ance's Indebtedness to Britain Forms the Subject of a Note From the Latter

Seven Japanese Sailors Lose Their Lives in Vancouver Harbor---Sydney Wage Dispute May be Submitted to a Royal Commission---Session of British Parliament Begins To-morrow.

PUTS ITS BRIEFLY.

LONDON, Feb. 9.

...that Britain's note to France ex-...ing the Baldwin Government's ...on on the question of the repay-...of France's debt to Great Brit-...pears to be a much shorter docu-... than had originally been ex-... It lays down succinctly the ...ple on which Great Britain ... France will agree to meet her ...ations without going into any ...ls or figures. The idea is ad-...that details may be threshed ...n conference here should Prem-...Herriot or Finance Minister Cle-...el or both come to London for ... purpose. The main points of the ... are first, that Great Britain de-...s to agree that France's pay-...s should be dependent upon ...many's full payment of the Daw-... annuities, second, that with a ...w to facilitating repayments Great ...ain is willing to accept fixed an-... payments irrespective of the ...ves proceeds with a further an-... charge on the French share in ...e proceeds, and third that Great ...ain will devote any surplus be-... requirements for her indebted-...s to the United States to diminish ...burdens upon Great Britain's Al-...

...AL COMMISSION MAY BE AP-POINTED.

HALIFAX, Feb. 8.

...e conciliation board appointed by ... Federal Government to inquire ... the wage dispute between the ...ish Empire Steel Corporation and ... Cape Breton miners held sessions ...n yesterday and to-day and will ...again to-morrow, after which it is ...derstood that Dr. J. W. Robertson, ...men's representative, will leave ... Ottawa with the possibility in ...w that a royal commission will be ...nited to study the situation. ...rman J. H. Winfield would give ...o information to-night. Col. A. ...Thompson, Halifax, represents the ...poration.

...E JAP. SAILORS MISSING.

VANCOUVER, B.C., Feb. 8.

...he sailors of the Japanese fleet ...ing here are missing as a result ... launch overturning to-day. The ...se of the accident has not been ...nounced The launch was carrying ...arge party of shore leave men back ...their ship.

SAILORS LOSE LIVES.

VANCOUVER, B.C., Feb. 8.

Eleven men of the crew of the Jap-...se cruiser Idzumo in port here ...th the visiting training squadron of ...e Japanese navy met death just be-...e midnight Saturday, in the waters ... Burrard Inlet when the navy ...launch in which they were returning ...the cruiser collided with a tug boat of the Canadian Pacific Railway and sank immediately. The accident occurred off the Ballantine pier. Sixteen officers and men were on board the pinnace and seven were rescued. Of the seven, two, a non commissioned officer and a seaman, taken on board the Idzumo later succumbed as a result of their immersion in the water. Four of the drowned were non-commissioned officers and the remaining five seamen.

AN IMPORTANT SESSION.

LONDON, Feb. 9.

On account of the numerous domestic and foreign problems of importance which will present themselves for solution by the Hon. Stanley Baldwin's Government the opening of the parliamentary session next Tuesday is looked forward with exceptional interest. Up to Eastertide the center of the stage will be held by the Conservative party's newest recruit, Winston Churchill, Chancellor of the Exchequer, for during this period there will be little time to debate anything except the nation's finances.

STEAMER IN DISTRESS.

LONDON, Feb. 8.

Distress signals from the United States steamer President Harrison was received at the wireless station on the Isle of Chios, on the Agean sea, to-day, according to an Athens despatch.

WOLVIN AT HALIFAX.

HALIFAX, Feb. 9.

Roy M. Wolvin, President of the British Empire Steel Corporation arrived in Halifax to-night from Montreal. He gave out no statement as to the purpose of his visit but it is understood that he will meet members of the Corporation's Cape Breton staff here and attend sittings of the Winfield Conciliation Board here to-morrow. It is believed that members of the District Executive of the United Mine Workers will also be here to-morrow to go before the Conciliation Board.

DEMPSEY IS MARRIED.

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Feb. 8.

Jack Dempsey, world's heavyweight champion pugilist, was married here to-day to Estelle Taylor, motion picture actress.

HON. M. S. SULLIVAN AT ST. JOHN.

ST. JOHN, Feb. 8.

Paise for the Monroe Government in Newfoundland was voiced in an interview here to-day with the Hon. M. S. Sullivan who returned on the C.P.R. liner Montclare from England where he has been for three months negotiating for the construction of a large passenger ice breaking steamer for the Port au Basque-North Sydney service. He said that under Premier Monroe Newfoundland had cut down public expenditures, increased revenue and raised the colony's credit abroad.

ACQUITTED.

PARIS, Fb. 8.

Mlle. Stanislawa Uninska, a beautiful and talented young Polish actress, was acquitted to-day of a charge of murder of her financee Juan Zysnowski, writer and war veteran, who she shot and killed in a hospital here last July. She was passionately in love with the man and swore that she killed him to put him out of misery, because he was suffering from an incurable malady. The jury was out only three minutes.

SOUTH AFRICAN MINISTER'S REFORM EXPERIMENT.

CAPETOWN, Feb. 8.

A surprising social reform was carried out by the Minister of Justice without warning yesterday when he issued an order liberating all prisoners sentenced prior to January 1, 1925, to periods not exceeding three months and all prisoners serving for contravention of liquor laws whose terms had not more than six months to go. His plan was along the lines of giving minor offenders another chance, and was carried out without consulting other authorities, with the result that many old offenders were quickly arrested by sharp-eyed police who thought they had escaped. Some eight hundred prisoners were released.

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HEAR JACOBSON IN HIS PIANO SELECTION!

The Bootlegger and What to do With him

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir.—There is a species of humanity around to-day and a parasite, created through the possibly well meant efforts of the Prohibition crank known to the general public as the "bootlegger." The question that is disturbing the minds of a great many people is, what are we to do to curb him in his nefarious operations?

The law can in a measure deal with many classes of criminals. Even the "hold up" man and the hangers on of his ilk are beginning to fear the law. Capital punishment was recently meted out to some of these gentry in the city of Montreal in Canada. But "the bootlegger" has no fears. He's just fined and that's all, and he cares nothing for a fine. His profits from the illicit trade he follows are more than sufficient to cover any paltry fine. In other words his customers pay the fines administered by a presiding magistrate trying a case of conviction.

Now it is generally conceded that "the bootlegger" whilst trading on the weakness of human nature and breaking the law at the same time is not even giving his customers a square deal. That's bad enough, but here's where the shoe pinches—he is selling rank poison which has been known in many cases to kill unsuspecting consumers of this awful concoction known as "moonshine" or "rot gut." In other cases total blindness has followed and so on. One only has to scan the newspapers to be convinced that drastic measures have to be adopted sooner or later, and the sooner the better, to check this pest and grafter of the worst kind in all countries where the strong army of prohibitionists has carried the day.

In the United States of America and Canada vast sums of money are being spent daily and hourly to fight illicit traffic in "booze," "rot gut" or "fire water," as those venerable traders in the North western parts of Canada used to call them when sucking the valuable furs, etc., out of the poor Indian in exchange for a bottle of this stuff, some atrocious provisions, and guns which often exploded in use, and the scheme has most miserably failed. The heads of the departments admit failure, but still go on in the effort to hold down a job, since a great many of these "job holders" have been making handsome pickings or graft out of the rats they were set to catch. So it remains a big unsolved problem, and still unsuspecting and worthy citizens buy a bottle and pay a shocking price to the aforesaid "bootlegger," get half poisoned in the process of drinking it with a few convivial companions, and suffer bodily, mentally and physically various forms of torture. Query, what are we to do about it?

The Newfoundland Government have recently passed a law formally amending the previous Total Prohibition Law to be now operated on similar lines to that of the Province of Quebec through a Commission and sale depots. This was certainly a wise move. The Commission, however, does not yet seem to be in thorough working order. There are still abroad the same old suspicious looking black bottles, which are not officially stamped, labelled or capsuled by the Department. This stuff is as a rule "doctored up" stuff. Cases are sent out supposedly from the Commissioner to customers, and are opened en route, where, it is impossible to say, and refilled with the old unlabelled black bottles by crooks of another fold. So there's another problem to solve. This is not idle talk, it's fact. Other shipments never reach the customer. Now every man or woman is entitled to get what he or she pays out hard earned dollars for, whether it happens to be liquor or anything else. The "crooks" again step into the limelight and claim what isn't their property and "doctor it," later selling it at enormous profit. Unfortunately the "bootlegger" has been very active all summer and winter at our camps in Deer Lake and Corner Brook. It was great "pickings" for him. A small crop were caught and the usual fines imposed by the presiding magistrate, but what did they care for that? They just reopened again and made no secret of it. They were two means of making some of the unfortunate consumers very sick men, who had to give up their work and go home for treatment. Other milder cases were given a chance to brace up, which they did'nt do, being moculated with this awful "moonshine" concoction and were "sacked" or "blue clipped," so you can see what a lot of needless misery and sickness was caused by this damnable pest the "bootlegger."

Well to conclude this lengthy dissertation, the law apparently needs to be made extremely severe in cases of this kind. Make it easy for the man who wants to buy good liquor and see that he gets what he's paying for, and then he won't have fits and get disgustingly sick. Possibly the "bootlegger," when caught, if given a good stiff term of imprisonment on the first offence plus a sound trashing with the "lash" both before serving his term and on leaving the jail at expiration, might serve as a lesson to others and himself not to break the law but get down to hard work like many another ablebodied citizen, and become of some use in the community in which he happens to be living. There is nothing like the "lash" to put the fear of the law into some. Chief Justice Darling in England some years ago was set the task of ridding Liverpool of the "hold up" man and the "sand bagger," and the final remedy was the "cat o' nine tails" plus a good stiff sentence in jail. This soon made Liverpool and other ports where the sweepings of humanity largely resort, comparatively safe for foot passengers. Justice Hawkins was again feared by the criminal class. London was also suffering from a cycle of burglary and murderous attacks on police by thugs. Justice Hawkins passed the utmost limit sentence to those caught and the "lash" again had to be brought into play.

It's a drastic cure, savoring of the old slavery days, but what can be done about it? In this progressive age of education, etc., we still have to deal with human beings whose souls are dead to any form of appeal or reasoning. Through illegitimacy, or a chain of in-breeding or some other cause their mentality has been sapped of any form of decency, or possibly they never had a chance to learn owing to their surroundings and neglect in early childhood, and as for the safety of others, this feature of life never enters their minds. They are just savage animals preying on a community for an existence without honest labour or endeavour, and can only be dealt with as such.

In conclusion I trust you will be enough to publish this letter, somewhat lengthy, but it's a big subject. I am not a prohibitionist in any sense of the word, having been associated with the business in England for some years both as to manufacture and sale, also in Canada for a lengthy period before all this prohibition rumpus was started in 1914; but I, like many another, open minded on the subject, hate to see the business conducted under the existing conditions of hit or miss confusion in most countries, where the table trumping and scheming for votes by unscrupulous party mongers to gain their own personal goals first started. That was their job and they were paid well for it.

Yours very truly,
RICHARD F. PRINCE.
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The thousand cares from day to day
Which poor men meet along the way,
The makeshifts of the slender purse,
The countless woes I could rehearse
All these make up the cruel list
Of tragedies which he has missed.

Not him I blame for failing quite
To understand the poor man's plight,
To riches he was born, and so
The pinch of want he doesn't know;
But him I blame, who once was poor
And gaining wealth becomes a boor;
Who, freed from misery, want and pain
Ne'er feels the hurt of them again,
And dares to treat with cruel scorn,
The misery he himself has borne,
Or never gives a helping hand
To cares, which he must understand.

He who has never been in debt
May fancy life serene, and yet
About him there are care and woe
Which he may pass and seldom know.
But he who has been poor, and grown
To comfort, every hurt has known
And having suffered, he should be
Aglow with warmth and sympathy;
Nor should he, blinded by his pride,
From all who struggle, turn aside,
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