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COOLIDGE APPROVES LOCARNO PACT.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8. In a message to Congress, President Coolidge expressed gratification over the Locarno Treaty and signified his willingness for the U.S. to take the lead in any feasible plan for the further reduction of land and sea armaments.

VETERAN CANADIAN LUMBERMAN PASSES AWAY.

OTTAWA, Dec. 8. John Rudolph Booth, pioneer lumberman of Canada and who would have been 99 on his next birthday, died quietly at his home here this afternoon. He had been ill since last November when he made his last trip to the woods and was in a comatose state since Saturday. Starting business with a capital of six dollars, Booth became the Dean of Canadian lumbermen and a multi-millionaire. He was born in what is now Waterloo, Quebec, on April 5th, 1827.

Wesley Debate

WIN FOR NEGATIVE SIDE.

The Government for Newfoundland was defeated by a narrow margin at Wesley Debating Club last night. The wording of the debate "That Newfoundland would be prosperous under Crown Government than under Responsible Government" was as follows:

Mr. Gushue, B.A., LL.B., led for the Crown government, with Mr. Williams seconding, J. R. Gushue, B.A., LL.B., led for the Responsible government, with W. Crane seconding.

The debate was a most lively one and was conceded to be the most interesting clash of wits in the Club for years. President Sparks declared it to be the best debate in their history.

On the floor the speeches were of unusually high order, the following taking part:—H. Hooke, B. Adey, Mr. Mark Roberts, H. Ford, L. Wright, W. Whitmarsh, B. Sim, Walter Grushie, H. Pollard and others.

The leader for Crown government attacked not the politicians but the machinery of Responsible government, stressing the statement that in the final analysis power rested in the hands of Executive Councils, the members of which were not responsible to parliament or people. Other defects of Responsible government were described. Crown government would eliminate the inefficiency that resulted from Responsible government. The graft and looseness of public administration in this country were laid at the doors of Responsible government.

The leader for Responsible government argued that the blame for defects was not attributable to Responsible government, but rather to the nature of existing political parties, their construction and their personnel. Other dominions of the Empire had Responsible Government. Britain herself had it. They did not have the objectionable political conditions we have, which would indicate that our present and past state is not the necessary or natural consequences of Responsible government. Newfoundland could work out her political and economic salvation within Responsible government. Its defects could and

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The feature to-day is one that will be of special interest to us, inasmuch as the subject, "Hearst of Oak," is a thrilling melo-drama of New England and the frozen north. The stars in "Hearst of Oak" are Hobart Bosworth and Pauline Starke. Those who have read James A. Hynes' famous story will not fail to see it screened. It is one of the best Fox melo-dramas ever exhibited in this city.

An announcement of much importance to Majestic patrons is made to the effect that a Pictorial entitled "Ten Scars Make a Man" will commence on Friday of this week and continue every Friday and Saturday for ten weeks. Full particulars in tomorrow's papers.

The Shetland pony, the first prize in the contest, arrived by S. S. Hethpool. She is a beauty. Who will win her?

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Will Peabody . . . Mr. J. Callanan
Doran (a detective) . . .
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"Safer Than in Bed"

Speaking in connection with the centenary of railways, Mr. J. H. Thomas, M.P., said that in a railway coach we are safer than when we are in bed.

It is interesting to set out the accident statistics for last year. On British railways there were 290 collisions, 408 derailments, 831 level-crossing mishaps, ninety-eight fires, and twenty-four miscellaneous accidents. Though 462 persons were killed on the railway, only 112 were actual passengers.

There were 25,641 persons injured, but of these 21,098 were railway servants, and the great majority of the injuries were not serious. In addition, 141 trespassers on the line were killed, and 213 persons committed suicide on the railways.

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Obituary

WILLIAM H. REID.
(H. F. SHORTIS.)

The people of the North East Coast particularly, and the country generally, will learn with deep regret of the death of Mr. William Reid, which occurred at his home, Patrick Street, at 6 a.m. yesterday, surrounded by his wife, family and friends; and thus the family have lost a kind and loving husband and father, St. John's an old and highly respected citizen, and Newfoundland an enterprising and successful planter and business man.

The deceased was born in Ireland, White Bay, in the year 1860, but at a very early age he came to St. John's, where he has since resided. He was the son of William Reid, a native of Marlborough, Devonshire, Eng., a son of those hardy and adventurous mariners who manned the Wooden Walls in the Navy, and enabled Britain to attain that proud position which she has so long held and still maintains—the Ruler of the Waves.

After receiving his education in the Church of England School, he went with his father to the North East Coast, formerly known as the French Shore, and it is needless to say that under the watchful eye of his sire, he was soon well versed in all the details of the fishery and general business of our country. His father dying in 1902, the deceased took over the business, at Engle, with ramifications in other settlements, and has since conducted it with success. As is usual with our great industry, we had years of depression and pauperism, but William Reid, even in the midst of adversity never despaired, and always saw the silver lining in the darkest cloud. He held on with tenacity to his noble avocation, and by his knowledge and care in the cure of his voyage, he always turned what another would have looked upon as a failure, into a paying venture, and seldom left the scene of his operations at Engle before the middle of December.

And so it was this year; in fact, it may be truly said, he died in harness. While he was ever ready to advocate and support any new industry in our country, which he looked upon as an auxiliary, he always maintained that the Fisheries were our Kedge-anchor.

Mr. Reid was possessed of a love for literature, and was well versed in the writings of the past, as well as current events, but the chief topic of his conversation always turned to our great industries—the Fisheries. He took a pride in his noble avocation, and never wished to be looked upon as anything else, although he was an omnivorous reader and his penmanship was of the highest order. Amongst his friends and associates he was broadminded and tolerant, and while strong in his own convictions he never in the least interfered with those of others, and thus he was held in the highest estimation by all classes and all creeds. He was a man of keen intelligence, with an energy and industry that took no account of fatigue, and with an enthusiasm in the carrying on of the Fisheries that admitted of no compromise. He has finished his course and entered into rest. He was a special type of citizen. The public sincerely deplores the death of such a man who was endowed with great talent and a great heart. Few of his type are now left in St. John's—men who persecuted the fisheries from childhood to the end of their days, and left a record after them of which the children may well feel proud.

Left to mourn are his wife: two sons, Edward at present at Engle, but expected by S.S. "Prospero," and Fred in this city; his daughters, Mrs. Roy Pippy, Mrs. Wm. Bastow, Mrs. Francis James, and Mabel, Maud and Gertrude, at home; also two brothers, John C. of St. John's, painter, Arthur of Brooklyn, N.Y., and two sisters, Mrs. W. H. Ewins and Mrs. Samuel Field of Prescott St.; and two step-brothers, Walter, the popular hair-dresser, and Rev. Edward Reid of Exeter, England; and Mrs. Armstrong of Montreal. He has also left several grandchildren to mourn their loss.

The funeral will be held to-morrow (Thursday) at 2.30 p.m. from his late residence, 178 Patrick Street, and interment will take place in the Church of England cemetery.

Germany to Enter League in March

LONDON, Dec. 8.—Germany will enter the League of Nations in March, when a special meeting of the League Assembly will convene for the purpose of welcoming her membership.

This plan is authoritatively stated to have resulted from further conferences among the Locarno signatories. It is unlikely, therefore, that Germany will hurry her application for membership, away to Geneva as soon as the German delegates to the Locarno signing return to Berlin. Instead, the application probably will not go forward until February. Two ends would be gained by delaying the application.

1. There would be an opportunity to reconstitute the German Cabinet which is pledged to resign to Berlin.

2. There would be time between now and February for the evacuation of Cologne by the British to be completed.

The second point is the more important, for with every soldier withdrawn from Cologne the grounds upon which German Nationalist opposition to entry in the League are based are decreased.

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Military Training Urgent Necessity

OTTAWA, Dec. 8.—Training for Canadian military units has become an urgent necessity, according to the report of the Department of National Defence for the past fiscal year which has just been issued. The report points out that in view of the need for economy the basis of training was altered in many important respects last year. Attention was concentrated on the practical training of young officers, non-commissioned officers and the specialists regular to the several arms. Training of other ranks was limited to the minimum necessary to maintain the unit organization. "The form of training was as successful as could be expected, but unit training on a comprehensive scale has become an urgent necessity," the report states.

According to the report, a large percentage of the personnel of the Canadian permanent force took their discharge during the year, "owing to the reduction in pay necessitated by the shortage of funds."

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