

NEW LOW RECORD FOR THE FRANC LUDENDORFF ON TRIAL FOR TREASON

THE FRANC IS DOWN TO 106 TO THE POUND

French Currency Hits a New Low Record on the Paris Bourse Today—Downfall of Belgian Cabinet Held Responsible.

A BLOW FOR

M. POINCARE

(Special cable to The Daily Mail by the British United Press.)

Paris, Feb. 28—Record low quotations were registered by the French franc today. Quotations outside the bourse showed the franc at 106 to the pound sterling and 24.50 to the dollar. The downfall of the Belgian cabinet which resigned Wednesday when the chamber refused to support the government on the question of ratification of the Franco-Belgian economic convention, was believed responsible. Premier Poincaré's hand has been considerably weakened by the over throw of Premier Jemnis of Belgium.

MAY INCREASE THE OUTPUT OF PULPWOOD

North Sydney, Feb. 28—A hand robbing machine which will multiply the pulpwood output of small log holders has been devised by a local machinist named Clark, and tests of the instrument made this week have met with much praise from persons interested in the pulpwood industry. The machinery consists of a rotating lathe. The pulp log is secured in a stationary position by means of specially designed but simple wedges, and an expanding lathe with adjustable cutters much in the nature of the disc pipe cutter and a series of shipping blades is turned around the log. This traverses the wood automatically and its action is quick and simple. It is said the machine can be manufactured at moderate cost and will produce better results with a highly increased output over the primitive spoke shave generally in use among small pulpwood producers.

CURLERS TIED AT CARLETON

St. John, Feb. 28—In the match between the Carleton curlers and the Fredericton curlers on the Carleton rink last night the scores were tied, 40 to 40. It was the first match between these two clubs this season and was hotly contested. The scores by skips were as follows:

Carleton	Fredericton
J. M. Hendrich .15	W. Limerick .11
H. Lingley .11	F. P. Hatt .17
S. Iron .14	R. B. VanDine 12

Had Nephew Here.

Mrs. Fullerton, wife of the late W. M. Fullerton, K. C., of Amherst, N. S., died at the home of her son Judge Fullerton at Winnipeg on Saturday. She was a sister-in-law of the late Sir Charles Tupper and an aunt of Mr. R. H. Simmonds of this city. Interment will be made at Amherst.

ACRES' REPORT ON GRAND FALLS FAVORABLE

A FIRST CLASS WATER POWER

Ontario Expert Regards it as a Good Commercial Proposition.

St. John, Feb. 28—Hon. Dr. E. A. Smith, chairman of the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission returned yesterday from Fredericton where he had been discussing with Premier Veniot the report of H. G. Acres, Ontario power expert engaged by the New Brunswick government to investigate the proposed hydro-electric development at Grand Falls.

Dr. Smith stated that the report was a very favorable one and practically confirmed the report made by the engineers of the commission. Mr. Acres was of the opinion that at Grand Falls the province had a first class water power and one that compared favorably with inland waters of both Ontario and Quebec. He also stated that, in his opinion the power could be developed economically and was a good commercial proposition.

The report of the commission which Mr. Acres was checking up has not yet been made public but a previous report on the power available at Grand Falls estimated the amount when it was fully developed at 150,000 horse power and the initial development at 50,000 horse power.

To Cover Province.

The commission has prepared a plan showing distribution from Grand Falls which will cover the province and by linking up with smaller water powers, such as the Musquash, provide hydro energy to every place in the province where it might be required for manufacturing or to supply light and heat to the citizens. It is understood the commission at the present time are working on the plans for the development of a 50,000 horse power plant and it is expected the Legislature will, at the coming session, pass the necessary legislation and give the commission authority to go ahead with the work.

Dr. Smith will leave this morning for Moncton to meet K. H. Smith, of the Dominion Waterways Branch to discuss with him the proposed development on the Petitcodiac and Memramcook rivers.

TWO CHILDREN WERE BURNED

Cornwall, Feb. 27—Dr. C. J. Hamilton, Coroner, in addressing the jury this afternoon at the inquest into the death of Lloyd and Gordon Kyer, aged two and four years, in a fire which destroyed their parents' home here last week, said that parents were too careless in leaving their small children at home alone and going out on business or pleasure, and that such practices should be condemned. Some effort should be made, he said, to stop it.

The jury, after being out about a quarter of an hour, brought in a verdict to the effect that the children had died from suffocation. The habit of parents going out and leaving children alone in their homes was severely condemned.

General Ludendorff Is Now Being Tried on A Charge of Treason

Counsel for Defence Declares That He Was Germany's Greatest General Sent From Heaven—Participated in the Beer Cellar Putsch—Ambassadors to Draft a Note to Germany.

(Special to the Mail by British United Press)

MUNICH, February 28—General Ludendorff was Germany's greatest general sent from heaven whom nobody could criticize, an indignant defence attorney declared at the trial of the world war commander and others for treason. What irritated the defense was not the accusations against Ludendorff for participation in the beer cellar Putsch that failed, it was a declaration by the Prosecuting Attorney that Ludendorff had little prestige among the Northern Reich's troops which were to be enlisted in the revolt. This attitude of pride was maintained by the defendant as the trial proceeded today. Former police President Poesner, one of the accused, said that the beer cellar Putschists planned to march on Berlin. The uprising in November, 1923, was a complete failure however.

DRAFTED NOTE TO GERMANY

Paris, Feb. 28—The Council of Ambassadors has decided to draft a note to Germany notifying her that she has failed to fulfill satisfactorily the Allies' demands regarding control of German armaments and demanding that Berlin comply with previous orders.

SHE THOUGHT IT WAS SATURDAY

Owen Sound, Feb. 28—Sunday morning a woman driving a country rig appeared on the local market with a load of butter and eggs. After waiting some time, she inquired if something had happened to the town, and where purchasers were. She was much astonished to learn that it was Sunday, and that market had finished 24 hours ago. The woman had driven something over 15 miles in, under the impression that it was Saturday.

Curlers Return.

The links of Fredericton curlers who played at St. John, Wednesday against Carleton, returned home this morning. Thistles and Moncton are possibilities next week on local ice.

WIVES CHEER THE POLICE

Lynn, Mass., Feb. 28—While the wives and mothers of the prisoners cheered the policemen the Lynn liquor squad swooped down on the Lithuanian Naturalization Club and arrested twenty-five men for gambling and three others on liquor charges. Peter Lesbert president of the club and court interpreter was charged with illegally keeping liquor.

Assistant Dairy Supt.

J. R. Sutherland of Sussex, Assistant Dairy Supt. is here today. He was in conference this morning with Harvey Mitchell, Deputy Minister of Agriculture.

OPENING OF DOMINION PARLIAMENT TOOK PLACE THIS AFTERNOON AT OTTAWA

(Special to the Daily Mail)

Ottawa, Feb. 28—The third session of the present parliament was opened by His Excellency Lord Byng of Vimy this afternoon with all pomp and splendor befitting the occasion. The speech from the throne dealt with many matters of importance and forecasts considerable important legislation including the redistribution bill, held over from last session. Further amendment to the Banking Act and the Branch Lines bill will be introduced.

There was a large crowd in attendance at the opening, the senate chamber being thronged. The Commons met at three o'clock and after a few formalities the members were summoned to the senate chamber where the official opening ceremonies took place.

The new members returned to the Commons since last session are Hon. E. M. MacDonald for Pictou, N. S., Hon. E. J. MacMurray for Winnipeg, F. L. Kelly for North Cape Breton, A. J. Doucet for Kent and W. A. Black for Halifax. They were introduced this afternoon and took their seats.

There is a large attendance of members and the session gives promise of being an important one. Hon. W. S. Fielding was prevented from taking his seat today by illness, and Sir Lomer Gouin, who lately resigned his portfolio, is now absent in the South.

EX PRESIDENT LEFT ESTATE TO HIS WIDOW ONE DAUGHTER GETS ANNUITY

Upon Death of Widow Property Goes to Testator's Children.

Washington, Feb. 28—The will of Woodrow Wilson, filed for probate today leaves the estate to his widow, Mrs. Edith Bolling Wilson with the exception that his daughter, Margaret Wilson shall receive an annual income of \$2,500 as long as she remains unmarried.

A request in the will calls upon Mrs. Wilson to distribute among Mr. Wilson's daughters such articles of clothing, jewelry, personal mementoes and art works that may have belonged to their mother, the first wife of the former President.

Under the will Mrs. Wilson is to retain the estate during her life and the unexpected portion at her death is to be distributed among Mr. Wilson's daughters.

The will was opened February 13 according to a notation on the envelope in the presence of Mrs. Wilson, Margaret Wilson, Eleanor Wilson McAdoo, W. G. McAdoo and E. W. White, the attorney who filed it. The will reads:

"I will and devise all my property real and personal, after the payment of any just debts that may constitute a claim upon it at the time of my death, to my beloved wife, Edith for her lifetime, with the request that she distribute among my daughters such articles of clothing, jewelry, personal ornament or art material as may have been the personal belongings of their mother, and with the direction that my daughter Margaret shall receive out of the income of my estate so long as she remains unmarried the sum of \$2,500 annually unless that amount should at any time exceed one third of the entire income of my estate in which case she shall receive one third of the income. "Upon the death of my beloved wife, Edith it is my will and direction should she die without issue that the whole of my real estate, real and personal, or so much of it as shall remain unexpected or undistributed shall revert to my children share and share alike, and that should she die leaving issue, her child shall inherit share and share alike with my daughters."

SAYS MARRIED MEN LIVE THE LONGEST

Washington, Feb. 28—Dr. Eugene Lyman Fisk of the Life Extension Institute in a speech here at the national museum here said:

"Married men live longer than single ones."

"Fifty per cent of us are sick and a majority don't know it."

"Twenty-five million working-class people have defective vision, 25,000,000 have defective teeth and mouth infection, 1,000,000 have some form of tuberculosis and more people die before their time than go to jail."

BANKROBBER CONVICTED OF MURDER

Anthony Pantano Now Faces the Electric Chair for Shooting Two Bank Messengers in Brooklyn Last November.

TOOK VERDICT

WITH COOLNESS

(Special to The Daily Mail by the British United Press.)

New York, Feb. 28—Anthony J. Pantano, fourth of the murder gang which held up and killed two bank messengers in Brooklyn last November, was in murderer's row in Raymond street jail, Brooklyn today, facing the electric chair with three companions already guilty of participation in the crime. The jury returned its verdict against Pantano, at eleven o'clock last night.

The men previously convicted of the crime are Morris B. and Jos. G. Diamond, brothers, and John Farrina. The fifth and last member of the gang is George C. Caro, a fugitive.

Pantano received the verdict calmly "I am as a philosopher," he told the sheriff, "the man worth while is the man who can smile when everything goes dead wrong."

CHIEF JUSTICE TO PROBE HOME BANK FAILURE

St. John, Feb. 28—Word was received yesterday morning from Ottawa that Hon. H. A. McKeown, Chief Justice of the Kings Bench Division of the Supreme Court of New Brunswick had been appointed by the Federal Government as Royal Commissioner to investigate the causes of the failure of the Home Bank. The enquiry is to cover the status of the bank during the years 1915, 1916 and 1918 when it is claimed the finance minister failed to recognize representations made by responsible citizens concerning the financial standing of the bank.

Hon. Mr. McKeown who arrived home yesterday from Montreal with Mrs. McKeown said he had not received the official notification of his appointment but he understood the investigation would be conducted at Ottawa and the hearings would begin in the near future.

Chief Justice McKeown has already had considerable experience in the capacity of a Royal Commissioner, having acted for the government of New Brunswick when the timber land steal was probed in 1914.

Birthday Party.

Little Muriel Rickard of Barker's Point, entertained a number of her little friends at a birthday party, Wednesday afternoon. A large number of little boys and girls were present who thoroughly enjoyed the time spent together. The birthday gifts received were numerous. A dainty supper was served a feature of which was a large birthday cake. Little Miss Rickard, who is only four years of age made a very obliging and interesting hostess.