





### Income Taxes in U.S. to be Considerably Reduced

#### Colonial Secretary Hopes Mosul Dispute May be Amicably Settled--Sea Route Through N.Y. State Advocated in Congress--Dr. Koch Undertakes Formation of German Cabinet.

**GENEVA, Dec. 14.** Secretary of State Amery, in a statement to-day, announced that the grounds existed for negotiations between Turkey and Britain for the Mosul problem, as the two countries were too far apart, but hoped the action of the League of Nations Council would furnish the necessary ground to start negotiations, and hoped the hope that the question would be settled happily.

**DUBLIN, Dec. 14.** The Free State Air Force anti-aircraft lights from Cranmore Bay, Galway to New York City, next April.

**LONDON, Dec. 14.** The overseas settlement agreement between Canada and Great Britain which has been signed and will be published later this week, is expected to provide that a substantial amount will be made in the amount necessary for immigrants to possess property in Canada.

**WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.** Chairman Dempsey, of House Rivers and Harbors Committee, in a statement to-day, urged the construction of an all-water route to the sea from the Great Lakes through New York State to the sea. He complains that the United States will not permit development of export to the United States of power on the St. Lawrence, nor deepening of that river for navigation.

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WHEREAS our beloved Paston has been recently elevated to the dignity of Domestic Prelate to His Holiness Pope Pius XI;

AND WHEREAS this is the first meeting of the Christian Doctrine Society since the pronouncement was made;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Christian Doctrine Society in meeting assembled to-day to avail of this opportunity to convey to Rt. Rev. Monsignor Kitchin our sincere congratulations on the high honor and dignity he has been privileged to receive, and that we do also convey to him the wish that he may live for many years to labour amongst us in the Parish of St. Patrick's and to enjoy his well merited honour.

If you want good Ginger Wine ask for Stafford's.

Sch. Lady St. John has cleared from Rencontre West for Oporto with 3114 qts. fish shipped by William Webb & Sons.

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### Believes Whale Story a Sea Yarn

The Parsonage, Twillingate, Dec. 9, 1925. Dear Sir.—In your issue of the 2nd inst. you have an article entitled "Swallowed by a Sperm Whale" in which reference is made to a "well-accredited instance" in modern times of a man being swallowed by a whale and surviving the ordeal. I have come across the yarn two or three times lately and have seen no correction.

The instance in question is referred to in Hastings' Dictionary of the Bible vol. II, page 750, by Prof. Koulig. In the Expository Times vol 17, page 429 Dr. A. Lukyn Williams enquired as to the basis of the story, and on page 521 of the same volume Prof. Koulig claims the authority of English newspapers whose account was produced in the Canadian "Arctic" and says he would be interested if the source and the certainty of the narrative could be established! Dr. Lukyn Williams investigated and in the Expository Times, vol. 18, page 239 (to put the matter briefly) prints a letter from the wife of the captain of the "Star of the East," who was with him on the voyage in question, who says, "There is not one word of truth in the Whale Story." Anyone who will take the trouble to refer to the Expository Times will I think be convinced that the whole story is a typical "sea yarn."

Yours truly, HENRY GILBERT.

### Hard to Get a Start

NOT HARD TO ADVANCE. Wherever one travels young people ask about the opportunities in New York. I tell them that very often it is extremely difficult to get a start, but that, once started, it is not so very difficult to earn advancement. The competition is not appalling at any stage of the ladder. Ideal office boys are not in over-abundant supply. Courteous, intelligent, purposeful workers in every line are in demand and usually can win at least modest promotion. Higher up the scale the number of competitors is fewer, and near or at the top the demand appears always to exceed the supply, judging by results.

One thing many do not understand: Top-notch ability includes the ability to find a buyer of that ability. Too many fellows flatter themselves that they are wizards and that all they need is a chance to demonstrate that they are wizards. Well, the very first step in the demonstration is to demonstrate the ability to find a market for the wonderful talents claimed. He is not a hundred percent who cannot land an appropriate job. Positions demanding and paying for hundred percenters usually carry much harder problems than that.

After that it isn't overwhelmingly hard to get on in New York or elsewhere if you have the price in you and you are willing to pay it.—B. C. Forbes, in Forbes Magazine (N.Y.).

### Shipping

S.S. Sachem sails from Liverpool on Dec. 17th. S.S. Newfoundland is now en route to Liverpool from this port.

S.S. Sable I. has entered at Bonne Bay to load barrelled herring by A. B. Harding.

S.S. Blackheath has sailed from Bell Island for Rotterdam with 7300 tons ore.

S.S. Hansa has cleared from here for Seville, with a cargo of fish from A. E. Hickman Co.

Sch. Cape Race has cleared from this port for Bahia with a cargo of fish from Bowring Bros.

S.S. Cranley has cleared from Botwood for New York with 4900 tons of pulp and paper from the A.N.D. Co.

CONFEDERATION LIFE.—Nov 23, 1925.

# HURRY-Y-Y!

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### F. A. G. Association TRAVEL SWEEP.

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**TWO SURE THINGS:**  
1. The Sweep will be drawn on Tuesday, December 22nd, 1925.  
2. Every Ticket sold will have an equal chance of winning a Prize.

**TICKETS: 10 CENTS. BUY A FEW EVERY DAY.**

### Household Notes

Dates, figs, raisins, dried peaches and prunes are all valuable food for winter diet.  
Jellied salmon served in a bed of lettuce and sliced tomatoes is good and attractive.  
All materials left over from meals should be saved to warm over or put into soup.  
Candied sweet potatoes are very good with a few marshmallows melting over them.  
The gelatine mould should be greased with a little salad oil before putting the gelatin in.

### MUTT AND JEFF

WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT IT?

JEFF: YOU GOTTA HAND IT TO ME FOR TAKING OUT AN ACCIDENT INSURANCE POLICY FOR YOU! EVEN A SPRAINED ANKLE WILL NET US TEN BUCKS A WEEK FOR TEN WEEKS!

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MUTT: BUT...

NIX, MUTT! NIX!

LOOK! WE'RE IN LUCK! SEE THAT TOUGH GUY? WALK OVER AND HAND HIM A SWIFT KICK IN THE SHIN AND HE'LL DO THE REST!

OH, WELL!

THINK OF ALL I'VE DONE FOR YOU! HE'LL ONLY SMASH YOU IN THE BEAK AND A BROKEN BEAK IS GOOD FOR FIFTEEN A WEEK FOR TWELVE WEEKS!

NICE WORK!

TAKE THAT, YOU BIG STIFF! I DON'T LIKE YOUR FACE AND FOR TWO CENTS I'LL TWEEK YOUR NOSE!

OUCH!

WAH! NOW YOU STOP OR I'LL CALL AN OFFICER! WAH!!

—By Bud Fisher

### Personals

Mr. J. Simmonds, who went north to make an investigation into the loss of a schooner at the Groa Islands, returned by the Kyle.

Mr. Stan O'Leary, who has been assistant purser on S.S. Silvia, since the steamer has been on the Red Sea Service, recently resigned his position to accept a more lucrative position in New York.



Toys! Toys!! Toys!!! and still more Toys- for Tags and Coupons only at the Premium Department FLAVIN ST.

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SIDE TALKS. By Ruth Cameron.

DISAGREEABLE THINGS NOT ALWAYS TRUE.

Because one gets at the wisdom of any act... Many women have a distant taste for martyrdom. They lay it up, if they can do something they don't want to do for the sake of someone else...

Her Duty More Complex.

For instance, when the well person who is taking care of some invalid wears herself out doing some thing that will give the invalid a little more comfort or pleasure and gets sick herself, she thinks herself justified by the fact that she did it all for the loved one. But that does not justify her. Her duty was not only to take care of him but to spend herself wisely while she was doing it.

Christmas Groceries

'Tis time to bestir yourself and get your Christmas Grocery List ready.

- You will surely want some of the following: NOS. 1 & 2 "KING" and "WAGNER" APPLES—in Barrels. NOS. 1 & 2 BALDWIN APPLES—in Barrels. "MACKINTOSH RED," "SPITZENBERG" and WINE-SAP EXTRA FANCY TABLE APPLES—in Boxes. The above are excellent value for Christmas Presents.

- Turkey Dates, 20c. pkg. Sterilized Smyrna Figs, 1-lb. Cartons—35c. by the lb. Almond Paste, 1/2's, 50c. 1's, 90c. Ground Sweet Almonds, 1/4's and 1/2's. Fancy Crystallized Cherries, 1-lb. Cartons—80c. lb. 1-lb. Cartons Cleaned Currants, 12c.

- NEW SEASON'S GREEK SULTANA RAISINS—1-lb. Cartons. RELIABLE FRESH EGGS—EXTRAS. SYPHONS—Large size; make your own Soda, 2.75 ea. SYPHON BULBS—Tubes, Pins, Neckwashers, etc. Large assortment FRESH FRUIT, due this evening by S.S. Silvia.

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When a Rhino Charges

Mr. Arthur S. Verney, big game hunter and collector for the Museum of Natural History, New York, was asked by an interviewer:

"If you don't get a rhinoceros the first time does it ever charge?"

"Sometimes," replied Mr. Verney. "But the only charges that ever did me any harm were the charges of hotel keepers! The rhinoceros is a very stupid animal. It is customary in Nepal to shoot them from the backs of elephants. Elephants, however, are very much afraid of rhinos."

"One day Colonel Faunthorpe and I went out on elephants. After bringing down one rhinoceros we decided that the proper method was to be on foot. We came back to camp and ordered tea."

"Meanwhile my bearer came to me and said he had seen a rhinoceros on the other side of the river. Now, the natives sometimes imagine these things and one doesn't take much stock in what they say they've seen. But he was so insistent that I decided to investigate."

"I got a boat and went with my bearer up the river about a quarter of a mile. We crossed to the other side and found nothing. I was skeptical, but made a little detour and came across fresh tracks. I followed them to some light scrub bushes, turned around the corner and there was a huge built rhinoceros taking his evening walk in a little backwater of the river."

"We were very much surprised to see each other. I fired and hit him too high. He charged, but with a second shot fell dead. Naturally if you get so close that you can't get out of the way it is likely to be uncomfortable. But the rhinoceros has very bad sight, though his senses of smell and hearing are acute. To defeat the charge, in case you don't kill him, you must endeavor to get out of the wind."

Wonderful Scent.

"The same thing is true of elephants. In Mysore, it is said, a bison can scent a human being a mile away if the wind is right. Should the wind be blowing away from the rhino you might be able to approach quite close without being detected."

Colonel Faunthorpe, who was for twenty-five years Commissioner of Lucknow, has an intimate knowledge of India. It was owing to his friendship with the Maharajah of Nepal that he and Mr. Verney were permitted to hunt in that territory, as a rule closed to the white man.

"Colonel Faunthorpe," said Mr. Verney, "is a recognized authority on tiger shooting. In beating for a tiger the management of elephants is a very difficult matter. He has brought it to a science. The tiger lies up and has to be beaten out by elephants, for the grass is ten or twelve feet high, and a man on foot would find it impenetrable."

"The tiger is a creature of habit. He kills his game—of the swamp animals or some tempting morsel from a herd of cattle grazing on the pasture of a native village—sorges himself and then retires to a thick patch of grass adjacent to a pool. He sleeps through the heat of the day. I don't mind shooting a tiger any time. He kills the natives and devours their herds."

she was doing it. It is just as extravagant to spend yourself foolishly, and without getting good value in return, as it is to spend money foolishly without getting proper value for it. And often it causes a great deal more unhappiness.

A Feminine Temptation.

"But I did it all for my child or my husband," says the woman who has spent herself foolishly in some act of generosity. And she thinks that's justification enough. But it isn't—if the thing is unwise in itself. I suppose it is because the law of woman's being is to give herself, that she is the more inclined to err in this direction than man.

Women must watch themselves. Self-martyrdom is a simple way to solve life's problems; and perhaps that factor is one of its greatest lures, since most of us bitterly hate the mental effort of making decisions—but it isn't the happiest way for yourself or for those linked to you.

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Life-Saving Drug is New Discovery

LONDON, Dec. 8.—A new life-saving drug, which is claimed, will have a profound effect on the work both of the specialist and the general medical practitioner, will shortly be used extensively in medical practice in this country.

The substance is termed alpha lobelin. The herb, lobelia inflata, from which it takes its name, was first discovered in America, and was described by the personal physician of James I.

It was, however, for a long time in disrepute, until in 1915 Dr. Henry Wieland, Professor of Chemistry in the University of Freiburg, succeeded in isolating the alkaloid alpha lobelin in a crystalline and pure form.

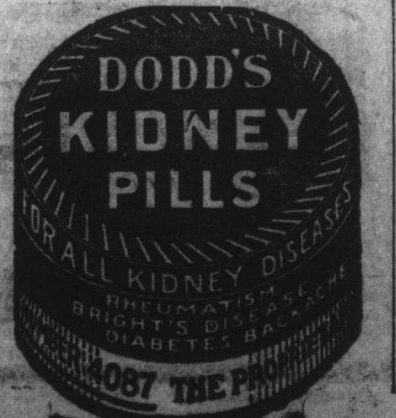
Lobelin possesses the power to speed up breathing to a remarkable degree. One of Professor Wieland's patients was subject to spasms, which interfered with his ability to breathe, to the point of asphyxiation. The injection of lobelin directly saved his life on three occasions.

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Colonial Office Members to Visit Doimnions.

London, Dec. 8.—Replying to Col. A. McDonnell, Ormsby Gore informed the Commons it was the intention of Secretary Amery that if possible an arrangement will be made for members of the staff of the Dominions Office to visit the various Dominions.

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New Device Will Register Altitude

Berlin, Dec. 7.—A device to protect airmen from accidents such as recently caused the death of a United States mail pilot in Pennsylvania has been perfected by Alexander Behm, a German physicist at Kiel.

Captain John V. Klemann, naval attaché at the American Embassy, has sent a comprehensive report of Behm's device to his department in Washington. The contrivance is to guard airmen against the danger of encountering "shoal air" at night or during fogs. With Behm's invention to aid him, an airman can determine instantly his height from the ground, thus protecting himself from driving head-on into the rising slope of a mountain or brushing away the undercarriage of his plane in trees when visibility is such that he cannot look from his machine and know whether he is high or low.

Hitherto, aviators have been able exactly to determine their height only from sea level. Over rolling ground or mountains this height data was fallible as has been proven in a number of accidents.

Behm's device is called the "Behm echo lot," and makes use of the fact that sound reverberates. It consists of a sending and receiving mechanism. The sender contains a small cartridge. The pilot can discharge this cartridge at will. Its sound travels to the ground and returns upward where it registers on the receiver. This, of course, is a matter only of moments, and a scale on the receiver registers on terms of feet or yards the time required for the sound to travel to the earth and return.

The echo lot registers altitudes instantaneously and accurately to within one-tenth of a meter. The pilot has merely to discharge the cartridge and glance at the receiver's dial. He can repeat the feat rapidly, so that it is possible to know the exact height of a plane even while landing.

Trial flights aboard the ZR 3, now the Los Angeles, gave the first opportunity of a test of the invention. Successful results were obtained then and subsequently the device has been developed so that it can be used aboard the fastest planes.

China Will Tax Binding of Feet

PEKIN, Dec. 6.—Chinese queue wearing, a symbol of imperial days, will cost \$2 for the next month, with an increase to almost any sum thereafter under a decree issued by the military government. He is also custom of binding women's feet, which make them small, and has imposed a sliding scale of tax for bound feet.

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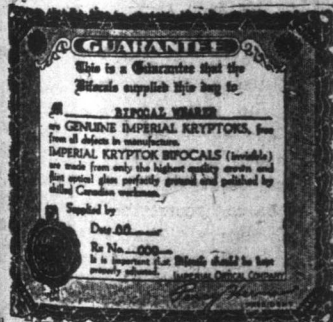
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STOCK MARKET NEWS

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U.S. Dry Letter Displeases Pope

ROME, Dec. 10—(U.P.)—Vatican circles to-day manifested their undisguised displeasure at the publicity given the recent letter of the United States Committee for Prohibition Enforcement, (U.S.A.), appealing for Papal moral support for the organization's work.

Indian Turkish Bath is Unique

OTTAWA, Dec. 10—(C.P.)—The Turkish bath has nothing on the methods used by the Thompson River and Carrier Indians of the Plateau Region in British Columbia, as told to a large audience by Harlan L. Smith, Dominion Archaeologist, in the Victoria Museum last night.

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Spectacle Case Found in Arctic Arouses Interest

OTTAWA, Dec. 10—(C.P.)—Considerable interest and much historical speculation in Canada and Great Britain is centering around a leather spectacle case found in the Arctic by Canadian expedition of 1924.

Dr. L. D. Livingston, who was ship doctor on the Canadian steamship Arctic, found the case on the beach of Elm Island. It is of heavy leather, bound in the form of a small pouch with a heavy gold monogram of the letters V.R.I. surmounted by a crown.

It is assumed that the case was lost by a member of the Nares naval expedition of 1875.

The Nares expedition was sent by the Royal Navy in an attempt to reach the North pole. The party wintered on Elm Island. The point which has raised the controversy is the fact that in 1875 Queen Victoria had not been created Empress of India, yet the monogram bears the letters V.R.I. standing for Victoria Regina Imperatrix. The Northwest Territories branch have been prosecuting an inquiry into the possible origin of the spectacle case for over a year and considerable correspondence has passed between the officials of the department and surviving members of the expedition, most of whom are now retired naval officers.

Nothing positive has yet been established, but it would appear that title Imperatrix might have been used before officially conferred and that the spectacle case was a gift of the Queen to Nares himself or to some other senior officer of the expedition.

Considers Shingled Heads Healthiest

LONDON, Dec. 10—(C.P.)—Shingled heads are the neatest, tidiest and healthiest heads in existence, declares Lady Eleanor Smith, daughter of Lord Birkenhead, who is developing almost as prolific a pen as her father. Lady Eleanor submits these sentiments in English Life. The clothes of to-day are the most sensible, graceful and comfortable since the time of the ancient Greeks, she further asserts. There is a very good reason for the shortness of modern frocks. It is impossible to play games in unsuitable clothes, and whatever may be said of the flapper her prowess as an athlete is undeniable.

Lady Eleanor continues: "A far greater liberty is now permitted boys and girls not only of action but of speech. Frankness where hitherto there was deceit, fearlessness where there was cringing humility and probably veiled dislike. This freedom is

post-war. That it is harmful has yet to be proved. If a young man and a girl dine and dance and spend the evening together, where a girl would have been once hopelessly compromised, it is now thought the most natural thing in the world. Only a few years ago a marriage was contracted by people still addressing themselves as Mr. Brown and Miss Jones. What could they know of each other?"

Necklace Lost at Vanderbilt Party

NEW YORK, Dec. 10—(A.P.)—Police were faced with a new society gem mystery yesterday as they sought to solve the disappearance of a \$10,000 pearl necklace, the property of Mrs. Charles William Clark, divorced wife of the son of the copper king and former United States Senator. The necklace was lost at a tea given in the home of Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., on November 21, but the theft was only made public yesterday.

Mrs. Clark declined to discuss the loss "since it did not occur in my own home." Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., through one of her secretaries, declined to say anything about the loss. "You know Mrs. Vanderbilt disliked publicity. I can't help you a bit," reporters were told when an assistant to Mrs. Vanderbilt's secretary was called. The necklace consisted of 75 pearls.

Dame Melba's References to the Late Queen Mother

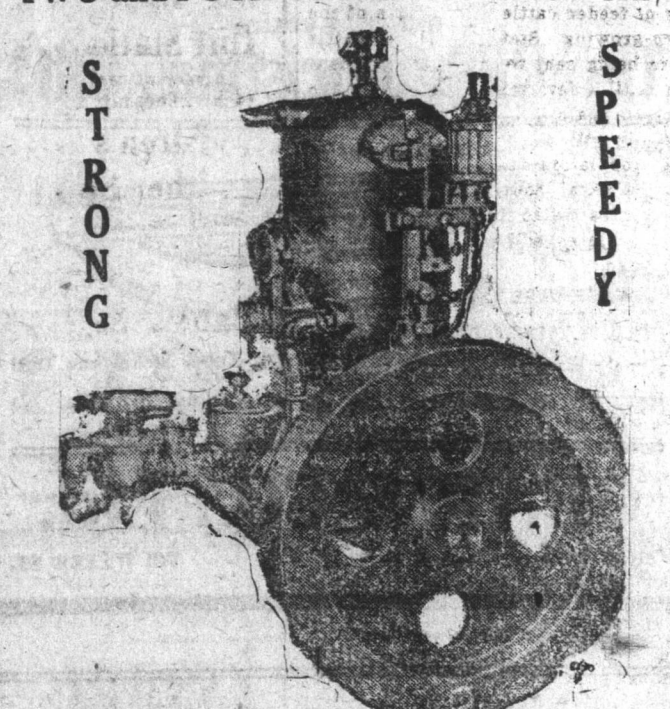
LONDON, Eng., Dec. 14. (G.P.)—Dame Nellie Melba, the famous singer, in her book of reminiscences, just published, makes the interesting revelation that it was through the late Queen Alexandra's interest in her that she was induced to make another series of appearances in London after an unfortunate debut here. It happened in 1888, when Dame Melba had scored a phenomenal success, at the outset of her career, in Brussels and Paris. Dame Melba came on to London, for some performances at Covent Garden. There was a half-filled house, an indifferent orchestra, and had management all-round. Dame Melba returned to the Continent, vowing she would never see London again. However, she had a letter from Lady de Grey, one of the leaders in matters musical and artistic of that day, begging her to return.

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The Paris 'Espionage' Case

HINT OF BRITISH CONNECTION. PARIS, Dec. 3.—Some of the newspapers openly assert to-day that Great Britain is the power for which Marthe Moreuil, the 25 year old Parisienne and former nurse, artist's model, and parachute jumper, was trying to obtain information about French air services.

The young woman is under arrest charged with espionage and there also are in custody three men, James Leather, Fisher Williams, and Ernest Oliver Phillips, who are alleged to have employed Mlle Moreuil. The newspapers assert that Leather and Phillips are Englishmen, the former a lieutenant and other a non-commissioned officer of the regular British army who have been detached in to the intelligence service.

When Mlle Moreuil was questioned by the police, who said she had been extremely active in spying during the past few months, she is said to have told them that to Ours, Pierrefeu, and St. Raphael aviation bases, and to St. Nazaire, Bordeaux and Ayre.

Tells of Her Doings.

Glibly she is said to have recounted her experiences, to have made a full confession and to have given the names of the three men, who she asserts, had paid for her services. On the strength of this—Leather, Williams and Phillips, who conducted a radio store, were arrested. All of them denied the charge.

During the summer at Rennes and Nantes, Mlle Moreuil achieved notoriety by going up, in simplicity and simplicity from them with a parachute attached to her body. The military authorities had given a card admitting her to flying fields.

The Petit Parisien, which rarely ever editorializes on any subject to-day departs from its usual practice and treats of the espionage case. It asks if governments are going to continue in peace time the miserable game of spying and counter-spying with its long record of swindles and hoaxes.

'The League of Nations Council' adds, 'has met to make peace between the English and the Turks. It is a good opportunity to add to its agenda peace between the espionage services'.

Was Wasting Time. Henri De Kertillis, the air expert of the Echo De Paris, expresses amusement over the situation. He remarks that if Mlle Moreuil sought information at places mentioned she was wasting time, for all the facts there are public property. He also declares that French air service has no secrets for anybody. He has drawn the attention of the under secretary of aviation, Laurent-Eynac, to the gravity of certain facts: For one thing, French aeronautic workshops were shown from top to bottom to visiting technicians of all nations and French technical reviews which are subject to no sort of control, publish daily drawings and detailed descriptions of not only of the latest planes, engines and special devices, but of projects and inventions still in the experimental stage which ought to remain the secret of laboratories.

The authorities assert that any information which Mlle Moreuil may have obtained was quite innocuous. The secret police, however, are declared to be annoyed over the publicity given the affair, saying that by it suspects have been warned and given time to destroy all compromising documents.

Weighing a Full Stop MODERN MECHANICAL MARVELS.

As you smoke your cigarette and flick away the paper ash, it is difficult to believe that a thousand cigarette papers piled tightly together would measure no more than one inch high. Yet the minute thickness of a single sheet can be ascertained easily with a Pratt-Whitney machine, the will measure with perfect accuracy things even one hundred times thinner than a cigarette paper. By its aid you can discover the exact thickness of a housefly's wing—accurate to one-hundred-thousandth part of an inch.

To find out the diameter of a hair from your head is quite clumsy work for a machine of such delicacy, and it might surprise many people to know that a thousand human hairs of ordinary texture, laid side by side as closely as possible, barely stretch an inch.

Monster Sandwiches. Thousands of tiny particles called corpuccles float about in your blood. They can only be seen under the strongest microscope. But an amazing machine has been invented by which it is possible to cut a blood corpuscle into three equal parts! With this machine you can cut a piece of cheese measuring one inch in each direction into twelve thousand slices, and thus make a monster sandwich, for the cheese would then cover completely a piece of bread ten feet long and eight feet wide.

No less astonishing is an instrument constructed by Lord Blythwood that is used by engineers for drawing parallel lines nearer to one another than you can imagine. On the edge of a stencils this remarkable machine can draw nearly one hundred separate parallel lines.

Time-measuring instruments have now attained extraordinary perfection. Some years ago, even the finest chronometers could not be relied upon implicitly, and after travelling for a few weeks from land the captain of a ship could not be certain of his longitude within a margin of about fifteen miles or so. To-day these instruments are made so accurately that after a journey of four months they show no greater variation than one second a week, and sometimes less.

Heat of the Stars. More wonderful still is an invention of Mr. W. Duddell, by means of which the heat of the stars can be registered. Light from the nearest stars, travelling at a speed of 186,000 miles per second, takes many years to reach us, yet the warmth of these far-off bodies gives to accurately that after a journey of four months they show no greater variation than one second a week, and sometimes less.

Moving at the rate of one inch every hundred years, which seems almost undetectable, the change in position of "faults" in coal and other mines can be forecasted with astounding accuracy. An instrument called a cup-micrometer does this, and is so sensitive that it can also check the leakage from a huge water reservoir, even though it amounts to no more than one bucketful in a night.

Errors in Lenses. Have you ever wondered how the lenses of your eyeglasses are ground so accurately? An instrument called a spherometer is used for detecting errors in the curvature of lenses, and is able to register variations as small as one-hundred-thousandth part of an inch.

Most astounding of all modern mechanical marvels are the scales so exquisitely balanced that it is possible by their aid to weigh things which you would think have no weight at all. If you place a piece of paper in one pan of the scales, for instance, and an equal weight in the other, the beam will tip delicately if you mark a full stop in pencil on the piece of paper.

Here is a delicious supper sandwich—buttered toast; WILSON'S CERTIFIED BACON fried crisp; thin slices of fried tomato; season to taste. dec2,13,ed

Ghost of Romanoffs Disturbs Slumbers of Red Official

WARSAW.—Votkov, Soviet minister to Warsaw, and his wife are having a hard time breaking into Warsaw's diplomatic society because of his alleged participation in the murder of the Romanoffs.

At first the Polish government was unwilling to accept Votkov, but when the Soviet officials denied the minister's hands were bloody he was received.

The book of Judge Sokoloff, who investigated the murder, however, included the photograph of a document, alleged to have been signed by Votkov, asking for gasoline to burn the bodies of the czarist family. It became difficult for diplomats and their wives to ignore this.

Many of the wives declined to meet Madame Votkov and the matter became the subject of diplomatic representations. At least one Scandinavian government offered apologies to Moscow for the snubbing given Madame Votkov by the wife of its minister.

Madam Votkov left Warsaw temporarily and upon her return apparently renounced her social ambitions, with the result that the boycott against her has been relaxed somewhat.

Britain's "Decline"

If it is in truth supposed that Britain is not so great as she used to be, the answer is that she never was. It is averred that she has no future, the answer is that she never had. In Elizabethan days, when all those glorious forces that led to the founding of English-speaking America were just beginning to work, an old chronicler like William Harrison protested that our day was visibly over.

Before Armageddon, with our railway strikes, our suffragette struggles, our streaks of Irish civil war, the same view was held. Germany believed it implicitly. If she had not, Armageddon would never have occurred. After it, we only relapsed into our old ways and observers into their old delusions. It became common talk in France, Germany and Italy alike that Britain was ceasing to be a "Great Power"; and our commercial decline was announced, as so often before, but positively for the last time. J. L. Garvin, in the London Observer.

Professor W. Seeley THE GREAT PHYSICAL DIRECTOR Will be here in St. John's City until the first of April, 1926; will have boxing and wrestling school opened now in a few days, where about one hundred pupils and myself will be training every night. Since I have opened my physical school here in the city I have enrolled about three hundred pupils, personal and classes by mail; within the next three months hope to enroll one thousand pupils; will have by the first of January 1926, fifty real strong, well-developed men, some of these men will perform at my next performance. Also have many young girl pupils, you will have the pleasure of seeing them perform later. I have one girl pupil that I am more proud to have her as a pupil, weight 120 lbs. I will put up a side bet, just for the sport of it, one of five hundred dollars that in less than three months she will perform feats of strength that no untrained man in Newfoundland will duplicate. If you weigh four hundred pounds, it is quite alright; this would be a fine chance for you to lose five hundred dollars. Have boy pupils, weight about one hundred pounds, who can perform feats of strength that no untrained man can duplicate, and I don't care how strong you think you are; every untrained man throughout the world is a little child as far as physical strength goes, compared with a scientifically trained man. If you will call my office for about three minutes I will convince you that I am telling you the truth; will not hurt you. Don't be a knocker and a quitter, be a real man.

Special Notice—Would like to get a boy weight about one hundred and forty-five pounds, to box one of my pupils, amateur or professional, which will take place at my next performance here in the city in the near future.

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Little Jack Rabbit by David Cory

Professor Jim Crow is a very wise bird. Oh, a very wise bird is he. When no food is left in the old corn field He flies to the big blue sea.

And now to return to my story No sooner had Professor Jim Crow told his family of the fine clam feast he had just eaten, than Mrs. Crow put on her black feather bonnet and, calling to Blackie Crow, set off with the good Professor for the seashore. And Little Jack Rabbit? What was he doing? Bringing in tiddling wood, wasn't he in the last story for his pretty, bunny mother? And as soon as the woodbox was filled, he hopped out on the back porch to talk to Jimmy Jay in his beautiful military blue, black and white feathered coat. My, what a beautiful crest he wore on his head. Yes, sir, Jimmy Jay was certainly a handsome fellow.

"Somebody has been saying disreputable things about me," he cried, as the little rabbit shouted: "Hello, Jimmy!"

"I don't know and I don't care I should worry, I declare. People should say pleasant words when they talk of little birds," answered Jimmy Jay in poetry. My gracious, is this mischievous bird turning into a poet? Sporting poetry just like Bill Shakespeare! And in the next story you shall hear what happened after that.

Abolition of Pridesmaids as Social Economy

LONDON, Dec. 4.—There is a movement afoot to put an end to the quaint and pretty practice of having bridesmaids at weddings.

"We all have so many other and more interesting things to do," she said. "Frocks have to be chosen, and there has never been a frock made that suited all the bridesmaids equally well. Then they have to be fitted usually by the bride's dressmaker, when one would much rather go to one's own. They are usually quite unsuitable for wear afterwards, and hats, when worn, are out of fashion by next season."

A famous London dressmaker who makes many bridal outfits confessed the objection of expense.

"Bridesmaids' dresses may be very expensive indeed if they are made of gold or silver lame with much trimming," she said, "and wreaths or hats cost anything from three to four guineas upwards, according to the fancy of the bride. If a girl has to pay for her dress out of her allowance, she does not want to be bridesmaid more than once."

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