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## ? APART UBMARINES

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t, Washington Conference Will Likely Call a Plenary Session to Ratify Agreement as to Capital Ships — Reorganization of China's Finances.

(Canadian Press)

Washington, Dec. 28—A compromise proposal for settlement of the question of submarine tonnage of a basis of status quo for France, Italy and Japan and a reduction to 6,000 tons each for the United States and Great Britain appeared almost certain of failures today through objections by France and Japan when the full naval committee of the arms conference resumed sessions for the first time since Saturday. While the nature of the instructions from the French government on the submarine question received by the French delegation late yesterday had not been revealed, it was said in responsible circles that France would formally disagree to the U. S. proposal under which she would be allotted about 31,500 tons in submarines against the 90,000 ton figure suggested by French naval experts as her minimum requirement. Whether or not the French delegates were authorized to make any compromise on the latter figure spokesmen for the delegation declined to say.

The Japanese delegates already have atly rejected the U. S. proposal, which ould reduce their submarine allotment om 54,000 tons under the original mitation plan to 31,000 tons and, al ough they are communicating with okio on the situation, there was no inication today of any intention to recede om their stand for the higher figure.

Should the U. S. plan be finally rected, what the next step may be in effort to solve the submarine problem on which apparently hinges the enre question of limitation of auxiliary arship tonnage, had not been indicatl today. With so wide a difference f opinion revealed in the submarine ontroversy, however, there appeared to e an increasing disposition among the elegates to consider a plan for leaving the whole question of auxiliary tonnage o a later international conference.

In high U. S. official circles it was aid a concrete proposal for a future conference might be laid before the delegates within a few days.

**May Decide Today.**

Washington, Dec. 28 — Today will probably determine whether or not any agreement can be reached by the Washington conference on the restriction of submarine and other auxiliary craft. If no agreement be reached, it is likely that a plenary session will be called to ratify the naval ratio already established as to capital ships. No attempt at a reduction of land forces or airships will be made and the British experts upon military and aerial warfare have been excused further attendance. It, therefore, begins to look as though the chief future work of the conference will be the stabilizing of Chinese finances and the settlement of other outstanding Chinese problems.

**China's Finances.**

To, re-organize the finances of China's government so as to secure foreign capital already invested in railway construction and assure a fresh stream of foreign capital for an extension of the railway system is the problem which for the last six weeks has been receiving careful consideration from a sub-committee headed by Sir Robert Borden.

The sub-committee today approved a ort prepared by Sir Robert which s with the Chinese tariff along the s to some extent provided for by the mmercial treaties negotiated with eat Britain, the United States and er powers after the adoption of the en door policy of 1902. Those treaties provided for a five per cent. tariff upon valuation which were correct at that ime but in practical operation the duties now collected hardly exceed two per cent. The plan approved by the subcommittee, it is understood, changes the old valuations so as to yield China a five per cent. tariff and a certain proportion of the revenue derived therefrom will be applied to the payment of interest on foreign loans.

These loans were mainly devoted to railway construction and it is deemed important that the mileage should be greatly increased.

The government, it is said, can obtain money only from the sale of bonds for such construction by additional revenue from customs and the question of still further increasing tariff duties will, it is rumored, be committed to a new conference soon to be called in Pekin, in which the British Empire, the U. S., France and Japan will be represented.

Paris, Dec. 28—The French cabinet, after consideration of the submarine question, has unreservedly approved the attitude of the French delegation in Washington in firmly standing by the figures of 90,000 tons, says the Excelsior today.

Honolulu, Dec. 28—The official Japanese interpretation of the four-power Pacific treaty is that it does not apply o the principal islands of the empire so far as internal disturbances are concerned, according to a Tokio cablegram to he Nippi Jiji, a Japanese language newspaper here. "The Japanese Government," the despatch says "will handle ll internal disturbances in the principal lands without appeal to the other signatory powers.

Washington, Dec. 28 — France's last word on the question of limitation of submarine tonnage, a reiteration of her claim as set forth last week by her naval experts, will be delivered today to the arms conference, it was said by members of the French delegation as they went into today's meeting of the conference naval committee.

Reports that there might be further discussion of the subject with a view to persuading France to pare down her claims was described by members of the delegation as "a joke."

# Cabinet Making Is Nearly Done

## New Ministry at Ottawa May be Sworn in Today —A. B. Copp Down for Secretaryship of State— The Problem of Western Representation.

(Canadian Press)

Ottawa, Dec. 28—Cabinet formation is rapidly developing and today may see the last stage with the swearing in of the new ministry. Liberals are again gathering, although comparatively few have so far arrived, but more are expected on the afternoon trains. The allotment of portfolios, it is authoritatively said, still remains to be finally determined but the personnel, now that the negotiations for a Liberal-Progressive alliance have fallen through, may be expected along the general lines already indicated.

**The West.**

Representation of the western provinces is still a problem for solution. An arrival today was M. A. MacDonald, Liberal candidate in Burrard, B. C. Mr. MacDonald is understood to have been in view as a British Columbia representative in the cabinet but he was defeated in the elections. His name is again mentioned, the difficulty being to secure a seat for him. The same applies to ex-Premier Stewart of Alberta. Mr. Stewart has been here for some days and, had the negotiations with the Progressives gone through, there is every likelihood he would have been included. Now, as no Liberals were returned in Alberta, there would be difficulty in opening a constituency for him.

Hon. W. R. Motherwell, who was the only Liberal elected in Saskatchewan, is still here and regarded as a cabinet probability. He is mentioned for agriculture, but the portfolio, it is understood, has not been definitely fixed.

No provision is made for the representation of Alberta, but if arrangements now being attempted can be completed Frank Oliver may enter the cabinet at the last minute by way of the senate. The prospects of his entrance are not rosy.

It will be noted that Mr. King carried out his laudable intention of reducing the size of the cabinet to reasonable dimensions. The department of immigration and soldiers civil re-establishment will certainly disappear, and probably others.

The same authoritative source gives the following forecast of the destination of most of the portfolios:—

Mr. King will be premier and minister of external affairs and Mr. Fielding will go back to the finance department. It is not anticipated that he will be able to endure the strain of that ardous office for any long period and meanwhile Walter Mitchell, who will not enter the cabinet at present, will be in training as his successor.

Toronto, Dec. 28—The new dominion cabinet was announced in a special from Ottawa to the Star as follows:—

Premier and external affairs—W. L. Mackenzie King.
Minister of Finance—W. S. Fielding.
Minister of Justice—Sir Lomer Gouin.
Minister of Marine—Ernest Lapointe.
Minister of customs—James Robb.
Minister of militia—Dr. H. S. Beland.
Minister of public works—Jacques Bureau or R. Lemieux.
Minister of railways—W. C. Kennedy or Geo. P. Graham.
President of the council or postmaster general—Charles Murphy.
Minister of labor—James Murdock (not definite.)
Secretary of state—A. B. Copp.
Minister of agriculture—W. R. Motherwell.
Minister of the Interior—E. J. McMurray.

Other portfolios not yet allocated—Dr. J. H. King, Senator Bostock, T. A. Low and D. D. McKenzie.

According to information obtained from thoroughly reliable sources the Meighen government will resign officially before noon today and soon thereafter Mr. King will submit to the governor general a cabinet of sixteen or seventeen ministers.

SENATOR BOSTOCK.

Who may be included in the Hon Mackenzie King's Cabinet.

## ZITA FREE TO SEE SON ABOUT TO BE OPERATED ON

Berne, Dec. 28.—Former Empress Zita of Austria-Hungary is expected to arrive in Switzerland about January 8, coming by way of Paris from the Island of Madeira, where she and former Emperor Charles are exiled. She is going to Zurich under permission of the allied council of ambassadors and the Swiss government to be present when an operation is performed on her son, Robert.

It is said she may take two of her children back to Madeira with her.

## U. S. EXPORTS FOR THE YEAR SMALLER IMPORTS GREATER

Washington, Dec. 28—U. S. business houses exported $4,189,348,400 in merchandise in the first eleven months of this year, according to figures made public by the Department of Commerce, which also gave imports for the period as valued at $2,271,797,000. In the same eleven months in 1920, exports totalled $7,757,219,000 and imports $5,012,424,000.

## P. C. LARKIN NAMED AS POSSIBILITY FOR HIGH COMMISSIONER

Ottawa, Dec. 28—P. C. Larkin, of Toronto, is mentioned for the high commissionership in London.

## ALLIED SUPREME COUNCIL.

London, Dec. 28—George Harvey, U. S. ambassador, accompanied by Mrs. Harvey, left for Cannes, France, today He will act as observer for the U. S. government at the forthcoming conference of the supreme council, which will open January 4.

Paris, Dec. 28—Premier Briand has invited the British, U. S., Italian, Japanese and Belgian governments to be represented at the international financial and economic conference to be held at Cannes, Jan. 6.

# MR. CRERAR WILL DECLINE SALARY

## Will Not Accept Honorarium as Leader of Opposition in Parliament.

Toronto, Dec. 28—Under the heading "Crerar Will Decline Parliament's Salary to Opposition Chief," the Globe on its news page says of Hon. T. A. Crerar's visit to Toronto:—

"During the day several leading Progressives called at Mr. Crerar's room in the King Edward Hotel. J. J. Morrison, secretary of the U. F. O., was closeted with him for the greater part of the afternoon. Mr. Morrison was almost as loath to be interviewed as the westerner. He could not refrain, however, from expressing his satisfaction at the culmination of the negotiations He would say nothing regarding the actual proposition said to have been made by Hon. Mr. King to the Progressives. Mr. Morrison is delighted with the stand the Progressives elect have taken.

Everything has been conducted according to the principles of the movement.

He is especially pleased at Mr. Crerar's stand in refusing to accept the salary of opposition leader.

Mr. Morrison pointed out that during the election campaign Progressive speakers had criticized the government for making the leadership of the opposition a salaried position. By refusing that salary, he said, Mr. Crerar is acting consistently.

The U. F. O, secretary complimented the Progressive leader for the democratic way he had acted in regard to Mr. King's proposals. All the members elect were given a chance to state their position on them before Mr. Crerar went to Ottawa. There was no attempt made to influence them in any way. Only members of parliament attended the caucuses. Officials of the movement left the decision entirely to them."

## PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF ENGLAND FILLED

London, Dec. 28—(Canadian Press)—All existing public schools are full, according to Dr. Norwood, head master of Marlborough College, who announced at the annual conference of the Association of Preparatory Schools that if funds were available it was proposed to found a new public school.

More parents of all classes, he said, both at home and abroad were realizing the value of public school education.

The conference instructed the council to proceed with investigations with a view to realizing the project.

## MONTREAL SHOWS BUILDING GAIN

Montreal, Dec. 28—A gain of $7,000,000 above the figures for last year is shown in the total value of construction $21,275,779, of which $18,523,429 is for new construction and $2,752,350 for alterations and repairs. The building of the five million dollar Mount Royal Hotel is the largest single item. There were 2,659 permits for construction of dwelling houses issued within the current year and these were valued at $5,909,175.

## CIRCUIT COURT.

The case against George V. Parker, charged with receiving stolen goods, the property of E. R. Taylor was continued before Mr. Justice Chandler in the circuit court this morning. Fred Gallant, who was sent up on a charge of breaking and entering Mr. Taylor's shop, and who is now in jail awaiting trial, gave evidence. The case will be continued this afternoon. W. M. Ryan conducted the prosecution and D. Mullin, K.C., appeared for the accused.

The case for the defence was opened this afternoon. The defendant went on the stand and admitted that he had the goods, but said that he had purchased them.

## As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "I have discovered the saddest—the very saddest—of all sports."

"Any wuss'n bettin' on the next funeral?" queried Hiram.

"Much more depressing," said the reporter.

"I'd like to know what it is," said Hiram.

"Hake fishing through the ice on the Kennebecasis," said the reporter. "I weep when I think of it. You cut a small hole in the snow and ice and let down a long line and hook, and then you wait. You wait for hours. If peradventure a hake takes the bait he gives no sign. He just lays hold and waits. You do not even know if he wiggles his tail. You pull on the line and feel some resistance. There is no action down below. The hake is not interested. He lets you pull him up as if he were a dishcloth. You unhook him and throw him on the ice. He gives one or two feeble jumps, as if he wanted to go higher, and then yawns and lies still. That's all there is to it. By the time you have stood around for a few hours, first on one foot and then the other, sometimes gazing at the hole in the ice and sometimes at the miles of ice stretching up and down the river, you are ready for your own funeral. I know it—I've been there."

"I know some people," said Hiram, "that hes jist about as much interest in life as a hake. An' if you hed to live with 'em you'd git so reconciled to funerals that you wouldn't mind seein' one every day—no, sir."

## UNEMPLOYMENT

A committee from the board of trade waited upon Mayor Schofield this morning in connection with campaign towards the relief of unemployment which is being carried out. The committee advised the mayor that it was considering the taking up of the duties of registration and classification of workless men, but that there was a question of the possibility of being able to house a labor bureau, and the city was asked to hold this matter in abeyance until the council of the board of trade could consider it.

It was suggested that the secretary of the board together with J. A. Brooks, the mayor's clerk might get together and make a completed registration of all the unemployed in the city. The mayor said that if 200 registered men were found willing to take the work which the city had to offer, the council would authorize the proceeding with sufficient work to employ them. Then provision would be made to create employment for any more who were available.

The board of trade committee consisted of W. F. Burditt, M. E. Agar, A. P. Paterson, Alexander Wilson, and the secretary, R. E. Armstrong.

## THIS IS BIRTHDAY OF EX-PRESIDENT WILSON

Washington, Dec. 28—Former President Wilson today quietly celebrated his 65th birthday at his home here. While no deviation from the daily programme of the Wilson household was planned, many cablegrams, telegrams and letters containing greetings were delivered at the Wilson home. Several of the more intimate friends of Mr. Wilson called to extend their greetings in person.

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# WEATHER REPORT

*Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries. R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.*

Synopsis — Disturbances are centered over northwestern Ontario and Newfoundland this morning. Pressure is highest over Virginia and is rising over the North Pacific states. Weather has been fair, with somewhat higher temperature in the western provinces, while from the Ottawa valley to the maritime provinces it has turned somewhat colder with light snow falls.

Forecasts:—

Snow or Rain.

Maritime—Northwest and west winds, decreasing tonight; fair and cold today and early Thursday, followed by southwest winds; overcast, with light local snow or rain.

Gulf and North Shore—Winds shifting to southeast and southwest; unsettled, with light snow late tonight and Thursday, followed by southwest winds; overcast, with light local snow or rain.

New England—Fair, with slowly rising temperature tonight; Thursday unsettled and warmer, probably followed by snow on the mainland; diminishing northwest winds, shifting to southerly and increasing Thursday.

Toronto, Dec. 28—Temperatures:

| | 8 a.m. | Highest yesterday. | Lowest during night. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Prince Rupert | 30 | 2 | 18 |
| Victoria | 36 | 8 | 34 |
| Kamloops | 8 | 36 | 6 |
| Calgary | *2 | 12 | *2 |
| Edmonton | *4 | 40 | *8 |
| Prince Albert | 8 | 22 | 2 |
| Winnipeg | 10 | 8 | 10 |
| White River | 24 | 20 | *20 |
| Sault Ste. Marie | 18 | 12 | 12 |
| Toronto | 22 | 28 | 16 |
| Kingston | 8 | 34 | 4 |
| Ottawa | 0 | 30 | *2 |
| Montreal | 8 | 32 | 8 |
| Quebec | 10 | 28 | 8 |
| St. John, N. B. | 19 | 16 | 12 |
| Halifax | 20 | .. | 16 |
| St. Johns Nfld. | 30 | 34 | 14 |
| Detroit | 24 | 20 | 18 |
| New York | 24 | 26 | 24 |

*Below zero.

# DRUGS MAN IN POLICE STATION

## "Mr. Williams" Then Gets Away With Finger Print Evidence in Mail Robbery.

Oklahama City, Dec. 28—A stranger who represented himself as a post office inspector, entered police headquarters yesterday, gave an officer a narcotized cigarette, and while the latter was unconscious, walked out with finger evidence obtained by the police from a bottle of explosive used in a recent robbery of a Santa Fe mail car near Edmond, Okla.

The stranger introduced himself as "Mr. Williams." H. A. Murphy, an expert finger print taker produced the finger prints and was talking to the man about the robbery when the latter offered him a cigarette.

Murphy said that after lighting the cigarette he talked a few minutes to the man and then lost consciousness. His last remembrance, he said, was seeing the stranger reach for the prints and hearing him say: "Well, I got you that time."

No clue has been found as to the man's identity.

# FIGHTS ROBBERS BUT IS KILLED

## Bandits Slay Insurance Salesman in Hold-up in Brooklyn.

New York, Dec. 28—Bandits added another murder to the growing list in New York today when three men attacked and killed Charles Haves, an insurance salesman, in the East New York section of Brooklyn.

Haves bravely fought the trio when they attempted to hold him up. He was felled by a plow upon the head with a piece of pipe, and was shot in the groin.

A policeman, attracted by the screams of an unidentified woman witness, chased the men for several blocks but all escaped.

## TODAY IN THE J. C. PELLETIER CASE

Boston, Dec. 28—Counsel for District Attorney Joseph C. Pelletier won a brief skirmish which marked the opening today of the second day of the hearing before the supreme court on some sixty charges of misconduct on which a request for his removal has been made by Attorney General J. Weston Allen.

The court sustained a demand by Senator Reed, senior counsel for Pelletier, that Louis Epple, secretary of the Boston Licensing Board produce priyate records of the board showing a division of ownership in the Higgins Hotel. Meyer Berman, a part owner in the hotel, testified yesterday that he paid $50,000 in the fall of 1916 and the following spring to Daniel H. Coakley, a local attorney, to settle complaints made against the hotel, after Coakley, had advised him the payment would prevent indictments being returned against him, his two sons and his partner, Isaac Gordon.

In the Berman case, Attorney General Allen charged that Pelletier aided in the extortion of money under threats of prosecution.

## MENNONITE STORY WRONG

Ottawa, Dec. 28—Newspaper despatches appearing in the U. S. and also in some Canadian papers announcing that 200,000 Mennonites are leaving Canada for Mexico, have come to the attention of the Canadian department of immigration and colonization. The reports are greatly exaggerated so an official of the department said today to the Canadian Press.

According to census figures for 1916 the latest available, the total Mennonite population of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta was 37,604.

Accoding to telegraphic information at the department, not more than 500 Mennonites, including men, women and children have left or contemplated leaving Canada in the near future. This is a smaller total than the number of farmer immigrants arriving in Canada at any average week.

## LOSE HEAVILY ON LABOR PAPER

### Reported Offer to Turn the Herald Over to the Labor Party.

London, Dec. 28 — (Canadian Press Cable)—The publishers of the Daily Herald, the organ of the extreme labor forces, have approached the labor party, is reported with an offer to turn the paper over to them. The loss sustained in publishing the Herald is said to be £600 a week.

## OPPOSE SHIP SUBSIDY PLAN

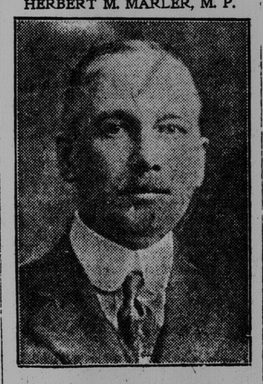
Washington, Dec. 28 — (Canadian Press)—President Harding's ship subsidy plan, though not fully worked out, will be ready to offer to congress soon after the holidays.

It will provide for a heavy expenditure in direct subsidies. Intense opposition to it is already developing in congress and it is generally regarded as doubtful whether it can be forced through, even under administration pressure. Agriculture interests are lining up against it.

**Montreal Tag Day.**

Montreal, Dec. 28—An estimate of at least $13,000 is made as the result of the tag day organized by the Montreal Unemployed Ex-Fighting Men's Association.

HERBERT M. MARLER, M. P.



Who was the successful Liberal candidate in the riding of St. Lawrence, Que., in the recent election.

# SEES GANDHI'S POWER GROWING

## Likely to be Made Dictator by the Ahmedabad Congress in India.

London, Dec. 28—The Bombay correspondent of the London Times predicts that Mahalma Gandhi will succeed in the present session of the Ahmedabad congress in securing complete dictatorship and that the congress will invest him with leadership and dictatorial powers over the congress organization and funds. He will employ these to extend non-co-operation, civil disobedience and non-payment of taxes with increased vigor throughout India, deliberately challenging the whole policy of the Indian Government.

Gandhi professes delight at the government's repressive measures, which he is convinced will disgust the moderates and close the ranks of his adherents. The correspondent thinks that this aspect of the situation is disquieting, for the constitutional government machinery is erected on the loyal co-operation of the moderates in the task of governing the country.

## GIVE UP SEATS OR RESIGN FROM OTHER POSTS

### Proposed French Legislation Would Affect Eleven Senators and Thirteen Deputies.

Paris, Dec. 28—Eleven senators and thirteen deputies will have to give up either their seats in parliament or their positions as directors of corporations if a resolution in the chamber of deputies is carried out, according to the L'Oeuvre. The resolution forbids members of parliament from accepting places on directorates.

Among the senators listed by the newspapers are Paul Doumer, minister of finance; Frederick Francois Marsal, former minister of finance; Pierre Marraud, minister of interior and Andre Berthelot, former president of the Industrial Bank of China, and a brother of Philippe Berthelot, who resigned on Monday as general secretary of the foreign office. Among the deputies named are Maurice Derothschild and Charles Dumont, former minister of finance. It is announced that M. Marraud has already resigned as a director of the Indo-Chinese Bank.

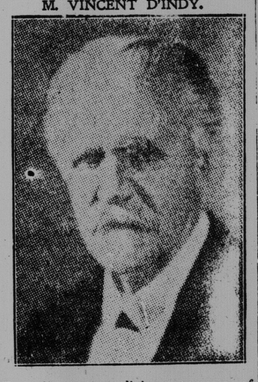
## BIG NIGHT FOR FREEMASONS IN MONTREAL

Montreal, Dec. 28 — Montreal Free Masons rallied in force last night for the annual festival of St. John the Evangelist, patron saint of the order, and the biggest and most widely celebrated Masonic function of recent years was the result.

In the speeches, emphasis was laid on the fact that so far as the Province of Quebec was concerned, Free Masonry was gathering strength by the addition of recruits in ever increasing numbers.

Practically every hotel in the city was requisitioned by the various lodges for their banquets, and the overflow was taken care of by restaurants and lodge rooms both in the city and suburbs.

M. VINCENT D'INDY.



France's greatest living composer of music. He is so far advanced in musical expression that French audiences have occasionally hissed him.

# ARE CALLING FOR RATIFICATION

## Significant Action Being Taken in Ireland.

### Several Sinn Fein Clubs Pass Resolutions Urging Their County Members in Dail to Vote and Work for the Treaty.

Belfast, Dec. 28—A convention of Sinn Fein clubs of North Donegal, held at Buncrana, has adopted a resolution by unanimous vote expressing satisfaction with the Irish peace agreement as "embodying the essential of Ireland's freedom and safeguarding Ireland's honor."

Reports submitted before the vote showed that each district in the constituency favored ratification of the pact.

The resolution called upon the six Dail Elreann members representing the district not only to vote for the treaty, but to use their influence to bring about ratification. Failure to do this, the resolution stated, would be regarded as betrayal of the best interests of the country and gross contempt for the opinions of their constituents. Donegal, although the most northern Irish county, is under the southern parliament, being one of the three counties excluded from Ulster under the government of Ireland bill of 1920.

Navan, County Meath, Ireland, Dec. 28—The urban council of Navan has adopted a resolution favoring ratification of the Anglo-Irish agreement. This action was taken at a meeting of the council on Tuesday.

New York, Dec. 28—Harry J. Boland, Irish envoy to the United States, and member of the Dail Eireann, expressed opposition to the peace agreement with Great Britain on leaving yesterday for Dublin to take part in the voting for acceptance or rejection of the pact.

"As I have read it in press despatches, I am against it," he said, "because, in my opinion, it will not bring peace between Ireland and England. We are asked by the oath of allegiance to foreswear Irish citizenship, and I for one am not prepared to do that."

# DID NOT TAKE SO MANY LOBSTERS

## Charlotte and St. John November Catch 3014 Hundredweights — The Canadian Fishery Report.

Ottawa, Dec. 28—(Canadian Press)—The catch of sea fish on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts for November totalled 487,542 cwts., valued at $1,332,116, as compared with 382,208 cwts. and a value of $1,155,115 landed in November of last year, according to the department of marine and fisheries.

A big increase in the herring catch on the Pacific was largely responsible for the higher figures. Cod, haddock, hake and pollock taken during November, totalled 55,781 cwts. compared with 61,812 cwts. for the same month of last year.

Lobsters were fairly plentiful during November but prices were low. In Charlotte and St. John counties, N. B., 3,014 cwts. were taken compared with 3,610 cwts. last year.

On the south-western shore of Nova Scotia, 22,955 cwts. were taken, of which 5,393 cases were packed, and 12,169 cwts. shipped in shell.

On the Pacific coast the catch of halibut totalled 31,331 cwts. in November, as against only 21,690 cwts. last year. A run of herring was very heavy, especially at Barclay Sound and in the vicinity of Nanaimo. There were 255,060 cwts. of this fish landed from the Pacific during the month, compared with 183,469 cwts. last year.

Three fishermen were drowned on the Atlantic coast during the month.

# ARMED RAID ON A DISTILLERY

## Auto Bandits in Kentucky Get Whiskey Worth $30,000.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 28—Five auto trucks loaded with armed men are reported to have swooped down on the Blue Ribbon Distillery at Eminence, Ky., and, after locking two guards in the office, escaped with whiskey valued at $30,000 early this morning.

Rouses Point, N. Y., Dec. 28—Between fifteen and twenty autos and approximately 200 cases of whiskey have been confiscated by customs officials here within the last month, so customs commissioner Harvey Ladd, in charge of the office here, said yesterday. The cars and contraband were on their way across the border from Canada when seized.

## KILLED MAN FOR TRIFLING LOOT

Chicago, Dec. 28—Charles Horner, a twenty year old youth, has confessed, according to the police, that he and a companion whose name is being withheld, killed Samuel R. Storer, a drug clerk, on Dec. 1, in order to obtain a large sum of money they thought was concealed in his room. They got $3, a ring and two suitcases filled with clothing.