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NAVAL ESTIMATES

The Standard of the British Navy to Be Maintained.

Garrisons Abroad Will Be Reduced Wherever Possible—Demand to Be Made on Citizens.

London, Feb. 25.—Instead of, as hoped, showing a reduction, the combined estimates of the army and navy for the current year show an increase of \$3,000,000, without apparently any hope of any considerable diminution in the future. Lord Tweedmouth, first lord of the admiralty, explains outright that the future programme of Great Britain will depend on whether foreign powers increase their naval forces, since the government has every intention of maintaining the standard of the British navy, which hitherto has been deemed necessary for the safeguarding of national and imperial interests. The war secretary, Mr. Haldane, in a similar statement regarding the army, says: "Looking to the future I am convinced that it is impossible to make further diminutions in the army expenditure on a considerable scale unless we, first of all, reduce the number of troops serving abroad." "Garrisons abroad," says Haldane, "will be reduced whenever that can be safely done, but if re-

ductions in the regular army are carried too far a demand will ultimately have to be made on the citizens for such as hitherto has never been contemplated." The army estimates for 1908-9 total \$154,185,120 against \$155,211,830 last year, and the war secretary estimates for a total of 185,000 men in the home and colonial establishments, irrespective of India, a decrease of 5,000 men from last year. The navy estimates are \$161,597,500, against \$157,057,500 for 1907-8 and provide for exactly the same number of officers as last year. The agitation for economy has had some effect on the shipbuilding programme which contemplates only one improved warship of the Dreadnaught type instead of the three expected. The government proposes to build one large armoured cruiser, six fast protected cruisers, sixteen torpedo boat destroyers, and some submarines. The number of the last mentioned is not given, but they are estimated to cost \$2,500,000.

THE SENTENCE OF STOESEL

Expresses Sympathy For the Fallen Russian General.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Feb. 25.—Gen. Nogi, commander of the forces that captured Port Arthur, expressed sympathy for his defeated enemy in a brief cablegram received here. On the receipt of the news that Gen. Stoessel had been convicted and sentenced to death for his conduct in the defence of Port Arthur, the Cincinnati Times-Star sent a cablegram to Gen. Nogi, stating the fact, and asking for a statement of his views. In a reply,

received, to-day, the Japanese leader said: "As a soldier I deeply sympathize with Gen. Stoessel. I cannot bear to state my views."

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Representatives of the employers and strikers reached a provisional agreement looking to the settlement of the shipbuilding strike on the Tyne.

FIND VAST SALT BED

Prospectors Strike Bed 200 Feet Deep, and 300 Miles Long.

Montreal, Feb. 25.—The largest salt bed in the world has been found near Fort Murray. Prospectors were hoping for oil when they came on a bed of salt two hundred feet in depth. Three hundred miles away other borings were being made and they found salt. It is the same bed. This was the statement of W. R. Birdwood,

who is on his way from Edmonton to London to interview British capitalists. The news he has created great excitement in Edmonton. The land is unsettled, and Mr. Birdwood says if the proposed railway from Hudson's Bay to the Pacific is built, Canada can supply the world with salt.

DAILY MEMORANDA.

Wilbur Stock Co., Grand Opera House, 8.15 p.m.
City Property Committee, 4 p.m., Wednesday.
Woodward Theatre—Afternoon and evening: good vaudeville.
Independent Labor Party, Branch No. 1, meets, Labor Hall, 8 p.m.
Phoenix Theatre—Pictures: "Rasalle, the Brigand Chief," "Marian in Prison," "The Crown's Honeycomb," and "McGinty's Trouser." Song: "Tying the Laces."
Bliss Theatre—Moving Pictures: "Discharging the Maid," "Hardships of a Little Hero," "The Boy Who Went to Sea," "The Heart of Maryland," by Miss Vera Holden.



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Great Odds and Ends Sale. Thursday and Friday, Wilkinson's old stand, Wellington street.

It is proposed to build a railway along the banks of the St. Lawrence from Brockville to Prescott. Evelyn Nesbitt Thaw has begun to make active preparations for divorce from Harry Thaw.

A \$4,500 HOCKEY.

Receipts For Yale-Harvard Game—Rink Got All But \$200.

New York, Feb. 25.—The result of the final game in the Intercollegiate Hockey League, last week, came as a great surprise to the followers of the game in New York. On the form displayed at the St. Nicholas rink in the previous contests, Harvard looked to be a sure winner, and went on the ice a two-to-one shot, with few takers. Three dollars a seat was what the enthusiasts paid for the game without a quarrel, and the thousand reserved seats—the seating capacity of the rink—were snapped up in a jiffy. As high as \$50 was offered by some of the Wall street college graduates for a pair of seats, with no takers. Possibly 1,500 more spectators, at a dollar a head, crowded into the standing-room in the gallery and ground floor. The receipts were close to \$4,500, which is pretty fair for a hockey game. Of this amount the rink got all but about \$200, a small sum being given to Yale and Harvard.

RE-ELECTED SIX TIMES.

The Congressman is Very Active.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Another Voice in Favor of the Poultry By-Law.

Kingston, Feb. 24.—(To the Editor): There must be some mistake about there being opposition on the part of Kingston housekeepers to the proposed by-law on poultry, being drawn up and placed on sale. I have talked with many of our best housekeepers here and I have found every one strongly in favor of such a by-law. I could get yards of signatures if it were necessary, to any petition asking the favorable consideration of the council to the by-law. These are some of the reasons why these housekeepers would like to have such a by-law in force:

1. For sanitary reasons. Time and time again poultry is bought and when cleaned and cooked found tainted from the decaying and fermenting process that has taken place in the entrails. Apart from every other taint and undesirable flavor the bitterness of the gall often permeates the flesh of the fowl and is neither appetizing nor healthy.

2. For labor-saving reasons. Many a housekeeper with inefficient help, or no help at all, hesitates to buy poultry as often as she would like because of the added bother of preparing the fowl for cooking.

In those days of gas ranges there is also the difficulty of getting rid of the refuse after the fowl is drawn. In places where this by-law has been in force, and the fowl come on the market drawn and trussed, the housekeepers would object very strongly to have to take up the burden of cleaning all the poultry they used. Indeed in such places poultry will scarcely sell at all if put on the market drawn.

One has only to see such a market of drawn and trussed fowl (and there are several in Ontario) or better, live in a place where such markets are held, to be convinced that such a condition of affairs is a step forward in civilization.—ELIZABETH SHORTT.

THAW MAY STAY THERE.

A Dangerous Lunatic, Fit Only For Asylum.

New York, Feb. 25.—Harry Thaw seems doomed to spend the rest of his life in an asylum for the insane. Aliensists who have examined and observed him since he was committed to Matteawan asylum are convinced that he is a paranoiac, and as paranoia is a progressive disease, it would appear that nothing short of a miracle can intervene to secure his freedom.

MAY PARALLEL C. P. R.

Engineers Surveying Road From Brandon to Calgary.

Winnipeg, Feb. 25.—J. J. Hill has spread hundreds of engineers along the stretch of country, fourteen hundred miles from Brandon to Calgary, and is said to be preparing to parallel the C.P.R. system throughout that distance. Two years ago Hill made elaborate

DECEIT AND FRAUD

Being Used to Win the Hearts of Charitable.

The charitably disposed are urged to close up their pocketbooks on account of the amount of fraud and deceit practised upon them by so-called destitute and starving people. A goodly number of cases have been exposed where help was afforded, the parties receiving it being much better off than indications would seem to point to. It is known that the contributions where the men of the family have been at work, and some with money in the bank. Homes have been visited in which accessible parts have been cold and bleak, but the investigators proceeded no further, as the contributions were not to be given. The money often contributed has been put to the purposes of feasting and liquor drinking. Another phase of deceit is for help to be afforded by churches and individuals, later declarations made that the contributions they had been promised they had never received. Drivers who delivered the packages, very definitely proved that the articles had been received and could identify the persons to whom they had been given. Clothing and bedding given also reached the second-hand dealers.

It would, therefore, be wise that every case should be thoroughly authenticated and a dozen persons interviewed as to records, so that deserving persons should not suffer through the deceit of those who should be able to maintain themselves in comfort, if the money they earned was used for its legitimate purpose.

ALMOST A YEAR

Is the Sentence Imposed on Italian Minister.

Rome, Feb. 25.—The senate, sitting as a high court of justice, last evening, returned a verdict of guilty against ex-Minister of Public Instruction Nasal, accused of misappropriating public funds while in office, and he was sentenced to eleven months and twenty days imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$50 and the costs of the trial. He was also interdicted from holding public office for four years.

Spoken Of As Greedy Vulture.

Winnipeg, Feb. 25.—Strong statements were made by Archbishop Langevin in a sermon on Sunday. He referred to the fight of the clergy in France against that "greedy vulture, Free Masonry, which has obtained such a hold in England."

He believed it had chosen an ill time to ignore the people when monarchs, including the king of England, were planning to visit his holiness.

If Quebec had seen its duty to send 300,000 immigrants to Manitoba instead of the United States, this pro-

KING CHANGES MIND

Situation Regarding the Congo Assumes Disquieting Aspect.

Brussels, Feb. 25.—The situation in the matter of the annexation to Belgium of the Congo Independent State again is assuming a disquieting aspect.

It is said that King Leopold has taken back all his promises and now demands that the special fund, which was to replace the crown domain, be placed under his control and not under that of parliament, as it was originally agreed.

In addition he asks that \$50,000,000 be placed at his disposition to carry out various projects.

It is understood that the government is firmly resisting these demands and is determined, if it becomes necessary, to resign. As King Leopold could not under such circumstances find any one to form a new ministry, it is pointed out that the ministry's resignation would mean elections that would be bound to result in the victory of a majority most hostile to the king.

The Petit Bleu, while admitting that there had been exchanges in the last few days between King Leopold and Premier Schollaert on the question of annexation, says they have not resulted in a settlement of the matter, owing to inability to agree on special works to be executed out of the revenue from the special fund and denies that a ministerial crisis is imminent.

since might have been French Catholic. Referring to the "Cercle Sacre Coeur," he said members might play a game of cards. Those who opposed such games were like those who had crucified the Saviour—they considered it a grievous sin to eat without first washing their hands.

BABIES WANTED.

Chicago Minister Wants Them to Come to Church.

Chicago, Feb. 25.—The Rev. John A. East invites babies especially to the Belden avenue Baptist church, and has made every preparation for their comfort, even to providing nursing bottles and the like to keep them quiet while their mothers are listening to the sermon.

The scheme inaugurated by the Rev. Mr. East is an innovation so far as Chicago is concerned. The preacher hopes to have a dozen to thirty babies present every Sunday.

One of the church parlors has been fitted up as a nursery. It is presided over by forty young women, who will work in relays at each service.

IMPORTANT CHANGES

Proposed in Connection With the Public Schools.

Toronto, Feb. 25.—Exit the public school continuation class. In its place will follow the fifth class, taking up in rotation the present junior high school work.

The entrance examination as a line of demarcation between the public and high school will be abolished.

Special inducements will be given for the fifth class public school work, and the present grants to continuation classes will be perpetuated, and probably increased if the finances of the province warrant it in assisting rural trustees and schools in developing the advanced work.

In brief, township high schools are aimed at, bringing the high school training to the doors of the rural residents.

Such is understood to be an important feature of the educational legislation by Hon. Dr. Pyne, minister of education, at its present session.

LENTEN REGULATIONS.

As Issued by Archbishop Gauthier For Guidance.

The following are the rules and regulations to be observed during the coming season of Lent, in the archdiocese of Kingston.

All days within the Lent, Sundays excepted, are fast days on which one full meal is allowed with a collation or infirm meal in the evening.

The infirm, those under twenty-one years of age, women in pregnancy or nursing infants, all who are employed at hard labor, and those who are enfeebled by old age, are exempted from the law of fasting and may, therefore, take their usual number of meals every day in Lent.

The law of abstinence prohibits certain kinds of food, and all are bound by it who have completed their seventh year of age.

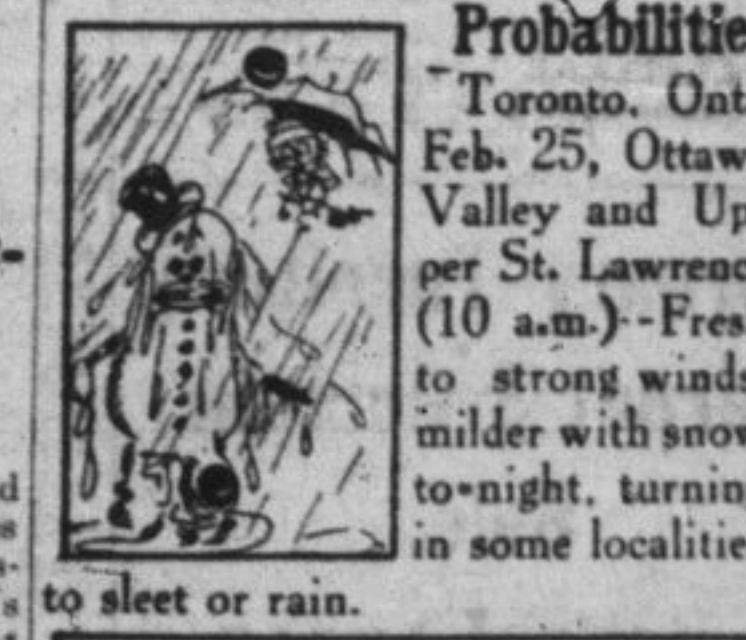
By virtue of special indulgence, we permit the use of flesh meat on all Sundays at every meal, and also at the principal meal on all Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, except Saturdays in Ember week and Holy Saturday.

We permit the use of eggs, milk, butter and cheese on all days during Lent at both the principal meal and the collation, to those who come under the law of fasting; to those who are not bound to fast we permit the use of the same quality of food at every meal.

Where it is not convenient to take the principal meal at noon it is lawful to invert the order, and to take the collation at noon time, and dinner in the evening.

Those who are exempt from the precept of fasting can partake of flesh meat at every meal during the day, provided at the principal meal. No one is permitted to use fish and flesh meat at the same meal, whether on Sundays or week days, within Lent.

Lard and other fat rendered from any kind of meat may be used in the preparation of all kinds of foods which are permitted.



Probabilities

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 25, Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence (10 a.m.)—Fresh to strong winds, milder with snow to-night, turning in some localities to sleet or rain.

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Will Not Be Charged.

The prisoner Clarke, who stole "Harry Hunter's" coat, is serving a sentence of three months, for carrying a loaded revolver at Springfield, Mass. In order to be charged with the theft of the coat he would have to be brought back to Kingston, but this will not be done. Mr. Hunter secured his coat, and is not anxious to press the charge.

Addressed Engineers.

Prof. Gill, last night, delivered the most interesting address before the Engineers' Association, in their City Hall, Montreal street. He spoke of his own life, and his remarkable progress, and his remarks being directed, able to all the tenderness was a great pleasure to the audience.

It is expected the provincial treasurer will introduce his budget next week.