

Fish Markets Are Congested

TOO MANY CARGOES RUSHED FORWARD AT SAME TIME.

The fish markets in Spain and Portugal and Italy are in a congested condition, and the price of fish has declined. Too many cargoes have been sent in close succession to the markets, especially to Spain, where four steamer loads went to Seville, Alicante, Valencia and Malaga in the first half of December. This was a grave mistake, and the exporters should have regulated the shipments in a better manner. The consumers, having so much sent to them refuse to pay the price. The consequence is that a slump has taken place and some exporters stand to lose a lot of money.

The fishermen are well out of it as they sold in October when the market was at its best. They may, however, suffer for it next year. There can be no hope of an improvement till a large percentage of this fish goes into consumption. It would be a good thing if no more fish were sent forward to the markets of Southern Europe for a month or so.

But this is too much to expect, especially at the close of the year, when no doubt the banks that have helped to finance the buying of cargoes are pushing for realization, and a clearing up of their accommodation accounts. This is a bad feature of our fish business, but it is something that cannot be avoided, except in the case of two or three exporting firms. The fish cannot be held, it must go forward, and when too much of it is sent to the market at one time, the result is that prices decline.

However, it must be borne in mind that there is under the most favorable conditions always a lull in the fish business around the close of the old year and the beginning of the new. The experience is that a better demand generally arises in the closing days of January, and this year when there is little left in the home market to go forward, all the circumstances would indicate the hope that there will be a better situation on the approach of the Lenten season, that a good deal of what is held in Spain, Italy and Portugal now will have been absorbed, and that prices will recover to a considerable extent if not to the figures that prevailed in October.—Trade Review.

M. P.'s Chapel

AVAILABLE TO ALL DENOMINATIONS.

An old domestic controversy in the House of Commons is concluded by the announcement in Parliament that, in future, any member may be married, and any member's baby baptized in the Crypt Chapel of the House.

Hitherto there has been a doubt as to whether there was a jurisdiction of the Church of England over the chapel; in other words, whether it was a legally consecrated building in which services, according to the rites of the Church of England only, could be conducted.

The matter came to a head recently when permission was at first refused to Mr. Ian Macpherson for his baby to be christened there by a Presbyterian minister.

This difficulty was overcome, but the actual position was not defined until Captain Hacking, for the Home Office, informed Mr. Macpherson that the Law Officers of the Crown had decided that no ecclesiastical jurisdiction existed in respect of the Crypt Chapel, and it was, therefore, under the sole jurisdiction of the Lord Great Chamberlain, to whom application should be made for permission to use it for baptisms, weddings, and the like.

The decision, he added, meant that the chapel was no longer a consecrated building under the Church of England, and was available to Christians of all denominations.

The Crypt Chapel, which was built in the 13th century, escaped the ravages of the fire that destroyed the House of Commons 90 years ago.

Prospecting as a Woman's Occupation

VANCOUVER, B.C., Dec. 20.—Bringing with her samples of ore from claims she located in the Portland Canal district of British Columbia, where she has been prospecting during the summer, Mrs. N. H. Stevens, of Stewart has arrived in Vancouver. She is the owner of several important mineral prospects located by herself in the Marmot River, Bear River and Salmon River sections of the district.

Mrs. Stevens is one of the few women who have taken up prospecting. She goes into the hills like the ordinary prospector of the sterner sex, and has gained experience that Northern men say has made her as good a judge of mineral indications as the average prospector. She is a familiar figure in the Stewart district and has good knowledge of all the mineral locations which she has visited from time to time.

Last Night's Entertainments

AT THE STAR HALL.

The Star of the Sea Ladies' Association held a very enjoyable card party, supper and dance in the Society rooms last night. The first on the programme was a card tournament, in which ninety people participated. The prize winners were Miss King and Mr. Piercey. Following the serving of supper, a lengthy dance programme was gone through, which added greatly to the evening's enjoyment. The "Our Own" Orchestra supplied the music.

THE B. L. S. DANCE.

The B. L. S. Christmas Dance, under the auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary, held in the club rooms last night, was largely attended, and proved to be an unique success. Elaborate preparations had been made by the ladies for the comfort and enjoyment of their patrons. The dance hall was tastefully decorated for the occasion, while the special lighting arrangements added greatly to the scene. Many novelties had been arranged, the principal being the "Herald and Fairies" dance. The Herald, Masters Larry Larkin and Jimmy Higgins, with their horns, announced the arrival of the fairies, Misses Kathleen Ryan, Mary Ryall, Bernice Walsh and Eleanor O'Keefe, and they distributed all sorts of Christmas novelties. Other novelties were the Rainbow, Conetti and Wheel of Fortune dances all of which proved most popular. Hon. W. J. Higgins, K.C., President of the Society, appeared in a special costume and, in a short address, wished all the guests the compliments of the season. The music for the dances was furnished by the Prince's Orchestra and was up to its usual standard of excellence. At 11 p.m. supper was served by the Ladies' Auxiliary. After the appetites of all had been appeased, dancing was continued till the early hours of the morning.

T.A. LADIES' DANCE.

Upwards of two hundred people were present at the T.A. Armories last night to attend the card party, supper and dance, under the auspices of the T.A. Ladies' Auxiliary. The entertainment proved to be one of the best successes yet, and all went home happy over the enjoyable time spent. The first part of the evening was taken up with a card tournament. A large number participated and at the close the prize winners were announced as Miss Pomeroy and Mr. Kavanagh. Supper was then served in the Reading Room. The catering by the ladies was all that could be desired. A large number of people participated in the dance and added much to the evening's general enjoyment. The music supplied by the "Gem" Orchestra, made a big hit with the gathering. They provided a programme of entirely new music, which was faultlessly rendered.

On New Year's night the ladies of the Association will hold another dance.

The Crisis in Law

"No thoughtful observer may doubt that American legal and judicial institutions just now are subject to a severe strain," Roscoe Pound, Dean of the Harvard Law School, writes in the January Harper's. "Nor may he deny that they are far from meeting the strain as we could wish."

After analyzing the present crisis in American law, the article concludes: "If our law schools were endowed and equipped for research, as our medical schools are, we might expect great things from them. Nowhere else shall we find the conditions of continuity of investigation, permanence of tenure, independence of politics, and assured competency, scientific spirit and scientific method, without which the necessary research will fall short of its purpose. We cannot expect legislative commissions at all comparable to the English royal commissions of the last century. We can expect our law schools, through chairs of criminal law, legislation, of judicial organization and administration, and of comparative law, to lay broad and deep foundations on which our legislators may build with confidence."



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Secret German Army

\$500,000 SOLDIERS—MOSCOW OFFICIAL REPORT.

Berlin.—Great annoyance has been caused to the German authorities by the publication at Moscow of an official book dealing with the armies of foreign countries in which particulars of the military strength of Germany are given.

According to the Bolshevik publication, which is chiefly intended for

officers of the Red Army, secret military organizations exist in Germany, and are closely knit to the regular army. These organizations are pledged to provide fully equipped men when called upon to do so. The Russian publication contains a list of secret regiments, with the names of their commanders. It also gives particulars of hidden military aeroplanes and tanks. The book points out that Germany pursues the task of perfecting military aviation secretly at home and openly abroad, where she possesses aeroplane fac-

tories and trained airmen. The number of secret soldiers is estimated by the Russian authorities at \$500,000, and it is stated that in the event of war Germany could place \$500,000 men in the field. Particulars are given of factories at which arms are secretly manufactured, of secret stores of arms which have not been handed over to the Entente, and of secret stores of army provisions.

CONFEDERATION LIFE.

Counsel Shot Dead

ASSAILANT'S LEAP FROM COURT WINDOW.

Strasbourg.—A prisoner who was being examined by the magistrate at Sarreguemines, Lorraine, suddenly drew from his pocket a revolver and shot dead the counsel for the prosecution.

This act followed upon a question which seemed particularly to anger him. He emptied the remaining cartridges in the direction of the

Laid to Rest

"Where silent stars their vigil keep,
He giveth His beloved sleep."

On Tuesday last, all that was mortal of the late Mr. John Trapnell, J.P., I.R.M., was peacefully laid to rest in the Methodist Cemetery. And so, one more of our citizens and friends passes over the border line, adding another link connecting us with the unseen. The Hope Beyond—that which sheds its radiance down the train of the years—was all-sufficing to brighten his last hours, until his spirit winged its flight to the Home Eternal.

The funeral took place from his late residence, and proceeded up Harvey Street, and thence to the United Church, by way of Cochrane and Water Streets. Preceding the casket, which was covered with beautiful wreaths, walked representatives of the Masonic Fraternity, of which he had been a worthy member; and also members of the official board of the United Church—the late Mr. Trapnell having been one of long standing. There were also in the procession friends from the city and Carbonear, desiring to show their last token of respect.

Rev. Mr. Pickering, pastor of the Church, and Rev. Mr. Harris, of Carbonear—an old friend of the deceased—officiated at the service. The pulpit was draped, and a full choir was in attendance with Miss Flora Parsons, L.T.C.M., the organist, and rendered the touching hymn, "Beulah Land."

Rev. Mr. Pickering, during the service, spoke of the many positions of prominence in connection with the Church that the late Mr. Trapnell held. He was honored by his fellow-churchmen on many occasions, having been appointed as delegate to attend the General Conference at Ottawa and also the Newfoundland Conference. He became a member of the Trust Board on May 18th, 1878, during the pastorate of the Rev. C. Lander, and had ever worked faithfully, being deeply interested in all departments of the Church life.

Rev. Mr. Harris, who had known him intimately, eulogized his departed friend, commenting on his untiring zeal in Church work, and the esteem and regard in which he was held by his townspeople. The late Mr. Trapnell was the proud owner of the Imperial Service Medal, conferred by His Majesty the King a few years ago.

He is survived by a wife, 1 son, John Howard, of North Sydney, N.S.; 4 daughters, Mrs. R. S. Munn, Har. Grace; Mrs. Chas. Snellgrove, Carleton Place; Mrs. (Rev.) G. L. Mercer, Greenspond; and Mrs. S. A. Lindsay, Cambridge, Mass.; 1 brother, Jacob Trapnell, of Montreal, and 2 sisters, Mrs. Spence, of Vancouver and Mrs. Worrall, St. John's, to whom we extend sympathy.

The closing hymn of the funeral service was most fitting:

"Servant of God, well done,
Thy glorious warfare's past;
The battle's fought, the race is won,
And thou art crowned at last."
—M. I. S.

Harbor Grace, Dec. 26, 1925.

American Ruby in B.C.

VANCOUVER, B.C., Dec. 20.—American football has made its debut in British Columbia and whether it stays depends largely on the result of conferences now being held between representatives of the student body of the University of British Columbia.

The big argument used by the proponents of the American gridiron game is that this form of football presents the only opportunity here for inter-collegiate games. It is a financial impossibility for the University of British Columbia to engage in games with other Canadian colleges, while just across the border in Washington and Oregon are several colleges that have teams playing the American sport.

An American football squad has been organized at the University of B.C., and has played several games in Washington as well as here. Considerable interest has been aroused in the game among students, and the only objection to playing it seems to lie in the contention of some persons that, if the inter-collegiate contests are given too much emphasis, the Canadian game will be subordinated.

English rugby is the popular football game in British Columbia schools. The game as played in Eastern Canadian colleges has not been introduced so far.

"And the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountains smoking, and the sight of the glory of the Lord—was like devouring fire."—Exodus 20:18, 24:17.

SEE THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

magistrate and when the magazine was empty he drew another revolver from his pocket and again opened fire.

None of the shots, however, took effect. Next he pulled out a bottle of poison and drank a dose after which he opened the window of the courtroom, which was on the second floor, and jumped out. He died in hospital.

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