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[Special To London Advertiser.] OTTAWA, Feb. 8.—Among the problems facing the new government looking toward economy, none the least is that of the consolidation of those departments which relate to

defence. On the creation of the new cabinet it was stated by the prime minister that militia, police, air force and naval forces should be merged under one minister. That minister is Hon. Geo. P. Graham, and the problem on his hands is one fraught with very considerable difficulties.

It is estimated that an economy approximating several million dollars may be brought about by the merger The chief economy looked for is in cutting down of "overhead charges," represented by the expense of administration.

The four branches or departments ffected are militia and defence naval service, air force and Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Have Many Generals.

The war is over and the militia oday is not so popular as it was, nevertheless the headquarters staff here is still at fairly full strength and there are over a score of generals drawing full pay or more who have no particular commands. In the days when the Liberal government was in power before there were only two-Many of those now in existence, how ever, are in charge of military tricts and have splendid military ecords.

It is not so much in the curtailing of the operations of the militia de partment proper as in the consolida-tion of all defence forces that the anticipated economy will be effected The air force as at present con stituted has an administrative staff of large proportions, which costs \$1. 600,000 per year to maintain. It is divided into three branches, military, civil and technical.

In the opinion of influential mili tary and air authorities its existence n this shape is not justified by results. Commercial flying has not proven a success in Canada so far. it is therefore suggested that the present air board be absorbed into the militia department and that several permanent flying units only be

maintained. Would Work Together. These, it is believed, will work in conjunction with the other branches of the permanent force, and there will be an interchange of officers from time to time. It is further considered that for training purposes these units can do any reconnaisance work which may be required by other government departments. The min ister of militia is chairman of the air board. Other members thereof include Gen. Watkin and Col. O. M.

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Agnes McPhail, M.P., To Sit Alone In Parliament To Avoid Jealous y!

OTTAWA, Feb. 8.—Party whips are busily engaged today in the task of allocating seats and rooms in the Parliament Building. In connection with the latter, it is stated that Mr. T. A. Crerar has sent a request from Florida, where he is now holidaving, that his party be given the fourth floor, occupied formerly by the Liberals, and that to him be given the room formerly occupied by Hon. W L. Mackenzie King.

Mr. Crerar takes the ground that inasmuch as he is relinquishing the official Opposition leader's salary, he should have some choice of quarters.

The room formerly occupied by Mr. King has been panelled with paintings symbolic of opposition. It is one of the handsomest rooms n the buildings, and was furnished largely upon Mr. King's suggestion.

It is suggested that Mr. Meighen take the quarters formerly oc cupied by Sir Robert Borden. Conservatives, however, want the Opposition room for their leader.

In order to obviate any embarrassment, Miss Agnes McPhail of East Grey, Canada's first lady M.P., will be accorded a seat to her self near down to the front. Otherwise, the problem of securing a seatmate for the lady member might cause jealousies, not to men tion discomfort to herself.

amalgamation of the Dominion and REPORT PRICES Royal Northwest Mounted Police was brought about by Hon. N. W. Rowell a couple of years or so ago under the new name of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and the turisdiction of the mounted men was extended to the East, so that at pres-

It may be said with fairly good authority that the mounted police proposed new amalgamation. however, considered likely that the Dominion Police and the secret serice will go back under the jurisdic ion of the justice department, where

they were before.

The naval service department a present covers naval service proper, hydrographic surveys, radiotelegraphy. fishery protection, etc. It is elt that these later activities might ust as well be left with the marine department, to which they are at present attached, but that the navy proper should be incorporated in de-

In the meantime, the ordinary at Powassan. estimates for all the branches and for the militia department are being repared for an act which will be required to bring about the amalgamation, and when the act has been passed the estimates will be adjusted

EVELYN NESBIT HAS LIVE "WAKE" burg

Washington, caused the capital police lence.

The Laborite extremists suggest was sentenced to death for violating Harry K. Thaw that newspapermen owners. t the capital who attended the trial. The government has issued a of Stanford White thought at first warning that concentrated move- in the water, and caribou and bear

While the Washington police were vired late in the afternoon, Miss Nes- LEAVE TO PROBE it, surrounded by a dozen friends. was celebrating her "death" in her apartment at 227 West Fifty-Second

DECLINE FURTHER

LONDON, Feb. 8.—Canadian Press able).-How considerable has been the fall of wholesale prices in the last twelve months is revealed by figures relating to 150 articles of food and industrial materials just publish ed by the board of trade.

The general average of prices for January shows a drop of 33 per cent will not lose their identity by the from the level of January, 1921. Cereals fell 40 per cent, meat and fish 38 per cent, iron and steel 53 per cent, cotton 19 per cent, and other textiles 23 per cent.

Prices are still falling. January figures showing a decline of 2.4 per cent from December prices.

FARMER BURNED TO DEATH IN BED

reached here tonight of the tragic death of Peter Shoemacher, a far- and invited Noice to join him on his mer of the Township of Himsworth, trip north. Noice consented. whose charred bones were found this fence.

Not the least of the embarrassments involved in the proposed merger is the effect it will have upon the existing heads of the various the existing heads of the various the existing heads of the various that exist the springs into the unknown with Stefansson's into the unknown with Stefansson's two companions on advance marches. Noice was the first to step ashore the existing heads of the various branches" or "departments" involved. The heads of the air board, aval service and police have rank The blaze was discovered by Nichof deputy minister. There is also a class Aultman, a neighbor, who atdeputy minister of militia in the tempted unsuccessfully to enter the company it. He bought person of Gen. Sir Eugene Fiset. To house. When the fire had burned a small schooner and started further accomplish real economy there itself out the neighbors found Mr. north. should be but one minister and one Shoemacher's remains, and they are deputy over all the merged branches. now lying at the undertaking rooms on the northern coast of North

AFRICAN STRIKE STILL UNBROKEN

1.ONDON, Feb. 8.—(By Canadian Press Cable.) The strike deadlock haunts of white men. in South Africa continues unbroken.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—The body of borites of the striking miners. The woman resembling photographs of former, while favoring the obtain- their customs and tongues, and comwelvn Nesbit Thaw, found floating ing of a republic by constitutional piled the first dictionary of their resterday in the Potomac River, near means, have declared against vio- language.

here to check up on their partial inciting the natives to demand more some primitive taboo. He escaped. identification. So marked was the wages, with the object of making esemblance to the former wife of the strike more costly for the mine Noice says. "The northland supplies

glance it was her body. Closer ex-amination revealed that it was not the body of Miss Nesbit, as she is drastic action will be taken in the event of disorders breaking out.

DELORME CASE

MONTREAL, Feb. 8 .- Coroner Mc- sold annually. "This is a live wake," was her Mahon stated today that he was greeting to a reporter. "If I decide leaving for Quebec this afternoon o commit suicide you can bet it will with Chief Lorraine of the provincial with a 35-story tower. be spectacular. No, sir, no drowning detective staff, and Chief LePage of the Montreal Detective Bureau, to speak with Premier Taschereau in connection with the Delorme murder, for me. I'm pretty much alive, as the Montreal Detective Bureau, to CANADIAN PACIFIC "VANCOUVER which has attracted the attention of the attorney-general's department.

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FROZEN NORTH Harold Noice, Who Rescued Steffanson in Arctic, Ar-

Harold Noice, youngest Arctic ex

plorer (centre), and photos taken by

him in the Arctic. Top, left to right: Noice's schooner, the "Polar Bear";

hut of hides. Below, an Eskimo

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Announces Intention To Return As Soon As Expedition Is Fitted Out.

[Special To London Advertiser.] VANCOUVER. B. C. Feb. 8 .-After seven years amid the snow and ice of the Far North, Harold Noice, Canadian, 26, world's young est Arctic explorer, who recently returned to civilization here, announces that he is going back to the northland as soon as he can fit out an expedition. Exploration, he has decided, will

e his life work. Why does Noice choose to spend his youth in a desert of ice, with polar bears, seals and an occasional Eskimo as his only companions? "Because," he'll tell you, "there are thrills in it!"

Seven years ago, Noice, a youth of 19, decided there was no more romance in the world. He boarded an Arctic schooner and

started on a motion picture trip through the northern seas. And now after having: Rescued Vilhjalmur Stefansson, amous explorer, and having become

his aide-Discovered new lands and peoples raced pre-historic races-

Suffered two shipwrecks Been condemned to death for vio lating the Eskimo law-Carried on alone ethnological geographic and archaeological re

search of world importance-Noice is satisfied there's plenty of thrills and romance for the man who sets out to find them

Employer Failed Him. When Noice returned to Nome after his first expedition north, his employer failed to meet him. So Noice decided to return on his schooner Polar Bear, for a trading

expedition. On his way back he sighted Stef ansson on a dreary, uninhabited NORTH BAY, Ont., Feb. 8 .- Word coast, sending out distress signals.

When the Stefansson party came His party wintered at Point Pierce,

America. Noice spent the winter excavating remains of a pre-historic race he had found. Pushed On Alone.

Spring found the crew unwilling to proceed. Noice sold his schooner and pushed on alone far beyond the

With a rifle as his only means of food supply, he went into Victoria Land, finding new lakes and rivers A definite split has occurred be- and finally reached the Copper Eski-He wintered with them, studied

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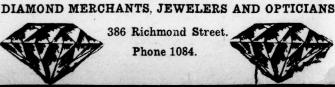
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