

TO-DAY'S MESSAGES.

PALESTINE BURDEN SHOULDERED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

LONDON, Feb. 21. The Labor Government took over Great Britain's responsibilities in Palestine as a going concern. Premier MacDonald told a questioner in the House of Commons yesterday. Palestine had cost the British Exchequer £1,400,000 in 1923-24, and it was estimated the cost would be £1,000,000 in 1924-25.

ROUND THE WORLD FLIGHT STARTS MARCH 15.

VICTORIA, B.C., Feb. 21. One of the most spirited ventures of this century will get under way on March 15th, when Squadron leader A. S. MacLaren, flight lieutenant, and Sgt. Brown, mechanic of the British Air Force, will hop off from Croydon, London, in a Vickers vulture amphibian aircraft on the first leg of a round the world flight. The air route of flight totals 24,000 miles. The entire trip will take some months, but the fliers hope to reach the Atlantic stretch of the home journey before the end of August.

DOCK STRIKE DEADLOCK BROKEN.

LONDON, Feb. 21. Great Britain awoke to-day to find apparently a hopeless deadlock in the dock strike broken. Representatives of dock workers and employers meeting at Ministry of Labor arrived at terms of agreement in the early hours of the morning. The terms will be submitted to a conference of dockers delegates from all sections of the country to be held at the Labor Ministry this evening, and should they meet with the approval of the men, work will be resumed immediately, relieving the congestion which has prevailed at the ports for the last few days. Indications are that this approval will be forthcoming.

POINCARÉ TAKES A FIRM STAND.

PARIS, Feb. 21. Premier Poincaré served notice on the Senate and over the Upper House to the country and the world to-day of his firm intention to continue the task undertaken of directing the destinies of France as long as Parliament grants him its confidence, thus setting at rest all talk that he was having defeat on the question of internal politics, providing it implied no rejection of his foreign policy. Undeterred by strong opposition manifested against the election bill, the President has stated the life of his Cabinet upon the uncompromising ratification of the measure as sponsored by the Government. Never since M. Poincaré assumed power has the Senate appeared so evenly divided upon anything. The Government's supporters who were counting on a majority of 30 to 40 last Saturday now admit that the Upper House may give the Government a reduced majority around 20.

PENSION SCHEME RECEIVED SYMPATHETIC HEARING.

LONDON, Feb. 21. A private member's motion to provide State pensions for widows with children or mothers whose family bread winner is incapacitated drew a sympathetic reply in the House of Commons from Philip Snowden, Chancellor of the Exchequer, who however said the Government at present was unable to provide the necessary £20,000,000 annually which would be required to finance the scheme.

NOT WORTH A CANDLE.

LONDON, Feb. 21. As a preliminary discussion to the Parliamentary discussion of the Economic Conference resolution, Lord Beauchamp, a Free Trader, entered the lists in the House of Lords to-night against the Imperial Conference, which in effect he said, supported by a mass of figures, was not worth a candle.

Wedding Bells.

ANGEL-THOMAS. A very pretty wedding took place yesterday afternoon when Miss Jean Egerton Angel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Edgar Angel of this city, and granddaughter of the late Hon. James Angel, was united in holy matrimony to Charles Crane Thomas, of Jersey City, New Jersey. The bride was given away by her father and was attended by her sister, Mrs. J. J. Strang. She looked charming in a beautiful gown of white chiffon-velvet with veil and shower bouquet. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. R. E. Fairbairn. After the reception Mr. and Mrs. Thomas drove to the "Silvia" which sailed for New York at 5.30. They will reside in Jersey City, N.J.

Further Rioting Cases to be Heard

It is understood that the Department of Justice is proceeding with a number of other cases in connection with the rioting at Traytown, and it is probable that three or four of the witnesses in the Capt. Jesse Winsor case will appear before the Magistrate to-morrow in this connection.

There will be a solemn High Mass for the repose of the soul of the late Alice Waugh, on Saturday morning at 8.30. -Feb 21.11

Magistrate's Court.

The proprietress of a beer shop on New Gower Street was summoned before court this morning charged with selling hop beer overproof. Mr. D. J. Davies the Government Analyst, upon being sworn and examined, stated he analysed a sample of the beer taken by the police and found it contained 3.3% by volume overproof. After the evidence of the police who made the seizure had been taken, it was found necessary to postpone the further hearing until Saturday morning for the purpose of deciding whether the defendant was the rightful owner of the beer shop, or if it was her husband's.

A case for an alleged assault which arose out of the above case will be aired before court after the Prohibition case concludes. Const. Solomon Churchill summoned four boys before the Juvenile Court for tampering with fire alarm box, No. 27 on the 18th inst. The boys explained to the court that the glass from the box had dropped out and they were trying to adjust it. The case was dismissed.

Abie's Irish Rose maintains an almost perfect balance of comedy and pathos.

HERE'S WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR

Everyone is wondering just what the Big Village Fair is all about, and after an interview with Jarge Hobbs the Village Crier, we are in a position to satisfy public curiosity. Jarge says, that the Old Fashioned Barn Dance is going to be such a success, and folks are taking such a big interest in it, that the Child Welfare Association resolved to take advantage of the wonderful decorations and layout of the hall to hold a Big Village Fair, on the night of the 29th. Stalls will be erected, and all manner of things sold, raffles will be going on, dancing between dances, entertainments of various kinds, refreshments on sale, a fine friendly fellow feeling will be about, and it will be a case of "back to the farm" for a good old fashioned evening's enjoyment while the Fair is in progress. And who will benefit, you may ask? The little child whose lot is many cases in a heritage of hardship. The Association wants to help their mother give them a decent start in life. Can they count YOU in with them on this work? Tickets will be only 20 cents and all manner of refreshments can be bought at the Fair. You will strike some bargains in the Big Auction. Remember the day, Friday, the 29th.

Concert and Sociable.

AT GOWER ST. CHURCH.

The concert and sociable held in the lecture hall of Gower St. Methodist Church, last night, was largely attended, and proved very enjoyable. Those who took part in the concert programme were—Miss Marie Sobel, Miss M. Whitley; Songs, Misses Herder, Glendinning, Soper, and Penney; Messrs. C. Hutton and Darby; Readings by Misses Bishop, Fraser and Hinton; Duet, Misses White and Soper; Negro Melodies by a colored octette. Miss Elsie Tait acted as accompanist. Following the concert a short dialogue "The Love of the Bonnet" was staged. Each of the performers played their parts very well which earned for them the unstinted applause of the gathering. Before the enjoyable affair concluded refreshments were served by the Ladies Guild.

We will call a spade a spade and say right now that A.I.R. is the best comedy we have ever seen, let alone being produced here. See it yourself and you'll say our boasting is not out of order. -Feb 21.11

Shipping

Schr. Annie W. Warren has cleared with 3,904 quintals codfish from the N. F. Produce Co from Bahia. S. S. Rosalind left New York 1 p.m. yesterday for Halifax. S. S. Silvia sailed for Halifax and New York 6.45 p.m. yesterday, taking two additional passengers, viz: Messrs. McKay and Avalon Goodridge.

The cast assembled for Abie's Irish Rose is the local guarantee of a wonderful production. The show itself is the funniest ever written. -Feb 21.11

From Cape Race

Special to Evening Telegram. CAPE RACE, to-day. Wind south, light, weather dull. Light aloft ice packing on land. The steamer Silvia passed west at 10.10 p.m. yesterday; nibbling sighted to-day. Feb 20.10; Ther. 34.

2,325,000 have witnessed Abie's Irish Rose at the Republic Theatre, New York. And crowds are still thronging the house. -Feb 21.11

PEPYS BEHIND THE SCENES.

Feb. 20th.—Reading the report of the Enquiry in the morning sheet, I see how Commissioner Walker did say he was the subject of many rumours, and is not alone in this respect, being that many others do suffer also, and indeed, others persons have said to me that others know more about them than they do of themselves. Anon to the Enk to see the Pelidians play the Terra Novas at hockey; Nix Hunt, the goalkeeper, penalized, and the first time of my seeing this done. The Pelidians win and are 'now the Champions, which I am glad for. So to the Curling Club, and Mr. Grace shows me a place from a Canadian paper, mighty droll; it says Mexico will declare war on Newfoundland for the monopolizing of the front pages of the news sheets, and will appeal to the League of Nations, the ground being that a revolution is in the making more interesting than a bloodless political scandal, by which is meant the Enquiry. And indeed, I see by all the foreign news sheets that come to me, how the news of the Enquiry is on their front pages, and the revolution in Mexico, forgotten almost. I play a game of curling on Mr. Stafford's team, but am not so good as I shall be when I do practice more. To the Casino play-house, to see "The Queen's Messenger," the first time it hath been acted a great while; and it is mighty pleasant. But what did please me beyond anything in the whole world were the tableaux vivants. Every scene most excellently done, and all mighty pretty. So home, and to bed, drinking a glass of milk, which it is my habit to do at late, for to increase my weight, albeit I detest the stuff.

Sealers Getting Ready

NINE SHIPS WILL PROSECUTE SEALFISHERY.

General activity prevails along several of the water-side premises these days, getting the sealing ships in readiness to prosecute the forthcoming seal-fishery. It is understood that nine ships in all make the voyage. Six will operate on the northern front, while the balance will try their luck in the Gulf. The names of the ships, with that of the owners and captains are as follows:—

BOWRING BROS.
S.S. Terra Nova Capt. A. Keen
S.S. Ranger Capt. W. Keen
S.S. Eagle Capt. Ed. Bishop
S.S. Viking Capt. Wm. Bartlett
S.S. Sagona Capt. R. Rendell

JOB BROS. & CO.

S.S. Neptune Capt. Geo. Barbour
S.S. Thetis Capt. Wm. Winsor
BAINE JOHNSTON & CO.
S.S. Seal Capt. Jacob Keen.

FARQUHAR & CO.

S.S. Sabie L. Capt. Murley
S.S. Stella Maria Capt. Geo. Whitley.
The Sagona has been chartered by Bowring Bros. from the Newfoundland Government. The sealing crews from Gambo and vicinity are expected to reach the city by the end of the week, while it is quite likely that one of the sealing ships will sail for the northward in the course of a few days to bring up the balance. Judging by ice and weather conditions reported north during the last week, the chances of getting the ships to the frozen parts looks very bright and the respective captains are looking forward to a successful and profitable voyage. It is not definitely known when the ships will sail; they are permitted to sail any date after the 5th of March, while killing takes place after the 13th.

Soviet Eyes on Mongolia

SEANGHAI (Canadian Press)—The Russian Soviet is reaching out for territory in Mongolia, according to reports reaching here from the north. The authorities are now in control of outer Mongolia have accepted a proposal from the Bolsheviks to make their country a self-governing state of the Soviet Republic. A secret agreement is said to have been entered into prior to Envoys M. Kharkov's departure for China. It stipulates that Outer Mongolia be placed under Soviet protection and its government will invite Russians to organize laborers and peasants' institutions; the abandonment of the rule of princes government to be conducted by a revolutionary committee with the governor as chairman; Russian citizens of Mongolia to have the right to purchase land and exploit mines of Mongolia; railroads to be built by Russian engineers with only Russian capital; Russians to be permitted to organize labor and co-operative societies on the Russian plan only Russian citizens to be employed in the service of the government in order to show their sincerity with for the unification of the two countries.

"Abie's Irish Rose" the show that put U in humor.

WINARD'S LIVERY FOR DIS-TEMPER.

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TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME:

- No. 1—Saxophone Duet: (a) "A Smile will go a long, long way"; (b) "Dreamy Melody".
No. 2—Merimbaphone Piano Duet: (a) "Somewhere a Voice is Calling"; (b) "No, No, Nora".
No. 3—Merimbaphone Duet: (a) "Carolina Mamma"; (b) "You've Got to See Mamma every Night, or you can't see Mamma at all"; (c) "Crying for you".

Stock Market News

TO-DAY OPENING.

Am. Smelters	61%
Airbrake	99
Am. Can	113%
Amoco	59%
Bethlehem	56%
Baldwin	120%
C. P. R.	146%
Cosden	34%
Cruicible	62%
Dome	17%
Flak	8%
Gen. Motors	53%
Gen. Motors	14%
Pacific Oil	52%
Punta Sugar	61%
Pan-Amer	45%
Sinclair	21%
Studebaker	100
White Motors	56%
U.S. Steel	102%

MONTREAL.

Atlantic Sugar	19
Abitibi	84
Braslin	43%
Car Pld	80
R.E.S. 1st	55
Bell Tel	128%
Laurentide	92
Shawington	328
S.K. Com.	108%

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ST. MAURICE VALLEY PAPER MERGER IS PROGRESSING.

Montreal.—Negotiations are still proceeding to the end of merging the four big newspaper producers of the St. Maurice Valley. No definite stage has been reached in the transaction, but those behind the project express considerable optimism that the merger will go through.

YIPOND SETTLES INTO STEADY PRODUCTION.

An interim report to the share-

holders of Vipond shows the mill production for January at \$55,500 whilst during the same up in December it was \$24,940. From the 15th July to the 15th November ore reserves have risen from 210,825 tons to 25,981 tons. This increase is greater than these figures would indicate due to the fact that the average grade has risen also from \$6.62 to \$10.19 per ton. The estimated ore reserves in July were almost doubled by the reserves shown in November at \$2,618,836.

INDIAN STILL ERRATIC.

Indian shares continue to be decidedly erratic in the market. For instance, on Wednesday the quotation on the market was bid 35 1/2, with stock offered at 35 1/2. Sales have ranged around 40 of late. Traders are skeptical of explanations so far advanced as to the cause of the break in the price of the stock to 20, from which it has since recovered. In December nearly a quarter million shares of stock were recorded as changing hands at above 30 with 84 as the high mark.

LAURENTIDE'S STATEMENT.

Montreal, Feb. 12.—The annual financial statement of the Laurentide Power Company, Limited, shows that during the year ended December 31, 1923, both the gross and net earnings of the company were the highest in its history. Gross revenues from power sales and other sources amounted to \$1,417,822, as compared with \$1,249,030 in the previous year. After deducting operating expenses and bond interest, the net income applicable to common stock was \$487,034, which is equivalent of 6.54 per cent on the \$10,500,000 of common stock as compared with 6.39 per cent in 1922 and 5.44 in 1921. Reserves to the amount of 153,340 were set up to provide for income tax for 1923, and sinking fund for the redemption of bonds. After payment of the usual five per cent dividend, there remained a surplus of \$3,694.

Chinese Women Thrown off Ancient Restrictions

Peking. (Can. Press).—Among all the social changes in China since the revolution, perhaps none has been more bewildering to patriarchal Chinese than the sudden emancipation of their wives and daughters, the latter particularly.

Siberian Railway Improved

Tokio (Canadian Press).—The re-juvenated Trans-Siberian Railway from Moscow to China is daily growing better and the service is almost up to pre-revolutionary standards, according to passengers who have recently travelled over the line. The trip from Helmsford to Tokio can now be accomplished in fifteen days, whereas it required several weeks to cover the route by steamer. Although severe weather was encountered in Manchuria, the coaches were described as almost too warm to be comfortable. Russian food is served in the diner. The entire trip is said to be very economical, the international or first class fare being only about \$60.00. The charges for baggage and the trouble in connection with its transportation are such as to make the use of the smallest possible cases advisable.

Personal

We are glad to learn that the wife of Mr. S. Hill of Gower Street, is making satisfactory progress at the General Hospital, where she underwent an operation a few days ago.

FOR SALE.

RECEIVED NASTY GASH.—Mr. J. Ryan, caretaker Mechanics' Hall, received a nasty gash in his skull this morning which required the insertion of several stitches by Dr. Anderson, to close. The accident was attributed to the falling of an icicle from the eave of the building where Mr. Ryan was engaged dislodging the same at the time. His escape from instant death was most miraculous. -Feb 21.11

Bandit Leader Killed

PEKING, (Can. Press).—Sun Mei-Yao, famous leader of the bandit gang which derailed the Tientsin-Peking Railway express train at Lincheng last spring and captured a large number of foreign hostages, has been killed.

The reason for Sun's execution remains obscure, although one report is that death was punishment for failure to suppress bandits, this being regarded as mutiny. It is said that Sun was invited to dinner by Gen. Cheng Shih-Chi, military governor of Shantung, and at a given signal from his host was surrounded and shot. Another story is that the general was poisoned. It is still unclear, however, whether a genuine charge of mutiny or a political motive was behind the slaying.

Here and There.

TRAIN NOTES.—A local accommodation train left Port aux Basques at 7 a.m., coming to St. John's. The regular cross country express with foreign mails and passengers went out at 1 p.m. The local Corborene train arrived at 12.45.

There will be a Special Meeting of the T.A. Ladies' Auxiliary Friday, 22nd inst., at 8 o'clock, to make arrangements for the Juveniles' Annual Treat. Every member is requested to be present.—N. NICKEY, Secretary. -Feb 21.11

Bankers' Hockey to-night at 6.30. Bank of Montreal vs. Canadian Bank of Commerce. Mercantile Hockey at 7.30. A. Harvey & Co., Ltd., vs. Bowring Bros., Ltd. General skating at 8.30, 8 Bands.

A GOOD REASON.

"Jimmy," said the teacher, "why is it that lightning never strikes in the same place?"
"Because," said Jimmy confidently, "after it hits once, the same place ain't there any more."

DIED.

There passed away on Wednesday, at 8 a.m., Hezekiah, beloved husband of Jane Morgan; aged 74 years. He leaves to mourn a wife, two daughters, one son, one brother, and twenty grandchildren. Funeral on Friday at 10 a.m. at the residence of the family, 185 Water Street.

A New Ford Story

I thought I knew all the Ford car stories, but this one from Mr. Nelson Jackson repertory is new to me. The manager of a large firm of manufacturers in America was despatched to buy a fleet of Ford cars for his company. He thought his best plan was to go straight to the head office, and was fortunate in getting an interview with the head salesman.

FOR SALE.

The salesman replied to the effect that this price had been cut so fine that it would not allow of any commission.

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