

Speech From Throne.

British Parliament Re-Assembles-- House of Lords May Be Reform- ed--Stern Measures to Be Taken in India -- Washington Confer- ence Epochal in World's History

THE KING'S SPEECH.
LONDON, Feb. 7.
In his speech at the opening of Parliament to-day the King said: During the last three months the Washington Conference on questions of disarmament and the Far East situation continued its sessions. A treaty signed to maintain peace in the Pacific has been signed by representatives of the British Empire, United States, France, Japan and Sweden. The Anglo-Japanese Alliance has been renewed. The long standing accord between the two countries has been renewed. The arrangements concluded. At the same time our relations with the United States enter a new and even happier phase of friendship. An agreement has been reached between the two Governments and a treaty has been signed providing a large measure of relief from the burden of armaments. In all respects great results have been attained and the success of the Conference for which the world owes a deep debt of gratitude to the initiative of the President of the United States will be the happiest augury for future international relations. The problem of repairing by Germany in accordance with the general interest engages the continuous consideration of my Ministers and of my Allies. The German Government, the request of the Allies, have themselves submitted proposals which are now under consideration. Discussions recently initiated between the Governments of France and Belgium with a view to a conclusion of agreements for common action in the event of an unprovoked attack by Germany. The situation in the Near East continues to engage the anxious attention of my Ministers and it is my earnest hope that the forthcoming Allied discussions will result in an early settlement which will terminate the conflict in a manner honorable to all parties concerned. The articles of agreement signed by Ministers and the Irish delegation, to which you already have assented, have now been approved in Ireland, and the Provisional Government contemplated in that instrument is at present engaged in the work of the administration of the Irish Free State as a partner in British Commonwealth is anxious to be invited to take an early and active part in the consideration of such measures as may be necessary to give effect to the provisions of the Bill of Indemnity which will be submitted to you. The great volume of unemployment among my people causes me much concern and will continue to receive the attention of my Ministers. The remedy for this distressing situation is to be found in the development of international trade and the improvement of conditions under which trade is carried on all over the world. For these reasons I welcome the arrangements now being made for the holding of an International Conference at Genoa, at which I trust it will be possible to establish peace on a fair basis in Europe and to reach a settlement of the many important questions arising out of the pressing need for financial and economic reconstructions. Proposals will be submitted to you for the re-organization of the House of Lords and the settlement of the differences between the two Houses.

GERMAN RAILWAY STRIKE OFF.
BERLIN, Feb. 7.
As a result of agreement between German Government and Trade Unions instructions have been issued to terminate the railway strike which had been in progress for some days.

WILSON'S DISORDERS.
LONDON, Feb. 7.
Indian office to-day issued a statement indicating the intention of the Government to adopt stern measures to suppress civil disturbances in the Province of Bihar. The statement adds the Government is prepared to discuss the demands contained in the recent manifesto of Mahatma Gandhi, Indian Nationalist leader.

ARMAMENT CONFERENCE'S RECORD OF WORK DONE.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.
The completed treaty, fourteen resolutions and ten separate or joint declarations of national policy comprise the formal and tangible contribution of the Arms Conference negotiations. By major agreements of the conference the Great Powers put their naval strength in line with the arms conference, and the use of poison gas, submarine warfare, and the use of poison gas, give China a new bill of rights, based on territorial integrity and an open door, and set up a new

der sentence of death upon convictions for the murder of two constables in Londonderry Jail last December, have been granted reprieves.

BESSIE A. WHITE ABANDONED.
QUOGUE, N.B., Feb. 7.
The coal laden schooner Bessie A. White, which went aground in a fog off Smith's Point, yesterday, will be abandoned. She was bound from New-
port, Ya., to Newfoundland.

Critics Should Wait for Text.

Editor Evening Telegram.
Dear Sir--It is fairly obvious that one must be fully acquainted with any subject on which one intends to write intelligently. This axiom is apparently unknown to the many who have been filling the local papers lately with criticism, favourable and unfavourable, of the so-called Humber Proposition or new "Red Deal." I know nothing of the conditions of the proposition put forward by the promoters, nor does anyone else, except those in a position to obtain official information. Consequently, I am getting rather tired of seeing it discussed in practically every paper I pick up. Surely it would be wiser, and to far greater advantage if all this comment of would-be critics were held back until the Government or the promoters of the scheme give the full facts to the public. Mr. H. S. Waite did publish a digest of what the promoters thought they would like to get. For all we know, the agreement which they are anxious to make with the Government may differ in every particular from the demands which Mr. Waite's letter made mention of. When the agreement is made public, then the critics should come into their own, and not before.

Yours faithfully,
Feb. 8, 1922.

Nickel Offers Strong Week-End Programme

NEW SELECTIONS BY POPULAR VOCALISTS.
Those who attend the Nickel regularly are patrons who know where to go to enjoy a most pleasant and profitable evening's entertainment, and the vocal programme as rendered nightly by Mr. George Dale and Miss Ruth Chase has already become known far and wide, and for tonight's selections they are of the most high standard for which these artists have become famous. The bill to-night also contains a beautiful social drama, entitled "Her Beloved Villain," featuring charming Wanda Hawley. It shows her as a vivacious French wife who sets out to punish her husband for a mild deception. In the punishing everybody concerned is enmeshed in a maze of complications that carries the plot along in the brilliant manner one always expects of French farce.

Wedding Bells.

A quiet but interesting matrimonial ceremony was performed on Tuesday night at the Methodist Parsonage, Cochrane Street, when the Rev. C. H. Johnson united in the Holy bonds of matrimony Miss Gertrude Brown to ex-Private Daniel Eastman. Only the intimate friends of both the bride and groom were present, the wedding taking place from the house of Mr. J. Brown, Allan Square. The bride looked charming in a costume of navy blue, together with a bridal veil and carried a bouquet of chrysanthemums and maiden hair fern. She was attended by Miss White. The groom was ably supported by Mr. F. Brown. After the ceremony the wedding party returned to the home of the bride's parents, where a reception was held. The groom's present to the bride was a cheque, and to the bridesmaid gold pieces and to the best man gold cuff links.

Some Glove Terms.

Reading glove advertisements we become familiar with certain words applied to gloves without being certain of their meaning. "Cape" for instance, as applied to a glove does not explain itself. It was originally used to designate the leather made from skins coming from the Cape district of South Africa. Strong, heavy, rather tight-grained leather, the soft, pliable, widely-worn glove in various weights now commercially known as "Cape" is made from sheep and goat skins of many lands and tanned and glue finished. The chamois glove was once made from the skins of the chamois goat of Switzerland, which is now almost extinct. Such a glove is now made from sheep and lamb skins, usually dressed with fish-oil. Doeskin is a rare and beautiful antelope skin, but the genuine doeskin is so limited in supply that sheepskin in colored chamois finish is used as a substitute in glove manufacture. "Pique" sewn gloves have lapped seams. In the sewing of the glove one portion of the leather is "lapped" over the other and sewn through, leaving only one raw edge.

AT THE NICKEL TO-DAY

RUTH CHASE
Soprano.
(A) JEWEL SONG.
(Faust)
(B) O PROMISE ME.
(Bokoven)
CHARLES HUTCHINSON
in
"DOUBLE ADVENTURE."



WANDA HAWLEY
"HER BELOVED VILLAIN"
ADAPTED FROM THE FAMOUS FRENCH PLAY "LA VIELOUSE"
ALEXANDRE BISSEAU & ALBERT CARPE
SAVING WOOD
ALICE EYTON

GEORGE DALE
Tenor.
(A) BERCEUSE JOCELYN
(Godard)
(B) EILEEN ALANNA
(Thomas)
"OUTING--CHESTER"
Delightful Travel Reel.
P. J. MCCARTHY at the Piano

AT THE NICKEL TO-DAY

NOTE:--Artists will sing each afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Harbor Grace Notes.

A very enjoyable time was held at St. Paul's Hall last night, when the members of St. Paul's Men's Bible Class, entertained their friends at a Social. Quite a fine programme was gone through, after which refreshments were served; the evening being a most pleasant one for those present.

Word was received here yesterday afternoon from Bryant's Cove, that a motor boat, apparently in trouble, had been seen off the Feather Point for a considerable time; with the hope that a boat, if possible, be sent out to render assistance, if necessary, as night was coming on. Our Ferry proceeded to the vicinity mentioned and returned with the report that the exhaust of an engine could be heard near the spot, and from the direction it appeared a boat was heading for Spaniard's Bay. Nothing further as to the identity of the boat was discovered.

Major Butler of the Employment Bureau is in town for the purpose, so we understand, of issuing tickets to our unemployed, necessary to obtain work on Bell Island, and will be assisted by our clergymen in this work.

Mr. William Dawe of St. John's, who was here spending a holiday with his grandmother, Mrs. A. Noel of the Southside, received the sad news yesterday, that his father, Mr. J. Dawe, (one of the crew of the schr. Inspiration) had been drowned. The young lad returned to his home by this morning's train. Our deep sympathy goes out to the sorrowing family.

Feb. 8th, 1922.
S.S. Mary, Capt. A. Bourne, arrived in port on Saturday night from Bell Island.

Mr. A. French, representing Messrs. Soper and Moore, St. John's, is in town to-day.

It is pleasing to note the success of two of our Harbor Grace girls in the last semi-annual international competitions of the Sloan-Duployan Shorthand Society for December 1921. Miss Magdalen Foley, daughter of Mr. John Foley, Postmaster, and pupil of the Presentation Convent here, in Class II, has won the silver medal for the best paper in learner's style. Miss Gertrude Parsons, daughter of Mr. Edward Parsons, ex-M.H.A., and also a pupil of the Presentation Convent, in Class II, has won the silver medal for accuracy in reporting style. Congratulations.

In Saturday's notes, in making mention of a party from Little Bay Island being in town, the name Mr. Sydney Parsons appeared; this should have read Mr. Sydney Jones.

The new Directory just published by the Avalon Telephone Co., has recently come our way, and is quite a complete one and a big improvement.

Debtless in 20 Years.

PROSPECT PREMIER TACHEAU HOLDS UP TO QUEBEC.
The hint that the Province of Quebec may proceed to wipe out its debt by profits on liquor sales was contained in an address of Premier Tacheau in the provincial house. Quebec was making a profit of \$4,000,000 a year on liquor sales under government control. He proposed that \$1,000,000 of this should be used by the provincial treasurer to extinguish existing debt. As the total gross debt was \$51,000,000 or \$23,000,000, if good roads debt were excluded the net debt could be wiped out in about twenty years by this method.

Bus Transportation Becomes Popular.

High steam and electric railroad passenger rates are proving a boon to operators of interurban bus lines around Detroit. Investment required is so small and profits so large that scarcely a day passes without announcement of new bus line enterprises. One company having an investment of \$30,000, operating four motor buses, is earning 70 per cent. for its stockholders after allowing for repairs, and replacements based on a four year use of equipment. A bus seating 20 passengers costs \$4,000 to \$5,000 and experience of this company shows costs including all charges are slightly less than 15 cents a mile. Three round trips of 50 miles each are made daily by each bus and with an average of 60 per cent. capacity load and 2 1/2 cents a mile rate per passenger, the daily net per bus has been \$18.

Response of travelers has been so generous that bus companies have advanced rates to 3 1/2 cents a mile in steam railroad territory and 2 1/2 cents a mile in electric line districts. Increases have extinguished any differential under rail rates without affecting volume of bus business.

Fire!

While the contents of our office in Cabot Building were completely destroyed by the fire which occurred on Sunday morning, we are glad to be in a position to resume business to-day. As our price lists and other information relative to Safe Cabinets and Victor Safes as well as our other records which were contained in a Victor Safe are undamaged.

Your turn may come next. Are your Records Protected?

Record protection is bought for one day--"The Day of the Fire." A Safe that protects your records at that critical time is cheap, no matter how much you paid for it. We can supply a safe for every business of a known, scientifically-proven protection against fire and prices are down to 121-1-6.

We shall be pleased to call and advise you, and enquiries addressed to P. O. Box 302 will receive prompt attention.

A Bottomless Pit.

Away on a lonely hillside in the Derbyshire moors, lies a dreadful chasm in the rocks, of no great width, but with a sheer descent to a tremendous depth. This is the bottomless pit of "Emiel Hole," regarded for centuries as unfathomable. The gap is surrounded by a low stone wall, and a projecting ledge at one end enables the adventurous investigator to peer down into the gloomy depths. For ages the chasm was regarded as a terrible place, popularly supposed to lead directly to the infernal regions. A gruesome story relates that three hundred years ago a man was lowered into the cleft to a depth of eight hundred feet. When the unfortunate fellow was hauled up again he was a raving maniac, and died eight days later. For centuries the place was regarded with superstitious awe and no real attempt was made to find the bottom until about 1700, when one writer stated that half a mile of rope had failed to reach it. As the whole of this district is honeycombed with holes and crevices, it is probable that the chasm of "Emiel Hole" leads to a mass of underground passages.

PRIZE LIST

WOOD OR COAL STOVE.	ELECTRIC OR GAS STOVES.
\$10 1st Prize	\$10 for 1st Prize
\$5 2nd Prize.	\$5 for 2nd Prize
And 3 Prizes of \$2 each	\$2 for 3rd Prize

Entries will be gladly received from all over the Island.
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BREAD BAKING COMPETITION.
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Green Grapes.
California Oranges.
Tangerines.
Red Grapes.
Fresh Celery.
Ripe Tomatoes.

FRESH EGGS.

Swansdown Cake Flour.
Rye Flour.
Pancake Flour.
Buckwheat Flour.
Graham Flour.
Paisley Flour.
Potato Flour.
Semolina.

FRESH BLUE POINT OYSTERS.

Fresh Supply Eng. Biscuits.
Shortbread.
Pat-a-Cake.
Fancy Cracknels.
Custard Cream.
Butter Puffs.
Lemon Puff Creams.
Cafe-au-lait.
Macaroons.
Ratafias.
"Fortis" Bath Oliver Oatena.

Try Our Own
Ground Coffee
Something Special.

COKE.

CHEAP FUEL FOR EVERYBODY.

Coke may be obtained at the Gas Works in sacks at seventy cents per sack throughout the Winter. Sacks may be returned for refilling at sixty cents each. ST. JOHN'S GAS LIGHT COMPANY.

C.C.C. Band Concert

CASINO THEATRE,
Feb. 8th, at 8 15 p.m.

Sir Richard Squires' Cup for Tug-of-War Competition will be presented to the Methodist Guards Old Comrades, also the Marathon Cup and Junior Medal.
PROGRAMME.
Band Selection.....C. C. C. BAND
Song.....MR. KARL TRAPNELL
Song.....MISS MARY RYAN
Recitation.....MR. T. H. O'NEILL
Band Selection.....C. C. C. BAND
PRESSENTATION OF CUPS AND MEDALS BY LADY SQUIRES.
Band Selection.....C. C. C. BAND
Chorus.....HOLY CROSS BOYS
Song.....MR. F. RUGGLES
Song.....MISS MARGUERITE HUTCHINGS
Song.....MR. A. WILLIAMS
Trio.....JARDINE, WALLACE, HICKEY
Dance.....HOLY CROSS BOYS
Band Selection.....C. C. C. BAND
Accompanist--MR. GORDON CHRISTIAN.
Reserved Seat Tickets, 75c., 50c., 40c., 30c.; Parquette, 20c. Reserved Seat Tickets on sale at The Royal Stationery Store. Phone 842. Feb. 8, 1922.

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THE CARRITTE COMPANY,
P. O. Box 983. ST. JOHN, N.B.
Jan 7, 1922

An afternoon street dress is a combination of black crepe and Capucine red silk duvetyn. Colored leather cord is effectively used on the cuffs and hem of the coat of a black broadcloth suit. Many beautiful afternoon dresses show flowing or wide, full sleeves held in by cuff or bracelet at the wrist. Jet buttons, and many of them, adorn a gown of kasha, ochre hued. Black-and-gold braid is also used as trimming on this frock. The up-to-date sports outfit includes knickerbockers and a skirt which may be worn as a cape. A novel sports crepe has a border decoration of white cotton velvet flowers in brocade effect.