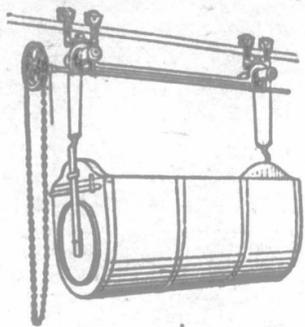


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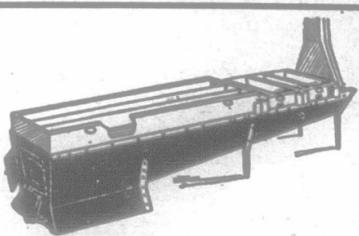
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## News of the Week

### CANADIAN.

The Dominion Government has bought a site for a dry-dock at Esquimalt, and tenders are to be called for.

Montreal is likely to become the Canadian terminus for a line of Japanese steamers.

A chemical research laboratory is to be established at Winnipeg by the Dominion Government.

An expedition of Royal Northwest Mounted Police left Dawson on January 2nd, to try to secure from Eskimos and whalers all possible information in regard to the Stefansson exploration party.

On New Year's Day, at Little White Otter River, 254 miles east of Port Arthur, Sir William MacKenzie drove the last spike of the new Canadian Northern line connecting the eastern and middle western provinces of Canada.

Professor Ernest Rutherford, who held the position of professor of physics in McGill University, Montreal, from 1898 to 1907, was among those knighted by the King at the first of the year. On leaving McGill, he became the Director of Laboratories at Manchester University, and in 1908 he was awarded the Nobel prize for chemistry.

### BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

Queen Eleonora of Bulgaria, last week appealed to the United States for help for the thousands of refugees left destitute by the Balkan war.

Francis Xavier Bonnier, a French aviator making the flight from Paris to Cairo, landed near the Pool of Siloam on New Year's eve. His aeroplane, the first ever seen by the inhabitants of Jerusalem, caused great interest and amazement.

James Bryce, last British Ambassador to the United States, was among those honored by the King at New Year's, and will take his seat in the House of Lords as Viscount Bryce. He is the author of two books, "The Holy Roman Empire," and "The American Commonwealth."

A comprehensive political agreement is said to be practically concluded between Great Britain and Germany. It refers chiefly, however, to Anglo-German action in Portuguese Africa, and does not touch upon the question of reducing naval expenditure. Germany will get the right to construct a railway to Rhodesia to join the "Cape to Cairo" line, and in return will relinquish all interest in Mozambique. According to the agreement, neither Power is to interfere with the sovereignty of Portugal, the intention being merely to mark out respective "trading spheres."

It has been proposed by Secretary of the Interior Lane to withdraw all public lands of the United States which contain radium, that the deposit may be secured for the public good, and not permitted to be exploited for private speculation.

The United States has established a strict embargo to guard against the importation of diseased potatoes. All countries able to show, without doubt, that the potatoes grown within their borders are free from disease, are exempt. Those debarred are Newfoundland, Miquelon, St. Pierre, and Great Britain, the nations of continental Europe, and Canada.

With the New Year, the new German "defence tax," calling for \$250,000,000 to increase the military strength of the Empire, came into force. To attain the total, everyone with an income of over \$250 annually must contribute, also the nobility and royalty, hitherto exempt. The Kaiser, with a fortune of \$85,000,000, and an income of \$5,500,000, will pay to the amount of almost \$1,000,000. Frau Bertha Krupp, of the Krupp Gun Works, the richest woman in Europe, will pay about \$1,250,000.

One hundred British Liberal M. P.'s are protesting against Winston Churchill's ever-increasing demands for money for the navy, to meet Germany's continually-increasing naval and military expansion. Chancellor Lloyd George is believed to be at the head of the dissenting faction, which has been nicknamed by the forces the "Suicide Club."

## The People of the Whirlpool

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### Chapter XI.

#### REARRANGED FAMILIES.

June 10. Sylvia Latham has returned alone. Her father came with her as far as Chicago, where, having business that would detain him for perhaps ten days, and warm weather having set in, he insisted that Sylvia should at once proceed eastward. At least that is what Miss Lavinia tells me; but she has suddenly turned quite reticent in everything that concerns the Lathams, which, together with Mrs. Jenks-Smith's random remarks, have inevitably set me to thinking.

I had hoped to form a pleasant friendship with Sylvia, for though I have only met her two or three times, I feel as if I really knew her; but there will be little chance now, as they go on to Newport the first of July, and the continual procession of house parties, for golf, tennis, etc., at the Bluffs, even though they are called informal, necessarily stand in the way of intimate neighborly relations between us. Monty Bell has been dividing his week ends between the Ponsonby, Vanderveer, and Jenks-Smith households, yet he always is in the foreground when I have been to see Sylvia, even though I have tried to slip in between times in the morning.

I do not like this Monty Bell; he seems to be merely an eater of dinners and a cajoler of dames, such superficial chivalry of speech as he exhibits being only one of the many expedients that gain him the title of "socially indispensable" that the Whirlpoolers accord him.

Personally anything but attractive, he seems able to organize and control others in a most singular way. Perhaps it is because he has a genius for taking pains and planning successful entertainments for his friends, even to the minutest detail, and giving them the subtle distinction of both originality and finish, without troubling their givers to think for themselves. Miss Lavinia says that he has the entire of two or three very exclusive New York houses that have never yet opened their doors to Mrs. Latham and several more aspiring Whirlpoolers, Mrs. Jenks-Smith having penetrated the sacred precincts, only by right of having been presented at the English Court in the last reign through the influence of her stepdaughter, who married a poverty-stricken title.

"I don't know what it all amounts to," said the outspoken Lady of the Bluffs on her return, "except that I'm in it now with both feet, which is little enough pay for the trouble I took and the money Jenks-Smith put out."

"Our son-in-law? No, he's not exactly English, he's Irish, blood of the old kings, they say; but all the good it does him is, that he can wear his hat with a feather in it, or else in his shoes, I can never remember which, in the presence of royalty, when if it wasn't for good American money he'd have neither one or the other."

"Money? Oh yes, that's all they want of us over there; we've no cause to stick up our noses and think it's ourselves. We know, Jenks-Smith and I, for haven't we been financial mother and father in law to a pair of them for ten years? Jenks-Smith was smart, though; he wouldn't give a lump sum down, but makes them an allowance, and we go over every year or so and bail them out of some sort of a mess to boot, have the plumbing fixed up, and start the children all over with new clothes. That's what we're doing when the papers say, 'Mr. and Mrs. Jenks-Smith, who went to Carlsbad for the waters, are now in Ireland, being entertained in regal style by their daughter and son-in-law at Bally-whack House.'"

Miss Lavinia says with a shiver that whoever marries Monty Bell, and it is absolutely necessary for him to make a wealthy connection in the immediate future, will have all New York doors open to her, and that, as Mrs. Latham is leaving no stone unturned in order to become a social leader, a marriage between Sylvia and Mr. Bell would secure her the complete prestige necessary to her ambition, while rearranged families are so common and often the results of such trivial causes, that the

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