British Mountain Climbers To Attempt "Home of Gods"

Expedition Planned Early This Year to Scale Second Highest Peak in Empire London -- A group of British moun | alayan range. Other attempts to scale

of the top.

tain climbers is planning a new at-tempt to reach the home of the Buddhist gods. Plans are almost complete for an ex-pedition early in 1931 to Mount Kamet,

in the Himalayas, second highest peak of Oxford.
in the British Empire, and yet un"We shall in the British Empire, and yet unin the British Empire, and yet unscaled. If the climbers succeed they
will have reached a higher summit
said, "We shall, of course, have to

will have reached a higher summit than any other party.

Led by Frank Smythe, a member of the expedition which was defeated on Kitchenjunga slopes last year, the party will leave London for India integrating february.

Mount Kamet, 25,421 feet high, is one of the loftier t of the western Himbore to break down these beliefs."

Flowerpot Island Toronto to Have To Be Reinforced Huge Telescope

Oitawa Acts to Protect Land From Erosion in Georgian Bay

Ottawa.—Flowerpot Island in Georgian Bay has been turned over to tory which will be one of the finest in the National Parks' Branch of the the world will be erected in Toronto. Department of Interior. It is situated in the near future, according at the north end of Bruce Peninsula cent announcement by Proerpots" as their bases are in danger of being entirely eaten away by the action of the waves.

A Dunlap, who will be known observatory."

The outstand

The outstanding feature of the ob-servatory will be a large reflecting will be left in its present wild state, except that shelters and other accomise only one of greater aperture in the modations for campers will be pro-vided. The lighthouse and lighthouse keeper's home will not be disturbed: the portion of the island they occupy remain the property of the Department of Marine

The National Park will now have 2S or 29 islands in Georgian Bay for the use of the public. Flowerpot Island was surrendered by the Chippewa Indians in 1956 and has been held in trust recently by the Depart-ment of Indian Affairs, to which the parks branch will pay \$165 for it.

Farmer Finds Diemond Worth a Fortune

Rio De Janeiro, Brazil-A magnificent blue-white diamond, weighing 51 carats, has been found accident ally by a poor field worker near the village of Balisa, State of Goyas, who sold it for less than \$10,000 to some wealthy farmers of the Araguaya River diamond district. The unique-stone was later resold to a Rio dia-mond merchant, its price not being disclosed. It had to be cut in two sizes, the largest weighing 20 carats

and the smaller 10.

This is not the first large diamond found in Brazil. Since the first dia-monds were discovered in 1725, Bra-mines have yielded numerous

the Abaete River diamond district, Minas Geraes, and weighs 118 carats. The stone is still uncut.

Echoes of Fashion

The latest feminine touch to one's for dressy wear are bedecked with ostrich, either in a group of tiny tips, tailored hat shows a contrasting trim

of either cocques or quills.
Stiff velvets are a fashlon feature in the ultra-evening gowns for the "coming-out" ensemble. A fitted line reaches well below the hip, which breaks into a decided fullness accen tuated by the stiffness of the fabric. A matching wrap of clinging velvet has collar and cuffs trimmed with the starched velvet

Alpaca mohair is an important material for mid-season resort wear, and will continue its popularity into the spring. It comes in various patterns, but of selfcolor. For the three-pleco costumes it is considered very chic. Shoes and bags are also being made of this material.

Much handwork is seen on the new sports togs. Hand-crochet mesh lace is shown in conjunction with linen silk. Deep yokes are featured, as well as tricky belts and cuffs.

Australia to Limit Alien Immigration

Canberra, Australia.-The Government has decided to restrict alien im-migration until the country's position improves sufficiently to warrant the lifting of the ban.

The Commonwealth wishes to co operate with all countries concerned and has notified the shipping com-panies that it is undesirable to give facilities to immigrants for travel to

Apart from British immigrants, only those already possessing permits is-sued on behalf of the Government will be permitted to enter the country. Tourists and business men will not be

The man around the corner says it must be some other corner that prosperity is around

Smythe will be accompanied by Squadron Leader E. R. Beauman, R. L. Holdsworth and Dr. Raymond Green,

Astronomical Observatory Will Be Erected By Mrs.

and is known as Flowerpot because of two rock formations that resemble huge flower pots. They have been formed by erosion of the waves and have trees growing on the top. The parks branch will reinforce the "Flow-area as their bases are in description, as their bases are in description, who died six years ago and cent announcement by Prof. C. A. Dunlap, who died six years ago and will be known as the "David Dunlay

telescope 74 inches in diameter. There is only one of greater aperture in the world, that on Mount Wilson in Catifornia. The instrument is already under construction in England, and will be housed in a circular metal building. The building will be erected near the city on a large agreement by the converted. city on a large acreage to be converted into a park, and the park itself will be known as David Dunlap Park. The observatory will be under the departobservatory will be under the department of astronomy, of the university, while the faculty of forestry will be in charge of development of the park. Astronomy and geology were both favorite studies of the late David Dunfavorite studies of the late David Dun-lap, but the former had a peculiar attraction for him. He was a keen student of the heavens. The new pro-ject, Prof. Chant stated, has been un-der consideration for the last five years, and will now be brought to com-pletion. In working out the plans, Airs. Dunlap has had the assistance of Professor Chant, one of Canada's best known astronomers. krown astronomers.

Telegraph Wires Sing Weather Note

Like the proverbial squeal of the plg in the packing houses, science final-ly has found a use even for the singing silian mines have yielded numerous matchless stones. The crown stone of Portugal, known as the Braganza, was discovered in Brazil, on the slopes of the Itambe Mountains, State of Minas Geraes. It has the fabultous weight of 1680 carats. The famous "Star of the South" which weighs 125½ carats and which belongs to the Gaekwar of Baradio, was discovered in the Bagagam diamond district, and weighed 255½ carats before cutting. It is one of the most marvelous gems of its kind, being valued at over \$100,000

Among the most important recent discoveries, the matchless pink diamond "Southern Cross" stands out. ound of telegraph wires in the wind. Among the most important recent different musical note from the singing of the other wire. Using special electric recorders to keep track of these mond "Southern Cross" stands out. The purchasers of this stone say it variations, M. Nodon found that they is the largest pink diamond in the world. It was found July, 1929, in world. It was found July, 1929, in Abacta River diamond district.

Sound waves or air currents from the law of the noisy towns behind. storms themselves cannot explain the henomena, M. Nodon states, for the wires begin to sing while the storm still is scores or hundreds of miles away. The true mechanism, he be The latest remining touch to one are lieves, is that electric charges in advance of a storm set the wires into vibration as a result of electro-static charges on the clouds of ets on the plains and prairies long the ground. Amateur weather prophhave claimed that telegraph wires sing before a storm, only to be ridiculed by weather experts. Now M. Nodon brings them the beginnings of vindica-

> Ottawa Seismograph Registers Earthquake

Ottawa.-An earthquake of four hours' duration was registered on the seismograph at the Dominion Experimental Farm Observatory here the morning of January 2nd. The quake, whose epicentre was estimated to be 2,530 miles distant from the Capital was described by the seismologist as severe. Owing to the light character of the preliminary tremors, it was impossible to determine the direction from here of the quake's origin.

Swans Seven swans, like galleons, Came salling by today,

seven yellow beaks over seven whit throats. Down among the mud-banks and bone

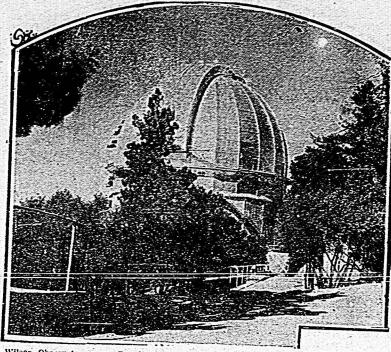
cf old boats.
Thinking all the time of their quie castle moats
Where the cool-leafed, broad-leafe

water lily floats. Seven swans, like galleons, Came sailing by today, Cream curving necks like the prows of stately ships,

In among the dead wharves and gan grene-rotten ships.

Thinking all the time of where th placid willow sips,
And the rainbow-flashing, lightning

dashing kingfisher dips. -John Desmond Sheridan, in Every Einstein's Workshop In California



Mount Wilson Observatory, near Pasadena. Call f., inside which is 100-inch telescope, where Prof. Albert Einstein will carry on his research work while on his visit to California.

Gold Crisis Parley Opens in Paris

Paris—The problem of gold re-serves, which is troubling both France and England, the former because and England, the former because they are too large, the latter because they are too small, is being discussed by treasury representatives of the French and British Governments, who are meeting in Paris for a series of preliminary discussions, leading to a later conference in London. While France has been accumulating the world's second largest gold reserve, there has been a simultaneous drain plt and took off. there has been a simultaneous drain pit and took off. on British gold stocks, and the present conversations are being undertaken with a view to the best means

whereby the two countries can co-operate to solve their respective problems. It is now generally recognized that the Bank of France has been for some time seeking means to prevent a further influx of gold, it is said, which has not come about through any desire to accumulate vast stocks but from natural economic causes.

The manager of the Paris branch of the Westminster Foreign Bank, in a The aviators took no more chances, statement to the continental edition of the Daily Mail, declares that the and they landed to have their wounds only real remedy appears to be the increase of French foreign invest-

nents, which he considers imminent There is no doubt that, should ranco-British conversations result in better distribution of gold, an in ortant step would have been taker oward amelioration of economic cor ditions in Europe generally.

Solitude

By BETTY GOURRE (Toronto) blessed Solitude! Midst Jostling crowds That press upon each side The hostile eyes, These strangers Everywhere. Leave the busy towns behind. And, in solitude True friendship find.

tablished a record for communication with Canada's Northland, when the through initial mail flight from Mc.
Murray, Alberta, to Aklavik, N.W.T.,
was completed in eleven hours run--a distance of 1,676 The revolutionary speed of this ac complishment, as compared with for-mer methods of land and water communication, may be gauzed when i is pointed out that the scheduled time of the winter service was formerly about 73 days between the points mentioned and the summer service 15 days.

boat. The Sydney weighs about 10 tons.

Aviators Have Battle With Coyotte in 'Plane

Belle Fourche, S.D.-Details of

As the plane attained altitude, the coyote suddenly rerived and attack-ed the gunner. He fought with his bare hands and was severely bitten. Ice left his controls a moment and joined in the battle.

The plane began to fall and spin while in the cockpit both men fought the beast.

Finally Ice struck the coyote on the head with a wrench and return-ed to the controls in time to prevent crash. He also suffered severe lacerations

Gt. Britain Leads In Shipbuilding

Tonnage in 1930 Falls Below 1929 Total, However

The shipbuilding returns of Lloyd' legister for the quarter ending Sept 30, 1930, which have just been published, show that the tonnage of merchant shipping under construction in Great Britain and Ireland, namely, 1,-116,746, is not only 275,317 tons less than that in hand at the end of the previous quarter, but is 331,609 tons less than that under construction on Sept. 30, 1929.

It is, however, some slight consolation to find that the tonnage under construction in foreign countries on Sept. 30 last—namely, 1,452,290—has also declined by some 213,000 tons as compared with the total at the end the previous quarter. The total for all foreign shipbuilding countries, with the exception of those for France and Italy, show more or less substantial

Great Britain and Ireland occupied of 100,000 horsepower. In conclusion, taken in the returns of vessels of les than 100 tons gross.

Slick Irons

A bit of an old candle, used on folded newspaper to run your iron over, is one of the most efficacious methods of making your electric iron smooth and slick.

Canadian Paintings Go To Argentina

Mainly From National Gallery Collection

Ottawa.-Canadian art will be ex

1931 Exhibition. public one in this country.

since of the Dominion will have presentation, it was declared

Ontario House Will Open February 12

Toronto.—The Ontario Legislature will open on Thursday, Feb. 12, Premier George S. Henry announced re-cently. It is expected the hous will sit for six weeks and be adjourned before Easter.

The date set for the opening is that inimediately following the polling day for the by-elections in Hamilton West and Grenville, the former made va-cant by the death of Hon. Fred T. Smye, minister without portfolio, and the latter by the resignation of Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, on his appoint ment to the Canadian High Commis-sionership in London.

Empire Reforestation

Canada is yearly playing a bigger part in Empire reforestation. Fiftyhree per cent. of the tree seed exported from the Dominion has gone to first place. Italy moved up to second place with 315,940 horsepower; the land, and the remainder to Australia, United States was third with 242,514 Ireland and other parts of the Empire. Great Britain, 40 per cent. to New Zealand, and the remainder to Australia, Far North 241,895 horsepower and France fifth Forestry Commission has planted 140, The Canadian Air Mail Service es: with 151,200 horsepower. Denmark 000 acres of softwoods, the greater and Sweden each contributed upward part of the seed having been sent from be attended to.

Canada's 1930 Field Crops

Ottawa.—The total value of Can ada's principal field crops in 1930 is estimated at \$629,146,000, compared with \$948,981,400 in 1929, and \$1,125, 003,000 in 1923, according to an esti mate in the crop report of the Do minion Bureau of Statistics. Value o the wheat crop last year is placed at \$173,589,000, compared with \$319,715, 000 in 1929.

Seventy-five Pictures Taken

nibited at the British Empire Trade exposition which is to be held at Buenos Aires during the months of the past calendar year, that is up March and April part too. March and April next year. Through E. L. McColl, Canadian Trade Com-E. L. McColl, Canadian Trade Com-missioner in the Argentine capital space has been set aside in the Can-adian section and a group of 75 Can-adian paintings will be displayed. Those pictures have been taken main-ly from the National Gallery collec-tion

The 1931 exhibition of the National Art Gallery wil libe opened formally by His Excellency the Governor-General on January 15, it was announced here recently. Unless Lord Willing-don remains in Canada for the opening of the next session of parliament, this function will probably be his last

There will be the customary exhibition of Canadian art, the collection being more nationally representative this year than previously. Every pro-

King George Answers Lord Mayor's Message

\$326,000.000.

Sandringham, England.—The King, in answering New Year's greetings of the Lord Mayor, addressed the following message to citizens of London:
"Pray assure Londoners that I re-

revenue during the past month, des-pite the higher tariff schedules. How-

ever, should customs, excise and in-

come tax last month approximate the corresponding month a year ago and

rield 24 million, the total revenue

from these sources for the calendar year would be in the neighborhood of

For the calendar year, 1929, custom

nd excise net revenue amounted to

ciprocate their warm greetings. I am touched by their kindly allusions in their message to my complete restoration to health, for which I am thank ful to God.
"While I am hopeful for satisfac

tory results from the recent important conferences, the most sanguine minds cannot fail to realize the difficulties and anxieties which confront us at home and overseas.

"All the more, we must stand united with the people resolutely determined to find and follow the sure road which leads the Empire to lasting peace and prosperity."

Cheek

A very young man-about-town entered the hairdressing establishment for a Much to his annoyance, however, the shop was full of people waiting to

"I say, my man," he said, "how long before I can get a shave?" The barber, who was working at full speed, looked him up and down. "Well, sir," he said curtly, "you might be able to start in about a

Unmarried Workers'

Wages Cut in Chile Santiago, Chile.—A decree by Don Rodolfo Jaramillo, Finance Minister, on Dec. 30, fixed the 1931 budget at 1,054,636,714 pesos, approximately \$127,000,000, for expenses, and esti-mated 1,039,617,387 as receipts. The apparent deficit is more than over-come by the order for a 15 per cent, reduction in salaries for all unmarried public employees.

Canada Leads World With Hydro Electrics

Ottawa.-With \$1,000,000,000 invest ed in electric stations Canada emerged from 1930 one of the world's leaders in water power development

The Department of the Interior esti-mates a maximum of 43,000,000 horsepower could be generated from Can dian rivers and turbines totaling 6 000,000 horsepower have already bee installed, most of them in the past de

Four Travel Cheaply

Air-minded parties of four will soon oe able to make trips from Manches ter, England, in a specially fitted air-

Sunday School Lesson

Canadian Imports

Touch Billion Mark

for Year

BASIS OF 11 MONTHS

Ottawa, Jan. 1st.-When returns are

Domestic Exports Estimated to Total \$900,000,000 January 18. Lesson III—The Ministry of John the Baptist—Luke 3: 7-17. Golden Text—Bring form therefore fruits worthy of repentance—Luke 3: 8.

all in for 1929 it is estimated that the total imports of Canada will be found to have reached a value of just over one billion dollars. The value of domestic goods exported from the Dominion will probably amount to about nine hundred million dollars.

Figures covering the trade of Canada for 11 months of the calendar year are now available. They show that up to the end of November the Dominion imported goods valued at \$918,141,545. During the same 11. all in for 1929 it is estimated that the total imports of Canada will be found to have reached a value of just over

minion imported goods valued at \$315,141,545. During the same 11 month period exports from Canada reached a value of \$319,085,693. These totals constitute a considerable falling off from the corresponding 11 months of 1929 winen imports amount to \$1.735. In order to arrive at an estimate of Canada's trade for the calendar year it is useful to turn back to the figures of imports and exports for December, 1929, and make them the basis of the estimate for the month just ended. In December of last year the Dominion's imports of foreign goods were valued at \$83,590,255. Taking into consideration the general falling off in trade, it is estimated that both imports and exports during the present month will approximate sixty-four millions. This figure added to the known totals for the 11 months gives total imports This hope and widespread expectation was much more than politican. minion imported goods valued at \$918,141,545. During the same 11-month period exports from Canada

trade, it is estimated that both imports and exports during the present month will approximate sixty-four millions. This figure added to the known totals for the 11 months gives total imports of approximately \$1,012,000,000 and total exports of approximately \$533. will approximate sixty-four millions. This figure added to the known totals for the 11 months gives total imports of approximately \$1012,000,000 and total exports of approximately \$882.000,000. Total Tax Revenues

The total customs, excise and income tax revenues for the 11 months of the past calendar year, that is up to November 20 last, was \$202,025,000. During the corresponding period of 1929 it was \$375,090,095. Again December figures are not available, and the total for that month must necessarily be estimated. During December figures are not available, and the total for that month must necessarily be estimated. During December 1929, customs and excise net revenue amounted to \$23,831,187, while income tax revenue totalled \$611,293. This was a total national revenue, from these sources, of \$21,412,489. With the decrease in trade it is expected itero will be a falling-off in customs revenue during the past month, des-

not be the expected Messiah.

V. 16. But this was not John's function. He was like the outrider whe precedes the royal carriage, or like the servant who cuts a way through the thick brush, that his master may follow. He was the herald, the fore-runner of the Messiah, not the Messiah himself. John had baptized with water, immersing his disciples in the Jordan, but there would follow him, "the stronger One"—apparently he meant Messiah—who should baptize men "with the holy Spirit, and with fire."

This phrase combines two very dif-

men "with the holy Spirit, and with fire."

This phrase combines two very different ideas. What is meant by "fire" the following verses show. John proclaimed the near advent of the fiery Judgment. In the Day of Judgment the Month of the fiery Judgment. In the Day of Judgment the Month of the fiery Judgment. In the Day of Judgment the Month of the fiery Judgment. In the Day of Judgment the Month of the fiery Judgment. In the Day of Judgment the Month of the fiery Judgment. In the Day of Judgment of "fire." It would not, however, be quite true to say that John the Baptist preached "hell fire," for his meaning is that the wicked, the chaff, will be destroyed, not that they will be eternally punished. We ought not foe expect to find in his teaching a realization of God as, the Father of infinite mercy as the divine Shepherd who seeks for the lost sheep "until he find." It is not very clear how John could have spoken of a baptism of fire and of the holy Spirit at the same time, and it is possible, though not certain, that the words, "and with the ioly Spirit," were added by the Christians to correspond better with the real facts, for though the coming of Jesus was in a real sense a Judgment (see John 3: 19), yet, actually, Christian baptism was a baptism of the Spirit.

"Denunciation is an ineffective \$330,217,881. while income tax yielded to the extent of \$69,285,295. This was a total of \$399,533,176.

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can be achieved, and conscience can be void of offence, and righteousness can, and presently will, cover the earth like a garment."

In Acts 19: 2 we read of a company of disciples in Ephesus who knew of John's aptism, but knew nothing of a pouring out of the holy Spirit. It was this new "Spirit," given to Christians, which chiefly distinguished John's baptism from that of Jesus. The receiving of the holy Spirit, which was the seal and proof that a man was a Christian, was associated with baptism, sometimes because it was given in baptism, sometimes because it was given we think of baptism by the holy Spirit, we should not have in mind the strange "speaking with tongues," so much as the new power and hope and character which came with Christianity. tianity.

John is here represented as looking forward to the coming of Messiah (though the name is not used) whose shoe-lace he felt himself unworthy to untie.

Obligations

No man can be under an obligation to believe anything, who hath not suf-ficient means whereby he may be asared that such a thing is true.-Tillotson.

A clergyman recently gave a young woman of his acquaintance a very had quarter of an hour. On her wedding day he sent her a telegram which, as received, ran: "John iv. 18." On look ing up the text the girl was horrified to read: "For thou hast had five hus bands; and he whom thou now I ter, England, in a specially fixed and flow any plane at a lower rate than from any stored the young woman to conscious other airport in Great Britain. The ness, inquiry was made at the television of the constitution of the co not thy husband." After they had reother airport in Great Britain. The ness, inquiry was made at the color rate will be \$8d, a mile for parties of graph office, when it was found that four, and the new plane which Northern Air Lines are putting on will have luxurious scating arrangements and a under all indicating the first Epistle luxurious scating arrangements and a under all love restaints out. special heating and ventilating sys. in love; but perfect love casteth out

