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Hope For Ratification of Anglo-Irish Treaty.

Fight For Republic Will go on—European Economic Conference Suggested—France Makes Submarine Concessions.

WILL DISCUSS TWO QUESTIONS ONLY.

PARIS, Jan. 3. Premier Briand is determined to limit the agenda of the Supreme Allied Council at Cannes to two questions, reparations and the economic restoration of Central Europe. It was indicated in authoritative quarters today that it was understood he was in favour of subsequently calling an economic conference at which Russia and Germany may be represented. Briand is expected to consent to delay by Germany in paying the 1922 reparations claims, except for five hundred million gold marks. France believes Germany can pay this amount by April, although Germany officially has declared she cannot pay more than one-third.

BELIEVED RATIFICATION POSSIBLE.

DUBLIN, Jan. 3. At the close of the resumed session of Dail Eireann to-day, the impression prevailed that ratification was certain, but that the majority would be small. Daniel O'Callaghan, Lord Mayor of Cork delivered a very moderate, quiet speech against the peace treaty, and deploring the heat displayed on both sides proposed the question of ratification be left to a plebiscite. Michael Collins suggested that opponents let the treaty go through without division and permit the provisional government to be set up, after which they could carry on their fight for the republic. "You can redeem the country in this way, and take all kinds of glory and honour and we can have all the shame and discredit," said Collins. De Valera took

issue with this suggestion and declared his followers would continue fighting for the republic in any event.

FIRST SPEAKER AN OPPONENT.

DUBLIN, Jan. 3. Art O'Connor, Deputy for South Kildare, Dail Minister of Agriculture, an opponent of the treaty, was to-day the first speaker. He argued that those outside "howling at the Dail to support the treaty" had never done anything for the country. Michael Collins angrily interrupted saying "The farmers have a right to speak. Their houses are being burned all over the country."

THE SUBMARINE ISSUE.

WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. 3. The proposal to prohibit the use of submarines against merchant vessels, now the predominant issue of the Armaments negotiations, has been accepted in principle by France, but her delegates have reserved final approval pending discussion of the precision of the language of the declaration. British acceptance had been previously given, and although the Japanese and Italian delegations still awaited instructions, to-night there were indications that Tokyo and Rome would not interpose serious objections if the proposal received France's full approval. The French delegation are expected to insist on the stipulations that merchant ships be not permitted to arm or war vessels to disguise themselves as merchant craft. In making known their acceptance the French emphasized that they not only agreed to the original proposal that prohibition of submarine warfare against merchantmen became effective when all nations

agreed to it, but to the amendment of Arthur Balfour which would make the prohibition immediately effective as between the five powers.

TRICKS OF FISH TRADE.

GLOUCESTER, Jan. 3. Tricks of trade in fish were alleged and criticized by Mayor P. W. Wheeler in his inaugural address yesterday. He said, "I have seen harbour pollock split across the back and branded and shipped as mackerel, hake salted and sold as fine, fat Labrador, large pollock split down the back, salted and dyed pink and sold as ocean salmon. I have seen kits of mackerel each with a bottle of whiskey in the centre shipped to Maine. You can't build up a city on a platform of smuggled booze and rotten fish."

CANADA'S NEW COIN.

OTTAWA, Jan. 3. Canada is to have a five cent nickel coin. Minting is to begin this week. It will be issued as requisitioned, the older coin remaining in circulation.

WHEAT BREAKS.

CHICAGO, Jan. 3. Following a giant bank merger involving the Dearborn National Bank and the usual margin calling, wheat broke 7 1/2 cents to-day. May closing at 108 and July at 98.

RUSSO-FINISH RELATIONS DISTURBED.

RIGA, Jan. 3. Extensive military preparations along the frontier between Russia and Finland are underway by both Russians and Finns and the diplomatic tension is high. Both Bolshevik and Baltic Missions in Riga, however, expressed belief there would be no war.

DEAD AT 105.

NANVILLE, Ky., Jan. 3. Mrs. Sallie Helms is dead here, aged 105. She had cut her third set of teeth.

NO SUCH AGREEMENT.

PARIS, Jan. 3. The French Ministry of Foreign Affairs to-day issued a formal denial of an alleged Franco-Japanese understanding regarding the occupation of Siberia. Its denial letter was "From M. Sarrot, head of the French delegation in Washington to the United States Secretary of State" and says "the documents produced have been forged out of the whole cloth." Documents purporting to show that France and Japan had an agreement were made public in Washington Saturday by the delegation from the Far Eastern Republic.

AGAINST WAGE REDUCTION.

LONDON, Jan. 3. According to a Reuter cable from Johannesburg, the threatened coal miners strike started on Sunday night at Wetham. Indications point to the strike taking a peaceful course. The men are striking against an order for wage reduction.

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THE CRITICS.

The critics gather round me when I would play my harp, attempting to confound me with caustic words and sharp; they do not like the manner in which I hold my lyre; I smite it with a spanner, and that stirs up their ire. "Your poems are punk and hollow," the busy critics say; "why don't you try to follow where Homer led the way?" And once they used to pester me, but now I care no whoop; they cannot vex or grieve me, or place me in the soup. For evermore I'm clinging to one old-fashioned plan; in sawing or in singing I do the best I can. No matter what you're doing the critics will upstand, offending and beshrewing, to say you should be canned. If you are painting fences they'll say your taste in paint would shock our seven senses, and make an artist faint. And they will rate you soundly if you are trying grease, and they will roast you roundly if you are herding geese. There always are the knockers who watch you while you toil, repairing canestot rockers, or harrowing the soil; but if you keep on doing the best that you know how, their ceaseless cotton-chewing should never cloud your brow.

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Side Talks by Ruth Cameron

WHY ARE THEY RUDE?

In a letter that came to me from a woman in a distant city the other day was this passage: "I wish you could tell me why are women who are striving for some form of civic improvement treated with such scant courtesy by the public servants to whom they must go with their requests?"

"This is my experience. I have been working for the past few weeks to get the school nurse and health work, which most cities have had for years, established in our schools. This is surely a thing which most enlightened people would regard as an essential reform. It directly concerns parents and it does not seem to me an unwomanly thing for me to have done. And yet half the men whom I approached gave me about as much courtesy and consideration as they would have given to a blind beggar, although in every instance I asked for only five minutes to present our case and was careful not to overstay it."

He Sat and Let Her Stand.

"One man, the cotton leader type, a wealthy young member of a family high in the social order, after grudgingly making an appointment, kept me waiting nearly half an hour, did not offer me a seat, and wrote at his desk all the time I was talking. And he is paid to look out for the interests of his district."

"Of course there were some men who were considerable courteous and helpful, but they were in the minority."

C. L. B. Banner

PLACED IN WESTMINSTER ABBEY

On the occasion of their thirtieth anniversary which fell on Monday, 11th, 1921, the C.L.B. laid a banner in Westminster Abbey. The Banner was placed in the hands of the Dean of Westminster by Field Marshal Lord Grenfell, Governor and Commandant of the C.L.B. The following description of the Banner appears in the "Brigade" for November:

"It was worked by the capable hands of the workers at the Royal School of Art Needlework at South Kensington."

"The chief feature of the Banner is the familiar figure of St. Martin in the act of dividing his cloak with a beggar, in accordance with the well-known legend. St. Martin has been regarded as the patron saint of the Church Lads' Brigade ever since the Brigade's foundation."

"Among others who visited the Royal School of Art the Queen and the Princess Mary inspected the Banner and were graciously pleased to admire it greatly."

"The Banner has been designed by the Rev. E. E. Dorrington, who is well known as an authority on heraldry and on all matters relating to ecclesiastical art. It will be seen that the Banner, apart from the representation of the saint, has been designed on very definitely national and patriotic lines. The various emblems of the four kingdoms—viz., the three leopards of England, the lion of Scotland, the harp of Ireland, and so forth—will be recognized by everyone, as will the emblems of the three patron saints, viz., the Cross of St. George, the saltire of St. Andrew, and the

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I got what I went after but I had to put up with unbelievable rudeness. Why do you think politicians treat women this way?"

Had I been asked that ten years ago I should have promptly said: "Because women have not the vote. Once they become voters, the men's attitude will be very different."

Like Two Bits of Life's Picture Puzzle.

That answer, naturally, has been taken from me. And I was at a loss what to answer. And then in that strange way in which two bits of life's puzzle often fit together, the day after I got that letter I read an editorial on a political contest which is to take place in one of our large cities. Here are some extracts from it:

"C—O—is one of the few men in politics who believe that the coming of women into politics is a fine thing. He actually sees in the women's vote a tremendous advance in political thinking and one that warms his heart. Not one man in a hundred, politician or plain citizen, indorses such sentiments. Men in general will never admit women in political companionship until they are clubbed into it. If women only knew the antagonism there is among men to their political and industrial advance they would get the shock of their lives. However, the men are safe for years to come because it will take women some time to wake up to where they stand. When they do, there will be trouble in store."

I suppose that answers my correspondent's question. If it is true—a few defeats brought about by the women's vote are going to bring women the same consideration the man voter gets. More she should not ask for, and I hope she never does.

Attempted Arrest of Five M.P.'s.

In the reign of Charles I., there was a very considerable difference of opinion between that monarch and his Parliament, the king wishing to rule without the help of parliament and to spend the revenue as he liked. Years of argument culminated in parliament impeaching Stafford, the king's chief minister, for high treason and getting him executed. They then sent to the king a remonstrance, a paper in which all the king's misdeeds were fully set out. This made Charles very angry, and he thought if he could arrest the leaders of the House of Commons it would strike terror into that body. So he sent a message to the Commons demanding that five named persons be given up to him as traitors. The Commons sent an evasive reply. Next day, Jan. 4, 1642, Charles went himself to the House, accompanied by a mob of several hundred courtiers, cavaliers and retainers, mostly armed with swords. He gave a loud knock at the door, threw it open, and entered. Commanding his followers to stop in the doorway, he marched up the centre towards the Speaker's chair, looking round for the five members, who, having received warning, had just left by a back door. Not seeing them, he called them by name—Pym, Hampden, Haselrig, Holles, and Strode. There was no reply; the other members stood sullen and silent. Charles demanded of the Speaker where they were. The Speaker fell on his knees and said he could neither see nor speak but as the House

VITAL STATISTICS. City of St. John's, Within the Limits.

Total number of Births for month of December 1921	112	Deaths from five years and over	32
Total number of Deaths for month of December 1921	44	Cause:—	
Deaths under one month	4	Diphtheria	1
Cause:—		Pulmonary Tuberculosis	2
Convulsions	1	Phthisis Pulmonalis	1
Prematurity	3	Carcinoma Throat	1
		Carcinoma Colon	1
Deaths under one year	4	Apoplexy	2
Cause:—		Acute Mania	1
Convulsions	2	Chronic Mania	1
Broncho-Pneumonia	2	Tumor Brain	1
		Hemiplegia	3
Deaths from one to five years	4	Myocarditis	3
Cause:—		Heart Disease	2
Tuberculous Meningitis	1	Valvular Heart Disease	1
Menigitis	1	Mitral Incompetence	1
Bronchitis	1	Intestinal Nephritis	1
Pneumonia	1	Uraemia	1
		Rupture Bladder	1
		Senility	7
		Heart Failure	1
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Monthly Comparative Statement.

Years:	1919	1920	1921
Total number of Births for month of December	106	100	112
Total number of Deaths for month of December	61	61	44
Deaths under one month	5	5	4
Deaths under one year	4	4	4
Deaths from one to five years	2	13	4
Deaths from five years and over	50	38	32

Yearly Comparative Statement.

Years:	1918	1919	1920	1921
Total number of Births	901	1236	1230	1216
Total number of Deaths	336	631	697	595

Pulmonary Tuberculosis

Years:	1918	1919	1920	1921
Total Deaths	101	58	64	42

Infantile Mortality.

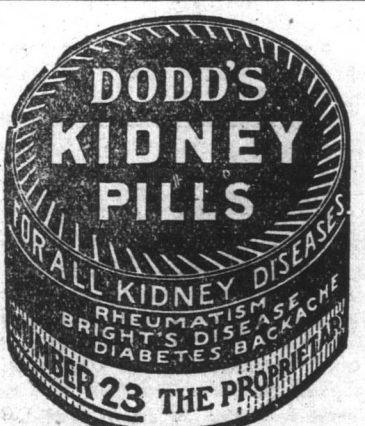
Years:	1918	1919	1920	1921
Total Deaths under one year	137	141	180	160
Rates per 1000 Births	152.05	114.07	146.34	131.57
Total Deaths from one to five years	90	46	72	45
Rates per 1000 Births	99.88	37.21	88.53	37.00

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M. C. L. I. Syllabus.

The syllabus of debates for the 5th session of the Methodist College Literary Institute, beginning Thursday, January 5th will be as follows:—
January 5th—Resolved: That the public interests are better served by would be by the Co-operative System.
January 12th—Resolved: That the time is opportune for the establishment of an Empire Parliament.
January 19th—Resolved: That the Legislature of Newfoundland should petition the Throne to the effect that no further Titles be granted in this Dominion.
January 26th—Resolved: That the Nationalization of the Fishing Industry of this country is both feasible and advisable.
February 2nd—Resolved: That the Government grant for educational purposes be made on the basis of school attendance rather than on the per capita basis.
February 9th—Open Night.
February 16th—Resolved: That the development of the Mobile River water power, now the property of the city, should be a Municipal enterprise.
February 23rd—Resolved: That women be admitted to ordination in the Methodist Church.
March 2nd—Resolved: That Flour Milling is a practicable industry for Newfoundland.

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March 9th.—Lecture: "The International Language," by Rev. R. E. Fairbairn.

March 16th.—Resolved: That the Fishery products of Newfoundland be exported in local bottles, and a maximum freight rate fixed by law.

March 23rd.—Resolved: That adherents of a Methodist congregation should share with the members in the management of Church business.

March 30th.—Resolved: That adequate food supplies for her population can be produced within Newfoundland.

April 6th.—Resolved: That the profits of Nationalism to world progress outweigh the losses.

April 13th.—Annual Meeting.