Schr. Annie Payer Lost, Crew Rescued.

International Committee of Experts begin Examination of Germany's Finances---Norway Abolishes Prohibition—Threatened Railway Strike Stirs Labour Party

EXAMINATION HAS BEGUN.
PARIS, Jan. 14.

Leading business men and financiers of Great Britain, France, Belgium, Italy and the United States, began this morning to examine the assets and liabilities of Germany, their nation's debtor, with a view to deriving something from the ruins of the most stupendous bankruptcy in the history of the world.

RAILWAY STRIKE STIRS LABOUR.
LONDON, Jan. 14.

The crisis which has arisen thru' the threatened strike of locomotive engineers and firemen, just as the Laborites may be called to aassume the reins of Government, has stirred the Labor movement from end to end. A meeting of the General Council of the Trade Union Congress was hastily summoned this morning to consider the situation, but at mid-afternoon the position appeared to be unchanged materially.

NORWAY ABOLISHES PROHIBITION.
CHRISTIANIA, Jan. 14.

In the speech from the Throne at the opening of the Storthing on Saturday, the Ministry announced a Bill abolishing what remains of the Prohibition Law. By the new measure there will be free sale of alcoholic liquors, the revenue from which will be used to meet the deficit in last year's budget.

ANOTHER SCHOONER GONE.
SYDNEY, Jan. 14.

Wireless messages from the steamer Falkirk, received by Vincent Mullins, local agent of the Marine and Fisheries Department, this evening, reporting that ship as having taken off the crew and officers of the disabled St. John's, Nfld. schr "Annie Payer." The rescue was effected in latitude 44.37 north, long., 41.09 west. The Payer was floating when last seen and is a menace to navigation. The Falkirk at the time of sending, gave her position as latitude 48.40 north, longitude 49.40 west.

CHARGED WITH PIRACY.
BOSTON, Jan. 14.

Ray Cass, of Somerville, boxing promoter, was arrested to-day on a federal charge of piracy in connection with the attack on Capt. Arthur Moore, of the British rum running schooner J. Scott Hankinson, and the ship's cook, off Gloucester, last August.

ATTENTION NOW FOCUSSED ON TRADE COUNCIL.
LONDON, Jan. 14.

Public attention to-day was fixed as much upon the special motion of the Trade Union Council called to discuss the threatened railroad strike as upon the political situation, not only because of the influence of the council may be able to exert when meeting the strike, which the public universally dreads, but because of the possibility of political events being immediately affected by the action of the locomotive men.

WRECKED CREW PICKED UP.
NEW YORK, Jan. 14.

The steamer Galileo, en route from Aberdeen to New York, wirelessed to-day that she had picked up the crew of the wrecked Lunenburg schooner J. W. Commeau.

LABOR'S REQUEST TO CANADIAN GOVERNMENT.
OTTAWA, Jan. 14.

Organized labor, through the Executive of Trades and Labor Congress, laid a Legislative programme before Premier King and his Cabinet colleagues this afternoon. An Act, providing for an eight hour day throughout the Dominion, was one of the outstanding requests.

UNITED EFFORT AGAINST TAMPICO.
EL PASO, Texas, Jan. 14.

Rebel forces in a combined army and navy move, have blocked the port of Tampico, wireless despatches received in El Paso to-day stated. According to the despatches, virtually all the navy commanded by officers who joined the Huerta forces, were outside the port prohibiting vessels from entering or leaving the harbor. Revolutionary forces are massed in front of the town on the land side, and a general attack is imminent, it is said in the radio despatches.

PUTTING AEROPLANES IN COMMISSION.
MEXICO CITY, Jan. 14.

Revolutionary troops have lost control of the City of Tehuacan, Puebla, according to special despatches. When the approach of the vanguard of the Obregon troops was heralded in Tehuacan, the Revolutionists quickly evacuated the city and began a retreat toward Esperanza, Puebla, to join another rebel force. In the meantime Federal troops marching toward Vera Cruz are steadily advancing and the rebel stronghold of Esperanzo is their present objective. They are advancing along the Mexican and Inter-Oceanic Railroad. The first bombing planes purchased in the United States have arrived at Irapuato and are being put in commission for use against the Huertaists.

SPECIAL TO HOUSEKEEPERS.—Jam in Bulk, bring your crocks: 25c. per pound. Choice Annie and Partridgeberry. STEWART'S FANCY BAKERY, Water Street East.—jan10,6i

Urges Tories to Abandon Their Principles

Westminster Gazette: The hopeless pursuit of lost causes may have in it a measure of heroism, but it is not practical politics. We advise the Tory Party to clean its slate, to wipe out from its programme once and for all this item of its beliefs. Let it have more to do with this folly at its peril. In whatever outward guise the thing is dressed—whether as Reciprocity, Tariff Reform, Retaliation, Fair Trade, Imperial Preference, or whether it goes forth as sheer naked Protection—the country is not to be deceived.

The Lady friends of St. Joseph's Parish will hold a Card Tournament on Tuesday, January 15th. Come and win a Barrel of Flour or a Tub of Butter for 30c.—jan12,15

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SIDE TALKS.

By Ruth Cameron.

DO YOU LOVE THEM, TOO?

Will the aeroplane ever become an old story? Will the romance and the thrill ever go out of the sight of those huge winged creatures pursuing their flight across the heavens?

Perhaps you will say it has already. I differ with you.

I was walking down a city street the other day, when we heard the sound of an airplane overhead. I hardly expected that sound would create any effect upon the hurrying crowds, and was ready to moralize upon the swiftness with which we become accustomed to the inconceivable and miraculous.

And Still They Gazed.

But the striking thing was not the number of people who went on their way unheeding, but the number of people who stopped and looked up.

I don't suppose there was one of the crowd who hadn't seen a hundred aeroplanes go by, but still they gazed.

It seems to me that it is because the things are so beautiful, so romantic, so thoroughly dramatic in their appeal that we still thrill to them.

It didn't take us 14 years to stop staring at the automobile, did it? It was 14 years ago that I saw my first aeroplane rise off the ground, but I never fail to drop what I am doing and go out of doors when that deep thrilling hum announces that an aeroplane is somewhere about.

The Hum Of a Giant Bee.

I love that hum, like the buzzing of a gigantic bee. It never seems to come from far off but to be present in the room with you. There is something unmistakable about it. I sometimes think for an instant that the racing engine of an automobile stuck in the sand across our river is an aeroplane, but when I do really hear an aeroplane I have no doubts.

And I love the movement of the big dragonflies across the summer skies, their steadiness, their effect of power.

The Universal Dream.

I think one reason that the aeroplane thrills us so, is that it is a visualization of a dream which everyone has had. We haven't been dreaming all our lives of riding in a carriage that went without a horse, or of hearing messages that came through the air without wires, but who is there who has not had his dreams of flying. How free we have felt, how vital, how powerful in those glorious dreams. And here before our eyes we see the dream made a reality.

Some day before I die (even if it's just before) I hope to fly. Perhaps I shall do so many times. Perhaps I shall live to see the aeroplane a commonplace means of transportation. But whether that be so or not, I mean to be at least once the person who is up there in the sky instead of the person down below, enviously craning his neck.

Where Finance Meets Nature Face to Face

MONTREAL—Next to Edinburgh Montreal offers more contrasts than any other city in the world. Nowhere is this more marked than in the financial district of the city—the financial heart of Canada. Hens and chicken are raised next door to the Montreal Stock Exchange, and in the shadow of a dozen big banking and business structures around the Place d'Armes, domes tacinimals roam at will. On an ancient flag-stone pavement, be-cassocked priests wander up and down at their prayers.

Behind the broad stone wall that faces on Place d'Armes beside the huge parish church of Notre Dame all is mystery to the average passer-by. But those who have offices in some of the larger buildings around can look down behind the wall. They see a wide expanse of green meadow surrounded by the austere stone of the parish church and its surrounding wall. They see little gardens that are kept flourishing in the summer; fruit trees; a grape arbor; a hen coop and other semblances of bucolic simplicity amid the mad rush for riches all around.

The clatter of voices on the floor of the exchange where mighty deals are put through and millions of dollars change hands in the course of a year, is echoed in the summer time by the proud cackle of the parish hen that has just laid an egg.—Financial Post.

All the Ladies

(and they were many) who received Three Flowers Compacts as Christmas gifts will be pleased to know that they do not have to throw aside the charming gold case when the requisites have run out, for Richard Hudnut sends out a delightful refiller which is most simple in adjustment; a touch and it is all ready for use again. Refillers for both single and double THREE FLOWERS Compacts at drug and department stores.
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THE GUN.

I said to Robert Ginseng Bunn, a youth of fair renown, "It's foolishness to pack a gun, as you weave through the town." "Oh, gaffer, these be parlous times," the goodly youth replied, "and godless men, intent on crimes, pervade the countryside. To me it seems there is no sense in handing out the mon without a try at self defence, and so I pack a gun." "Far better dig up fifty cents than ply a gun," said I; "far better yield to strong arm gents than make the bullets fly. You cannot say whom you will kill when once you start to shoot; with slugs and buckshot you may fill some innocent galoot." One night some roughnecks bade him stop and dig the good long green, and Robert fired and shot a cop who hurried to the scene. Now ruined is his useful life, and he abides in jail, and I have heard his heartsick wife put up a bitter wail. Remorse, like some old taunting hag, is with him, face to face, as wearily the long hours drag, in sorrow and disgrace. Men say he'll be acquitted when his case is tried in court; he'll not be sentenced to the pen, or made the hangman's sport. But life will always spell despair to Robert Ginseng Bunn; how much of grief, how much of care, from carrying a gun!

Dun's Report of Failures in 1923

(From Dun's Review.)

Business failures during 1923 and the losses attributable thereto have been somewhat lighter than in either of the two preceding years, but are still very heavy.

Mercantile defaults for 1923, as shown by the records of R. G. Dun & Co. number 18,718 and the liabilities amount to $539,386,806. During 1922 there were 23,676 mercantile defaults, the largest number ever recorded in a single year, and the liabilities were $623,896,251, next to the largest amount involved in any one year, the losses attributable to the failures during 1921, the preceding year, being a few million dollars in excess of those reported for 1922.

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"SOULS FOR SALE"

with Barbara LaMarr, Eleanor Boardman, Mae Busch, Lew Cody, Frank Mayo, Richard Dix. Production in 9 big reels.

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The Tremendous Big Superdeluxe Attraction at the CRESCENT To-day

DANIEL CARSON GOODMAN'S
"WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE WOMEN?"
8—WONDERFUL ACTS—8

BABE RUTH in "PLAY BALL."

LOOK—WEDNESDAY NIGHT SPECIAL—LOOK!
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All Newofundland Vaudeville—Singing, Dancing, Musical and Comedy Skit Acts.
NOTE:—WEDNESDAY, with the usual Big Feature.

FRIDAY NIGHT:—Usual Big Amateur Contest. DANNY has some surprises to offer.

A High Class Musical Treat at the Nickel

MISSES DRURY AND HARRISON RECEIVE BIG OVATION.

Last night's audience at the Nickel was fairly thrilled by the excellent musical bill by Misses Drury and Harrison. The appearance of Miss Hazel Drury, the dainty Soprano, provided hearers with an exceptional treat of beautiful singing. There is a warmth and feeling to her voice that instantly grips the lover of good music and her renditions of "Aria," from Carman, and "The Song of the Cuckoo." Miss Inez Harrison, the beautiful contralto, delighted her admirers with a beautifully balanced programme consisting of "Aria" from Samson and Delilah, and "Charlie is M'Darlin'." Miss Harrison is one of those to whom nature has bestowed the gift of pure song, her selections being rendered with an exquisite rich and full tone. The duets were "Carmena," and "Loves Old Sweet Song," and these were received with equal enthusiasm.

"Souls for Sale," the Goldwyn-Rupert Hughes film now on view at this theatre, proves beyond all question that Author-Director Hughes is daily growing in screen knowledge and technical finesse. If he wishes to pursue his directorial career there is no reason why he should have to take the dust of anyone in the business; for he shows the signs of the trail-blazer. Also he knows how to tell a story in the film language and still keep its characters ordinary human beings and its events such as our reason permits us to accept as truthful transcripts of real life. "Souls for Sale" is such a film—fine in understanding, real in its applications, vividly dramatic and spectacular where the spectacular adds to the intrinsic worth of the film.

To-Morrow Night's Big Vaudeville Show

BIG VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT AT THE CRESCENT.

Five acts of Newfoundland Vaudeville will be seen for the first time on a local stage at the Crescent Theatre to-morrow night. This is not an Amateur Contest, but a big programme of refined vaudeville. The bill consists of comedy skits ventriloquism, instrumental selections, dancing and characteristic impersonations. Theatrically speaking, this is a "bang up" show that should not be missed by young or old. The usual small admission will prevail and the regular programme of motion pictures will be shown.

For 2,000 years the world has pondered the problem: "What's Wrong with the Women?" Wise men have coped with it since the very dawn of the human race. Now Daniel Carson Goodman, noted philosopher and author, gives his answer to the age-old question in an amazing and prophetic photoplay "What's Wrong with the Women?" now being shown at this Theatre.

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Dark Heather, High Collar; all sizes 24 to 32 inch. - **$1.38**

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STAFFORD'S Phoratone will cure your cough, 35c. bottle.
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Household Notes.

Chopped nut meats are a tasty addition to graham muffins.

Boil beets, scoop out centres, fill with seasoned breadcrumbs, and bake.

Cranberry ice is quite delicious accompaniment to the game course.

Add a few chopped sour pickles or stoned olives to the sauce for boiled ham.

BILLY'S UNCLE — Maybe Taht's Why They Are Never Pressed. — **BY BEN BATSFORD**