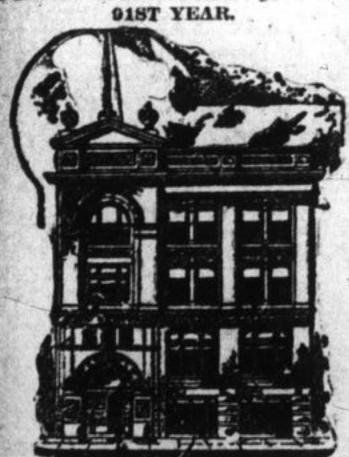
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He sneers at the old wheezes who effect. never had asthma.

If there were no movies, where would people go to talk?

The most slushy thing about snow is the poetry it inspires.

Wearing old clothes is all right If you know you don't have to.

It's a rare conscience that wakes up before time for the post mortem.

Entirely too many people try to get the upper hand by dealing from the bottom.

It's fair enough. Nice tight houses injure the coal man, but they help the doctor. Having a beautiful complexion

doesn't leave much time for cleaning up the house. If he knows just how to handle

great affairs, it's a safe bet that he is a good whittler.

Fable: Once there was a member of the literati who didn't yearn to run a newspaper.

An open mind would be all right if you could close it quickly when an idea happens in.

Friendship is progressive: First Uncle Sam offers Mexico his hand and then his arms.

Actors don't feel their parts, and a kiss means nothing except that the last reel is about over.

The winter resorts have delightful golf courses for those who don't mind playing in mittens.

Rheumatism is a fearful thing. I keeps an old man from pressing his foot on the accelerator.

That investigating commission Germany will be unique in one way It won't need any whitewash.

Correct this sentence: "Aw. in me have it," said the old bachelor; 'I'm a great hand with babies."

Old Dobbin has his faults, but he didn't choke nine times as you wer backing him out of the stable.

Lots of people think ambition consists in selecting a soft spot and sitting down to wish for fame.

ful is that people are liable to mistake it for just plain ignorance.

The sad thing about being cheer

And so we have no leisure class? Who are these people who watch the man put the ball in the side pocket?

In the old days, "polite" people were comparatively few. But there were no dress suits for rent at that

attendance?" asks Well, we might make it a mis-

The early statesmen were a selfreliant bunch. They had to be. There money from.

demeanor.

salm 37: 3,5,

BIBLE THOUGHT COMMIT THY WAY unto the Lord; trust also and he shall bring it to pass .-

seven per cent of the world's popula- presented the old parties in the tion is living in republics. Until 1910 house. They have not the same party kings and emporers having been dis- see fit has already become apparent, possessed. Since 1910 Portugal, Rus- and this has added greatly to the difsia, Austria, Germany and Turkey ficulties of Britain's first Labour have deserted the monarchial group, premier. and China in the east also has become lords to quit. A new spirit has assuredly come over the world, but Great Britain retains its limited monarchy and is likely to do so as longas it is an empire.

HONESTY IN POLITICS.

The one thing which stands out most prominently in the bate on the financial statement pre- bourites took the opposite course. F. Calder, 22 St. John St., Montreal people of the province a correct rassing to Ramsay MacDonald. There W. Thompson 100 King St. W., statement of its financial standing, are several points of Labour policy to Letters to the Editor are published but to use the opportunity to heap which the Liberals are unalterably lion dollars was a spectacular one, this situation facing him in the and one which was calculated to house, and with strikes and labour their hands in horror at the thought | country, the Labour government has province has been plunged. But,

deficit was such as to make the thinking people of the province doubt the figures and the motives of the provincial treasurer. Bearing in mind the fact that the treasurer of the Drury administration predicted a grow once more. Recently it urged surplus for the year, the people began reducing the amount of road paving to wonder how that surplus could suggested in this year's Board of have been changed into a deficit by a Works programme. The Board of mere change of government, and the Education has decided to keep its exhonesty of purpose of the provincial treasurer of to-day is being question- refusing increases in teachers' saled over the whole length and breadth aries. It may be that Kingston is in of the province. The political propa- need of a new school, but it will have ganda side of the presentation of the to get along for a while with its budget has been overdone. The present school structures. Just now stagecraft of the Conservative gov- the people are heavily enough taxed ernment has run away with its good and the rate for the next year or two sense, and so we find the citizens of should not be increased. the province laughing at the Hon. W. H. Price and wondering what the 1923 and 1913 reveals some startling correct condition of the finances of things. In the ten years our popu-Ontario really is. Not one in twenty lation has increased by only 398, yet believes that the statement as pre- since 1911 we have built two new sented is a correct one. Most are public schools and added an extenconvinced that it is simply a piece of sion to Victoria school. Our tax political juggling with figures.

posed the fact that, if the provincial assessment in 1913 was \$11,700,000; able to suppose that any government, city's taxable assessment has even a Conservative government, is taxation which will leave so large a deficit when the books are finally closed. That in itself is proof that the alleged deficit is a play on the popular mind, that it is an effort to make the people believe that the U.F.O. administration had been dishonest in its presentation of the financial facts. Apparently, the honesty of the statement means little so long as the opposition side is discredited in the eyes of the electors. Unfortunately, the Conservative budgetmaker has overstepped the mark, and the bombshell which he attempted to throw into the ranks of the opposition U.F.O. ranks will in all probability turn out to be no bomb shell, but a real boomerang which will show itself in a loss of the confidence of the people. No government which so far forgets its honesty as to try to delude the people as the present government has tried to do can long retain public confidence. and the result of the sensational budget statement is not likely to be very encouraging to those who made it.

AN UNENVIABLE POSITION.

Premier Ramsay MacDonald is finding out that being the head of a minority government in the House of Commons is by no means an enviable position, and it is becoming apparent that the Labour government in Britain cannot expect to hold office for any lengthy period without the calling of an election which might improve their position When he took over the reins of office, he had a fairly clear conception of the difficulties which faced him, but, nevertheless, he had the courage togo ahead. He expected, as was perfectly logical, that neither of the other parties wanted to have an election so quickly after the last one and that they would be willing to give the government a chance to carry on the London Times. affairs of the country until such time was no big business to borrow as matters had become more stabilized. He is finding, however, that the opposition parties are prepared to give him real opposition, even to the extent of defeating him in the house, and, in addition to that, he is find-

WORLD TURNING REPUBLICAN. | this respect, are different from the It is estimated that to-day fifty- hide-bound party men who have re-France and Switzerland were the only spirit. They represent many differrepublics in Europe, nine-tenths of ent viewpoints, although they are all that continent being under kings. To- united on broad labour principles. day about nine-sixteenths of Europe But that they are prepared to vote is under republican governments, against the government when they

When a government is saved from a republic. It is figured that 790,- defeat by the speaker refusing to 000,000 out of 1,650,000,000 people force a division, and is saved again of the world to-day are the subjects a day or two later by some of the of kings. Greece is the latest coun- opposition members voting along try to give its royal family the walk- with it, then that government cannot ing ticket and decide to become a re- | be said to be strong. As a matter of public, and there is a chance that fact, had it not been that Ramsay some other European monarchies MacDonald accepted the Conservative may give notice to their sovereign naval policy, against the wishes of many of his own followers, he would have been defeated on that division. The Conservatives were placed in a position where they had either to support the government or disavow their own policy/ They thought the policy was good, so they followed the government supporters into the divide- sion lobby, while several of the la-

sented to the Ontario legislature by The fact, too, that the Liberals are the Hon. W. H. Price is the fact that showing signs of giving strong oppohis one object was, not to give the sition to the government is embardiscredit upon the heads of the form- opposed, and unless some comproer U.F.O. administration. The an- mise can be reached, then the govnouncement of a deficit of fifteen mil- ernment may look for defeat. With make the people of Ontario hold up troubles on all sides throughout the of the financial chaos into which the started under very difficult circumstances, and if it weathers the storm strange to say it has not had this which threaten its course from within and without, it will have done The very magnitude of the alleged | much more than was expected of it.

RESTRICT EXPENDITURE. Again the Whig draws attention to the necessity of curtailing civic expenditure until Kingston starts to penditure down and has started by

A study of Kingston statistics of rate in 1913 was 231/2 mills; last One of the clearest proofs of this year it was 36 mills. The cost of was given by Harold Fisher, the Lib- civic maintenance per capita in 1913 eral member for Ottawa, when he ex- was \$15.75; in 1923 it was \$31. Our treasurer's deficit is a genuine one, in 1923 it was \$17,000,000, but the then the province is due for a deficit | increase of \$5,300,000 was chiefly of six million dollars during the pre- on increased assessment on old sent financial year. It is not reason- buildings. In ten years the increased but little. The street going to start a year on a basis of lighting expenditure has increased 110 per cent; charitable grants increased 180 per cent; the fire department cost went up 114 per cent.; police department 114 per cent.; public library increased \$10,300; mothers' allowance and suburban road area each cost \$8,000, both new expenditures. In 1913 our debentures and interest took \$64,000; in 1923 they took \$200,003; schools ten years ago cost for maintenance \$83,-000; now they cost \$210,000, an increase of \$127,000 in ten years. Our general debt in 1913 was \$692,000; now it is \$1,544,000. Ten years ago the city's total expenditure was \$246,000; last year it was \$670,000. an increase of 172 per cent. With figures like these before

them, the members of the city council must act warily. The dominion and provincial governments are pruning their expenditures for the year, and municipalities must do the same. The only excuse this year for a large road paving programme would be unemployment.

PRESS COMMENT

Critical Days in India. If supported by parliament, the government of India will have little difficulty in carrying on the administration. Resolutions are not mandatory; there is little important legislation pending; and, should the legislation refuse supplies, there are provisions in the Act of 1919 which arm the governor-general and Provincial Governors with the requisite authority. But the slightest weakening in the support which our administrators have a right to expect from parliament, and any countenance given to unconstitutional or revolu tionary tactics, may easily throw the country into political confusion .-

Better Rate of Emigration. Hitherto in both directions-defence and development-the advantage, though mutual, has been greater to the Dominions than to the Mother Country. . . . In the post-war world we seem gravitating though slowly. ing trouble in controlling his own towards a position where the balance

at least, we may have more to regard Imperial development as one of the keys to our own. And the Labor party will have to take note of this not less, but more than the other parties; because its programme whatever else it may require, requires a rich and flourishing community for it to be realized in. The first of all regulaites for such development is a better rate of emigration from our island to the Dominions.—London

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when he dies? His earning power stops and his life insurance is all that takes its place: \$10,000 seems like a lot money. The income on \$10,000 only \$600 a year. His widow's income will be only about one-sixth the income she had before. To be sure, she will not have rent to pay, but taxes and insurance and repairs cost money to say nothing of regular living expenses.

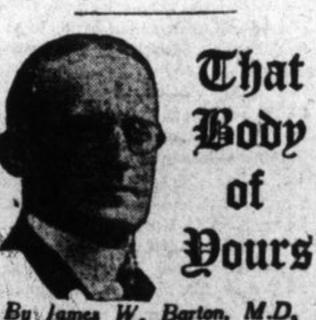
WHY THE WEATHER? DR. CHARLES F. BROOKS Secretary, American Meteorological Society, Tells How.

Earthquakes and Storms. The coincidence of earthquakes and intense cyclones has often been

noted. Where conditions are ripe for an earthquake the earth's crust in an unstable condition. It is possible that the stresses accompanying the passage of a severe cyclone may be sufficient to initiate the quake. It is clear that tropical cyclones

subject the earth's crust to an preciable and relatively sudden strain, especially on coasts. A drop of two inches in barometric pressure means that a load of about two million tons is removed from each square mile of land, while over the neighboring sea a 10 foot rise vater commonly associated with such a storm would add about nine million tons, less two million tons for reduced air mass, or seven million tons, per square mile of sea-bottom. When a tropical cyclone passes, a difference in pressure of millions of tons per square mile on land and sea-bottom is created and dissipated within relatively few hours.

A typhoon, ir tropical cyclone of the Pacific, commenced at Yokohama fust before the great earthquake and affected Tokio soon after. The winds of the typhoon made the fires terribly destructive to life property. Refuges fleeing to wind ward found themselves to leeward of the flames as the wind shifted whil the typhoon passed. Unfortunately the storm centre did not come close enough to give rain.



By James W. Barton, M.D.

Do Your Feet Hurt You? Your feet are beginning to give you a little trouble, and you mediately come to the conclusion that the arches are giving away, and that flat feet will soon be yours. Before doing anything about it

take a look at your shoes. I'm not going to talk much at this time about narrow pointed shoes and

I just want you to take a look a the soles of your shoes and where they are worn most. I heard a speaker years ago sa that a good honest man would wear the heels of his shoes out evenly at

the heels, and not on either the out-

side, nor the inside of the centre.

What do your shoes say? Why you have worn them out the outer side of the heel, and no at the back of the heel.

What does this mean? It is a good sign, that's all.

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have not worn them out evenly, but the outer side is worn down a bit more than the inner side. What about this?

Just another good sign that you have good feet, even if they are paining you somewhat. Now what should be done about

Well what kind of shoes are you wearing? Are they wide enough, with a sensible heel? If so, what about your weight?

Perhaps you are living well, taking no exercise and putting on weight. You see you have the same feet

that used to carry you around when you were younger and lighter. Further, when you were younger and lighter you were taking more

exercise, and the muscles of the feet and legs were much stronger than at present. If you are not overweight perhaps you have some slight infection from

the teeth, tonsils, or intestine, and that has got down into the joints of the feet, and is giving you the In any case get busy with your feet, and practise the three simple exercises mentioned once before;

walking on the toes, yalking on the heels, and walking on the outsides Five minutes of these, twice day, will keep your arches up in their proper position.

FRANCE WINS IN RHUR.

ew York Tribune. is disheartening tidings for the Keynes School of Economists that the Dawes Commission has no intention of advising the cancellation of part of the German debt. These staunch friends of Germany, extensively represented in the pro-German press in this country, have argued and argued that such a reduction was essential to the rehabilitation of Germany, to the payment of any reparations, to the peace of the world. They pleaded this theory so eloquently that it has gained support among impartial observers who should have

known better. Now, there never was any basis for this contention. The truth lay clearly with M. Poincare, contended that it was impossible to guess today how much Germany could pay five years or ten years hence. Paris despatches now represent the American experts as having reached this exact conclusion. parallel of a bankrupt concern, reorganized and operated by receivers, is cited on the point.

As a matter of fact, the project of cancellation was simply a part of the German maneouver to escape repairing all but a small part of the damage the aggressor of 1914 had wrought. Had British policy prevailed it would have succeeded. But the French necessity of reparations Intervened, forced the seizure of the Ruhr and revealed the plot of German wealth to elude the country's

This decision represents a major victory for M. Poincare, who rejectthe first Hughes proposal for American advisors on this precise issue. It is a large victory for comfacing Germany, and gives hope that the remainder of details of financial reconstruction | breakfast? and of German payments remain. So does the question of how Germany can be forced to live up to any new terms that may be imposed and agreed to. It has seemed to the French mind that the holdsupporters. The Labour members, in | will be the other way. Economically, of the shoes, you again find that you occupation as invisible as possible, finished.—Boston Transcript,



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offered the best source of compulsion. Certainly, if the simile of a receivership holds good, there can be no question that the Allies must for a considerable period retain control of key points in the German system. When a debtor has shown persistent bad faith in evading payment and in concealing assets it is childish to finance his recovery and trust to his good faith to execute any new plan of payment honestly and effectively.

There can be little fear that France will reject any fair and effective proposal. Having gained a compiete victory in the Ruhr, her policy called for a productive Germany, and such was the Poincare programme. Since then the fall of the franc has strengthened French opinion behind this sound course. M. Poincare has shown as great courage in dealing with the peril of the franc as he showed throughout the Ruhr venture. His sole blunders have been separatist movement in the Rhineland and the Palatinate. Even if in the vicissitudes of French politics his government should fail in saving the franc his policies would be continued by that staunch centre of French opinion which is as firmly resolved for reparations as it against imperialism.

His Kind Invitation. Professor (after trying first-hour

class)-Some time ago my doctor told me to exercise early every mornthe Dawes conclusions will offer a ing with dumb-bells. Will the class practicable solution for Europe. The please join me tomorrow before

> Has the Last Page Habit Edith-I hate those magazine

Elaine-Why, dear? Edith - You can never tell how Further, as you look at the soles ing of the Ruhr as security, by an the story is coming out until it is

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