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The Seasonal Allowance is An Indemnity and Not a Salary—But There is Clamor For An Advance.

OTTAWA, April 22.—The move for an increase in the seasonal indemnity of members of parliament is going strong, but there are grave doubts that any success will attend it this year. Any increase to members would, of course apply to senators inasmuch as each is a vital branch of parliament.

The argument advanced is not new. It was emphasized last year, but that extra session in the fall, providing an extra indemnity, helped out and forestalled any drastic development. This year the contention is renewed that the cost of living at Ottawa, and the expense to which members are put, merits a raise, and, instead of \$2,500 as now, \$4,000 per session is the objective. Many would be content with a raise of \$1,000. An increased indemnity, it is learned, is not in the government's plans, and if one is granted it will indicate a change in present intentions. One point emphasized is that the seasonal allowance is not a salary, but an indemnity, in that members of parliament are not supposed to derive their income from that source alone. A stronger reason which is invoked, is that in a year when financial considerations cause so many refusals of demands, public works, soldiers' bonuses, and other matters, it would be the part of inconsistency for members to vote to raise their own pay.

The estimate providing for a cost of living bonus to civil servants was strongly opposed the other day, and this is a further suggestion of the inconsistency of applying the same thing to members of parliament. The

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agitation, however, is going strong, and something may come of it.

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According to a report made by the Association of Corkwood Manufacturers of Portugal, the total world production of corkwood is estimated at 18,000,000 kilos, or 396,332,000 pounds, of which 45 per cent. is produced in Portugal, 30 per cent. in Spain, 5 per cent. in France and Italy, and 20 per cent. in Algeria and Tunis. For the present Portugal is the largest producer of corkwood, and probably will maintain its position for several years more. The quality of the corkwood is superior to that of other countries. The forests in Algeria and Tunis, the exploitation of which began recently, may produce larger quantities of corkwood in the future. The same is true of Morocco, whose extensive forests will enable it to become the first producing country of corkwood in the world.

The greater part of corkwood is used in manufacturing cork stoppers and cork discs. Cork waste is employed in making linoleum, for which purpose virgin corkwood is also used. The principal importers of Portuguese corkwood are: England, which imports ready-made cork stoppers; France, South America, United States and Germany. They import chiefly corkwood, and the cork stoppers are made in the importing countries. Portugal manufactures 25 to 30 per cent. of its corkwood into cork stoppers; Spain, 70 to 80 per cent., and France, the whole continental and a small part of colonial production. The small percentage of cork stoppers produced in Portugal is due to lack of modern machinery and also to heavy duties on this product in the consuming countries.

Queer Borneo Names.

It must be a matter of difficulty for a member of the tribe of Kayans of Borneo to keep track of his name. Among those people, when a child is born, it receives the name of some repulsive object or is simply called "it," so that, not having a distinctive name, the evil spirits can not identify it and cause it harm.

When the child is two or three or four years old they name it, say, Tijan. The father is thereafter known as Tama Tijan; the mother is known as "Inai Tijan—mother of Tijan. The father's original name, Kebing, for example, is dropped, and frequently it is forgotten unless there are other fathers of Tijans. In that case the father is known as Tama Tijan Kebing, father of Tijan, formerly Kebing.

If Tijan dies, then Tama Tijan's name becomes Oyas Kebing (meaning "Kebing the Bereft," provided Tijan was the oldest child). If a younger child dies, the father becomes Akam Kebing; if his wife dies, he becomes Aban Kebing. If he becomes a grandfather, his name will be Laki Kebing. Laki is distinctly an honorary title, like its equivalent, datu, among the Malays. With those people datu is superior to the title hadji, borne by one who has made the pilgrimage to Mecca. Datu, literally grandfather, is equivalent to elder with us.

Among the Kayans it is a breach of manners to ask a man what his name is. If a white man does so through ignorance, the man will turn to a bystander and ask that the stranger, who does not know the customs, may be informed. If a man tells his own name the evil spirits will hear him and can more readily do him harm.

Origin of Word "Tabu."

Recognition of the "tabu" (the word is Polynesian), in one form or another, is almost universal. Thus alcohol has recently been made tabu in this country; and enthusiastic reformers are anxious to have tobacco put on the same list.

The primitive natives of Polynesia have "tabu days," when nobody is allowed to indulge in amusements. They correspond to our old-fashioned Sundays. On other tabu days meat must not be eaten.

On some island groups of the South Seas the bodies of chiefs and priests are tabu—meaning that nobody is allowed to touch them. At certain periods the chiefs cannot themselves touch food with their fingers, and must eat like dogs unless fed by others.

A chief may impose the tabu upon other persons or things, or may remove it. He may declare his own head to be tabu, in which case he must not himself touch it. If a drop of his blood falls upon anything the object becomes tabu.

The first potato dug is tabu; nobody may eat it. But almost any kind of tabu may be removed by the proper authority, with the right sort of ceremony—such, for instance, as throwing leaves into the air and jumping after them.

An Arid Climate.

At a congress of German physicians in 1911 there was a discussion of the supposed benefits of an arid climate to sufferers from kidney and lung troubles, as a result of which Dr. Grober of Munich went for three months to the driest place he could find—Beled el Djidid on the edge of the Sahara Desert. There he tested the blood of the healthy natives, who are Arabs and Berbers.

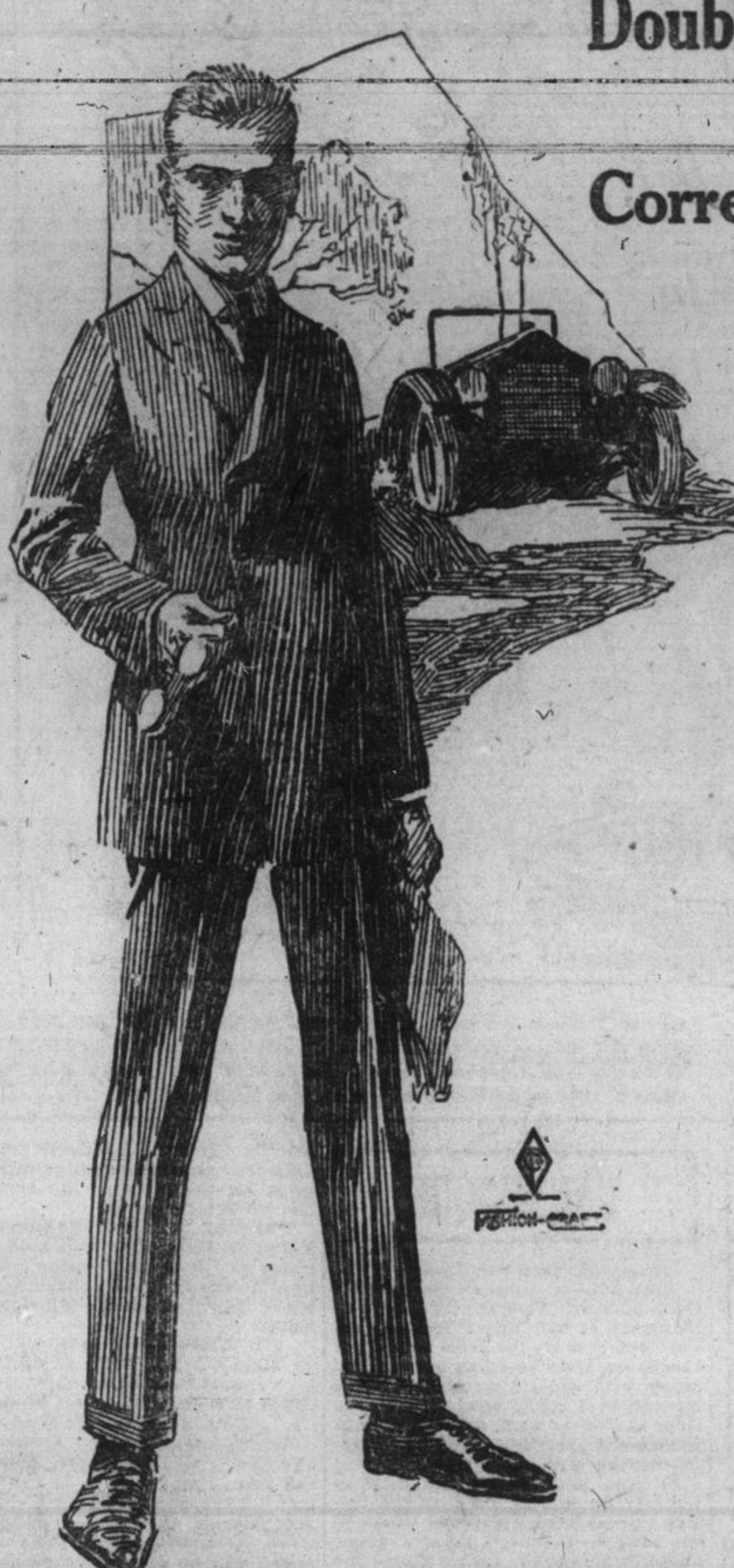
He reports now to the Muenchener Medizinische Wochenschrift that, except for a much larger number of red corpuscles, their blood differed in composition from that of Europeans so slightly as to be insignificant. This, he believes, does away with the idea that such a hot dry climate benefits sufferers from kidney troubles.

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