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#### The Eastern Provinces.

in connection with such amendment, provision shall actress after her operation! be made that no Province shall at any time have sland conducted the negotiations for union failed and confiscated his property. to have it expressed. The Province, therefore, came sentation by population political conflicts before Confederation.

tion for the rest of the Dominion. Each Province ulty of getting others to work for him. becomes entitled to as many members in the House of Commons as it has units. If other Provinces incaused any serious discontent. Ontario, no doubt, is the more ready to accept the reduction because it ly felt there than elsewhere.

Prince Edward Island to obtain the six members it claims. But it will allow the Province to hold the invite much opposition from any quarter. an "increase" from time to time; not a word about dishonor.- New Republic. reduction. In the case of Prince Edward Island provision was made for six members, and for a "readjustment" from time to time under the B. N. A. Act, and "readjustment" might be upward or downence between the two things was emphasized.

ing on the finances of a Province, for the Dominion sidies, which form so large a part of the Proland had actually diminished in population, and it section by section, until the French government gave was at first thought that the Province would suffer a reduction of subsidy; but a closer examination of the law revealed the fact that, whether by good luck or foresight, the Island's interests in this respect had been guarded, there being provision for increase reduction. So the Island kept its subsidy unimpaired, though it had suffered a loss of repre-

It is reasonably certain that if, in the negotiations which preceded Confederation, the representa-tives of the Maritime Provinces had asked to bave a clause inserted providing that in no case should the representation of a Province be lower than that the Eastern Provinces were not quite as wide vidence Journal.

awake as they are sometimes supposed to have been Journal of Commerce obtain guarantees which at the time would have been deemed reasonable. By their lack of foresight men who acted for the Maritime Provinces when the Confederation Act was being prepared.

> Italy is anxious to realize her aspirations, but she would like to do so without encountering the disabilitles of warfare. From day to day she delays in the hope that the situation may so develop as to render this possible.

> The women of Pennsylvania are laying themselves out for a high old time in the Fall. At Troy, N.Y., to-day, they are to cast a duplicate of the Liberty Bell, which they hope to ring in November if woman suffrage wins.

N.J., aged 66, for example, has filed a divorce actition Herald. tion against Emma MacEvoy, aged 70, alleging de-

Pierre Loti, the author, certainly had all producdian Senate consequent upon the large increase of Sarah Bernhardt the pledge of her support to an population in Western Canada will require an entertainment to be given in Parts with a view to amendment of the British North America Act, and buying clothes for the wounded. Fancy being the it is proposed by the Dominion Government that, first to secure the services of the great French

than in the Senate. This, if carried out, will to a light helpless victims into the water and then laughsmall extent meet a difficulty that has been keenly ing at their death struggles, one would be prepared felt in Prince Edward Island. That Province orige to believe anything of the Huns. Arson, murder An English writer, in describing a tiger hunt in inally had six members in the House of Commons, and theft are among their highest accomplishments. India, says: "The tiger came toward me, bellowing The Islanders claim that it was always intended that A German tribunal of Strassburg has just decided and grunting, and when he got opposite the screen they should forever have six or more. If that was that Georges Weill, a former deputy from Metz, but he gave one of those fearful coughs which only a any form," he is, of course, not to be taken with the intention, those who on behalf of Prince Edward now a private in the French army, is a deserter, man who has been close to such a beast can appre-

-the "rep by pop," which presentatives who went to the front to see the atwas the cry of the Liberals of Upper Canada in the tack on Neuve Chapelle. This may explain the ex. a boy," she rebuked him. cellent account of the struggle which has appeared. The Province of Quebec being allowed the fixed The probabilities are that Sir Max got some trained of sixty-five members, a division of the journalist to write the story and then put through population of that Province by sixty-five, after each a "merger" by which he incorporated it and sent it lecennial census, establishes the unit of representation Canada as his own. Sir Max always had the fact a Southern town, and told the colored porter that he

There is evidence that the British Government crease in population in the same degree as Quebec, does not stand alone in the desire for total prohithere is no change in the number of representatives, bition during the period of the war. It seems hard ton at de head of yo' bed. Den we commes up and ernment at Ottawa, we should think, might well re-If in any Province the increase is proportionally ly credible that workmen will indulge in selfish pleaess than in Quebec, there must necessarily be a re- sures while the lives of their fellowmen and the duction in the number of representatives in the very existence of the nation is at stake. If these House of Commons from the Province. Under the men have not sufficient patriotism, to properly peroperation of this law all the Eastern Provinces, ex. form their tasks, they must be brought under milicept Quebec, have at times had their representation tary discipline, and forced to play their part. We altered and sometimes reduced. In the case of On. cannot imagine workmen in Germany being allowed anything of that sort?" altered and sometimes reduced. In the case of On. cannot imagine working in German, being the little man hesitated a moment, looked a bit working out more smoothly will have to be altered or frightened, then replied in a small piping voce: "I abandoned—it would seem to the impartial observer

It is to be hoped that the Board of Control and is based on a principle for which its people have al-the City Council will generously support the recom-ways contended strongly. The reduction of the re-mendations made by Dr. Boucher, Medical Health ways contended strongly. The reduction of the renew and the dining room, and was shown to a table by a Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island- combat tuberculosis. There is no more worthy obhas, however, been the cause of much dissatisfact ject in the world than the effort being made to This has been particularly manifested in stamp out the great white plague. This city and Prince Edward Island, because its representation Province have been woefully lax in their efforts was at the best small and a reduction is more keen, along these lines, practically the only large institution combatting the disease being the Laurentian Already the Island representation at Ottawa has Sanitarium, of which Mr. D. Lorne McGibbon has "dinner is over, sir." fallen from six to four. In the new Representation Act, which is to take effect at the next general elec-Act, which is to take effect at the next general effect.

An American and a Scotsman were walking in the Highlands, and the Scot produced a famous echo further increased. From the way the foreign balthat Province. It will be seen that as the popular wealthy and public spirited citizens will not only when the echo returned clearly after nearly four tion of Quebec increases the unit of representation assist Mr. McGibbon in his work, but use their inminutes, the proud native, turning to the lankee, minutes, the proud native, turning to the lankee, must become larger, and if Prince Edward Island fluence with the City Council in order that a pro-exclaimed: "There, mon, ye canna show anything Street Journal." must become larger, and if Prince Edward Island should not have a corresponding increase, her responding increase in the responding increase in the responding increase in the responding increase i

elaims. But it will allow the Province to hold the present representation of four members (the Is. It seems as if the attacks on Judge Lindsey would land having four Senators) and will prevent any functive reduction. The probability of either Nova Scotta or New Brunswick having its representation re
BEN LINDSEY.

Bristol Times.

An Irishman applied at the wharf for work as a stevedore. He was only four and a half feet in height, barrallel for insistent and malicious persecution. If it and the boss was dubious. "We're loading 300-lb." duced to ten (the number of its Senators) may not be near enough to make these Provinces feel as if it isn't that, it's a campaign of slander. Scotched like yourself couldn't handle 'em. keenly interested as their smaller neighbor, but in keenly interested as their smaller neighbor, but in a dozen times, the opposition rises again, for lies and the long future even these Provinces may find the amendment useful. The proposal is, of course, a sey's enemies say he is an enemy of their state, a departure from the rigid principles of "rep by pop," despoiler of its "fair name." They are mistaken, but its results are not likely to be large enough to likely to be large enough to radio one of the great assets of Colobut its results are not likely to be large enough to radio one of its institutions, a man who has done. The rado, one of its institutions, a man who has done principle has, theoretically at least, already been more than any one in his community to convince the principle has, theoretically at least, already been boards of directors. Household for a rope, and went under German submarine U-8, such by a French cruiser, ed this class of men. The railrosus of union. As that Province since the union has al. one has forgotten the recent strike. Its inhumanity, again. Again he rose to the surface. "If you don't ways shown a considerable increase of population there has been no necessity for raising any question about the number of its representatives. But it is an interesting fact, seldom noticed, that that Prov. to destroy Judge Lindsey, any failure on the part of ince has a constitutional guarantee against reduction the men and women voters to support him, will be of its representation which is not to be found in the case of other Provinces. In the case of British Col. and forgotten nothing, that greed, revenge, blind reumbia provision was made for six members, and for action are in the saddle, ready to ride the state to

#### TO PARTITION PARIS.

The Paris Matin says the Germans had plans not only for the occupation of Paris after what they pre-The words are calculated to remind one of a sumed would be its easy conquest, but also for using historic tariff question in which the alleged differ. the capital as a means of blackmail for imposing shameful peace on France. Paris was divided in The question of population has an important bear. seven sections ,each of which was to receive 100,000 Germans. Then, unless the French government agreed to a peace with a cession of provinces to Germany vincial revenues, are based on population. At the and a large indemnity and troops to help an invasion of 1901 it was found that Prince Edward Is. of England, Paris was to be systematically sacked

### TARDY JUSTICE.

16. 1912. Charles Becker was convicted October 24, 1912. Upon second trial he was convicted May 22. 1914. An appeal is going on still. Becker will soon have had three full years of law. Thaw has had even more. Despite the German trouble, it is clear

#### "WATCHFUL WAITING"

As another example of the policy of watchful waitwhich it was proposed to establish at the time of ing, observe the British cruisers hanging around, just The forehead is streaked with blood; the lubricant's through the depths where, if she cannot be seen, she proposal would readily have been outside the Virginia Capes, while the Eitel Friedrich seed to. But the fathers of Confederation from is not hurrying about refitting to go to sea.—Pro
Cries the Iron to the Man: "Dye think we can?" Says in such unheroic form as the barnacled prow of a

#### . SUPERDREADNOUGHTS.

Two battleships were begun in 1912, the Pennsylvania in America and the Queen Elizabeth in England ben deemed reasonable. By their lack of foresight they left to the Maritime men of later years a very difficult problem. The wise men are commonly said to come from the East. In this matter the rule does not seem to have held good. The men of the far West who negotiated the terms of union for Rritish Columbia proved themselves wiser than the are given here.

In speed, range and shocking power the English nage and number of guns is the Pennsylvania "the greatest warship in the world." This is not written to take the edge off anyone's enthusiasm over the earned fame!"
ceremonies at Newport News. The vessel named after , "We did not people know the facts about her.—Philadelphia Even-soldiers first—this by the sacred Wienerwurst! ing Telegraph.

#### A CHANCE FOR ALL.

as Lord Kitchener's chief of staff goes far to refute sequent to Adam's fall, but now it's Deutschland Where divorce is in the air one never knows the charge that the British army offers no career to all." what new developments will transpire. Some of them the lowly born. General Robertson enlisted as a priare quite ludicrous. John MacEvoy, of Camden, vate, and before he enlisted he was a footman.—Ham-

#### "THAT DECENT DAUNTLESS NATION."

Henry James, the veteran American novelist, coined a phrase that will last when he alluded, the other The readjustment of the numbers of the Cana- ers out-distanced when he secured from Madame day, to Britain as "that decent and dauntless nation." -Hamilton Herald.

#### "A LITTLE NONSENSE NOW AND THEN"

ciate. It was eleven feet long.

"You are not so gallant, John, as when you were

"No," said her husband, "and you ain't so buoyant, Mary, as when you were a gal!

A New Yorker was spending a night at a "hotel" in wanted to be called early. The porter replied: "Say, boss. I reckon yo ain't familiar with these heah modern inventions. When yo' wants to be called in de call vo.

A small henpecked little man was about to take an examination for life insurance.

"You don't dissipate, do you" asked the physician as he made ready for tests. "Not a fast liver, or

metimes chew a little gum."-W. S, in Collier's.

A travelling man tells of his sojourn at a "hotel" a Missouri town.

waiter, the latter asked, when he had brought the customary glass of water:

"Will you have some pork and beans, sir?" "No. I don't care for them," said the traveller. "I

never eat pork and beans."

not actually wiped out. The adoption of the rule now something should be done to lessen the effects of fewer members than Senators, will not enable the dread disease.

Can better that. Why, in my camp in the Rockies, when I go to bed, I just lean out of my window and call out 'Time to get up! Wake up!' and eight hours the ticker tells what they think. This being so the ticker is now telling a very optimistic tale that afterward the echo comes back and wakes me."-

> anvils into that steamer," said he, "and a little chap "Try me," said Pat. And the boss put him t

over, saw Pat struggling in the water.

"Throw me a rope!" he yelled, as he went under

#### THE DESPATCH RIDER, 1914 (Dudley Clark, in London Opinion).

As the Arab is wed to his steed, so the man and the Linked by the list of speed, pledged to the thing to be done;

Having one end to gain, moulded in one desire:

And it's ride, ride, ride, in the sun, the rain and the wind!

It's ride, ride, ride, with never a look behind! The eyelids are red with fatigue; the bearings are clogged with dust! Iron to the Man: "D'ye think we can?"

Says the Man to the Iron: "We must!"

descends;

roadway bends; Death with the twain doth ride when the parching

cylinders fret;

For it's ride, ride, ride, in the glare of an autumn' people tangled in the gear.

dried in a crust! the Man to the Iron: "We must!" (By Walt Mason.)

tries howled for war.

And Ananias squirms and rolls upon his bed of red superdreadnought excels the American. Only in ton- hot coals. He mutters, through the brimstone smoke

"We did not violate a vow," the lecturer is saying this Commonwealth is a mighty man-o'-war. But our now; "we did not wreck a town or church, unless naval designers (and Congress) should know that the some snipers, from their perch, assailed our cultured

Cries Ananias, in his grief, "Where's my asbestos handkerchief? On hearing that, I'll have to shed a few hot tears, like melted lead. I used to think that The appointment of General Sir John Robertson I could lie, in those uncultered days gone by, just sub-

"The Belgian's land we did invade," goes on the speaker, undismayed; "but we were forced to do that same to block the brutal British game. The same excuse we can advance for burning synagogues in France, for every bloody move we've made, for every dirty trick we've played. When forced to war we hoped to fight like Germans cultured and polite, t follow up the golden rule, and make it like a Sunday But Britain wouldn't stand for that; she' school. like a fierce Kilkenny cat; she jumped on us with And Ananias, on his pyre, his hair and whiskers all afire, remarks: "This ends my claim, alas! I an not in that Dutchman's class!"

## EX-PRESIDENTIAL LIFE LICENSE.

When Professor William Howard Taft, discussing President Wilson's ship purchase project, says: undue literality. An ex-president is always entitled to a considerable margin of hyperbole for oratorical and rhetorical effect. As a matter of simple fact into the union subject to the general section of the B. N. A. Act, which adopts the principle of representation of the seems that Sir Max Aitken, the Canadian of the B. N. A. Act, which adopts the principle of representation of the seems that Sir Max Aitken, the Canadian of the seems that Sir Max Aitken, the schools and fire departments and penitentiaries and navies and forts and custom houses and public build. ings of all kinds and parks and Panama canals and Philippines and many other things which for the moment we are unable to recall, but which would add nothing essential to the thought.

#### IT'S LIKELY TO COME, NEVERTHELESS. War-making is not, and it is to be hoped that it may

never be, the business of Canada. Critics of the Gov member this for the good of the country.

The truce of the parties was a wise proceeding. I should be renewed, notwithstanding that it may be hard for either side to deny itself the privilege, or the satisfaction, of attacking the other. A general election in Canada at this time, with all the disturbance ncident-with the possibility that plans at length of the situation across the line, is a thing to be stuliously avoided.-Christian Science Monitor.

#### GOLD AND EXPORTS.

Movement of gold from Ottawa to New York emphasizes a recent statement of Sir George Paish that 'America is swimming in gold." He pointed out the fact that by the Federal Reserve Act, releasing over \$400,000,000 of gold, the lending power of bankers was increased as much as \$3,000,000,000. Our stock of "Then, sir," said the waiter, as he moved away, gold is about \$1,800,000,000 of which the Federal Reserve banks hold approximately \$256,000,000. apparent, therefore, that the amount of gold even-An American and a Scotsman were walking in tually to be set free for banking purposes will be minutes, the proud native, turning to the Yankee, need to import gold for some time to come. Wall

#### DISCOUNTING PROSPERITY. Wall Street says that men may talk as they please,

the ticker is now telling a very optimistic tale that includes a general revival of industries and better conditions for the railroads.-New York Commercial

\$2,924,629 was insured.

## The Day's Best Editorial

#### THE SNEAKS OF WAR

# If the twenty-nine members of the crew of the boards of directors. Modern condit

than their fellows in other submarines fallen prey their executives and managers. to an enemy. Never before has a single man of a Let Government regulation keep was worsted submarine survived to tell her story.

company cased inside her steel hull. If the gash Birmingham Age-Herald. be deep and wide there comes probably a merciful rush of sea and the end. But if, as is more likely, the wound be sufficient only to overcome the reserve buoyancy or ruin the equilibrium, there is only a slow, than that which tells the deeds of the m relentless sinking with the imprisoned men working the seas about our islands for the battle like demons for their lives, only to be crushed to pulp for the commerce of our country by pressure or to wait upon the bottom for death by Theirs is none of the excitement and man slow suffocation. How horrible this can be we know the. In tiny craft, exposed to all the through the careful record kept to the last and left storm and sea, they labor at their task by the commander of that Japanese submarine which ing the death in its most terrible form. her rescuers raised from the mud too late. There is little glorious about the service of a sub-

marine. She is the sneak of war's bloodthirstiness, vincible courage as our scamen of the creeping upon her victim like a murderer in the dark. Swift through the quivering air Death from the hill For her there is no defiant battle-flag, no glint of sun on wave, no thrilling roar of battle. She worms Herman Rosenthal was murdered in New York, July Leaps from the treacherous snare: lurks where the the horridly practical business of slaughter. Her seamen toil in silence amid mere machines. the scent of burning powder she supplies the reek of But the throttle is open wide, and the teeth of the gasoline. Her crashing broadside is but the backing cough of compressed air. And her end comes not with mastheaded ensign, but upside down with her

> And this is the service which takes the strongest, And it's ride, ride, ride, by the gleam of a wintry the bravest, the dauntless. There can be no trepidation in the spirit which guides the submarine twisting cannot see, and where death lurks everywhere, even neutral's grimy collier .- Hartford Times.

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#### WORKING OUT RAILROAD PROBLEMS.

The railroad companies will we which have been so disquieting of portation lines are managed to-da 1914 fire losses in Boston were \$3,075,677, of which spirit. They stand in the forefron They accept Government regulation for the roads and a good thing for a tendency on the part of some to persecute rather than aid the Gov that would promote businesslike re more extensive the railroad system greater the executive officials, and the domin

let public opinion crystalize around A submarine stricken by shell fire or rolled under ing the common carriers a fair deal, and w a rammer's forefoot goes to the bottom with her in the future little about government

## UNSUNG DEEDS OF VALOR

There is no noble chapter of the who the most part from the merchant ser fishing fleet, they have displayed the same London Daily Mail.

### FROM "ROADWAYS."

One road leads to London. One road runs to Wales. My road leads me seawards To the white dipping sails

One road leads to the river. As it goes singing slow: My roads leads to shipping. Where the bronzed sailors go

To salt green tossing sea A road without earth's road-dust Is the right road for me.

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Although Some Trade Heavy Realizing in

> Issues STRENGTH IN

tal Can's Surplus on Co Above that of 1914, When E 101/2 Per Cen

Exclusive Leased Wire to the Jo New York, March 31.— A mor of strength was shown at opening day since the advance started. giness was large, and public in y awakening. There was greate ission houses than on any Steel. Reading and Union Pac on the first sale. Amalgamate up at 63, and advanced to 631/2 on tions. Inspiration made a ne pening at 25. The news publis an advance to 16 cents in the price completion of arrangements for unmolested shipments to neu all factor. Allis Chalmers was

New York, March 31-Trading w ing the first half hour but indust sined more than their share of it. there was evidence of considera ling but sales were absorbed at s price An accumulation of good di seemed to be in progress.

Maxwell Motor issues were stroi ticularly the common which advar top of a rise of 6 1-8 in Tuesday Goodrich sold at 44 1-4 a gain of s a big demand for tires and the resumption of dividends within th Inter-Met. pfd. was a strong fea servers said buying was of exceller was bid for use of the stock. New York, March 31.-Heavy se

hour was absorbed and at 11 o'cloc active and strong. Some traders, a orably disposed than they had be week were not inclined to buy mu expectation that the governing con rede to the petition for a holiday of closing. Rock Island advanced with 31% at close on Tuesday and ast week. Accumulation appeared and it was expected that financial re oad would be adequately provided t was asserted very emphatical rs that New Haven had sold a c

the Ontario and Western to the wanna and Western. This transac partly the reason for the recent ac stocks. 'entinental Can's advance to 60% close on Tuesday, was attributed Indications are that for the current

common will be well above that earnings exceeded 10½ per cent. New York, March 31 .- Activity cor scale through the second hour and onstant tendency to broaden. New strong feature, showing an advance

sponse to the report previously is pany had negotiated a sale of its ho & Western to the Lackawanna. A considerable degree of strength stock advancing a point to 24% which it has sold this year. The advar sponse to February statement of lowed an increase of \$593,592 in neg

A movement in Rumely took the se preferred advancing to 91/2 and th npared with 4 bid for the former a er at the close on Tuesday. Interboro preferred advance to 66 se the interest in the rumor of a holders of that issue to accept divident, per annum and abandon their

dividends, it being asserted that if th this the stock would at once be place New York, March 31 .- Tehre was : activity in the early afternoon, I rket continued strong, although tr

leavy realizing in standard issues. sibly what was looked upon as tually acco umulation for a rise to ment of a British credit, which would ssity of liquidation of securities in o purchases of supplies.

As has been stated on several occurrence the past ten days, Europe is now but stocks instead of selling on balance. Erle issues were strong, the commor o 2558, the second 21/4 to 32%, and t red 178 to 4034 It was predicted that the bullish ac

that road would extend into other M. K. & T. advanced to 14 on rei of arrangements to take care of the vas said that Rock Island had the

o pay April 1st interest, and the bon idvanced with the stock, the 5s selling ared with 591/2 at the close on Tuesd MONTREAL CLEARINGS IN

Bank clearings in Montreal for the m lowed a substantial decrease from the nonth a year ago. Here is the compa 1915 ... \$198,451,52

.... 212,186,05 ..... 207,856,737 ROYAL BANK'S SOLDIER One hundred strong, the Royal Bank atreal Home Guard held its first o

ast night for inspection by Lieut.-Co The squad, in command of A. McAr the Grenadier Guards' armory to of the city and back.