

**Our Local Pepys.**

**HIS DIARY.**  
 December 19th.—A very toilsome rainy day, but needs must that I go abroad to the Police Court, and there, meeting Mr. C. Fox, he did compliment me highly on my journal, and that with so much praise coming my way, I am near to bursting with pride. To walk in Water Street, where I met Major Cotton, the aviator, and he tells me he is near recovered from his injuries, and expects that he will fly to Halifax on Friday, which I greatly hope he does, seeing how my letters do still be languishing at Botwood, and I anxious that they should go quickly to their destination. Thence to my book-seller's had there, some talk of the Xmas trade with Mr. Seymour. The talk is everywhere of the election for councillors so I inquired of the returning officer and did find that the first six on the poll were Martin, Collier, Outerbridge, Ryan, Whitty and Whitcombe, but there be 3000 more votes to count. Feeling a sickness, I did first lay to the weather, I and for Dr. Anderson, and he coming says 'tis from smoking of too many cigarettes, and orders me that I must give them up, which will be a sore trial and one that I know not when I shall undergo, seeing that there are so few pleasures to be had these days. To my tailor's, there to order myself a pair of breeches, which will be of great use to me in the winter, so I think, though they do cost a great deal.

**The Feast of Dedication Celebrated**

The Feast of Dedication, sometimes called the Feast of Lights, or Chanukah in Hebrew, falls due this year on the evening of December 25th, and will be observed in some cheerful manner in all Jewish homes for a period of eight days. Chanukah commemorates the eventful triumph of the Maccabees over the hosts of Syria. This historical occurrence happened as a result of the victories of the Maccabees in their warfare against Antiochus IV, called "Epiphanes," the mad man, in the year 165 B.C. The Syrian tyrant had resolved on imperialistic policies in which a nullification of all his provinces and possessions in respect to language and religious observances was to be carried out. The religion selected as the established or state religion of his realm was Greek polytheism, with all its gaudy appeals and immoral practices. In promulgating this edict Antiochus IV did not reckon with the stern moralists of Palestine. The idolatrous rites were treated as abominations by the Jewish people who indignantly opposed their enforcement. Coercive measures introduced by the throne to compel an outward compliance with the edict precipitated a revolt on the part of Mattathias, a priest of Modin, a suburb of Jerusalem. Under the leadership of the priest and his sons, of whom Judah is the most famous, the Palestinian Jews threw themselves against the powerful armies of Syria. These brave armies of embattled farmers held the hosts of Syria at bay during their terrific years of warfare and finally succeeded in driving the invaders out of the country. The Temple at Jerusalem which had been defiled by pagan practices was rededicated on the 25th of Kislev of the Hebrew Calendar, which

corresponds to the month of December. In commemoration of the victory the feast of Chanukah is celebrated even unto this day. Among the old legends recounting the miraculous intervention of Providence in behalf of Israel is the story of the preservation of a single cruse of undefiled oil found in the Temple at the occasion of this rededication, which burned for eight days. In recognition of this, lights are kindled in the home for that period, lighting one on the first night, two on the second and so on.

No special synagogal service is held during Chanukah week, but a prayer is introduced in the ritual stressing the ultimate triumph of righteousness over the tyranny of might, showing that the tyranny of the right form a majority no armies of men can overthrow. In Jewish circles there are parties given at this time and in religious schools plays and pageants presented expressive of the glorious victory of the few and feeble over the aggression of tyrants and despots. The joyful character of the day is always accentuated in home, synagog and religious school and the valor of the Maccabees revered.

**War Widows to Make Princess' Trousseau.**

Princess Mary's trousseau for her marriage to Viscount Lascelles will be made principally by the widows of officers killed in the war. Many towns in Great Britain are promoting subscription lists for wedding gifts, the greater portion of which, however, at Princess Mary's earnest desire, will almost certainly be devoted to philanthropic efforts, such as hospitals and kindred institutions. Parliament, upon King George's accession to the Throne, declared that the Princess should receive £4,000 per annum during her life.

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**TO-DAY'S MESSAGES.**

**SHACKLETON BOUND SOUTH.**  
 RIO JANEIRO, Dec. 19.—The British Antarctic Expedition ship "Quest," commanded by Sir Ernest Shackleton, left here Sunday for the South, after three weeks' stay during which the vessel underwent repairs. Sir Ernest plans a direct voyage to South Georgia, from which country he will proceed to the Antarctic.

**ALLEGED BREACH OF IMMIGRATION LAW.**  
 WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Secretary of State Davis has ordered fines, to the limit of Statute, assessed against the British Cunard Steamships' Line, and has asked the State Department to make diplomatic representations to the British Government against what he officially claimed as "a bold, and I believe knowing, attempt on the part of the company to violate the Immigration Law, either because of paltry profits to be gained thereby, or to discredit our immigration policy." The circumstances complained of arise out of the arrival on December 10 at New York of the liner Aquitania, with 300 Hungarian immigrants, despite the fact that on December 1 the Immigration Bureau had announced to all steamship lines that "the number of immigrants from Hungary, legally entitled to entry into the United States up to July, 1922, was exhausted." Mr. Davis has asked Attorney General Dougherty for a legal opinion as to what action can be taken in "the appalling situation which has arisen by this reckless disregard of the law by steamship companies."

**OFFICIAL DENIAL OF ALLEGATIONS.**  
 NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Officials of the Cunard Line last night denied the allegation of Secretary of Labor Davis, that the line had deliberately violated immigration laws. "The Cunard Line," declares P. W. Whatmough, General Passenger Agent, "has at all times done its very best to comply with the requirements of United States immigration laws."

**A SENSIBLE EXPRESSION.**  
 DUBLIN, Dec. 19.—The adoption of the treaty was moved by Arthur Griffith and seconded by Commandant McKeen, of County Longford, one of the most famous of the Irish Republican Army leaders, who said "The Irish people want substance, not shadows."

**ULSTER WILL FIGHT FOR HER RIGHTS.**  
 LONDON, Dec. 19.—"Ulster will certainly not appoint a representative to the Boundary Commission, and if the commission operates without her consent, and allocates any part of her territory to the South, there will be civil war before she parts with it," declares the political correspondent of the Westminster Gazette.

**IS IT BLUFF WITH DE VALERA?**  
 DUBLIN, Dec. 19.—Speaking to his motion for the adoption of the Treaty, Mr. Griffith said this was not a question of the mere rights of the people; it was a question of the lives and fortunes of the people of Ireland, and he was not going to hide from Irish people what President De Valera's alternative proposal would mean. "Not once did we demand recognition of an Irish Republic, knowing it would have been impossible to secure it," he said. Mr. Griffith dilated on the advantages the treaty would bring to Ireland. He said the oath of allegiance agreed upon was one "which any Irishman can take with honor." Hearty applause was given him as he resumed his seat. President De Valera rose

to move the rejection of the treaty. "I am against this treaty, because it will not end the conflict between Great Britain and Ireland," he declared. "I am against this treaty, because I am for peace not war." He dwelt upon the allegiance feature inveighing in impassioned tones against what he declared would be the ignominy of the Irish people taking an oath of allegiance to a British King.

**WILL CARRY ON.**  
 WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Declaring they still represent China in truth, despite the resignation of the Pekin cabinet, the Chinese delegation in a statement to-day observed that unless the twenty-one demands, enforced by Japan on China in 1915, are cancelled, the principles adopted by the Washington conference, amount to nothing more than a scrap of paper. The delegation said the resignation of the Pekin cabinet would not change China's foreign policy.

**MURDER HOUSE**  
**at Ross Ferry**  
**Burned Down.**

**PRISONER'S BROTHER APPLIED MATCH.**  
 A new and sensational turn in the Ross Ferry murder case developed yesterday (North Sydney Herald, Saturday Dec. 17) when Crown prosecutor N. A. Macmillan motored to the Macdonald home in order to take drawings and other data in connection with the gruesome tragedy for which Daniel Macdonald is held in the North Sydney jail on the charge of murdering his wife. It was a long and dreary drive over exceedingly bad roads the Crown Prosecutor made with Mr. P. J. Grant, and it took almost double the usual time to negotiate the journey. However, when the Crown Prosecutor reached Ross Ferry he was amazed to find only a pile of debris where the Macdonald home stood, thus eliminating every vestige of tell-tale evidence so far as the blood stains, etc., were concerned, which might assist the Crown in bringing home the guilt of the perpetrator of the awful crime. Mr. Macmillan ascertained from neighbors that the destruction of the home was due to the deliberate act of a brother of the accused man in the local jail here, who resides at the rear of Baddeck. This man, Roderick Macdonald, it is alleged, worried over the tragic affair, and anxious that the murder house would not serve as a monument to perpetuate one of the most shocking tragedies ever recorded in Cape Breton criminology, decided to obliterate the home in which he was born, and applied a match to it after removing the few articles of dilapidated furniture it contained. The horse, which was given to the alleged wife murderer by Mr. M. J. Ross, as well as a cow and some hens, were removed and distributed among neighbors. On the return trip Crown Prosecutor Macmillan brought with him the Cousins girl, who was visiting the Macdonalds, and who was the first to apprise the neighbors of the awful tragedy. Two sons and two daughters of the murdered woman were brought to Sydney last night to enter the Protestant Orphanage, the eldest child, a boy aged 11 years, being cared for by a neighbor at Ross Ferry. While the alleged burning of the death house by the prisoner's brother eliminates considerable evidence which might assist Crown Prosecutor Macmillan in fixing the crime, this official is in possession of evidence which is believed to leave no room for doubt as to the identity of the murderer.



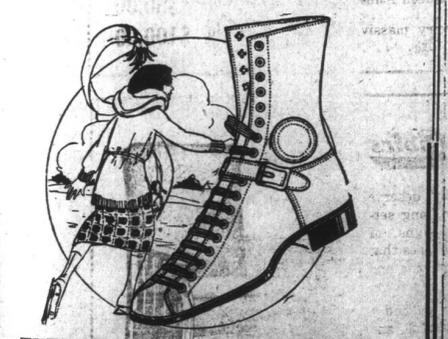
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