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Prices of Paper Go Up.

Christina, Norway, Dec. 15.—Prices on all sorts of paper in Norway have gone up thirty to forty per cent. and are still on the increase. Some sorts cannot be manufactured by the Norwegian paper mills, as, for instance, blue paper, for want of blue dye stuff which usually is supplied by Germany.

The central valleys in Norway are great lumber districts, much like Northern Minnesota. The principal trees are pine and evergreen, and, thanks to the numerous cellulose and paper mills, which have been built in the last fifteen or twenty years, the value of the woods has increased considerably. So many foreign factories had to stop because of the war, prices on the products from the Norwegian plants have gone up—on cellulose from \$40 a ton before the war to \$70 a ton now.

Big Insurance.

Basel, Switzerland, Dec. 15.—A million and a quarter dollars insurance against damage to artistic treasures as the result of air raids has been taken out by the Swiss government and private people at Basel. A great many valuable paintings, tapestries, and art objects have been taken from museums and private houses and placed in cellars since the dropping of bombs at Chaux-de-Fonds by German aviators who had gone astray.

The passage of French or German aviators near Basel is now almost a daily occurrence, the French taking that route towards the Rhine, and the Germans bound for Belfort. The people of Basel are probably the best posted in the world regarding prospective air-raids, as in nearly every case the aviators pass in plain sight of the city in squadrons.

The Diamond From the Sky

By ROY L. MCCARDELL

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Vivian Marston and Blair Stanley.

He drew himself up to the gnarled and tenuous vine. Vivian came to the window at the first swaying of the vine. Blair showed her the diamond. "Give it to me," she whispered. But Blair was resolved upon the only price he would accept for this proud possession—the favor of a woman he loved. "I will wait for you," Blair replied tensely. "We must marry and leave Richmond tonight. Blake will be hot after us."

Vivian nodded, and Blair slid down the wistaria and hid the stolen motorcycle in the thick vines at the side of the house.

In a few minutes Vivian had joined him. A few blocks from the Randolph house they halted a belated taxi and were driven to the home of the Rev. John Gray, noted in conservative Richmond as "the marrying minister."

Meanwhile, driven out by the flames, of which the Chinese den Blair had been brought about by Canadian soldiers in France and Flanders, got their taxicab and hurried away to avoid embarrassing questions from the police and firemen already heard hurrying to the scene. The frenzied Chinamen, pouring from the place, were too excited to stay them. The bewildered English barrister, Smythe, his respectable gray high hat and his equally respectable frock coat on fire, was brushed aside by Detective Blake and the Messrs. Bloom.

They were not interested in the legal representative of the Earl of Stanley or his search for the fugitive heirs to the Stanley title and estates in Warwickshire. Their minds were all upon the heirloom of the American Stanleys, the diamond from the sky.

"Possession is nine points of the law," panted Mr. Abraham Bloom. "The law is that a pawnbroker ain't responsible for a pawned article except to the value of the sum he has advanced on it. If we get hold of this diamond them Stanleys can whistle for it, eh, Ike?"

But Isaac Bloom, pawnbroker, had on actual crisis of nerves such as Mrs. Burton Randolph had never been able to effect. In the words of his more hardened and experienced brother, "Ike was all in." He moaned in the corner of his taxicab and begged to be "let out of this thing."

"It ain't your fire, you should worry," sneered his brother, the cynical gambling housekeeper.

"For my fire, when I have it, I have got an insurance," moaned the unhappy Isaac Bloom. "But to see a fire in which a diamond goes as big as your fist, worth \$1,000,000! A fire by which you almost lose your life, as we did—well, words can't say it, and I want that you should let me out at my pawnshop!"

After leaving the collapsed Ike Bloom in the haven of his pawnshop, Detective Blake and Abe Bloom were driven to the latter's gambling house, and



He Drew Himself Up to Vivian's Window.

from here to the residence of Mrs. Burton Randolph, society leader. "As you say there is \$5,000 in it for me if I get the diamond for you, I will tell you my theory," said the detective to his gambler client. "Blair Stanley who passed the bad check on you with his thumb print from the leaky fountain pen on it, has got the diamond. It belongs to his family, you know. If this Arthur Stanley, who has also fled (but I can tell you now he is guilty of no crime that I know of), dies the diamond belongs to Blair Stanley."

(To be continued.)

Rates on the Parcels Sent to the Soldiers

The Honorable T. Chase Casgrain, Postmaster-General of Canada, has been successful as a result of negotiations with the Imperial Postal Authorities, in effecting an arrangement with the British Government whereby parcels from Canada for Canadian soldiers in France and Flanders will be carried at the same rate of postage as applies to parcels from the United Kingdom for the Expeditionary Forces on the Continent; that is:

For parcels weighing up to three pounds, 24 cents.

For parcels weighing over three pounds and not more than 7 pounds, 32 cents.

For parcels weighing over seven pounds and not more than eleven pounds, 38 cents.

This means a material reduction on the cost of parcels, and it is hoped it will be a source of satisfaction to the Canadian public. This reduction has been brought about by Canada foregoing all postal charges for the conveyance of these parcels in Canada and on the Atlantic.

The public are reminded, however, in accordance with the circular issued by the Department recently, that until further notice no parcel can be sent weighing over seven pounds.

CHILD GETS SICK CROSS, FEVERISH IF CONSTIPATED

A laxative to-day saves a sick child to-morrow. Children simply will not take the time from play to empty their bowels, which become clogged up with waste, liver gets sluggish; stomach sour.

Look at the tongue, mother! If coated, or your child is listless, cross, feverish, breath bad, restless, doesn't eat heartily, full of cold or has sore throat or any other children's ailment, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," then don't worry because it is perfectly harmless, and in a few hours all this constipation poison, sour bile and fermenting waste will gently move out of the bowels, and you have a well, playful child again. A thorough "inside cleansing" is oftentimes all that is necessary. It should be the first treatment given in any sickness.

Beware of counterfeit fig syrups. Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly printed on the bottle. Look carefully and see that it is made by the "California Fig Syrup Company."

The Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co. is having 1,000 acres of land near Co-kato surveyed into 10-acre tracts for farming purposes.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

BY-LAW NO. 1354 of the Corporation of the City of Brantford

To provide for the sale of a portion of the Brantford Municipal Railway System to the Lake Erie and Northern Railway Company.

Whereas the Corporation of the City of Brantford is the owner of the System of Railway now known as The Brantford Municipal Railway System and comprising the Street Railway System within the limits of the City of Brantford and the line of Railway from the City of Brantford through the Town of Paris to the Town of Galt.

And whereas a Commission was appointed to manage and operate said system, and such Commission has recommended to the Corporation of the City of Brantford the sale of a portion of said Railway System (but excepting the rails, ties, poles, wires, and other materials thereon which are hereby reserved by the Corporation) to be sold, assigned, conveyed and transferred to the Lake Erie and Northern Railway Company in consideration of the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars, (\$30,000.00) and of an agreement on the part of the Lake Erie and Northern Railway Company, its successors and assigns, that it shall and will equip its railway from its terminus in the Town of Galt to its terminus in the Town of Port Dover for operation by electric power, and that it shall and will from time to time and at all times hereafter operate its Railway System between Galt and Port Dover by electric power only, and of an agreement that the said Company, its successors and assigns, will not operate its Railway within the district in the Town of Paris consisting of the Flats and being the district through which the line of Railway of the Corporation is constructed, except for freight traffic only and upon such further terms and conditions as shall be approved by the Municipal Council of this Corporation.

1. That the rails, ties, poles, wires and other materials owned by this Corporation and pertaining to that portion of the said System of Railway between the town of Galt and the town of Port Dover, and a point distant nine hundred and twenty-four feet Westward from the Western limit of William Street in the Town of Paris together with the right and title of the Corporation in the right of way upon which said portion of said Railway is constructed, and also the right and title of the Corporation in the right of way of the Blue Lake Sliding as constructed (but excepting the rails, ties, poles, wires, and other materials thereon which are hereby reserved by the Corporation) be sold, assigned, conveyed and transferred to the Lake Erie and Northern Railway Company in consideration of the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars, (\$30,000.00) and of an agreement on the part of the Lake Erie and Northern Railway Company, its successors and assigns, that it shall and will equip its railway from its terminus in the Town of Galt to its terminus in the Town of Port Dover for operation by electric power, and that it shall and will from time to time and at all times hereafter operate its Railway System between Galt and Port Dover by electric power only, and of an agreement that the said Company, its successors and assigns, will not operate its Railway within the district in the Town of Paris consisting of the Flats and being the district through which the line of Railway of the Corporation is constructed, except for freight traffic only and upon such further terms and conditions as shall be approved by the Municipal Council of this Corporation.

2. The agreement for sale herein referred to shall be subject to ratification by the shareholders of the Lake Erie and Northern Railway Company, and by Special Act of the Parliament of Canada and to the approval of the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada.

3. Such agreement for sale and indentures of conveyance as shall be required to convey and assure to the Lake Erie and Northern Railway Company the property purchased shall be executed by the Mayor and the Clerk of this Corporation on behalf of this Corporation under the Corporate Seal thereof.

4. This By-Law shall take effect from and immediately after the final passing thereof.

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By Special Wire to the Courier.
London, Dec. 15.—The next in the Balkan theatre of war rouses the attention of the Athenian Saloniki correspondents of the press.

There are 20,000 Entente troops at Saloniki, according to the Mail, whose Saloniki correspondent says that the retreat of the Entente allies was so brilliantly carried out that the large force of Bulgarians were unable at any point to overtake and defeat them. In fact the Bulgarians were so deceived by the policy of the manoeuvres and the policy of the movements of the Entente troops that they lost much time bombarding certain positions, Strumitsa, which the French had abandoned on the preceding day.

According to the correspondent of the Times and the Morning Post, the Entente forces will halt on the line from Karassuli, in northern Greece on the Vardar river to the north and northeast of Kila, on the Doiran railway. The correspondent of the Morning Post, in the interesting statement, on the authority of the Bulgarian minister at Athens, as quoted in a published interview, that Gievgeli and D. Southern Serbia, both of which will be surrendered to Greece, says nothing about Monastir, ever.

The Athens correspondent of the Times says he believes the whole position turns on whether the Bulgarians invade Greece. He says that he is somewhat doubtful whether Greece would still under the move, even though the king and government should consent to which he declines to believe will be done. He says the Greek government can be trusted to run no necessary risks. Caution has been policy and neutrality its aim, but Greek government consists of Greek and every Greek is at heart a patriot declares the correspondent. He says that only events that unite the sovereign, the government and the people will force Greece to abandon her neutrality.

CRITICAL DAYS PAST.
London, Dec. 15.—A Reuter dispatch from British headquarters Macedonia says:

"The situation here threatens enter on a period of comparative stagnation, pending further negotiations of the Austrians, German Bulgarian intentions with regard to the invasion of Greek territory."

"Now that the allies have completely evacuated Serbian soil, question of subsequent developments must for the time being lie with the enemy. A Bulgarian officer, captured the other day, said that Bulgaria completed the task she had set herself, and not one in Bulgaria wanted to fight the allies. This state has been universally expressed prisoners and deserters.

"Whatever they decide, the allies are no longer under any apprehension with regard to the future. The tactical days are past, when the Bulgarians, by a successful raid around south of Lake Doiran might cut line of communications. Fortunate arrangements were worked smooth. Everything that was most valuable successfully removed. A screen

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Sir John French

Haig as

By Special Wire to the Courier.
New York, Dec. 15.—The London correspondent of The New York Herald calls this morning—

"I am told that Field Marshal John French, who has succumbed temporarily to the strain as a result of the constant direction of the British army, which has grown from the Kaiser's terrible 'comet' into a vast fighting machine, recommended Sir Douglas Haig as his successor as commander-in-chief on the western front, and he, too, is responsible for the promotion of another brilliant soldier, general Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien, to post of commander-in-chief of British forces which were designed to conquer the German forces in Africa."

"There is only one verdict in press this morning and that is the king has honored himself and his nation by announcing the elevation of Sir John French to a viscounty of United Kingdom, and that the go-