Sudden Outbreak of War in Central Europe Remote Result of Locarno Agreements — Further Pacts Are Being Negotiated. By KEITHJONES Of the hills. Locarno was the greatest achievement of the year, and France believes the laurels of Locarno belong to M. Briand, who conceived, in August, the plan of inviting Germany to enter the League of Nations and to sit at a conference table and discuss a pact of mutual security guarantees. On August 24, Germany accepted this suggestion and on October 3 the Locarno conference began. BRIAND As The Briand Accepted the Suggestion and on October 3 the Locarno conference began. BRIAND As The Briand Accepted the Suggestion and Suggestion and

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In any event, the whole working and application of the Locarno treaties are for intimately tied up with the league that they constitute virtually part and parcel of the league as it stands today and as it will operation in the future.

LEAGUE MILESTONE.

Locarno conference was anxious to have this settlement reached. France wants to pay her debt. She feels that once an agreement is reached, the tension in the world's money markets will be lessened and the franc will regain much of the value she has lost.

It is difficult to explain why the france should have dropped to one fifth of its value of early post-war days. France has no unemployment; in fact, the Government has established a recruiting service to bring in good farm and factory labor. The trade balance is in her favor and her business prospersonality of her foremost statesman, Aristide Briand, playing the role of peacemaker.

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Imports in October amounted to approximately \$545,000,000, as compared with Cotober, 1924. The exports during October, however, showed a decline of nearly \$5,625,000, which was about the average decrease for the first ten months of 1925 as compared with last year. The total exports from the first of January to the end of Oqtober amounted to approximately \$5,371,115,000, an increase of over 2222,750,000 over the first ten months of 1924.

Aside from restoration of the gold standard, the government's chief steps during the year have been:

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SEE PROSPERITY.

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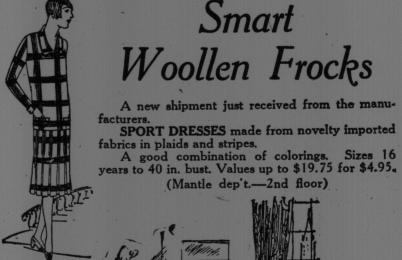
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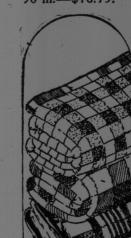
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