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COST OF BUTTER FIXES THE PRICES IN GERMANY

MEDIUM OF EXCHANGE

Fall of the Mark Has Set All Calculations Top-sy Turvy.

Berlin, June 19—Next to a passport travelers in Germany these days should be equipped with the latest quotations on the price of butter, for since the latest drop of the mark, setting all previous calculations topsy-turvy, butter has become the chief medium of exchange.

If butter mounts in the early morning market it is safe to figure that the price of flatirons, neckties and lingerie will rise proportionately during the day. As butter is the basis for the menu prices in hotels and restaurants, those places also are affected by the price of the commodity.

A number of small towns in the farming regions already have established rye storage as a basis for the local currency and eggs are exacted in many places as the price of admission to theatres.

In Munich this week an American, who had lived there some time, attempted to rent a villa, but he was confronted with an extortionate rental in dollars. Finally he settled for the cash equivalent of two and one-half pints of beer a day.

Another case of "butter valuta" resulted from a tenant's suit against a landlord because of excessive rental. The court refused to lower the amount, because the present rental was less than the cost of two pounds of butter monthly, whereas before the war the landlord received the equivalent of twenty-two pounds.

Butter is chosen as a basis for figuring because the price is known to everybody, and the product is not subject to so much fluctuation as other commodities, owing to the use of vigorous measures by the police.

With the big drop of the mark scores of profiteers met incoming farmers at the railway station in an attempt to corner the supply for the high priced restaurants. The farmers in turn demanded wild prices and an orgy of trailing followed. A few minutes later, when all emerged from the stations, they found themselves surrounded by police, who confiscated both butter and money, hoping to discourage any repetition of illicit price fixing.

PERSONAL MENTION

J. F. McLaughlin of St. John is at the Barker House.
J. E. Vaughan of Halifax is at the Barker House.

Boom in Bathing.

The hot wave of Monday and today have stimulated bathing. The West End Beach, the A. & B. Club House and other bathing places are extremely popular.

Governor Cox May Come

Premier Veniot in a letter to C. B. Allan secretary of the N. B. Tourist Association, reports that Gov. Cox of Massachusetts will leave Boston on July 9 or 10 en route to Pictou to attend the Scotch celebration. He suggests that the Governor be asked to arrange his trip so as to come to St. John on his return, say about July 17, when the city and province would cooperate in extending to him a welcome in return for the courtesies extended the Tourist delegates on their recent visit to Boston.

SAYS THAT ENGLAND WANTS BATH TUBS INSTEAD OF ART

London, June 19—Hard times in the British art world are the subject of much comment just now. Only recently C. R. W. Nevison, artist, said Britain was becoming so Americanized it had its mind concentrated on such comforts as bathtubs and hot water, to the exclusion of interest in the younger painters and their products. Now, according to Capt. Desmond Coke, author, butlers are making better incomes than artists.

The pressure of taxation and heavy losses as a result of the war have caused, some authorities say, a diminution in the purchases of modern works. Nevertheless, it has been the subject of some criticism that connoisseurs are still prepared to pay lavishly for old masters, while unwilling to give budding genius a helping hand.

TWENTY ONE WITH INCOMES OF A MILLION

Henry Ford and the Rockefellers Included in the List.

Washington, June 19—(United Press).—Who are the 21 men—or women—who reported that in 1921 they received incomes of \$1,000,000 or more?

Uncle Sam's income tax collectors know, but they won't tell. A preliminary report on 1921 income tax returns, recently given out, just says there were 21 of them.

Henry Ford, the Rockefellers, father and son, Charles M. Schwab, Judge E. H. Gary, of the Steel corporation—these are some of the names that come to mind when \$1,000,000 incomes are mentioned. But the identity of the 21 is jealously guarded by federal law.

The report contains many other interesting facts and figures, as, for instance, the showing that \$9,634 wives made separate returns from those of their husbands. Also that 115,356 women in the country reported themselves "head of families."

Growth of Income

The growth of income taxation since 1914 is revealed in tables which show that the total number of returns jumped from 357,515 in 1914 to 6,662,176 in 1921.

The figures also show that in most states the average taxable income—hence the average tax, has steadily decreased. This is due in part, of course, to increased exemptions. Some instances follow:

In 1916 the average taxable income in California was \$10,760; in California was \$10,760; in 1921 it was \$3,025. In Colorado it was \$12,143 in 1916 and \$2,504 in 1921; in Delaware, \$42,941 in 1916, and \$2,749 in 1921.

In Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan and many other States the average taxable income went down from about \$10,000 to \$2,500 or \$3,000. In Ohio, it dropped from \$14,642 to \$2,888.

IS PLEASED WITH TRIBUTE

Col. T. G. Loggie, deputy minister of Lands and Mines, is in receipt of a letter from Mrs. Fred Irland of Washington, D. C., acknowledging a message of condolence forwarded to her on behalf of the department in connection with the death of her husband. With reference to a copy of the Daily Mail containing an article on Mr. Irland, Mrs. Irland writes, "I haven't yet read an article so nicely written or with such a fine tribute as that from New Brunswick. Mr. Irland lived in hope of some day returning to your wonderful country and had talked with Mr. Griffith Johnson about going with him this summer."

TO VISIT CANADA.

London, June 19—The Times says it is virtually assured former Premier Lloyd George will visit the United States and Canada in the autumn.

Confirmation Tour

His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc leaves St. John this week on a confirmation tour. After administering the sacrament to a class of candidates at McAdam Junction, York County, he will proceed to Carleton County, where at Debec, Woodstock, Lakeville and Johnville the sacred rite will also be imparted.

Sicilians Are Fleeing With Their Families From Fiery Avalanche

Nearly One Hundred Thousand Persons Already Rendered Homeless by the Eruption of Mount Etna—A Blistering Heat Precedes the Rushing Lava—Roads are Clogged by Panicky Exodians.

(Special to the Mail)

Catania, Sicily, June 19—From the path of five fiery obliterating avalanches of lava thousands of Sicilian farmers are fleeing with their families, animals and household goods today while the violent eruptions of Mount Etna that have rendered nearly 100,000 persons homeless continue.

TOWNS WIPED OUT

Already ten little townships have been served into oblivion beneath the devastating flow of molten metal which gains in speed as fresh explosions and earth tremors shake the volcano base. Over their shoulders as they flee the farmers see the advancing lava walls thousands of feet wide thirty to forty feet high carrying along great incandescent rocks weighing tons.

FIERCE HEAT PREVAILS

A blistering heat precedes the rushing lava. Human life is impossible within a mile. Wells for miles around have dried up and vegetation is withering. Still further up the mountain, like a shroud over the destruction wrought by the fiery streams a steady downfall of ashes, hot cinders, stones and lava fragments is spreading a gaseous blanket already three inches thick over the entire mountain as far as Giardini.

A PANICKY EXODUS

As the panicky exodus from threatened towns grows in volume, roads are clogged and the farmers drive their cattle horses and beasts of burden. Upon horses' backs is everything they could remove from before the lava flood, across fields and down drying river beds in their haste.

A NIGHT OF TERROR

Inhabitants of towns that have not yet felt the heat of the descending masses but when the uninterrupted incandescence display of giant fireworks from Etna's top is plainly visible, spent a night of terror. At Piedimonte the entire populace camped out in the public square, huddled together around the statue of St. Anthony, praying throughout the night. Church bells tolled incessantly booming above the voices raised in prayer. Every now and then new thunder from the mountain top shook the village.

RELIGIOUS PARADE

With the dawn, inhabitants of Langu Glossa believed doomed held a religious procession as close as possible to the fiery forty foot wall of lava that threatens at any moment to engulf their homes. Against the apparently irresistible advance they held up a statue of St. Gidius their patron saint credited with having stopped a flow of lava that reached the gates of the city in 1873. The religious believe implicitly that the miracle will be repeated.

KING BORIS IS ENGAGED

(Special to the Daily Mail)
Belgrade, June 19—King Boris, the youthful ruler of Bulgaria, restored to prestige by the overthrow of Stamboulsky's peasant government has become engaged to Princess Ileana youngest daughter of the King and Queen of Roumania, according to Bucharest advices.

PANCHO VILLA WON TITLE

New York, June 18—Pancho Villa, of the Philippines, knocked out Jimmy Wilde, of England, world flyweight champion, in the seventh round of a fifteen-round match tonight with a right to the jaw. Villa, who was dethroned as the United States flyweight titleholder but a few months ago, rose to world's champion heights tonight in a battle that was spectacular from start to finish despite its one-sidedness. A crowd estimated by the promoters as 40,000 witnessed the second world's title to change hands at the Polo Grounds within a few weeks.

Passed in All Subjects

The examiners of the New Brunswick Pharmaceutical Association announce the results of examinations held at St. John on the 12th, 13th, and 14th. Among those who passed in all subjects were Alonzo B. Brewer employed with J. M. Wiley and Alex. Gulliver employed with The Kenneth Staples Drug Company.

Dr. W. Stuart Loggie of Chatham is a guest at the Barker House.

POLO PLAYERS TO VISIT U. S.

(Special to the Daily Mail)
London, June 19—The British Army Council has accepted the invitation of the United States army to send a team of British army polo players to the United States for a series of star international service matches. Army authorities were enthusiastic in their approval of the plan and hoped the matches would become an annual fixture.

GREAT HEROES THROWN ON THE SCRAP HEAP

(Special to the Daily Mail)
Doorn, June 19—Visitors to the home of ex-Kaiser report that over the door of his dining room is a gravel motto "Welcome to him who is pro Kaiser" the former monarch told them he longed for the return of the day on which "great heroes would be no longer thrown on the scrap heap in which the criers in the market place shall no longer be needed."

Will Build Residence

Ex-Ald. W. W. Boyce is erecting a residence upon vacant land adjacent to the residence occupied by him, Union street. It is his intention to occupy the new dwelling and dispose of the other.

R. M. C. Advisory Board

Col. W. J. Osborne returned Saturday from Ontario, where he had spent two weeks. Col. Osborne was in Kingston officially as a member of the Advisory Board of the Royal Military College. He also visited Toronto.

FOREST FIRES DISCUSSED IN THE HOUSE

The Government May Grant Some Aid to the Sufferers.

Ottawa, June 18—Forest fires in the Temiscouata district were brought to the attention of the Government in the House this afternoon by Charles A. Gauvreau, Liberal, of that constituency. Mr. Gauvreau said that the fires had already swept some six villages, and there was an enormous destruction of farms, implements and property generally. He understood that 600 families were now without shelter, and asked the Government if it was possible to vote a certain amount of money for their relief. As in the case of the northern Ontario fires last year, he said, he hoped they would be provided with clothes and other supplies.

Hon. Charles Macdell, Liberal, Bona venture, seconded Mr. Gauvreau's demand.

The Prime Minister said he had received a similar request on Saturday night and had immediately got into touch with the Department of National Defence with a view to its rendering such assistance as had been given in former cases. It was usual he said, for the Federal Government to co-operate with the Provincial authorities and it had been suggested that the parties affected should communicate with the Provincial Government and have the provincial officers communicate with the federal authorities. The matter would be followed up, said the Prime Minister.

Hon. Mr. Macdell said he understood the counties of Gaspé, Bonaventure and others had suffered similarly. He hoped they would not be overlooked in time for relief.

Pius Michaud, Liberal, Restigouche, Madawaska, said the province of New Brunswick had probably suffered most in the matter of forest fire devastation. He hoped the Prime Minister would take New Brunswick into consideration as well as Quebec.

HEAT WAVE OVER CENTRAL PROVINCE 92 DEGREES HERE

After experiencing weather of most unseasonable coolness during the early part of June with frost reported in the high lands, Central New Brunswick has been submerged by a heat wave. High temperature occurred on Monday but it has been surpassed by many degrees today and the country is sweltering in heat which usually comes in mid-summer. Yet summer officially will not begin until Thursday the 21st.

At the Dominion Meteorological Station at the University of New Brunswick a temperature of 92 degrees was registered at 2 p. m. which generally is the hottest time of the day. At the same time thermometers along Queen street were registering about the same. The humidity registered at the University was 55 which is high.

The weather forecast is for more warm weather.

To Tour Europe.

F. B. Edgecombe and his son Emerson will leave on Monday next for Montreal from which port they will sail for Liverpool. They intend to spend the summer in Europe and will visit the British Isles, France, Italy and other countries.

Bahan-La Forest

At St. Mark's church, Dorchester, Boston, June 2, Mrs. Jane E. La Forest and Thomas F. Bahan, Boston, were married. The bride, who is a daughter of the late Timothy Keleher, Fredericton, was a prominent member of St. Dunstan's choir in her younger days and has been living in Boston for many years.

W. B. Trueman of St. John is in the city.

BANDIT KICKED BY GIRLS AFTER HE ROBS THEM OF \$2.00

Grand Rapids, Mich., June 19—Detectives are searching today for Grand Rapids' most ungallant bandit who, according to his two girl victims, was hastened in his flight by well directed kicks from the girls. The girls Verna Page and Regina Quist both under 17 years, were robbed of \$2 cash and street car tickets, they told police. "But if Regina had stayed with me we would have caught the bandit and saved our money," Verna said. "He did not have a gun."

THE WEATHER CONDITIONS STILL BAD

FOREST FIRE SITUATION

Blaze on Libby Brook Has Been Extinguished.

The Department of Lands and Mines received information this morning to the effect that the woods fire at Libby Brook, Little Southwest Miramichi has been extinguished after covering twenty-five acres. This was in budworm killed timber and very dangerous. The fire started on a portage road and the man who passed previously is known an investigation is probable.

Useless Permits Issued.

The issue of travel permits for the forests has been made in a few cases in spite of the proclamation forbidding them and cancelling those previously issued. This is believed to be due to ignorance of the proclamation. Such permits are useless. Owners of land or sporting parties accompanied by guides are not subject to the regulations re travel permits.

Condition's Bad.

No further word has been received from the fire on Nepisiguit and conditions in Madawaska and near St. Quentin are considered satisfactory. The hot weather of the past two days with wind, however makes conditions most favorable to fires and the Department is on the watch. From St. Alexis, Que., north of Campbellton a report is received that a fire believed under control has broken out again similar conditions may occur in New Brunswick.

The south of the province has escaped any serious fire so far but conditions are again becoming threatening. Care is advised on the part of all. Lookouts in any part of the province have a very limited field of vision. In no case it is more than ten miles and in some cases not more than five.

Huge Areas Covered.

The big fire which extended from Kedgwick to the Nepisiguit is roughly estimated to have covered thirty-two miles on a frontage of six miles. This is 192 square miles which gives an idea of the terrible destructiveness of the fires. It is possible that all the territory has not been burned and that there are really two fires with unburned land between them.

Given Two Months Sentence.

At St. Quentin before a local magistrate a resident charged with setting a fire in violation of the law has been sent to jail for two months. Numerous informations have been laid in various places and prosecutions will take place so soon as the fire situation will permit.

Held on Nepisiguit.

Chief Forester G. H. Prince Monday night received information from Woods Manager Loder of the Bathurst Company, that along Silver Brook the tributary on the south side of the Nepisiguit the fire seemed to be advancing again. Part of the crew was to be sent there to fight that fire and extra help was to be given.

Given Six Months' Sentence

Robert A. Shears, colored who was convicted of theft from Mrs. James Gordon of this city, also colored, was this morning given a sentence of six months in gaol by Police Magistrate Limerick. Shears is known to have served time in the Nova Scotia Industrial Home. There is no fingerprint record of him at Ottawa however.