OLD NEW ENGLAND

"STOP PAYING MONEY" IN CANAL ZONE CLAIMS, GEN. GOETHALS URGES

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Advocates Rigorous Measure to Compel Change in Land Commission's Methods of Making Awards

SEEMS HELPLESS U. S.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—"Who is re-monsible." was the quesition the House commerce Committee sought to solve to-day in its investigation of charges by Gen-eral George W. Goethals that the United States has been robbed of \$17,000,000 in land deals in the Pamana Canal zone. Tes-timony submitted by General Goethals laid the responsibility at the door of the Joint Land Commission in charge of the settling of land claims under the Panama treaty. General Goethals, despite close quesiton-ing by members of the committee, was rejuctant to make direct charges. He said, however, that attorneys prosecuting land WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 .- "Who is rehowaver, that attorneys prosecuting land claims before the commission were getting 50 per cent. of the awards made to almants.

"Are there any imputations against the Panama members of that commissionthat they are getting a percentage?" asked Representative Dillon.

"No," answered General Goethals.

General Goethals said that some of the Panama members of the last commis-sions "had been dismissed because of irconcilable conduct."

"We have really benefited nothing by the change," he added.

Plans are now under way, General Goethals said, to acquire land outside of the canal zone for use in connection with fortifications for the canal. The payment for this land would come under the juris-diction of the land commission, he said, and the same extravagant payment would undoubtedly be made unless some action was taken. He said it was planned to clear the entire zone itself of all settlers and others, leaving only the American military and administrative authorities.

Members of the committee, remarking that the Panama treaty gave the joint commission arbitrary authority over land claims, expressed doubt that Congress could override the commission by legisla-tive action. General Goethals pointed out that the commission was violating the treaty by overpayments.

"There is only one way to put a stop to this," said General Goethals, "and that is to stop paying money."

CZAR'S NEW ARMY SET FOR HEAVY OFFENSIVE: **RUSSIA REGENERATED**

Whole Country Reorganized, With Industrial and Military Machinery Effective, **Correspondent Finds**

INCOMPETENTS' OUSTED

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sta is strikingly apparent to any observer of Russian affairs, who, familiar with the disorderly condition in Russia six months ago, compares it with the effective indus-trial and military machinery of today. An American correspondent left Russia when its military fortunes were at the lowest ebb. The army was inadequately provisioned and munitioned. An ineffiprovisioned and munitoned. An ineffi-cient internal management not only de-feated the chances of military achieve-ment for the moment, but created a spirit of uneasiness and criticism among the people which threatened national solidar-ity. He has returned to find the country thoroughly reorganized.

INCOMPETENT OFFICIALS OUT. Graft and bribery seemingly to a great extent has been weeded out. Officials Executive Will Be Host to Former found to be incompetent and intrigues have been dismissed. These men had held up munition contracts and clogged the whole machinery of army equipment and provisioning. In general, they had conducted the business of war as if it were an operation for their personal profit. The process of the purchas-ing commissions of the Government has now been simplified and improved. Fornow been simplified and improved. For-merly it was encumbered with countless intermediate steps and formalities, which seriously delayed the arrival of munitions when most needed. The result is a Rus-sian army now spiendidly equipped with ammunition and rifles. Under these conditions, with a large conditions with a mark Under these conditions, with a large available supply of ammunition, and therefore the possibilities of a successful offensive increasing daily, the Russian staff appears inclined to mark time for a few weeks, until weather conditions allow the army to exert its new power to the fullest advantage. A great factor in the increased strength of the Russian army is the character of the new troops. They are vastly superior in intelligence and training to those with which Russia started the war. The which Russia started the war. The whole army has taken on greater con-fidence and higher spirit in the knowledge that the impediments in the war machinery, which were painfully patent to the soldiers during the last summer's retreat, have been overcome.

Leon and Albert Sterling, young violinists, of 12 and 13, who will play at the concert in Camden tonight of the Ahav Zedak Congregation. BOY VIOLINISTS **TO PLAY IN CAMDEN** Leon and Albert Sterling, 11 Government Will Pay for Cargo and 13 Years Old, Will Perform Two young violinists will be the chief Two young violinists will be the chief musical attraction tonight at the concert and ball of the Ahav Zadek Congrega-tion, 5th and Arch streets, Camden, Thoy are Leon and Abert Sterling, and, al-though their ages are but 11 and 13 years, they have played before critical audiences and scored successes. They live with their purents, at 53 East State street, Camden. The concert will be held at Towers' Hall, Broadway and Pine street, Camden. The proceeds will go toward building a ewish Sabbath school for the children of upper Camden. The committee in charge

ewish Sabbath school for the children of apper Camden. The committee in charge includes Jacob Rosencranz, chairman; Louis Levin, secretary; Jacob Tarter, treasurer; Max Greenberg, Samuel Mat-ter, Harry Solave, Israel Kress, William Storling, William Rothman. Concert Committee, Harry Lutz, chairman; Miss Lillian Sterling, Miss Mildred Sobel, Miss Minnle Lizak, Miss Sophia Freedlander. Miss2Clara Meyera, Jacob Dash and Harry J. Lutz. The Reception Commit-tee is Samuel Matter, Louis Levin and Israel Kress. The Floor Committee is Benjamin Dash, William Sterling and Harry J. Lutz.

MAYOR SMITH TO ENTERTAIN CROKER AT DINNER TONIGHT

SHOWN AT DISPLAY Life of Colonial Days Reproduced by Society of Arts and Letters Here

Captain Miles Standish in his blunt way might clank up the stairs today in the New Century Drawing Rooms, 12th street above Walnut, and find there John Alden, his unwilling rival in love, and Priscilla, demure and maldenly, in their quaint New England village.

The captain would feel perfectly at home even if he didn't find his friends. On his left, as he entered the auditorium, he would see three buildings, and it is a safe guess that he would make for the middle one. An old New England kitchen he would find there, with the proper setting

and the smoke curling up the chimney. Finking the kitchen, he would see a little church and school on the same di-minutive scale. Across the way, and on his right, he would be confronted by the interior of a real Pilgrim cabin, with the loom and spinnet, old-fashloned "four-poster" and the solid, substantial furni-ture of our forefathers.

It is a display of the arts and crafts of Colonial New England by the Society of Arts and Letters of Philadelphia. In con-junction with this there is a display of the work of members of the society, in-cluding paintings in oil and water-color liaing paintings in oil and white-coor miniatures and photographs. It opened last night and will end with the exhibi-tion tonight. The affait has been so suc-ceasiful that the society intends to hold it annually. It is the first of its kind ever held in this city.

Young women in appropriate costumes attend the night exhibitions and lend color and reality to the scenes. Descendants of the Pilgrims who came over in the May-flower, were invited to attend. The ex-ultion will be attend. hibition will be open to the public tonight, the admission price being 50 cents.

Tiresome

A Milwaukee man told the Judge that he had been "driven to drink." It is talk of that kind that tires one more than work does. Every man holds the whiphandle to his own appetite, and when he lays it on somebody else he is generally as big a liar as he is a coward. -Houston Post.

Explosion Precedes Sweep of Flames at Rendezvous of Americans

FIRE DESTROYS CLUB

IN TORONTO, ONE DEAD

American clitzens hving in I oronto par-chased the building. The club in addition to being the head-quarters of the American clitzens in Toronto was the rendesvous of travelers from the United States, and theatrical people made their headquarters there people made their while in Toronto.

The Dead Sea Not So Dead The name "Dead Sea" nowhere occurate the Bible, and was not used by before the time of Christ, says the Christ tian Herald. The name was avidently give to the lake on account of the belief that no life existed in it. But some low forms of life are found in the water, and many small animals and birds live uses

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TORONTO, Feb. 16. Starting with an explosion on the top floor of the building, fire completely de-mroyed the premises at 17 and 19 West Wellington street, occupied by the Amer-lean Club, early today. One man was killed and two injured. Captain A. S. Minard, of the 97th Overseas Battallon American legion), was so badly burned that he is unconscious in the Ontario Club. The cnretaker, Edward Johnston, jumped from the top floor and is in St. Michael's Hospital with a fractured skull.

In one of the rooms downstairs there were two shells found, but whether they were loaded or not is not known. The explosions which occurred may have beer from a shell in the building. The loss was \$50,000.

James Coomber, night porter, and Ton James Coomber, night porter, and Tom Banks, engineer, were slightly burned, and it was reported that several guests who lived at the club had lost their lives. So sudden was the cutburst of flames that no one had time to give the alarm to those who were asleep in the build-ing. The explosion tore cut part of the Wellington street wall of the building and caused the roof to cave in. Several officers of the American legion were in the buildings at the time of the

wore in the building at the time of the fire, but most of them managed to escape

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out the rear doors and windows. They were at once taken to the Ontario Club. The American Club was opened in the autumn of 1913, when several hundred American citizens living in Toronto pur-



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LORIDA attracts the home-seeker, the capitalist and the tourist, because of its near-perfect climate, the fertility of its soil and its unparalleled opportunities for the enjoyment of outdoor life at a time when the inhabitants of other states are ice-bound and blizzard-stricken. Practically all of Florida offers an asylum from the rigors of a Northern winter. Many portions of the state can boast of fertile lands and modern, aggressive communities. No single locality, however, has all the fish and game nor all the attractions that are part and parcel of the Land of Flowers and every-day sunshine. But there is always one spot in any large area of earthly surface that is just a little better than anything else of its kind. In every state there is a locality more highly favored by nature than other portions of the same geographic division. That Pineilas County is a concrete illustration of the truth of this statement can be readily demonstrated. The particular point where every general climatic advantage is present, but withal a locality possessing positive attractions peculiarly its own.

BRITAIN TO INDEMNIFY SHIPPERS FOR DELAY

PERFORMERS AT CONCERT

Neutrals

LONDON,, Feb. 16. Consideration of the question of treat-ment of neutral shippers raised by the American notes to Great Britain has reached an advanced stage, with the pros-tent of Immortant modifications designed pect of Important modifications designed to benefit the status of neutral shippers. Under the present system, when cargoes of perishable goods are seized, the goods are sold and the proceeds afferward returned to the shipper in case he estab-lishes the bona fide character of the shipment. But deductions are made from the proceeds so that the shipper pays the expense of detention, part dues, demur-rage, etc., and the amount nominally re-turnable to him is thus eaten up by charges, notwithstanding that the bona de character of the shipment has been established.

established. The new principle under consideration and likely to be applied will protect neu-tral shippers from charges, and in case the cargoes are detained or subjected to loss the shipper will be given an indemnity According to the new system. If there

is loss due to mistaken seizures it will be borne by the Government instead of by the shipper, and an indemnity will be given for an interrupted voyage.

Aside from this feature there also will be a system of fines and checks designed to warn i ... ippers to observe complete good faith.

Detentions Incurred by



REFORMS PLANNED BY DUMA.

The Duma, which will resume sessions a week hence, is expected to carry forward progressive reforms aimed principally at perfecting Russia's internal reformation. One of the most prominent leaders in the Duma informed the correspondent that the principal questions which would occupy the attention of that body were: "The creation of a new system of co-opoccupy the attention of that body were: "The creation of a new system of co-op-craitive societics, which purported to elim-inate the present excessive profils by re-ducing prices of ordinary commodities to the mormal lovel. New legislation issuing from fowns and municipalities which are floaded with refugees, to care for and gov-srn the new population. Extension of the franchise in order to meet a situation in which the major part of the enfranin which the major part of the enfran-chined citizens is at the front and an at-tempt to improve transportation facil-

The cardinal aim of the Duma, however, will be a supreme effort to establish greater harmony between itself and the Government

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Edward F. Croker, former fire chief of New York city, will be tendered a ban-quet by Mayor Thomas B. Smith tonight at the Hotel Adelphia. The function, it is understood, has no political significance.

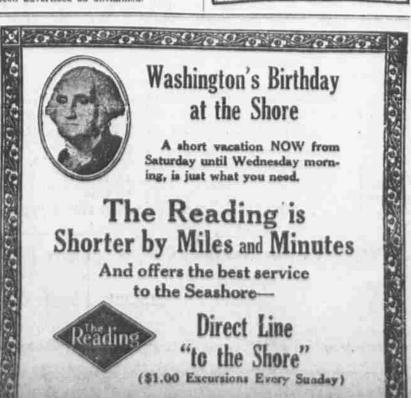
is understood, has no political significance, the guest of honor being an old friend of the Mayor. The banquet will be served in the Ivory Room, and among the other guests of Mayor Smith will be the following: Direc-tor of Public Safety W. H. Wilson, Re-ceiver of Taxes W. Freeland Kendrick, Harry Dolfinger, M. H. Newborn, Paul Heine, Charles L. Martin, E. S. Chappelle, Charles E. Gehring, Charles R. Wilson, D. P. Provan, Congressman William S. Vare, City Solicitor John P. Connelly, State Senator James P. McNichol, Horace Trumbauer, Joseph C. Smith, Earle Will-Trumbauer, Joseph C. Smith, Earle Will-lams and Fred A. Reed.

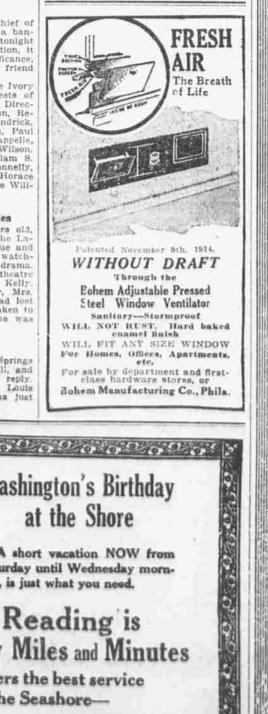
Woman Falls Dead at Movies

Mrs. Margaret Kennedy, 54 years old, of 3314 Rover street, fell dead in the La-Grastic Rober street, led denia in the La fayette Theatre, --ensington avenue and Cambria street, last night, while watch-ing the presentation of a war film drama. Mrs. Kennedy was attending the theatre with her daughter, Mrs. sohn Kelly. Turning to speak to her mother, Mrs. Kelly noticed the older woman had lost consciousness. The woman was taken to the Episcopal Hospital, where she was unced dead.

Anybody Seen Suver?

"Has any one in Excelsior Springs seen G. H. Suver" asks The Call, and not even a whisper is heard in reply. Suver has on deposit in two St. Louis banks more than \$9000 which has just been advertised as unclaimed.





What the U. S. Government Says About Incomes and Wealth THE FARMER

On American farms there are 5,000,000 families worth over \$6000 each. The total farm capital of the country is \$40,991,440,000, more than that of the railroads and manufacturers combined. The average income of 2,000,000 farmers is over \$2500.

ALL OTHERS

In towns and cities there are 1,000,000 families worth over \$5000 each. The total manufacturing capital of the country is \$18,428,269,706. The total railroad capital of the country is \$19,752,536,264. The average income of the American factory worker is \$568 per year.

The farmer has the largest income-the largest net income-and the most fixed wealth of any class in America; the farmer bought one-half of all the automobiles sold last year and every farmer in America has a job today.

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