

### Newfoundlander Drowned at Canso Under Suspicious Circumstances

#### France Still in the Throes of Financial Disorganization--Thousands of Dead and Wounded Strew Battlefields in China--Destitute Glace Bay Miners Appeal for Aid.

**NEWFOUNDLANDER DROWNED UNDER SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES.**  
CANSO, N.S., Dec. 26. John Maloy, of Newfoundland, sea-man on the steam trawler Rayouder, was drowned under mysterious circumstances sometime between Christmas Eve and this morning, when his body was taken from the water near where the trawler was at anchor. The carcass of the trawler bore evidence of a meal, and money drawn from his pocket when last seen was missing from his body. The matter is being investigated by the Attorney General.

**FINANCE PROPOSALS SUBMITTED.**  
PARIS, Dec. 26. Finance Minister Doumer submitted his finance proposals to the Cabinet and his decision is expected Tuesday next.

**ROUTE FREE FOR MANCHURIAN WAR LORD.**  
TOKIO, Dec. 26. The War Office to-day received a despatch from Mukden that the commander of the Japanese forces had withdrawn the prohibition against war within a 6-mile radius of Mukden, from which it is assumed Marshal Chang Tso Lin will be permitted to re-enter the Manchurian capital.

**EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS IN PERSIA.**  
BASKRA, Irak, Dec. 26. Severe earthquake shocks were felt yesterday in the region of Bushire, Persia, where much damage resulted and many are homeless.

**A ROYAL PARDON.**  
SOFIA, Dec. 26. King Boris has extended a full pardon to sixty persons condemned to death for complicity in the conspiracy to the bombing of the Cathedral last April.

**STATE OF ILL-FEELING AGAINST GERMANY.**  
ROME, Dec. 26. An anti-German sentiment is flaring up in Italy where the Fascist newspapers denounce Germany as "our intractable racial enemy" worse against trade or other activities of Germany.

**DIVORCE CASES TO BE DECIDED BY COURT.**  
CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 26. A clause in the new Turkish civil code puts an end to the right of a man to divorce his wife at all without trial. Henceforth divorces will be granted only by a decree of the courts.

**ANOTHER CABINET CRISIS EXPECTED.**  
PARIS, Dec. 26. With the Government and the parties composing a majority in the Chamber of Deputies in a frantic race

### French Senate Uphold Policy

#### ADOPT RESOLUTION OF CONFIDENCE IN SYRIAN SITUATION.

PARIS, Dec. 18.—(A.P.)—The Senate gave a vote of confidence last night to the Government's Syrian policy. It adopted a resolution by a show of hands in which it is declared the Upper House trust the Government to exercise full publicity in Syrian events and "end the era of sacrifices and adventures."

Throughout the session, General Sarraill, former High Commissioner in Syria, was scathingly attacked for his conduct in the past. He sat in the galleries during the debate, but gave no sign of being concerned. Premier Briand promised to do all possible to hasten the coming of the day when France would no longer be obliged to keep large forces in far-off countries like Morocco and Syria, but he added: "It is impossible to leave Syria, now, for it would cause a massacre to-morrow."

**NO PROTECTORATE.**  
He laid stress on the fact that France had no protectorate in Syria, but a mandate under the League of Nations, and France's effort to create a definite status for the Government of the mandated territory, has been "possible of explanation. The Syrians had been misled by hostile propaganda concerning France's intentions."

The formal instructions to M. de Jouvenel are that the liberty and property rights of the population shall be determined by the same rules as govern western peoples, said the Premier. A mandatory power merely plays the role of councillor and tutor. "We bring peace to those desiring peace; we use force only against those employing force, as M. de Jouvenel has so well defined our aims."

The Premier reiterated that France had not accepted the Syrian charge for reasons of conquest or imperialism, because she was called there by the population itself. He cited the French construction of roads, hospitals and other works in the territory.

**CHECK REVOKED.**  
M. Painleve, the former Premier, defended General Sarraill's administration. He asserted that Sarraill's treatment of the Mussulmans had prevented the Damascus revolt assuming larger proportions.

M. Poincare intervened, defending General Weygand, General Sarraill's predecessor. He declared that the Government's error in the last few months was in considering Syria as a protectorate and not mandated territory.

France's death toll in Syria since July 1 of this year has been 861 men, of whom 392 were native Frenchmen or foreign legionnaires, War Minister Painleve told the Senate to-day in reply to an interpellation from General Bourgeois.

The losses since 1920 have been 6,960, the War Minister added, saying that "there were painful incidents in Syria in 1920, but, out of patriotism, we veiled them."

### Golden Wedding

#### On December 22nd, last, Capt. and Mrs. Robert Fowling, Hillside Cottage Trinity, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. They were married at Christ Church Trinity East by the Rev. Benjamin Smith December 22nd, 1875.

Of their family of nine daughters, seven are living, five of whom were with their parents on that auspicious date. Katherine of the Springdale, St. School Staff and Etta M. of the Postal Telegraph Staff, St. John's, having obtained special leave of absence in order to be present. To the great regret of the family, the two remaining daughters, Mrs. E. B. Lilly of Montreal with her two children and Mrs. W. A. King of Corner Brook with her four children were unavoidably absent. The two grandchildren present were Harry and Rosalind Morris.

At an "At Home" in the afternoon, Dr. Sinclair in a few well chosen words congratulated Capt. and Mrs. Fowling on attaining that unique and most desired epoch in their married life, considering Capt. Fowling's precarious state of health for the past few years.

At 8:30 p.m. dinner was served to the family and immediate relatives when the customary toasts were duly honored. After dinner games were indulged in and recitations rendered by members of the party, the most appropriate rendering of the evening being that beautiful poem entitled "The Golden Wedding," viz:—

Oh love, whose patient pilgrim feet,  
Life's longest path have trod;  
Whose ministry hath symbolized sweet,  
The dearest love of God.  
The sacred myrtle rears again,  
Beside this altar burn,  
And what was green with summer then  
Is mellowed now to gold.

Not now, as then, the future's face,  
Is flushed with fancy's light;  
But memory, with a milder grace,  
Shall rule the feast to-night.  
Blest was the sun of joy that shone,  
Nor less the blinding shower,  
The bride of fifty years ago,  
Is love's perfected flower.

Oh memory, ope thy mystic door,  
Oh dream of youth, return;  
And let the light that gleamed of yore,  
Beside this altar burn.  
The past is plain, 'twas never designed,  
'Ere sorrow's iron chain,  
And mercy's shining thread has twined  
With the dark warp of pain.

So be it Lord, oh Thou who hast,  
That younger bridal blest;  
Till the may morn of love has passed,  
To ev'ning's golden west.  
Come to this later eve, Lord,  
And at thy touch Divine,  
The water of that earlier hour,  
To-night shall turn to wine.

Capt. and Mrs. Fowling were the recipients of many valuable gold pieces as well as letters and messages of congratulations. A very sociable evening was brought to a close, by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

**THIRD PRIZE CLAIMED.**—The third prize in the Feildian Travel Sweepstake has been claimed by Mr. N. P. Hunt.

**CALENDARS.**—We thank the Bank of Nova Scotia and Confederation Life Association for wall calendars for 1926.

### English Theatrical Co. Coming Here

#### Francis Compton English Players Will Play in Casino.

Arrangements have been made between Ron A. Young, theatrical promoter of this city and Francis Compton of the Francis Compton English Players for the appearance of this celebrated company in St. John's soon.

Mr. Compton is of the well known Compton family—one of the most famous theatrical families of England. He is the son of Edward Compton of the celebrated Compton Company, is the grandson of Henry Compton the famous Haymarket comedian. His aunt is Mrs. R. C. Carton, who originated as "Lord and Lady Algy," "Lady Huntwell's Experiment," etc. Mr. Compton has been connected with the best theatrical managements in England and also Australia. Last season he played with the famous Coppley Theatre Co., Boston, Mass., with much success. In Victoria, B. C., he ran his Stock Co. for 35 weeks with most gratifying results and was considered the best artist they ever had there and supported by the best company and presenting the best plays.

Among the plays to be presented during the engagement are: "David Garrick," "The Hottentot," "A Little Bit of Fluff," "The Belle," "Passing of the Third Floor Back," "Blinded," "The New Boy," "A Marriage of Convenience," "Face on the Barroom Floor," "The School for Scandal," "Grumpy," "Too Many Husbands," "Captain Applejack," "Tilly of Bloomsbury," "Importance of Being Earnest" and other big successes.

This is the first time for many years in the history of theatricals in Newfoundland, that St. John's has had the pleasure of the appearance of an English theatrical company, and we wish to congratulate Mr. Young on his success in inducing this company to come here. The grand opening will be shortly after the New Year.

**S.S. Airedale Reaches Port**

**SHIP HAD EVENTFUL TRIP.**  
S.S. Airedale, which left Quebec on Dec. 19th, arrived in port early yesterday, bringing a part cargo from Montreal. The passage was rough and some minor damage was sustained. The Airedale had an eventful time since leaving Montreal nearly a month ago. Coming down the St. Lawrence she went ashore near Quebec and immediately after the stranding the pilot disappeared and has not since been heard of. The ship was taken off the rocks after part of the cargo had been jettisoned and she was towed to Quebec for repairs. It was found that ninety plates had been damaged. Repairs were completed in six days and the voyage was continued on Saturday week past. The trip down here was a trying one for Capt. Boucher and his crew. The Airedale is discharging at Shea & Company's premises and will, when finished, proceed to the West Indies with a quantity of cement.

**S.S. Schem Arrives From Liverpool**

S. S. Schem, Capt. Westgarth, D.S.O., arrived in port from Liverpool yesterday afternoon with a large cargo and mail and the following passengers: Mrs. R. S. Grieve, Miss H. E. H. Grieve, Miss Ruth C. Jameson, Mrs. P. H. Knowling, Mr. John McCloudy. A splendid passage was made until coming within 375 miles of this port when the ship ran into a storm which compelled her to heave to for fifteen hours. The ship received a bad drubbing but only minor damages about deck resulted.

**HARRY EMERSON FOSDICK DEFINES TRUE PRAYER**

"Prayer is not crying to a mysterious individual of somewhere; prayer is not bouncing the ball of one's own aspiration against the wall of one's own soul and catching it again; true prayer is fulfilling one of the major laws of the spiritual world and getting the appropriate consequences. "Just as around our bodies is the physical universe, in dependence upon which we live so that we create no power of our own, but assimilate it—eat it, drink it, absorb it—so around our spirits and in them is the Spiritual Universe. It is really there and it is as law-abiding as the physical cosmos with which the scientist deals. True prayer is fulfilling the conditions of our relationship with this Spiritual World. We cannot create inward power any more than we create our physical strength. We assimilate it. We fulfil the laws of its reception and it comes. So Spirit, which is God, surrounds our lives, impinges on them, is the condition of their existence, in whom we live, and move, and have our being." To see the truth of this is to believe in God; to pray is to make earnest with it and avail ourselves of the resources of strength waiting for those who fulfil the conditions and get the results.

### SIDE TALKS.

By Ruth Cameron.

#### WHY WOMEN NEED PRETTY CLOTHES.

How much clothes do mean to a woman! Not precisely a new thought. But one of those facts that are so familiar that we sometimes forget their full significance and potency.

**What Clothes Did.**  
I met one of my childhood friends last week for the first time in years. It was a girl whom I did not know well but always admired and felt I would like to know better. We met on a street corner in my old home town to which I had come back for a Spring visit. I wore visitor's clothes—the smartest I had, of course. She had been taking her youngsters down to school and had on a morning frock and a carelessly hung on coat. And in the five minutes that we talked I don't think she once forgot that she wasn't dressed to best advantage. There was no reason why she should be, and if she had met me in my own ballroom early in the morning when I was still in the middle of the morning work, I doubt if I would have looked half as well as she. But because I happened to be dressed up and she didn't, she was unconsciously clothes-conscious and showed it by the nervous way she pulled her coat about her, and by other subtle signs.

And I came away from that meeting filled anew with the sense of how much clothes mean to a woman even the least frivolous, even those who have plenty of other attractions to recommend them, and plenty of other things to interest them.

**More Than Mere Vanity.**  
Men don't realize it. Women don't always realize it themselves, but the love of being well dressed is more than a mere vanity with woman, it is something deep and primal in her. The psychologists call it a secondary sex manifestation and I suppose that explains its deep rootedness. Though I must say that I think that more women select their clothes with an eye to what other women will think than what men will think. Doubtless, however, the sex rivalry enters into that wish to outdo the other woman and make her feel defeated.

Women need pretty clothes to help them hold their self-respect. If I were a doctor prescribing for a woman in one of those melancholy moods that sometimes come to women, I would prescribe a becoming outfit, (a costly prescription, you may say, but not so much so as the long rest, or the trip or stay in a sanitarium that doctors often prescribe so blithely, and perhaps it would help avoid the need of one of these). If I were a wealthy philanthropist I knew of no philanthropy that I would enjoy more than giving the woman who hasn't had a whole new outfit at one time since she was married a cheque to buy herself frock and coat and gloves and hat and shoes and stockings all matching (and I would make it an iron bound stipulation that every cent was to be spent on herself and none peeled off to buy music lessons for sister or a football outfit for Junior).

**But I Don't Write For Them.**  
Of course there are many women who do not need to be encouraged in expressing this primal instinct. They put no bounds upon it and let it make them forget commonsense and other people's rights. They don't need to be given any further justification. But I do think there are women who try to suppress this clothes instinct to a degree that is unhealthy for them. And I think there are men who, not understanding its power and force, expect their women folk to suppress it and accept the sacrifice of that suppression without any idea of how great it is. And it is for such that I write this.

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