

### BODIES OF 300 CHINESE GOING HOME FOR BURIAL

420 More Being Exhumed in Regular Five-Year Period for Transfer to Place of Birth—Silent Guard on Duty at the City Morgue.

New York, Dec. 21.—The bodies of more than 300 Chinese, recently exhumed at Cypress Hills Cemetery, last night lay in the City Morgue, guarded by silent, armed sentries. They are on the first stage of their journey back to the hands of their fathers. Not a word was spoken to the dead overheard and carry word to the Seven Judges. The guardians are specially selected by the Chinese burial societies.

service is held before leaving this country, but in China there is an elaborate ceremony. With each body is a complete history of the individual, together with a list of property and belongings. Yesterday Superintendent Pfeiffer of Evergreen Cemetery and a corps of grave diggers, began to remove 420 more Chinese who have died in this city during the last five years and were temporarily buried here. When these bodies are prepared for shipment they will be sent to Hong Kong, thence to the home of each individual, where they will find a final resting place among the bones of their revered ancestors.

### Girl Led Posse of Men Chasing Two Bank Bandits

Armed With Rifle Plucky Bookkeeper of Bank Directed the Chase.

Flora, Ill., Dec. 21.—Led by Miss Mildred Kelly, bookkeeper of the State Bank of Flora, Ill., a posse of several hundred armed citizens scoured a wood near here today for five bandits who, late yesterday, robbed the bank of between \$10,000 and \$20,000 in cash and Liberty bonds. Up to this afternoon no trace had been found of them. Armed with a rifle, the girl led the posse of men to all corners of the wooded strip, and then trailed them through the Coon Creek lowlands.

### Clergymen Taking Hand In Dispute Over Wage Reductions

Glace Bay Ministerial Assn. Pass Resolution Calling for Spirit of Fair Play.

Sydney, N. S., Dec. 21.—Because they declare that the "golden rule" is not being applied to local industrial problems, Cape Breton clergymen, as a body, are for the first time in many years taking a positive position in connection with mine labor troubles. At a meeting of the ministerial alliance of Glace Bay, which was also attended by Protestant clergymen from all the mining districts, the following resolution was unanimously passed: "Whereas, the highest courts of the Presbyterian Church in Canada have declared for the application of Christian principles to industrial relations and for the honorable getting and equitable distribution of wealth and its administration in trust for the public good;

"And whereas, the closing down of certain of our collieries, and the mine and car shops, at this time of the year, seems to be a violation of the spirit of fair play and a disregard of the human element in industry;

"And whereas, much suffering has already ensued among our people by this closing down of industry;

"Therefore, the Ministerial Alliance of Glace Bay and vicinity, resolve that we do publicly and emphatically disapprove of such methods in business, and claim that the men have a right to the full confidence of the British Empire Steel Corporation in any re-arrangement of prices of labor where that is necessary, and that in settlements of all disputes, the rights and conditions of all parties concerned should be laid upon the table for the consideration and scrutiny of the parties concerned. We contend that 'cost sheets' and 'cost of living' are two of the prime factors in the settlement of the present dispute, and should be open to the inspection of all parties."

### 30,000 Cuban Paraders Protest Fordney Bill

U. S. Must Not Destroy Fruit of Own Work, Says Plea.

Havana, Dec. 21.—A demonstration was held here today against the Fordney tariff bill. Thirty thousand persons paraded the streets. The marchers, who were orderly, carried Cuban flags and banners on which were inscribed in Spanish and English the demand for a "square deal" and the warning that the proposed tariff would mean "Cuba's ruin."

A statement presented to President Kayas and Major-Gen. E. H. Crowder after the demonstration by M. Arango, president of the Association of Sugar Mill Owners and Planters, which arranged the parade, declared: "The United States must not destroy the fruit of its own work in Cuba by enforcing ruinous tariff rates against her sugar and tobacco." The statement suggests that the remedy be sought in a new, permanent commercial treaty, to be negotiated as early a date as possible.

Sergeant Wm. E. Winston, of Carrington Field, Florida, is the only enlisted man in the United States Army that has 2,000 hours of flying to his credit. Sergeant Winston is a thoroughly qualified aviator and instructor in aeronautics.

Compensation claims for losses or injuries to former service men, amounting to \$7,323,416 a year, are being sent by the United States Treasury to 86 foreign countries. Daily receipts of the largest proportion of money are claimed and Ireland ranks second.

### Auditor-General Overridden By The Government

Pays \$3,000,000 to Dom. Steel Co. in Connection With Claims for Damages.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 21.—The Government has overridden the Auditor General and paid \$3,000,000 to the Dominion Steel Company in connection with its claims for damages for the cancellation of the contract for the plate mill at Sydney. Before the recent election, the company, which had entered an action in the Exchequer Court, by consent of the Government, offered to settle for \$4,500,000 without going to trial. Its claim was for \$5,300,000. The Government undertook to pay three million of this, and an order in council authorizing payment was passed before the election. It was held up by the Auditor General on the ground that the case was before the courts, and also, that there was no appropriation from which it could be paid. The treasury board, which is a sub-committee of the Cabinet, overruled the Auditor a few days ago and the company has got its check in charge to demobilization. While paying \$3,000,000 the Government leaves to its successor to say whether or not the balance of \$1,600,000 should be paid.

### Jilted Lover Runs Amuck, Killing Two, Wounding Third

Slayer Then Ends His Own Life in His Insane Outburst.

Philadelphia, Dec. 21.—Two women were shot and killed, a third was wounded, probably fatally, and the slayer ended his own life in a supposed insane outburst today in a rooming house in West Philadelphia. The dead are Mrs. Mianie Warrington, who conducted the house; Mrs. Bella Drake 66 years old, a roomer and Cornelius Cole the slayer, 45, who was a cousin of Mrs. Warrington. The wounded woman is Mrs. Agnes Borrell, also roomer. After a preliminary investigation, the police said they believed sudden insanity, induced by opposition to Cole's desire to marry by opposition to Mrs. Borrell, was the cause of the shooting.

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### Licenses of Liquor Vendors Renewed

Fredricton, Dec. 21.—The administration of the liquor laws of the province occupies a large portion of the Royal Gazette of this week, notices of various kinds being published. The licenses of seventy-three retail vendors are renewed. Nine are in Fredericton, one in Marysville and two in Devon. Three new licenses are granted, and there are several applicants.

Retail licenses have been granted under the Intoxicating Liquor Act, 1915, to Aurele Bourque, of Shediac; John M. Journey, of St. John, and Lerville Rossignol, of Edmundston.

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### LETTERS SENT QUEEN TO DEATH

Historians Have Never Solved Mystery Surrounding Mary of Scotland.

One of the most tragic and pitiable figures of history, Mary Stuart, Dowager Queen of the French and reigning Queen of Scotland, is surrounded by much that is strange and mysterious—particularly in the events which marked the closing days of her career, for it is here that historians came up against the blank wall of the problem of the "casket letters," one of the unsolved riddles of the reign of Queen Elizabeth.

Mary Stuart was only 19 when hearing the pleas of her people, she sailed from France and returned to Scotland after the death of her French husband, Henry. She had landed before her insistence upon adhering to Catholicism brought her into conflict with many of her own subjects, while the controversy with Queen Elizabeth over the succession to the British throne added additional fuel to the flames of disension on both sides of the border.

But the principal troubles of the young Queen were due to the efforts of her uncles to secure for her a second husband, Lord Darnley, son of the Earl of Lennox, being finally selected for this honor. It did not take the Queen long to discover Darnley's true character, and martial discord of the most intense nature, ensued, culminating in the King's accusation that Mary had become enamored in an intrigue with David Rizzio, her secretary, and the assassination of the latter under the very eyes of the Queen.

The death of the young King followed shortly afterward, under circumstances which pointed toward the complicity of the Earl of Bothwell, a close friend of the Queen, who, after being tried and acquitted of the charge of murder, carried Mary off to his castle at Dunbar, where he married her a few days after securing a divorce from his former wife. The storm of indignation to which this action gave rise was so widespread and so intense that it became necessary for Mary to flee from Scotland and take refuge in England, where she sought the protection of Elizabeth, her cousin.

The "Good Queen Bess," however, had by no means forgotten the efforts which Mary had previously made to secure her own throne, and therefore ordered an investigation of the charges made by the Earl of Murray that Mary had been involved in the conspiracy to murder her second husband, Lord Darnley. Here it is that the casket letters make their appearance, for Murray introduced as direct evidence of his accusation a silver casket which Mary had given to her first husband, the King of France, and had later presented to Bothwell, containing in the latter instance, a number of love letters and sonnets and two documents, one of which was supposed to have been in her own handwriting and the other to have been dictated by her.

If the genuineness of these letters is not questioned they form incontrovertible proof of the Queen's guilt in conspiring against the life of her husband, as well as in instigating the plot by which Bothwell was to carry her off to his mountain fortress. But the Queen of Scots paid so little attention to this evidence, which she declared was nothing more than a barbed-wire forgery, that she instructed her counsellors to ignore it completely and to build her defense on other grounds.

The adherents of the Earl of Murray, highmate son of King James and therefore half brother to Mary, maintained, on the other hand, that the intimacy of certain passages in the letters and the great amount of detail which they contained was sufficient proof of their authenticity, despite the fact that they were couched in terms so vulgar and in language so uneducated that it seemed impossible that the Queen could have written them.

The combination of the casket letters the constant stream of underground intrigue and the hatred of Elizabeth culminated in the sentencing of Mary to the scaffold—but the casket letters vanished as mysteriously as they had appeared and the question of whether or not they were genuine has to be listed among the mysteries which surrounded the reign of the ill-fated Queen of Scots.

At a recent meeting of "The World Peace Fellowship," attended by more than 1,000 persons in New York city, most of the audience signed pledges they would never engage in a war, of offensive or defensive, whether it be by bearing arms, making or handling munitions, voluntarily subscribing to war loans or laboring to set others free for war service.

No resolution that 17,000 were present to sign during the World War.

### Very Convenient For Borrower

Court Says He Can Repay Debt of \$390,000 With \$250.

London, Dec. 21.—A debtor, who, in 1914, borrowed 750,000 Russian rubles, then worth about £275,000, can now repay in full with £250, Judge Russell has decided in the Chancery Division of the Royal Courts of Justice. However, a stay of execution was granted with a view to an appeal.

The judge held that the loan was a ruble loan repayable in rubles, either Imperial Romanoff, Kerensky or Soviet issues, whichever were available. Soviet rubles were quoted at about one penny for a penny at the time of the court's decision.

### Jews Planning To Celebrate Old Feast of Lights

Nine Day Observances Will Start in Many Jewish Colonies Next Sunday.

New York, Dec. 21.—Chanukah, the feast of lights, will be observed by the Jews beginning Sunday, December 26, and for eight days thereafter. With the feast of lights is coupled the anniversary of a historical event, the Maccabean revolt, which was of supreme importance to the people of Israel.

The years 168 to 165 B. C. were spent in Palestine. Antiochus Epiphanes, King of Syria, ambitious to unite all provinces of his domain, resorted to the method of compelling his subject peoples to use one language and worship according to the polytheistic religion of the Greeks. The temple of Jerusalem was despoiled by the erection of altars to the Greek gods. Such intense hatred was engendered that the Jews of Palestine revolted and met Antiochus at a desperate. The final victory of the Maccabean armies over the hosts of Syria came on the 25 of Kislev, according to the Hebrew calendar, corresponding to December in the year 165. On that day the images and idols were removed from the temple of Jerusalem and the altar rededicated to the worship of the God of Israel.

### Extended Season On Lobster Fishing Said To Have Been Failure

Large Percentage of Lobsters on South Shore Not in Condition for Canning.

Halifax, N. E., Dec. 21.—The special six weeks fishing season for lobsters beginning November 1, granted by the Dominion Fisheries Department to fishermen on the southwestern shore of Nova Scotia, is reported to have been a failure from the standpoint of the majority of the fishermen engaged, though in Halifax county where the fishermen did not have their earnings offset by the loss of traps in the heavy storms after the end of November, cleared about \$100 per boat for the month, it was a benefit, as many of the boat fishermen engaged in fresh fishing during the summer had been obliged to suspend operations owing to lack of markets, and faced the winter with scant resources.

A large percentage of the lobsters taken on the southwestern shore were not in proper condition for canning, much less for the fresh markets, their season's shells having hardly had time to harden, and the flesh being poor. The catch which at normal prices would have been worth \$600,000 only brought \$400,000.

One result of this special season was to glut the American market, causing considerable loss to the fishermen of Maine and of St. John and Charlotte counties, N. B., who ordinarily have the early winter market to themselves.

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### PLAYERS' NAVY CUT CIGARETTES

Advertisement for Players' Navy Cut Cigarettes, featuring an illustration of a pack and a man smoking.

### Admiral Von Spee Feared To Clash With Japan

Explanation Why He Sailed for West Coast of South America from China.

Dublin, Dec. 21.—The much discussed reason why the late Admiral Von Spee, Commander of the German Asiatic Squadron at the outbreak of the war, sailed for the West Coast of South America from China is explained in the first volume of a German history of the war on the sea, 1914-1918. The history was written by Captain Meader, whose sources of information included Captain Von Mueller, commander of the German raider Emden. The Asiatic Squadron at the outbreak of the war, sailed for the West Coast of South America from China is explained in the first volume of a German history of the war on the sea, 1914-1918. The history was written by Captain Meader, whose sources of information included Captain Von Mueller, commander of the German raider Emden.

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BRITISH PUBLICITY SUCCEEDS

Washington, Dec. 21.—The French were in a false position and one that was perfectly untenable in demanding naval armaments that would break the agreement among the other powers with regard to a naval holiday. This put the French in opposition to the United States. Now they might have retained that position for a while in the secret of sub-concessions. But British publicity dragged France out into the open where the full force of American opinion could fall upon her. Her prompt acceptance of the ratio which was agreeable to Mr. Hughes was the inevitable consequence. Mr. Briand's despatch to the French delegation here indicates that France yielding only on capital ships, the defensive ships she desires a ratio of 35. This includes submarines, light cruisers and destroyers. In demanding submarines she puts herself in line with the American and against the British position and her ground will become more tenable. If Lloyd George and Briand reach an understanding in the conversations at London the submarine demand will also be weakened.

British Publicity Succeeds.

This forcing of the French in the best and most striking example of the success of British publicity methods. The two great achievements of the Conference have been Japan's putting out of the picture which she secures in Asian waters and Great Britain's gaining the ear of the world, especially of the American nation, as she has during this meeting.

Not enough attention has been paid to Lord Riddell. The publicity man is a modest violet. He is our old friend; you see him on every front page. He is a high authority. He is also a well-informed source. He is also the man from whom "it was learned" today. Hit behind his anonymity he does a much to make and break international relations and do the serious good men who sit behind closed doors and pledge each never, no never, to reveal what takes place in conference, knowing full well that the leak is leaking freely in the building just across the street.

Lord Riddell defended himself this morning from criticism of imperialism. He said he was on the outside of the negotiations between France and this great republic. He is at liberty to brush aside the leaves and reveal this modest violet for a moment, just as he is about to do for England after having done service for the empire which should entitle him to be elevated from his present rank whatever it is, to a dukedom.

You may take it from him that he is quite unaffiliated. He has no connection with the British Government. He is a disinterested observer.

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Von Spee's squadron met the British fleet, under Admiral Craddock, off Coronel, Chile, in November, 1914, and defeated them. The following month after Von Spee had been his way around South America and into the Atlantic Ocean, another British fleet under Admiral Sturdee, met him and destroyed his warships off the Falkland Islands.

**Stock Brokers Under Indictment In U. S. Federal Court**

Misuse of Mails Alleged to Defraud in Stock and Bond Transactions.

Boston, Dec. 21.—A scheme to defraud in stock and bond transactions by misuse of the United States mails, said to involve millions of dollars and to affect a large number of persons in several states, is alleged in indictments made public today in Federal court against Hollister, Whitcomb & Company, Inc., investment underwriters of this city. The plan is alleged to have involved the issuance of false financial statements to promote the sale of stocks and bonds.

Treasury officials and lenders in Congress at Washington are discussing plans for raising the fund necessary to pay the bonus to former service men. The proposal, which has received serious consideration, is to make use of the money owed this country by Great Britain to meet the bonus. The British debt exceeds \$3,000,000,000.