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Foreign Minister Says Inter-Proposals Will Be Practicable.

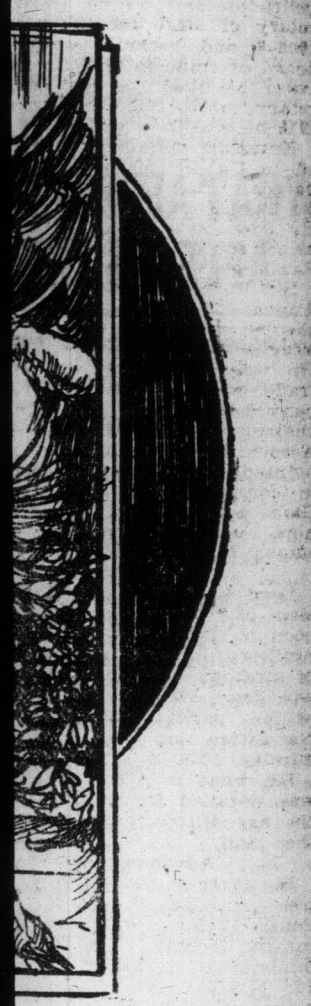
Feb. 13.—Dr. Simons, the foreign minister, speaking at a luncheon at the Hotel de Ville, declared that a closer examination of the Paris proposals only the judgment he had pronounced in the Reichstag, the speeches of Mr. Lloyd George and Count Sforza, and that none of them even show how Germany could secure annulment of all her debts, but merely advanced and baseless figures of magnitude of German ex-

German counter-proposals, minister would show that was taking her obligations and would take pains to reveal, which, the unadorned, fantastic figures, would have been of being practicable, the most urgent requirements of the allied countries. The allied countries, he contended, lay in a con- siderable problem too much as one and too little as a whole, and in complete neglect of the world's financial performances re- form.

izes Effort Duty. connection he severely criticized Germany's policy of strangulation by of Germany's economic with eastern states, in can only be taken in- tently if, instead of ideas and competition, ideas of solidarity are placed in it.

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## CHURCH TO ANNUL MARRIAGES STILL

But Civil Sanction to Such Annulments Cannot Longer Be Obtained.

Montreal, Feb. 13.—Simply stated, the privy council decision on the question of mixed marriages means that had the Earl of Minto and Miss Marion Cook been married by a Protestant clergyman instead of a Roman Catholic priest, as was the case in this city a few weeks ago, the marriage in the eyes of the law would be quite legal. The earl's bride was a Roman Catholic.

From the Roman Catholic standpoint, of course, matters take a different angle. The church continues to take the stand that it has the power to annul marriages whenever the contracting parties do not fulfil the rules laid down. The church will continue to annul such marriages—mixed marriages included, which have been contracted before a Catholic priest, but by reason of yesterday's decision it will no longer be possible to give civil sanction to such annulments.

Opens Way to Trouble. Obviously a strange condition of affairs will be brought about in time. From now on, more than ever, mixed marriages will continue to be contracted before Protestant clergy, and one may look forward to an increasing number of people applying to the church authorities to have the marriage annulled because it had not been carried out according to church law. Annulments will be granted which will leave the parties free to re-marry "in conscience," but if they do they will be committing bigamy in the eyes of the civil law.

May Amend Church Law. It is possible that the Catholic church will amend its law to conform to the decision of the highest court in the empire, as the Catholic church rarely tries to run counter to the laws of any country, but such a change will take time. In the interval a certain amount of confusion is apt to result in the minds of those who set church and conscience above the laws of the land.

## BRITISH CABINET GETS NEW BLOOD

Churchill for Colonies and Appointments to War Office and Navy.

London, Feb. 13.—King George recently approved the appointments of Winston Spencer Churchill as secretary for the colonies, Sir Laming Worthington Evans as secretary for war, Lord Lee of Fareham as first lord of the admiralty, and Sir Arthur Griffith-Boscawen as president of the board of agriculture.

R. Hon. Winston Churchill, soldier, politician and writer, was under-secretary of state for the colonies from 1905-8 and became president of the board of trade in 1908 for three years. Later he filled the post of home secretary, until 1911, and from then to 1915 he was first lord of the admiralty. Entering the army in 1895, he served in Cuba, and in the Indian campaigns. He acted as correspondent for The Morning Post in South Africa. He was born 22 November 30, 1874, eldest son of the late Right Hon. Lord Randolph Churchill.

Sir L. Worthington Evans, born on August 25, 1868, and M.P. for Colchester since 1910, admitted as a solicitor with honors in 1890, and retired. He was a member of the board of trade committee for reform of company law in 1905. Later he was vice-chairman of the National Unionist Association. At one time he was appointed special manager by high court in connection with the London and Globe and British American companies, following the Whitaker Wright smash in 1904.

New First Lord. Lord Lee, M. P. for Fareham division of Hampshire since 1900, was born in 1868. He entered the Royal Artillery in 1888 and was professor of strategy and tactics, R.M.C., Canada, from 1898-99. He was chairman of the parliamentary serial defence committee and civil lord of the admiralty, 1908-09.

He went into the war in 1914 and was detailed for special service with the expeditionary force as colonel on the staff. Advance Australia! Sir Arthur Griffith-Boscawen, former minister of education in New South Wales, was born in Westmeath, Ireland. In 1910-15 he was minister of public works and M. P. for N.S.W. For ten years he was a trustee of the Savings Bank, N.S.W. He published various pamphlets on current topics, including "The Truth About the Transvaal," and the labor platform.

ANOTHER FLORIDA LYNCHING. Ocala, Fla., Feb. 13.—A mob broke into the county jail here last night and seizing a negro who had been arrested on a charge of assaulting an armed white woman, took him to the scene of the alleged crime and hanged him. Before being strung up he was identified by the woman, as her assailant.

MRS. ELLEN STRINGER DIES. St. Catharines, Feb. 13.—Word reached the city yesterday of the death in Hagerman, Idaho, of Mrs. Ellen Stringer. She was born in Nottingham, England, in 1837, and had lived in St. Catharines for 70 years.

PADEREWSKI ARRIVES IN U. S. New York, Feb. 13.—Ignace J. Paderewski, former premier of Poland, and Mrs. Paderewski arrived here today on the steamship France.

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## WORKERS AT THE SOO FAVOR PULP FIRM GRANT

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Feb. 13.—The Soo Trades and Labor Council considered the question of the request of the Spanish River Pulp and Paper Company for additional tracts of pulp limits last night and it was resolved that a letter be sent to the minister of lands and forests calling his attention to the requests of the Spanish River Pulp and Paper Company and pointing out that this company has been very prominent in building up this district and at Espanola and Sturgeon Falls. It also has been very considerate of trade unions and has assisted us greatly and request every consideration be given to their application.

## BIG MOB IN ALBANY ATTACK CAR AND PLOW

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 13.—Albany's entire force of traffic police, mounted, afoot and on motorcycles, was mobilized this afternoon in front of the state capitol to handle a surging crowd of about a thousand persons, who swarmed around a street car and snowplow operated by strikers.

Shattering lines of patrolmen, who sought to keep them on the sidewalks, men, women and children flocked into State street when the trolley lost contact with the wires, stalling the car. Patrolmen and mounted men hacked away strenuously with clubs before the onrush was checked. The demonstration was the largest in number of participants that has occurred since the United Traction Company started to smash the strike of its 1,200 employees.

## QUEBEC CHRONICLE CRITICIZES GRANT

Indignant Over Banning of Wood's Book—Says Hearst Will Approve.

Quebec, Feb. 13.—(By Canadian Press.)—Under the heading: "How Times Have Changed," The Quebec Chronicle will comment, in part, tomorrow as follows upon the action of the Ontario minister of education in striking from the list of text-books for supplementary reading in the Ontario public schools, Colonel Wood's book, "Flag and Fleet."

It is highly probable that the distinguished author would have consented to modify them if he had been approached by Hon. R. H. Grant, instead of being exposed to public slight. Ontario has certainly fallen on altered times when such a thing can occur in a province that has always boasted its ultra-British patriotism. Evidently the sole danger to be apprehended from the neighboring government is not that it is composed of men who, in sentiment at least, are more American than British. The withdrawal of "Flag and Fleet" is a stroke of statesmanship of which Mr. William Randolph Hearst will warmly approve.

WILL BE U. S. CARDINAL. Rome, Feb. 13.—The Vatican announced officially today that the most Rev. Dennis J. Dougherty, archbishop of Philadelphia, will be created a cardinal at the secret consistory to be held early in March.

## TAFT GIVES ADDRESS ON UNITARIANISM

In Montreal Church Lists Lincoln and Washington as Unitarian in Leaning.

Montreal, Feb. 13.—Hon. William Howard Taft, ex-president of the United States, addressed the congregation of the Church of The Messiah here this morning as honorary president of the Unitarian Laymen's League.

Mr. Taft confined his address largely to a talk on Unitarianism and pointed out that out of twenty-seven presidents of the United States, at least five, and he thought six, had been Unitarians, since he claimed Lincoln as one and thought Washington in his general life agreed with the principles of Unitarianism.

## PREFERENTIAL VOTING LIKELY IN MANITOBA

Winnipeg, Feb. 13.—Preferential voting under the proportional representation system will be extended throughout the province if proposals to be submitted to the legislature are ratified, Hon. T. H. Johnson, attorney-general, stated on Saturday.

The chief feature of the proposed bill will be the addition of the preferential vote in single member constituencies, where there are more than two candidates running. This will bring the provincial law in keeping with the law which now governs elections in the city of Winnipeg and will insure in every case that the candidate elected secures a majority of the vote. The reform has been requested by various bodies, among them the United Farmers of Manitoba.

## PAPER SUFFERS BY PORT ARTHUR FIRE

The News-Chronicle Sustains Loss of About Twenty Thousand Dollars.

Port Arthur, Ont., Feb. 13.—Fire of an unknown origin today did upwards of \$20,000 damage in The News-Chronicle building. The plant was rendered useless for some weeks, the fire-proof building was itself severely damaged. The largest loss was caused by water to machinery and smoke and water to stock. The News-Chronicle and the Port William Bulletin, which was being published from its office, will now be issued from the office of The Port William Times-Journal.

A big hole in the floor over the boiler room indicates the spot where the blaze started. Thru this several type cases fell, while other type was melted by the heat. The linotype battery was also pretty well scorched while the paper stock in the job department was entirely ruined.

## AGED MAN WHO SERVED DECORATED BY BRITISH

Brookville, Feb. 13.—Terence Glasier, now in his 76th year, has received the British War Medal from the records office at Chatham, England, in recognition of his service in France during the late war. Glasier served with the Royal Engineers in which he was enrolled at the age of 70. He also served in the Penian Raid of 1870, the South African war, and in the Russo-Japan war.

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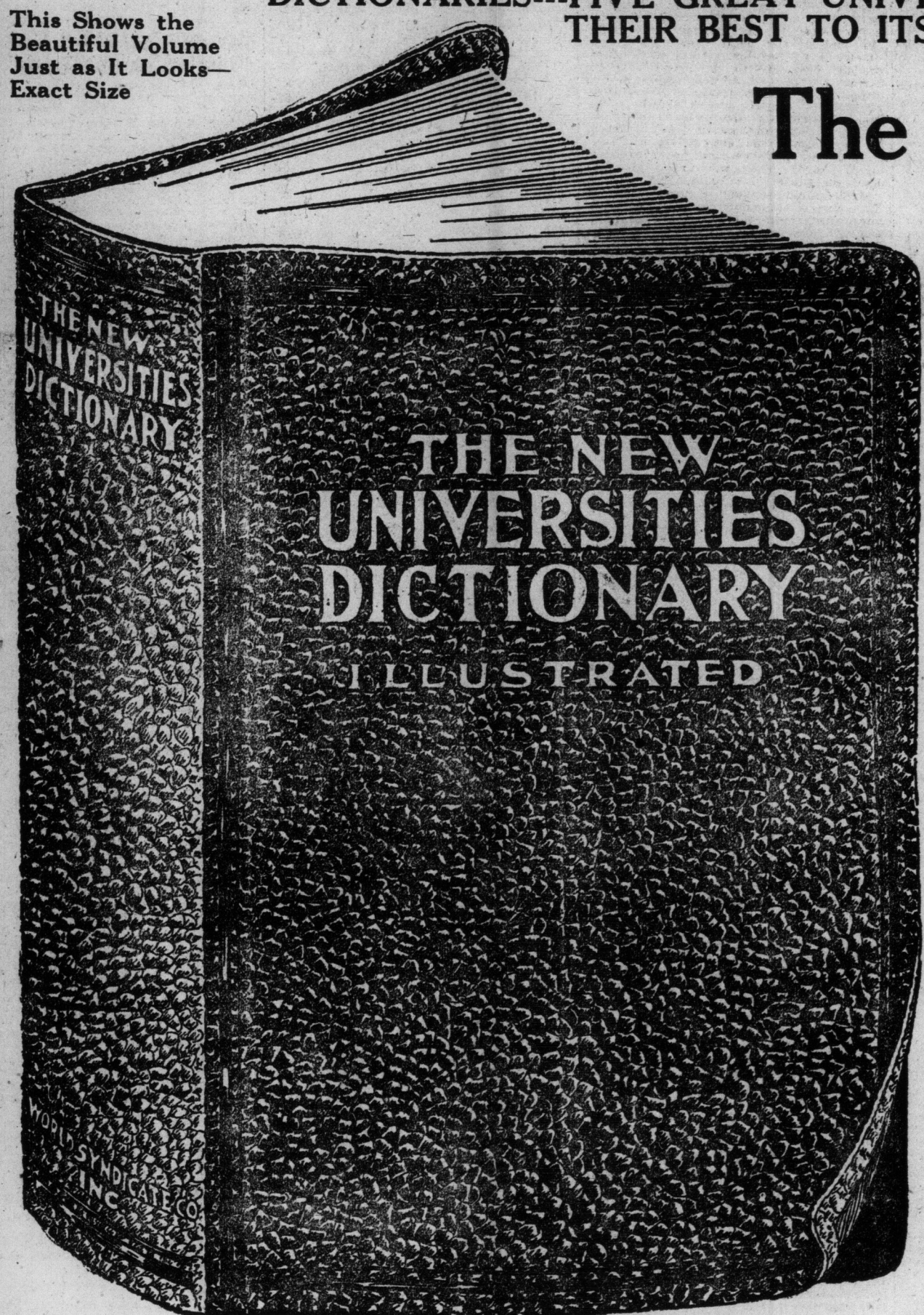
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