

# BRITAIN ASSUMES WAR DAMAGES AND REDUCES DEBT OWED BY FRANCE

Paris, Feb. 8.—Great Britain has made a gesture such as no other country has made in saying she will use the German reparations only to pay off Inter-Alleied and American debts. Finance Minister Clementel said tonight in handing out the British reply to the French note.

"Twenty per cent. of the German reparations, which Britain will receive, will all be paid to the United States to settle Britain's debt. What is necessary for Britain's Allied debtors to pay to make up the difference is all we shall be expected to pay.

"Great Britain takes on herself the war damages and will not attempt to collect the £800,000,000 advanced to the Allies before the United States entered the war."

M. Clementel expressed for himself and Premier Herriot satisfaction over the tone and contents of the British note, saying a long step toward settlement had been made. He, as well as the whole Cabinet, is pleased because it means a big reduction in France's debt to Britain, which can now be paid entirely out of the French share of German reparations and also because it sets a precedent in settling the American debt.

The note is considered not to be lacking in a sly effort on Chancellor of the Exchequer Churchill's part to place the United States in a less favorable position morally than Great Britain for insisting on collecting damages from Germany, which the note declares, Britain will not.



Dr. Francis G. Blake, professor of medicine at Yale Medical School, has placed before the public a serum for injection purposes which he believes will cure scarlet fever in twenty-four hours.

## PROGRAM OUTLINED IN SPEECH FROM THRONE

### Amendment of Grain Act and Equalization of Freight Rates in Coming Session.

A despatch from Ottawa says:—The last gun of the royal salute has been fired and another parliamentary session is under way. The King's will has been made known to his Commons through the speech from the Throne and the people's elected representatives will begin on Monday to discuss the "humble" speech in acceptance, which is the invariable forerunner to the general work of Canada's principal Legislature. Chief among the measures forecasted in the King's speech are those dealing with freight rates on land and sea. Senate reform, the most outstanding of the legislation expected for this session, is to be submitted to a conference between Federal and Provincial Governments before Parliament is asked to consider in detail an amendment to the constitution of Canada "with respect to the constitution and powers" of the Upper House.

In brief, the speech from the Throne indicates that the Government intends to ask Parliament for legislation to give:

- (1) Equalization of freight rates between provinces and localities.
- (2) Government control of ocean rates.
- (3) Improvement in equipment of ports on both coasts and on the St. Lawrence River.
- (4) Colonization and settlement (which implies railroad construction) in the Peace River district.
- (5) An Act to amend the Grain Act.

### Diphtheria Epidemic on the Wane in Nome

Nome, Feb. 9.—Balto is not dead. The lead dog of Gunnar Kasson's team, which made the last lap of the race to Nome with diphtheria antitoxin, is living high and getting fat, despite reports that his lungs had been frozen on the Nome dash.

The diphtheria epidemic seems to be on the wane. There have been no new cases and many of the patients are improving rapidly, thanks to the serum which Balto and his mates brought. The temperature to-day dropped to 40 below, the coldest this winter.

Dog team relays which started from Nenana, 300 miles north of Anchorage, yesterday with 480,000 units of anti-toxin, are expected to make the journey in four days, it was reported to-day. This would better a record set by a special relay which started from Nenana January 27 with 300,000 units of the serum by a day and a quarter. Better equipment was the reason given for the contemplated greater speed.

### Canada Represented On Ad Hoc Committee

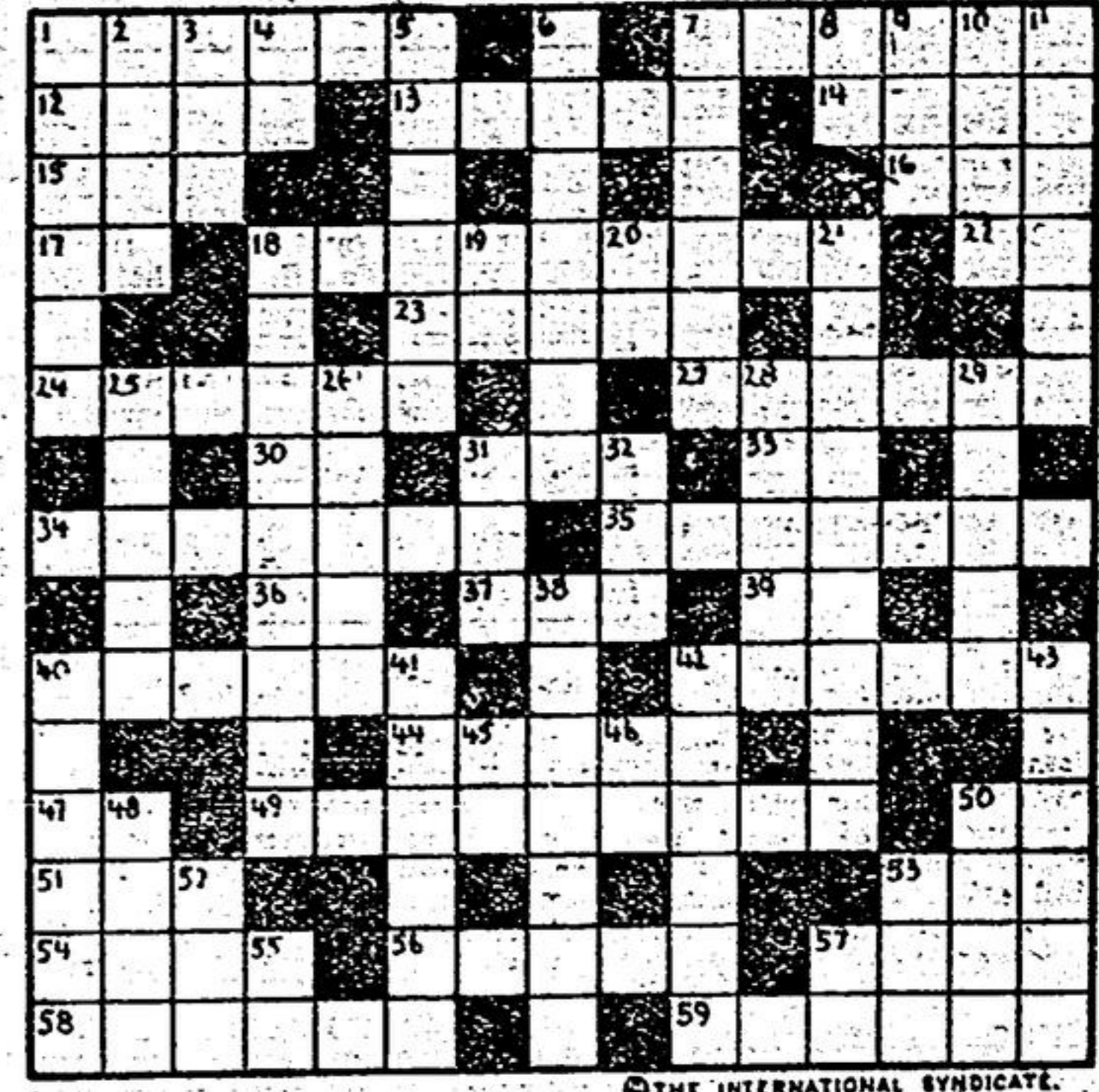
London, Feb. 9.—Forsyth Smith, Canadian Government Fruit Commissioner in England, and Mr. McQuatt, of the Live Stock Branch of the Department of Agriculture, have been appointed by the Canadian Government as its representatives on the Ad Hoc Committee on the furtherance of Empire trade, which is to be set up by the Government here.

### British Seaplane to Travel Five Miles a Minute

A despatch from London says:—A British seaplane which will have a speed of five miles a minute is being constructed for the next Schneider Cup race, and will be ready for trial flights shortly, it is understood.

The machine will be streamlined from end to end, and the engine will be let into the fuselage.

## CROSS-WORD PUZZLE



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**SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES**  
Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

- | HORIZONTAL                             | VERTICAL                                  |
|--|---|
| 1—Separate lengthwise                  | 1—To make stiff                           |
| 7—Refrain                              | 2—Two                                     |
| 12—A flap                              | 3—A cover                                 |
| 13—Additional                          | 4—Prefix meaning "not"                    |
| 14—To lie in genial heat               | 5—Fix firmly                              |
| 15—Help                                | 6—Ornamented with knobs or buttons        |
| 16—A vegetable                         | 7—Not able                                |
| 17—Steam-road (abbr.)                  | 8—Out of date (abbr.)                     |
| 18—Plenty                              | 9—Knock                                   |
| 22—Thoroughfare (abbr.)                | 10—Employs                                |
| 23—Modern invention                    | 11—Glides over the ice                    |
| 24—Paw over                            | 12—Discourage                             |
| 27—Cessations from strife              | 13—A continent (abbr.)                    |
| 30—Note of the scale                   | 14—A three-toed sloth                     |
| 31—American District Telegraph (abbr.) | 15—Striving to equal                      |
| 33—Man's name (abbr.)                  | 16—Scene of combat                        |
| 34—Grain foods                         | 17—Let                                    |
| 35—Counteracting acidity               | 18—A honey badger                         |
| 36—Large ocean vessel (abbr.)          | 19—A part of society                      |
| 37—By                                  | 20—Poisonous reptile                      |
| 39—Latin for "and"                     | 21—Black liquid                           |
| 40—A thick rope                        | 22—One who chooses                        |
| 42—A terrapin                          | 23—Small town                             |
| 44—Straight up                         | 24—Real estate                            |
| 47—Pronoun                             | 25—Close                                  |
| 49—Looking for                         | 26—Intermission                           |
| 50—Before Christ (abbr.)               | 27—Steam carrier (abbr.)                  |
| 51—Grassy meadow                       | 28—Large country of Asia (abbr.)          |
| 53—A deer                              | 29—A unit of time                         |
| 54—Merit                               | 30—Innate                                 |
| 56—Striking part of a whip             | 31—Part of verb "to be"                   |
| 57—Automobiles                         | 32—Patriotic society (abbr.)              |
| 58—Negotiation                         | 33—Physical division of the globe (abbr.) |
| 59—Longs for                           | 34—Army of the Civil War (abbr.)          |

## The Week's Markets

**TORONTO.**  
Man. wheat—No. 1 North, \$2.23 1/4; No. 2 North, \$2.17 1/4; No. 3 North, \$2.10 1/4; No. 4 wheat, \$2.02 1/4.  
Man. oats—No. 2 CW, 80c; No. 3 CW, 75 1/2c; extra No. 1 feed, 76c; No. 1 feed, 74 1/2c; No. 2 feed, 71 1/2c.  
All the above c.i.f. bay ports.  
Am. corn, track, Toronto—No. 2 yellow, \$1.48.  
Millfeed—Del. Montreal freights, bags included: Bran, per ton, \$36.25; shorts, per ton, \$38.25; middlings, \$44.25; good feed flour, per bag, \$2.80.  
Ont. oats—No. 2 white, 57 to 59c.  
Ontario wheat—No. 2 winter, \$1.71 to \$1.75; No. 3 winter, \$1.69 to \$1.73; No. 1 commercial, \$1.68 to \$1.72, f.o.b. shipping points, according to freights.  
Barley—Malting, 92 to 96c.  
Buckwheat—No. 2, 86 to 90c.  
Rye—No. 2, \$1.38 to \$1.43.  
Man. flour, first pat., \$11.40, Toronto, do, second pat., \$10.90, Toronto.  
Ont. flour—90 per cent. pat., \$9.25, in bags, Montreal or Toronto; do, export, 58c, cotton bags, c.i.f.  
Hay—No. 2 timothy, per ton, track, Toronto, \$14.50; No. 3, \$12.50.  
Straw—Carlots, per ton, \$9.  
Screenings—Standard, cleaned, f. o. b. bay ports, per ton, \$28.  
Cheese—New, large, 22c; twins, 22 1/2c; triplets, 22c; Stiltons, 24c. Old, large, 24 to 25c; twins, 25 to 26c; triplets, 26 to 27c.  
Butter—Finest creamery prints, 36 to 38c; No. 1 creamery, 34 to 36c; No. 2, 32 1/2 to 34c. Dairy prints, 26 to 28c.  
Eggs—Fresh extras, in cartons, 64 to 66c; loose, 63c; fresh firsts, 67c.  
Live poultry—Hens, over 5 lbs., 24c; do, 4 to 5 lbs., 18c; do, 3 to 4 lbs., 13c; spring chickens, 2 lbs. and over, 23c; roosters, 12c; ducklings, 5 lbs. and up, 18c.  
Dressed poultry—Hens, over 5 lbs., 23c; do, 4 to 5 lbs., 23c; do, 3 to 4 lbs., 16c; spring chickens, 2 lbs. and over, 30c; roosters, 18c; ducklings, 5 lbs. and up, 26c; turkeys, 35c.  
Beans—Can. hand-picked, lb., 6 1/2c; primes, 6c.  
Maple products—Syrup per Imp. gal., \$2.40; per 5-gal. tin, \$2.30 per gal.; maple sugar, lb., 25 to 26c.  
Honey—60-lb. tins, 13 1/2c per lb.; 10-lb. tins, 13 1/2c; 5-lb. tins, 14c; 2 1/2-lb. tins, 15 1/2 to 16c.  
Smoked meats—Hams, med., 25 to 26c; cooked hams, 37 to 38c; smoked rolls, 18 to 20c; cottage rolls, 21 to 22c; breakfast bacon, 23 to 27c; special brand breakfast bacon, 29 to 31c; larks, boneless, 29 to 36c.  
Cured meats—Long, clear bacon, 50 to 70 lbs., \$17.50; 70 to 90 lbs., \$16.80; 90 lbs. and up, \$15.50; lightweight rolls, in barrels, \$33; heavyweight rolls, \$27.  
Lard—Pure, Hercules, 18 to 18 1/2c; tubs, 18 1/2 to 19c; pails, 18 1/2 to 19 1/2c; prints, 21 to 22c; shortening, tierces, 15 to 16 1/2c; tubs, 15 1/2 to 15 3/4c; pails, 16 to 16 1/2c; prints, 17 1/2 to 18c.  
Choice heavy steers, \$7.75 to \$8.25; butcher steers, choice, \$6.75 to \$7.25; do, good, \$6.25 to \$6.75; do, med., \$5.50 to \$6; do, com., \$4.50 to \$5.25; butcher heifers, choice, \$6.75 to \$7; do, good, \$6 to \$6.50; do, med., \$5 to \$5.75; do, com., \$4.50 to \$5; butcher cows, choice, \$4.50 to \$5.25; do, fair to good, \$3.50 to \$4; canners and cutters, \$2.25 to \$2.75; butcher bulls, good, \$4.25 to \$5.25; do, fair, \$3.75 to \$4; bologna, \$2.50 to \$3.25; feeding steers, good, \$5.75 to \$6.50; do, fair, \$4.75 to \$5.50; stockers, good, \$4.50 to \$5.50; do, fair, \$4 to \$4.25; calves, choice, \$12.50 to \$13; do, med., \$7 to \$9; do, grassers, \$4 to \$6; milch cows, choice, \$60 to \$70; fair cows, \$40 to \$50; springers, choice, \$70 to \$90; good light sheep, \$7 to \$8; heavies and bucks, \$4.50 to \$6.25; bulls, \$3 to \$4; good ewe lambs, \$14.50 to \$15; bucks, \$12.50 to \$13; do, med., \$10 to \$12; do, culls, \$8 to \$9; hogs, thick smooths, fed and watered, \$11.10; do, f.o.b., \$10.50; do, community points, \$11.25; do, off cars, \$11.50; select premiums, \$2.17.

## LIQUOR SEIZED OFF LONG ISLAND

### First British Craft Captured Had on Board 12,000 Cases Worth \$1,000,000.

New York, Feb. 8.—With 28 prisoners on board—some reported to have been wounded in the gun battle which preceded her capture—the British steamship Homestead, loaded with 12,000 cases of liquor, with a bootleg value of \$1,000,000, was towed to this harbor yesterday.

The Homestead, the largest and most valuable prize since prohibition sent Coast Guard chasers to "Rum Row," was anchored last night off the Statue of Liberty. There she took her place beside other rum runners too bulky to be moored at the Barge Office.

It was admitted she had been fired to stop the Homestead, which was seized off the eastern end of Long Island by the Coast Guard chasers Red Wing and Jewett.

Orders to the Coast Guard now are to shoot when occasion demands, and it was said the Homestead had given this provocation.

Utmost secrecy attended the capture, and it was hinted other factors than smuggling liquor might have been responsible for the eagerness of officials to bag the British vessel—the first ever seized off American shores for the violation of the Volstead Act.

It is known, however, that the rum fleet has been doubled in the last few weeks and now has a larger array of vessels than at any other time in the year.

## GRAIN SPECULATORS MEET WITH REVERSE

### Many Are "Wiped Out" as Boom Gives Way at Winnipeg Exchange.

A despatch from Winnipeg says:—In one of the wildest markets in the history of the local Grain Exchange, wheat prices dropped below the \$2 mark on Friday, for the first time in two weeks, and so fast did the stop-loss orders come into the pit that it was almost impossible for brokers to execute them. Outside speculators who have been buying grain for the past fortnight must have suffered heavy losses during the drastic declines on Friday, and many of them would be "wiped out."

Following a strong opening at \$2.04 for May delivery, the buying power vanished, resulting in the bringing out of heavy stop-loss selling orders, and before the slide was checked May had broken nearly 8 cents to \$1.98 1/4. There was some recovery, prices going up a few cents, but later the nearby future made a precipitous descent to \$1.92, a net loss of 12 cents within two hours. May closed at \$1.92 1/4, which represented a loss of 8 1/2 cents from Thursday's close.

July and October, along with coarse grains, followed the May future, and all registered severe losses, ranging from 6 1/2 for July wheat to 18 cents for October barley. Flax ranged from 11 cents to 14 cents lower at the close.

## One Motor Craft Built by Britain for Every 3 Steamships

A despatch from New York says:—Ship tonnage under construction in Great Britain at the close of 1924 was 1,296,971 tons, about 98,000 tons less than a year ago, according to the Bankers' Trust Co. of New York. It is estimated that one motor ship is being built for every three steamships, while in other countries the proportion is 12 motor ships for 11 steamships. In Germany, Denmark, Sweden, and Holland a preponderating proportion of motor ships is being built; the German figures being 47 motor ships of 274,000 tons against 40 steamships of 79,000 tons.

## Britain Will Enforce Arms Embargo in China

A despatch from London says:—The Government has issued a statement announcing that Great Britain would continue to enforce in China the arms embargo agreement of May, 1919, whereby the powers undertook to restrain their nationals from exporting to or importing into that country war materials until the establishment of a Government there whose authority would be recognized throughout the whole of China.

## Japanese Navy Launch Sinks, Eleven Sailors Lost

Vancouver, B.C., Feb. 8.—Eleven men of the crew of the Japanese cruiser Izumo, in port here with the visiting training squadron of the Japanese Navy, met death just before midnight Saturday in the waters of Burrard Inlet, when the navy launch in which they were returning to the cruiser collided with a tug boat of the Canadian Pacific Railway and sank immediately. The accident occurred off the Ballantyne Pier.

Sixteen officers and men were on board the pinnace and seven were rescued. Of the seven, two, a non-commissioned officer and a seaman, taken on board the Izumo, later succumbed as a result of their immersion in the water. Four of the men drowned were non-commissioned officers and the remaining five seamen.

Vancouver, B.C., Feb. 9.—Located at a depth of 162 feet, divers from the Japanese training squadron are attempting to descend to the wrecked pinnace from the cruiser Izumo, in which eleven men met their death at 11.30 o'clock Saturday night. The splintered boat is believed to contain the remains of eight of those who perished when, out of the murk of the night and rain mists, a car barge, in tow of the tug Nanosoo, loomed suddenly for an instant, and then crashed against the small craft, plunging it with its load of human freight to the bottom.

After a continuous search of the harbor with drag lines and nets, the third body was recovered at noon today. Work was concentrated over the spot where the body was found, and the pinnace was located.

Although the accident occurred late Saturday night, the Japanese did not make a report to shore authorities until 9 o'clock Sunday morning. Scores of sailors worked throughout the night in feverish endeavors to locate the sunken boat.

## Three Children Burned to Death in Ottawa Valley

Ottawa, Feb. 8.—News of the death by fire of three young children near Murray Bay, in the backwoods of Renfrew County, was received here today. The father, J. Croswich, was away lumbering and the mother left the children alone in the farmhouse while she posted him a letter at the cross-roads. When she returned she found the building in flames.

She succeeded in rescuing her few-months-old baby, only to find it already dead. The other two children, a boy aged 18 months and a 2-year-old girl, were burned to death in their cots. When neighbors arrived they found a mass of burning embers and the mother badly burned from her attempted rescue of the children.

It is not what others think of us that really counts, as much as what we think of ourselves.



Firemen are shown battling a blaze in Montreal in subzero weather in which the late Lieut. W. Desjardins was entombed in the wreckage for eight hours, despite the heroic attempts at rescue made by his comrades.

## TWO KILLED, RAILWAY CLOSED IN KOOTENAY

### Disastrous Snowslides on the Mountain Caused by Days of Thaw and Rain.

A despatch from Nelson, B.C. says:—Two lives lost, a railway line closed for the season and one house demolished are the results so far reported of Kootenay snowslides following days of thaw and rain.

At five o'clock in the morning a snow and mud slide demolished the ranch house of John H. Hoyle, at Queen's Bay, overwhelming the portion of the house containing Mr. and Mrs. Hoyle, and carrying away the upper portion containing John Hoyle, a son, and Miss Mary Holt, a servant, were sleeping. The latter two escaped serious injuries and emerged by windows. A force of 22 shovel men worked all day on the tons of mud in which Mr. and Mrs. Hoyle are buried, without success. The house was at the foot of a ravine, and it is thought a snowslide came part way down, choked the ravine and caused water to back up, the subsequent rush of snow and water bringing away the banks of the ravine. A water tank half a mile up the ravine is believed to be the object that struck the house. The Hoyles have ranched there for 18 years.

Three big slides came down at various times since mid-day on the Kaslo and Nakusp branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway, all between the Rambler Mine and Zinton, the largest being 900 feet wide and 50 feet deep. The others are respectively 300 and 200 feet wide and 20 feet deep. The C.P.R. will abandon the Kaslo-Slocan service for the winter in consequence, and travel will be routed by the lakes.

## Germany to be Represented for First Time on League

Berlin, Feb. 9.—Germany will be represented by an official observer at the March meeting of the League of Nations Council. It will be the first time Germany has had such representation.

Chancellor Luther made this decision just before he left for Cologne, but has not picked the observer. The Government does not expect its delegate will sit in at the Council sessions, but he will be instructed to pay special attention to the League's attitude toward the clause in the Covenant which enjoins member states to permit League troops free passage across their territory. Germany hesitates to accept this lest she become embroiled with Russia.

Memory is the treasurer to whom we must give funds, if we would draw the assistance we need.—Rowe.

## Solution of Last Week's Puzzle



## Airship to Cross Ocean in 3 Days Being Built in Michigan

Detroit, Feb. 9.—With the object of turning out a new type of rigid metal dirigible that will make possible the establishment of a three-day passenger air service between Detroit or Chicago and London, England, the initial move was made to-day to begin manufacture at the Dearborn plant of the Ford Motor Co. Work is to be done by the Aircraft Development Corporation, of which Edsel B. Ford and his father are directors. The United States Government, it is stated, will sign a contract within thirty days for construction of the new ship.

The dirigible will have a skin of special duralumin plates only eight one-thousandths of an inch thick, which will be six times stronger than the present coverings of dirigibles. It will be fireproof and weatherproof, and navigable in any kind of weather.

The ship will be 150 feet long, 53 feet in diameter, and will have displacement of 15,000 pounds. Its capacity will be 200,000 feet of helium gas.

## Puzzle Enthusiasts Can Solve as They Ride

Montreal, Feb. 9.—The vogue of the cross-word puzzle is nation-wide. It has outrun the borders of cities and towns, and has extended its influence to the trains that speed across the continent. At least, this is the opinion of Walter Pratt, General Manager of the sleeping, dining and parlor car department of the Canadian National Railways, who announced to-day that, in response to numerous requests from passengers, he had ordered dictionaries to be placed on all cars of the system that are equipped with a library.

Dawson City, Y.T.—Reports here from old Crow Mission state that the snow in that part of the country is covered with fox tracks and that the Indians are trapping great numbers of foxes. Meat is reported very plentiful, 500 caribou having been killed so far this winter.

## Hong Kong Preparing Exhibit for Wembley

Hong Kong, Feb. 9.—The Imperial authorities having granted satisfactory customs and other concessions, Hong Kong is busily preparing an exhibition for Wembley as a Government enterprise.