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### A Forecast of the Dawes' Commission.

A large part of the American press is of the opinion that the Dawes' Committee of international financial experts which has been at work on the reparations problem will arrive at a solution acceptable to all the Allies as well as to Germany. The Boston Transcript, however, remarks that "while the Germans may have been brought to their senses there still remains the task of bringing them to the cash window."

Although nothing definite has yet been announced by the committee, it has been learned indirectly that generally speaking the experts are of the opinion that Germany can and must pay. It is said that Reich gold exported from Germany to evade the payment of reparations amounts to about \$2,000,000,000. After a two or three years moratorium, the Reich will have an annual surplus of 4,500,000,000 gold marks—about 1,250,000,000, and she can easily pay the 132,000,000 marks which was decided upon in May 1921, if she is given a free hand.

In a communication sent to the New York Times the programme of the Dawes' Committee is roughly out-lined as follows:

"First—A bank of issue to give Germany good money, this bank to be internationally controlled to keep it out of reach of the German Government.

"Second—A moratorium for cash payments to give Germany a chance to recover financially.

"Third—A loan to be raised as soon as possible on the security of Germany's railroad system as a whole to enable Germany to meet payments for reparations in kind during the moratorium period.

"Fourth—A budget with a section for reparations into which shall go the surplus over the actual cost of running the Government, certain revenues—for instance, a part of the customs—be definitely earmarked for this fund.

"Fifth—A system by which revenues from the State monopolies may be used to raise the loans Germany may need.

"Sixth—International supervision of Germany's fiscal system to see that she carries out her part of the bargain.

"Seventh—A direct lien on the German railroad system for the Allies in return for Franco-Belgian surrender of the Ruhr and Rhineland railroads, this lien to be a guaranty for reparations payments."

The same dispatch names the following points which came under the attention of the experts during their investigation:

"First—Germany to-day represents the world's best-equipped and potentially most efficient industrial organization.

"Second—Germany is to-day practically without a domestic debt, State or private, whereas the victor nations are heavily burdened with a domestic war debt.

"Third—The Germans as a whole are paying less taxes than the English, French or Americans.

"Fourth—Germany if she shouldered the total reparations bill would have a smaller war debt than if she had won the war without indemnities."

On the other hand, the experts have noted:

"First—Germany is almost on the edge of financial chaos and needs a loan to get going again, especially to finance reparations payments in kind.

"Second—Germany must have stable money to get her economic machine going again.

"Third—Germany, while she has good crops, has not good distribution,

due to the economic difficulties caused by the fall of the mark.

"Fourth—Germany has exported capital to the amount of \$5,000,000,000, but now has only about \$2,000,000,000 abroad.

"Fifth—Germany has not a proper realization of her position and appears to lay too much importance on what she calls preserving her sovereignty.

"Sixth—Germany's tax system is bad because it lays too much of the burden on small incomes and not enough on large incomes."

Concerning the remarkable condition of the German railroads the correspondent goes on to say:

"With regard to the German industrial machine, the experts have found that the Reich's railroads both with respect to road-beds and rolling stock, are the best in the world. While she has not paid reparations Germany has built since the Armistice actually more locomotives and freight-cars than she needs. She has improved terminals, tunnels and bridges and the only part of her railroad equipment which is not entirely up to date is the upholding of her passenger coaches—which, incidentally, is what would be noticed by foreigners.

"Not only has the German railroad system been found to be the best equipped in the world, but it occupies the unique position of being the only railroad system which owes nothing. The fall of the mark wiped out all its obligations and to-day it stands free, the only indebtedness found by the experts being about \$40,000,000 for additional equipment ordered but not yet delivered.

"The German railroad system, practically all State owned, cost 25,000,000,000 marks to build and may be considered as being to-day worth 20,000,000,000 gold marks, or \$7,500,000,000. Without additional expenditure, for which the experts see no need for some time, the German railroad system occupies the position that all its operating revenue may be called profit.

"The profit of the German roads prior to the war was roundly 1,000,000,000 marks annually before payment of interest, some 400,000,000, but the interest item no longer counts. Traffic has increased, and when Germany gets back to normal conditions it is believed the roads should earn easily \$300,000,000 annually. This estimate is considered very conservative, since before the war Germany's railroads were run to make profits but primarily to serve Germany's national military and industrial machines, whereas it is the experts' plan that they shall henceforth be run as a business proposition for payment of reparations.

"It was also noted by the experts that since the war the Reich has added entirely too many employees to the railroads, largely to avoid payment of unemployment doles, and it is calculated that the employees can be reduced to 100,000.

Of Germany's unique freedom from internal debt the same correspondent says:

"It has also fallen to the notice of the experts that the debacle of the mark has produced a peculiar situation in Germany in that there were no reparations to be paid the war would have cost Germany nothing. The enormous borrowing for the conduct of the war may be disregarded because the people who hold those bonds now hold nothing. No effort is to be made to restore the old mark, so Germany's domestic war debt may be forgotten.

"The domestic war debt of either England, France or the United States is greater than the 70,000,000,000 marks total reparations the Allies ask, since the 132,000,000,000 often mentioned represents payments over a large number of years and the present value of the Allies' claims may be put readily at 70,000,000,000 gold marks, or \$17,500,000,000.

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### Pilfering Goods in Transit

Yesterday a detective employed by the agents of a well known steamship line apprehended a workman whom he suspected of breaking open a case of dry goods. When searched it was discovered that the man had hidden in his trousers a half dozen crepe de chene blouses. Importers of America and Canada goods are subject to much annoyance and loss by reason of pilferage which takes place somewhere between the places from where the goods are purchased and their destination. It is no uncommon thing for a merchant to find that his packages of merchandise have been tampered with so skillfully that his detection until the goods are checked up with the invoice. Most of the blame for the robberies is laid against those who handle the goods before it reaches this port.

**PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT**, (under the distinguished patronage of Lady Allardice) Grand Sacred Music Festival, Methodist College Hall, Thursday, April 10th, by Commandant E. Urquhart, assisted by best local talent. Reserved Seats 50c.; General Admission 35c. Plan of Hall at Dicks & Co. Particulars later. mar12,11

## Final Stages of the Commission of Enquiry

### Relieving Officers Receive Bonuses—Auditor Unable to Find Authority for Expenditure After 1923.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. Winter intimated Mr. Gardner of the Bank of Montreal in reference to evidence given in the Pit-Prop enquiry. Witness who is assistant manager, stated he wished to correct the evidence of Mr. Luscombe re the Auditor General's holding up of payment. The Act of 1923 appropriated 1 million dollars for relief. The account stands at the Bank of Montreal in debt, and this amount which will be earmarked from the loan which has just been raised, will be credited to the account on a cheque being given according to the provisions of the Act. This was a short discussion between the Commissioner and witness as to the powers of the Auditor General, and the Commissioner pointed out that Mr. Luscombe had not given evidence as to the powers of the Auditor General, but of his intention to veto the payment of the sum due under Pit-Prop account.

MR. W. DUNPHY, Accountant and Inspector of Public Charities, called and examined by Mr. Hunt, stated that he carried on the work of Mr. Dwyer until the appointment of Mr. Brownrigg. Witness said in a matter of policy the Poor Commissioner would have to consult the Colonial Secretary. About \$1 per capita is allowed for permanent and casual relief. Able bodied poor who were sick have been relieved from this department for the past 25 years. Relief is distributed by the 50 relieving officers throughout the country, and the per capita sum is sent out every quarter. Witness said that extra relief under circular No. 2 has been going on for the past 15 years. The scale of relief given out was left to the discretion of the individual relieving officers.

Under this head, the following amounts were given out:—

1915-1917	11,235.00
1917-1918	8,602.00
1918-1919	9,433.00
1919-1920	15,017.00
1920-1921	155,102.00
1921-1922	170,755.00
1922-1923	286,608.00

Asked why the amount given out for the first six months of 1923 was so much greater than during the same period in previous years, Witness said that destitution had increased. In April and May, 1923, \$128,000.00 was paid on account of able bodied relief, but witness could not state if

all the increase was due to the election. There was greater destitution in February and March although the expenditure was about 50% less. Witness said that sometimes relief was given out on the orders of the members of the district. These bills witness would refer to the Colonial Secretary for his initial. He did not remember if any bills were authorized by candidates. In going over the bills paid it was found by Mr. Hunt that quite a number of relieving officers had been paid bonuses in respect of extra work. The authorization for these payments, witness said, were a number of witnesses would refer to the Colonial Secretary as head of the Department. He did not think there was a Minute of Council authorizing the payments. A bill not itemized showing that \$158.30 had been paid Mr. K. Ruby was pointed out to witness. He stated that payment was authorized by the Colonial Secretary. Everybody who gave out relief was finally paid from the Department of Charities. Witness said there were a number of people in Trinity and Harbor Grace other than relieving officers who distributed relief. Some amounts sent in from time to time were refused payment, but the decision was always overruled by the Colonial Secretary's Department and settlement then had to be made. Witness said that the rush of work was at its height in March and April last year, and it was impossible for them to properly scrutinize all the bills that came in unless there was an increase of staff made. Witness said that usually they found that the prices charged for goods were fair and reasonable. Following the examination of Mr. Dunphy, Auditor Leith was called and examined by Mr. Hunt. Witness stated that so far he had investigated the authority for payments and procedure. He found that there had been proper authority for the expenditure up to 1920, but he could find no warrants for the periods 1921-1922. The expenditures were covered by loan. Witness stated he had not tested the vouchers and would do so during the next 48 hours. It was decided on this account not to sit to-morrow. It was announced that subject to any other evidence being called the enquiry would finish Thursday.

Adjournment was taken until Thursday morning.

### The Sealing Tragedy

Beyond the brief message received from Captain Keon of the Terra Nova reporting the drowning of the three unfortunate men, no further particulars have been received. The tragedy occurring so close to port has been the subject of considerable discussion, and surprise has been expressed that the owners have not been furnished with exact details of the occurrence. This was the least that might have been expected, considering that the Terra Nova is equipped with wireless, was in touch with the land, and that men from the Ranger were even able to walk ashore yesterday.

### The Woman of Bronze

**STAR MOVIE TO-DAY.** When she takes it for granted. When a woman marries she finds her greatest task in not letting him forget about it. Her winning of him to marrying him is a fleeting victory. The big job is holding him provided she wishes to. Vivian Hunt was that kind of wife: she did not want to lose her husband, and he, being a sculptor and endowed with the characteristic artistic inconsistency, was a particular elusive male.

Of Vivian's struggle and final triumph is the story of "The Woman of Bronze," which, as a play a few seasons ago in New York, presented Margaret Anglin with one of the greatest emotional opportunities of her career. It has recently been translated to the screen and, the star most fitting, for few could undertake the part as Clara Kimball Young. It is easily Miss Young's triumph of triumphs—even more thrilling and searching than her portrayals in recent Metro pictures, presented by Harry Garson: "The Hands of Nara" and "Enter Madame." Don't miss "The Woman of Bronze."

**RESPOND TO ALARM.** At 7.45 this morning the Western and Central Fire Companies were called to the residence of Mrs. Fennessy, Hamilton Street, where a blaze was being put out by a chimney. The services of the firemen were not required, the all-out sounding three minutes later.

### G.W.V.A. Sports

The G.W.V.A. winter sports take place in the Prince's Rink to-night, commencing at 8.15. The programme of events, which consists of some ten in number, includes many novel events, and an enjoyable evening's amusement can be looked forward to by all. The sports will be held under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency Sir Wm. Allardice, Patron of the G.W.V.A., and the Allied Consuls. With last night's frost "Skipper Jim" has prepared a good sheet of ice. The programme of events will be as follows:—

- 1-Inter-School Relay (4 boys, each 2 laps).
- 2-Once Mile (Open).
- 3-Ladies' Coloured Balloon Race. (Equipment required, Hockey Stick, Balloon. Rolling Ball, propelled by Hockey Stick only).
- 4-Mercantile Ice Rogatta, on Bobsledges. Teams 4 men and co-swin each; course, up and down rink, seated backwards, propelled by feet only. Identification, House flags.
- 5-League Relay. (3 men, each 4 laps).
- 6-Inter-School Girls' Relay. (3 girls, each 2 laps).
- 7-Half Mile Tandem. Skates—backwards and forwards. Option of turning about.
- 8-Ladies' Quarter Mile.
- 9-Mercantile Relay. (3 men, each 2 laps).
- 10-3 Mile (Open).

### Where to Go To-Day

For the half-holiday Wednesday matinee at the Majestic this afternoon the feature "Romance Land" is a very interesting play. The comedy and news reel are also standard releases which pleased those who witnessed them on Monday and Tuesday nights. The same bill will be repeated to-night. The great big attraction which movie and concert patrons are waiting for is the appearance of Mr. Cameron Geddes, who will arrive by the Rosalind to-day and in all probability will form part of the Majestic programme to-morrow evening.

Mr. Reginald Sullivan of Pouch Cove entered the General Hospital on Monday to undergo medical treatment. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery and hope to see him around again soon.

## See the Championship Dance at the Crescent TO-NIGHT.

THE EVENT OF THE SEASON—MARTIN DAY vs. HUGHIE VINNICOMBE

FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

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featuring BILLIE DOVE. A romance of the Theatre.

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In a Two-Act Comedy Scream.

## B. I. S. Celebration

St. Patrick's Night,

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MUSIC—SONG—DANCING.

Commencing 7.30 p.m. Sharp. Tickets, including Supper, \$1.00. mar10,41m.w.f.s

## Canadiens Win National League Championship

ELEVEN THOUSAND FANS WITNESSED GAME.

Canadiens . . . . . 4

Ottawa . . . . . 2

OTTAWA, March 11.

Eleven thousand fans witnessed the Montreal Canadiens win the National League Hockey Championship here to-night when they took the second of a two game series from the Ottawa Senators, last year's champions, and won the right to defend the Stanley Trophy against the Western Challengers. The score of to-night's game was four to two, and the aggregate score of the two games was five to two. The first two periods were fire to fire, but the last twenty minutes saw the Canadiens steadily holding to a defence game and hanging down a three goal margin. Clinching their hold on the championship and with no desire in their hearts to risk losing the lead by attempting more forward work, Morenz, Joliat and Boucher scored for the Canadiens and Denneny for the Senators. The following was the line-up:—

CANADIENS	Goal	SENATORS
Veina . . . . .	Defence	Benedict
S. Clegghorn . . . . .	Forwards	G. Boucher
Morenz . . . . .	Nighbor	
Joliat . . . . .	Broadbent	
Mantha . . . . .	Subs	Denneny
O. Clegghorn . . . . .	Chancey	
R. Boucher . . . . .	Campbell	
Cameron . . . . .	Helman	

This western series has not been completed, but the standing on February the 23rd was:—

	W.	L.	D.
Calgary . . . . .	17	10	0
Regina . . . . .	16	10	0
Saskatoon . . . . .	14	12	2
Edmonton . . . . .	11	14	4

### From the Gulf

A message to Messrs. Bowring Bros. from Capt. Wm. Bartlett, S. S. Viking, was received last night stating that the ship was jammed 15 miles N. by W. from Island. The message stated further that the steamers Stella Maria and Sable I. cleared by Farquhar & Co. were in sight a few miles to the eastward.

The Department of Marine & Fisheries have received the following message from Bonavista:—Strong E. wind, line and clear, no ice outside of Cape; Neptune passed 3.30 a.m.

### Mailman Drowned

A message to the Deputy Minister of Justice yesterday afternoon from Mr. K. H. Short, Cutwell, states that the Mail Courier of Lush's Right, named Cecil Parsons had been drowned yesterday, as a result of the dog and sled breaking through the ice. The message reads as follows:—"Cecil Parsons, of Lush's Right, Mail Courier, brother of Capt. Peter Parsons, was drowned to-day. Drowning was result of dog and team breaking through ice."

### Employee of Dock Injured

John Penny, a workman employed at the Dry Dock, had his foot injured yesterday whilst the S.S. Portia was being removed from the Basin. Penny was in the act of removing one of the side supports, when the spar suddenly jammed against the steamer, crushing his right limb before he had time to withdraw. The injured man suffered great pain and upon being removed to his home was treated by Dr. Patterson.

### To-Night's Lecture

At the Cochrane St. Church Lecture Room to-night, Rev. R. E. Fairbairn will speak on "Rubber Wheels and Rubber Heels," which will be illustrated by local sketches. There will also be vocal and musical selections. The affair is under the auspices of Cochrane Street Church Women's Association. There will also be candy and ice cream for sale.

## Services at St. Thomas's

On Behalf of Tasker Educational Fund.

There was quite a large attendance of members of the Masonic Fraternity at St. Thomas's Church last evening, when the annual service in behalf of the Tasker Educational Fund took place. The special order of service had been prepared with most uplifting and inspiring. The opening hymn was "O God Our Help in Ages Past," and this was followed by the service of Evening Prayer, with special psalms which was taken by the Rev. J. B. Elliott. The Scripture Lessons were read by Rev. Canon Bolt, following which came the Magnificat, Nunc Dimittis, Apostles' Creed, Vericles and Collects. Then another hymn which was followed by the sermon preached by the Rector, Rev. Canon Earp. Taking as a starting point the words of the 7th chapter, 1st Kings, verses 21-22—"And he set up the pillars in the porch of the temple: and he set up the right pillar, and called the name thereof Jachin; and he set up the left pillar, and called the name thereof Boaz. And upon the top of the pillars was lily work: so was the work of the pillars finished."—Canon Earp preached a sermon of exceptional power, one particularly applicable to the occasion. The pillars of the natural temple represented strength and the lily work beauty. The need of the world to-day was the strength of a firm faith and the charm of Christian grace. A collection in aid of the Tasker Educational Fund having been taken and another hymn sung, the service concluded with the Benediction pronounced by Canon Earp, and the National Anthem. Last night's service marked a new departure inasmuch as the brethren went direct to the service, instead of first meeting at the Temple and parading in regalia.

## Long Pond Road Needs Attention

Some attention should be given to the Long Pond Road which is fast becoming impassable owing to the formation of gulches. The many holes which pass this way going or coming from Portage Cove are put to much unnecessary suffering especially when drawing heavy loads. A few men from the Rock Sheds would put the road in good condition. It may be stated that the Higgins line which connects the Cove Road with the Long Pond Road has proved very satisfactory during the winter. In addition to the grade being much less than via the old route, a long round is cut off. This makes about 20 minutes in the difference of time between the G.P.O. and the Cove.

## A Heavy Loss

Messrs. T. & J. Dunn received word recently that their property at Makovik had been destroyed by fire in October. The cause is unknown. We learn that the whole waterside premises, consisting of three large stores, all stages, wharf, and contents of stores, consisting of traps, fishing gear, oil, gasoline, hardware and some provisions, were totally destroyed. Eighteen small houses near twenty-one boats were saved. The loss to the owners is a heavy one, being estimated at between \$25,000 and \$30,000, no insurance being carried. The premises and contents were the result of 25 years of Messrs. Dunn's activities in the Labrador fishery. Their many friends regret to hear of this misfortune, and trust that it will prove to be but a temporary setback to the firm's progress.—Hr. Grace Standard, March 7.

## Charged With Bigamy

A resident of Grand Falls named Patrick Healy appeared before court yesterday afternoon on a charge of Bigamy and was remanded for 8 days. It is charged that Healy on Jan. 24th last married a girl named Tilly Chester of Grand Falls whilst his former wife, Alice, whom he married on March 4th, 1919, was alive. The prisoner in charge of Const. Trickett was brought in from the paper town by yesterday's train.

## Personal.

Mr. Reginald Sullivan of Pouch Cove entered the General Hospital on Monday to undergo medical treatment. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery and hope to see him around again soon.

## In the

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R. Henderson—H

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J. Palmer—R

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H. Marshall—Win

W. Thistle—Cust

J. Maddigan—Bo

L. Bartlett—Hic

H. B. Hatch—R

B. Morris—Roya

T. Manning—Wh

O. Skeltoning—

J. Carberry—Bo

T. Embley—Bair

J. Edwards—Ro

D. French—Cust

L. Kavanagh—N

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C. McKay—Imp

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