#### DOPE IN EGYPT

Half Million Egyptians Use Narcoti

Drugs, Says Report. real of Egypt to the League of Nations Opium Commission, and is one of the most sensational documents so far filed with that body, according t J. V. McAree in the Toionto Mail and has been prepared T. W. Russell, an Englishman who is of the bureau and also head of the Mustapha El-Nahas, less than a generation ago the Egypues such as heroin and cocaine which are now being used by 500,000 people. The East has always had its drugs which have taken the place of alcoholic liquors. Visions o a veluptuous paradise populate chiefly by houris have also afforded | the Orientals an escape from realities were mild in comparisor like so terrible in its effects The hashish evil, accord Russell, is a local one and handled by the Egyptian authorities themselves. It may take a

good while to root it out, but it is no

To rid Egypt of these narcotics the

drugs manufactured in Europe.

co operation of Europe is necessary and the need is urgent. One has only to reflect that one person out of every 28 in Egypt is a drug addict and that, 20 years ago heroin was unknown there to realize how swiftly and powcifully the habit has established itself. Egypt has done what she can to protect herself, but Egypt has not the means and is never likely to have them to stem the tide of smuggling. It will have to be checked on the European side. Another sinister fact is that drug users create other drug. hing is commoner than for monic tell those who will listen to nals of the prize ring by the soubrithem of the delights to be found in quet of "Gentle: n Jackson." It conthe use of narcotics. Moreover to be-trists of a massive altar tomb, with here rages requires considerable force thy inscription setting forth the deof character and persistence. Once ceased pugilist's many claims to dis-1 is easily and mined. There is no initial cated, and was received on equal, distaste or nausea to be overcome, terms by many well-known leaders of Once formed it lasts for life.

In recent months the drug smugtime business of Egypt is supposed i. b. in tower hands, but this does not much that there is less orit. On the continuty, so much money has the and the prospects of makas a more are so alluring that there t a come into existence a powerful . mai. Line ring with ample funds at it disposal to bribe officials who will accept bribes and perhaps deal suitable with occasional informers. It is against this unholy combine that the Lague of Nations is asked to act.

LONG EARTH WORMS.

Ten Feet In Length.

Australian Naturalist Captures Some Gigantic earthworms, ten or eleven net ong, able to lay three-inch eggs like augo ofives, and in the habit of making found gurgling noises whenever a human being walks on the round nearby, have been captured Day China" at the coming Caby Charles Barrett, Australian natmade in the extreme southeastern! the of that continent. These gigantic a time one of which would make ment chough for a whole season's h the, usually live in heavy clay the burrow deeply in the hot season. In the spring and fall they come orator, a master of the English section to the surface. Stalked with sufficient care hev and on dug out and captured but if vibration of the ground alarms them it. - reatures contract their bodies quients into the deeper parts of the That is what makes their | \$\infty\$ garging noise. The average length of captured worms, Mr. Barrettt reports, is about four feet, but one nine-toot specimen was measured and an 11 toot one is credibly reported. These Australian giants belong to the same animal group as the ordinary American carthworms, although one relatively little studied by nat-

t tallet. Treasure House of Books. The old Bodleian Library at Oxford is now lighted by electricity. So areat are the Bodleian treasures in books and manuscripts, so appalling would be the loss if fire seized them, that artificial light has always been norbidden there. Even the cold gleam of the electric bulb was forbidden for electric wires fuse. But with the confidence derived from modern methods of insulation the authorities dent, who was once turned out at dust, will be able to pursue his stu-

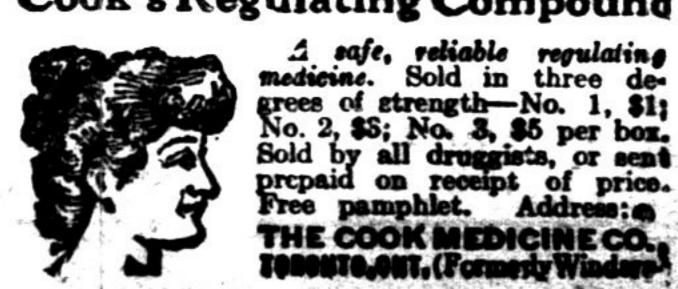
First Typist Unwelcome. Office apparently do not always meet | philosophy and hopes. Dalton, Under-Secretary | Globe speaks of Doctor Hsieh as for Foreign Affairs. Lecturing at the follows: School of Economics recently Distance said that in 1889 a great innovation was introduced into the Foreign Office. The first typist appeared, a woman named Mrs. Fulcher, but Queen Victoria refused read what Mrs. Fulcher typed. S' always insisted that whatever was

The Size of London. Greater London covers an area of something like 2,000 square miles with a circumference of over 150 miles. It takes in the whole or part of six counties.

submitted by her Ministers should b

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#### TO PREVENT FLOODS

Mexico City.

The San Joaquin river, which is being dammed to prevent the flooding Mexico City, is rapidly progress river is a dry barranca the Valley of Mexico. It is now being detoured into the Los Remedios river which leads out of the

An adjoining barranca which becomes the Tecamachalso river in the lake, while the surrounding country which overlooks Mexico City far below, may be converted into a recreation park. The dam is of great width and in the centre the re-enforced concrete is 100 feet deep.

Ancient Mexico City was originally islands in Lake Texcoco. After the Spanish settled there, various detouring canals were built to take the limclose the valley, and little by little in the course of four centuries, the city has become completely dry.

The dryness of Mexico City, however, has always hung on slender margins of safety which it has been the concern of engineers to improve n the last few years. The physical condition of the valley, too, has been disturbed by the deforestation that has taken place. Indians have cut trees for centur-

'ies to make "carbon," the charcoal universally burned in Mexico, unt. the forests have been destroyed and he hillside left naked. The rains are washing the soil away, and, engineers claim, the drainage and climate of the valley has changed. The Ministry of Communication, which has charge of the safety dam project, i also reforesting the hillsides.

The work is costing the Mexican such problem as that of the synthetic, Government approximately 1,000,000 pesos. It is being executed entirely by Mexican engineers, under the direction of Adolfo Orive Alba, a recent graduate of the Mexican Nation-I University, who spent six months in the United States studying dam ) willding there under the Reclamation

Work at San Joaquin Dam goes on every day in the week, day and night. A thousand Indian laborers from illages in the hills are em-

Monument to a Pugilist.

friends and admirers to a prizefighter, one John Jacksen, champion of tinction. These enleviums were not But the dope habit man in Europe"; he was well edu-

#### Famous Chinese Statesman Here at Canadian Festival

Dr. Tehvi Hsieh Will Be Heard in His Notable Lecture on Present-Day China

The blood of China's ancient aristocracy and the spirit of modern democracy mingle in the person of Dr. Tehyi Hsieh, noted Chinese diplomat and statesman, who will deliver his stimulating lecture, "Inside Light of Presentnadian Chautauqua Festival here. That Canadians may gain a truer view of China and her problems is Doctor Hsieh's mission in coming to the Dominion—and China could not have found an task. Doctor Hsieh is a brilliant



DR. TEHYI HSIEH

language and a keen student of international affairs. It has been said of him that he is the national New ideas at the British Foreign interpreter of Chinese aspirations, with spontaneous welcome, according An editorial in the Toronto

> "One of the most cultured as well as wittiest visitors Toronto has had in many a day is Dr. Tehyi Hsieh of China, guest of the Board of Trade. Doctor Hsieh, in addition to much Oriental lore, knows the Occident better than most of us. He is a graduate of Cambridge and has had wide diplomatic experience on both sides of the Atlantic. He is typical of Young China, which now is rapidly taking over all that rightly belongs to China from the enfeebled hands of the Old Regime. We all might learn a good deal from this brilliant representative of China."

Chautauqua Festival A safe, reliable regulating Milton, Mar. 19, 20, 21, 22 —which tells how Blanche Herriot,

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#### Here and There

Prior to leaving on S.S. Metagama with his niece, Miss Helen MacKenzie, who is to be married in London next month, His Honor R. Randolph Bruce, Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, attended the official opening of the New Brunswick provincial legislature. In his trip by Canadian Pacific across the Dominion, Mr. Bruce called on every Lieutenant-Governor in Canada.

Captain A. J. Hoskin, R.N., skipper of Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Russia, was recently winner for the second time in succession of the E. W. Beatty shield for safety and efficiency. The shield was donated in 1928 by the chairman and president of the railway for competition among company ships of the Pacific fleet.

First week in March witnessed the addition of Alberta and Saskatchewan to the Canadian Pacific Railway's broadcasting chain which now covers Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Fleming, for Saskatchewan and Calgary for Alberta. Slogan of the broadcast is "Cheerful and Good," and sea chanteys and songs from ballad operas together with high class orchestral pieces are put on the air every Friday night between 10 and 11 Eastern time.

In Ottawa electricity for domestic use is cheaper than anywhere else on the continent, if not in the world, according to authorities on the subject. It is sold at a rate that averages less than one cent per kilowatt-hour which means that the average bill for electric light incurred by citizens of the Canadian Capital is about \$1 per

At the World's Poultry Congress to be held at the Crystal Palace, London, England, next July, Canada will be a conspicuous partici-The Canadian exhibit of live birds will total about 1,000. The last World's Congress was held in Ottawa in 1927.

One of the largest real estate transactions of modern times will be put through at the present session of the Canadian Federal Parliament, when legislation will be submitted to enable the Government to hand over millions of acres of land, a substantial amount of water power, vast forest wealth and other natural resources to the provinces of Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia.

The music, songs and dances of Latin, Celt, Scandinavian, Slav, month when on March 19-22, the third Great West Cana ian Folk auspices of the Canadian Pacific Railway at the Palliser Hotel in

dings were indicated this month from the Windsor street station, Montreal, when 25 blushing honeymooners left that city for Ottawa, Quebec and New York on one morning. Station officials say that this is very heavy for the time of year and comes close to the number leaving the station on mornings of Cupid's special month

Unusually heavy pre-Lenten wed-

BRITAIN'S COINAGE.

of June.

Monetary Laws Promulgated by King Athelstan In 928.

A new Great Seal of the Realm is now being prepared, according to t annual report of Sir Robert Jackson, the deputy master of the Royal Mint. In his report Sir Robert reveals the interesting fact that 1928 was the 1,000th anniversary of the promulgation of the Monetary Laws by King Athelstan at the Council of Grateley in 928, but coinage operations in London, he says, were carried out long before that date. The total number of pieces struck In the Mint in 1928 was 228,045,024, a number which has been exceeded only in the years between 1916 and 1921, when war and post-war demands for British bronze coins reached unprecedented figures. The average for the ten years end-

ing 1927 was 220,450,115. There was no British gold coinage during the year, but the coinage of silver was the largest for many years past-72,446,244, nearly three times the number in the preceding year. Referring to the new alloying metal for the silver coinage, Robert gives the composition for th first time-silver 50 per cent., copper 40 per cent., nickel 5 per cent., and zinc 5 per cent.

The demand for the medal struck to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the Armistice, the report says, \ ? exceeded expectations. Up to last October 6,822 had been sold, including four in gold. The medals are in two sizes, and the sales comprise 1,290 large specimens and 5,532 small specimens.

An eminent physician who practic-

Hindus Generally Healthy.

ed for many years in Simla states that the natives of the Punjab, the northwest province of India, whose diet is mainly coarse wholewheat bread, seldom suffer from cancer. An . ... equally distinguished surgeon recenty pointed out that white bread may be one of the causes of cancer and other diseases.

The diet of these people consists lightly - scorched unleavened bread, made from a dough of wholemeal stone-milled unsifted flour into cakes about the size and shape of our pancakes. This bread is eaten with dal, a sort of pulse, or with curried vegetables. A large quantity of celsulose is taken in the form of raw radishes, sugar cane and raw fruit. The peasants also drink quantities of milk. With them bread is the staff of life. They have magnificent teeth and are usually of fine physique.

Curfew Still Rings. At Chertsey, a village in Surrey, 13 from September to the following March the curfew bell has been rung for centuries, says an Old Country paper. Chertsey has interesting curfew associations to maintain. The original curfew bell in Chertsey Abbey tolled for the funeral of Henry VI. murdered in the Tower of London and hurried to Chertsey to be 12 It figured also in the legend -once so popular with elocutionists

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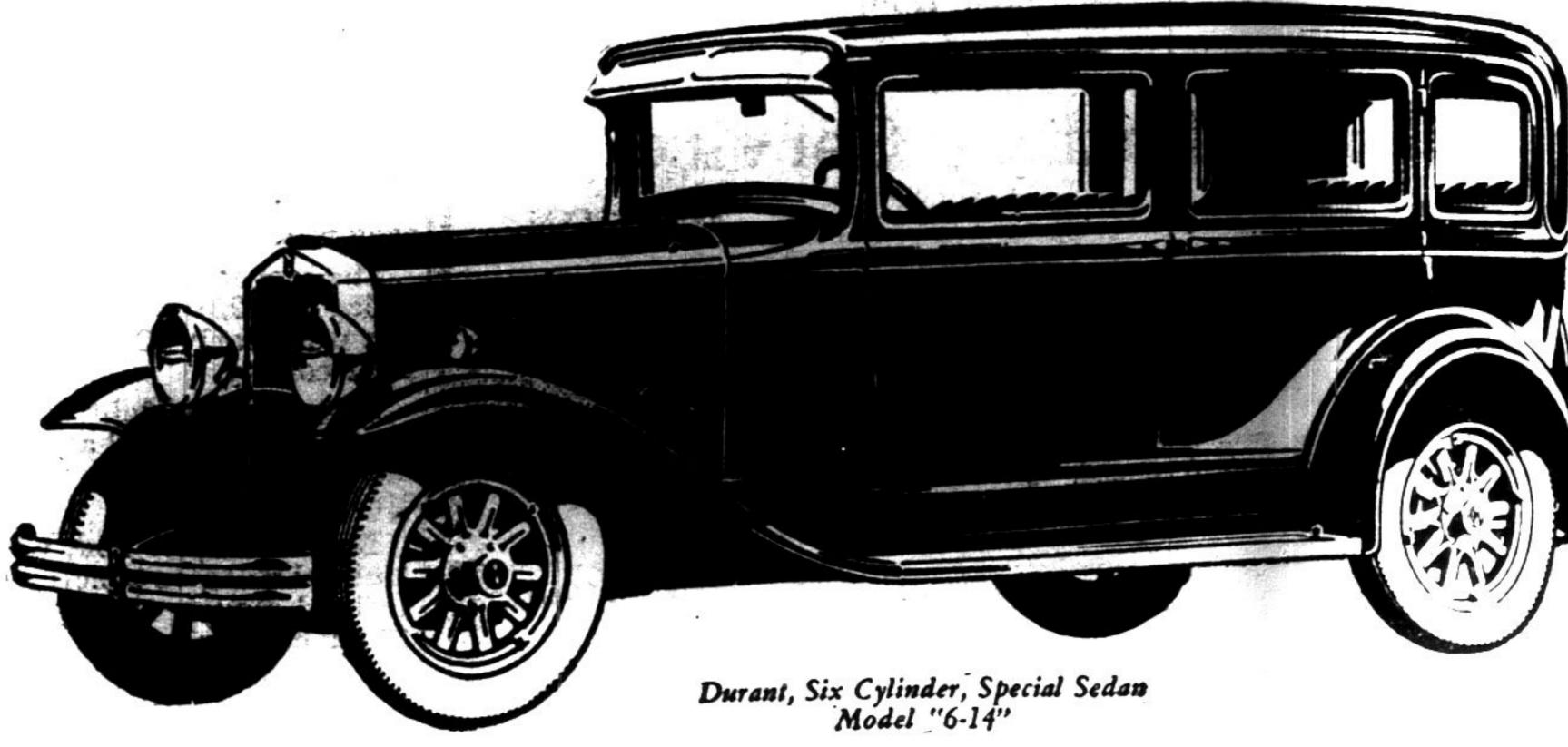
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