

British Prime Minister Seeks An Understanding With France.

Sir Arthur Currie Asked to Represent Canada at Washington—Arrangements for Loan to Hungary Progressing Favorably.

SEARCHING FOR A NEW LEADER.

LONDON, Jan. 29. There is already a movement on foot to oust Stanley Baldwin from the leadership of the Conservative party, which is called for February 11th, according to the Morning Post. The party is going to stick to Baldwin, declaring that if the party turns away from him because he has had a knock, it deserves all it will assuredly receive. The Yorkshire Post, a supporter of Baldwin, says the party is busy picking candidates for the next election, but admits the next election is not so near as was supposed a short time ago.

MACDONALD SEEKS AN UNDERSTANDING WITH FRANCE.

LONDON, Jan. 30. Premier MacDonald recently sent a personal letter to Premier Poincaré in which he expressed a desire for settlement of the difficulty between Great Britain and France and for complete Anglo-French understanding. Mr. Poincaré replied sympathetically, according to statements printed in this morning's Daily Express. By this action Premier MacDonald picked up the thread of the Franco-British relations at a point where it was dropped in Paris last autumn, says the Telegraph. It adds that the letter was despatched in accordance with the British statesman's avowed policy of the traditional methods of diplomacy and his preference for more direct means of negotiation.

SIR ARTHUR CURRIE TO REPRESENT CANADA AT WASHINGTON.

MONTREAL, Jan. 30. A special from Ottawa says, if Sir Arthur Currie, Principal of McGill University, will accept the position of Canadian Plenipotentiary at Washington, the appointment will be made. It was learned to-day that the matter had been discussed in Cabinet and Sir Arthur Currie is understood to have been sounded out on the situation, but so far has not indicated his acceptance. The appointment will be made as soon as a proper man can be found, but the Government would be pleased at Sir Arthur's appointment.

MAGNATES PAYING THE WAY.

LONDON, Jan. 30. John Hodge, Laborite, who was Minister of Lands and Pensions in the Coalition Government, told a gathering of iron and steel magnates last evening that they were the men who preparing the ground for the solution of which most of them were afraid. The great combines which are being formed in this and other countries, he said, are simply an evolutionary process and as soon as the steel, iron and tin plate works are all in one combine it will be easy to socialize it.

CANADIAN CABINET CHANGES.

OTTAWA, Jan. 30. Two changes were announced to-night, namely Hon. Ernest LaPointe, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, to become Minister of Justice, and P. J. A. Carlin, member for Richelieu, to be Minister of Marine and Fisheries in succession to LaPointe.

BAVARIAN MAYOR ASSASSINATED.

MAYENCE, Jan. 30. The Mayor of Rothenburg, Bavaria, an adherent of the autonomous movement in that province, was assassinated to-day.

FRENCH IMPRISON PROMINENT RHINELANDER.

WEISSBADEN, Ger., Jan. 30. A French court martial has sentenced to imprisonment for one year, Paul Soquel, President of the Franco-Rhenish League, and close associate of Doctor Doreux, one of the separatist leaders. The charge against Soquel was that he requisitioned in behalf of the Rhineland Republic a consignment of marks intended for the Reichsbank.

BRITAIN WINS OLYMPIC CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP.

CHAMONIX, Jan. 30. Great Britain defeated France to-day 4 to 1 in the final curling competition, thereby winning the Olympic championship. Sweden was second and France third.

REFERRED TO MONTREAL.

SYDNEY, N.S., Jan. 30. Following adjournment, yesterday February 5, of the wage conference seeking to adjust the difference between the coal miners and Besco, no new local developments are expected during the interim. The adjournment is viewed as a transference of the issue to Montreal, where it is hoped a decision will be reached on a satisfactory settlement may be reached. The miners have refused to dig coal for domestic use in Syd-

SHIP OVERDUE.

HALIFAX, Jan. 30. The Marine and Fisheries Department reports that no word has been received about the steamer Papayus, 2831 tons, which sailed Dec. 8th from Antwerp with a cargo of alcohol for Halifax. Fear for the safety of the ship is expressed in shipping circles.

DRY NORTH.

VICTORIA, B.C., Jan. 30. Cut off from all sources of supplies by dry United States territory, the far northern areas of British Columbia are to-day without liquor. Liquor stocks in Altn County stores were exhausted before Christmas.

INDIA'S BABY SHOWS.

DELHI, Jan. 30. India's latest novelty, is a series of 300 baby shows, including sixty under native auspices. Lady Reading opened the show in Delhi with impressive ceremony.

COMPANY CENSURED BY CORONER'S JURY.

JACKSON CITY, Ill., Jan. 30. The coroner's jury which investigated the death of 33 men in the explosion at the East Side Mine of the Great Clinch Coal Company last Friday, returned a verdict censuring the company. The verdict said the explosion was caused by a squeeze and fall of coal in old workings. Danger signs had been posted but removed.

THE LOAN OF HUNGARY.

PARIS, Jan. 30. The Reparations Commission yesterday re-elected Louis Barthou, President, and Marquis Guseppi, of Italy, Vice-President. The company then held an official session and discussed authorizing the use of guarantees, set aside for settlement of reparations, to insure payment of interest on the projected Hungarian loan. Negotiations are said to be progressing favorably and the matter will be arranged at an early date.

INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY.

CHAMONIX, Jan. 30. With to-day's victory over Switzerland, the Canadians completed the elimination of contenders in group two of the hockey programme and will play the winner in group one for the world's championship.

GERMAN PHILANTHROPY.

CHAMONIX, Jan. 30. Unconditional restoration of Germany's colonies and pre-war rights is the price demanded by the German Colonial Secretary for a new remedy for the prevention of sleeping sickness. He expresses the belief that Germany in the remedy has a powerful political weapon in her hand which places her in a position to force revision of the colonial mandates executed under the Versailles Treaty.

RECOGNITION OF RUSSIA WITHIN TEN DAYS.

LONDON, Jan. 30. Full diplomatic recognition of Soviet Russia by the British Government is expected within ten days, according to political observers conversant with the Government's intentions. These observers say Premier MacDonald is anxious to have recognition accomplished before Parliament meets on Feb. 12.

THREE LIVES LOST IN SEARCH FOR DIAMONDS.

TORONTO, Jan. 30. While the diamond hunting expedition into British Guiana is expected to be financially successful, the search up to the present has been responsible for the death of three white men, one of the Amber exploring party, and several native guides, according to word received here from Lester MacGillivray, who is now leading a number of Canadians in the interior of the country.

N. S. LEGISLATURE OPENS FEBRUARY 14TH.

HALIFAX, Jan. 29. Announcement was made to-day that the 166th Assembly of the Nova Scotia Legislature would open here Feb. 14, one week earlier than the opening last year.

WASHED OVERBOARD.

ST. PETER'S, C.B., Jan. 29. Capt. Stewart, of the three-masted schooner Jean F. Anderson, which was blown off her course and came to anchor for repairs, after sailing from Vineyard Haven, Jan. 19th, told to-night of the loss at sea a week ago last Monday, of Andy Webber, or Torbay, N.S. Webber was at the wheel and let go his hold for a moment when the vessel lurched and he slipped over the icy side. It happened in the intense darkness of midnight and

there was no possibility of rescue.

The schooner was stripped off her sails and ran out a westerly gale under bare poles.

ZAGLOUL'S DAY OF TRIUMPH.

CAIRO, Jan. 29. Yesterday was a day of triumph for Said Zagloul Pasha, leader of the Nationalists, who became Premier of Egypt. Going to add coming from the Palace where he presented the names of his new ministry Zagloul was given an ovation by such crowds that it was difficult for him to proceed. In forming his cabinet Zagloul has given preference to men who like himself have suffered terms of imprisonment for their political opinions.

CHARGED WITH JEWELLERY.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29. Helen Golden, 29, was held by the police to-day charged with grand larceny in connection with thefts of jewellery worth \$130,000 from Hotel Ambassador here and a hotel of the same name in Atlantic City. The police stated the prisoner posed as a maid to gain access to guests' rooms.

SIR WM. COAKER AT ST. JOHN'S.

ST. JOHN'S, N.B., Jan. 29. Hon. Sir Wm. F. Coaker, of Port Union, Nfld., landed here to-day from the Canadian Pacific liner Metagama, from an extended European tour. En route across the Atlantic the Metagama suffered in severe storms and one of her seamen, Thomas Shaw, 25, of Glasgow, was swept overboard and lost.

BESCO OFFERS 1923 WAGE.

SYDNEY, N.S., Jan. 29. The British Empire Steel Corporation has offered to restore the 1923 rate of pay to miners who went on strike on the sixteenth of the month following the reduction of 20 per cent in wages made on the 15th. Such was the announcement made this afternoon when the wage conference consisting of representatives of Besco and U.M.W. adjourned until Feb. 5 without reaching an agreement. It is expected the offer will be thoroughly canvassed by the miners during the week's recess.

MACDONALD MOVING CAUTIOUSLY.

LONDON, Jan. 29. Prime Minister MacDonald has met with circumstances which have compelled him to go slower, regarding recognition of Russia by Great Britain, than he intended to go when he took office, according to some political writers in the morning papers.

WON'T SELL OIL SHARES.

LONDON, Jan. 29. Philip Snowden, Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced to-day the British Government was not prepared to dispose of its holdings in the Anglo-Persian Oil Company. The Labor Party has always advocated the retention of the Government's five million shares in the Company which have considerably gained in value since the Royal Dutch shell combine offered the Government £12,000,000 for them.

LADY MEMBERS' CHILDISHNESS.

LONDON, Jan. 29. Miss Dorothy Jewson, Labor member of the House of Commons for Norwich, is coming in for criticism in connection with her starting on Sunday along with a woman friend to walk from London to her constituency, a distance of 115 miles, rather than travel on a train, while the railway engineers and firemen were on strike. She had characterized the members of the National Union of Railwaymen as blacklegs because they had not gone on strike in sympathy with the engineers and firemen.

U.S. RESUMES RELATIONS WITH GREECE.

ATHENS, Jan. 29. The American Government has announced resumption of diplomatic relations with Greece.

MINER'S GRIM DEATH BOLL.

SCRANTON, Pa., Jan. 29. With the removal of five bodies from the workings all the men who were in the Lancashire mine here of the Barides and Tucker Coal Company at the time of the explosion on Saturday afternoon were accounted for. The death list totals 36. Twelve men were saved. Of the 35 victims, 31 were married, and the children made fatherless total 110.

Silvia Arrives

S.S. Silvia, Capt. Mitchell, arrived from New York via Halifax, at three o'clock this morning. The run from Halifax occupied only 41 hours. The captain reports the weather very cold in parts of Canada, the thermometer registering twenty degrees below zero on the passage between New York and Halifax. The following passengers arrived:—From New York: Messrs. J. Shea, T. F. Walsh, C. B. Foster, C. A. Hawker, J. P. Zahradnik, C. Miller, P. Paul, R. Sheppard, J. J. Kennedy, Mrs. F. M. Hartigan, Misses E. Doyle, Mary Buhles, Mrs. M. Buhles, From Halifax: Mrs. W. Clouston; Messrs. E. Baslin, C. Gottlieb, B. P. Shields, R. R. Stewart, J. E. Wyllie, J. Talbot, J. Murphy, Thos. Kearney, J. Kearney, Mrs. M. Campbell, Miss M. Campbell, Miss H. Finn.

SIDE TALKS.

By Ruth Cameron.

PRAYING OR TEASING?

There are many people who do not believe in a personal Deity and who get believe in prayer. That seems strange. But it is because they recognize the psychological value of prayer. They believe even if no attentive Deity is listening, ready to answer, that man, in praying, taps his own inner resources and by a sort of auto-suggestion induces in himself the qualities he prays for. Man asks for peace and peace is his. He asks for courage and courage comes to himself and rises from his knees, refreshed and strengthened. Whether that strength comes from above or within him, they say it makes no difference—the end is good, whatever the means.

When Everyone Prays. There is one time when all of us—even those who do not believe in God—are driven to pray. When we stand on the brink of the precipice and see someone we love slipping over and can do nothing ourselves and make a passionate outcry to someone to help, I can hardly believe that anyone, even a professed infidel, would not in his heart, if not with his lips, utter some plea then. And yet here is what the highest type of Christian wrote at such a time. Thackeray's beloved little Amy was very ill. He had already lost one child not long before, so the terror must have been even greater on that account. Yet afterwards he wrote in a letter: "I almost thought it seemed wrong for me to pray for her life, for specific requests are an impertinence, I think, and all we should ask of Him is to learn to acquiesce."

There are few of us who could reach to such heights, but to know that there is or has been such courage on earth ought surely to make us ashamed when we merely tease instead of praying.

To Make Two And Two Five. I don't know what effect it has on the Deity, naturally, but I do feel sure that it can hardly have any good effect on those who offer it. There is an old Russian proverb to this effect: "What men usually ask for when they pray to God is that two and two may not make four."

Endurance and Fortitude are rather harsh words to me. They suggest the old fashioned conception of this world as a vale of tears to be travelled through as quickly as possible. It seems to me that we may ask for courage, and peace, and serenity, and a sense of the beauty in life, and more wisdom, and more honor, and more kindness.

And I think in praying we shall receive.

In the Realms of Sport

COMMERCIAL BOWLING LEAGUE.

Last Night's Scores.

JOB	1	2	3	TH
K. McGrath	151	120	89	360
W. Ross	113	120	129	362
W. Ferns	89	120	122	331
H. Gabriel	73	64	104	241

BOWLING.

CL	1	2	TH
C. Adams	90	108	102
R. Simms	122	111	155
S. Crimes	131	130	130
W. Mercer	130	110	113
	473	459	500

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE.

Tuesday, Feb. 5th, 7.30—Boot & Shoe Bowlers.
Tuesday, Feb. 5th, 9.00—Imperial Tobacco vs. Nail Co.
Wednesday, Feb. 6th, 7.30—Harvey's vs. Post Office.
Wednesday, Feb. 6th, 9.00—Reid's vs. Ayre & Sons.
Thursday, Feb. 7th, 7.30—Telephone Co. vs. Royal Stores.
Thursday, Feb. 7th, 9.00—Job's vs. Hickman's.
Friday, Feb. 8, 7.30—Baird's vs. Customs.
Friday, Feb. 8, 9.00—Knowing's vs. Winter's.

Vaudeville Bill Repeated at Crescent To-Night

HUNDREDS UNABLE TO GAIN ADMITTANCE LAST EVENING. Owing to so many being unable to gain admittance at the big vaudeville show at the Crescent last night, the management has decided to repeat the bill "to-night's performance, when another bumper house is anticipated. This of course does not in any way interfere with the Amateur Contest which takes place at the usual time to-morrow night. Quite a large list of names has been handed in among them being some novel items.

Inter-Club Billiards

The Inter-Club Billiard tournament was continued last night when H. Moore (C. E. L.) defeated E. White (M. G. C. A.) by 37 points. The breaks were:—
H. Moore (C. E. L.)—300—12, 10, 14, 13, 20, 17, 15—101.
E. White (M. G. C. A.)—262—10, 17, 21, 10, 11, 14—110.

The last game on the C.E.L. board taken place on Friday night at 7.30 between W. Reid and J. E. Angel. HINARD'S LINIMENT FOR DIS-TEMPER.

PEPYS BEHIND THE SCENES.

Jan. 29th.—Abroad betimes and to the office, where enough of business to keep me all the morning. Meeting Dr. Robinson, he tells me how he reads my Journal with great interest, and hopes I will continue it, at which I did turn red with pleasure to have my writings thought so highly of. Troubled all the day of my teeth which do ache mightily, so to my dentist's and to have them treated; in great pain all the time, and no stomach for food all the rest of the day.

Jan. 30th.—A whole holiday, so lay till past ten o'clock. Then up and to the Enquiry. Mr. Gillis in the box, and his evidence mighty interesting, but I notice how he smiles very often, and is, I think, because he knows some things he is not asked to tell, and these things of more ordinary interest. This I did say to him, which causes him to smile the more. Home, and on the way, to talk with Mr. Parsons, that once did edit the Telegram sheet, and is now the Governor of the Prison. He tells me of his news sheet days, and the things that did happen in his time. To the Club, where I play my billiard tournament with Mr. Freeman, but my game not so good as it has been, and I make but a poor showing. Coming home, I took a tress on the ice, and my knees badly wrenched, which makes me now to limp of both legs, and indeed, I am the most unlucky of mortals. My wife, in bathing it in hot water, did much ease the pain, but I was not able to walk up the stairs without being helped. Poverty to see me and tells me how Mr. Walsh that is the usher at the Enquiry, did receive a letter from some washing woman, that did ask him, since other women could bring their knitting there, that they be allowed to listen to the hearing over their wash tubs. Mr. Walsh did reply to them, however, that he would have no dirty linen washed in the Legislative Chambers. This, I think, a very proper answer, being enough of dirty linen already washed.

NOTICE TO MY PATRONS—

I have rented my shop, but I will still continue my work at the rear of my dwelling, JAMES RENDELL, Electric Repairer, etc., 16 King's Road—Jan. 31.

Pleasing Playlet

ROSE O' MY HEART.

Last night's performance of the comedy "Rose O' My Heart" at the Holy Cross Schools, was played before a large and delighted audience. The hall was thronged to the doors. Standing room was at a premium and many were unable to gain admittance. The play is a typical Irish love story, in which the web of romance is woven around Mr. Percie Jardine and Miss Molly Moran, who represent the one a Dublin artist, the other a simple country lass. The performers were thoroughly at home in their parts and all secured the repeated applause of the audience. Miss Molly Moran and Mr. Percie Jardine both starred in the difficult roles they enacted, and of the others no more need be said than that they played their parts from beginning to end. The Holy Cross boys also added to the evening's entertainment with delightful songs and dances, and the C. C. C. Orchestra rendered some excellent music between the acts.

Obituary.

TASKER COOK, Jr.

The deepest sympathy will be felt by the community for Hon. Tasker and Mrs. Cook, in the loss of their dearly beloved son Tasker, who passed away this morning after an illness of only short duration. The final summons came when he was quietly sleeping. Up to a few weeks ago the deceased attended to his daily duties, apparently in the best of health, and little did anyone realize that the angel of death was not far distant. The deceased was twenty-five years of age, educated at Bishop Field College, and for the past ten years had held a responsible position with the firm of Messrs. Bowring Brothers. Mr. Cook was of a quiet disposition; his was held in great esteem by all who knew him. In club circles he will be greatly missed. He was a prominent member of the Masons and of the C. of E. Institute; while he was also an active member of St. Thomas's Church. To the sorrowing family the Telegram offers sincere condolence.

From Cape Race

CAPE RACE, to-day. Wind S. W. light, preceded by fog this morning. S.S. Silvia passed in 10.15 p.m. yesterday. Nothing sighted to-day. Bar. 29.55; Ther. 42.

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St. John's Municipal Council

In accordance with the terms of Section 238 of the St. John's Municipal Act, 1921, the following statements of Estimated Revenue and Expenditure, for the current year are published:—

Estimated Revenue, St. John's Municipal Council for Year 1924.
Cr. Balance from 1923 . . . \$ 6,500.00
City Tax and Ground Rent

Stock Tax 35c. per \$100.00	220,000.00	Interest	100.00
Vacant Lands	1,000.00	Watering Vessels	12,000.00
Watering Vessels	12,000.00	Customs' Water Rates	6,000.00
Customs' Water Rates	6,000.00	Customs' Coal Duties	72,000.00
Customs' Coal Duties	72,000.00	Lighting and Sanitation	8,000.00
Lighting and Sanitation	8,000.00	Roads East	2,815.00
Roads East	2,815.00	Roads West	2,512.50
Roads West	2,512.50	Roads South Side	430.00
Roads South Side	430.00	Blackhead Road	50.00
Blackhead Road	50.00	Bank Tax	10,000.00
Bank Tax	10,000.00	Crown Rents	3,000.00
Crown Rents	3,000.00	Theatrical Tax	2,500.00
Theatrical Tax	2,500.00	Fire Insurance Co's Annual Tax	6,200.00
Fire Insurance Co's Annual Tax	6,200.00	Fire Insurance Co's Special Tax	8,000.00
Fire Insurance Co's Special Tax	8,000.00	Fire Insurance Co's Profits Tax	20,000.00
Fire Insurance Co's Profits Tax	20,000.00	Marine Insurance Companies' Tax	800.00
Marine Insurance Companies' Tax	800.00	Accident Insurance Companies' Tax	750.00
Accident Insurance Companies' Tax	750.00	Life Insurance Companies' Tax	900.00
Life Insurance Companies' Tax	900.00	Telegraph Companies' Tax	800.00
Telegraph Companies' Tax	800.00	Cable Tax	250.00
Cable Tax	250.00	Billiard Table Tax	300.00
Billiard Table Tax	300.00	Motor Car Tax	6,500.00
Motor Car Tax	6,500.00	Street Railway Tax	1,400.00
Street Railway Tax	1,400.00	Motor Drivers' License	4,000.00
Motor Drivers' License	4,000.00	Horse Tax	1,100.00
Horse Tax	1,100.00	Carriage Tax	800.00
Carriage Tax	800.00	Cart Tax	450.00
Cart Tax	450.00	Licenses Cabs and Trucks	100.00
Licenses Cabs and Trucks	100.00	Licenses Auctioneers	350.00
Licenses Auctioneers	350.00	Brokers on Margins	500.00
Brokers on Margins	500.00	Sanitary Department	600.00
Sanitary Department	600.00	Interest on Credit Balance at Bank	700.00
Interest on Credit Balance at Bank	700.00	Miscellaneous Revenue	100.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	100.00	Plumbers' Licenses	700.00
Plumbers' Licenses	700.00	Dog Tax	1,500.00
Dog Tax	1,500.00	Telephone Tax	4,500.00
Telephone Tax	4,500.00	Meter Readings (Nfld. Atlantic Fisheries)	500.00
Meter Readings (Nfld. Atlantic Fisheries)	500.00	Pound Fees	150.00
Pound Fees	150.00	Smoke Testing	150.00
Smoke Testing	150.00	Poll Tax	2,000.00
Poll Tax	2,000.00	Trust Co's Annual Tax	750.00
Trust Co's Annual Tax	750.00	Commercial Travellers' Tax	4,000.00
Commercial Travellers' Tax	4,000.00	Junk Dealers' License	50.00
Junk Dealers' License	50.00	South Side Lighting Grant	250.00
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\$415,427.50	\$415,029.46
TASKER COOK, Mayor.	TASKER COOK, Mayor.
J. J. MAHONY, City Clerk.	J. J. MAHONY, City Clerk.

Society for Protection of Animals.

Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 19 & 20 CASINO THEATRE. Dramatic Sketch "THE KING'S MESSENGER" under the management of Mrs. Herbert, Outbridge. Musical Programme in charge of Mr. Gordon Christian. Songs, Monologues, Solo Dancing by Misses Macpherson and Joyce. A series of twelve tableaux, entitled "IN GRANDMOTHER'S DAY."

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