

United States Prefers Insolation.

Will Not Attend Genoa Conference--
Western States Experience Earthquake
Shocks--Roof of B. and O. Station
Falls in.

ONLY EXCEPTION.
LONDON, Jan. 31.
All countries invited to the Genoa conference have definitely accepted except the United States, Reuters' agent.

EXPLORER FAILS TO REACH OBJECTIVE.

WISCONSIN, Maine, Jan. 31.
That Donald MacMillan and his expedition on the schooner "Thetis" failed to reach the North Pole, the passage of which was necessary to circumnavigate the North Pole, was indicated by indirect evidence received here today. The expedition was expected to return next summer. The Carnegie Institute at Washington reported a message had been received at Ottawa through Canadian customs officials, under date November 15 last, that MacMillan was spending the winter at Nauyasut, 80 miles north of Cape Dorset, and 300 miles from the North Pole. This is the first time that MacMillan has been heard of since he left St. John's.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS REPORTED.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.
An earthquake of great intensity, about 5,000 miles south of Washington, was registered early today. Tremors were described by officials as "monstrous" and threw the registration needles off the scale. The quake registered at Denver, Colorado, greater than at the time of the San Francisco earthquake. The

seismograph station at Harvard University, Cambridge, was put temporarily out of commission by the violence of the tremors.

FELT ALONG PACIFIC COAST.
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 31.
Earthquake shocks were felt early today along the Pacific Coast. No damage was reported.

CONFERENCE POSTPONED.
LONDON, Jan. 31.
The Conference of British, French, and Italian Foreign Ministers, scheduled to be held in Paris tomorrow, is likely to be postponed one month because of the French memorandum regarding the Near-Eastern questions indicates a wider divergence from the proposed formula of settlement than was expected. The purpose of the proposed conference was to agree on a programme which the three powers would insist that Turkey and Greece should carry out with Allied support.

WILL HAVE THEIR POUND OF FLESH.

WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. 31.
A Bill authorizing the refunding of eleven billion dollars foreign debt into securities maturing in not less than twenty-five years was passed to-night by the American Senate. The vote was 30 to 25.

RATHENAU SUCCEEDS WIRTH.

BERLIN, Jan. 31.
Dr. Walter Rathenau, former German Minister of Reconstruction and latterly German representative of various economic conferences with the

Allies, has been appointed Foreign Minister, a post that has been held by Chancellor Dr. Jos. Wirth since the Cabinet re-organized last October.

BOOMING MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, Jan. 31.
With ten large liners, eight of them oil burners, coming to Montreal next summer, the challenge of this port to New York will be the severest ever issued.

IMPORT OF CATTLE PROHIBITED.

OTTAWA, Jan. 31.
Owing to the outbreak of foot and mouth disease in Great Britain, the Canadian Department of Agriculture today prohibited the importation of all cattle, ruminant and swine from Great Britain and Ireland.

PNEUMONIA VACCINE IMPROVED.

ALBANY, N.Y., Jan. 31.
Medical science cannot yet claim to have conquered pneumonia by vaccine. This was made plain in a report based on a study of tests which extended over a year in which 19,000 patients in State institutions were vaccinated against pneumonia. A report submitted to the State authorities says, "the results were indeterminate. Pneumonia is developed in vaccinated and unvaccinated groups. There were no harmful effects, nor were there any satisfactory or definite conclusions." Health Department officials today declared the peak of the pneumonia and influenza epidemic has passed.

ANOTHER ROOF FALLS.

WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. 31.
The roof of the Baltimore and Ohio railway freight depot crashed today, but nobody was injured. The snow had been swept from the roof, but it was believed the supporting brick pillars had been weakened by accumulations of snow from recent storms.

Record House Last Night

AT "UNDER THE GASLIGHT."

An even larger audience than the night before witnessed the second performance "Under the Gaslight," by the B.L.S. players at the Casino last evening. All the first night defects were absent and the various performers seemed much more at ease in their roles, and from the moment of the overture to the playing of the National Anthem, there was not a dull moment in the whole performance. The huge audience was thrilled at the various climaxes as was testified by the thunderous applause, particularly in the wharf and railway scenes which were indeed quite realistic. It would be invidious to select any particular members of the cast for distinction, but we feel that the emotional scenes between Miss Mary McCarthy and Captain J. J. O'Grady deserve very special mention, their dialogue and action being well professional. The junior members of the players acted splendidly, and Masters Bradshaw, Hutton, Kennedy and Hand fully earned the encores bestowed upon them. To Miss Eileen Doherty who at short notice was obliged to fill the breach made vacant owing to the illness of Miss Anna Murphy, as Mrs. Van Dam, great credit is due for a very successful portrayal of the part.

Specialties were rendered by Misses McCarthy, McGrath and little Eileen Kelly; Master Jimmy Bradshaw and Mr. Pearcey Jardine; while Mr. Phil Moore's jig on the head of the pier to the unusual strains of Bermuda's accordion literally brought down the house.

"Under the Gaslight" will be repeated this afternoon and to-night, and the general excellence of the whole performance merits very generous patronage particularly in view of the worthy object of the efforts of the performers.

A Big Fish Story.

SWORDS SLAUGHTER HUNDREDS OF WHALES.

LONDON, (Canadian Press)—This is not the season for fish stories, but a whale story may be allowed to pass. It is the story of an ocean battlefield strewn with dead and dying monsters of the deep, supposedly the result of a fierce encounter between swordfish and whales, the latter being the defeated army—or navy, Captain G. Evered Poole, M.B.E., a Commissioner in the Gold Coast Colony, is the author of the story, which is contained in a letter received from him by his brother, C. E. Poole, Southampton.

Here is the story as related by Captain Poole:

"On the voyage out the most extraordinary phenomenon was witnessed by us all. Between Sierra Leone and Sekondi we steamed through, for over an hour, a blood-red sea, and saw some hundreds of whales dead or dying on the surface of the water. Some were just able to move slowly along; few, if any, could move quickly. There must have been a sanguinary battle, supposed to have been put up by sword fish. It was a most appalling sight, and the extent of the bloody expense must have represented the death of many more whales than were visible. No one on our ship had ever seen or even heard of anything approaching such a spectacle before."

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AT THE
NICKEL
TO-DAY

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DALE**
TENOR

(A) THY NAME
(Wood).
(B) 'MOTHER OF PEARL'
(Ball).

AT THE
NICKEL
TO-DAY

Curliana.

At the Curling Rink yesterday afternoon and night the Divisional medals were played for as follows:—
Red Division—Wright Medal.
White Division—H. D. Reid Medal.
Blue Division—Cowan Medal.
Green Division—Taylor Medal.

The winners in the Red Division are as follows:—George Peters 24, E. A. Bowring 22, A. H. Salter 22, Hober Angel 21, R. G. Ross 21, H. O. Donnelly 20, Norman Burt 20, D. MacFarlane 20.

Those of the White Division for the H. D. Reid Medal were:—W. H. Duder 28, F. W. Bradshaw 27, E. McNab 25, F. W. Hayward 23, F. White 22, W. 18 Peters 21, P. M. Duff 21, T. Hallett 20. The Blue Division for the Cowan Medal—Harvey Jardine 24, H. J. Duder 22, R. Miller 21, T. F. Armstrong 21, H. Maddock 19, W. C. Job 18, D. P. Duff 18, C. Cox 18.

For the Taylor Medal, Green Division—W. F. Joyce 28, J. MacFarlane 27, Wm. Butt 24, L. Chafe 24, R. H. Simms 23, S. C. Thomson 22, H. D. Reid 22, Hon. M. G. Winter 21.

At 8 o'clock this afternoon Mr. W. H. Duder, White Division, George Peters, Red Division, Harvey Jardine, Blue Division, W. F. Joyce, Green

Division, will play a points game for the championship of the Curling's Association for this season. The 8 members of each Division referred to above, on Friday evening next, will play off for the 8 Curling Caps presented by M. Borthell of the Eastern Hat and Cap Company.

Stafford's Phorotone for sale at Knowling's Stores, East, West and Central.—Jan. 31.

Control of Ireland
Given Michael Collins.

NEW PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT TAKES OVER DUBLIN CASTLE.

DUBLIN, Jan. 16.—Michael Collins and the Irish Provisional Government took over Dublin Castle today and invested themselves with all the powers of Government.

A large crowd gathered in the precincts of the castle and loudly cheered Collins and his colleagues. The dramatic and historic nature of the event was recognized by the spectators, who freely commented on the fact that the taking over of the stronghold fell to Collins, who until a few months ago was a fugitive sought by Dublin Castle. Collins, with a happy smile, seemed to enter upon the task with much good will and good humor.

He and the other Ministers, who received a salute from the military and police guards, went to the Chief Secretary's office and then to the Council Chamber, where the formal transfer was carried out. Viscount Fitzalan, Lord Lieutenant, and the chief officials were present. An official report of the proceedings was issued as follows:—
"Mr. Collins handed to the Lord Lieutenant a copy of the treaty in which acceptance of its provisions by him and his colleagues had been endorsed. The other members of the Provisional Government were then introduced."

"The Lord Lieutenant congratulated Mr. Collins and his colleagues and informed them that they were now duly installed as a Provisional Government, and that in conformity with Article 17 of the treaty he would at once communicate with the British Government, in order that the necessary steps might be taken for the transfer to the Provisional Government of the powers and machinery requisite for discharge of its duties. He wished them every success in the task they had undertaken and expressed the earnest hope that under their auspices the ideal of a happy, free and prosperous Ireland would be attained."

Fitzalan Is Cheered.

When Lord Fitzalan drove from the castle he was cheered. Meanwhile the removal of stores, bedding and documents went on continually, and the crowds who had lined up in Dame Street and Palace Street indulged in good-humored banter with the Black and Tans and the auxiliaries, while the military were frequently cheered.

A statement signed by Collins was issued to-night as follows:—
"The members of the Provisional Government received the surrender of Dublin Castle at 1.45 o'clock this afternoon, and it is now in the hands of the Irish nation. For the next few days the functions of the existing departments of the institution will be continued without in any way projected future action."

"Members of the Provisional Government will proceed to London tomorrow to meet the British Cabinet Committee to arrange for the various details of the handing over."

"A statement will be issued by the Provisional Government to-morrow in regard to its intentions and policy."

The delegation to London will consist of Eamon Duggan and Kevin O'Higgins.

The evacuation of Ireland by the British Army, consisting of 60,000 men, will begin immediately. Ten battalions have already been ordered to embark in the next few days.



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Every once in a while we read in the newspapers of some trouble between China and Mongolia.

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More than 1,500,000 square miles in area, Mongolia has very few places where the land is level. The Mongolian highlands vary in altitude from three hundred to 550 feet. There are many mountain ranges and one desert—the Gobi desert is, as its name implies, "a barren and a desolate place." In the Gobi desert there is no vegetation, water is scarce, and the very few wells along the caravan route must furnish the entire water supply.

This is the reason that during the winter and the spring the caravans that wander along the barren trail always are accompanied by a camel that looks strangely laden. On each side of this camel's body is slung a big cake of ice. This ice serves as the source of the water the caravan men must drink. In summer and fall the same camel bears in place of ice great tubs of water that are replenished at each well along the way.

The Mongol who journeys along the caravan trail learns to control his thirst in great measure, but never his appetite. The Mongol is, in fact, one of the greatest of meat eaters. It is not unusual to see a Mongol eat ten pounds of meat at one meal. This meat is always mutton, for mutton is the favorite Mongol food. So much do Mongols relish mutton that they even put mutton fat in the tea with which they wash down the meat.

Mongolia is not well populated, for the reason that the hardy people prefer to roam rather than to settle down in one place for long at a time. One can sympathize with this desire when he considers some of the problems of food and water which are found in the land. Scarcity of food and water and his own liking to travel may be the foundation of the liberal hospitality for which every Mongol is noted.

But these do not explain the great hold Buddhism has on the Mongol. So great is the grip of Buddhism that lamas or monks are to be met at every turn of the road. They live on the charity of their brethren, and the life is so busy they seem to swarm over the land. It is said on competent authority that every third man in Mongolia is a lama.

Don't forget to ring Mrs. W. B. Fraser (1168) for your table on Feb. 1st.—Jan. 30, 31.

Express Passengers.

The following passengers arrived at P.O. aux Basques at 10.30 a.m. on S. S. Kyle from Louisbourg, and are now on the incoming express due here late to-morrow.—W. N. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Parsons, T. N. Sparkes, S. V. Cluett, A. Burke, J. H. Judge, T. Judge, N. J. Bonland, G. Allan, A. M. Dunphy, M. Messervy, A. Gillis, J. Burke.

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Bodies of Men.**

How four of his crew were swept overboard by a giant wave during the storm of Wednesday, Jan. 11, and three of them were returned to the deck by the same wave, was told by Capt. Edwyd Fong of the Boston fishing schooner Athena when he brought his vessel into port at Boston. The fourth sailor was drowned. When the vessel was making for Provincetown, to escape the storm, the four men were dashing fish. A great sea swept over the vessel and carried all four at least 50 feet from the vessel, the captain said. The same wave brought three of them back, and deposited them on the deck; the fourth, Thomas Merchant, was caught by a second wave and carried away.

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