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THE WEATHER

Maritime: Moderate westerly winds, fair today and on Tuesday, not much change in temperature.

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SEVERAL TOWNS IN ARGENTINA HAVE BEEN WIPED OUT BY AN EARTHQUAKE—200 LIVES LOST

WORST DISASTER OF THE KIND SINCE 1869

Loss of Property will be Very Heavy—The Quake Occurred on Friday Afternoon—The People Reported as Being Panic-stricken—Relief Trains Have Been Sent Out.

Buenos Aires, Dec. 19.—Earth shocks which on Friday afternoon destroyed several towns along the Argentine slope of the Andes Mountains, were the most severe experienced in the country since 1869, when half the city of Mendoza was laid in ruins. Reports from the area where the heaviest indicate great loss of life and property upwards of 200 bodies having already been taken from the wrecks of buildings.

At Tresportenas more than 100 perished, and at Costa De Aranjó eighty-one more were killed. It is feared that more victims are as yet buried under the ruins in each town. At Tresportenas, La Valle and La Central not a single house was left standing and those not destroyed were left in a badly damaged condition. No estimate of the number of persons injured has as yet been made.

Minor shocks continue throughout the district, one particularly strong tremor being felt yesterday afternoon at 8 o'clock in the towns of San Martin and Rivadavia. The people are reported as being panic-stricken.

The city of Mendoza was shaken but did not suffer any extensive damage.

Drowned in Hot Water.

In the town of Costa De Aranjó the seismic convulsion opened great crevices out of which hot water is spouting. The water from one of the geysers reached a height of about fifteen feet and formed a pool in which two persons were drowned. A Red Cross ambulance has reached the village and set to work to rescue any sufferers who may still be alive in the ruins.

More than 30,000 persons inhabit little villages along the eastern Andean slope and as reports continue to add to the long list of casualties, apprehension is felt that the final figures will be very high. Rescue parties have been sent out from Mendoza, but details from the scene of the disaster are meagre, as telephone and telegraph wires are badly disorganized. The earth movement during the tremor was from the northwest to southeast and a number of small shocks followed the principal concussion, which lasted thirty seconds.

A Catastrophe.

The latest reports from Mendoza coming in last night said that the shock at Tresportenas had assumed the proportions of a catastrophe. Three relief trains have been rushed to the town, from which thirty dead and as many dying have been brought out. At Costa De Aranjó, which was virtually isolated, another shock of the most violent character occurred at 8 o'clock yesterday morning. In addition to eighty-one dead in Costa De Aranjó eighty were seriously injured.

At La Valle terrible scenes were witnessed. The relief work was most difficult owing to the condition of the roads, which had been broken up and covered with water. The church there was laid in ruins, and the municipal buildings' walls were cracked and the structure was likely to fall at any moment.

The seismograph at the Mendoza In-

DEPRESSION IN NORTHERN COUNTIES

Prices for Agricultural Products Low and Lumbering Operations are Being Curtailed.

(Special to the Daily Mail.)

Andover, Dec. 20.—The northern part of the province is now enduring a period of great financial anxiety. The potato outlook is the worst in ten years. On that crop the farmers depend almost entirely. All other crops have come in recent years to be relegated to the status of a side issue. The staple crop is commanding only a price of \$1.50 per barrel with the market very dull and buyers unwilling to take any great amount. In Aroostook County, Maine, even lower prices are quoted. No consolation is found even for those lucky persons who have a quantity of other crops for those do not command a price which would meet the cost of production.

There is a feeling that unless matters of price take a jump the government will be petitioned for aid in some form or other.

Lumbering Curtailed

The lumbering operations have likewise been affected. Wages are being cut, and many operators are discontinuing their cut. The Fraser's pulp mill at Edmundston has been closed and their saw mill at Plaster Rock has suspended work for the time with the exception of the planing machines.

Harry Smith of Linville, Carleton County, charged with having poisoned eight head of cattle, the property of his neighbor Charles Jusman, is suffering from typhoid fever. He is confined to the Woodstock jail. The cattle were found dead and traces of arsenoid were found in the pasture. Sheriff Foster was called and found arsenoid in Smith's house. He will be tried at the next session of the County Court.

SEE ANOTHER WORLD WAR

Madrid Dec. 20.—Alejandro Lerroux, the Republican leader in an election speech delivered today declared that the forthcoming elections would be most important in that the men chosen would have to deal with particularly serious problems. Among these Lerroux declared, was the menace of a new world conflagration, in which Spain probably would be unable to remain neutral. The speaker pointed out that Great Britain was increasing her naval power and declared that the United States was pursuing a policy of building which presaged in the near future great new international troubles.

Balance of Ladies' and Children's Coats at cost price, only a few left, at A. Murray & Co.'s.

stitute recorded three shocks on Friday, the first beginning at 3 p. m. It was a sudden and violent one without the slight movements usually preceding. This lasted fifteen seconds. The second movements lasted five seconds, and the third ten seconds. The vibrations with lesser shocks continued for thirty minutes afterward.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS WOULD BE STRONGER UNDER WILSON'S PLAN

(By William G. Butler, staff correspondent of the Daily Mail; by Cross-Atlantic Newspaper Service.)

London, Dec. 20.—That the League of Nations is an accomplished fact, but would be more effective if more completely in harmony with the original Wilson plan, was the statement of Thomas Nelson Page, former American Ambassador to Italy, to me last night. "The League is here to stay," he said. "It is not probably as strong as it might be had the framers carried out Wilson's principles. Nevertheless the existing entity and great humanitarian idea for which it was founded—the termination of all wars—has gripped the world effectively."

THE SO CALLED LUXURY TAXES HAVE BEEN ABOLISHED BY GOVERNMENT

Good News for Merchants and Christmas Shoppers Comes from Ottawa --- A Backdown by the Government --- A Great Victory Won by the Business Men of Canada --- John Barleycorn Must Still Pay.

OTTAWA, Dec. 19.—All luxury taxes imposed at the last session of Parliament have been abolished with the exception of those on spiritous and alcoholic liquors, medicated wines, patent and proprietary preparations containing alcohol, lime and fruit juices, fortified spirits and strong waters, perfumery and toilet preparations, playing cards and confectionery.

On and after December 20 no luxury taxes will be imposed on goods other than those mentioned. The order-in-council arranging for this extraordinary volte face in taxation was passed on Saturday under authority of section 92 of the Consolidated Revenue and Audit Act which empowers the Governor-in-Council to remit any duty or tolls. The sales tax, collected from manufacturers, wholesalers and importers, will, however, remain in full force.

The serious unemployment situation is the principal reason given by the government for taking this step. Representations from all parts of the country have been made to the effect that industries engaged in making the articles on which luxury taxes were charged have almost come to a standstill, and that the removal of these taxes would mean a great deal more employment. Before the tariff commission manufacturers of expensive boots and shoes, pianos, gramophones, sporting goods, to some extent costly furniture, carpets and draperies, as well as clothing, always referred to these taxes as the chief reason for low production.

A keen eye will be kept on the situation to see whether more employment results from the abolition of the taxes. It is generally understood that these taxes are being abandoned for ever, so far as the present government is concerned, but if it proves that no more employment results from the abolition of any of these taxes than there is now, the exigencies of the debt situation and the large revenues needed to keep the country's federal affairs running may lead to a few more articles being added to the few "luxury" items still left under taxation.

It is almost certain, however, that the finance minister will in future confine himself to three important kinds of taxation, customs and excise duties, sales taxes and income taxes. (Continued on page five.)

THIRTEEN PERSONS DROWNED IN THE OHIO RIVER IN KENTUCKY

Augusta, Ky., Dec. 20.—Thirteen persons were drowned in the Ohio River when the United States steam launch Margaret sprang a leak and sank three miles below Augusta at 6 o'clock last night. Of the victims two were women and two babies. The boat was bringing a crowd of twenty-one to Augusta. The launch was in sight of Augusta when the engineer, Henry Dakes, discovered a leak in the side of the craft. He started the pump to working but the water came in too fast. Within less than five minutes and before the passengers were aware of their peril, it was said the boat listed and went under.

Eight men survived the disaster by jumping into the water. Several swam ashore and one was picked up by fishermen. The boat sank in mid river. There was no panic, it was said, owing to the fact that they didn't realize their danger.

MONSTER BEAR SHOWED FIGHT

Truro, N. S., Dec. 17.—An enormous bear, said by a local taxidermist to be the largest he ever saw in Nova Scotia, who shot this week at Camden, a few miles from here, by Howard Hollingsworth, of Camden, a returned soldier. The animal had four inches of fat on his body. When Hollingsworth and his brother, Lester, who is a boy of twelve years, went into the woods to look at their traps they became separated. After some time Howard, hearing a call from Lester, ran to where he was. A big bear was standing on his hind legs coming towards Lester with giant paw upraised to strike. The boy had only a shotgun with him and knew it was useless to fire. Howard, standing near his brother, sent a bullet crashing into the bear's head, hitting him squarely between the eyes. Bruin went down but not for the count. He got to his feet and showed fight. Another bullet finished him.

Crossing on the Ice

Horses and sleds are crossing on the river ice at the Temple Landing. The ice now is quite firm and crossing is believed to be safe.

STOCK MARKET QUOTATIONS

New York.
American Wool 60½
Anaconda 34½
Bethel Steel B. 51
C. P. R. 115½
Crucible 81½
General Motors 12½
International Paper 43
Marine pfd. 48
Marine common 11½
Mexican Pete 157
New York Central 68½
Studebaker 40
Texas Oil 41½
U. S. Steel 78½
Sterling, 350; N. Y. Exchange 18½.

Montreal.
Brazilian 30
Dominion Iron and Steel 42½
Macdonalds 20
Sugar 20
Ships pfd. 62
Victory Bonds, 1937 97½
" " 1933 95½
" " 1927 96½
" " 1923 97
" d " 1922 97½
" " 1934 94½
" " 1924 92½

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MORE THAN A MILLION DOLLARS IN COAL CONTRACTS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED BY FRENCH DEALERS

THIRTY-SIXTH ANNIVERSARY OF DEAN CARNEY

Pastor of St. Dunstan's Receiving Congratulations Today—Distinguished Career in the Church.

Today Very Rev. F. L. Carney, pastor of St. Dunstan's Roman Catholic Church, is celebrating the 36th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. He was born at Loch Lomond in January, 1859 and in 1881 he completed his studies at St. Joseph's College. Three years later he was ordained to the priesthood. This took place at Montreal on Ember Saturday, December 20th, 1884. The late Archbishop Fabre officiated. The following year 1885 he was attached to the Cathedral parish in St. John. In July of the same year he was sent by Bishop Sweeney, then Bishop of St. John, to Woodstock to assist Rev. Father Murray. In 1889 he was appointed pastor of Debec and remained there until he was appointed pastor of Fredericton in 1900. Last year he was appointed Dean of the diocese of St. John.

The Rev. Dean has been the recipient of many congratulations today, both from members of his congregation and others.

FOOTBALL CAUSED DEATH OF BOY

Abington, Mass., Dec. 20.—A football striking against a boy's pocket which contained two explosive caps, resulted in his death at a hospital in Brockton. While Lloyd Wellmer, sixteen years old, was playing with other high school boys he caught a kicked ball. Immediately there was an explosion and his right side was shattered. It was found that he had been carrying in his vest pocket two caps obtained from a munition plant here.

Fine Xmas Number

Our esteemed contemporary the Carleton Sentinel has given further evidence of its enterprise by issuing a very attractive holiday number. It contains some splendid illustrations and its advertising columns are liberally patronized by the merchants of Woodstock. The Sentinel has just completed a highly successful circulation contest and has added 2500 names to its already large list.

Depression in Seafarming

St. John Telegraph: The Seamen's Institute is overcrowded at the present time; all the beds are occupied and men are sleeping on the floor. The superintendent W. Brindle, reports that conditions are very bad as more men are coming in daily from various parts of the country and even from United States, and that there are practically no openings for them at the present time.

For Westminster Abbey

His Excellency the Governor General has addressed an appeal to the Lieutenant Governors of this and the other provinces of the Dominion on behalf of the fund for the restoration of Westminster Abbey, for which money is urgently needed. Although His Excellency feels that the times and conditions are not as suitable as they might be for making an appeal to the generosity of the people of Canada, at the same time he is hopeful that there may be many willing to contribute to the fund. Any one who feels like contributing to the fund and there are doubtless many who will wish to do so may send their gifts to the Lieut. Governor's secretary at Fredericton who will forward them to the Duke of Devonshire at Ottawa.

Wonderful values in separate skirts at A. Murray & Co.'s, opposite city hall.

RUMOR OF BREAKDOWN OF TRADE NEGOTIATIONS WITH RUSSIA UNTRUE

(By J. M. Denvir, parliamentary correspondent of the Daily Mail; by Cross-Atlantic Newspaper Service.)

London, Dec. 20.—The reported breakdown of negotiations for the reopening of trade relations with Russia seems to be an ill founded rumor. While the newspapers allege that Moscow's proposals for a draft agreement as offered by England are inconsistent with the preliminaries, as previously approved by both sides, Leonin Krassin denies this emphatically. I am assured from the highest sources that any such break is improbable and an agreement may be expected at an early date.

AMERICAN PRODUCERS OVERSTOCKED MARKET

Were Anticipating a Strike of French Miners in Sympathy With Anticipated British Strike—Coal is Now Begging in France at \$10.50 Per Ton.

(By Henry William Francis, staff correspondent of the Daily Mail by C. A. N. S.)

Paris, Dec. 20.—New York dispatches accusing French coal dealers of the cancellation of more than a million dollars in coal contracts, is provoking indignation in the trade here. The leaders point to the history of the negotiations, and say they agreed to monthly shipments totalling half a million tons at the maximum figure of twenty-eight to thirty dollars per ton for America, desiring to capture the British coal trade here an anticipated French coal strike in sympathy with the anticipated English strike, overshipped the market. All French ports are clogged with unordered American coal. Over two and one half million tons of American coal arrived during November and is still coming strong. The price naturally broke to \$15 and now coal is begging at \$13.50 per ton. The French coal administration in reducing the price to the consumer is absorbing 65 per cent of the losses due to exchange but has set a minimum of \$15 and announces they will hold it there until July 1. The French dealers, with industry slowing and German, Belgian and English receipts growing, are utterly unable to absorb the flood of coal being dumped here from the United States.

THE WEDDING RING FINGER

It seems that the ring is in danger of losing its exclusive right to the fourth finger of the left hand. According to sentimentalists, this finger was chosen because of its more direct connection with the heart, but many of the young wives today are showing little respect for this ring lore.

As regards the wedding ceremony itself, nothing can influence the place of the fourth finger for the ring, but it seems that some women, as soon as the ceremony is over, are not at all particular as to the hand which carries the ring. Lady Diana Cooper is one who wears her wedding ring where she likes, and it is to be found on her right hand as often as on the left.

Why this departure? As a well-known rector says. "Everybody has to be a little different from everybody else, and tradition and custom have come to mean something to be broken to the modern young person."

Another departure from custom, and one which may have some influence on the finger change, is the popularity of the jewelled wedding ring.

According to a member of the Goldsmiths and Silversmiths Company, brides are choosing diamonds and platinum hoops and other variations from the orthodox plain gold band. A jewelled ring does not look so out of place on the wrong finger as a plain gold band would.

How far the change will become popular remains to be seen.