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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 Government--Floods in France Threaten to become Disastrous.

**A TERRIBLE DISASTER.**  
PEKIN, Ill., Jan. 2.  
Between 30 and 35 persons were killed and one hundred injured, according 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 recovered. 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 bodies in the buildings which are still burning.

**SIR LOMER GOUIN RESIGNS.**  
OTTAWA, Jan. 3.  
Sir Lomer Gouin, Minister of Justice, has resigned from the Government because of ill-health, following to-day's meeting of the Cabinet Council. The Premier made no announcement 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 population in all the lower quarters of the town. The Rhine is overflowing at Vignon, where two deaths from drowning are reported. The Meuse has flooded Sedan and Metz, and the entire region of the former Verdun 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. 3.  
Forty thousand men will be withdrawn from the French forces of occupation in the Ruhr and Rhineland within the next few weeks, it was made known to-day.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 from the Mediterranean from the Italian steamship Mutlak, a former German vessel of fourteen hundred tons, carrying 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 PHILANTHROPISTS.**  
BERLIN, Jan. 3.  
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 certain form of highway robbery by a certain type of respectable people, who would be tremendously indignant if you accused them of trying to get anything 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 illness 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 cannot have a normal life since she cannot 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 wishing 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 sometimes when he is in the mood and she doesn't demand them at the pistol point of her tears or her self-deprecation.

For that is the tragic thing about such reassurances, they turn to ashes in the mouth. They are just the opposite 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 corner by showing them how bad we feel, we can make those who love us come across with those reassurances. Are you a highway robber?

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One of the most interesting photographs seen in a long while is "Peg O' My Heart" which is the picture attraction to-night. It is the same play which the star, Laurette Taylor has made such a notable triumph of on the stage. This brilliant actress has had a career on the stage second to none. In the story the greatest happiness comes to "Peg" all in one day. One after another men propose to her, placing their hearts at her feet--but she refuses them all--well, to enjoy the plot it is essential to see the picture at the Crescent Theatre to-night.

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