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Envy and Brutality are all part
of human nature, warfare against these
powers of disorder and destruction
will end only when humanity itself
shall end.

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NEW ZEALANDERS TERROR STRICKEN BY EARTHQUAKE

Three Towns In Ruins, More Than 100 Killed And 1,000 Injured—Shocks Continuing While People Stunned By Greatest Disaster Which Ever Befell Country.

Broken Tail Shaft Disables Craft For Week

(Canadian Press)
HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 3.—Preliminary survey before the shipping board freighter Eppingham entered drydock this evening after being towed to port from mid-Atlantic by United States Coast Guard Cutters, indicated a broken tail shaft was the only damage suffered by the 5,000 ton ship which drifted for a week before the cutter MoJave took her to tow on January 20. The Tampa towed her sister ship on January 15, and completed the tow shortly before noon today. It was believed that none of the Eppingham's \$800,000 cargo would have to be moved to permit installation of a new propeller shaft. Shipping men expected the freighter would be able to continue her voyage to European ports this weekend.

(Special to the Guardian)
WELLINGTON, N. Z., Feb. 3.—Three towns were in ruins today, more than 100 were dead and more than 1,000 injured as the result of one of the most terrible earthquakes that ever struck New Zealand. It began on North Island early yesterday morning, bringing stone and brick buildings toppling about the heads of their occupants and pedestrians in the streets and setting fire to hundreds of frame structures. Then the water supply, wrecked by the shocks, gave out and the firemen were helpless in a series of shocks. The seaport of Napier was laid waste, twelve miles away, was devastated and the buildings tumbled down by the dozen in the town of Waioa. The shocks were still continuing today and the population was stunned and helpless in the face of the disaster. Oil tanks exploded and spread flaming horror throughout Napier. In that city alone the dead were estimated at 100 and the injured at 1,000. What the tragic total would be from all three towns and other settlements in the Hawke Bay district it was impossible to foretell.

People Terror Stricken

As the houses began toppling hundreds of occupants ran in terror to the streets, and when the streets became unsafe because of falling buildings they sought shelter in parked automobiles. Then in several places walls toppled over crazily to crash on the cars killing all those within.

Shocks Continuing

The Commander Veronica who organized the first relief party shortly after the first quake struck yesterday morning, radioed that the shocks were continuing and that the peo-

ple in the devastated district were stunned by this greatest disaster which ever befell New Zealand. All early reports of casualties were expected to be exceeded as no accurate count could be made immediately. Bluff Hill, a cliff on the outskirts of Napier fell in upon itself carrying with it the houses along its slopes. Fires broke out simultaneously in many places, but the quake had wrecked a water supply system and firemen were powerless to cope with the conflagration.

LATER

WELLINGTON, New Zealand, Feb. 4.—At least five towns in the Hawke Bay province of North Island lay broken and burning today, while the earth still rocked with the continuing shocks of the earthquake that brought wholesale death and desolation to a peaceful countryside. There were known to be 125 dead in Napier and Hastings and the final figure, it was feared, would be several times that number. In Napier alone there were 1,000 injured. The quake began yesterday morning and its violence brought public buildings, houses, hospitals, stores and homes upon the unsuspecting occupants. Fire followed in the two largest towns and there was horror in the deathstrewn streets as men, women and children, panic-stricken, ran screaming to the shore or to the open country.

A great cloud of dust and smoke hung like a pall over the scenes of terror and through the choking fog licked red flames of an oil fed fire. At Napier, capital of the province, which has a population of 20,000, Bluff Hill, which stands high above the city collapsed and toppled into the sea. Stone and brick buildings fell with a continuous roar like that of an artillery barrage.

Queen Marie And Daughter



This photograph shows Queen Marie of Roumania and her daughter Helena, who have established a residence at Predael, near Sinaia, in their own country, where they are enjoying the winter sports of the district.

Rational Mentality Required Ere India Accepts Autonomy

RABINDRANATH TAGORE DE- PLORES RELIGIOUS INTOL- ERANCE IN HIS COUNTRY

BOMBAY, India, Feb. 3.—Self-government alone will yield no panacea for all the ills of India, Rabindranath Tagore, India's great man of letters, declared today on his return from a tour of the west.

"Before accepting self-government," the poet summed up, India must first attain to a rational mentality and must make the social changes which are the demands of humanity and the times.

Although he is a poet and master of all the east's wealth of imagery, Tagore spoke in essentially practical terms of his Mother Country.

Religious conflicts, poverty, pestilence and industrial backwardness, he cited as the main drawbacks of India. He found in India the only civilized country which had failed to banish religious intolerance.

"It is strange," he said, "that this evil should not have been banished by our people in their struggle to be free. In Russia religious conflicts are at an end. Kemal Pasha has subdued the religious frenzy which, for long, ran like a skein through the politics of Turkey and even in Ireland the Catholics and Protestants have submerged their differences to a great degree."

The man who won the Nobel Prize for literature 17 years ago found that India's agricultural population had remained stationary for a century while Russia had educated and improved her Asiatic population as well as her people in Europe.

"Perilous and poverty, communal strife and industrial backwardness, said he, "make our path narrow and perilous and our education has been meagre. Our people are living on the verge of famine. They do not know how to help themselves having lost their faith and confidence in their very humanity."

MONTREAL, Que., Feb. 3.—Cutting up a golf ball may be a short road to blindness, said Miss Mary McClelland, field secretary of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, addressing a woman's club. Miss McClelland referred to certain types of balls which used to contain an acid. She also spoke of pea shooters, pop guns and pointed toys as dangerous to the eyesight of children.

KINGSTON Jamaica Feb 3—The Prince of Wales and his brother, Prince George arrived on the steamship Oropesa, which is taking them to South America.

Declares Rlys. Misinterpreted 1922 Instructions

Commissioners Deliver Decision With Regard To Rates On Grain And Its Products For Domestic Consumption.

(Canadian Press)
OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 3.—Dismissing the application of the Nova Scotia Legislative committee for an order, declaring that the Canadian railways had misinterpreted the 1922 instructions of the Board of Railway Commissioners in respect of rates on grain and its products for domestic consumption, Hon. H. A. McKeown, Chief Commissioner, and Commissioner T. C. Norris today delivered a decision, the effect of which is to refuse what amounted to a request for lower rates on these commodities. The board, however, being of the opinion that a reduction in rates would be to the advantage of all concerned, intimates that an application for such a reduction framed in conformity with customary procedure would be worthy of consideration.

Associated with the Nova Scotians was the transportation commission of the Maritime Board of Trade and certain dairymen of O'Leary, P. E. I. In his judgement the Chief Commissioner makes it clear that no pronouncement is made upon the fairness or the reasonableness of the present rates, or the propriety of a change in these rates at the present time. The application was based upon what was claimed to be an erroneous interpretation by the railway companies of the judgment of 1922 relative to freight tolls generally. It was contended by the Maritime Board that under a proper construction of this judgment the existing arbitraries applicable to other commodities should be applied to the carriage of grain and flour to the maritime ports. Arbitraries are rates that are fixed without reference to mileage.

EXPLOSION ON BRITISH SUB; 12 INJURED

Largest Undersea Craft In The World Has Second Mishap In Two Years.

(Canadian Press)
CHATHAM, England, Feb. 3.—The British submarine X-1, one of the world's largest undersea craft, was for the second time in two years the scene of an explosion today. Twelve members of the crew were injured, two of them being seriously burned. The explosion took place 20 miles north of Sherness, in the Edinburgh channel. The piston of the port engine jammed and a cylinder exploded. The X-1 was able to return to port under her own power.

(Special to the Guardian)
MONTREAL, Que., Feb. 3.—When the Grand Jury was sworn in today at the opening of the February term of the Assizes, special care was taken to ascertain that every juror accepted was a British subject.

(Canadian Press)
LONDON, Feb. 3.—The MacDonald Labor Government won an easy victory in House of Commons tonight, carrying the electoral reform bill on second reading by a majority of 65 votes.

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—A ball with a thicker cover and a heavier stitch will be used in the National League this season, it was announced at the League's schedule meeting today.

(Canadian Press)
LONDON, Feb. 3.—Premier Ramsay MacDonald declared today that the Government had decided its duty was to refrain from throwing the country into a general election, unless circumstances forced it to take such a course.

Sex Disqualification Act, and yet at the first meeting of council to make appointments to civic boards at women are eliminated. Not a representative on the library board, the town planning association, or the 1931 group of the hospital board. Are members of council flaunting their defiance of women's equality of status? Are they just plain 'hogging' everything in sight?

The Weather, Etc.



TORONTO, Feb. 4.—Westerly winds, fair, not much change in temperatures.
Maximum 29
Minimum 0
High tide this afternoon at 12:16 and tonight at 11:46.
Sun rises this morning at 7:15 and sets this afternoon at 5:14.
Last quarter moon Monday, Feb. 9, 12:10 p. m.
Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS ETC.

- "Dance in I. O. C. F. Hall tonight. 3120-2-4-11.
- "Pasepartouting done at 193 Hillboro Street. 3095-2-3-31.
- "Come to the closing of Whist and Dance in Vernon Hall, Monday, February 16th. 3100-2-3-21.
- "A Dance will be held in Vernon Hall, February 16th. Special lunch will be served. 3100-2-3-21.
- "Rustico Rink tonight at 8 o'clock. North Rustico vs Oyster Bed Bridge. 3130
- "Unloading car Springhill coal at Winsloe, Thursday and Friday, Roland Beaton. 3127-2-4-21
- "Borden Line Club loading hogs, calves at Albany, Thursday, Feb. 5th. Hours 12 to 3. 3071-2-2-41
- "Hockey at Stanley Wednesday, Feb. 4th, between Sea View and Stanley. 313-2-4-11
- "Pantry Sale in aid of P. E. I. Hospital by ladies of St. Peter's Church, Saturday, February 7th, at Belmont. 3112-2-4-11.
- "Fancy Dress Carnival, Albany Rink, Saturday, Feb. 7. Prizes \$150. Also race. Prizes. Admission 15 and 20 cents. 3133-21
- "Heart Breakers of Charlottetown, River tonight, Feb. 4th. Skate and dance after game. 3133
- "Montague Shipping Club will hold their Annual Meeting in Ives Hall, Friday, February 6th, at 7.30. H. S. McEwen, Secretary. 3111-2-4-21.
- "Come to the Hockey match at Milton Rink, Wednesday night, at 8.30. Stanley, Shaw & Peardon Hockey team vs Milton Hornets. 3119-2-4-11
- "The annual meeting of the Stanley Bridge Dairying Co., will be held in Masonic Hall, Stanley, Tuesday, Feb. 10th at 1 p. m. Full attendance of shareholders and patrons requested. H. S. McEwen, Sec'y. 3045-1-31-Feb. 3-4-6-7-9-61
- "The New Glasgow Dramatic Players will present their play, 'Flora Ado About Betty' in the Family Bridge Hall, Friday evening, Feb. 6th. Good specialties. 3129-2-4-31
- "There will be a Hockey match at Quebec Rink Wednesday night, Feb. 4th, between Borden and Beloeue. This is a game for the McEwen Trophy. One 'state after' with music. Don't miss it! 3105-2-3-21

Three Killed In Train Collision

(Canadian Press)
SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 3.—Three men were killed and another seriously injured in a collision between a Denver and a Rio Grande western passenger train and a truck loaded with dynamite which blew up here this afternoon.

Bennett Home

(Canadian Press)
OTTAWA, Feb. 3.—Premier R. B. Bennett returned from Washington shortly after noon today. The Prime Minister, who spent yesterday in New York was accompanied by W. D. Merridge, K. C. of this city. Several persons were on the station platform when Mr Bennett arrived, including his sister Miss Mildred Bennett, Rt. Hon. Sir George Perley and R. H. Hadow, representing Sir, William Clark, British High Commissioner.

HAS TO EXPLAIN HIS WIVES

(Canadian Press)
BROOKLYN, Feb. 3.—Reluctance on the part of Mrs. Rose Balogh to turn over all her savings to her husband led him to renege that he had no such difficulties with his six other wives, upon which she gave him the opportunity to repeat this interesting statement in court.

"Kings County L. O. L. meets on Lyon Lodge Room Ujgs on Thursday, February 5th, 1931, at 10 A. M. George Docher, County Master. 3097-2-3-21.

Off On Flight

(Canadian Press)
WINNIPEG, Man., Feb. 3.—Favored by clear skies and a brisk tail wind, the Winnipeg-St. Paul air mail plane with pilot A. E. Jarvis at the controls took to the air at 9.30 a. m. forging the last link in an air mail chain stretching from the barrens of Canada's arctic to equatorial South America. The inaugural flight yesterday was abandoned on account of fog.

Report Denied

(Canadian Press)
QUEBEC, Que., Feb. 3.—Denial of a published report that anonymous letters had been received by parish priests, threatening the wholesale destruction of churches in this city and district, was made today by Chief of Police Trudel. He blamed poor heating installations for the recent outbreak of church fires in the province.

PEASANT WORTH \$60,000, CHIEFLY IN GOLD COINS, DIES FROM STARVATION

PARIS, Feb. 3.—Undernourishment caused the death today of Henri Creste, a rich peasant, in the small village of Bornes les Mimosas. Creste left 1,500,000 francs (about \$60,000), mostly in gold coins. He distributed paper money.

Physicians said the old peasant starved to death. He subsisted only on dried eggs, potatoes and dry beans.

CASES HEARD IN DETAIL BY TRIBUNAL

Every Assistance And Courtesy Shown To Applicants By Visiting Officials.

Coincident with the sittings in Charlottetown this week of the Pensions Tribunal, sittings in other parts of Canada are being held, the itineraries being somewhat in the manner of the sittings of a circuit court, but without the rigid formality attending upon cases at law. In fact, it is this absence of undue formality, and the evident desire of all the officials of the Tribunal to assist the deserving applicant in every way possible, that most impresses the spectator. Each case is heard in the fullest detail, and considered upon its individual merits. The presiding officers at the Charlottetown proceedings are two soldiers of distinguished war service, both of them well known in this Province, to whose judgment and sympathetic understanding the returned men naturally feel that they can appeal with every assurance and confidence.

The sittings of the Tribunal commenced about the middle of October and will continue until March 31. The method of conducting the itineraries, as explained to a Guardian representative by the presiding officers, is as follows. There are nine members of the Tribunal, one of whom Lieut. Col. Thomas Morrison V.D., the chairman, is resident permanently at Ottawa, though he is available, if required, to preside at sittings in any of the Provinces. The other eight members function in groups of two in four separate tribunals. The Eastern district presided over by Col. L. H. MacKenzie, D.S.O., V.D., and Col. N. P. MacLeod, M. C., A. D. C., extends from Trenton, Ont., to Cape Breton. The central district (Col. J. T. E. Ganong, O. B. E., and Col. J. I. Grover) extends from Trenton west to Port Arthur, but not including the latter centre. This district is a comparatively narrow one, as the area is thickly populated and there is a large number of enlistments in that section. The mid-western district (Capt. Leo Ward

Local Council Of Women Protest

EDMONTON, Alta., Feb. 3.—(By The Canadian Press)—Strongly protesting the action of the city council in failing to appoint women to civic board for 1931, the Local Council of Women passed a resolution to be sent to the city hall calling the matter to the attention of the mayor and council. A letter had been sent to the city hall by the secretary submitting the names of the officers of the Local Council of Women.

A feminine correspondent of the local press writes:

"It is only a few short months ago that a real furor of congratulations took place and compliments were showered on the five distinguished Alberta women who were successful in establishing the fact that women are persons. And further satisfaction was expressed when the legislature, to clinch matters and place something tangible on the statute books

and Capt. McKie) takes in Porth Arthur and extends west to Red Deer, Alberta; while the western district (Col. C. W. Peck, V. C., D. S. O., and Capt. E. C. MacKenzie) extends from Red Deer to the Pacific Coast. This is the arrangement, but the personnel of the tribunals functioning in the various districts is interchangeable.

The itinerary of all the tribunal bodies is set down by the chairman at Ottawa. The cases to come up for hearing at any particular session are prepared by the chief pensions advocate and his staff at Ottawa in conjunction with the district pensions advocate of the particular district concerned. This arrangement facilitates the work of the tribunal and saves loss of time.

A great deal of legal work is necessary in preparing and submitting the evidence at the various sittings. In this connection it may be said that the capable manner in which Mr. Norman W. Lowther, district pensions advocate for this Province, is performing his duties, has been favorably commented upon by the presiding officials.

The present itinerary, while it is the first of its kind to be held will not by any means be the last. Sittings, at intervals yet to be decided upon, will continue until all the cases are heard. In this Province there are in the vicinity of 100 applications, twenty-two of which are being heard during the week's proceedings.

The fullest consideration is being given by the Tribunal to all applications for pensions. The decisions are announced on the morning after the cases have been heard, and the applicants are also notified by regis-

St. Godard Leads Dog Derby

(Canadian Period)
OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 3.—Winner of eleven dog derbies in five years, Emil St. Godard seems likely to make it an even dozen tomorrow by taking the second annual Ottawa International. With two thirds of the one hundred mile grind completed the "monarch of mush" from the Pas leads the twelve drivers competing in the classic and gives every evidence of maintaining his advantage. The great threat to his capturing the Chateau Laurier gold challenge cup and the \$1,000 first prize for the successive year is "Shorty" Russick, fellow Manitoban, from Flin Flon, northern mining town, who covered the 33 1-3 mile course in the second stage of the derby today in the best time of any riders. After a thrilling duel with Mrs. E. R. Ricker of Poland Springs, Maine, Russick led home the pack in three hours, eight minutes and four seconds and slid by the only woman entrant into second place, six minutes and 53 seconds behind the young master from the Pas.

tered mail. The Tribunal does not bear applications, which are made, to the Pensions Board, and through the Board to the Tribunal. Provision for appeal has been made by the appointment of a Pensions Appeal Court, of which Mr. Justice Hyndman, a former Prince Edward Islander, is chairman.

Members of the Tribunal speak warmly of the assistance and cooperation throughout all the Provinces of the Canadian Legion. The attendance of officials of the Legion is welcomed at the proceedings and it is desirable that they have first hand knowledge of the evidence submitted and of the proceedings in each case.

Colonel L. H. MacKenzie, who, with Colonel N. P. MacLeod, is presiding at the sessions in Charlottetown, is a brother of Major J. A. MacKenzie, Charlottetown, provincial manager of the Dominion Life Assurance Company. He went overseas in March, 1915, as Adjutant with the 25th Battalion. Later he was transferred to the Canadian General Staff, under General Turner, in France, and after two years' service was sent as second in command of a Canadian expeditionary force of officers and N. C. O's to Northern Russia, where he arrived in October, 1918, and where he assisted in reorganizing the White Russian Army, which was engaged in desperate conflicts with the Bolsheviks. Colonel MacKenzie saw continuous fighting in Russia for over a year. He was in command

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