

Former Premiers of Italy Unite Against Mussolini

2,000 Homeless in Zero Weather and 140 Killed by Earthquake in Persia.—Allied Conference Most Successful Since the Armistice.

AN IMPORTANT SESSION.
PARIS, Jan. 14. Eleven powers participating in the conference of Allied Finance Ministers to-day signed the protocol for the distribution of the Dawes plan annuities. The final plenary session of the conference at the Quai D'Orsay occupied two hours. It was a week since the meetings of the Finance Ministers began and it was the first conference of twenty-nine states since the Armistice came to an end before the date scheduled and the only one in which every delegation returned home apparently satisfied. The most notable achievements of the conference were first, the determination of the distribution of the Dawes annuities between the Allies and their Associates; second, the obtaining of the United States as a partner with the Allies in the collection of payments from Germany under the Dawes scheme, and third, the negotiation of the Ruhr occupational account.

UNITE AGAINST MUSSOLINI.
ROME, Jan. 14. The union of former Premiers Mussolini, Orlando and Salandra in opposition to the present Government, announced to-day. It was stated that the three leaders and their followers would go into the Chamber of Deputies for the purpose of opposing the pending election bill as a demonstration against the Cabinet. The billers of the three former Premiers in the Chamber are said to total 27 Deputies.

85 PER CENT. FOR UNION.
TORONTO, Jan. 14. A statement issued last night by Church Union headquarters says over 85 per cent of the Presbyterian congregations throughout the Dominion that have so far voted on Church Union have decided to go into the United Church of Canada. Of the 743 congregations voting 617 have decided for Union, of which 396 were unanimous in their decision.

A LATER REPORT.
TORONTO, Jan. 14. Reports of voting on Church Union up to noon to-day showed that 654 churches had voted to enter Union and 146 have voted nonconcordance.

SUBMARINE UNDAMAGED.
CHATHAM, Mass., Jan. 14. Submarine S19 to-day was still held captive at Ardahan in Trans-Caucasia, firmly on the outer bar of Orleans

says a despatch to the Daily Mail from Constantinople. The despatch adds that 2,000 persons are homeless with the temperature 22 degrees Fahrenheit below zero. Earth tremors are continuing intermittently.

SENTECE COMMUTED.
MOSCOW, Jan. 14. Ivan Okladski, the 65 year old man who has been on trial on a charge of assisting the Czarist police in the extermination of the notorious organization known as Naarodnaya Volo (people's freedom) which 45 years ago sought the liberation of the Russians from the Czarist Oligarchy, to-day was found guilty and sentenced to death. In view of the age of the defendant and the fact that the crime was committed so many years ago, the sentence was commuted to ten years' imprisonment.

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PIMPLES SPREAD OVER FOREHEAD

Inflamed and Itched Badly. Cuticura Healed.

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Prince Addresses C. L. B. Gathering

HEIR TO THRONE REFERS TO THE BRIGADE IN NEWFOUNDLAND.

Speaking at the Festival Dinner of the C.L.B. in the London Guildhall, the Prince of Wales said that the movement was particularly strong in Newfoundland.

His Royal Highness, proposing the toast "Success to the C.L.B.," said: "Although I am not officially connected with the Church Lads' Brigade I most certainly feel intimate with this great movement. I am Colonel-in-Chief of the Cadet Force. (Cheers). Some of you may know it. Those who do not will find it written on the Menu. I am Colonel-in-Chief of that Force and very proud of it. (Cheers). The Church Lads' Brigade forms the largest individual unit of this Force, and I think that is one of the reasons why I was asked to take the chair this evening. In that capacity I have met a very great number of members of the Church Lads' Brigade.

In proposing this toast the following points strike me particularly. First of all, that the Lord Mayor should have thought fit to give us hospitality this evening is one of them. (Cheers). It helps any movement or association tremendously if it can hold its Annual Dinner at the Guildhall and have the Lord Mayor present. (Cheers). Then, the mere fact that your Annual Dinner is so well attended means that the Church Lads' Brigade has a great vitality, and that it is well worth backing and well worth supporting. I think that is a good augury for the future. (Cheers).

The Great Problem.
Then as to its work. We all of us know that the most critical time in a boy's life is after he leaves the ele-

mentary school and has to seek employment. He is then on the threshold of manhood, and in many cases he has to do the work of a man; but he is not old enough and has not the experience to know the many pitfalls. This is the great problem, and it is faced and has been for a long time by the Church Lads' Brigade with full courage and success. (Cheers). Over a million lads have passed through its ranks since the foundation of the movement by Colonel Gee in 1891. (Cheers). Towards the solution of this very difficult but perpetual problem a high standard of good citizenship and good character-making is set by the Church Lads' Brigade and maintained by its officers. There then is another point. Militarism in the aggressive sense of the word has never been encouraged and never will be. (Cheers). but by a form of organization—that is drill, discipline and uniform—a manly Christian character is developed by boys of all classes (cheers)—and a spirit of patriotism, self-sacrifice and responsibility fostered.

I think it was Professor Drummond who said with great truth: Put a boy into uniform and you make a man of him. (Cheers).

That this is the spirit that pervades the Church Lads' Brigade was very clearly shown in the Great War. (Cheers). No fewer than a quarter of a million members and ex-members enlisted, gaining many honours and many decorations, and no fewer than 22 Victoria Crosses. (Cheers). That is a record that this movement may well be proud of; and it raised and equipped and trained the 16th (Service) Battalion of the Kings' Royal Rifles with the Reserve Battalion, the 19th. They achieved honours in many battles including High Wood and Neuve Eglise, and others with which many of you here to-night are familiar.

Refers to Newfoundland.

In the summer of 1921 I had the honour of inspecting a representative contingent of boys on the occasion of their departure to visit the battle-fields where their elder brothers had fought and died, but all that was a long time ago. A lot of things have happened since then and the war is a thing of the past. But the Church Lads' Brigade is carrying on its splendid work and moulding the character on Christian lines of many thousands of boys between the ages of 13 and 21. A great point I think is this, that you do not force your members or force anything else. You help and you guide so that these principles, which are discipline, goodwill and co-operation take root and grow by themselves. (Cheers).

Those gentlemen who are going to follow me with speeches are far better able than myself to tell of the work and the expansion of the movement, and to plead its cause. They will tell you how, thanks to the successful management, the Brigade has weathered a very difficult period since the war. I understand that the year 1923 was a particularly critical one. They will tell you of the expenses of uniforms, camps and training that are borne and of the large portion that is borne by the boys themselves. They will also tell you how the movement extends overseas to the Dominions. The movement is particularly strong in Newfoundland, and I am looking forward myself to seeing some of the Companies in South Africa. (Cheers). Lord Grenfell has just handed me a cable that he received during the dinner. It reads: "South African comrades, thirtieth anniversary, congratulates overseas comrades thirtieth anniversary; wishing Festival Dinner every success." (Cheers). That makes the movement a very imperial one, and the speakers who follow me will tell you of that. I had the pleasure of having a long talk with your

Once More From Nova Scotia

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Joshua Smith, well-known ex-Postmaster, tells how Dodd's Kidney Pills relieved him. Fort Hood Island, N.S., Jan. 14.—(Special).—"I used Dodd's Kidney Pills two years ago. I had poor circulation in my legs and feet. I used to have hot water tanks at night to keep my feet warm. I was able to do without them after using one box of Dodd's Kidney Pills. I also had urinary trouble, but now I am quite well. My age is 80 years." This statement is made by Mr. J. Smith of this place. Dodd's Kidney Pills simply heal sick kidneys. They relieved Mr. Smith because his ailments were symptoms of kidney disease. When the kidneys get out of order they fail to strain the impurities out of the blood and general lassitude and weakness ensue. This condition is not only disagreeable but dangerous as well. The impurities in the blood are the seeds of disease. If they are not removed Rheumatism, Lumbago, Gravel, Dropsy, Diabetes, or Bright's Disease may result.

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Canadian Murderer

Trilled to Rumania, Where He Was Killed in Quarrel.

Toronto, Jan. 3.—Retribution, stern and dogged, has pursued a Canadian murderer to his village home in Rumania and Nick Rutka has paid with his life for his part in the killing of Adam Selton, a compatriot, on August 20, 1922, at Thorold, Ont. The Ontario Provincial Police, who had traced Rutka to Rumania and were engaged in efforts to extradite him, yesterday passed on a message from Hon. George A. Simard, of Montreal, Consul General for Rumania in Canada, giving official notification of the killing of the murderer in his homeland and conveying the information that Rutka confessed to the Thorold murder. No details are given other than that Rutka met a violent death following a quarrel.

Ask Grandma — She knows. Jan 14, 1925

LIGHT WINES.

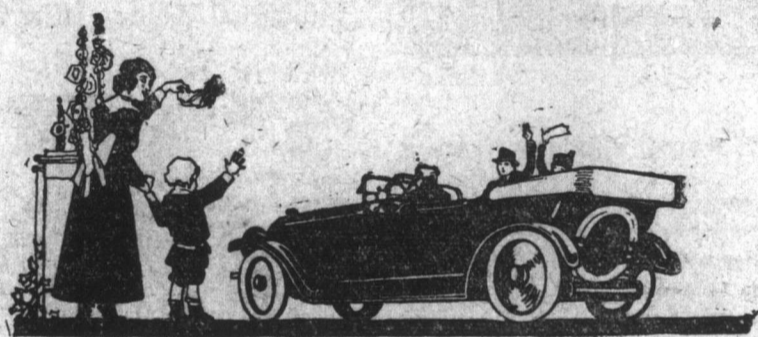
From many a thirsty city, from many a village here, there comes the plaintive cry, "Give us light wines and beer!" We would not have uncrated the corpse of Barley-corn; we'd not have reinstated the drunkard's morning horn.

But beer and wine won't hurt you, or fill your dome with bees; you may preserve your virtue and hit up drinks like these. The present law's too drastic, it robs our lives of cheer; oh, make it more elastic, and give us wine and beer." But, statesmen, ere you tinker with laws now on the books, to soothe the anguished drinker who will not sip from brooks, frame up a law to banish all wagons using gas, let every flivver vanish, and from the highways pass. Expunge the humble Lizzie, the chooping four and six; with work like this get busy, for beer and gas won't mix. The streets and roads are crowded with palpitating wains, and we should have unclouted and keen and normal brains. Two snifters from a bottle unbalances the mind, and man will ope the throttle, and whoop, and go it blind. E'en while we're drinking water, deprived of wine and beer, we mark the road with slaughter, and fill the world with fear. And when we're primed with toddies, however mild they be, the swath of mangled bodies will be asight to see. If statesmen would deliver the thirsty from their woe, they first should kill the flivver that frolics to and fro.

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By Art Hefant

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