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GRAFONOLA DEPARTMENT.

Hon. W. F. Coaker Spreads Himself.

Minister of Marine and Fisheries in Favourite Role--Churchill Accepts Colonial Office Portfolio--Canadian Curlers "Soop 'em up" --Dominions to Have Representation Rights -- Britain Building Giant Dirigible For U. S.

CHURCHILL ACCEPTS.

LONDON, Jan. 17.

Winston Spencer Churchill, War Minister, it is reliably though unofficially stated, has accepted the post of Secretary of State for the Colonies.

COAKER IN THE LIMELIGHT.

LONDON, Jan. 17.

Hon. W. F. Coaker, Minister of Marine and Fisheries for Newfoundland, on arriving from Liverpool today on his mission to further the Colony's trade in Europe, said that his Country was tired of asking the aid of the Colonial Office in obtaining markets for Newfoundland fish. The attitude of the Colonial Office was, he said, courteous, but its activities were little. Portugal had done more for Newfoundland in the last ten years than Great Britain had done in the last hundred years. Mr. Coaker declared that if a vote were taken in Newfoundland to-day for a trade treaty with the United States it would be carried by a two to one majority.

THE REAL PURPORT.

LONDON, Jan. 17.

The visit of Sir Auckland Geddes, British Ambassador to the United States, to London probably is accounted for by importance of a full exchange of views between Sir Auckland and the Government in anticipation of the inauguration of the new administration in Washington, says the Pall Mall Gazette to-day. The newspaper thinks the British Government desires the best information and advice of its representatives on contingencies which are regarded as possible under the new President.

VICTORY GOES ON.

EDINBURGH, Scotland, Jan. 17.

The Canadian Curlers to-day won their eleventh and twelfth victories, winning from East Lothian by 59 shots.

SOUTH AFRICAN ELECTIONS.

LONDON, Jan. 17.

In the South African nomination for one hundred and thirty-four constituencies ten members were elected by acclamation. Seven were of the South African Party, one Labor Party, one Nationalist Party and one Independent.

CRIME WAVE SWEEPS ON.

TOLEDO, Ohio, Jan. 17.

Six bandits killed two railroad officers at noon to-day, after holding up an automobile and seizing twelve thousand dollars belonging to the New York Central Railway.

NOW IN THE FUR TRADE.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.

Thieves operating in the wholesale fur district during the last two weeks have carried away loot valued at more than $300,000, merchants said to-day, coincident with an announcement that the police were investigating three burglaries which occurred Sunday.

CONGRESS MEETS APRIL 4.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.

The United States Congress will be called into special session on April four, according to Chairman Fenney, of Ways and Means Committee.

EARLIER THAN OURS.

OTTAWA, Jan. 17.

The Canadian Parliament will assemble on Monday, February 14th.

ESPERANTO FOR SALE.

GLOUCESTER, Jan. 17.

The Esperanto, that won the championship of North Atlantic fishing fleets last fall, is for sale.

GRANT MORDEN TO RETIRE.

MONTREAL, Jan. 17.

The retirement of Colonel W. Grant Morden, M.P., from the nominal position of Chairman of the Board of Directors of the British Empire Steel Corporation, will, it is expected, be shortly announced by Roy M. Wolvin, President of the Dominion Steel Corporation, who went to England recently.

THE DOMINIONS SECURE RIGHTS.

OTTAWA, Jan. 17.

Amendments secured in procedure for nominations of representatives on the International Court of Justice will give Canada and the Dominions the same rights of representation as those nations which were members of groups on the Arbitral Tribunal of the Hague Tribunal, according to Hon. C. J. Doherty, who has just returned from Geneva.

WON'T OCCUR AGAIN.

ROCKAWAY, Jan. 17.

Conditions are being corrected at the Rockaway Naval Air Station so that it no longer will be possible for pilots to float into Canada without discussing details of their proposed flight with their commanding officer. This testimony was given here today by Captain Damon E. Cummings, Commandant, at the opening of the court of inquiry investigating the recent spectacular balkon flight by Lieuts. Kloor, Hinton and Farrell. Captain Cumming's first witness testified that he had taken up his duties only last November and that while he had authorized the flight, he had been so occupied with administrative duties that he had left flight details to his executive officer, Lieut. Commander Archibald H. Douglas. The Commandant read a report made to him by Lieut. A. W. Evans, sent to Canada to direct a search for the missing aeronauts, in which it was said the trip was intended for flight into Canada. Asking for permission to make a comment on this report, Captain Cummings said, under conditions which were in progress of correction it was possible for a flight to be attempted into Canada from this station without that intention being previously discussed with the commanding officer, a condition now excusable at an air station and which as soon as it was recognized was corrected.

LOWER COURT SUSTAINED.

LONDON, Jan. 17.

The sentence of six months imprisonment imposed last November upon Lieutenant Colonel Lesthange Malone, Liberal member of the House of Commons, following his conviction of alleged seditious utterances, was confirmed to-day by the Court of Appeals, the Court dismissing Lieutenant Colonel Malone's appeal from the lower Court.

REPORT DISCREDITED.

LONDON, Jan. 17.

Reports which have been in circulation that the Shah of Persia has abdicated, are discredited in British official circles.

READY TO START IN JULY.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.

The great dirigible R-38, built in England for the United States navy, will be completed in March and probably will start across the Atlantic early in July, the House Naval Committee was informed to-day by Captain T. D. Craven, Director of Naval Aviations.

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Baby Loses Fortune.

A remarkable legal fight over a baby has just been won by a factory girl, and, as a result, the baby has lost a fortune of £60,000. One claimant was Mrs. Matters, the young and pretty widow of a Chicago millionaire, who was over 70 when they were married. He died a short time afterwards, and his will provided that if a child were born it should inherit £60,000, but if there was no issue the money should go to other relatives. Shortly after the funeral the young widow went to Canada and when she returned some months later she had with her an infant, which she claimed as her own. She immediately claimed the £60,000 in the name of the child. Relatives of the dead millionaire asserted that the child was a spurious heir.

Margaret Ryan, the factory girl, made her first appearance as counter-claimant for the child in Chicago in May, 1916. She stated that the baby was taken from her at birth and given to Mrs. Matters by the officials of the Misericordia Hospital, in Ottawa. The girl's story was that, while working in a factory, she "kept company" with a young shoemaker. They were to have been married, but the war came and her sweetheart went to fight. Some months later, in May, 1915, she went to the Misericordia Hospital, where her baby was born in July. Before then Mrs. Matters had gone to the hospital—because she knew "war babies" were not uncommon, it was alleged. She was known as the millionaire lady, and had a private room. Margaret's child, a girl, was healthy, but the unmarried mother was told by the hospital officials that it was born dead and was a boy. One day several children were christened, and was brought in for her to look at. "It was a most beautiful child," she said, "and when I looked at it my heart leaped and I choked." She was told that it was the millionaire lady's baby. It was four months afterwards that she learned that the beautiful baby was her own.

She at last obtained a habeas corpus writ to regain possession of the child. The lower courts of Canada decided that Margaret was the real mother. Mrs. Matters appealed, and the Supreme Court of Ontario has just upheld their decision.

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Fight at Wedding.

A wedding party, before the marriage day ended, found themselves in the police station.

The scene began in the suburbs of Neuilly, where a party of nine were seen to leave a cafe where the wedding feast was being held.

A quarrel broke out which quickly grew into a battle. People got off tramcars to join in. Blows were exchanged with fists and sticks, and it required a dozen determined policemen to separate the opponents.

The wedding party were, says the Paris correspondent of the "London Evening News," escorted to the police station, where after interrogation of the bride and bridegroom the cause of the trouble was found to be the bride's brother-in-law, against whom charges of disorderly conduct had been brought.

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Side Talks by Ruth Cameron

WHO PAYS THE BILLS?

RUTH CAMERON

A few weeks ago while we were out walking, we were obliged to take to the street because some workmen were laying a composition sidewalk of some sort.

We commented on what an improvement it would be over the uneven bricks of which it took the place, and the comment so fixed the spot in our minds that when we passed it again yesterday we took particular notice of it.

And what do you think we saw? A sidewalk so badly crumbled that it was almost impossible to walk on it all. Evidently there had been something wrong about the work.

It Won't Cost Anyone Anything.

"Too bad," said my companion, and then added: "But it's in a public place. The city probably did it and they'll fix it up again. It won't cost anyone anything."

A comforting thought, isn't it? And she was not speaking in irony, and she has at least a high school education.

One often hears quoted Louis Fourteenth's famous assertion "L'etat, c'est moi." There are a great many people in this supposed-to-be-enlightened land who could match it with a conception as blind if not as egotistic, "L'etat, ce n'est personne."

If people could somehow be made to do a little straight through thinking on matters like these, could be persuaded to figure out who does pay these bills that "don't cost anyone anything," what an awakening of the civic conscience we would have!

The ideas on such subjects that even well educated people (in the common meaning of that phrase) have, are absolutely astounding.

He Thinks He Only Pays a Poll Tax.

For instance, a college man told me that he did not pay any money to the government except his poll tax. "What about your house?" I asked beginning at the simplest thing. "I don't own it—I only rent it," he said with an air of settling the matter. The idea that as the ultimate consumer he paid those taxes when he paid the rent—since the rent represented the interest on the owner's investment plus the cost of upkeep, and the taxes are one of the main factors of the upkeep cost—had never presented itself to him.

Whether you own a house, or hire a house, or rent a room, or live in a hotel, you pay your share of real estate taxes. And if you are indifferent to city politics, that means that you are indifferent to the way your money is used.

And of course it is equally true that you contribute, in your capacity of the ultimate consumer, in innumerable other ways to the great sum total by which the activities of the government are carried on.

We Foot the Bills.

I think one of the goods growing out of the vast evil of the war is that people have come to think more about public finance and to realize more fully that they have to foot the bills in one way or another.

You and I, in our capacity as the average citizen, have the right to say that which was insolence in King Louis—"L'etat, c'est moi." Indeed, it is our duty rather than our right to realize that that is true.

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