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A NOTABLE YEAR.

The year which closes today has been marked by a great forward movement in the direction of a better understanding between the nations. The Washington conference comes first to mind in reviewing what has been first to mind in the entry of the year is the entry of the United States into a conference which marks a distinct departure from its former policy in foreign relations, and a very significant drawing together in closer sympathy of the United States and the British Empire. Of immense significance to the Empire itself and to the world is the prospective settlement of the Irish question, which now seems assured. Stimulated no doubt by developments in Ireland there is at the moment more unrest than usual in Egypt and India and affairs in those countries will attract no little attention for some time to come. The agitation at this distance appears to be very unwise, since the British policy is to extend complete self-government to both as rapidly as conditions warrant, and this is recognized by the wiser heads in both Egypt and India.

The nations are still staggering under the heavy burdens of the war, and a considerable period must elapse before they are back to normal; but the worst of the depression will pass with the present winter and industry and commerce will steadily recover, the more rapidly because of the conviction that progressive enterprise will not be disturbed for a long period as a result of the war. It is an odd feature of the case that it is Russia, which was to show the world the way to peace and happiness, which today talks of coming war and has a great army in readiness, while her distracted people are in some portions of the country dying of starvation. One of the great lessons of the year has come out of Russia, and it is one that is not likely to be lost upon the rest of the world.

The Dominion of Canada faces the new year with unbounded confidence. No other country offers such opportunities for the development of great natural resources, and none should more rapidly recover from the effects of the war. There is a new government, fresh from the people, and animated by a desire to make such a record as will fully justify the people's confidence. The present depression will be succeeded by a gradual revival of industry and trade, while a vigorous immigration policy will create new business and add to the national wealth. In no country are the people able to look to the future with greater confidence than may the people of Canada.

AS MONCTON DOES IT

The unemployment problem is receiving practical consideration in Moncton. At a meeting of the employment service council on Wednesday Hon. C. W. Robinson pointed out that the present government had some money on hand for the erection of houses under the provisions of the N. B. Housing Act, and he felt that should an application be made for a certain sum by Moncton the applicants might have their request complied with. A committee was appointed to confer with the government at its meeting in St. John next week, and ascertain what amount of money could be set aside for the erection of houses in Moncton under the provisions of the Housing Act. The meeting also expressed the hope that the city would proceed with the erection of a new market and a new almshouse, both of which have been under discussion for some time. Wood-cutting operations on city property were said to be assuming large proportions and employing a large number of men. Apparently there is not the same trouble in getting men there as is experienced in the Musquash operation here. It is said the wood is sold at a nominal charge to cover expenses in gathering it, and a portion is being used for fire wood at the pumping station, thus lowering cost of fuel. It was also reported at the meeting that the citizens showed a fine co-operative spirit in placing little jobs in the way of the unemployed. To meet the urgent need of those for whom employment cannot be provided it is planned to establish a central depot for the distribution of food and clothing, to which the churches and other organizations and citizens generally would send donations. The whole problem is rightly regarded as a community problem and the citizens are not throwing the burden on the city council but are taking a practical interest in their own account. Touching the question of work and relief, the Amherst News makes an observation that is worthy of universal attention. It says:

"The time has arrived when a summing-up help are beginning to lose their morale. They are beginning to be willingly dependent."

Such a condition as here described is of all things to be avoided. Relief work is laudable and even necessary, but what is more necessary is the provision of work so that needy persons may see

serve their self-respect, and so that the line may be sharply drawn between those who are industrious and those who would cheerfully live at public expense.

The French delegation at the Washington conference asserts that in demanding a great submarine fleet France has no thought of attacking a friend. Lord Lee was able to quote a French naval officer of high rank who referred directly to Britain as a possible object of attack. As a matter of fact whom does France fear? The only powers strong enough to seriously threaten her coast line are Britain and the United States. She need not fear Japan, or Italy, or Germany or Russia. Unless she anticipates a quarrel ere long with her friends she has no need of a great submarine fleet. Her present attitude will probably be modified.

Every unemployed man and woman seeking work should register at the employment office in the Red Cross rooms, Prince William street. In Halifax those who do not find work register again after a short period, that the record may be accurate. To register may not be to get work at once or for some time, but it increases the chances of the applicant, and it is desirable to know exactly how many are unemployed, as upon that will depend the amount of new work provided by the city council. Hence all should make prompt application.

Holding the skating championships on Lily Lake will deprive the Y. M. C. I. of an opportunity to get in the ordinary way a financial return for the large amount of money these national sports will involve. The citizens will appreciate the fact, and the more cheerfully assist in enabling the promoters to do everything that is necessary to insure the success of the sports and to reflect credit upon St. John as a sporting city.

Regarding the Dominion income tax, Canadian Finance charges that it has been badly administered, and says: "The real need is a shake-up in the income tax department; the dismissal of officials who assume that every taxpayer is a criminal and should be treated accordingly, and last, but not least, the codification and publication of the rulings of the department, so that the taxpayer knows exactly where he stands on any matter which is debatable."

The resolutions being adopted in Ireland are all in favor of acceptance of the peace treaty. Not one demanding a republic has been recorded since the Dail Eireann adjourned over the holidays. The outlook for the treaty is therefore bright, and one of the most notable events of the early part of 1922 may well be the establishment of the Irish Free State.

Hon. Robert Rogers would have the Conservative party begin the new year well by holding a national convention. The party is certainly in need of a stimulant.

The Times extends to all its hearty greetings and sincere wishes for a happy and prosperous new year.

WILSON'S WRITINGS CAUSE SARCASM

Stephane Lauzanne Deprecates Publication of Secret Record of Peace Parley.

Paris, Dec. 31.—The announcement that the New York Times will soon print ex-President Wilson's secret record of the peace negotiations as given by Raymond Stannard Baker has aroused the greatest interest in France, where all the newspapers carry this news today, and in political circles the event is arousing very varied emotions. The French attitude is well shown in the following article by Stephane Lauzanne, which will appear in the *Matin* tomorrow. "The publication of the secret proceedings of the conference by the New York Times shows how quickly there is real peace in France (Lausanne's reference is to Lardieu's book and others) that you really need, at a discount of 25 p. c. to 50 p. c., at Poyas & Co's, 12 King Square. Victoria Rink—Band and skating to-night. Skating every afternoon. 11827-1-3 Special New Year's dinner at Dufferin Hotel, Sunday, Jan. 1st, 11925-1-1 Tickets \$1.25. NEW YEAR'S DINNER. Turkey dinner at Bond's, Monday, 12 to 2 p. m., 75c. Bond's special New Year's eve dinner from 9 p. m. to 1 a. m., \$1. 11950-1-3 honest fortune. The thing has been done in France (Lausanne's reference is to Lardieu's book and others) that you really need, at a discount of 25 p. c. to 50 p. c., at Poyas & Co's, 12 King Square. Victoria Rink—Band and skating to-night. Skating every afternoon. 11827-1-3 Special New Year's dinner at Dufferin Hotel, Sunday, Jan. 1st, 11925-1-1 Tickets \$1.25. NEW YEAR'S DINNER. Turkey dinner at Bond's, Monday, 12 to 2 p. m., 75c. Bond's special New Year's eve dinner from 9 p. m. to 1 a. m., \$1. 11950-1-3

MY BOOKS.

(Rev. George Scott.) Such potent incantations dwell Within the compass of these volumes, He needs no periphrasis or spells To weave about their tiny columns A world of wisdom and delight; A winsome 'luring' tricky sprite.

For often when the days were hard, And darkness found my spirit moody, He warded me for my reward, To sunny hillside quaintly woody, Where birds and all things gentle dwell, All beauty more than I can tell.

Or when my mind was sorely vexed, With problems that I found distressing, Some labyrinthine scheme perplexed, And all from wisdom's path digressing, He taught me from some old world sage, These things endured from age to age.

Again he builds for my delight The customs of a time long vanished, Revealing to our fathers banished, Of kings, and camps, and council boards, All heights and squares and doughty lords.

Again he waves his hand and lo! The lordly halls shrink to a cottage, The precious vintage of Bordeaux, To meal poured on a peasant's potage For queens of beauteous dames, Of humble and plebeian names.

However humble be my state, Despite the laws of courtly breeding, At his behest I freely make And all are glad to condescend, To be my counsellor and friend.

Such winsome glances abide, This potent incantation's pleasure, Whatever fortune may betide, It falls me not, this perils treasure Small things are surely due that I Begraudge not though the world pass by.

LOCAL NEWS

New Year's turkey dinner at the Clifton House, 12 to 2.30. Price 60c. All the Manchester Robertson Allison, Ltd. stores will open at 9 a. m., close at 8 p. m., including Saturday, during January, February and March. 1-1

RECEPTION. The president and officers of the Garrison officers' mess will be at Home Monday, January 2, in the officers' mess, armories, from 12 to 1 o'clock.

BANKRUPT STOCK. Big sale of dry goods, groceries, boots and shoes, blankets and hundreds of articles at less than wholesale prices. Arnold's Dept. Store, 187-189 Prince Edward street.

G. W. V. A. CHRISTMAS TREAT. The annual Christmas treat given by the St. John Branch G. W. V. A. in honor of their comrades who gave their lives during the war, will be held on Monday, January 2, 9 to 11 p. m., in the association hall, 27 Wellington Row, interest is specially for the children of fallen comrades, and a cordial invitation is extended to mothers to accompany their children.

NEW YEAR'S SKATING. Capleton Open Air Rink. Band New Year's afternoon and night. Full course chicken dinner at the Clifton House, Monday, Price 60c.

SKATING, VICTORIA RINK. Band and skating afternoon and evening. Also band Monday afternoon and evening.

Rev. Mr. Goodwin will address W. C. T. U. meeting Tuesday, 2 p. m. Full attendance requested.

Mr. D. McArthur 84 King street returns thanks to the public for the liberal patronage during Xmas sale and wishes all a happy and prosperous New Year. Mr. McArthur announces a further big winter sale of wall paper, stationery, envelopes, etc., starting Jan. 3rd. He has decided to anticipate further big falls and turn present big stock into cash at clean-out prices. Floor space and rack room must be made for new wall papers and spring goods now on order. Biggest values ever offered. D. McArthur, 84 King street.

Sleighs to hire for sleighing parties. Donnelly's Stable, 134 Princes. 16389-1-9.

New Year dancing classes, starting. Alice Green, Main 3897-11. 18034-1-9.

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MOVING PICTURE SHOWN IN COURT

Defence Sought to Show that Woman Plaintiff Could Walk.

Clever Detective Work—Female Sleuths Made the Acquaintance of Miss Marie Frye, Who Professed to be Crippled.

White Plains, N. Y., Dec. 30.—For the first time in the history of the Westchester courts, a Supreme Court room in the White Plains Court House was transformed into a moving picture theatre, this week, so that movies could be shown to the movements of Miss Marie Frye, who is suing for \$50,000 damages for permanent injuries, and to try to contravert her claim that she cannot walk.

The silent screen was staged in the court room presided over by Justice Addison Young, who, despite the objections of the plaintiff's attorney that moving pictures were subject to fraud and transformations, allowed the exhibition, with himself, the jurors, and a crowded court room as spectators.

A big white sheet was tacked upon the centre panel of the wall and the projecting machine was mounted on the ceiling in front of the jury by Robert Golden, an expert camera man. In order to darken the court room, Justice Young ordered the court officers to pull down all the shades, but still there was too much light in the room, so Justice Young decided to have the machine set up in a dark room in the basement of the court house. Then the judge, the jurists, counsel on both sides, the court clerks and the newspaper men marched down to the temporary theatre.

Humphrey J. Lynch, counsel for Professor Walter B. Gage, headmaster of the Hackley School for Boys at Tarrytown, who is defendant in Miss Frye's action for having knocked her down with his automobile two years ago, stated that the object of the film was to prove that she could walk unaided despite her claim that she is crippled. During the trial, Miss Frye, on frequent occasions, has been carried into the court room, and she has fainted twice while the witness stand, Detective's Smart Work.

The movie pictures of Miss Frye were taken on August 28 last at Pier 1, North River, where she was taken by Mrs. Lillian Zeldt, a private detective who had been engaged to follow Mrs. Frye. Mrs. Zeldt had testified that by a previous agreement made with Detective McKenna, the movie camera man had been ordered stationed at the foot of the staircase leading to the pier where the Coney Island boat dock, and she had seen Miss Frye descend the stairs when the camera man began turning the crank, recording Miss Frye's movements, step by step, down the stairs along the dock and on the steamboat *Cygnus*.

Miss Frye said that as Miss Frye reached the middle of the staircase she suddenly stopped, and pulling off a big red hat which she held in front of her face, she said: "Oh, my God, I wonder who the hell is trying to spy on me."

The picture showed Miss Frye with the detective by her side walking down the steps with a little girl beside her. When the staircase was reached the picture showed Miss Frye removing her hat, just as the female operator had testified. There were scores on the pier with strollers, tourists and children around.

Zeldt, during her testimony, said that she occupied a house adjoining that of Miss Frye on Jefferson street, Brooklyn, and that she went walking with the plaintiff in Prospect Park and at Coney Island, and that Miss Frye never used a cane and did not appear to limp at all. The plaintiff claims she suffered several fractures in two places and produced X-ray plates taken in the hospital to show them. The defendant contends that if there was a fracture the bones have knitted together. The trial has attracted unusual attention because of the many odd features connected with it, especially the clever manner in which two female detectives made Miss Frye's acquaintance and induced her to go joy riding and walking with them, to prove that she was not a cripple or suffering from any disease.

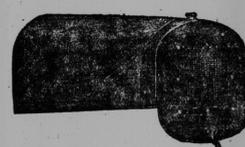
PRAGUE—THE APICAL CENTRE OF EUROPE

(By W. Beardmore) Prague, becoming in practice what she already is in geography—the heart of Europe. Daily services of aeroplanes connect her with Paris, Strasbourg, and Warsaw, while the next few months will see her linked up with Budapest, Belgrade, Bucharest, Constantinople, with Dresden and Berlin. The progress made in aerial transport since its inauguration last February is striking. During the whole of that month only three persons had the courage to make the journey from Prague to Paris by air. By June the figure had risen to 76 for the month. The Franco-Romanian Air Navigation Co. has some 40 planes in its service, some of which carry five passengers together with their luggage. This company has already conveyed over 200 passengers and so far not a single mishap has been recorded. In the transport of parcels, newspapers, etc., still more rapid progress has taken place. In February, 16 lbs. of parcels were conveyed; in June, exclusive of newspapers, some 7,600 lbs. were carried. In February the quantity of newspapers taken by air was some 3 lbs. weight. By June this had grown to a little more than one and a half tons weight. The customs duty figures are also interesting. The amount of duty paid on goods transported by air to the Prague aerodrome in February last was 190 crowns; in March, 2,850; in April, 30,787; in May, 86,722; in June, 207,104 crowns.

At Needy, a small village situated on a plateau to the northeast of Prague, the pilots have been forced to find a suitable site for their aerodrome. It is here that the Paris plane downed at 6 o'clock in the morning arrives at 2 p. m.—or officially 14 o'clock—and will be ready the following day at 11.30 to convey you back to Paris. For the extension of the air services to Constantinople an aerobus is on order at the Blomet works. It will possess four motors with 1,200 horse-power and will be fitted out for the accommodation of 16 passengers with their luggage. It will retain an average speed of 120 miles an hour.

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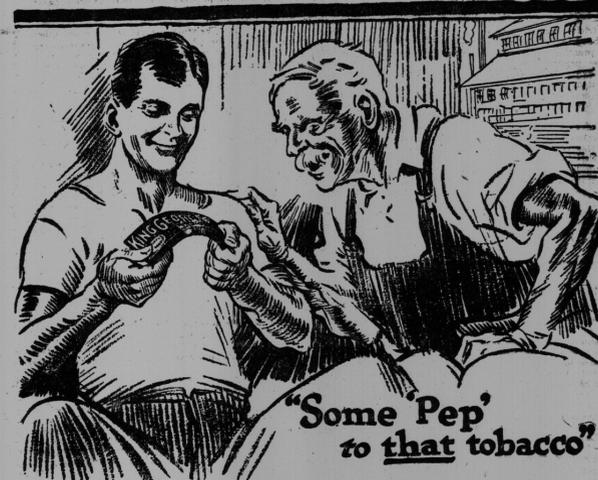
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centre to the most important parts of the European continent. In this way, too, good service may be done towards linking up again various parts of Central Europe which, since the conclusion of the war, have tended to isolate themselves greatly to their own and to their neighbors' detriment.

LOCAL 278 I. L. A. Regular monthly meeting will be held in the hall at 35 Water street, on Tuesday, January 3, 1922, at 2 p. m. On account of Monday being the New Year, it has been decided by your executive board that it will be held Tuesday. By request of the executive board. 17981-1-3

Removal is the best thing to use for the removal of grease spots from cloth and woolen articles. Place a piece of blotting paper under the article to be cleaned, then rub upon the spots some pure benzine, and the grease or dirt will disappear quickly. If you omit to place the blotting-paper under the garment to be operated upon, a circular stain will remain, which cannot be removed.

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