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A Loss the Public Will Not Feel

Announcement is made by heirs of the old Sutro estate that three paintings belonging to the estate, and "which cost fifty years ago more than \$10,000," have been stolen from "a large structure formerly used as a stable by the Sutro family, just outside the walls of Sutro Heights park." One of the heirs of the estate "declared that the thieves had not only robbed her of family treasures but had robbed San Francisco of some of its historical treasures." Since these paintings—one of which pictures the old Cliff House in the early seventies—

have for years been hidden among the cobwebbed rafters of the old Sutro barn it is probable that the people of San Francisco will feel no sense of loss at the thievery. If these paintings possessed real historical interest, or any interest, it is a wonder that the Sutro heirs did not hang them on the walls of the Golden Gate Park museum where they might be seen by the public and where they would be safe. As it is few will be likely to commiserate the Sutro heirs while many will wonder what the thieves expect to do with the pictures now they have got them.

The Paris Figaro has been figuring up the league of nations overhead costs and finds them not only staggering but unreasonable. The secretary general, to begin with, gets \$50,000 a year. Then there is one under secretary who gets \$30,000, and two more who each get \$20,000. So, there is the league duly secretaried at the considerable cost of \$115,000 a year. Then comes six directors, each with from \$25,000 to \$20,000 a year. After them trail forty-eight members of the judicial, political and administrative commissions, drawing salaries of from \$7500 to \$5000 each. Albert Thomas, the head of the labor bureau, refrains

from labor at a salary of \$30,000 a year. As for the members of the reparations commission, each of them gets a salary of something over \$100,000 a year. By this time, the league has got the machinery in motion preparatory to the opening of the real money-spending season. The Figaro estimates that the share France will have to pay for the mere overhead disbursements will be 3,000,000 francs per annum, and it respectfully submits that this is too much. "Well, in view of results to date, maybe 3,000,000 francs for France is a shade excessive," remarks Colonel George Harvey in his Weekly. "However, that is France's affair, not ours."

UNEMPLOYMENT A SERIOUS PROBLEM IN GREAT BRITAIN

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The government in its statement to Parliament very recently, was able to give but little satisfaction to labor's demands for a solution of the unemployment problem; which daily grows more urgent.

On the three main difficulties facing the Government at the present moment, finance, Ireland and unemployment, it is reported that the Government views unemployment as the most serious. This is probably because the recent slump in trade aggravates the trouble and eliminates hope of betterment in the near future.

The statement in Commons, which was presented by T. J. Macnamara, Minister of Labor, admitted the extreme seriousness of the situation, which, said the Minister, made the Christmas outlook the darkest in many years.

He believed that these men, on whom the Government had spent 35,000,000 pounds (normally \$175,000,000) since the armistice, were quite sincere in saying they wanted not gold, but work.

The Minister announced that a special committee of business men would be appointed under the chairmanship of Lord St. Davids to coordinate the relief activities throughout the country. 3,000,000 pounds (\$15,000,000) would be placed at the disposal of this committee to assist the local authorities in executing approved schemes of useful work.

Mr. Macnamara announced that a short bill would be introduced amending the Unemployment Insurance Act so that the unemployed would not be obliged to qualify for unemployment benefits by being employed for four weeks and making a contribution to the insurance. He again referred to the arterial road schemes previously announced.

Premier Lloyd George, in reply to the criticisms of Mr. Macnamara's statement, agreed that the Government scheme was of a temporary character to relieve immediate distress. He contended that unemployment was the inevitable sequel of the great war and was not confined to England. On the contrary, it was to be found in even the United States, he added.

He feared the nation would have to face the problem of emigration. It was not a pleasant suggestion, but he meant emigration within the British Empire. Such emigration would not be a loss, but would strengthen the empire, creating a greater sense of kinship.

In keeping with the Prime Minis-

ter's suggestion, Sir John Norton Griffiths appealed for an immediate scheme to state aided emigration to the dominions, asking the Premier to ascertain by cable how many trained husbandmen Canada and Australasia could absorb, with a grant of from 100 to 200 pounds per head.

STATE BANK DEVELOPMENT IS IOWA'S PRIDE

DES MOINES, Iowa, Dec. 29 (by the Associated Press).—Iowa has achieved such remarkable results in state park creation and development that the first national conference on parks is to be held here January 10-12 under the joint auspices of the department of the interior and the state of Iowa. Experts from every state will be present to discuss park problems and incidentally to learn how Iowa has been able to do so much.

Ninety-seven out of every one hundred acres in Iowa are capable of cultivation, according to official statistics, leaving only three per cent of parkable land. That three per cent, however, contains some interesting outdoor things. The Indian mounds, for instance, several hundred of which are scattered over the state, are in a minor way to the United States what the pyramids are to Egypt, relics of an ancient civiliza-

tion. About fifty of the mounds are within state parks, while the others will be included in the parks to be laid out in the future. Some of them have been despoiled for their treasures of pottery, beads and fighting implements, but many remain intact and officials of the Iowa Historical department hope some day to have an adequate collection of the utensils which the first Americans used in their every day life.

The ice caves of Iowa are another interesting part of its park system. They owe their existence, probably, to those prehistoric seas which once covered this territory, for they are found in limestone regions, where the rock is porous. In the winter these cavities store up cold air. When summer comes and the corn begins to grow under the impulse of a burning sun, the frigid air escapes slowly, coating the mouth of the caves with rime and hoarfrost.

These caves in turn give rise to one of the most interesting botanical phenomena of this country—the survival in Iowa of trees and flowers that have their normal range far to the north. While Iowa swelters, the temperature of the soil on the rocks near the caves remains at 50 to 55 degrees and there frequently grow the balsam fir of the north woods and the acornite or monk's hood of the mountains. In Iowa parks may be seen the most southwestern distribution of white pine in the United States. While in western Iowa are found arid plants commonly associated with the desert and high mountain plateaus of the far west.

Many other states doubtless could provide equally good attractions for parks at home and that is what the national conference on parks service is for. Stephen T. Mather, director of the national park service, will be here to discuss the work of the national parks, while others will tell of state park work, notably Dr. L. H. Pammel, chairman of the Iowa conservation board, who will explain how Iowa surmounted its difficulties.

SACRAMENTO.—The legislature convening Monday, will be asked to enact a measure providing for the establishment in California of a court of industrial relations, similar to the one created in Kansas, the purpose of which would be to adjust labor disputes by compulsory arbitration or adjudication.

BENICIA.—Shells for coast defense target practice are now being manufactured at the Benicia Arsenal.

SANTA ROSA.—James Clark Mailer, pioneer merchant, two times Mayor of Santa Rosa and thirty-third degree Mason has passed away after a long illness.



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TENSELY INTERESTING SCREEN PRODUCTION

"Heliotrope" has taken the town by storm. It is proving as popular as its famous predecessor, "Humoresque." "Heliotrope" will be shown at the New Santa Cruz theater the last time tonight.

The big picture made a profound impression on yesterday's audiences. Its great theme is father-love and the sacrifices that such a love is capable of. Frederick Burton, who plays the role of "Heliotrope Harry," the convict who makes the great sacrifice that the happiness of his daughter may be insured, makes motion picture history through his great acting. Julia Swayne Gordon is his evil wife, and her characterization of the part—a difficult one—is equally excellent. Diana Allen has the part of the daughter. The picture has been filmed with the usual artistic value seen in Paramount productions.

A news weekly and a Paramount magazine, in addition to special musical selections by Organist Hawley, complete the big program.

The popular Dorothy Gish will be at the New Santa Cruz again tomorrow. She will be screened in her latest dramatic comedy, "Flying Pat." Also on the New Year program will be the Sennett comedy, "A Fickle Fancy."

HOW HE ENDED KIDNEY TROUBLE

"I had a severe attack of kidney trouble and for three weeks could not get out of doors and scarcely out of bed," writes C. E. Brewer, Village Springs, Ala. "Could not bend over at all without the most excruciating pains. I purchased a bottle of Foley Kidney Pills. Was relieved after first few doses and continued their use until completely cured. I consider Foley Kidney Pills the best kidney remedy in the world. No recurrence of my trouble." Palmer Drug Co.—Adv.

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