

Dirigible Dixmude Lost at Sea.

French Deputy Blames U.S.A. for Conditions in Europe.—80,000 Belgians Bring Suit for Damages Against Germany.—Union of the Churches was Never Less Likely than To-day.

GIGANTIC DAMAGE SUIT AGAINST GERMANY.
BRUSSELS, Dec. 28. Eighty thousand Belgians, deported by the Germans during the war, are bringing a monster collective damage suit against the German Government by virtue of an article in the Treaty of Versailles.

DIXMUDE LOST AT SEA.
PARIS, Dec. 28. An official announcement made this noon said the dirigible Dixmude has been lost at sea.

STILL HOPE FOR SURVIVORS.
PARIS, Dec. 28. The dirigible Dixmude is lost beyond return, but we have not given up hope of finding some of the crew alive, said an official in the Ministry of Marine this evening. Every human effort possible is being made to search the area where it is believed there is a possibility of finding survivors of the tragedy. The Ministry hopes that some message will be found on the body of Commander Grenadan, found by Sicilian fishermen to-day in an isolated village.

BLAMES UNITED STATES.
PARIS, Dec. 28. The United States was held chiefly responsible for the present conditions in Europe, by Deputy Paul Reynaud, speaking in the Chamber of Deputies on Friday to interpellations on the Government's foreign policy. M. Reynaud said America weighs on England's shoulders, England weighs on ours, and we are a burden to Germany. This is a strangely impressive pyramid. America will never relieve us of what we owe her. He cautioned the Chamber against the delusion of an international union as the basis of a general settlement. Attacking Premier Poincaré's Ruhr policy he said, should we leave the iron curtain there it would mean eternal hatred. Germany is bigger than France, she will try to press us, she will detest us. England does not like it, and for a long time we will be a sort of caravanserai, supporting both Germany's hatred and England's hostility.

NO SIGN OF DISABLED SHIP.
LONDON, Dec. 28. The United States Shipping Board steamer Conojos was reported last night disabled and sinking in the Pick Sea, 130 miles west of Batum. The scene has been searched but no sign of wreckage or survivors was found.

FRENCH PARLIAMENT ADJOURNS.
PARIS, Dec. 28. Premier Poincaré read this evening in the Chamber of Deputies a decree adjourning the parliamentary session. Both houses will reconvene Jan. 8th.

CHURCH RE-UNION.
LONDON, Dec. 28. The British Weekly, the great Non-conformist organ, commenting on the Church Union proposals at Malines, says Rome can yield nothing, her demand is full submission. The British people, in their corporate, never were less disposed for such submission. Any real compliance would rend the

Church of England from top to bottom. Prominent Laymen, both Anglican and Nonconformist, are saying much the same thing. Anglican Bishops and other high authorities in the Church of England are not disposed to comment on the matter at any length. The Guardian, a well known Anglican weekly, refers to the sanctified wisdom of the Archbishop of Canterbury, which enabled him to take the momentous step he has taken in connection with the question of re-union.

REBEL SUCCESSES.
VERA CRUZ, Dec. 28. Almost coincident with the news of the victory of the Rebel troops under General Buena over the Federals commanded by General Gardenas in a battle near Prapusto Guanajuato, insurgent headquarters here received word that the Obregonist forces had abandoned the City of Puebla from which the Rebels withdrew for strategic reasons several days ago.

JAP CABINET HOLDS ON.
TOKIO, Dec. 28. The announcement of the resignation of the Japanese Cabinet appears to have been somewhat premature. In view of the developments growing out of the attempted assassination of the Prince Regent Hiro Hito, the latter has requested the members of the Cabinet to continue in office for the present and they are expected to retire before the meeting of the Diet on January 20th.

INDIAN NATIONALISTS RESOLUTE.
POONA, India, Dec. 28. The National Liberal Federation has passed a resolution urging the immediate release of the Government of India and the local Government, from the trammels of the British Secretary of State, and the establishment of Provincial autonomy and complete responsibility in the Central Government, except in military, political and foreign departments.

SENATE COMMITTEE'S SHIPPING RECOMMENDATIONS.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 28. Extension of the coastwise shipping laws to the Philippines, separation of the emergency fleet, corporation from the Shipping Board, compulsory co-operation between United States railroads and shipping, and a survey of needs for a permanent Merchant Marine, were recommended to President Coolidge to-day by Chairman Jones of the Senate Commerce Commission.

LONGEST SEASON OF NAVIGATION ON ST. LAWRENCE.
QUEBEC, Dec. 28. The season of navigation for the year 1923 is, and will further prove to be, the longest since 1814, one hundred and nine years ago, according to a statement to-day, by Captain J. E. Bernier, noted Arctic explorer.

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U. F. Movements

Exploits, Dec. 28.—United Fishermen delegates were as far North as Twillingate, and held meetings all along the east coast. Thousands are signing the petitions for the bonus on fish and better conditions for labourmen and lumbermen. Delegates are going by Prospero to St. Anthony.

C.L.B. Old Comrades Lottery. Will those who have tickets for sale please return stubs at the Rooms, or to any of the Committee, so we can go ahead with the drawing.—dec28,21

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