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New York—After visiting her husband in a hospital, Mrs. J. M. Hills was struck by an automobile and a few minutes later was back in the hospital as a patient. She will recover.

TOO MUCH TALK FROM HON. WESLEY ROWELL.

Toronto Telegram: Canadians should not applaud Hon. Wesley Rowell in Mr. Rowell's cheap suggestions to the effect that European diplomacy put 50,000 Canadians in soldiers' graves. In so far as diplomacy of the war in 1914, France was innocent of the responsibility for such diplomacy. The Great War had its primary origin in the hearts of 80,000,000 Germans, who were taught to believe that war was the easiest, most profitable, glorious game on earth. The war had its beginning, not in European diplomacy, but in Germany's delusion that the Huns had only to stretch out the hand of their military power and the mastery of the world was theirs for the taking. The Great War had its secondary origin in the heads of Britain's peace-mongering rulers. The Gladstones, the Asquiths, the Greys and other idols whom Hon. Wesley Rowell ignorantly worshipped, did their best to leave Britain unarmed against the German peril. The anti-dreadnought diplomacy of Laurier, Rowell & Co., did more than the worst forms of European diplomacy could do to arm Germany for war. The pacifist, Free Trader, anti-dreadnoughter, Hon. Wesley Rowell, represents a little Englander, native Canadian diplomacy that is more destructive of the world's peace than all the diplomacies that were ever heard outside of Potsdam.

A SLUMP IN FARMING.

Johannesburg Sunday Times: Something in the nature of a crisis has now been reached in the farming industry in South Africa. We do not mean that the outlook is gloomy, or that progress has not been made in the past. On the contrary, there has been a wonderful advance since agriculture got upon more business-like lines seventeen or eighteen years ago, and the prospects for the future are splendid, provided that the main problems which face the country are realized. But farming is undoubtedly coming to a standstill. It has got nearly as far as it will go, unless the land-owners themselves grasp the fact that upon them depends the issue whether agriculture is going to mark time or is going to expand on a still larger scale. The Cape farmers, who have been holding a conference at Port Elizabeth, admitted this by the amount of attention they paid to two subjects. One was the necessity for greater production. The other was the urgent need there is for wiping out stock diseases.

Many Had Narrow Escapes In Fire at Sydney Mines

A Number of Tenants in a House Owned by John McLeod Got out Just In Time.

NORTH SYDNEY, Dec. 16.—Nearly fifty people had narrow escapes from a horrible death when the three-storey wooden building owned by John McLeod, at Sydney Mines, was totally destroyed by fire just after midnight last night. The building was occupied as a store by Mr. McLeod who also lived upstairs, and several families occupied tenements there. The fire started from the kitchen stove, which became overheated, and spread rapidly through the building. A number of the tenants, who had to be aroused from sleep, just got out in time, and Mr. McLeod was barely able to grope his way to safety thru the smoke, with the flames roaring all around him.

Mr. McLeod valued the building at \$15,000, with \$7,000 insurance. He was unable to give a very accurate valuation of his stock this morning, but there was some insurance on it, and he estimated his loss on building and stock, exclusive of insurance, at \$10,000.

Finances of the United States

Some Big Transactions Recorded.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—A bill for \$840,000,000 against the United States government falls due to-day and at the same time the treasury is to collect \$650,000,000 in income and excess profits taxes.

About seven hundred million dollars in treasury certificates of indebtedness matured to-day, and at the same time the semi-annual interests on the first Liberty loan and the Victory Liberty Loan, aggregating about \$140,000,000 became payable. In order to provide for current expenses and to meet the remainder of the heavy obligations which matured in January, including \$300,000,000 in certificates, Secretary of the Treasury Houston has offered two new issues of certificates, aggregating about \$500,000,000.

Enter the Turk

The Turk is described as "kindly, lovable and honorable" by Rev. Dr. Robert Frew, for twenty years a resident of Constantinople. In an address at Winnipeg Dr. Frew said the Turk was the victim of propaganda.

One of the amazing revolutions worked by the war was a complete reversal of our idea of the Turk. Not so long ago the Turk was regarded very generally as an offensive person. It was customary, indeed, to praise the older generation of Turks and to lament their diminution in numbers, but the young Turk was described as an impossible person, cruel, deceitful and depraved. "The unpeppable Turk" was accepted as a faithful description of him. Few in civilized parts thought of him as a man at all, but as a sort of cross between a human being and a wild beast.

Enter the Turk, now, washed, combed and with his trousers pressed. He eats his food cooked, smokes and is a prohibitionist. His fondness for social delights is traditional. After all, what are the Armenians between friends?

Ask Harding Not to Smoke Cigarettes

Topeka, Kans., Dec. 20.—Miss Lucy Page Gaston, of Chicago, superintendent of the International Anti-Cigarette League and now in Topeka working in the interests of the organization, announced last night that she had sent a letter to President-elect Harding asking him not to use cigarettes. The letter concludes:

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