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### NEW EINSTEIN THEORY.

The Berlin "Neue Freie Presse" stated in March last that Professor Einstein during his recent voyage in the Indian Ocean had made a discovery which would create an even greater sensation than the relativity theory. It deals with the connection between gravitation and terrestrial magnetism. The discovery was the result of an investigation of the properties of amber. According to a telegram from Berlin to the "New York Herald," "Professor Einstein does not consider that the general public is capable of understanding his latest theory, which he evolved on a long voyage from Japan, and he does not intend to attempt to present it publicly until it has been thoroughly discussed by scientists. This is the only information which is given at his home to enquirers. At the Berlin Academy of Science, to which Professor Einstein's theory has been submitted in writing by the Privy Counsellor, Professor Plank, it could only be learned that the treatise bears the title, 'Comment on the General Relativity Theory.' It is reported to contain deductions based on his theory formerly announced which deals with the entire problem of gravitation and cohesion. Members of the physical and mathematical department of the academy were equally reticent in discussing the matter until they have thoroughly mastered the details. It is believed the new theory may contain wide departures from the present accepted teachings regarding gravitation and cohesion."

### 'VARSITY' SPORTS.

#### L. J. NESBIT THE CHAMPION.

The Adelaide University Athletic Club held their annual sports gathering at the University Oval on Friday afternoon, in the presence of a fairly large crowd of spectators. The events were keenly contested, and, although no records were broken, the athletic standard of the students was fully maintained. There were in all 20 events, every one of which was completed strictly on time, an occurrence rare enough to be of note. The Cup winner was L. J. Nesbit, who won comfortably with 15 points to his credit, the second man (R. Krantz) gaining seven. Nesbit won three of the Cup events—the 100 yards race, 220 yards, and 440 yards—being in the two first-mentioned races closely followed by R. Krantz. L. V. Fellow (the scratch man) was again invincible in the graduates' sprint. Details:—

100 Yards Handicap (final).—S. Krantz, M. Joyner, D. G. McKay. Time, 11 1-5s.  
High Jump (cup event).—J. D. Chapman, G. Cain, R. Krantz and F. R. Wicks (dead heat). Height, 5 ft. 5 in.  
440 Yards Handicap.—O. Sangster, B. Griff, O. H. Solomons. Time, 52 2-5s.  
100 Yards Championship (cup).—L. J. Nesbit, R. Krantz, G. H. Howard. Time, 10 4-5s.  
Throwing the Hammer.—J. D. Chapman, B. S. Meucke, J. Harris. Distance, 76 ft. 5 1/2 in.  
220 Yards Championship (cup).—L. J. Nesbit, R. Krantz. Time, 23 3-5s.  
Pole Vault.—E. G. Harbison, H. L. Davie, A. T. Harbison. Height, 9 ft. 3 1/2 in.  
120 Yards Hurdles Championship (cup).—J. Harris, G. M. Hone. Time, 17 3-5s.  
220 Yards Handicap.—C. Sangster, W. R. C. Morris, D. G. McKay. Time, 23 3-5s.  
800 Yards Handicap.—Trudinger, R. J. de N. Souter and H. Leader (dead heat). Time, 2m. 15 3-5s.  
800 Yards Championship (cup).—R. H. Lea, J. G. Kessell, G. P. McMahon. Time, 2m. 11 3-5s.  
440 Yards Championship (cup).—L. J. Nesbit, C. J. Piper. Time, 1m.  
Putting the Shot.—J. D. Chapman, G. M. Hone, M. S. Joyner. Distance, 53 ft. 8 1/2 in.  
Long Jump (cup).—D. G. McKay, E. J. Harbison, S. Krantz. Distance, 19 ft. 10 1/2 in.  
120 Yards Hurdles Handicap.—Fox, Harris. Time, 17 4-5s.  
Inter-school Flag Race.—Law school, medical school, art school.  
440 Yards Hurdles Handicap.—I. S. Magarey, M. S. Joyner, B. E. Lawrence.  
Graduates' Race (100 yards).—L. V. Fellow, H. M. Fisher. Time, 10 7-10s.  
Mile Handicap.—W. Richardson, H. R. P. Boucaut. Time, 5m. 8s.  
Mile Championship (cup).—R. Ingleby, R. H. Lea, J. S. Kessel. Time, 4m. 58s.  
Lady Bridges presented the prizes.

#### The Officials.

Judges.—Track—Messrs. G. M. Evan, R. H. Wallman, R. J. Nesbit. Field Games—Mr. N. J. Hargrave, Drs. W. Ray, C. Gurner. Referee, Mr. S. Talbot-Smith; Track Stewards, Messrs. D. A. Dowling, H. G. Prest, M. V. Samuel, H. M. Birch, J. J. Swann, T. D. Finney; Starter, Mr. F. K. Gould; Timekeepers, Messrs. H. B. Willsmore, R. A. Dalton, H. G. Freeman; Committee, Messrs. W. M. Marshman, E. J. Harbison, J. S. Kessell, L. C. Maiden, M. A. Brooke, and C. T. Piper (Hon. Secretary).



REV. W. ROBY FLETCHER, M.A.,  
the fourth minister (1876-1899).  
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REV. G. A. WRIGHT, M.A.,  
the present minister, who assumed the  
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### ELDER HALL ORGAN RECITAL.

There was an excellent attendance at the Elder Hall on Thursday at the mid-day organ recital given by Mr. Harold Wyde. The opening number was the "Overture in C" (Thomas Adams, 18th century). A bracket of Greig's compositions, "Morning" and the "Death of Ase," followed. Ravanello's "Preludio 'Rit. man. f. no.'" formed a decided contrast to these. The well-chosen programme, which concluded with "Meditation" and "Tocatta" (D'Evry), demonstrated Mr. Wyde's complete mastery of the fine instrument. A number of leading musicians were included in the audience, which contained many people who had come from distant suburbs, as well as students, and those in the vicinity of the Elder Hall.

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### UNIVERSITY SPORTS.

This afternoon on the University Oval the University Club will hold its annual sports meeting. The first event will be at 2 o'clock—the 100 yards championship. A comprehensive programme has been arranged, including championship events over all distances from 100 yards to a mile, jumping events, field games, and a post entry graduate's race. Lady Bridges will present the trophies. On Wednesday a strong team will represent Adelaide in the inter- varsity sports in Melbourne. This afternoon the University Eight will leave for Sydney where the inter- varsity race will be rowed in a fortnight's time.

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### INTER-UNIVERSITY CONTESTS.

By the Melbourne express this afternoon the University Eight will leave for Sydney, where the inter-University boat race is to be rowed in a fortnight's time. A strong team is going from Adelaide to compete in the inter-University sports, on Wednesday.

### ELIZABETH JACKSON MEMORIAL.

The Chancellor of the University of Adelaide (Sir George Murray), when contributing to the memorial to the late Miss Elizabeth Jackson, M.A., wrote of her as "a woman of wonderful courage and force of character," and one of her former colleagues on the teaching staff of the University refers to her as "one of the earth's best of women." Contributions to the memorial have been made by the Vice-Chancellor (Prof. Mitchell), Professors Henderson, McKellan Stewart, Naylor, Phillipson, and Rennie, Drs. Heaton and Mayo, Messrs. Clucas, Eardley, Hollidge, Madigan, MacKay, and McRitchie, Misses Puddy and Walker, and many other graduates and students. The women students gave a successful concert at the University, and have contributed the proceeds to the fund, in addition to their separate subscriptions. By far the greater number of the subscriptions to the memorial, however, have come from non-University people, for Miss Jackson was widely known and admired.

### INTER-VARSITY WOMEN'S TENNIS.

To-day the 1923 matches for the inter-University women's lawn tennis championship will be started in Adelaide. Teams will compete from Victoria (the holders), New South Wales, Queensland, and South Australia. It will be the first time that Queenslanders have taken part in the competitions. The matches will be played on the University courts, and should be finished on Friday. For Saturday social engagements have been arranged, and the majority of the visiting players will leave for home on Sunday. Adelaide will play Sydney (four doubles and eight singles), and Victoria will play Brisbane. The winners and losers will play off. The teams are:—Melbourne—Misses M. Torcell, D. and M. Davies, K. Stephenson, and F. Matthews (emergency); Sydney—Misses Le Bickerton, E. Hunt, G. Jones, P. Miller, and P. Holt (emergency); Brisbane—Misses A. Hooper, I. Bartholomew, S. J. Drake, P. Hempstead, and D. Yates (emergency); Adelaide—Misses G. Ure, M. Hardy, J. Toplin, L. Morris, and E. Wigan (emergency).

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### LEAGUE OF NATIONS AND REPARATIONS.

By Dr. H. Heaton.

On a famous occasion about thirty years ago, when a group of Australian State delegates were trying to thrash out an acceptable plan of federation, Sir James Service remarked that the tariff problem stood like "a lion in the path." To this Henry Parkes retorted that, tariff or no tariff, "the crimson tie of kinship runs through us all." Adopting these two utterances for to-day, we may say that the reparations and inter-allied debts problem stands like a lion in the path of all real and general trade revival, and that the common interests and benefits of active international trade run through us all, making it necessary for us to drive out of our path whatever obstacles lie in the way. British opinion, or at least that part of it which rests on knowledge of the facts and principles of international commerce, is solidly and perhaps pessimistically convinced that a drastic revision of the whole reparations "settlement" is an essential first step towards the recovery of Europe and the world, and as that revision is further and further postponed opinion becomes more gloomy. Dean Inze to-day stands not alone in his role of Jeremiah; with him we find Norman Angell wondering "If Britain is to live," and the doubts expressed by the Webbs, Lord Milner, Mr. McKenna, and scores of others make one wonder if "it's all up" with European supremacy and civilisation.

#### The Reparations Commission.

The need for reviewing the reparations position drove the British League of Nations Union, late in 1921, to ask its Economic Sub-committee to consider and report on "the probably impending failure of the German Government to meet their obligations in the matter of reparations payments, and the probable consequence of such failure." The Sub-committee to which this task was entrusted was probably as competent a body of economic and financial experts as any country could produce. It consisted of J. A. Hobson, the most stimulating and independent economist in the Empire; Professor Cunnan, who occupies the Chair of Political Economy in the University of London; F. W. Hirst, one-time editor of the "Economist," Walter Layton, the present editor of that paper; and Sir George Paish, whose name is a household word in British financial circles. The findings of such a group should therefore command at least as much respect from a South Australian audience as those of the editor of the "Morning Post," the "Sunday Pictorial," or "Le Temps."

The report of the sub-committee first surveys the tortuous history of the events leading to the fixing of the reparations sum-total, and a brief recapitulation of that story will help to give us our bearings. According to the terms of the Armistice, Germany was to pay compensation "for all damage done to the civilian population of the Allies, and to their property, by the aggression of Germany by land, by sea, and from the air." This clause was surely clear enough to both sides; it meant the rebuilding of the devastated areas, and payment for damage done to non-combatants and their property. A rough estimate made this liability about £2,000,000,000. But at the Peace Conference the liability was increased by including pensions and disablement allowances, and this tripled the bill. All attempts at Versailles to fix a definite sum failed, because France and Great Britain would not agree to less than £9,000,000,000, and America would not consent to more than £7,000,000,000. So the conference left the fixing of the reparation figure to the Reparations Commission.

How the Allies sent in claims for over £11,000,000,000, valuing French miners' houses at £2,275 each, and their furniture at £1,189 each, allowing manufacturers to claim 13,000,000 francs for a factory which had never existed—all this is well-known history, and would be farcical if the issue were not so tragic. But finally the Reparation Commission fixed the total at £6,600,000,000, of which, roughly, one-third represented damage to civilians and their property, the remainder consisting of pension and allowance costs. That decision was reached over two years ago, and the last two years have probably been the two most dismal and unsettled in the whole world's history of "peace." As Inge says, the great war was followed by the "great unsettlement." And if the reparations terms are not revised the next ten years will be little better than the last two.