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THE LEGISLATURE

The speech from the throne at the opening of the Legislature is printed in this issue of the Times. It announces that a bill will be introduced to assist in co-operative marketing of farm products. Reference is made to some changes in the stampage regulations in regard to disease infected trees, and to the fact that hereafter a trust company in the province will act as trustees of the St. John and Quebec Railway. Highway improvement is touched on, and we are told that the cost of the upkeep of improved roads must receive serious consideration. There will also be a bill relating to teachers' pensions. The house will receive full information regarding hydro development near St. John and Bathurst. It is announced that the government is still giving attention to the demand for rights regarding railway rates that are a part of the confederation pact, and to the question of the proposed transfer of the natural resources of the prairie provinces, in which the maritime provinces have a financial interest. Efforts have been renewed to get the federal government to fulfill the agreement to take over the wharves in tidal waters, which has been hanging since 1918. Reference is made to progress in vocational and industrial education. Amendments to the public health act will be introduced. It is also proposed to consolidate the public schools act. Most important of all will be the proposal to be submitted to improve the financial situation in the province. The session of the house should not be prolonged.

HELP FOR RUSSIA.

A Canadian Press despatch throws an interesting light on conditions in Russia. The Soviet authorities are keen to be represented at the Genoa conference, and to gain the recognition of the other powers. They are said to be willing to make almost any concessions, and this press despatch gives the reasons as follows:

"The famine is now slowly but surely encroaching on and encircling their stronghold—Moscow—and Soviet representatives from every part of Russia, sent to get food, report that there is less and less to be had, that beginning with March the favored Red Army will begin to starve, and each succeeding month will be worse, until July when harvests, more or less scant, may relieve the situation. What may happen between now and summer months is troubling the Soviet leaders. If a big data is arranged, the situation can be saved. If not, the hundred million or so dollars in the Soviet treasury will have to go for food, and even that may not save the country from anarchy."

The rough and other communicable diseases and the deaths from these causes among our babies." Dr. Kendall submitted the following as some of the reasons for a complete record of births, and they are conclusive:

- 1.—To establish identity and prove nationality.
- 2.—To prove descent or legitimacy.
- 3.—To establish a right of inheritance to property.
- 4.—To establish ability to make contracts.
- 5.—To show when he has a right to enter school.
- 6.—To show when he has a right to seek employment.
- 7.—To establish the right to vote.
- 8.—To establish the right to hold public office.
- 9.—To enter the professions.
- 10.—To prove the age at which marriage contract may be entered into.
- 11.—To establish liability to military duty.
- 12.—For court purposes.

It is easy to cite instances where failure to establish the date of birth caused loss or inconvenience to the individual, and a complete record of vital statistics is of the utmost value to the state. Dr. Kendall remarks that the physician holds the key to the situation so far as making and filing certificates of birth is concerned, but there is need of universal recognition of the importance of all the records making a complete system of vital statistics.

FOR REHABILITATION OF WAR-STRICKEN JEWS

Kovna, March 2.—The American joint distribution committee has allocated and placed at the disposal of the national Jewish council of Lithuania 24,000,000 marks for the rehabilitation of Jews who were victims of the war, so Director Heimann informed the second general assembly of the committee which had just come to a close after a fortnight's session.

Austrian Confusion.

One of the story told to illustrate the confused diplomatic situation in central Europe is attributed to Prince Furstenburg. He was appointed as a diplomatic representative of the old Austrian Government to the Ukraine, which then was ruled by Hetman Skoropadsky. Describing his diplomatic status to friends in Kiev, the prince said: "I am the representative of a Government that has ceased to exist. The most extraordinary part of it is that I am paid for performing the duties of a position that I do not hold."

KEEP ON KEEPING ON!

Say, you're broke and busted
And tired and disgusted
And everything seems out of gear,
And the friends that you had
All declare that you're mad
And say that you're wife and queer,
As you struggle and scheme
In unfolding the dream
That you have put all your faith in.
If you set your own pace
With a smile on your face
And keep on keeping on! you'll win.

Say, if business is bad!
Don't look glum or feel sad
Or knock the conditions of trade.
Ten to one, you'll find,
By adjusting your mind—
Increasing your service and grade
Of goods in your store
You will profit far more
Than the growth that you once had
been!

So keep smiling away
And improving each day
And keep on keeping on! you'll win.
Every failure in life,
Every trouble and strife
That comes to you, average man,
Is caused by your shifting
And heedless drifting
Far off from your God-given plan;
For the dreams of your youth
Are all founded on truth.
If kept from pollution of sin
Will start your feet right
For life's strenuous fight.
So keep on keeping on! you'll win.
—Jimmy Horton in Forbes Magazine (N. Y.)

IN LIGHTER VEIN.

Discovered.
An inventor from over the ocean,
Went nutty and raised a commotion
When he heard his wife chatter
About a neighborhood matter,
Said, "At last! There's the perpetual motion."

Revenge Is Sweet.
She was sitting out at a village dance
In the parish hall, when a well-meaning
But rather rustic youth saw spider
Running over her lace collar. "Permit
me," he murmured, as he bent to remove
it.

"How dare you speak to me without
an introduction, sir?" she blurted out.
Here the spider reached her neck, and
suddenly she cried: "Oh, take it off! Oh,
please, take it off!"
The young man only said:—
"I couldn't think of it, miss; I haven't
been introduced to the spider."

Liquid Accident.
Secretary Elmer Thompson of the
Automobile Club of America said in
New York the other day:
"The automobile gets the blame for
everything. A man lay in the middle
of the road one evening surrounded by
a large crowd. An old lady pushed her
way into the crowd and said:
"Poor fellow! Poor young fellow! I
suppose an automobile ran into him."
"Yes, ma'am," said a policeman. "It
wasn't an automobile that ran into him
this time."
"What was it, then?" said the old
lady.
"It was a keg, or maybe a keg and a
half of beer," said the policeman."

A New Receipt.
"John," said Mrs. Newby, "run to
the drug store quick and get a bottle of
"Library paste" asked her husband in
surprise.
"Yes, if you can't get kitchen paste,
I'm going to make some French pastry
for your dinner."

FIRST WOMAN IN HOUSE OF LORDS

Lady Rhonda's Petition is Granted by the Committee on Privileges.

London, March 2.—A petition by Lady Rhonda to sit in the House of Lords was granted by the committee on privileges of the House of Lords today.

If she takes the seat awarded her by the ruling she would be the first woman to sit in the upper house of the British parliament, as Lady Astor was in the lower chamber.

Lady Rhonda is the daughter of Viscountess Darnley, who died in 1918, from an illness brought on by overwork. He left no male heirs, his only child being a daughter, wife of Sir Humphrey Mackworth.

Lord Darnley presided over the committee, composed of Lord Darnley, Lord Phillimore and Lord Asquith. After Lady Rhonda's right to the present title was established, the committee decided that the disqualification of sex act had clearly applied to a case like the present and that the disability existing in the past now being removed, Lady Rhonda was entitled to sit in the House of Lords.

After further argument, the attorney general, on behalf of the crown, said he raised no objection to the petition, which was therefore granted. Lady Rhonda becomes the first woman to sit in the House of Lords. Interviewed after the decision she expressed her delight that the case had gone in her favor.

RAINCOATS AND MOTORCOAT BARGAINS

The great bargain sale of waterproofs for all members of the family at the United Sales Company's store, 105 Charlotte street, opposite Dufferin Hotel, being continued over the cold weather of Wednesday, large numbers of keen buyers were on hand throughout the twelve-hour day to select rainproof apparel for approaching spring and summer. It was surprising the demand that developed for motor coats of these qualities. One citizen fitted his whole family with rainproof and dust coats for summer automobile trips, and the cost was only slightly over \$20. The sale continues merrily and the earliest comers get choicest goods.

FRANCE HARBORS NO WAR THOUGHT

Premier Poincare Addresses Newspaper Men.

Imperialism Long Ago Laid to Rest—Desire Now for Peace and Progress, But Must Guard Against Danger of Attack.

(Canadian Press Cable.) Paris, March 2.—Premier Poincare, at a luncheon given by the Anglo-American Press Association yesterday, said that "French imperialism is the old scarecrow which long ago was laid to rest alongside the tomb of Napoleon in the Invalides."

"We cannot, however, remake history or revise the geography of the world. We would prefer to enjoy security from all exterior peril, but we are obliged to take account of realities, while having no greater desire than to develop peacefully at home our scientific, industrial and social progress and to maintain courteous relations with all the peoples of the world."

He declared there was not a single Frenchman who had a thought either for the present, for tomorrow or for a later period, of any warlike enterprise or of annexations.

"We have no other wish than to guarantee peace," continued the premier. "Unfortunately, we are not guaranteed these things by the world. Unlike England, with her sea belt, and unlike the U. S. by the absence of any dangerous neighbor, we are obliged to adopt some precautions against renewed attacks and invasions. It is not with a light heart that we still impose upon ourselves sacrifices in order to remain in a state of defence."

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BRITAIN TO SAVE MANY MILLIONS

Chancellor Announces Economy in Administration—Cut in Bills of Army, Navy and for Education.

(Canadian Press Cable.) London, March 2.—Addressing the House of Commons yesterday in a speech in which he minutely detailed the economies the government had decided to adopt in connection with the recommendations of the economy committee headed by Sir Eric Geddes, Sir Robert Horne, chancellor of the exchequer, asserted that these would total \$24,000,000 compared with \$26,000,000 advised by the committee. Of the total amount of economies to be effected \$24,000,000 would be saved in the coming financial year.

The principal points in the chancellor's address were his acceptance of reductions in the army estimates by £1,600,000 instead of £20,000,000 as proposed by the Geddes committee, his statement that the naval estimates for 1922-23 would be below £61,000,000 as against nearly £82,000,000 for the current year, and the announcement that it was the purpose to economize by a reduction of £5,000,000 in the educational estimates instead of £12,000,000 as suggested in the Geddes report.

Another interesting point in the address was the chancellor's announcement of the government's decision not to abolish the ministry of labor, as was advised by the committee.

BEVAN TAKEN BY ITALIAN POLICE

Arrest on Complaint of British Consul Following London Failure.

Naples, March 2.—The Italian police yesterday arrested Grand Le Bevan on the complaint of the British consul, who said that he was the head of the City Equitable Fire Insurance Company of London, which recently failed with a deficit of £3,000,000.

Bevan fled from London some time ago, according to the British consul, and tried to reach Constantinople. He had applied to the Turkish consul for a passport as a Turkish subject in order to avoid extradition, since Turkey does not grant extradition for financial misdemeanors.

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GREEKS RELEASE FRENCH VESSEL

Was Captured off Asia Minor Coast—Cargo Held as Contraband.

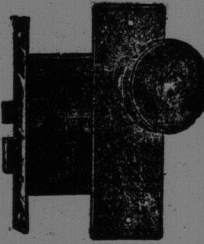
Athens, March 2.—The Greek government has formally released the steamship Espoir, which was captured by a Greek torpedo boat destroyer off the coast of Asia Minor on Feb. 12. The E. ship sailed from the port of Beirut after her cargo had been discovered.

France's decision to insist upon immediate restitution of the Espoir's cargo was communicated to the foreign office by the French minister.

Believe of the Espoir was the subject for two notes to Greece from the French government, the first demanding release of the vessel and cargo, and the second threatening retaliatory measures if the request was not granted. The Greek government, in an answer to the first note, said it would release the ship, but not the cargo, which it contended was contraband of war destined for the army of Mustapha Pasha, Turkish nationalist leader, with whom the Greeks are at war.

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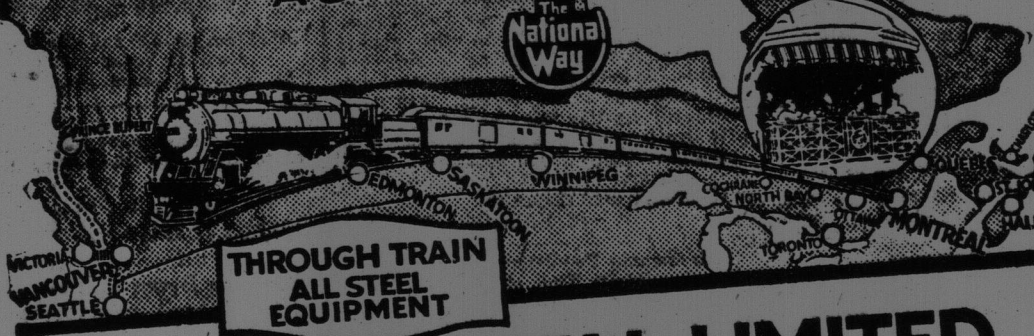
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STEEL BUYING CONTINUES TO MAKE STEADY GAINS.

Though Individual Orders Are Small, Demand Comes From Nearly All Industries Except the Agricultural Implement Trade.

(Special Correspondence of N. Y. Evening Post.)

Pittsburg, February 24.—In the finished steel market as a whole demand has shown some further increase in the past week. By long range comparisons it may not be satisfied with the present volume of demand, but they are very well satisfied with the pace of increase since the first of the year. No large orders have been reported, unless specifications against rail contracts previously booked and shipping orders against material quoted late in the year.

It is possible that some orders of individual importance have been entered without being reported for the state of competition in the past few weeks makes it that the average mill seems disposed to understate rather than overstate the volume of business it is doing.

The buying of steel products is markedly widespread. Almost all classes of consumers, as well as practically all threatening retaliatory measures if the request was not granted. The Greek government, in an answer to the first note, said it would release the ship, but not the cargo, which it contended was contraband of war destined for the army of Mustapha Pasha, Turkish nationalist leader, with whom the Greeks are at war.

The only consuming trade that is really absent from the market is the agricultural implement industry. Demand from the electrical factories has increased sharply in the past fortnight. A feature of the steel trade is the increasing demand from sheet metal shops making material for the building trades, such as eave troughs and conductor pipe, metal lathing, ceiling, etc. Prospects in that quarter are considered entirely satisfactory.

Steel ingot production in the past fortnight has been equivalent to an average rate of between 26,000,000 and 28,000,000 tons a year, this comparing with a rate under 18,000,000 tons at the end of December and a rate of 23,000,000 tons in October and November, representing last autumn's demand. The height of the spring demand is expected to bring a better operating rate still.

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