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**Shortage in Prussian  
State Bank Lead to  
Arrest of Directors**

**French Debt Plans Will Not be Made  
Without Parliamentary Approval--  
Voting on Church Union Resulting in  
Heavy Poll--Much Damage Caused by  
Storm on British Coast.**

**HEAVY VOTING ON CHURCH UNION.**  
OTTAWA, Dec. 29. Voting on Church Union in local Presbyterian churches is resulting in a heavy poll and in most cases up to last night fully fifty per cent. of the total available vote had been cast. The first announcement of the results will be made known January 5 and 6, when six churches hold meetings to open the ballot boxes.

**REGINA CHURCHES FAVOR UNION.**  
REGINA, Dec. 29. Congregations in four of the five Presbyterian churches here voted yesterday largely in favour of Church Union.

**MINERAL DISCOVERIES IN QUEBEC.**  
QUEBEC, Dec. 29. Gold and silver deposits have been discovered some sixty miles from Mistassini, in Lake St. John District, according to word received by Provincial Government officials to-day. The locality which is situated nearly a hundred miles from northeast of Abitibi is being invaded by hordes of miners from all quarters.

**PRUSSIAN STATE BANK IN TROUBLE.**  
BERLIN, Dec. 29. The discovery that the capital and reserves of the Prussian State Bank totalling 13,000,000 marks are exceeded by its liabilities, led to-day to the arrest of the head director, Fritz Ruebe, on a charge of continued infidelity, resulting in the Bank's loss of 15 million marks.

**NEW GOVERNMENT OF MOROCCO.**  
MADRID, Dec. 29. A political military body, composed of natives and Spanish military chiefs is to govern Morocco, according to Spanish newspapers which describe the re-organization of Spanish Morocco now in progress.

**TWO FARMERS LOSE THEIR LIVES.**  
REGINA, Dec. 29. Cyril Fauchon, 60, and George Brault, 35, farmers of Ferland district, were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the Fauchon home Christmas night, according to reports received here last night.

**MINERS RETURN TO WORK.**  
SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 29. About one-half of the 1200 miners employed at the Underwood colliery of the Pennsylvania Coal Co. resumed work to-day. State police and sheriffs were on hand to protect the men but they had nothing to do.

**FIFTY STORES AND OFFICES DESTROYED.**  
CORINTH, Miss., Dec. 29. Fifty stores and offices in the business district here are in ruins to-day as a result of the fire which early yesterday swept an end block causing the loss of \$1,300,000. Several persons were slightly injured.

**CONY ISLAND THREATENED BY FIRE.**  
NEW YORK, Dec. 29. Coney Island, the famous amusement resort, was threatened by fire which started on the board walk and enveloped a block before the arrival of all the fire fighting equipment of Brooklyn and part of Queen's. Fire

alarms were turned in, when the flames, driven by a high wind went along the board walk, destroyed four bath houses and spread to a row of bungalows in the same block.

**THE ANNUAL SLAUGHTER.**  
FREDERICTON, N.B., Dec. 29. Fifteen hundred moose and 300 deer were killed by hunters in New Brunswick during this year's game season, according to Game Warden Gagnon's report.

**WHOLESALE EXECUTION OF CHINESE LOOTERS.**  
PEKING, Dec. 29. Four hundred and eighty-nine looters and incendiarists found with their loot in a railway station at Kalgan have been tried and executed according to an official report from Chanan District made public to-day.

**GALE SUBSIDES.**  
LONDON, Dec. 29. The gale which has been sweeping the British coast endangering shipping and causing considerable damage, has subsided, but reports of disastrous and remarkable results continue to be received here.

**MCCOY GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER.**  
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29. Kid McCoy, former pugilist, was convicted in the Superior Court late to-day of manslaughter in connection with the shooting of Mrs. Theresa Mors last August. The jury had been deliberating over three days. The penalty for manslaughter here is one to ten years' imprisonment.

**\$200,000 DAMAGES.**  
NEW YORK, Dec. 29. The famous pleasure beach at Coney Island was the scene of a \$200,000 fire this afternoon, when several cottages and bathing establishments and part of the board walk were destroyed.

**VICTIMS OF MOTOR ACCIDENT.**  
VANCOUVER, B.C., Dec. 29. William Henry and Normal A. Mullett, business partners, were pinned under their overturned car in a shallow ditch when the automobile skidded Saturday afternoon on a lonely road and were both drowned before discovered next day.

**FRENCH FINANCE MINISTER'S PLEDGE.**  
PARIS, Dec. 29. Finance Minister Clementel pledged himself in the Chamber of Deputies to-day not to bind the Government to any settlement of Inter-Allied debts during the discussion in the forthcoming Finance Ministers conference without first seeking parliamentary approval.

**ONCE CHAMPION WRESTLER DEAD.**  
BALTIMORE, Dec. 29. John C. Doyle, who years ago held the middleweight wrestling championship of America, died at his home here to-day at the age of 72, of hardening of the arteries.

**TUG BOAT IN DANGER.**  
NIAGARA FALLS, Dec. 29. A twenty-five foot tug or passenger boat was seen fast in the ice in the Niagara River above the Falls this evening, three hundred feet from the shore. Rivermen were attempting to reach the craft to ascertain her name and if any persons were aboard.



Madge Kennedy in the Paramount Picture "The Purple Highway"

**BIG SPECIALS AT THE MAJESTIC**

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**New Year's Day:**

**THE SILENT COMMAND**

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By EDGAR GUEST.

CHRISTMAS, A. D. I.

They laid Him in a manger for they had no bed to spare.  
And yet that night within the sky,  
Three Wise Men saw a star  
And followed it to Bethlehem. How strange these visions are!  
How strange that from that little child which in the manger lay,  
Should come a love to guide the world and give us Christmas day.

They named Him Jesus—common name to give a boy back then—  
And yet He made of it a name to be revered by men.  
And gentle Mary, poor and scorned and friendless at His birth,  
Receives the adulation of the richest queen on earth.  
How strange these miracles divine which light us on our way.  
A baby in a stable born gives us our Christmas day!

Now Christmas day has come again,  
Across two thousand years  
Still shines His gentle influence through all our doubts and fears.  
And world-wide over children stung their carols of delight  
Just as the angels sang in Heaven that wondrous starry night.  
Now countless millions turn to Him His followers to be  
And to the manger brings their hearts, as did the Wise Men Three.

And now the stable glows with light and all is bright inside.  
The humble manger where he slept by love is glorified!  
Gone are the tenants of the inn, swept to a nameless doom.  
While people world-wide worship Him for whom they had no room.  
How strange these miracles divine  
Two thousand years away  
A little child came down to earth and gave us Christmas day!

**The Spice of Life**

EASY.

Many beginners in golf—and many who are not beginners—are grievously afflicted with the malady of topping the ball. A player whose efforts to cure himself in this affliction only resulted in the reverse of the Cone formula, addressed a professional with gloom in his ear and despair in his eye. "I'm hitting the ball every time right on the top. I want you to tell me a cure for it!"  
"Oh," replied the professional, just turn the ball upside down."—The Argonaut

**MORE OF THE SAME.**

A bishop relates the following experience: After the service on Sunday morning he was approached by an old lady who expressed great appreciation of his discourse. "Why, bishop," she said, "you can never know what you service meant to me. It was just like water to a drowning man."—Boston Transcript.

**"The Purple Highway" Triumphs**

Returning to the screen after an absence of more than two years, Madge Kennedy, noted screen star, was seen at the Majestic Theatre yesterday in the Paramount-Kennas picture production, "The Purple Highway." The picture, as well as Miss Kennedy, was heartily received.  
Miss Kennedy has the role of April Blair, a slavey in a Home for Artistic Failures. Here she meets Edgar Craig, in reality Edgar Prentice, son of the founder of the institution and a failure at playwrighting. Then, too, there is Joe Renard, an accomplished violinist. It is through April that they leave the home and again tackle the world in search of their long-delayed success.

Edgar writes an acceptable play for which Joe writes the musical score, April becoming a great star by her singing therein. She accepts the attentions of Dudley Quail, a wealthy waster. April seems to forget that she owes everything to Edgar and Joe. How Prentice contrives to make all of her youthful dreams realities furnishes "The Purple Highway" with a climax that is most unique.  
Monte Blue is excellent as Edgar Prentice, while Pedro de Cordoba portrays Joe Renard with quiet artistry. Others who render efficient support include Dore Davidson, Vincent Coleman, Emily Fitzroy, William H. Tooker, Winifred Harris, John W. Jenkins and Charles Kent.

**NEW YEAR'S DAY BILL.**

"The Silent Command" is the feature for New Year's Day. It is a strong production full of action particulars of which will appear in to-morrow's issue.  
Don't forget "The Covered Wagon" which dates will be announced on Friday.

**Four Men Battle With Giant Snake**

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Aroused by heat, a 24 foot python, reputed to be one of the largest specimens in Europe, escaped from a sack in the office of a London zoo importer.  
The first knowledge that anything was amiss came when the snake, with a hiss like escaping steam lashed out at an attendant, and quickly enveloped the unfortunate man in its coils.

Four men battled for an hour against the infuriated python before they succeeded in forcing it to uncoil and re-enter its sack.

**A Nasal Signal**

VICTORIA, B. C.—Blowing one's nose is a seasonable act, yet it led E. F. Kay of this city into one of the

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Mr. Kay was walking along the street recently. He halted for a moment to blow his nose. Even as he did so a man on the next corner stopped to blow his nose and immediately walked across to Mr. Kay.

**The stranger talked somewhat confusedly about a "signal" and the "Ku Klux Klan" and then Mr. Kay made a report to the city police.**

Now police constables stop regularly once on their beat and blow their noses in a significant manner. So

**far, however, the "signal" has brought no response.**

S.S. Fiona which recently underwent extensive repairs and had a new shaft fitted at New York, is now at Halifax and is expected here in a few days.

**THE LITTLE FELLOW TAKES A PLUNGE IN THE SEINE RIVER, PARIS.**

—By Bud Fisher



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