Cairo, Feb. 18.—Alarm over the present situation of Egypt's cotton-growing industry is expressed in a memorandum to the council of ministers from the cotton research committee. Should the diminution in the yield of cotton continue, the committee says, the result would be a vertiable disaster for Egypt. It was just over 100 years ago that Mohammed All introduced the cotton plant into Egypt, and the value of the crops steadily increased every year until last year, when it passed the sum of £100,000,000. In spite of 2ll efforts, however, the return per fedden (1½ acres) has in the last 20 years constantly diminished. Although there has been a considerable increase in the area under cultivation, it is said, the total yield last year was less than it was ten years ago. It was only the exceptional prices ruling in 1920 that produced the record value of the crop. Pointing out the difficulties met with rappling with the problem, the committee declares that during nine years the administration has been confined to no fewer than seven ministers and, therefore, it is not surprising there had been no continuity in the study of the problem.

FRUIT GROWERS

Ontario Convention Wants Committee To Note Changes.

Toronto, Feb. 17.—At the closing session of the Ontario fruit growers' convention in this city today, a resolution vention in this city today, a resolution was passed as follows:

"That a strong committee of fruit growers be nominated to watch any changes that may be proposed or made on the present tariffs on fruits coming from or going to the United States, and that they keep in colse communication with the fruit commission at Ottawa."

This resolution had reference to the Fordney bill just passed by the United States. No reference to retailation was contained in the resolution, but one of the delegates in supporting it declared it might be necessary for the Canadian fruit growers to take some decided stand to protect their own interests.

WILL Be Appointed

Lack of Containers.

It was announced that the over the lack of containers last season would not likely be repeated, as the manufacturers were hopeful of providing sufficient supplies for all fruit grow-

SAYS MORALS SUFFER

Planners of Toronto
Needs.

Toronto, Feb. 17.—Archbishop Neil
McNeil of this city, addressing the delegates to the town planning and housing conference for Ontario at a luncheon at noon today, pointed out the need of more houses in Toronto from the standpoint of morals as well as physical health.

PARIS GIBE AT MORAL GOWN.
Paris, Feb. 18.—Naturally, in a city which occupies itself so much with dress as Paris, the efforts of Philadelphia clergymen to create a standard moral garment for women has aroused considerable comment. Here is a typical paragraph which represents accurately what is thought of such efforts at reform:

"These crazy fellows in America are always trying to suppress something. First it is alcohol, then it is tobacco and now it is liberty to dress as one

and at least 5,000 houses at reasonably low prices were called for. How many such houses were erected? Only 161; and we find that 116 such houses were pulled down during the year, while 79 dwellings were converted into business places. So, you see, we have been progressing backwards."

Cheap and rapid transportation was the solution to the housing problem, Archbishop McNell said. "I am sorry that Sir Adam Beck is not here," his grace added. "It is his hydro that must solve the housing problem." Sir Adam Beck had been expected at the luncheon, but was unable to attend.

FOREST FIRE RAGES.
Hagerstown, Md., Feb. 18.—A forest fire, three miles in width, was fanned by a high wind, and is burning above Brownsville, 20 miles south of here. It began two days ago, and already has consumed more than a thousand acres of valuable timber.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

CUNARD ANCHOR NCHOR-DONALDSON

HALIFAX TO PLYMOUTH, CHERBOURG & HAMBURG. TSS Saxonia Mar. 12, April 23

TO LIVERPOOL & GLASGOW. From Portland. From Hallfax.

Cassandra ... Feb. 18 Feb. 20

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N. Y. TO VIGO, PATRAS, DUBROVNIK

THE ROBERT REFORD CO., LIMITED SO KING STREET EAST

TELEGRAPH BRIEFS

Budapest, Feb. 18.—On complaint of the American passport office here that hundreds of Hungarians had obtained vises by means of false documents setting forth that the holders had not fought against the Allies, the local police have arrested several representatives of a bureau that is alleged to have supplied the false papers for a few thousand crowns each.

The suspicions of the American officials had been aroused by the fact that the same signatures were found on many different documents. The holders of such papers have been barred from traveling to the United States.

Canadian fruit growers to take some decided stand to protect their own interests.

Will Be Appointed.

The committee will be appointed at the first meeting of the directors.

The inauguration of a carriers' protective service is desired by the association, and it was decided to apply to the Dominion railway commission for the establishment of such a service as soon as possible. The proposed service is a kind of insurance against damage from overheating or frost on shipments during winter months.

Lack of Containers.

It was announced that the trouble over the lack of containers last season would not likely be repeated, as the

old TRUNK FULL OF GEMS.
Budapest, Hungary, Feb. 18.—Finance Minister Hegedus has discovered vast quantities of precious stones in an old trunk deposited unknown years ago in the treasury building.
H. Sirett, Brighton; W. J. Brags, Bowmanville; C. R. Terry, Clarkson; David Allan, Grimsby; A. A. Craise, St. Catharines; J. E. Johnson, Simcoe; W. M. Grant, Cedar Springs; H. K. Revell, Goderich; J. F. Elliott, Oxford Centre; W. L. Hamilton, Collingwood; Professor J. W. Crow, Guelph, and E. F. Palmer, Vineland Station.

Officers will be chosen by the dierctors later.

WILSON AGAIN AT THEATRE.
Washington, Feb. 17.—President Wilon, accompanied by Mrs. Wilson and FROM HOUSING LACK

"Apple Blossoms" at the National Theatre tenight.

The president reached the theatre early and walked into his box unassisted, except for the walking stick which he uses.

As he left the box after the performance and proceeded to his automobile he received an ovation by the audience.

from the standpoint of morals as well as physical health.

"Housing conditions in Toronto today are such as to demand serious consideration from every citizen," the archbishop said. Emphasizing this, he said: "There are few of the six-room houses in Toronto that have not two families in them, and sometimes lodgers in addition."

Firther, the archbishop said: "Last year we had 7,784 marriages in Toronto, and at least 5,000 houses at reasonably low prices were called for. How many such houses were erected? Only 161;

HONOR JAPAN IN CAROLINES. HONOR JAPAN IN CAROLINES.

Ponape, Caroline Islands, Feb. 18.—
All the principal islands of this Pacific group, of which Japan has become the mandatory under the league of nations, joined in a celebration today of the anniversary of the foundation of the Japanese dynasty. The Japanese navy was represented by the mine layer Katsuriki and the merchant fleet by the Matsupama Maru.

ELDER STATESMEN CONFER.
Tokio, Deb. 18.—The Elder Statesmen, the imperial advisory council consulted by the crown when questions of grave national difficulty arise, conferred grave national difficulty arise, conferred here yesterday. It was announced that they met to "consider state affairs."

The imperial household has issued a statement saying that the forthcoming visit of Crown Prince Hirohito to Europe will have as its object a study of conditions there, but he will not be entrusted with any special mission. After visiting England, the crown prince will go to the different countries of Europe to observe post-war conditions.

The crown prince will not visit America at this time, the statement adds, but intends to go there later.

MODIFIES PASSPORT RULE.

Washington. Feb. 18.—President Wilson has issued an executive order to relieve American citizens of the necessity of obtaining passports or similar

documents for continuous round-trip cruises from one American ports, or for cruises from one American port to another.

WOMAN IN MEDICAL CHAIR.
London, Feb. 18.—The London University senate today appointed Miss Anne Louise Mcliroy to the university chair of obstetrics and gynaecology at the London School of Medicine for Women. Miss Mcliroy was educated at the Universities of Glasgow, London, Berlin, Vienna and Paris, She has held Berlin, Vienna and Faris. She has held numerous appointments at Glasgow and from 1915 to 1919 was surgeon-in-charge of the Girton and Newnham Unit of the Scottish women's hospitals at Saloniki and Belgrade. Since 1919 she has been gynaecological specialist in the Eighty-Second General Hospital at Constantinople.

Smoked Our Goods



BUT DID NOT DAMAGE THEM



Fire, wicked and hot, broke out in the Mason & Risch Store several days ago. Smoke from it belched through windows and apertures, and filled our store. Fur Coats, Furs of all descriptions, Silk and Woolen Scarfs, and Millinery were saturated with the odor from the smoke. Not an article was damaged beyond the smoke odor, but still they could not be sold as first=class goods. Now we must sell every article in the store and get in a fresh stock. YOU WILL BE THE ONE TO BENEFIT.

Fire Sale Prices On Every Smoke-Damaged Article

This is an opportunity of a life time. You will never hear again of such cuts in the prices we are offering of these Fur Coats, Furs, Scarfs and Millinery. Don't fail to take advantage. It will be too late after the goods are gone, and if you feel sorry for not coming when you hear of the wonderful bargains your neighbor got you will have yourself to blame.

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SEAL COATS

Self trimming, regular \$210. S99 SEAL COATS

Sable collar and cuffs, regular \$225. Out they go.... \$129

BEST MUSKRAT COATS Seal collar and cuffs, regular \$99 \$200. Out they go

FINE CANADIAN MUSKRAT COATS Hudson seal collar and cuffs, regular

\$325. Out they

BEAUTIFUL LYNX COATS Regular \$145. Out they

SEAL COATS

Opossum collar and cuffs, regular \$235. On sale.... \$110

SEAL COATS

Best Canadian beaver collar and cuffs,

FINE CANADIAN MUSKRAT COATS

Seal collar and cuffs, regu- & 1 25 lar \$285. Out they go **D153**

SEAL COATS

Opossum collar and cuffs, regular \$265.

BEAVER CAPE Regular \$65. On sale

Beaver Muff to match, regular \$15

RUSSIAN PONY COATS

Opossum collar and cuffs, regular \$275. Out they go \$129 RUSSIAN PONY COATS

Beaver collar and cuffs, reg-\$129 ular \$275. Out they go... HUDSON SEAL COATS

Beaver collar and cuffs, regular \$525. go \$285

HUDSON SEAL COATS Large cape beaver collar and cuffs and

large beaver border, regular \$685. Out they go.... \$385

SEAL SHAWL

70 inches long, regular \$40. **\$19**

OPOSSUM SHAWL 72 inches long, regular \$85. \$39 COON SCARF

Regular \$35. On sale

GENUINE LYNX SCARF Regular \$95. On sale

HIGH CLASS MILLINERY

One hundred and fifty Beautiful Hats, some of them worth as high as \$15. **51**To be cleared out at

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Beautiful weaves and colors, well made, worth up to \$4. Out **\$1.29** they go at

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Suitable for evening sport, street or dress wear, worth regularly \$7. **§ 1.95** Out they go

Every Article in the Store Must Be Sold at a Big Sacrifice

There are hundreds here too numerous to mention in Fur Coats, Muffs and Fur Neckpieces. These goods will not last long at the prices, so get in early and take advantage of these wonderful bargains.

Royal Millinery & Fur Co.

246 DUNDAS STREET

CAPTURES BANDITS.

Benton, Ill., Feb. 17.—Miss Lissle Overturff, chief of police of Buckner, near here, this afternoon arrested two of four armed bandits who had held up a crap game and obtained \$700 after wounding John Hall, a bystander, in the left arm.

Miss Overturff organized a posse that pursued the quarry several miles into the country. Two of the bandits attempted to hide in a field, but the posse surroinded them and Miss Overturff disarmed them and brought them in.

OCEAN SHIP AT COLOGNE.

Cologne, Feb. 18.—Great interest has been aroused here by the arrival of a 1,650-ton ocean-going steamer from the American graves registration service expressed itself to-reday as opposed to the selection at pursued the American war dead in soldier from the American war dead in the honors in the United States, should Congress enact legislation to this end. The reason is the constant reduction in the number of the unidentified Americans and the hope of the eventual identification of almost all of them through teeth charts which are being sent to Washington and compared with the records.

Hundreds of bodies already have thus been identified, it was explained, and the officers of the service here feel that.

Second General Hospital at Constantinopie.

MASARYK GETS FRENCH GRAND CROSS.

Paris, Feb. 18.—T. G. Masaryk, president of Czecho-Slovakia, was today awarded the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor by the Government.

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