Campbell, president of the local Trades and Labor Council.

Speaking about the refinery, Mr. Campbell said he understood the city gave the company certain concessions when the refinery was being built, and that the company was to employ local citizens. He understood that about seventy-five per cent. of the men employed there now were foreigners and colored people. He thought that taxpayers of the city should be given preference, particularly on account of the state of unemployment, and he asked the city council to take the matter up.

Hydro-Electric.

Mr. Tighe said that a resolution had been passed by the New Brunswick Federation of Labor against the handing over of the hydro-electric power to a private corporation for profit. He asked if the council would give its opinion on the matter.

The mayor asked if the federation favored the municipality handling the matter if it cost more than by handling it through a company. He said the matter was now in the hands of a committee of engineers, who had been asked to report on the cheapest and most efficient way of distribution. He said that the cost of the hydro power would be ascertained and the cheapest method would likely be used.

Mr. Melvin asked if the city had realized that it owned part of the distributions system in the north end.

Unemployment.

Speaking on unemployment, Mr. Melvin said that the labor federation was still in favor of the establishment of an

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FOR THE BONSPIEL

The following is a list of the single and double rinks entered by the Thistle Club in the New Bruswick Bonspiel, which is to open here tomorrow morning:

Single Rinks.

Frank White, F. J. Likely, A. J. Machum, H. C. Olive, skip.

R. M. Fowler, W. J. S. Myles, James Mitchell, W. J. Brown, skip.

W. H. Gamblin, W. J. Currie, A. D. Malcolm, J. S. Malcolm, skip.

Lead unnamed, R. E. Crawford, J. W. Cameron, L. A. Langstroth, skip.

W. H. Millican, David Currie, G. S. Bishop, J. C. Chesley, skip.

Double Rinks.

E. P. Howard, J. A. Sinclair, S. W. Palmer, F. A. McAndrews, skip.

H. W. Stubbs, R. S. Orchard, Frank Watson, W. A. Shaw, skip.

The double rink competition is for the cup donated by Andrew Blair, who was a member of the Scotch team which visited here in 1912. It was first played for in 1913 and won by the Thistles. It must be won three times to become the property of any club. Owing to the war there have been no bonspiels since 1913 among New Brunswick clubs, for which the cup was donated.

GEDDES IN ENGLAND

Liverpool, Jan. 24.—Sir Auckland Geddes, British ambassador to the United States reached here this morning. He declined to receive newspaper correspondents.

MAD MULLAH IS CRUSHED AT LAST

Air Force Ends Long-Standing Trouble

Menace to Britain for 34 Years—Report of Secret Expedition in 1919 Now Becomes Public.

Washington, Jan. 24.—Complete destruction of the power of the "Mad Mullah" native ruler of Somaliland, Africa, and for thirty-four years a problem to British authorities, was accomplished within three weeks by fewer than 200 air men and eleven fighting planes, according to an official report on the operation received here.

Bombed out of their strongholds, the report says, the natives were pursued and all the leaders except Mullah captured or killed.

The air expedition was sent out in 1919 but details were kept secret. It was the last of many punitive forces sent to Somaliland where continual uprisings have involved the British in military operations at frequent intervals since 1885. The situation was so serious in 1919, the report stated, that some military action was necessary, but the government hesitated because of the cost, estimated at $25,000,000 of despatching 5,000 troops to re-establish order.

In the emergency, the air force was called upon and thirty-two officers and 164 men, in addition to the medical detachment set out.

An advance party, masquerading as engineers in search of oil wells, landed and set up a base. Then the machines appeared and for a week the Mad Mullah's stronghold in the interior was bombed and shot up while the native camel corps co-operated, holding a line about the scene.

The Mullah finally broke through this line, heading south and the planes pursued for two weeks more, bombing and shooting up the fleeing natives, scattering their stock and utterly destroying the power of the rebel leader.

JAPANESE AND DISARMAMENT

Statements on This and California Situation at Opening of Diet.

Tokio, Jan. 24—Negotiations between the Japanese and the U. S. governments for adjustment of issues arising from the anti-alien land legislation by the State of California were declared to be "satisfactory and hopeful" by Premier Hara and Foreign Minister Ushida in addresses yesterday at the opening of the Japanese diet.

Touching on disarmament, Viscount Ushida said it would be welcomed for the general welfare of the human race, and declared the Japanese government was paying special attention to the question. The matter, however, had very important and complex bearings upon the interests of each nation, he said, and disarmament would be impossible until all nations acted in harmony and in good faith

Premier Hara said the government was not prepared to say anything on the subject of disarmament because it had not yet become a practical international question. He added that no communication concerning the question had been received from any government.

STOCKS ON RISE IN WALL STREET

New York, Jan. 24—On the stock exchange today the week opened with a continuance of last Saturday's rally. The reported success of the Belgian loan issued in this market, as indicated by the immediate closing of the subscription books, was probably a sentimental factor. Early dealings showed gains of large fractions to one and a half points in shippings, coppers and motors as reported by Atlantic Gulf, American Smelting, Anaconda Copper, Studebaker, Goodrich and Bosch Magneto. A seven-point rise in Delaware, Lackawanna & Western featured the rails. Bethlehem Steel was under further pressure, however, as were also the Mexican and European oils, and some of the minor specialties.

Noon Report.

There was a perceptible broadening of the market at higher prices during the morning, despite intermittent offerings of shorts. Equipments were especially prominent. Pressed Steel Car common rising 7 points and the preferred 4-1-4. Railwal Steel Springs and Crucible, Lackawana, Republic and Sloss Sheffield steels were strong, as well as Baldwin, General Electric, Studebaker and Allied issues. Oils rallied easily and leather, tobacco, sugar and paper issues joined the further gains among shippings. Delaware, Lackawanna and Western extended its gains to 10 points, other strong rails including Reading, Southern Pacific Northern Pacific and Pittsburg and West Virginia. Exchange on Lodnon was firm but call loans held at last week's prevailing rate of 7 per cent.

DELAYED TRAINS.

The tender of a freight train jumped the rails west of McAdam early this morning, and the Montreal train due here at 6.30 did not arrive until after 10 o'clock.

As Hiram Sees It

'Look-a-here," said Hiram Hornbeam to the Times reporter, "I aint quite clear in my mind about this here vocational trainin' they're talkin' about hevin' in the schools."

"Oh— it's another fad," said the reporter. "As nearly as I can figure it out they want to make a boy learn something about the work he is likely to take up when he leaves school. They would rob him of the sensation of ignorance which is his birthright, and which he ought to be able to enjoy when he tackle a job. If he knew something about it before he tackled it, the joy of novelty would not pervade his being. Not only so, but he might be robbed of his Latin and Greek and some other sources of pure and unalloyed delight. Of course you and I know, Hiram, that the best training for a farmer is to put him in a dry goods store, and that the best way to make a carpenter or electrician or storekeeper is to keep his hands tied behind his back while you feed him Latin and other good classical stuff, with oodles of dates and names of kings and battles and things like that. Hiram, the educational system that produced you and me and other great men is in danger from the faddists."

"Mebbe we was produced in spite of it," said Hiram. "I aint stuck on it—Mister. The fust thing we orto consider about a boy or a gal is that in most all cases they got to earn a livin'. If we kin find out what they kin do best—an' 'ud ruther do—we orto help 'em git ready fer it afore they leave school. Instid o' that we put 'em all through the same mill, an' then turn 'em loose to find out where they fit. An' they flop around from one kind o' work to another, wastin' time—an' mebbe makin' a failure o' their lives. We're to blame fer that. It's time we woke up—By Hen!"

BARGAINS BUT GOODS STOLEN

York, Pa., Jan. 24.—Nearly every man in Violet Hill, a suburb of about 500 persons, became the receiver of stolen goods at a Sunday morning auction held here yesterday by alleged thieves. Early in the day three men with a truck stopped in the town and announced that they had been at an auction sale of shoes at Hanover, Pa., last night and would dispose of their purchases at bargain prices. Soon afterwards scores of men surrounded the truck and shoes sold anywhere from a few cents to several dollars a pair.

Later in the day the police were notified by the Lancaster authorities that three men had been arrested there for the robbery of a shoe store in that city last night. Three pairs of shoes were brought to local police headquarters last night by the Violet Hill purchasers and identified as those stolen at Lancaster.

INSIST ON SAYING LENINE IS DEAD

Copenhagen, Jan. 24.—Reports of the death of Nikolai Lenine, Soviet Russian premier, are persistent, according to a Helsingfors despatch to the Berlingske Tidende, and the anti-Bolshevik press says it has further evidence of it.

LIKELY POSTPONE IT.

Glace Bay, N. S., Jan. 24.—The United Mine Workers' convention scheduled for New Glasgow on Feb. 15, will be postponed possibly until April or June.

Phelix and Pherdinand

WEATHER REPORT

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

Synopsis—Pressure is high over Ontario and the west, but a disturbance of marked intensity is centred this morning east of Cape Breton Island, while a more moderate disturbance is centred in southeastern Colorado. Cold weather prevails from Manitoba to the maritime provinces while it is somewhat milder again in southern Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Fair; Quite Cold.

Maritime—Strong westerly winds, local snow flurries, but partly fair and turning colder today. Tuesday fresh westerly to northerly winds, fair and quite cold.

Gulf and North Shore—Winds becoming westerly, local snow flurries, mostly cloudy, and colder today. Tuesday fair and decidedly colder.

New England—Fair tonight and probably Tuesday. Colder tonight, strong northwest winds, diminishing.

Toronto, Jan. 24—Temperatures:

Stations.	8 a. m.	Highest Yesterday.	Lowest during Night.
Prince Rupert ...	36	36	36
Victoria	40	42	40
Kamloops	26	36	20
Calgary	2	20	2
Edmonton	4	20	4
Prince Albert	*6	4	*8
Winnipeg	*2	20	*12
White River	*14	20	*14
Sault Ste. Marie ..	4	28	4
Toronto	20	39	20
Kingston	16	38	14
Ottawa	4	38	4
Montreal	8	38	8
Quebec	2	30	0
St. John, N. B....	16	32	14
Halifax	24	34	24
St. John's, Nfld. ..	24	24	14
Detroit	28	26	28
New York	30	40	28

*Below zero.

CARSON OUT OF IRISH AFFAIRS?

May Be Withdrawal Announcement Tomorrow

London Daily Mail so States—Reported Arrest of Presbyterian Minister — Two Boys Shot in Cork.

London, Jan. 24.—Sir Edward Carson is expected to refuse the premiership of the Province of Ulster, and also intimates his withdrawal from Irish affairs when he receives an Ulster delegation tomorrow, says the Daily Mail. He will continue his interest in Ireland, the newspaper declares, "simply as a well-wisher from England."

Sir Edward will go to Ulster next month publicly to announce his withdrawal and attend the opening of the Ulster parliament, which ceremony, the Daily Mail declares, may be performed by King George.

London, Jan. 24—There were 131 internments in Ireland during last week. The interments to January 15 numbered 1,424.

Washington, Jan. 24—The "provisional Irish republic" has selected Frank P. Walsh, former chairman of the War Labor Board, as its legal counsellor in the United States, according to a letter from Mr. Walsh to Secretary of State Colby.

London, Jan. 24—Sir Hamar Greenwood says:

"I am sure we are breaking this terror, which has nearly ruined Ireland. Before long there will be a new and happier Ireland, thanks largely to the forces of the crown, who have but one object in this country—that is to relieve Ireland from the great and awful terror of assassination and to help her destiny as a part of the great commonwealth of the empire."

Inquiry as to Status.

Washington, Jan. 24—A demand to know whether some of the prominent Irish leaders connected with the eight million dollar loan to Ireland movement, with headquarters at 411 Fifth avenue, New York, have proper passports, and how they got into the United States will be made in the next day or so by the state department, so it was learned today.

Some of the leaders affected are: James O'Mara, member of the British parliament and De Valera's right hand man after De Valera's break with the Friends of Irish Freedom. Harry Boland, confidential secretary to Valera; William Mellows, member of the British parliament; John Nunan.

It is understood the state department, acting on the precedent estatblished in the O'Callaghan case, will call on the labor department to show how these men gained entrance into this country, and if it should develop, as officials of the state department suspect, that these men have no passports, the next step will be to demand their deportation.

Belfast, Jan. 24—Rev. J. A. Irwin, a Presbyterian minister who spoke in the United States with Eamonn De Valera during the latter's tour, has been arrested, so it was learned here today.

Cork, Jan. 24—Two boys were wounded, one of whom later died, when troops enforcing the Curfew ordinance fired at some persons in the vicinity of Shandon street last evening, presumably because they failed to halt when challenged. The Curfew, according to the new arrangements, began at 5 p.m.

New York, Jan. 24—(Canadian Press)—"British imperialism," was lashed by Dr. F. G. Howe, chairman of the so-called impartial "committee of one hundred investigating the Irish question," last night at the community forum of the Community Church of New York. He praised the Sinn Fein administration of Ireland, and denied that the Irish question was a religious issue.

Paris, Jan. 24—Sean O'Ceallaigh, representative of the Sinn Fein here, refused to confirm or deny reports from London that Eamonn De Valera is in Paris. "I have nothing to say about it," he said, "but it might not do any harm to have a look around, you never can tell whom you will find."

POLICE COURT

"A stranger offered me a drink and I took three and that is all I knew about it until I arrived here," said one of five men charged with drunkenness, in the police court this morning. A case against Thomas Carey, charged with stealing twenty-five hens from E. Budovitch, Douglas avenue, was resumed. Mr. and Mrs. Budovitch gave evidence. Another step-son of the accused told of hiding a bag of feathers in the woods. Police Sergeant Charles Rankine also testified. The accused was remanded.

A case against John Beckwith, charged with using abusive and threatening language to Charles Ackerman, was resumed on preliminary examination. The complainant who lives in Erin street, gave the same evidence as that given at a former hearing. The case was postponed until tomorrow afternoon.

The George Drew case was taken up but no evidence was adduced and he was remanded.

Joseph Galbraith, was charged with being drunk and also with furiously driving a horse in Union street. He pleaded guilty and was remanded. Four men charged with drunkenness pleaded guilty and were remanded.

LESS COAL THIS WEEK

Glace Bay, Jan. 24—Coal shipments this week are likely to be small, so a coal official informed the Canadian Press this morning. Several of the colliers are idle today and many more will be idle through the week.

Halifax and St. John have plenty of coal for a week at least, and there will be a noticeable depression in the coal trade. Several hundred tons are being banked daily at the No. 2 banking station. The coal officials hope to get sale for this coal in the Montreal market when spring comes.

GETS SUDDEN CALL TO LONDON

Sir Auckland Geddes, British Ambassador to Washington, who has been called to England for a conference, presumably of international importance.

GASOLINE CAR EXPLODES; 25 PEOPLE KILLED

Negroes' Homes in Memphis Are Burned—Spark From Chisel Supposed Cause.

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 24—Police estimates placed the dead at twenty-five and injured at fifty, as a result of an explosion of a tank of gasoline here.

A row of buildings, mostly occupied by negroes, was burned. Some of the inmates are missing.

A flying spark from the chisel of a workman caulking the car is supposed to have caused the explosion, which occurred in the centre of a densely populated part of the city, and a short distance from a gas plant, which was endangered by the fire.

MORE PHYSICAL WORK IN SCHOOLS

Major - General MacBrien, Here Today, Speaks of This and Other Matters.

Major General J. H. MacBrien, C. B., C. M. G., D. S. O., chief of the general staff of the Canadian militia, with headquarters at Ottawa, accompanied by Major Willis O'Connor, A. D. C., arrived in the city this morning from Halifax, on an official visit to the local military headquarters, as well as the headquarters of the local units. He recently completed a tour of the military districts of Western Canada and expressed himself as being very much pleased with the interest and enthusiasm shown in the units recently re-organized.

The object of his tour through the various military districts, the general said, was to get the suggestions of the commanding officers and district staffs throughout Canada and use them to the advantage of the militia generally. In addition to training the members of the various units and the cadets in military routine the militia headquarters was concentrating on physical training among the cadets and in the schools. The training of the cadets was carried on by the militia but in the schools the training was usually a matter of routine and not enough stress was put on this important part of a child's education.

It was the intention of the department to change the syllabus of physical training in the schools and take advantage of the Strathcona trust which was a grant given to each school on condition that a certain amount of training be done. The teachers who were trained in the normal schools were also trained in physical culture by a military instructor who was loaned to the school by the department. This training was receiving more attention and the children would get the benefit of the best instruction available.

The general was at local military headquarters this morning. He will be entertained this evening at the Union Club by the district staff and the commanding officers of the various local units and after the luncheon will go to the armory where he will meet all the officers of the units and take up militia questions. All officers are asked to be at the armoury tonight in service uniform to meet General MacBrien, who is anxious to get in touch with them and their work. He will be in the city until tomorrow afternoon, when he will return to Ottawa.

FIVE SENT TO DORCHESTER; THREE YEARS EACH

Moncton, N. B., Jan. 24.—Three years each in the Dorchester penitentiary were the sentences given William Smith, Ernest Harrison, Caleb Harrison, John Harrison and Abel Smith in the police court here this morning for theft at Forest Glen last fall.

MARYSVILLE MILL.

Fredericton, N. B., Jan. 24—Although it was said that the reduction of 12½ per cent in wages which the Canadian Cottons Limited put into effect today would be protested against and "resisted to the limit," Manager Joseph Dolphine of the cotton mill at Marysville said today that he had received no notice of protest and the mill was running with its force of operatives complete.

MEET TO DISCUSS BIG QUESTIONS

Representatives of Allies Confer in Paris

Second in Importance Only to Peace Negotiations—Matter of Reparations One of the Outstanding Subjects.

Pasir, Jan. 24.—Representatives of Great Britain, France, Italy, Belgium and Japan gathered here today for a conference which seemed second in importance only to thatp receding the signing of the treaty of Versailles. The principal figures of the meeting are David Lloyd George, British premier, and Aristide Briand, the new French premier.

The programme for the day calls for consideration of coal deliveries, the arrangements between the Allies and Germany at Spa, expiring on January 31.

This business once out of the way, the conference would be free to devote all its time and energies to the question of reparations which was evidently the most important to come before the meeting and upon which much depended.

Mr. Briand, it has been asserted, owed his selection as French premier to the fact that he was considered to be the man who could most clearly and convincingly plead the the cause of France regarding reparations before the conference.

The financial and economic position of France and the possible negotiation of loans in America were considered in the preparations made by the French cabinet to lay the claims of France before the Allied governments.

The contention of Premier Lloyd George that the conference fix the amount of indemnity to be paid by Germany, which is opposed by Premier Briand, who holds that the amount of reparations to be paid the Allies should be determined only on the basis of what Germany can be compelled to pay, seemed to be of such a nature that expert German advice must be called upon for data.

The discussion of the disarmament of German citizen guards and the reduction of that nation's armed forces to the limit fixed by the Versailles treaty also appeared to require the submission of information on the exact situation, especially in Bavaria and in Prussia.

SOUTH AFRICA DEBTOR NATION

Effort Made to Sell Lot of Wool Surplus to German Government.

Ottawa, Jan. 24—The Union of South Africa has changed during the last few months from being a creditor to a debtor nation, says P. W. Ward, Canadian assistant commissioner in the weekly trade bulletin. At the beginning of 1920 he says a substantial credit balance had been accumulated by South Africa, resulting from heavy export trade during 1919. Early in 1920 this trade began to decline, and by last August the exports of everything except gold had completely stopped. Imports, on the other hand, had arrived in tremendous quantities, and are still arriving. Unless conditions change, an increasing debit balance faces this country.

Mr. Ward says that the chief cause of this condition is the slump in the wool and mohair market. There is such a great surplus of wool now in South Africa that a commission has been appointed by the government and is visiting Berlin in an endeavor to dispose of some of it to the German government on a system of barter, for manufactured articles. Part payment is suggested by the writing off of a large sum held in South African banks, the property of enemy Germans, which was confiscated in the early part of the war.

LOCAL DELEGATES TO CONVENTION OF ZIONISTS

The Zionist district of St. John held a special meeting on Sunday evening at the Synagogue for the purpose of arranging for delegates to the seventeenth National Zionist Convention in Montreal on January 30-31, and February 1. This convention is of the utmost importance to Canadian Jews as prominent Jews from abroad will attend, among them Lord James Rotschild and Lady Rotschild.

I. Ellman, president of the local Zionist society, was in the chair and he called upon Rev. J. Levine, vice-president, to open the meeting. Addresses were made by R. Cobel, president of the Zionist organization of Albany, N. Y., Isidore Levin and Dr. C. A. Press.

The following delegates were elected: I. Ellman, Rev. Levine, W. Levy, M. Budowitz, Dr. C. A. Press

CUTTING DOWN DEBT.

Washington, Jan. 24—Great Britain last year reduced its floating debt in the United States by nearly $100,000,000. At the end of November, 1920, it was $57,405,000. This is exclusive of long time loans obtained by Great Britain from the U. S. government and U. S. bankers.

BIRTHDAY SURPRISE

Friends of Miss Lillian Coram, 365 Lancaster street, West St. John, assembled at her home on Friday evening and tendered her a pleasant surprise in honor of her birthday. Games and music were enjoyed and refreshments were served. Miss Coram received many useful gifts and best wishes.