

FRANC HAS FURTHER DECLINE

13 DEATHS IN N. Y. TENEMENT FIRE

WOULD STOP IMPORT OF FROZEN MEAT

The Reichstag Bund Makes a Demand Upon the German Government—Would Exclude Foreign Meat from Country.

POPULACE PAY LITTLE ATTENTION

(Special to the Daily Mail) Berlin, Feb. 19.—A demand that the government forbid the importation of frozen meats and re-introduce the pre-war meat inspection regulations was made today at a conference of the Reichstag Bund, a junker organization, by Herr Roesick, one of its directors. If this step was taken its effect would be to exclude virtually all foreign meats from Germany.

The Junkers pleaded that poverty was threatening ruin to the community and urged that a state of siege be maintained. The populace are turning deaf ears to such pleas, however as the cry has been a familiar one to them for some years.

Meat prices during the last week have been on the increase, some inland produce again passing the dollar mark.

SERIOUS FIRE AT PRESQUE ISLE

Presque Isle, Feb. 18.—Fire yesterday broke out in the basement of the building occupied by DeLong's restaurant and owned by William Tactikos. When the firemen arrived flames were pouring out of the basement and soon covered the whole wooden building. The building adjoining owned by U. J. Hedrich, wholesaler in cigars, tobacco, candies, taught quickly. In the upper floor of the Hedrich building, Mrs. Brown conducted a boarding house. She aroused the inmates who hurriedly got out only in their night clothing. Firebrands from the two buildings were blown in all directions by a stiff breeze and for the safety of the buildings a call was sounded for Battery A. The artillerymen turned out quickly and were assigned to keep a lookout on the roofs of nearby buildings. Both buildings were burned to the ground. Good fire-fighting saved a disastrous spread. The loss on the Hedrich building and contents is estimated at \$65,000, insurance \$50,000. Wm. Tactikos, who owned the other building estimates his loss at \$17,000, insurance \$14,000. Mr. DeLong's loss on stock is \$2,500 insurance \$1,500. Mrs. Brown, proprietress of the boarding place lost all her household effects and had no insurance. Her case appealed to a number of citizens and numerous contributions for her relief will enable her to start another home.

PERSONAL MENTION

W. E. Finnegan of Walkerville, Ont., is a guest at the Queen Hotel. J. B. M. Baxter, K. C., M. P. is registered at the Barker House. W. P. Jones, K. C., of Woodstock is a guest at the Barker House. F. R. Taylor, K. C., is in the city on business before the Appeal Court. Leon A. Keith of St. John is in the city. E. G. Evans of Moncton is registered at the Barker House. H. F. Marney of St. John is a guest at the Queen. H. S. Brennan of St. John is registered at the Queen.

AN EPILEPTIC SUSPECTED OF INCENDIARISM

(Special to the Daily Mail) New York, Feb. 19.—A gibbering epileptic is believed to be the fire bug who set a crowded East Side tenement in flames early today snuffing out at least thirteen lives. The man was arrested as he rushed hurriedly from the building by a passing patrolman. He was unable to give a coherent answer to questions.

A POLITICAL CRISIS DUE IN ANCIENT COLONY

SOME STARTLING REVELATIONS

Charge Made That the Government Lost Big Sum on Pulpwood Operations.

St. John's Nfld., Feb. 18.—Pip props and pulpwood operations conducted by the Squires' Government under the mantle of charity cost the country the huge total of \$1,700,000 during the years 1921 and 1922 according to revelations made today at the probe in public affairs being conducted before the Royal Commissioner T. Hollis Walker, K. C. The total returns made to the Government on these operations were less than \$500,000 and the loss on the operations at least \$1,250,000.

Mysteriously Missing.

Hon. G. E. Turner, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Mines, stated that much of the wood cut disappeared before representatives of the Government or of the purchasing contractors could take charge of it. He estimated such disappearances as totalling 30,000 cords or more. When asked to account for these disappearances he told the commissioner that all he could say was that the wood was "lost, stolen or strayed." Economy appears to have had no place whatsoever in the calculations or practices of those concerned in these operations.

The cost per cord of the wood was close to \$15 while the price realized on the final sales was in no case half of that amount.

Fearful Destitution.

N. W. Gillingham, who was put on the stand by Government counsel stated that during 1921 and 1922 he was engaged by the Minister of Agriculture and Mines investigating unemployment and engaging men for Government undertakings. He stated that in many sections of the country he found a fearful condition of destitution and claimed that but for the relief measures undertaken there would have been numerous cases of starvation. He showed that all his undertakings in respect to the purchase of supplies and machinery were open and aboveboard and were not characterized by graft for any member or associate of the Government.

Mention Wolvin's Name.

The name of J. H. Rodgers was mentioned as "a relative of Wolvin of the Dominion Iron & Steel Company" who is suing the Government for non-delivery of wood as per contract and for damages in connection with breach of contract amounting to \$130,000. In reply to an observation of W. R. Howley, K. C., that many of the transactions aired at the inquiry were entered into after his client Dr. Campbell, resigned, Commissioner Walker observed: "Nothing so far reflects discredit on anybody."

The French Chamber Of Deputies Has an All Night Sitting

A Wild Debate Over the Financial Situation—Part of Government's Program Adopted—The Franc Took Another Downward Plunge on the Bourse This Morning.

(British United Press by A. Webb, staff correspondent)

Paris, Feb. 19.—The franc suffered a fresh collapse today crashing from 23.80 to the dollar at the opening to 24.30 at 11.30 a.m. The pound sterling was quoted at 101 francs 80 centimes at the opening and 103.70 at 11.10 a.m. Conditions in the money market is described as panicky. The Chamber of Deputies was in stormy session in frantic discussion of the situation until 5.20 a.m. Just before the adjournment the tired legislators, worn from a night of hectic argument at times featured by the wildest debate, adopted twenty-five articles of the government financial program. Discussion of eighty-one other articles will be continued Wednesday. Further difficulties are feared regarding the proposed new prices on tobacco a government monopoly and the proposed monopoly on matches.

ANOTHER DECLINE IN LONDON

London, Feb. 19.—Despite action of the Chamber of deputies in adopting Premier Poincare's proposal for a twenty per cent increase in taxes the franc declined steadily after the opening of the money market here today. Shortly after 10 a.m. quotations were 102.2 francs to the pound sterling, falling steadily to 105.5 at 12 p.m. Italian lire opened weak in sympathy with the franc. Quotations at the opening were 100, 18 lire to the pound.

CHILD CUT BY MILK BOTTLE

New York, Feb. 19.—Six-year-old Anita Birkmaier of New Rochelle, was said yesterday to be out of danger following an operation last night in the New Rochelle hospital, in which four stitches were taken in a three inch cut in her heart.

Anita tripped and fell in the kitchen of her home. A milk bottle she was carrying broke and a sliver of glass entered her left breast and penetrated the heart. Surgeons operated immediately and saved the child's life.

Drive Produces Results.

As a result of the drive being made by the City Finance Department between two and three thousand dollars was paid in at the City Treasurer's Office on Saturday in payment for arrears in taxes and for concrete sidewalks.

DR. SUN YAT SEN TO ADOPT SOVIET FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR KWANG TUNG PROVINCE

(Special to the Mail by the British United Press)

Hongkong, February 19.—The whole Chinese press today emphasized reports that Sun Yat Sen, South China Dictator has decided to adopt a Soviet form of Government for Kwang Tung Province, mobilizing lands and big business. The movement according to the newspapers "apparently follows a conference between Sun Yat Sen and a Soviet representative from Moscow," who promises a large sum of money to support the experiment. The foreign colonists here and in Canton were not alarmed, recalling the allied naval demonstrations last December which forced Sun Yat Sen to abandon his threat to seize the customs house.

CHEWING GUM MAGNATE

Mr. Wrigley says:—

I believe in newspaper advertising. I spend about a million dollars a year in newspaper space to tell the world about goods I have to sell. Nearly everybody reads the papers and they are the most effective medium to reach the buying public quickly and often.

IN FAVOR OF LIMITING THE SUFFRAGE

SAYS U.S. TOO DEMOCRATIC

Dr. G. B. Cutten Attacks Closed Shop—Says Brainos Direct Industry.

New York, Feb. 19.—Dr. George B. Cutten, president of Colgate University, said yesterday in an address before the National Republican Club that it was dangerous to allow too liberal teaching in American colleges and universities because college students are too immature to choose wisely or select for themselves. He also said he believed this country had gone too far with democracy and advocated limitation of the suffrage to those capable of understanding the privilege.

Four widely divergent cures for radicalism in America were put forward by as many speakers at the discussion at the National Republican Club luncheon. Dr. Cutten upheld a swing to more conservative methods in the franchise and in educational institutions. Zachariah Chafee, Jr., professor of law in Harvard University, denounced suppression as the mother of anarchistic tendencies and appealed for wide freedom for professors contrasted to limited powers for college trustees.

Ira Jewell Williams of the American Bar Association condemned a teacher seeking to undermine the Constitution as a "plain ordinary traitor." He advocated more strict methods in dealing with radical propaganda. Sherman Rogers, associate editor of the "Outlook," provided the fourth prescription: "Lack of understanding creates radicalism and understanding comes only through contact. We've got to inspire respect for the Constitution—we can't compel it. When employers get down and rub elbows with the working men, there is no radicalism!"

Dr. Cutten said College courses should be cut from four to two years for many students and that the latter could compass the course easily. He favors more rigid college entrance tests. If this were done nine-tenths of those now in college would probably be eliminated, he said but this would limit the colleges of those of high mentality who can take full advantage of their opportunities.

"It is dangerous to allow to free and liberal teaching in colleges," Dr. Cutten warned. "After a close study of students for the last fifteen years I have this testimony to offer. They are immature. If you are going to teach them anything, it must be in words of one syllable, easy steps for little folks. Lecturers come before college audiences with high phrases and the students don't know what they are talking about and care less. The students we have at present are immature and must be guided."

"My own feeling is we have gone too far with democracy in politics as well as in the classroom. I would limit the suffrage to those capable of understanding it; to those who know

MAY REDUCE WAR DEBT OF FRANCE

Novel Proposal is Put Forth by a Paris News paper—Would Claim Refund of the Excess Profits Taxes.

BRITAIN AND U. S. ARE INTERESTED

(Special to the Daily Mail) Paris, Feb. 19.—An editorial in Le Clair suggests to the French government a claim which may entitle France to one third reduction of her war debts to the United States and Great Britain. France is advised to claim that a third of the money that she spent in the United States for munitions went back into the United States treasury immediately in the form of excess profit taxes. The editorial contends that America must be satisfied with the real value of the munitions and not attempt to collect the excess profits again from France.

ASSESSMENT APPEAL HEARD BY THE COURT

Miramichi Lumber Co. Ltd. Does Not Want to Pay Tax on Income in Chatham.

The appeal of the Miramichi Lumber Company Limited because of assessment on income by the Town of Chatham, was heard before the Appeal Division, Supreme Court this morning.

In the King vs LeB. Finley et al, assessors, Chatham, ex parte Miramichi Lumber Co., Ltd., J. B. M. Baxter, K. C., stated the ground upon which a rule absolute and an order nisi to quash an assessment against the Miramichi Lumber Co., Ltd., by the Town of Chatham, the ground being that the company is not liable to taxation in the Town of Chatham as the head office is at Boiestown.

M. G. Teed, K. C., showed cause against an order nisi to quash assessment.

Mr. Baxter contra. Court considers.

In Leander W. Buckley, Donald S. Creaghan and E. Albert Reilly executors of the estate of the late D. J. Buckley, and Royal Bank of Canada vs Liverpool & London & Globe Ins., Co., J. H. A. L. Fairweather for the defendant moved to set aside verdict for plaintiffs and to enter verdict for defendant, etc. M. G. Teed, K. C., and H. A. Powell, K. C. for plaintiffs. The case was still being heard when the court took recess.

Eighty Four Years Young.

C. A. Sampson, secretary of the Trustee Board of Victoria Hospital today is observing his eighty-fourth birthday today. Mr. Sampson is active and although he resigned several years ago as secretary of the School Board, is still busy in the Hospital Board, Bible Society, Methodist Church and I. O. O. F. matters. He is one of the oldest Oddfellows of the Dominion. Mr. Sampson is receiving numerous congratulations.

what they are voting for—and that would limit it considerably. At the present time there are not more than 300,000 of the proletariat of this country who have sufficient mentality to exercise a benevolent, autocratic rule.