

United States News

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per cent. dividend was declared by the directors of the Ford Motor Co. at their annual meeting Dec. 31. Four million dollars will be distributed among seven stockholders. Henry Ford has formally resigned as president of the Ford Motor Co. and his son, Edsel Ford, elected to succeed him at a salary of \$150,000 a year.

CHICAGO.—C. H. McCormick, president of the International Harvester Company since its organization in 1902 retired from that office and became chairman of the board of directors. H. F. McCormick, his brother, treasurer from 1906 to 1912, was elected president of the board.

On January 2, Minnesota, the Dakotas, Nebraska, Kansas, and Iowa were in the grip of the first extreme cold of the winter. The blizzard which came with the zero weather interfered greatly with railroad traffic. Duluth had zero weather. The iron range was due for 25 below. Hibbing registered 12 below yesterday. Trains from the northwest were hours late in reaching Minneapolis. Grand Forks reported a blizzard which raged for 24 hours over the prairie district of North Dakota. There was a temperature of from 16 to 26 below zero. Trains became stalled in southern South Dakota. Kansas had zero weather and the trains were stalled. Five below zero is the record in central Iowa.

MILWAUKEE.—Street car men employed by the Milwaukee electric railway voted to strike at midnight, Dec. 31, unless their demands for an increase in wages are granted.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—Four men, all clad in the garb of lumberjacks, held up the American Jewelry company and escaped with dia-

monds, cash and other jewelry valued at \$50,000.

TOPEKA.—The Kansas Supreme Court has decided that the board of health of Wichita exceeded its authority in ordering the closing of churches during the epidemic of influenza. The court upheld Judge Bird of the district court who granted an injunction restraining the health department from interfering with public church services.

CHEROKEE, Kas.—Fifty men are trapped in the number six shaft of the Hamilton Coal Co. The tipple and the chute are burning. Dynamite has been used in an effort to stay the flames until the men can be taken out.

SEATTLE.—Reports received here from North Bend, Wash., said a shingle mill was swept away, several houses were toppled over, and a portion of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway washed out, when a mill dam near Edgeick gave way.

Mrs. Enelope Thomas, 100 years, 4 1/2 months old, a resident of Seattle for eleven years, died here. She was born at Maitland, Nova Scotia, August 13, 1818.

NOME, Alaska.—Estimates compiled by the health authorities and workers of the bureau of education here placed the mortality among the Eskimo population of Seward Peninsula resulting from Spanish influenza at nearly 14,000. In the outlying sections of the peninsula the disease continues to take an appalling toll of life among the natives, the adult population of some half dozen villages in the Nome vicinity having been wiped out. In other towns reports of relief workers show Eskimo children are the principal survivors.

Foreign News

LONDON.—The Court Circular makes the following announcement: The King has gladly consented to

the betrothal of Princess Patricia of Connaught to Commander Alexander Ramsay, brother of the Earl of Dalhousie.

Investigations made by Chas. F. Bailey, of the soldiers' land settlement board, at Witley Camp, found that out of fifteen or twenty thousand Canadian soldiers only 450 enrolled in the agricultural course.

PARIS.—The municipal council has decided to ask the government to take steps toward the holding of an inter-allied colonial exposition in Paris in 1920 or 1921.

During the recent visit here of Count Romanones, the Spanish premier, extended consultations are reported to have been held by the premier with French and American statesmen regarding the Moroccan question, which was discussed in both its military and financial phases. The future status at Gibraltar is said also to have come up for consideration.

The chief censor's department of the admiralty was closed January 5. This announcement is made by the admiralty.

Two hundred and seventy sailors were drowned as a result of the loss of the British steam yacht *Lolaire*, off Stornoway, Scotland. The yacht had 300 sailors on board. They were on a New Year's holiday leave. The vessel struck the dangerous rocks known as "The Beats of Helm" near the Stornoway Harbor.

The official gazette announces that Lieut. A. T. Fournier, of the Manitoba regiment, has been cashiered by court martial.

The release of all the Sinn Feiners interned in England is expected. Count Plunkett, one of the Sinn Feiners elected to Parliament in the recent balloting, has been released. His son, Joseph, was executed for participation in the Easter (1916) revolt. Two other sons, George and John, received death sentences which were

commuted to ten years penal servitude.

At 70 meetings held on Sunday night in Ireland, resolutions were passed for the release of Sinn Feiners held in English jails. An organizer of a demonstration at Queenstown was arrested while going to address the crowd. The populace stoned the police.

ROM.—The *Osservatore Romano* prints an emphatic denial of statements that have appeared in the Italian newspapers concerning the formation of a special Catholic party in Italy and reports that Pope Benedict was to leave the vatican.

Leonida Bissolati, minister of military aid; Signor Barenini, minister of education; and Signor Bari, minister of public works, have resigned from the Orlando Cabinet. It is said that Bissolati resigned in protest against the alleged plan to seize considerable territory claimed by the Jugo-Slavs on the eastern shore of the Adriatic Sea.

GENEVA.—In revenge for the expulsion of Bolshevik representatives from Switzerland the Bolsheviks in Petrograd have pillaged the Swiss legation there, according to advices received by the Swiss government. They also pillaged the Norwegian legation to which Swiss archives and money had been transferred.

BASEL.—Burglars recently entered the former home of Goethe, the poet, in Weimar, and carried off a quantity of mementoes of Goethe.

WITTENBERG.—The Luther Museum here has been looted by robbers. The thieves secured many valuable coins and a number of costly books, including some famous bibles.

METZ.—Seventy persons were killed by an explosion of fire-damp in a mine near here. Thirty bodies have thus far been brought to the surface. Five men were killed and 21 entombed by a cave-in at another mine.

ST. ETIENNE, France.—A violent explosion occurred in the explosive storehouse of a mining company here. Four persons were injured and several houses destroyed.

BILBOA, Spain.—Two groups of manifestants, one crying against Spain and the other shouting for Spain, collided here. One of the persons in the loyalist crowd was killed by a pistol shot.

MUNICH.—The new Wurttemberg government, says a Stuttgart dispatch, proposes to abolish all nobility titles and powers.

Madame Cosima Wagner, widow of the famous composer, died at Bayreuth. She was born Dec. 25, 1840, a daughter of the famous composer Franz Liszt. She first married Hans von Buebow but, after her divorce in 1870, she married Richard Wagner.

MELBOURNE, Australia.—The Victoria legislative assembly has passed a bill requiring that all goods be marked clearly with the country of their origin. The bill prevents German goods, after passing the customs, being labelled "Made in Australia."

CORRESPONDENCES.

WATSON, Sask., Jan. 6th, 1918. Dear St. Peters Bote:—

A good neighbour is a man who will make a little sacrifice himself in order to help a brother farmer. A man who always tries to see how much there is in it for him before he helps a neighbour, is a poor specimen of a friend, and is too selfish to ever see the bright side of life. Give us the good, old-fashioned neighbour, that will take an active part in all progressive work and not wait to see someone else start.

A good neighbour also is a man who will keep his land free from noxious weeds, and not let them become a menace and detrimental

to his neighbour. He will also keep his livestock such as swine, cattle and horses from trespassing on his neighbour's land and destroying his crop, such as hay, during the winter months, and he will then not boast how good his stock is doing.

A good neighbour is worth a whole 40 acres patch of would-be neighbours, who only call to get home a stray pig or to drive home some cattle or horses that have been a menace to the community in the past. —Curt.

TREES.

"I think that I shall never see A poem lovely as a tree, A tree whose hungry mouth is prest Against the earth's sweet flowing breast; A tree that looks at God all day And lifts her leafy arms to pray; A tree that may in summer wear A nest of robins in her hair; Upon whose bosom snow has lain; Who ultimately lives with rain; Poems are made by fools like me, But only God can make a tree." —Joyce Kilmer

RECIPES

Savoury Rice.—1 small onion, chopped fine, 1 cup rice, cooked in rapid boiling water; drain and add 1 tablespoon chopped parsley.

Potted Beans or Sardine Paste.—2 cups cooked beans put through sieve, 3 tablespoons margarine, 3 grated cheese or half tin sardines and oil put through sieve, pepper and salt; Mix well together and put into a pot.

Potato Turnovers.—2 cups mashed potatoes, pepper and salt, 2 teaspoons margarine, 2 teaspoons hot milk, beat well; 1 teaspoon baking powder and enough oatmeal to roll out, using oatmeal on the board instead of flour, cut with cookie cutter or into squares. Put on each square minced meat highly seasoned or savoury rice and cheese, 3 tablespoons to 1 cup savoury rice. Wet the edge, turn over roll in oatmeal and fry.

C.O.P. Chowder.—1 cup grated carrot, 2 cups chopped onions, 2 cups chopped potatoes, 4 cups of boiling water salt and pepper. Boil till cooked add 2 cups milk, thicken with 2 tablespoons corn starch, 2 tablespoons margarine, 2 teaspoons chopped parsley.

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