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GREAT FIRE VISITS CITY OF QUEBEC

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Special to The Leader.
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OMINOUS WORDS AGAINST GERMANY

ARE UTTERED IN THE FRENCH CHAMBER BY THE MINISTER OF WAR.

PARIS, Feb. 20.—In the Chamber of Deputies M. Lefebvre complained that the people of the Department of the Meuse, who would have to sustain the first shock in a war with Germany, were greatly exercised by the activity of the Germans on the frontier between Longwy and Montmédy. General Piquart, Minister of War, raised a storm of applause when he replied that if the Germans were violating the neutral territory of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg France would take measures to meet the situation.

SCORES DYING OF THIRST.
Water Famine in Canaries Serious—Three Cents for Drink.

MADRID, Feb. 20.—The islanders of Lanzarote, in the Canaries, are suffering terribly owing to water famine, and scores of them are actually dying of thirst. The poor are going from door to door begging piteously for a drink of water, but there is practically none to be had. A pint of water costs at least 3 cents, and the poor cannot afford to buy it. The mayor of Arrecife, the capital, has applied to Las Palmas to send supplies by sea to distribute among the population. Owing to the desperate straits of the people many of them are emigrating to the other islands.

RAILWAYS TO BLAME FOR FUEL FAMINE

IS GENERAL OPINION OF MEMBERS OF THE ALBERTA LEGISLATURE.

Inadequacy of Equipment Described as Scandalous—Committee Will Likely Be Appointed to Take Evidence on the Question.

Special to The Leader.
EDMONTON, Feb. 22.—McKenzie, opening the debate on the fuel question, said there was no doubt of the abundant existence of coal in Alberta and the mines and miners could now supply all the orders that could possibly come to them. The only thing lacking was the facilities for hauling coal, a scandalous state of affairs. J. W. Woolf followed, corroborating McKenzie and suggesting a Parliamentary committee to investigate and record facts so that the House could act if necessary. J. Boyle, as secretary of the Grain Commission, doubted if the railways under the most favorable circumstances could handle the traffic. The inadequacy of their equipment was notorious. W. E. Simonds, of Lethbridge, cited the C.P.R. being granted the privilege of the Dominion of increasing their capital stock by \$20,000,000 on condition of the stocks selling at par, the money to be used to increase rolling stock. There was nothing to indicate that this was done and he proposed that the company be compelled to show what it has done with the money. W. H. Cushing, for the Government, asked that the question be laid over till Monday, as the Government are not prepared to take the question until they have had a Parliamentary committee as a commission is too slow in taking evidence.

SIR CHAS DILKE AND SUFFRAGISTS

ENGLISH RADICAL TO INTRODUCE BILL GIVING VOTES TO ALL ADULTS.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—A dozen women suffragists were released from prison this morning and afterwards entertained at lunch by their colleagues. Much enthusiasm was aroused by the reading of congratulatory messages from the National American Women's Suffrage Association which closed its convention in Chicago yesterday and from the Women's Suffrage League of New York. The text of Sir Charles Dilke's bill to enfranchise women was issued this morning. It provides for enfranchising every registered man and woman of full age residing in the area where an election, either parliamentary or local, is being held, and that nobody shall be disqualified by sex or marriage from being elected to either House of Parliament or the local bodies, or from exercising any public functions whatever. It is similar to the bill Sir Charles introduced last year and which was defeated.

FRISCO FEARS PLOT TO CRIPPLE SHIPS

SENSATIONAL REPORTS CIRCULATED OF TAMPERING WITH WARSHIPS' BOILERS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20.—Startling reports of the last few days seem to suggest the existence of a conspiracy to cripple and even to destroy two of the vessels of the Pacific Squadron of the United States navy. Discoveries have been made to show that the gunboat Yorktown narrowly escaped a boiler explosion. It has leaked out that a secret investigation was made and eleven rivets found missing from one of the Yorktown's boilers when the ship was about to sail for Central America. A report was in circulation to the effect that the boilers of the cruiser Chicago had blown up at Magdalena Bay, but the announcement of the arrival of the Chicago at Asajutla shows the report to be unfounded.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Jerome continued his cross-examination of Mrs. Thaw all day and it is likely that he will use several more days in the same way. He was adduced during the day that the money that Evelyn Nesbitt had drawn weekly from the Trust Company had been placed there by Stanford White. To several of Jerome's questions the only answer Mrs. Thaw would give was "I can't remember."

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—E. R. Williams, a negro architect, has filed plans for remodeling the abandoned grocery warehouse at Eighth avenue and Forty-sixth street for a department store to be operated for negroes exclusively by the Metropolitan Mercantile Company, of which P. Sheridan Ball, a negro, is president.



BLACKMAILED WOMAN GETS HER REVENGE

WIFE OF CHICAGO MILLIONAIRE SHOOT'S DOWN WOULD-BE TRADUCER.

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By Associated Press.
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JEROME MAKES A HOT TIME FOR MRS. THAW

WITNESS QUESTIONED FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—There was a great rush of people anxious to see Evelyn Nesbitt Thaw under the ordeal of cross-examination at the Criminal Courts building this morning, but only those provided with special credentials were permitted to enter. Even under these restrictions every available seat was occupied. Mr. Delmas was a few minutes late in reaching the court room. He came up behind Thaw, who sat in his accustomed chair, and patted him affectionately on the back. Thaw smiled up at him and for a minute they whispered together. Her face was slightly flushed as she took her place in the witness chair with her usual little smile at her husband's side. Mr. Delmas moved his chair inside the rail and seated himself beside the witness. He interrogated her sharply as to the details of her dress when she was posing for artists. He persisted in certain questions even after Mr. Delmas had objected and insisted on having the answers. Though Mrs. Thaw usually said she could not remember, "Was there any exposure of the person or did you wear so-called artistic draperies?" "I would not say that," replied the witness. "I posed in a Greek dress and a Turkish costume." Mr. Jerome pressed with questions as to the exposure of the person and Mrs. Thaw replied: "I posed with low neck draperies after I was on the stage. The pictures were like those ordinarily seen in photographers' windows."

BIBLE SOCIETY A HUGE TRUST

CHARGE MADE THAT PRICE OF BIBLES IS BEING FORCED AWAY UP.

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 22.—Charges that the American Bible Society is a trust were made by Secretary E. B. Stilson, of the Union Bible Society of Worcester, who asserted that the price of Bibles is being forced away up. This society has in its possession abundant proof that can be given to the public that more than justifies us in our unhesitatingly condemning the Bible Society Trust movement—a movement that does not take the name of a trust, but embodies some of its most objectionable features. "Because of an arrangement of societies and societies in the United States have found they could not buy a Bible of a Bible society in London or Canada without the consent of a Bible society in New York. The money sent with such orders has been returned." "While in two years 875 local Bible societies in the United States, owing to the pressure of the trust movement, have consented to annihilation or absorption, we have grown strong and extended our field of operation into three states."

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PHYSICAL STRAIN OF MURDER TRIAL TOO MUCH FOR NOTORIOUS WOMAN.

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