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30 Killed and Two Injured by Explosion and Fire.

French to Withdraw 40,000 Troops from
Occupied Territory--Sir Lomer Gouin
Resigns from the Canadian Govern-
ment--Floods in France Threaten to be-
come Disastrous.

A TERRIBLE DISASTER.

PEKIN, Ill., Jan. 2.
Between 30 and 35 persons were
killed and one hundred injured, ac-
cording to estimates, in an explosion
and fire in the starch buildings of the
Corn Products Refining Company here
early to-day. At ten o'clock, seven
bodies, six identified, had been recov-
ered. At a late hour two buildings of
the big plant were in ruins, but the
heat was so intense that no efforts
could be made to search for the bod-
ies in the buildings which are still
burning.

SIR LOMER GOUIN RESIGNS.

OTTAWA, Jan. 3.
Sir Lomer Gouin, Minister of Jus-
tice, has resigned from the Govern-
ment because of ill-health, following
to-day's meeting of the Cabinet Coun-
cil. The Premier made no announce-
ment as to his successor.

FLOOD ASSUMING DISASTROUS PROPORTIONS.

PARIS, Jan. 3.
The flood in the Seine is already
assuming proportions of disaster to
sections of Paris and environs. The
river rose fifteen inches in 24 hours.
Many buildings along both banks of
the river have cellars flooded. This
afternoon the river was still rising
steadily, necessitating the use of
pumps.

FLOODS IN FRANCE.

PARIS, Jan. 3.
Inundations are general throughout
France. The River Marne is over its
banks at Melun, driving out the popu-
lation in all the lower quarters of the
town. The Rhine is overflowing at
Vignone, where two deaths from
drowning are reported. The Meuse
has flooded Sedan and Mazieres and
the entire region of the former Ver-
dun waterfront is under water. The
peak of the rise is expected Saturday.
Paris is in a distressing condition and
the Olympic Stadium resembles a
huge swimming pool.

WILL WITHDRAW 40,000 TROOPS.
PARIS, Jan. 2.
Forty thousand men will be with-
drawn from the French forces of oc-
cupation in the Ruhr and Rhineland
within the next few weeks, it was
made known to-day.

ANOTHER MARINE TRAGEDY.
NAPLES, Jan. 3.
The steamship Adriatic arriving
here reported receiving a distress call
in the Mediterranean from the Italian
steamship Mutlak, a former German
vessel of fourteen hundred tons, car-
rying a crew of forty. The Adriatic
hurried to the position given but found
no trace of the Mutlak during a
search of twelve hours. It is feared
the vessel was lost.

**BERLIN BUTCHERS AS PHILAN-
THROPISTS.**
BERLIN, Jan. 2.
The butchers of Berlin have taken
over the care of 400 destitute men,
women, and children and agreed to
feed and house them this winter.

**LONDON CONSERVATIVES STATE
THEIR VIEW.**
LONDON, Jan. 3.
The Executive of the City of Lou-

SIDE TALKS.

By Ruth Cameron.

ARE YOU EVER A HIGHWAY ROBBER?

There is a cer-
tain form of high-
way robbery
practised by
many very re-
spectable people,
who would be
tremendously in-
dignant if you
accused them of
trying to get any-
thing by highway robbery methods.
And what else can you call it?

The Hardest Thing To Face.

Here is what I mean. A man I know
has a wife who has been very much of
an invalid for some years. Her ill-
ness has been a tremendous drain
upon the family resources; it has
meant that the most of the money
that would naturally be spent for
luxuries and pleasures or put aside in
the bank as a bulwark against old
age, goes for nurses and doctors. It
has also meant that her husband can-
not have a normal life since she can-
not go about with him or entertain
company.

The husband is exceedingly fond
of his wife and he never complains.
He tries to do everything within his
power for her. But this, he says, is
the hardest thing he has to face.
Every once in awhile she will get
very much upset over her condition
and she will array these facts against
herself and say that she is a burden
and that everyone would be better off
if she were dead and all that sort of
thing. And then he, who has perhaps
come home worn out from a hard day
at the office, will have to summon his
strength and reassure her.

What She Can Do.

Now that woman cannot help from
being a financial burden; she cannot
help upsetting the household; she was
injured in an automobile accident

which was no fault of hers and she
has had to bear much pain and she
has been very brave about it. But she
can help demanding reassurance. She
can help making him assure her that
she is not a care and a burden. She
is a care and a burden, but he loves
her, and though he cannot help wish-
ing with all his heart that he had a
well wife, he is absolutely devoted to
her and has much happiness out of
her companionship when she is in a
reasonable mood.

He is giving her all he can and she
is grateful and wishes she could do
more in return. She can. She can fight
down that weak human wish to ask
him to reassure her. He will say the
sweet things she wants to hear some-
times when he is in the mood and she
doesn't demand them at the pistol
point of her tears or her self-depre-
cation.

For that is the tragic thing about
such reassurances, they turn to ashes
in the mouth. They are just the op-
posite of mercy, they are twice cursed,
they curse him who gives and him who
gets.

Most of Us Want It Sometimes.

There are few of us who don't want
reassurance sometimes. There's the
woman who is getting older looking
and wants to be told that she isn't.
And the man who hasn't made so
much of a success in his business as
some of his school mates and wants to
be told that he has. And the woman
who weighs 40 pounds more than she
should and wants to be told that it
doesn't show. And the man who has
bought a suit that is too young for
him and wants to be told it isn't. We
know that if we put it up to them in
the right way, drive them into a cor-
ner by showing them how bad we feel,
we can make those who love us come
across with those reassurances.

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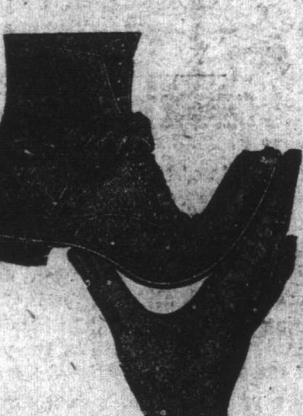
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