

### INSURANCE MEN AND OTHERS DISCUSS CANADA'S FIRE LOSS

#### Big Gathering in Ottawa of Business Men Who Were Addressed by Sir Thomas White—Canada's Fire Loss the Greatest of Any Country in the World—Recommendations in the Matter Will be Given Every Consideration.

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—Methods of preventing Canada's huge annual fire waste were under discussion at an important convention, called by the representative of insurance, which opened in Ottawa today. Sir Thomas White, tendered a welcome on behalf of the government. Delegates were present from the Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association, Canadian Mutual Insurance Company, Canadian Manufacturers' Association, Canadian Creditors' Association, Retail Merchants' Association, United Farmers of Alberta, United Farmers of Ontario, The Ontario Grocers' Association, Canadian Bankers' Association, Dominion Mortgage and Investment Association, Fire Chieftains' Association and the Commission of Conservation, which Sir Thomas, in addressing the delegates, emphasized the need for study of means to prevent the Dominion's annual fire waste. Waste and its prevention, he said, were engaging the most advanced thought of the day—in agriculture, business and ecologically. War was one of the greatest wastes mankind has ever known. In respect to fire waste, Canada appeared to have the unenviable position of having the greatest fire loss

### LUXURIOUS MYSTIC SHRINE

#### Grand Ceremonial Session Held Last Night—Degree Conferred on Seven Candidates—History of the Mystic Shrine.

Large Temple of the Mystic Shrine held a ceremonial session in their sumptuous, Mahomet building, Germain street, last night, and Nobles from all over the province were present. The degree was conferred on seven candidates and while the public are unaware of just how these gentlemen were selected, it is safe to say that they will remember their first night with honor. The ceremony was presided over by those on the outside were admitted, refreshments were served, the signs were passed around, a couple of hours of real entertainment were enjoyed by all, and Potentate H. R. McAlain, Recorder Charles Robinson, George B. Day of the executive, and other officers of the temple were kept busy looking after the comfort of their present Noble Walter O. McKay, manager of the Opera House, arrived on the scene with his orchestra and some of the best artists who are now appearing at this theatre, and with music and song the members of the Shrine spent a most enjoyable time.

You are aware that the Order of the Mystic Shrine is one of the oldest in the world and a brief history of its beginning and growth is of interest. From good and authentic records it is believed that the Order of the Mystic Shrine was instituted in Mecca, Arabia, in the year of our Lord, 960. The original intention of the order was to form a band of men of sterling worth who would dispense justice and execute punishment upon criminals who escaped their just desserts through the tardiness of the courts; that they should try, judge and execute within the hour, if need be, upon valid accusation, having taken precautions to secrecy and security. The band, or Nobles, thus formed, as history tells us, did such prompt and efficient work that they excited alarm and even consternation in the hearts of the evil doers in all countries under the Star and Crescent.

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### MEAT PACKERS WANT A LONGER CHANCE

#### To Enjoy Their War-time Profits—Are Afraid That Reduction Will Hurt Their Purse.

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—Canadian meat packers are looking to be relieved of the wartime limit placed on their profits. A delegation from the larger firms waited on the government today to this effect. It was represented that the limit placed on Canadian packers' profits was preventing the establishment within Canada of further cold storage enterprises, would tend to drive existing establishments out of the business and restrict their further expansion.

### SPORTING GOSSIP

#### BOXING CLASSES IN THE Y. M. C. A. Directors in Session in Chicago Decide to Introduce This Feature in Their Work.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—When boxing is to be included in the daily class work of the Y. M. C. A. as the result of a meeting here of eighty-five directors of the organization in the United States and Canada, who concluded their work today. It was decided to begin the exercise in a modified form, consisting principally of shadow boxing, which any of the gymnasium pupils can practice at home. Later on, the directors decided, when the rudiments of the art shall have been acquired, regular boxing classes will be organized.

### EVERYBODY FREE IN CIRCUIT COURT

Dunsmuir, Dec. 12.—The case of Arthur Bostwick of Montreal, charged with theft, was concluded this morning before Mr. Justice Barry in the circuit court, the accused being acquitted by the jury.

### LOCAL BOWLING

The Commercial League. The Post Office team took all four points from the pin artists representing Ames Holden in their games last night on Black's Alley, in the Commercial League.

### Ends Stubborn Coughs in a Hurry

For real effectiveness, this old remedy is used by the best physicians. You'll never know how quickly a bad cough can be conquered, until you try this famous old home remedy. One who has coughed all day and all night, will say that the immediate relief given is almost miraculous. It is not a moment to prepare, and really there is nothing better for coughs. Into a glass, containing 2 1/2 ounces of Pinex (50 cents worth), then add plain granulated sugar syrup to make 10 ounces. Or you can use distilled molasses, honey, or corn syrup, instead of sugar syrup, if desired. Mix well. This mixture saves about four-fifths of the money usually spent for cough preparations, and gives more relief. It is an effective remedy. It keeps perfectly and tastes pleasant—children like it. For can feel this take hold instantly, coughing and breathing the membranes all the air passages. It promptly loosens a dry, tight cough, and soon you will notice the phlegm thin out and then disappear altogether. A day's use will usually break up an ordinary throat or chest cold, and it is also splendid for bronchitis, croup, whooping cough, and laryngitis. Pinex is a most valuable concentrated compound of genuine Norway pine extract, known as the most reliable remedy for throat and chest ailments. To avoid disappointment, ask your pharmacist for the most reliable remedy. Full directions and don't accept anything else. Guaranteed to give absolute satisfaction, or money refunded. The Finex Co., Toronto, Ont.

### Obt the Charm of Beauty

Every one desires a beautiful skin, just as every one desires a healthy person. Unhealthy faces filled with pimples, discolorations, blemishes, and all else which but unhealthily faces to blood impurities. Cleanse the blood and the facial blemishes will disappear. You must not believe that drugs and calves will stop facial blemishes. The cause is impure blood filled with all manner of refuse matter. Stewart's Calcium Water cleanses and clears the blood, driving out all poisons and impurities. And you'll never have a good complexion until the blood is clean. No matter how bad your complexion is, Stewart's Calcium Water will work wonders with it. You can get these little wonder-workers at your drugstore for 80 cents a package.

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### HEW 2,500 MILES IN THIRTY-SIX HOURS

#### General Salmond Went from Cairo to Karachi and Will Continue to Delhi.

London, Dec. 12.—Major General Salmond, general officer commanding the Royal Air Force in the Middle East, accompanied by Captain Ross Smith, has arrived at Karachi, on the Bahadurkhan border, and is in conference with the government of India regarding the establishment of a serial route and service to India. These two aviators have just completed a flight from Cairo to Karachi, a distance of 2,548 miles, in 36 hours actual flying time. Their route from Cairo was by way of Damascus, Bagdad, Bushire, Bandar, Abbas, Suez and Karachi. The machine utilized for this purpose had previously been flown from England to Egypt and back active part in the final operations against the Turks on the Palestine front. In the latest flight no effort was made against time for record-breaking purposes. General Salmond will continue his journey by air to Delhi.

### Glass of Hot Water Before Breakfast a Splendid Habit

Open alicious of the system each morning and wash away the poisonous, stagnant matter. These of us who are accustomed to feel dull and heavy when we arise; splitting headache, stuffy throat, foul tongue, nasty breath, acid stomach, jaundiced, instead of both look and feel as fresh as a daisy always by washing the poisons and toxins from the body with phosphated hot water each morning. We should drink, before breakfast, a glass of real hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate and hot water on an empty stomach is wonderfully invigorating. It cleans out all the sour fermentations, gases, acids and acids, and gives one a splendid appetite for breakfast. A quarter pound of limestone phosphate will cost very little at the drug store, but is sufficient to make anyone who is bothered with biliousness, constipation, stomach trouble or rheumatism a real enthusiast on the subject of internal sanitation.

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## Suggestions for Christmas Gifts

Almost limitless is the variety of Holiday Gift articles comprised in our selection showing which was never larger or more complete than at present, offering, as it does, a host of suggestions appropriate for young and old, in

**DIAMONDS, JEWELRY, WATCHES, CLOCKS, SILVERWARE, CUT GLASS, ART DEPOSIT WARE.**

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For the Wee Ones—Silver and Pearl Rattles, Porringers, Mugs, Spoons, Knives, Forks and Spoon Sets, Dress Pins, (three in one), Rib and Safety Pins, Neck Chains and Lockets, Brooches, Rings, Brooch and Comb Sets, and many such enthralling remembrances.

For Girls and Misses—Watch Brooches in large variety, including most of the popular effects. Neck Chains and Pendants, Brooches, Bar Pins, Rings, Manicure and Toilet Sets, Jewel Boxes and a wide range of equally appropriate Holiday Gifts.

For the Boys—Some exceptional values in Silver and in Gold Filled Watches (boys' size), for the pocket, also Wrist Watches, Gold Signal Rings, Cuff Links, Scarf Pins, Fob Chains, Vest Chains, and numerous other articles which boys would welcome at Christmas.

For the Ladies—Diamond Rings, Gem Set Rings of all kinds; Exclusive effects in Platinum Diamond Set Lavallieres, Pendants, Bar Pins, Brooches, Bracelets, Finer Rings.

A full assortment of the choicest selections in Gold Jewelry of every description for ladies. Also Silver Toilet Sets, Manicure Sets, Jewel Cases, Novelties, Odds-and-Ends.

For Fathers and Mothers—Extremely valuable in Watches for the Pocket and Wrist Watches; also in Fob, Vest Chains and Walder-Rings, Cuff Links, Tie Clips, Scarf Pins, Studs, Vest Buttons, Signal Rings, Lockets, Pencil Cases, Cigar and Cigarette Cases, Match Boxes and Cigar Cutters.

Only a personal inspection will enable you fully to appreciate the possibilities our display offers the Holiday Gift-seeker.

We invite all of our fellow-citizens and outsiders to call and in spect our extensive showing of Christmas merchandise.

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# The Freedom of the Seas

## WHAT IT MEANS IN AMERICA, ENGLAND, AND FRANCE

There is a very interesting article in this week's LITERARY DIGEST—December 14th—bearing upon the most vital topic likely to be discussed at the great peace conference—the Freedom of the Seas.

While Lieutenant-Colonel Repington, the famous British Military Expert, remarks that: "I have not the slightest idea what freedom of the seas means, nor have I met anyone who can tell me," London and French newspapers have quite definite ideas as to its meaning.

Much of the comment in the London and Paris papers emphasizes the fact that President Wilson has not yet defined what he means by freedom of the seas, but most of the French journals agree with the Paris Matin when it says "if this doctrine means any diminution of the power of the British navy, France will reject it."

Other articles of timely interest in this number of THE DIGEST are:

### Making War On Our Chief Peacemaker

Summarizing All Shades of Public Opinion Regarding President Wilson's Visit to Europe and His Presence at the Peace Table

Turning to the Pursuits of Peace  
War Prices and Peace Wages  
Shall We Take German Africa?  
Russia's Chaos Laid to the Allies  
Abolishing the Private Kitchen  
Why Arc Light Globes Turn Purple  
New York's Arch of Thanksgiving and Welcome  
A Way Open for Shakespeare  
Cannon for Peace Bells  
Christmas a Time for Food Service  
(Prepared by U. S. Food Administration)

Many Timely Illustrations Including Humorous Cartoons

How Canada Views the President's Trip  
A Varied Railroad Ghost  
Mr. Kitchin's Plan of Taxation  
Surgical Moss Wanted for Red Cross Work  
A Plea to Improve a Fatal Water Route  
Machine-made Rubber  
The Scene of the Peace Drama  
A Christmas Call from the Red Cross  
Are Bolsheviki Mainly Jewish?  
The Best of Current Poetry  
News of Finance and Commerce  
Personal Glimpses of Men and Events

**Just Ready—New Armistice Edition of The Digest Liberty Map**

Every patriotic American will want to know just where the war was won and to follow the movements of the victorious armies of occupation. The wonderful NEW Armistice Edition of The Literary Digest Liberty Map of the Western Area of the war, now ready, shows you the German territory surrendered, the bridgeheads extending East of the Rhine, and the Neutral Zone. It gives the line reached by the Allied Armies at the moment when hostilities ceased, shows German Great Headquarters, the spot where Marshal Foch imposed the armistice terms, the boundaries of the recovered provinces of Alsace and Lorraine, and

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