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Proposes Transfer of Congo Basin As War Debt Payment

NEW YORK, N. Y., Jan. 17.—The rich Congo Basin, lying in the heart of equatorial Africa, is proposed as payment by debtor countries, in the stead of cash reparations to the United States, by Stephen Leacock, head of the Department of Political Economy at McGill University, Montreal, in an article appearing in the New York Herald-Tribune Sunday magazine section.

Describing this area of 1,500,000 square miles, now owned in its three divisions by Belgium, France and Great Britain, as "exuberantly fertile," Professor Leacock points to the great possibilities of development. He sees the great Congo River, as the "real gateway for African trade," and says a real seaport at the mouth of the Congo would "become one of the great harbors of the world's shipping."

He says the United States with its money, machinery and brains, is the one country to undertake the great development. Thus, would be set in motion, he believes, "a new world movement of prosperity."

Negroes of the United States, descendants of the Congo natives "would come back millions of workers," says Professor Leacock, "equipped with the white man's knowledge, ingrained with the white man's purpose," after six generations of work. "All that is needed," he writes, "is a new congress on adjustment of debts and reparations on a basis of territorial sovereignty. The Belgians could be squared by letting them off their debts to England and the United States; even their own home debt of \$1,000,000,000 might be thrown in. If the sanctity of their home territory was such that it set the world to war, the lack of sanctity of their colonial territory is such that it may be used to set the world at peace. France could move out of the French Congo without knowing it, and very few British people are aware that they own any of the Congo Basin. Perhaps, even an odd corner of the map could be found for Mussolini, and an island—there are said to be 4,000 islands in the Congo—for the Germans."

Pleasant little dialogue reported from Dallas, Texas, as the result of the appearance in court of one Claud Williams, a negro, charged with being in illegal possession of whiskey?

Question: "What do you plead?" Answer: "I plead guilty and waive the hearing." Question: "What do you mean, waive the hearing?" Answer: "I means I don't want to hear no more about it."

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No New Status Under Westminster Act, Says LaPointe

(Canadian Press) MONTREAL, Que., Jan. 17.—The evolution of Canada to a state of autonomy confirmed by the statute of Westminster; the right to Canada to legislate in matters concerning the Merchant Marine; the assumption by Canada of a voice in international affairs, and "apparent contradictions" to Canada's new-found autonomy, the lack of authority to amend the constitution and the right of appeal to the Privy Council, were some of the questions discussed by Hon. Ernest LaPointe, former Minister of Justice, in an address before the Cercle Universitaire, here Saturday night.

Mr. LaPointe said in part: "In reality the act of Westminster does not confer on the dominion a new status, it does not grant it additional constitutional privileges; it gives legislative sanction to the recommendations of the Imperial Conferences of 1926, 1929 and 1930, thus attaining the last stage of an evolution of many years."

"The statute of Westminster has changed an absurd situation," the speaker said in regard to the Merchant Marine. "The colonial laws validity act does not apply any longer to Canada and the Canadian Parliament becomes the absolute master, the sole arbiter of Canadian legislation. The Canadian Merchant Marine is now under the executive jurisdiction of the Canadian Government."

"The lack of right to amend the Canadian constitution and the right of appeal to the Privy Council, the speaker characterized as "two important customs maintained from the old Colonial regime."

On Thursday evening, Dec. 31st, the members of the Bay View Women's Institute held a social evening for the purpose of watching "the old year out and the new year in." Although the evening was disagreeable, quite a large number attended and a varied and entertaining programme was carried out. The following are the numbers: Opening Chorus, Recitation, Austin Graham; Reading, Miss Irene Simpson; Solo, Miss Dorothy Warren; Recitation, Arthur Simpson; Reading, Mrs. Walter Simpson; Monologue, Mrs. Alfred Moore; Duet, Bernice and Stewart Ferguson; Recitation, Claude Graham; Duet, Mrs. Alfred Moore and Mrs. Preston Warren.

Complimentary remarks were made by Mr. Cecil Simpson, congratulating the ladies of the Institute on the work they have done in the community and wishing them success in the coming year. A dainty lunch was then served by the hostess, assisted by the ladies. The meeting closed by singing the National Anthem. And as the New Year was ushered in, each dispersed to their homes, wishing all a Happy New Year.

WESTERN GUARDIAN

—BUY IRON and Steel Horse Shoes at Brace's. 143-1-19-21.

—SLEIGH SHOE and caulk steel and bar iron in stock at Brace's. 143-1-19-21.

—HIS FRIENDS are pleased to learn of the favorable condition of Mr. Claude Morrissey, Tignish, who has been seriously ill in Halifax, N. S., for the past six weeks.

—MAKING GOOD RECOVERY—The friends of Mr. John Cameron are pleased to know that he is recovering from a serious illness. Miss Irene McLellan is the nurse in attendance. Only a short time ago Mr. Cameron was appointed to the management of the Provincial Bank at Tignish, replacing Mr. Clearence Cameron who goes to Montreal as soon as the patient recovers.—T.

—P. E. I. SPUDS—Word has been received via correspondence, of the arrival in Regina, Sask., of a carload of potatoes from Vernon River, P. E. I. Our western correspondent goes on to say how much our homely "spud" was admired and appreciated on the "prairie." Many of the western farmers were amazed to know that such a beautiful type could be cultivated anywhere, much less in "red sand".—T.

—THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Summerside Board of Trade will be held this evening in the form of a supper-meeting at the Queen Hotel. Reports of the President and Chairman of the several Committees are expected to be of interest and a good attendance of members and interested citizens is anticipated. Officers for the ensuing year will also be elected. Tickets may be obtained from the Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, Mr. G. M. Muttart, or the Secretary, R. A. Gordon. 158-1-19-11.

—WEDDING BELLS—A wedding of much interest was solemnized in the Chapel of St. Joseph's Hospital, Chicago, Ill., when Miss Mary Viola Johnston, R. N. was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Dr. Leonard Kratz, Chicago. The ceremony was performed by the hospital chaplain. The bride who is a daughter of Dr. J. A. Johnston and Mrs. Johnston, Tignish, P. E. I., is a graduate nurse of St. Joseph's Hospital, Chicago. The groom, who is a graduate of Western University, is now well established in the medical profession in the city of Chicago. The Guardian extends heartiest good wishes.—T.

—BIDFORD AND TYNE VALLEY UNITED CHURCHES.—The annual meeting of the Bidford and Tyne Valley-United Churches was held last Thursday in Bidford. The minister, Rev. John A. Nicholson presided as moderator, Mr. E. S. Burligh as secretary pro-tem. The reports presented indicated that the past year was one of the most successful in the history of this congregation. The finances were all in good shape and reports indicated that a large amount of money was raised during the past year. The minister commended the people for their faithfulness and co-operation and their zeal.

Stubborn Colds are Dangerous

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in the work despite the depression of 1931. The Lot XI and Inverness churches, which are part of the congregation did exceptionally well exceeding records of the past. Mr. R. C. Hayes, secretary of the official Board, was unable to be present owing to being indisposed. With the success of the past year assured the congregation is looking forward to an even better year in 1932.

—KENSINGTON—A Young People's Society has lately been organized in connection with the Kensington Presbyterian Church with the following staff of officers. Pres. Mrs. (Rev.) W. O. Rhoad, Vice-Pres. Miss May Walker, Secy, Miss Greta Bernard, Treas. Miss Helen Profit, Organist, Mr. Dave Griffiths. On a recent date the young folks, thirty in number, held an enjoyable sleighing party; on return they went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Bernard and spent the remainder of the evening with games and contests. Messrs. George Hiltz and Dave Griffiths furnished lively music for the occasion. The young ladies served dainty refreshments. Congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Jardine on the birth of a young daughter on Sat., Jan. 16th. Rev. W. E. Davis was a week-end visitor in Kensington. He conducted the Sacramental service in the Presbyterian church on Sunday, Jan. 17th. The many friends of Mr. Hugh J. MacKay of New London are sorry to hear of his serious illness at the home of his sister, Mrs. J. A. Stewart, at Kelvin.

—ENTERTAINMENT AND DANCE—The outstanding social event of the season in Montague was the entertainment and dance held in the I. O. O. F. Hall under the auspices of Acme Rebekah Lodge, No. 67, Montague. The chaperons for the evening were Mrs. C. B. Green, Mrs. M. I. McDonald, Mrs. M. Reynolds, Mrs. L. H. Coffin, and Mrs. R. W. Stewart. The entertainment opened at eight thirty with a chorus followed by an address by the Mayor, Mr. L. B. Mellish. Piano solo by Miss Agnes Anner, duet by Mr. J. P. Beer and Mr. Allison McLean, reading by Miss Francis Coffin, instrumental music by Mr. William McLean, vocal duet, by Miss Agnes Anner and Mrs. Allan Mosher. A much appreciated feature was an address and reading given by Mrs. A. J. Houle of Charlottetown, vice president of the Rebekah Assembly of the Maritime Provinces. Solo, Mrs. William Garlick short talk and reading by Mr. A. J. Houle. A wedding gift was presented to Mrs. Hubert Poole, who, though taken by surprise, thanked the lodge in a few well chosen words for their kindness and good wishes. Dance music was supplied by Mr. Daniel MacIntyre and Mr. John Webster. About six card tables were in play. A delightful lunch was served by the Rebekahs. The evening was brought to a close by the singing of God Save the King.—H.

—PERSONALS—The friends of Mr. J. A. Brennan, Tignish, are pleased to learn that he is recovering from a severe attack of bronchitis.—T.

Montreal Visited By Heavy Rains

(Canadian Press) MONTREAL, Que., Jan. 18 — A light snowfall yesterday morning gave promise of a return to more seasonal weather here but later in the day it was marred by a driving rain which froze to anything it touched and formed a dangerous coating of ice on the streets. While motorists were considerably hampered in driving no serious accidents had been reported tonight.

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—POULTRY.—For the balance of this month we will receive Dressed Chicken and Fowl unfrozen at our warehouse on Wednesday and Thursday of each week on account for trade only and subject to current market prices. Poole & Thompson, Limited. 77-1-14-thur-sat-tue-31.

—CARLOAD FOR NEEDY AREA—The canvass for mixed vegetables, canned goods and preserves by the United Church of Sturgeon, Valleyfield. Lower Montague and Montague was well responded to and a carload was shipped to the needy area in Saskatchewan last week. The canvassers were met everywhere by cheerful willing givers who were glad to share what they had to help alleviate the suffering in the stricken province of the West.—H.

—INSTITUTE—The monthly meeting of the Montague Women's Institute was held in the League rooms of the Memorial School on Friday evening. The President, Mrs. Harry Davison, was supported by a large number of enthusiastic members. The sum of twenty five dollars was donated for prizes to be awarded to scholars at the close of the school year. It was decided the Institute would purchase some new maps for the school. It was also decided at this meeting to have the Institute organ repaired so that the work of teaching music in the school may be continued. Two new members were enrolled. This organization is doing a splendid work in Montague and is deserving of the hearty support of the citizens of the town.—H.

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—Mr. Leo MacNally, Maritime foreman of the Island Telephone Company, Montague, was a recent visitor to South Lake. While there he installed a new switchboard.—H.

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Five Killed When Auto Overturns (Associated Press) CORNING, N. Y., Jan. 18—Five members of a gay family party returning in an overcrowded automobile from a country dance met death early yesterday in the crash of their machine with a fast Erie passenger train at Addison, ten miles southwest of here. The tragedy struck a hard blow at the family of Arthur Woodbeck of Addison. Woodbeck, 30, was killed instantly. His wife, Ruth, 24, and two of their five children, Ethel, 4, and Floyd 3, died in Corning Hospital a short time after the crash of burns sustained in the flaming wreckage. Harold Stamford, 27, of Tuscarora, died in an ambulance. The other seven occupants in the automobile were injured some seriously.

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