

Income Taxes in U.S. to be Considerably Reduced

Colonial Secretary Hopes Mosul Dispute May be Amicably Settled--Sea Route Through N.Y. State Advocated in Congress--Dr. Koch Undertakes Formation of German Cabinet.

GENEVA, Dec. 14. Secretary of State Amery, in a statement to-day, announced that the grounds existed for negotiations between Turkey and Britain on the Mosul problem, as the two countries were too far apart, but hoped the action of the League of Nations Council would furnish the necessary ground to start negotiations, and hoped the hope that the question would be settled happily.

DUBLIN, Dec. 14. The Free State Air Force anti-aircraft lights from Cranmore Bay, Galway to New York City, next April.

LONDON, Dec. 14. The over-seas settlement agreement between Canada and Great Britain which has been signed and will be published later this week, is expected to provide that a substantial amount will be made in the amount necessary for immigrants to possess property in Canada.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14. Chairman Dempsey, of House Rivers and Harbors Committee, in a statement to-day, urged the construction of an all-water route to the sea from the Great Lakes through New York State to the sea. He complains that the United States will not permit development of export to the United States of power on the St. Lawrence, nor deepening of that river for navigation.

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Believes Whale Story a Sea Yarn

The Parsonage, Twillingate, Dec. 9, 1925.

Dear Sir.—In your issue of the 2nd inst. you have an article entitled "Swallowed by a Sperm Whale" in which reference is made to a "well-accredited instance" in modern times of a man being swallowed by a whale and surviving the ordeal. I have come across the yarn two or three times lately and have seen no correction.

The instance in question is referred to in Hastings' Dictionary of the Bible vol. II, page 750, by Prof. Koulig. In the Expository Times vol 17, page 429 Dr. A. Lukyn Williams enquired as to the basis of the story, and on page 521 of the same volume Prof. Koulig claims the authority of English newspapers whose account was produced in the Canadian "Arctic" and says he would be interested if the source and the certainty of the narrative could be established! Dr. Lukyn Williams investigated and in the Expository Times, vol. 18, page 239 (to put the matter briefly) prints a letter from the wife of the captain of the "Star of the East," who was with him on the voyage in question, who says, "There is not one word of truth in the 'Whale Story.' Anyone who will take the trouble to refer to the Expository Times will I think be convinced that the whole story is a typical 'sea yarn.'"

Yours truly,
HENRY GILBERT.

Hard to Get a Start

NOT HARD TO ADVANCE.

Wherever one travels young people ask about the opportunities in New York. I tell them that very often it is extremely difficult to get a start, but that, once started, it is not so very difficult to earn advancement. The competition is not appalling at any stage of the ladder. Ideal office boys are not in over-abundant supply. Courteous, intelligent, purposeful workers in every line are in demand and usually can win at least modest promotion. Higher up the scale the number of competitors is fewer, and near or at the top the demand appears always to exceed the supply, judging by results.

One thing many do not understand: Top-notch ability includes the ability to find a buyer for that ability. Too many fellows flatter themselves that they are wizards and that all they need is a chance to demonstrate that they are wizards. Well, the very first step in the demonstration is to demonstrate the ability to find a market for the wonderful talents claimed. He is not a hundred percent who cannot land an appropriate job. Positions demanding and paying for hundred percenters usually carry much harder problems than that.

After that it isn't overwhelmingly hard to get on in New York or elsewhere if you have the price in you and you are willing to pay it.—B. C. Forbes, in Forbes Magazine (N.Y.).

SPECIAL TRAIN ACCOMMODATION FOR CHRISTMAS TRAFFIC.

To accommodate extra passengers travelling during Christmas Season, special train will leave St. John's at 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 22nd, going as far as Curling. Returning train will leave Curling 10 a.m. Wednesday, December 23rd. Dining and sleeping cars will be attached.

HEART'S CONTENT BRANCH SERVICE.

Passenger car will be attached to train on Wednesday, Dec. 23rd, in order to accommodate passengers from St. John's and Heart's Content and vice versa. Dec. 14.

When the eyes are tired cover them with the palms of the hands until you see only black. This will rest the nerves.

Super Special "Bread" at the Majestic

MUSICAL ARTISTS RENDER VERY PLEASING CONCERT TO LARGE AUDIENCE.

Hope and Menton, the Majestic musical artists won the approval and appreciation of a large audience last night by their remarkably fine programme. The Xylophone and Cornet selections are easily the best heard on the local stage for some years.

"Bread" the feature photoplay is a remarkable story in which some seven well known screen stars are assembled headed by Mae Busch who is in the leading role of Jeanette, the outraged wife who is forced to marry a worthless spendthrift.

Robert Frazer, who has been called by Polo Negri, "the best lover of the screen," plays opposite Miss Busch. Mr. Frazer has lately appeared in many big films, among them "Women Who Give," "Men," "When a Man's a Man," "Jazzmania" and "Broken Barriers."

Pat O'Malley, whose Irish features have shared the screen with Laurette Taylor, has an important role in "Bread." Wanda Hawley is in it, and stages a long expected come-back.

Hobart Bosworth, Myrtle Stedman, Ward Crane, Raymond Lee and Eugene Deserger are other favorite players in the cast. As the same bill will be shown again to-night, also the same concert by Hope and Menton, another large audience will no doubt take it in.

At the Star Movie

RINGLING AND O'TOOLE MAKE A BIG HIT.

These two talented performers in their aerial act at the popular Star last evening, made a big hit and their performance was highly pleasing. Mr. Ringling had an entire different act from anything yet seen here, and showed himself to be a master of his work, whilst in the comedy dancing he won rounds of applause. The same can be said of O'Toole who did some wonderful "strong" acts, particularly in holding over his head a two hundred pound weight with one hand, and Ringling hanging out of his other arm. The entire performance will be repeated to-night, and all who can should make an effort to see it.

Since the announcement in this paper last evening that the "Ten Commandments" is coming to this theatre no small comment has manifested itself. The chief part of which is the question, when will it be shown? The Management of the popular Star are not yet in a position to definitely state when as it is booked for the month of December, but they are asking the producers to allow them to hold it over for a later date.

Shipping

S.S. Sachem sails from Liverpool on Dec. 17th.

S.S. Newfoundland is now en route to Liverpool from this port.

S.S. Sable I. has entered at Bonne Bay to load barrelled herring by A. B. Harding.

S.S. Blackheath has sailed from Bell Island for Rotterdam with 7300 tons ore.

S.S. Hansa has cleared from here for Seville, with a cargo of fish from A. E. Hickman Co.

Schr. Cape Race has cleared from this port for Bahia with a cargo of fish from Bowring Bros.

S.S. Cranley has cleared from Bonaville for New York with 4900 tons of pulp and paper from the A.N.D. Co.

CONFEDERATION LIFE.—Nov 23, 1925.

HURRY-Y-Y!

Santa Claus can't wrap up excuses in tissue paper. He wants the goods. The men in

BISHOPS

SHOWROOMS have some immediate delivery SUITS and OVERCOATS for Yuletide Shoppers made from All-Wool English Tweeds and Worsteds.

They'll do their part if you do yours, but you'll haf-ta hurry-y-y!

Suits and Overcoats (Ready-to-wear) \$17, \$18, \$20, 22-50 up

Suits and Overcoats (To Measure) \$25, \$30, \$35.

SEND FOR PATTERNS.

All orders received to-day will be completed for the Xmas Holidays.

'Phone 250 -- -- P. O. Box 920

Christmas Suggestions

Tuscan China Tea Sets, Fancy Teapots, Fireproof Glassware & Earthenware, Souvenir China, also Ye Olde Devon Ware.

S. O. STEELE & SONS, Limited (Opp. Seamen's Institute).

'Phone 19 100 Water Street.

F. A. G. Association TRAVEL SWEEP.

1st Prize: Round Trip to New York for two, or \$1,000.00; Five other prizes.

TWO SURE THINGS:

- The Sweep will be drawn on Tuesday, December 22nd, 1925.
- Every Ticket sold will have an equal chance of winning a Prize.

TICKETS: 10 CENTS. BUY A FEW EVERY DAY.

Household Notes

Dates, figs, raisins, dried peaches and prunes are all valuable food for winter diet.

Jellied salmon served in a bed of lettuce and sliced tomatoes is good and attractive.

All materials left over from meals should be saved to warm over or put into soup.

Candied sweet potatoes are very good with a few marshmallows melting over them.

The gelatine mould should be greased with a little salad oil before putting the gelatin in.

STAFFORD'S ESSENCES.

The finest that can be manufactured— ONLY ONE QUALITY—THE BEST!

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All Accident and Health Claims are adjusted right here in St. John's, and cheques issued at once. In 30 years we have paid out, in all lines of insurance, over \$120,000,000.

When you buy PROTECTION with this Company, you get it.

U. S. FIDELITY & GUARANTY CO.
J. J. LACEY, Mtd. General Agent.

Personals

Mr. J. Simmonds, who went north to make an investigation into the loss of a schooner at the Groa's Islands, returned by the Kyle.

Mr. Stan O'Leary, who has been assistant purser on S.S. Silvia, since the steamer has been on the Red Sea Service, recently resigned his position to accept a more lucrative position in New York.

St. Bon's College

PRODUCE SHAKESPEAREAN PLAY.

A highly commendable action on part of the staff of St. Bonaventura College the public will be afforded an opportunity on next Thursday inst., of witnessing "The Merchant of Venice" at the Casino. The advent of motion pictures has been observed a notable feature in the study and production of high-class works as the Tragedies and Comedies of the famous Avon. In the same degree we regret this neglect do we welcome the announcement of next Monday's performance. The mere thought of Shakespeare's plays cannot bring any true conception of the spirit of the various characters, their age, their dress, their peculiarities—all of which are essential to the proper understanding and correct interpretation of the play. It becomes imperative, therefore, that the staging of a production as "The Merchant of Venice" is an opportunity not to be missed by all who themselves appreciate real art and desire to encourage others. That it deserves to be patronized appears also from the fact that during the past few months, and from the attention bestowed upon the costumes. The entire performance will assuredly be a revelation to many of our young people who are to be amused by the merriest provided by the two Gobbos, to be fascinated by the genius of Shakespeare which is apparent in every line, while their elders will warmly welcome the revival of a classic play. The services of the Mt. Road are being requisitioned to stage a selection of high-class musical numbers, while some musical numbers also be contributed by the students themselves. Seats can now be secured at Hutton's for 75 cents and 50 cents. Gallery 30 cents. Parquette 20 cents. The proceeds are to be devoted to the most laudable and most needy object—the Novitiate of the Christian Sisters.

Resolutions of Congratulation

At the monthly meeting of the Christian Doctrine Society held on Sunday, Dec. 6th, the following resolutions of congratulations were passed to Rt. Rev. Mgr. Kitchin on the high honour conferred on him by His Holiness Pope Pius XI.

WHEREAS our beloved Paston has been recently elevated to the dignity of Domestic Prelate to His Holiness Pope Pius XI;

AND WHEREAS this is the first meeting of the Christian Doctrine Society since the pronouncement was made;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Christian Doctrine Society in meeting assembled to-day to avail of this opportunity to convey to Rt. Rev. Monsignor Kitchin our sincere congratulations on the high honor and dignity he has been privileged to receive, and that we do also convey to him the wish that he may live for many years to labour amongst us in the Parish of St. Patrick's and to enjoy his well merited honour.

If you want good Ginger Wine ask for Stafford's.—Dec. 11, 1925.

Schr. Lady St. John has cleared from Rencontre West for Oporto with 3114 qtls. fish shipped by William Webb & Sons.

MUTT AND JEFF

JEFF YOU GOTTA HAND IT TO ME FOR TAKING OUT AN ACCIDENT INSURANCE POLICY FOR YOU! EVEN A SPRAINED ANKLE WILL NET US TEN BUCKS A WEEK FOR TEN WEEKS!

OH, FOR YOU BUT NOT SO GOOD FOR ME!

AND ON THE OTHER HAND A BROKEN LEG OR ARM MEANS BIG MONEY FOR US. WE GOTTA GET YOU IN AN ACCIDENT WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY BECAUSE I'M BROKE AND NEED SOME COIN!

LOOK! WE'RE IN LUCK! SEE THAT TOUGH GUY? WALK OVER AND HAND HIM A SWIFT KICK IN THE SHIN AND HE'LL DO THE REST!

THINK OF ALL I'VE DONE FOR YOU! HE'LL ONLY SMASH YOU IN THE BEAK AND A BROKEN BEAK IS GOOD FOR FIFTEEN A WEEK FOR TWELVE WEEKS!

TAKE THAT, YOU BIG STIFF! I DON'T LIKE YOUR FACE AND FOR TWO CENTS I'LL TWEEK YOUR NOSE!

WAH! NOW YOU STOP OR I'LL CALL AN OFFICER! WAH!!

