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Sunday, Dec. 21st.
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AROUND HOME

Dr. A. J. Dorman has rented the McCutcheon house.

John Campoliieto returned on Friday last from Nelson.

Joe Christian, of Kettle Valley spent a few days with his family here this week.

Dr. A. J. Dorman has now opened a dental parlor in town and is prepared to do all kinds of dentistry.

Mass will be celebrated in the Roman Catholic Church on Thursday, Dec. 25th (Christmas Day) at 10.30 a.m.

The Ledge will be published on Wednesday afternoon next as the day of publication falls on Christmas Day.

The Knights of Pythias will hold their Annual Christmas Tree in their Lodge Room, on Tuesday, Dec. 23rd.

W. Caldwell and Miss Caldwell, of Kettle Valley, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Kerr during the week-end.

Commencing January next the Greenwood Theatre will be open on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays until further notice.

E. W. Thomas arrived from Armstrong last Thursday to take charge of the Bank of Commerce during Wm. Bain's illness.

The Grand Forks Hockey team has received a special invitation to the Greenwood Hockey Club Dance on New Year's Eve.

It is estimated that about 8,000 gallons of water is being run through the faucets every 24 hours during the cold snap.

Go to Church, Sunday evening, 7.30 p.m. Special Christmas Service in the Presbyterian Church. Anthems by the choir. Spend a pleasant hour. The Church will be warm and comfortable.

Public school closes on Friday Dec 19th for the Christmas holidays. Entertainments will be given in Div. II and III commencing at 9.45 and 10 a.m. Parents and all interested are cordially invited.

At the last meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of the Greenwood and District Hospital, a vote of thanks was passed to Geo. H. Gray for donating the proceeds of the picture show on Dec. 6. The net proceeds of the show, dance and supper was $68.

The whole country is in the throes of a cold snap which is tying up the mails, telegraph and telephones. P. H. McCurrach, the local weather-man, reported the temperature on Thursday morning at 31 below zero. The warmest on Wednesday was 13 below.

Word was received in town this morning of the sad death at Jersey City, N.J. of Mrs. E S. Lockwood who passed away a few days ago of diptheria. Mrs. Lockwood was the daughter of Mrs. J. P. Anderson, of Anaconda, and was well known and very popular in this vicinity. She is survived by her husband and a little daughter about two years old.

A special meeting of the Greenwood Curling Club will be held at the Court House on the evening of Thursday, Dec. 18th at 8 o'clock. A full attendance is requested as skips will be appointed and rinks chosen for the season. All those who are intending playing and have not yet notified the secretary (P. H. McCurrach) should do so without delay, so that their names may not be left out of the rinks to be chosen.

Keen interest is being manifest by the public in the splendid efforts of the Hockey Club is making towards the success of the big New Year's Dance to be held in the Masonic Hall, Greenwood, on Dec. 31st. Besides the novelty dances advertised on the big posters many other events are contemplated, but are being kept as a surprise. A large crowd is expected as it will be the liveliest and jolliest dance held in many a year.

Gloria Swanson, the popular movie actress will be seen at the Greenwood Theatre on Saturday Dec. 20 in a thrilling picture entitled "My American Wife."

Midway Warbles

(By the Warbler)

(Too late for last issue)

Charlie Snyder and family have moved into town from Bergen.

Eric Erickson was down from Syacan on business last Saturday.

Mrs. Bjorkman has taken the position of cook at Frank Chartrand's camp at Bergen.

D. McPherson, of McPherson's Garage, Grand Forks, was in town last Friday looking up old friends. Although the going was hard owing to the heavy snow-fall, the genial Mack still wore that "million dollar smile."

A special train left Midway last Monday morning conveying the Douks from Cedar Creek to Brilliant to watch King Peter winging his way aloft.

The local ranchers are all busy at present hauling fire wood to town. The season is right and the demand is good and there is no kick coming on the price.

Shorty Green has lumbago. Lue Salter advised him to go on a diet of "Cod fish" and potatoes for six months. Lue claims that Nova Scotian's never have lumbago.

A large crowd was in attendance at the "Card Party" last Friday evening. Thomas A. Clark won the gents prize, and Miss Nora Jackson and Mrs. O. Johnson were tied for the ladies prize. The collection was in aid of the Boy Scouts to purchase uniforms. The gentlemen dug down deep in their "jeen's" and the ladies came through in great style with the "eats."

Mrs. Hawkes has been busy during the week collecting for a Christmas Tree for the kiddies. We appreciate Mrs. Hawkes efforts and hope she will meet with liberal support. "Dig up boys" we were all kids sometime. If you havn't a few nickles or dimes in your pocket, tear up the carpet, perhaps a few may have rolled under during the past 50 years; if nothing there tear the paper off the wall, there might be a dollar bill lying dormant. Never mind what your wife says, she won't kick. If she does, buy her a new hat.

His Honor Judge J. R. Brown held a sitting of the County Court on Tuesday. There were only two cases and these were postponed until January 27th at 10 a.m.

Kettle Valley Notes

Miss Haynes has returned home from Vancouver to spend Xmas.

Capt. and Mrs. Davies are spending a few days at Grand Forks,

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Roylance are spending Christmas with Mrs. A. Tanner.

On Sunday the 21st at 11 a.m. will be held the Christmas Service at the Anglican Church.

A meeting of the Womens Auxiliary was held at Mrs. F. E. Glossop's on Dec. 3rd, eight members being present. The annual meeting will be held at Mrs. Shillcock's on January 7th, 1925.

The Kettle Valley annual Xmas Tree will be held in the School House on Friday, Dec. 19th at 4 o'clock. The ladies, who are looking after the tea, would be obliged if ladies would each bring a cake.

D. McPherson Liberal Candidate

A very well attended Liberal Convention was held in Grand Forks last Tuesday night when delegates from all the polling divisions in the Grand Forks-Greenwood riding were present. It was a most amiable and enthusiastic meeting. O. Wheeler, of Rock Creek was in the chair and J. A. McCallum, secretary. D. McPherson was made the unanimous choice. Speeches were made by E. C. Henniger and D. McPherson.

List of Hospital Subscribers

The Board of Managers very thankfully acknowledge receipt of the following subscriptions. Anyone wishing to subscribe, kindly call at the office, or mail, of Chas. King, Sec.-Treas., when receipts will be given and amounts acknowledged in the current issue of The Ledge.

Previously acknowledged	$658.80
Beaverdell District per F. F. Ketchum	31.00
Rock Creek Women's Institute per Mrs. James Lindsay	22.00
"Laffalot Girls Club"	100.00
Mrs. C. J. Leggatt	5.00
James Atwood	5.00
Total	$821.80
Furniture and Supplies previously acknowledged	$435.75
R. Forshaw, 2 cords wood	13.00
R. Forshaw, 2 boxes apples	3.00
Messrs. Floyd Bros., 1100 lbs beef	10.00
Total	461.75

To The Electors Of The Grand Forks-Greenwood Riding.

Having been nominated as Liberal Candidate to contest this Riding in the forthcoming By-Election, I desire to make known to the public, so far as it may be possible in this manner, my attitude in regard to certain important matters which are undoubtedly of interest to the people generally.

First of all, I am not in favour of holding the By-Election during the severe Winter weather. Elections being a necessary evil, it seems but right and reasonable that they be held at such times as best suit the convenience and comfort of the electors. It is also likely that an opportunity will be given for a revision of the Voters' List, which I think will be appreciated by all concerned.

The condition of the roads and the weather at this season of the year, coupled with my desire to avoid unnecessary annoyance to the Electors during the Holiday season, renders it impractical for me to make personal calls upon you in any general sense for the time being. I am, therefore, taking this means of seeking the support of the people and of assuring you that, as Government Candidate, I intend to outline to you a business-like programme that will be worthy of your consideration and approval. So far as I am concerned this election is going to be a business affair and not an occasion for mud-slinging or uncomplimentary insinuations or any kind whatsoever.

The industrial conditions in our District, while somewhat improved, are not all that could be desired. I firmly believe that I shall find it possible, by co-operation with the Provincial Departments of Mines, Public Works and Lands, to assisit in the elimination of unemployment and the extension of some measure of relief to the farmers, while at the same time securing for the District some much needed public improvements. I shall not, however, at any time favour the expenditure of public money without necessity or for any project or purpose that cannot be defended upon sound business principles. My attitude in connection with all such matters will be made known to you, without any hedging, in ample time to meet all reasonable requirements, and I feel that my training and experience, in the black shirt as well as in the white collar, fit me, in some degree at least, to deal therewith in a sensible and practical manner.

Yours very truly,

D. McPHERSON.

Grand Forks, B.C.,
Dec. 17th, 1924.

Prospects Are Bright

As the year draws to a close, and annual statements and reports of all kinds are in course of preparation, it is beginning to be understood that conditions throughout Canada have greatly improved during the twelve month, and further that all present indications point to this general betterment being maintained and increased during 1925.

Probably the most important factor leading to this improvement are the higher prices now prevailing for grain, and which are on a much higher level than a year ago. While the aggregate yield is considerably smaller than last year, the value of the 1924 crop is estimated to be approximately $100,000,000 greater, and the cost of harvesting, threshing and marketing has been lower. The net result is a substantial increase in the amount of money realized by the farmers, although, unfortunately, it is not as evenly distributed through all districts of the West as might be desired.

The effect, however, is seen in a marked reduction in old outstanding liabilities. Scores of municipalities are reporting the wiping off of long overdue tax arrears and the cleaning up of the municipal balance sheet. Banks, mortgage and loan companies report the same good news, namely, the wiping out of old debts. Slowly, perhaps, but surely, all this money finds its way back into investment and productive channels. Capital is never allowed to long remain idle, but is put to work again as quickly as possible, and all the more rapidly when there is a general renewal of confidence and a feeling of hopefulness throughout the country.

Recent reports of trade activities reveal larger sales in many retail lines, showing that, in addition to liquidating old indebtedness, farmers are finding themselves in a position to now make purchases of needed articles but which they had to struggle along without during the past few years. As accumulated stocks of goods held by merchants are thus disposed of, and replenishment becomes necessary, a revival in industry will follow and unemployment decrease. Such a development is anticipated in all quarters during the coming year.

Further evidence of the general improvement taking place throughout Canada is found in the reports of the Department of Trade and Commerce. These reveal a steady increase in the volume and value of exports of Canadian products over imports from other countries. The adverse balance of trade of a few years ago has been overcome until now Canada's exports exceed its imports by over $200,000,000. In other words, Canadians sold over $100,000,000 more of products to other countries this year than one year ago and bought nearly $100,000,000 less.

Slowly but surely conditions are becoming more settled in Europe and throughout the world, and, as has all along been contended in the articles appearing in this column, it is only through a restoration of the buying power of foreign countries impoverished by the war, and a consequent demand for those products which Canada can supply on a large scale, and for which we must have foreign export markets, that prosperity can be established in this Dominion. Canada produces far more than it can itself consume, and if foreign markets are unable to absorb and pay good prices for our surplus there must inevitably be stagnation and depression here.

It is especially gratifying, therefore, to learn that during the year Canada's exports to China virtually doubled; to Germany they nearly double; to Japan they increased by $9,000,000; while to all parts of the British Empire they increased by over $32,000,000 and by over $7,000,000 to the United States. On the other hand, Canada bought $86,000,000 less from the United States, thus improving our trade balance with our neighbors to the south to the extent of $93,000,000 in one year.

Those most conversant with international trade and commerce, and who are well informed on the trend of conditions the world over, hold the view that this betterment during the latter half of 1924 will continue well into the new year, and that, as a result, the outlook is most promising for a continuance of good prices, increased industrial and commercial activity, and a consequent lessening of unemployment.

A general agricultural, commercial and industrial betterment is bound to have a beneficial effect on the building trades, and forecasts appearing in trade journals throughout the country are favorable to a heavier building programme than for some years past.

From a purely Canadian standpoint, and especially from a Western standpoint, additonal encouragement is to be found in the fact that in all quarters it is anticipated that 1925 will prove to be a record year in immigration to this country. And let it be remembered that the most prosperous era in Canada's history was during those years when immigration was in full tide towards Canada's shores.

Let Canadians continue to hang on and work unremittingly during the next few years, as they have done for the past few years in the face of many difficulties and discouragements, and they will reap the reward of the better times which are undoubtedly ahead.

Taxicabs Astonish Priests

Lamas From Tibet Impressed By Number In London

When seven Lamas arrived in London from Tibet they exclaimed simultaneously and rapturously: "Dhe ing lungba repe." This was not priestly incantation, but merely Tibetan for "So this is London." The seven Lamas are said to be the first Tibetan priests to visit Europe. According to their interpreter, the priests were impressed most by the multitude of taxicabs, which they declared to be the most wonderful things they have seen in their travels. The monastery of these Lamas is on the slope of Mount Everest.

City Is Washed

An earth tremor in Johannesburg upset a big vat in a soap factory.

The factory was flooded to a depth of three feet with boiling soap, which ran down suburban streets for three-quarters of a mile.

Between 500 and 1,000 lepers are believed to be at large in the United States.

Seeds Sprout After 100 Years

Michigan Agricultural College Hopes to Mature Water Lily Plants

Two century-old water lily seeds have sprouted at Michigan Agricultural College, to establish a world's record for the length of time that seeds of this class have lain and still possess life, Dr. E. A. Bessel, head of the M. A. C. botany department, said. The seeds were obtained from a Manchurian peat bed. It is hoped to place the mature plants of the water lily in the famous botanical gardens of the college.

This Is Tact

Albert.—Father, what is tact?

Father.—Tact, my son, is what prevents a gray-haired man with a wrinkled face from reminding a youthful-looking woman with the complexion of a rose that they were boy and girl together.—Edinburgh Scotsman.

Arabian women go to war with their men, but they do not fight and are not permitted to share in the plunder. Neither may they be slain except by accident.

Children Cry for

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Buy "Diamond Dyes"—no other kind—and tell your druggist whether the material you wish to color is wool or silk, or whether it is linen, cotton, or mixed goods.

Safety At Rail Crossings

A Good Rule For the Safety of Motorists

When approaching a grade crossing bring the automobile to a stop, then look in both directions, listening intently for the sound of an approaching train. If you have made sure there is no train approaching from either direction, proceed to cross the track—in low or second gear is the best way. To some people this instruction may seem absurd, but it may be said the 9,000 persons who have lost their lives at grade crossings did not stop to ascertain whether or not a train was approaching before proceeding to cross the tracks.

Japan Unduly Agitated

Visit of U.S. Fleet to Australia No Cause for Alarm

Commenting on the agitation in Tokio over the visit of the United States battle fleet to Australia, the Melbourne Argus says Japan has no more ground for objection than the United States would have in the case of a Japanese fleet going to Melbourne.

The United States visit will be regarded by people of average perception rather as a guarantee of peace than a menace of war, the paper adds and the fleet is sure of a cordial welcome.

An excellent protection against worms can be got in Miller's Worm Powders. They render the stomach and intestines untenable to them. They heal the surfaces that have become inflamed by the attacks of the parasites and serve to restore the strength of the child that has been undermined by the draughts that the worms have made upon it, and that their operation is altogether health-giving.

Nationalized Russia

Country In Deplorable State Under Bolshevist Rule

After seven years of nationalization, Russian ha sa deficit of 400,000,000 roubles on a reduced budget, her school teachers are dying of hunger, half her villages are without shops, and her workmen are reduced to 40 per cent. of their pre-war numbers. All this we know on the authority of Mr. Rykoff, Lenin's successor, who told it to his Communist conference last May. —London Times.

For Sprains and Bruises.—There is nothing better for sprains and contusions than Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil. It will reduce the swelling that follows a sprain, will cool the inflamed flesh and draw the pain. It will take the ache out of a bruise by counteracting the inflammation. A trial will convince any who doubt its power.

Coolidge Sticks to Former Policy

No Membership In League and No Cancellation of Debts

President Coolidge, in his annual message to Congress, advised United States adherence to the world court of international justice; declared the United States was not disposed to join the League of Nations, and repeated his declaration that the United States was opposed to any cancellation of debts due by foreign governments.

Scientists Going Around World

A seagoing vessel, equipped with scientific instruments and paraphernalia, is to be built for the German Society for the Knowledge of Foreign Countries. German scientists and scholars will make the ship their home, travel around the world, and perform research work.

Telephone calls are numbered as they reach the exchanges in France. If a subscriber loses his temper and rattles the receiver-hook, his turn is placed at the end of the list.

Egypt's largest pyramid, that of Cheops of the Ziezh group, contains 89,000,000 cubic feet of masonry, and the total weight of the stones has been estimated at more than 6,000,000 tons.

Minard's Liniment for Colds

Credit For German Railways

New York Syndicate Loaning Privately-Managed Roads $10,000,000

German railways, state-owned but under the Dawes plan, privately-managed, are to get $10,000,000 credit from a New York banking syndicate and $5,000,000 in London. It is another evidence that, under the new regime, Germany can be financed on sound principles.

The German state railways comprise what is probably the largest system in the world, with 33,000 miles of line. Like nearly all state-owned railways, rolling stock is new (public railway officials appear to buy locomotives by the gross), and of modern types. The total capitalization of the railways is about $5,500,000,000. The lines are estimated to be worth in excess of $6,000,000,000. So there is ample security for the credit so long as the Dawes plan prevents further political troubles.—Buffalo Express.

Sweden Establishes Freight Air Service

Goods Delivered 240 Miles Distant In Three Hours

A regular commercial express and freight service by air to neighboring countries is the latest development in the use of airplanes. The freight service has actually started over the line between Stockholm and Helsingfors, Finland, and thus augments the air traffic between those two countries, which has hitherto been limited to passengers and mails. The distance to Helsingfors is about 240 miles across the Baltic Sea, a good day's run for a small steamer. The peculiar utility of air shipping was demonstrated by the fact that the first cargo carried half a ton of medical supplies which were delivered in Helsingfors three hours after being taken on board.

Seed Oats

Dominion Seed Branch Would Like to Hear From Farmers

The Dominion seed branch propose listing the names of those holding a surplus of seed oats, new or old crop. This will indicate the number of bushels, seed grade and price f.o.b. owner's station. Farmers and dealers who have already had their seed graded and others who intend to send samples for grade certificate should notify the seed branch at once as to quantity, price, etc. These lists will go to post offices and stations in districts suffering shortage of seed and are intended particularly as a service to farmers whose crops suffered drought or frost damage. The seed branch hope to hear from those who effect sales in this way so that the list may be revised periodically.

Salaries Fixed For Reparation Officials

Agent-General Under Dawes' Plan Receives $47,500 Annually

Seymour Parker Gilbert, as agent-general for reparation payments under the Dawes' plan, will get a aslary of 100,000 gold marks annually, or about $47,500, under the scale of pay for the various Dawes' plan officials approved by the reparation commission November 28.

The other salaries are: Railroad commissioner, 105,000 gold marks; bank commissioner, 95,000; other commissioners, 80,000 gold marks.

The various trustees will get 75,000 gold marks each. The members of the transfer committee, who meet once a month, are given 18,000 gold marks each and expenses.

New Remedy For Pneumonia

Alleged Cure Will Be Demonstrated By Paris Doctor

Dr. D. E. Gerin is in New York to demonstrate under the auspices of New York State physicians' organizations a method by which he says he has brought about cures in more than 600 pneumonia cases, with no deaths to mar the record.

He also intends to demonstrate a method of treating pernicious anaemia without blood transfusions. The tests, to be conducted in the hospitals of New York, will occupy four months. Dr. Gerin was born of French parents in Nashua, N.H., in 1867. For some years he was a leader in the French colony of San Francisco.

Extending Northern Railway

Another chapter was written in the history of railway development in the north, when the first train to pass over the E. D. and B. C. extension from Berwyn to Whitelaw, made its initial trip. A twice weekly service will from henceforth be in operation over this branch, serving the needs of districts beyond the town of Berwyn.

Profit on Manitoba Telephones

For the fiscal year ended November 30 the Manitoba telephone system shows a net profit of approximately $50,000. In 1921 this public utility showed a deficit of $334,305.

Annual Meeting of Bank of Montreal

THE BUSINESS SITUATION

The 107th annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Bank of Montreal was marked by interesting addresses by Sir Vincent Meredith, President, and Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor, General Manager.

The President declared that he was satisfied "that a gradual improvement in the trade situation is occurring. Statistical returns support this view, and while there is irregularity in the movement, in the main the trend is upward." After pointing out the gratifying growth of a favorable balance of trade, the President declared that he regarded this increase in Canada's foreign trade credit as "an augury of a not distant improvement in domestic business."

The President concluded his address with the following expression of confidence:

"My last word is a word of confidence and encouragement. The interests of your Bank are more closely bound up with those of Canada than ever before and unless Canada prospers, the Bank cannot expect the prosperity it should enjoy. I believe Canada will prosper. It offers inducements to immigrants vastly superior to those of other countries which are at present endeavoring to attract citizens. It stands third amongst the countries of the world in natural resources.

"Yet cardinal virtues must be practised and I would again stress the necessity for hard work and economy, so often preached and seldom put into practice, and the need for immigration. Given these three things, I look forward with the utmost confidence to Canada's future."

Much to be Thankful For

Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor, the General Manager, in his address to the shareholders, said in part:

"First and foremost I would say that there must be an end to the present apathy about public affairs. In my opinion, those who will not go to the trouble to register their vote in municipal, provincial, and federal affairs should be penalized in some form for their indifference.

"We all know that apart from the cost and effects of the war Canada's troubles are the accumulated result of what may be termed in mild and temperate language imprudence in affairs.

"Good government is a hard problem in any country. No government can move faster in these matters than public opinion will permit, and upon the people lies the responsibility of voting for economy.

"We, in Canada, have much to be thankful for. If this were a poor country our case would be a bad one, but we have riches in our forests, our fields, our fisheries, and in our minerals, also in our mighty water powers, and in the industry and ambition of our people.

"If Canada were a private business enterprise the situation would present no great difficulty, for we are solvent, with wealth vastly in excess of our liabilities; and a way would be found by following the obvious course of cutting down our overhead and, like a sane, capable, and industrious people, putting our house in order."

Success With Alfalfa

By Jas. D. McGregor, Glencarnock Stock Farms, Brandon, Manitoba

Part 2—Continued

When seeding alfalfa use only Grimm and Baltic seed. This seed can be procured in Western Canada, and while more expensive than the other varieties, is the cheapest in the end. We have tried the other varieties and always found that they winter-killed after the first or second year.

Be sure to inoculate the seed. This is important. Alfalfa culture for inoculation can be procured from the Manitoba Agricultural College (Bacteriology Department) at a very small cost and is absolutely necessary for a good stand. Do not attempt to grow alfalfa either on slough or land where water frequently lies for considerable time as it will partially, if not wholly, be killed out after the water disappears.

Alfalfa will grow well on sands, loams or clay.

It is more a question of cultivation than soil, as land must be thoroughly worked up, giving it a final weed-killing, harrowing right before seeding.

Generally, wheat land will make excellent alfalfa soil, unless it happens to be underlaid with hard pan.

Summerfallow is the ideal land, or land on which cultivated, plowed or hoed crops have been grown.

Alfalfa may be seeded as early as the small grains with very little danger of damage or frost.

Early spring seeding has the advantage of getting such a start as to better hold its own against weeds, and is certain to become well established before winter.

There is no fixed time at which it may be said alfalfa should be seeded, but it is probable that better results will be obtained by seeding early, before weeds have started, or by giving the land one or more cultivations before seeding.

It is not advisable to seed the alfalfa unless the soil contains sufficient moisture to insure prompt germination. The seed is much better off in the sack than in dry soil.

Alfalfa can either be sown alone or with a nurse crop. Any of the small grains may be used satisfactory as a nurse crop, but Marquis wheat has given us the best results as it grows less foliage and is less likely to lodge than any of the other grains. Being early, it gives the alfalfa a longer time to grow before frost after the wheat is harvested. One-fourth to one-half less seed should be sown as a nurse crop. We have had the best results, however, by preparing the land carefully, manuring and sowing the alfalfa alone.

(To be continued)

Australia Is Against Treaty

Premier Bruce, of Australia, referring to the new commercial treaty between Great Britain and Germany, in a speech at Melbourne, said that even if the Commonwealth Government favored entering into a commercial treaty with Germany, the necessary legislation would have no chance of being passed by the Australian Parliament.

Both Work and Play

Princeton University professors see in the crossword puzzle a powerful aid to college effort. This is merely a verification of an old theory, namely, that in order to make work attractive it must be made part play.—Detroit Free Press.

The Mittus, an agricultural tribe living on the upper Nile, are the most musical of savage races.

Keep Minard's Liniment in the House

W. N. U. 1555

Crossword Puzzle By Radio

Sent By Daily News From London to New York

Just to further distract the puzzle-wracked brains of the American public, the London Daily News has sent by photo-radiogram a crossword puzzle direct from London to New York.

The diagram only was transmitted by photo-radiogram, while the numbers and synonyms came by regular radiogram. The solution of the British baffler was transmitted later.

TOO WEAK TO WALK

The Sad Condition of a Brandon Lady —How Relief Came

"I owe my present good health to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills," says Mrs. Annie Treherne, Brandon, Man., who tells of her new found health as follows:—"Some years ago I had an attack of pneumonia and it left me in a terribly weakened and run-down state. I was unable to walk for a long time as I had practically lost the use of my legs, and had to be carried upstairs, for I had not the strength to go myself. I became despondent over my condition for I had tried many remedies, which failed to help me. While in this wretched condition a lady friend urged me to give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a trial and I procured a supply. After taking the pills for a while I could see that I was growing stronger, and I gladly continued their use until I had fully regained my old-time health and strength. Now if I feel at all run-down at any time, I at once take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and they never fail me. I can therefore warmly recommend them to others who may be run-down."

There is no better tonic than Dr. Williams' Pink Pills to improve the blood and bring back strength after acute diseases such as fevers, pneumonia, influenza, etc. Given a fair trial they will not disappoint you. You can get the pills from your druggist, or they will be sent by mail at 50 cents a box by The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Launch Motor-Driven Liner

Gripsholm, Swedish Ship, First Of Its Kind In Service

The Gripsholm, the first motor-driven trans-Atlantic liner, has been successfully launched at the yards of Sir W. G. Armstrong, Whitworth & Co., Ltd., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Designers of the new vessel had the unique opportunity of altering the lines of the ocean liner radically by eliminating the funnels, which are not essential on a motor-driven ship. The Gripsholm, however, has been equipped with two stacks, one of which will be used for the exhaust of engines and ventilation and the other for the elevator machinery.

Many people are almost crippled with corns. But it is needless suffering which can be speedily ended with Holloway's Corn Remover.

Santa Cruz Island, one of the Santa Barbara channel group, is denied the possesion of a school district, because there are no children on the island, which supports immense flocks of sheep and goats.

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WORLD HAPPENINGS BRIEFLY TOLD

Approximately 4,600 candidates contested for less than 50 seats in the Reichstag, in the recent election.

The estate of Sir Alfred A. Smithers, former chairman of the Grand Trunk Railway, who died August 22 last, has been probated at £40,000.

The executive council of the British Empire Exhibition unanimously approved of the decision to continue the exhibition in 1925.

Two air force officers were sentenced to death and shot for remaining inactive during the Communist outbreak at Reval, Esthonia.

Anton Flettner, creator of the sailless wind-propelled "Rotor" ship, is being flooded with invitations to visit neighboring countries and explain his invention.

Creation of a trust fund of approximately $40,000,000 for certain charitable and educational purposes has been announced at Charlotte, N.C., by James B. Duke, millionaire power magnate.

James Bayne, a negro laborer, who added to his earnings through his ability as a banjo player, was injured when his right hand was caught in the door of a Toronto street car, and a jury awarded him $6,000 damages.

A parchment roll found in excellent condition in an old Tudor house at Barnard Castle, Durham, has proved, on examination by antiquaries, to have been inscribed in the reign of Edward I.

Lack of an adequate aircraft industry is a matter of grave concern to the United States Government, in the judgment of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, as presented in its annual report to Congress by President Coolidge.

Reports from the present Franco-German commercial negotiations portend an attempt to form a vast European steel trust, including France, Germany, Great Britain, Belgium, Luxemburg and possibly Poland and Czecho Slavia.

Will Await Federal Action

Alberta Farm Loan Act is Stayed Pending Move at Ottawa

The Alberta Farm Loan Act will continue inoperative, pending the action of the Dominion Government in regard to a general rural credits scheme for the whole of Canada. This is, as stated by Hon. R. G. Reid, provincial treasurer, in view of the discussion of rural credits at the recent tax conference in Ottawa. A federal act is likely to be introduced in the Dominion Parliament at the coming session.

In Korea, the sexes are rigidly separated even within the family circle. Before the Japanese came, and the new era began, a lady of rank in Korea was more carefully guarded than even a Mohammedan woman of similar social position.

What is believed to be the skeleton of King Richard III. has been unearthed in Leicestershire and presented to the museum. The king was killed there in 1485 at the battle of Bosworth.

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FOR ALL KIDNEY DISEASES

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REGD. 4087 THE PROPRIETORS

Fears Revolt of Red Army

Soviets Now Trying to Force Assistance From French Government

The immediate fear of the Soviet leaders is that the Red army will revolt if not paid and fed. The last thing they worry about is buying food for the 10,000,000 to 20,000,000 in the Volga and Caucasus now facing famine.

An attempt to force Great Britain into giving Russia a loan by intensifying the revolutionary propaganda in India and Egypt and Mesopotamia was thwarted by the English elections. The Soviet relations with Italy are a farce. The only other country rich enough to give the Soviets credits is France.

From the Constantinople area, the communist Internationale sent Vladimir Kolomitzeff, skilled propaganda director, and 100 ordinary agitators to France and the French colonies. The "offensive" against the French Government is the last card in the Soviet hands, and if it fails Russia may fall into chaos before midwinter.

MOST OLD FOLKS REQUIRE A HEART AND NERVE TONIC

After middle age little sickness and ailments seem harder to shake off than formerly as the heart action becomes weak and uncertain and the nerves are not as steady as they were in the younger days.

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Branch Line Motion Endorsed

Unanimous Assent is Given in Saskatchewan Legislature

Unanimous assent was given in the Saskatchewan Legislature to the branch line resolution proposed by A. J. Hindle, Government, Willowbunch.

The resolutions, adopted without amendment, reads as follows:

1. That the three-year programme should be adhered to in introducing legislation into the House of Commons to provide for the construction of further branch lines of the Canadian National Railways.

2. That the bills affecting Saskatchewan which were defeated by the senate last session should again be introduced in the next session.

3. That the action of the senate in rejecting such bills last session did constitute ample reason for the modification of the veto power of that body.

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Arrival Of Bachelor Boat

Comprised 50 Per Cent. of First-class Passengers on Empress of Russia

Bride ships have been common on both the Atlantic and Pacific, but seldom does a bachelor boat come to port. This distinction was accorded the Empress of Russia when she crossed the Pacific this trip, as in her first-class passenger list more than 50 per cent. of names were those of eligible bachelors, from a handsome Dutch lad of 18 years who stood 7 feet 3½ inches, to a dapper little Filipino.

Constantinpole Invaded My Mice

Workings of the Turkish Government are being held up by an army of mice that is infesting the government buildings. Important legislative measures are being laid aside while ways and means are devised to get rid of the rodents. Other parts of Constantinople also are suffering from an invasion of mice.

Antelope Increasing

Within the radius of 40 miles of Taber, Alta., it is estimated that 1,000 antelopes are now collected and they are reported to be eating the farmers' green feed, reserved for their cattle. The antelope was near extinction at one time, but under protective measures is coming back. Antelopes are also to be found in the Brooks district.

Mexico claims the world's largest tree, a huge cypress at Tule, in the state of Oaxaca. This tree measures 154 feet in circumference. The California big trees grow higher, however.

Minard's Liniment Used by Physicians

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

DECEMBER 21

CHRISTMAS LESSON—GOD'S GIFT TO THE WORLD

Golden Text: For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life. John 3.16.

Lesson: John 1.14-18; 3.16-21.

Devotional Reading: John 1.1-9.

The Text Explained and Illumined

The Fact of the Incarnation, 1.14. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God, thus the Fourth Gospel begins. And the Word became flesh the fourteenth verse states. Logos, word, was a familiar and significant term both in Jewish and Gentile thought. It meant the Eternal God in relation to man; the self-communicating God. John uses the term to designate Jesus Christ as expressing and revealing God to the world.

"The homage that we render thee
Is still our Father's Own;
Nor jealous claim nor rivalry
Divide the Cross and Throne."
—(Whittier)

"As your word is yourself uttered, so Christ is God uttered. Christ is not a word, you observe, but the Word. Every prophet was a word of God. Galileo was God's word to science. Luther was God's word to religion. But Christ was The Word—the full and complete thought of God—uttered once and for all, expressing the very soul of God with such entire precision and finality, that of him it may be said, The Word was with God and the Word was God" (J. W. Dawson). "Three are countless words of God in the knowledge and conviction of us all which are as yet no more than words. These are waiting for their incarnation in our character and influence, in our daily work and service of man and God. The works of our hands are God's word fulfilled in us. We who can work are born that certain great words we have heard in our secret souls may become flesh in deed. Rise then and do the work that thy hands find to do. In this living fashion speak out what is in thee. So shalt thou also be a Word of God incarnate, an expression of his mind in living flesh" (Kelman).

And the Word dwelt among us. The Greek word translated dwelt is tabernacled. As in Old Testament times the tabernacle was the dwelling-place of God, so in New Testament times the body of Christ was his tabernacle.

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Prince Will Visit Argentina

Expects to Go After Trip to Africa in Spring

The Prince of Wales' visit to Argentina is expected ot occur after his trip to South and West Africa in the spring, it is stated in well-informed quarters.

The announcement that the Prince will visit Argentina created something of a sensation in Great Britain. The Evening Star declared it would not be surprising if opportunity were taken to make the visit the occasion of elevating the British legation at Buenos Aires to the rank of an embassy.

Britain Hoping France Will Pay

Negotiations With United States Has Aroused Interest in Financial Circles

The report that France has begun negotiations for funding her debt to the United States has aroused considerable stir in financial and political quarters in London, and is attracting notice in the press.

Most of the comments thus far reveal an expectation that if France arranged to pay the United States she will also arrange to pay Great Britain.

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Trade With the Motherland

Imperial Preference As It May Be Applied to Canada

If effect is given the Imperial Economic Conference resolutions as they were adopted, Canada will chiefly benefit on her exports of canned salmon and canned lobster, raw apples, honey, dried fruits, sugar, tobacco and to a certain extent perhaps, on native wine.

Under the resolutions, Empire-dried fruit is to enter the British market free, while foreign-dried fruit will be dutiable at ten shillings and sixpence per hundredweight. This applies to such foreign-dried fruit, namely, apples, pears and peaches, as the Dominion may consider of interest to their trade. On sugar the British Government guaranteed that if the duty were reduced the preference, for a period of 10 years, would not fall with it.

On tobacco the preference is to be increased from one-sixth to one-quarter.

On wines of a strength between 30 degrees and 40 degrees, preference to be doubled.

On sparkling wines, preference to be increased from 30 per cent. to 50 per cent.

Raw apples from the Dominions to be admitted free; foreign raw apples to be taxed five shillings per hundredweight.

Canned salmon, canned lobster, crayfish, crabs and honey to be dutiable ten shillings per hundredweight when from foreign countries; free when from within the Empire.

British Obligations

War Debt to U.S. Was Worry Until Payments Arranged

France is not worried at all about the slow payment of the French war debt to the United States.

Nor is France worried unduly about the depreciation in the value of the franc outside the French Republic.

Britain never ceased to worry over British obligations on account of war borrowings from the United States until these obligations were put in the way of being repaid.

Britain never ceased to labor for the restoration of the pound sterling to its peace time rate of exchange.

Today the pound sterling is quoted at $4.62 3-8 in New York.

Britain has obligated her people to pay a yearly sum equal to the entire annual value of Britain's coal output. That sum equals at least $500,000 per day for the next sixty years.—Toronto Telegram

Predicts Another World War

French Astronomer Repeats Warning He Issued in 1914

The Abbe Moveux, a noted astronomer, and the director of the Bourges Observatory, has created a sensation in Paris by hinting that the year 1928 may see another great war, or at least a critical period in the world's history.

His theory that solar activity and sunspots affect the temperament of nations, and even individuals, is responsible for this warning. In 1910 the Abbe Moveux, then at Brussels, warned the governments of Europe of the impending disaster of 1914-1918, and he issues the same warning now.

"Wars correspond to magnetic storms," the Abbe declares. "The solar curve will begin to rise again in 1925, and reach its peak in 1928. I tender again to our governments the warning I gave in Brussels in 1910."

A safe and sure medicine for a child troubled with worms is Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator.

Device Eliminates Noise

Invention Permits Much Quieter Operation of Airplanes

The problem of eliminating the excessive noise attendant upon airplane flight has been practically solved as the result of experiments which have been in progress for some time, according to the Daily Express. The new device, the paper says, has been invented which permits the noiseless escape of exhaust gases from the motor without interfering with the speed or lifting power of the plane, while a propeller that operates without the loud whir has been devised by an ingenious arrangement of gears attached to the engine.

At the same time, by increased use of internal bracing, much of the noise caused by the rushing wind through wires and spars is avoided.

Western Horses Win At Ottawa

For the first time in the history of the Ottawa horse show and winter fair, western entries were received. Leslie and Davidson, of Watrous, Sask., won the Booth cup for the best six-horse team in the show.

Cure For the Blind

Veterans blinded in the war may have their sight restored if the optic nerve is intact, according to Dr. Bonnefon, Bordeaux, France, who purports to have restored at least partial sight to 14 out of 230 men who he treated.

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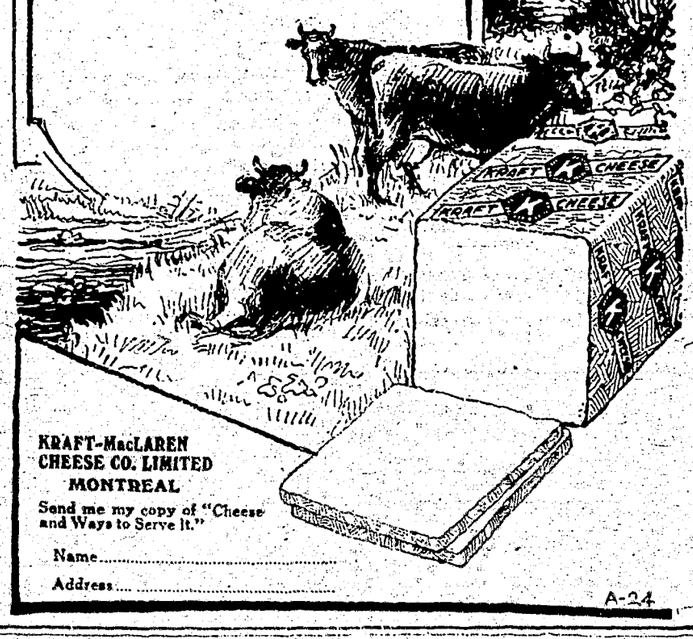

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A dozen or more writers have expressed what Saskatchewan means to each of them, and a good deal of descriptive skill has been brought into commission. There probably has never been sixteen more beautiful scenes from over the province pictured in one volume than those the folk back of the present little book have assembled.

"Saskatchewan: Her Infinite Variety" does credit to the club, and is just the sort of book one wants to buy in bunches.

Will Delay Peace Protocol

League Agrees to Great Britain's Request For Postponement

The Council of the League of Nations decided at a private session to accede to Great Britain's request and postpone consideration of the Geneva peace protocol and arrangements for a disarmament conference until the March meeting of the council.

All the members of the council participated in the debate on the British motion for postponement and all accounts given from the meeting agree that it was entirely friendly and harmonious.

The sense of the session, it was stated, was pronounced in the view that the protocol was a living instrument, as evidenced by the fact that it was signed by Spain, while the British move for adjournment of the discussion was still pending.

Crossword Puzzle Craze

"Say it with a dictionary," is the sign likely to be hung out soon by enterprising booksellers in Montreal, due to the crossword puzzle fever which rises steadily day by day. Local booksellers report a run on dictionaries and bulky volumes are now being rescued from the top shelves and tenderly dusted and placed on hand.

Wanted a Refund

A Providence, R.I., man mailed back a marriage license of the city clerk, asking for a refund as he had changed his mind about getting married.

Minard's Liniment Relieves Neuralgia

South Africa Receives Wireless From Britain

First Ever Sent and Has Created Great Interest

The successful transmission of the first wireless message ever sent from Great Britain to South Africa, was accomplished Dec. 3 when Sir Edgar Walton, the South African high commissioner in London, got into touch by wireless with Premier Hertzog at Milnerton. It has created great interest throughout the Union.

It is claimed that with the use of reflectors the strength and efficiency of the wireless signals could be increased a hundred fold and the automatic reception of high speed messages be assured.

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The Right Kind of Toys

Whatever kind of toys you give your children this Christmas will have a direct and deep effect on their future.

All children are imitative. If you swear around a young child, that child will learn to swear. The way their imagination and imitative faculties are led or misled in the first five years of life determines, to a great extent, their character and tendencies when they grow up.

The kind of toys you give your children will react upon their imitative faculties and stir their imagination.

Do not give them toys that suggest war. Toy soldiers, cannons, guns, swords and uniforms suggest war. And worst of all, they suggest war as a sport, a game. The child that gets that kind of an impression in early life will hold it forever.

The market is crowded with constructive toys. Trains, building blocks, mechanical devices of all kinds and above all, athletic equipment that keeps the child out of doors—these are the things that build healthy minds and bodies.

If you want the next generation to be workers for peace, producers, not destroyers, don't give children military playthings. — Vancouver Sun.

Riverside Group

Milling tests of the Riverside group, west of Rock Creek, of the Jack Paul Mining Company, on the lower grade ores show these to be readily amenable to concentration, producing through table concentration followed by flotation products ranging around $100 per ton in value, with recovery of 90 per cent or more. The company's present plans include the installation of compressor plant, and the continuing of development work until sufficient ore is definitely proved to supply a mill for several years; and after this done to build a mill of about 50 tons daily capacity, so as to handle the lower grade ores. Ore of a gross value of about $30,000 has so far been developed.

The directors of the company are all Spokane men. The president is Milton A. Lehner, of Washington market. Andrew Jackson is secretary, and the other directors are Richard Marsh, Frank Lanza and Mike Scaler. Frederic Keffer is consulting engineer and treasurer, and Paul Nelson is mine manager.

The company confidently expects to ultimately find in its Riverside group a mine which will yield high returns on the small capital involved, and is bending all its energies towards realization of its plans.

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"Johnny," said his mother, "I must insist that you stop shooting craps—those poor little things have just as much right to live as you have."

A Misunderstanding

Blackstone—I have a noiseless typewriter in my office, now.

Webster—Better marry her, old chap before she quits her job!

—Judge.

SYNOPSIS OF LAND ACT AMENDMENTS

PRE-EMPTIONS

Vacant, unreserved, surveyed Crown lands may be pre-empted by British subjects over 18 years of age, and by aliens on declaring intention to become British subjects, conditional upon residence, occupation, and improvements for agricultural purposes.

Full information concerning regulations regarding pre-emptions is given in Bulletin No. 1, Land Series, "How to Pre-empt Land," copies of which can be obtained free of charge by addressing the Department of Lands, Victoria, B.C., or to any Government Agent.

Records will be granted covering only land suitable for agricultural purposes, and which is not timberland, i.e., carrying over 5,000 board feet per acre west of the Coast Range and 8,000 feet per acre east of that Range.

Applications for pre-emptions are to be addressed to the Land Commissioner of the Land Recording Division, in which the land applied for is situated, and are made on printed forms, copies of which can be obtained from the Land Commissioner.

Pre-emptions must be occupied for five years and improvements made to value of $10 per acre, including clearing and cultivating at least five acres, before a Crown Grant can be received.

For more detailed information see the Bulletin "How to Pre-empt Land."

PURCHASE

Applications are received for purchase of vacant and unreserved Crown lands, not being timberland for agricultural purposes; minimum price of first-class (arable) land is $5 per acre, and second-class (grazing) land $2.50 per acre. Further information regarding purchase or lease of Crown lands is given in Bulletin No. 10, Land Series, "Purchase and Lease of Crown Lands."

Mill, factory, or industrial sites on timber land, not exceeding 40 acres, may be purchased or leased, the conditions including payment of stumpage.

HOMESITE LEASES

Unsurveyed areas, not exceeding 20 acres, may be leased as homesites, conditional upon a dwelling being erected in the first year, title being obtainable after residence and improvement conditions are fulfilled and land has been surveyed.

LEASES

For grazing and industrial purposes areas not exceeding 640 acres may be leased by one person or a company.

GRAZING

Under the Grazing Act the Province is divided into grazing districts and the range administered under a Grazing Commissioner. Annual grazing permits are issued based on numbers ranged, priority being given to established owners. Stock-owners may form associations for range management. Free, or partially free, permits are available for settlers, campers and travellers, up to ten head.

Sweet Young Thing: "What kind of a husband would you advise me to look out for?"

Married Woman friend: "You let husbands alone, my dear, or you'll get into trouble. You look out for a single man."

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