

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 says.

EXPLORER FAILS TO REACH OBJECTIVE.

WISCONSASSET, Maine, Jan. 31. That Donald MacMillan and his expedition on the schooner *Albatross* failed to reach Fury and Hecla straits, the passage of which would be necessary to circumnavigate the North Pole, was indicated by indirect advice received here today. The advice contained word that MacMillan might 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 winter at Nauyasutt, 80 miles east of Cape Dorset, and 300 miles west of Fury and Hecla straits. This has never been navigated.

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

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Mineral experts such as H. Norman M.B.E., of Toronto, and Mr. McQuarrie Geologist, who worked on the property report seems from three to seven feet. The possibilities of this coal property in developing this coal property are unusually great. The strong and increasing demands for the product, and especially in Newfoundland where coal is selling to-day at such a high figure, is good evidence of very large returns to the investor. An investment in this Company should have the consideration of every man and woman who has the welfare of Newfoundland at heart and is interested in keeping our men at home, should fill in the application below and forward it to the address given on this page.

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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 encomiums bestowed upon them. To Miss Eileen both Dublin 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 Killy; 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 swordfish. 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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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.

Control of Ireland Given Michael Collins.

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

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

Ocean Plays With 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. Edward Fogg, 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 30 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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The following passengers arrived at Port aux Basques at 10.30 a.m. on S. S. Kyle from Louisburg, 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. Messervey, A. Gillis, J. Burke.

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