

FRENCH ACT FOR OLD AGE PENSIONS

PARIS, Dec. 16 (Special)—The French Old Age Pensions Act, which has many resemblances to the English Insurance Act, has now been in force for a year and four months, and it is so far from having come up to the expectations of its supporters that the Minister of Labor has decided to bring in a Bill to amend the Act with a view to restoring the compulsory principle. The official statistics concerning the working of the Act are quite untrustworthy, and the Director of the largest co-operative association in France, which numbers in all its branches about a million members and which has carried on a propa-

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GERMANS BELIEVE IN THEIR GUNS

BERLIN, Dec. 16 (Special)—None of the slings and arrows which envious rivals have been levelling at the Fatherland for many years have quite ruffled German sensibilities so much as the insinuation that Krupp guns have failed in the Balkan war. No more unanimous or fervid protest could have been sent up by the nation if the reputation of the Kaiser himself were at stake. A slur on Krupp is unmistakably an aspersion on the Empire itself.

The semi-official "Cologne Gazette" is particularly resentful over the suggestions that Essen-made artillery has been proved inferior to the French Creusot guns. "Our jealous and malicious rivals abroad," it says, "have even gone so far as to allege that Bulgarian victories have been won by the shells of the Creusot works. Now, everybody knows that Bulgaria, as the price of securing a loan in Paris, had to yield to the pressure of the French Government and order guns in Creusot; but King Ferdinand's War Office was prudent enough not to buy its ammunition there, but from Krupp. Above all, Bulgaria studiously refrained from purchasing any French powder. Had she done so, her gunners would today be lying cold in their graves."

UNSINKABLE SHIPS

BERLIN, Dec. 16 (Special)—The question of the unsinkability of modern seagoing ships was discussed at the recent meeting of the German Society of Naval Architects, which held its annual meeting in Berlin.

Professor Oswald Flamm, one of the most eminent of German naval architects, Professor of Naval Architecture at the Technical University in Charlottenburg, in the course of a paper pointed out that in England the necessity for water-tight compartments was repeatedly urged by the technical experts, especially by the Admiralty, but for a long time all efforts to secure this provision for the safety of the ship were frustrated by the opposition of the shipowners. The Board of Trade and Lloyd's, he added, also did nothing to promote such efforts. In order to induce British shipowners to adopt a sensible arrangement of water-tight compartments, the Board of Trade issued in the year 1888, the "hateful regulation" permitting vessels constructed with water-tight compartments to carry only half the prescribed number of lifeboats. This regulation, he added, has been bitterly avenged by the "Titanic" disaster.

R. M. JOHNSON HAS PASSED AWAY

(From Yesterday's Evening Guardian)

The news that R. M. Johnson, Charlottetown, had passed away in the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, last evening, came as a severe shock to his wide circle of relatives and friends, as his recovery, after a very serious operation, was confidently looked forward to, the progress at first being very satisfactory.

At the time of going to press no particulars had been received but it is understood complications set in, resulting as above.

The late Mr. Johnson was a prominent member of society, a leader in Church work, being for several years Superintendent of the First Methodist Sunday School and holding other prominent positions in the Church. He also served on the School Board and the City Council of Charlottetown, taking a leading stand for the welfare and progressiveness of his home city.

As a leading druggist he was known throughout the Province for his skill and courtesy to all.

He was a son of the late Dr. Rich-

POLISH PROBLEM IN GERMANY

BERLIN, Dec. 16 (Special)—The fact is not generally known that there is a Polish problem and peril in Germany. With the view of promoting national union and strength a grand panacea has been formulated for the Germanization of the non-Germanic people. The principal features of this official measure are the absolute suppression of any native language save German, the alternation of Slavonic and Lithuanian names to a German form, and when necessary the removal of families and communities from regions where they are surrounded by non-German, and therefore dubious, elements to others, where they would be surrounded by the most emphatically German influences, the idea being that the alien race should be merged and lost in the German people. In pursuance of this plan a large number of Polish citizens were forcibly transferred a few years ago from the banks of the Vistula to Westphalia and other districts comprised in the Western Marches.

TRIUMPH OF FRENCH ARMS

PARIS, Dec. 16 (Special)—At the time of the Russo-Japanese campaign Frenchmen backed the wrong horse, and the humiliation of their allies was a sore disappointment to them. In the Balkan War, however, French sympathies have from the start been with the allied States, and their victories have been hailed with jubilant satisfaction. But, apart from the pleasure felt by Frenchmen at the successful efforts of their allies to overthrow the Turk, there is a national pride born of the conviction that the Bulgarians and the Servians and the Greeks have vanquished the troops of the Sultan because they learned the art of war in French military colleges and fought with French cannon. When, further, it is remembered that at Kirk Killise and Lule Burgas the French guns were matched against German artillery, it will be conceded that the crushing defeat inflicted on the Turks at these battles is some justification for French complacency. The Balkan War has been very largely a question of guns, and the fuel between the French artillery of the Allies and the German artillery of the Turks has resulted in the triumph of the cannon made at Creusot.

ard Johnson and leaves to mourn, besides his wife, who was in Montreal with him, one daughter Miss Eleanor, his mother, and brother Arthur, now in the Southern States.

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THE FATTEST RUNNER

CHICO, Col., Dec. 11.—The fattest boy—for he is yet a boy—in Northern California, and the fattest employe of the United States on the Pacific coast, celebrated his twenty-first birthday at his home in Yuba City. He is Reginald C. Kimball, and he tips the scales at 366 pounds.

Kimball is employed by the government carrying mail from the station at Yuba City and Marysville to the post office. He is also an employe of the Wells Fargo Company, and it is said that he weighs as much as any

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