

Nationalist Government Thinks Protest is Unjust

Claim That It is Wrong for the Five Powers to Demand Reparation and Apologies For the Nanking Incident—Want the Facts Ascertained by a Joint Commission.

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

PEKING, April 12—The Nationalist Government believes the five powers' protest against the Nanking riots is unjust, Cantonese spokesmen in Shanghai telegraphed the United Press here today.

"Nationalist circles feel it was unjust of the powers to demand reparation and apologies for the Nanking incident on the basis of the statement of fact made by the powers", the spokesman wired. "The facts should be ascertained by a joint commission, since the Nationalist investigation indicates the facts are not as stated by the Ministers."

MR. HANSON DENOUNCES USE OF AXE

Ottawa, April 12—Post office department estimates came before the House of Commons after midnight.

R. B. Hanson, Conservative, York-Sunbury, referred to the "gross injustice" of the dismissal of 63 postmasters in New Brunswick.

Hon. P. J. Veniot, postmaster-general said in reply that there had been 148 dismissals since election time and of these 68 had been for reasons of political activity. After 1911 election, said Mr. Veniot 1200 postmasters had been dismissed.

"Whenever I find an officer in my department taking an active part in politics, and I have evidence I'll dismiss him. I was dismissed myself in a few minutes in 1911."

"I suppose you didn't deserve it" called out someone from the opposition.

"Of course I deserved it" retorted the Postmaster-General. "Any public official who takes part in politics should expect to lose his job."

An argument developed between Mr. Hanson and the Postmaster-General respecting specific appointments in the post office department in New Brunswick.

The item before the House was a vote of \$31,849,000 for the outside service of the post office department.

FUNNY MEN HAVE FORMED ASSOCIATION

Paris April 12—The life of the clown is to be made brighter in France by an association for the professional defense and mutual aid of the funny men.

Clowns work harder under their grease paint and get less money than any other theatrical headliners said the founders of the association. They also contend that fame smiles less fruitfully on their ranks than it does on other theatrical artists.

Such famous funmakers as Fratellini brothers, Charley of the Cirque de Paris and scores of others known throughout Europe are members of the new association.

Too many calls for charity purposes is one bugbear of the clown's life specifically mentioned by the association. Another is low salaries which founders of the society think they can regulate.

R. G. Fulton of Saint John is registered at the Windsor today.

SENATE HAS PASSED BILL ON FREIGHT RATES

Ottawa, April 11—The bill to reduce tariff tolls on the Canadian National Railways in the Maritime Provinces was given third reading in the Senate tonight.

Senator Black said that the people of the Maritime Provinces were pleased with the Duncan report and congratulated the Government on the progress it had made toward implementing it. He urged that the freight rate reduction be extended to apply to international business and that the Government take over the Valley Railway. Senator Black attributed the conditions in the Maritime Provinces to Confederation and said that there was still considerable "anti-Confederation" sentiment in the Maritimes which could only be allayed by fair treatment.

Senator McLennan said that the Maritimes wanted less politics and more co-operation. Senator Hughes attributed depression in the Maritimes to "the protective system." Sir Howard Kemp said that he was prepared to vote for greater freight reduction. Everybody in Canada, he said, was in favor of giving the fullest measure of justice to the Maritimes.

DOUBTS PRAYER VALUE IN SKIRT LENGTHENING

Manchester, England, April 12—A special prayer meeting to bring about a lengthening of women's skirts has been suggested in a letter received by the Rev. W. Russell Maltby president of the Wesleyan Methodist Conference.

The Rev. Mr. Maltby made this known at the annual meeting today of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society saying: "A correspondent has written me suggesting that I confer with the Archbishop of Canterbury to arrange for a special prayer meeting for lengthening women's skirts."

"But" he added "I have no intention of complying with the request because I am sure women know their own minds best."

Rotarians to Nominate.

The Fredericton Rotary Club at its regular weekly luncheon this afternoon appointed a nominating committee which is to make nominations for the offices for the year 1927-28. The committee will report next week.

AND YET THEY WONDER WHY PUPILS ARE DUMB

Cheyenne, Wyo., April 12—Not all the foolish questions are asked by students. Officials in the office of state superintendent of public instruction said today that the following queries had been received from teachers:

"If Thanksgiving falls on Sunday is the following Monday a school holiday?"

"I hold a professional life certificate. How may I get it renewed?"

"I am to teach vocational agriculture in Wyoming. Your application for a certificate calls for my maiden name. I am not married yet. What shall I do?"

PETITCODIAC POWER BILL DISCUSSED THIS MORNING BEFORE HOUSE COMMITTEE

Committee Room,
April 11th, 1927.
The Corporations Committee met at nine-thirty o'clock.

The bill relating to Fernhill Cemetery Company providing for perpetual care of certain lots was taken up and reported with some amendments. Later the bill was re-considered to take in an amendment suggested by Hon. Mr. Baxter, allowing owners of lots, or their representatives, to hold their lots even though they could not undertake to care for them. He said when these lots had been originally purchased there was no provision for perpetual care, and it was hardly a fair thing to legislate their property from them. He thought it would only be a question of time until all lots came under the provision of the bill.

Mr. Agar suggested that as there would only be a few cases he had no doubt the company would voluntarily see that the lots were properly kept.

The bill relating to the Northwest Boom Company was further discussed, and a provision inserted by agreement between the different interests for the protection of fishing rights and the passage of boats and rafts.

Petitcodiac Power Bill.
The bill relating to the Petitcodiac Tidal Power Company was then taken up.

Mr. Peter Hughes, representing the city of Moncton, was heard. He said that city felt that the matter of sewerage removal was not fully protected in the bill, and asked for the addition of a section that would compel the company to make effective and satisfactory disposal of the sewage from the city, and for the operation of a sewer system and any extension thereof, and to pay full costs of providing same, and for the continued operation thereof. In case of a dispute it was to be settled by three disinterested civil engineers, one chosen by the city, one by the company, and the third by the Chief Justice of New Brunswick. The decision of any two of them to be binding. He also requested that nothing should be done until the plans be approved by the Lieutenant Governor-in-Council, and that there should be no interference to navigation, nor to lower the water level of the river below mean high tide at the said city.

Mr. Lodge said if the company was to be bound to construct and operate the sewerage system of Moncton for all time perhaps for a city of 200,000 people, it would throw the whole bill out.

Hon. Mr. Tilley, the Chairman, thought the city had a claim for protection which must be equitably considered.

City Protected.

Mr. Lodge said the company intended to protect the city and the owners of all marsh lands and lands along the river, but they could not undertake to look after the whole sewerage system of Moncton, which might grow enormously, if this project were carried out.

Mr. Hughes said there was not one word in the bill as printed to give such protection.

Amend. Masters though Mr. Hughes' amendment meant that the company would have to operate the sewerage system.

Hon. Mr. Baxter asked if it would not be fair for the company to take care of the sewage from its present or future outlets.

Mr. Lodge replied that that was the

MR. CHURCHILL TAKES SLAP AT VOLSTEAD ACT

**Britain Cannot Learn
Much From the U. S.
Liquor Legislation.**

**REPLIES TO
MRS. ASTOR**

**Lady Member Had Criticized
Wine Duties
in Budget.**

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

London, April 27—Winston Churchill, Chancellor of the Exchequer took a slap at American prohibition troubles when Lady Astor a native of Virginia criticized the schedule of wine duties in the new budget.

"I greatly respect the noble lady Mr. Churchill replied, "but I do not think we are likely to learn much from the liquor legislation of the United States."

Unrest in American Colony at Peking is Said to be Spreading

**Wife of the American Minister Has Taken Her
Departure—Was Accompanied by the Wives
of Other Members of the Legation — Japanese
Warships Leave for Shanghai.**

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PEKING, April 12—Mrs. John V. A. MacMurray, wife of the United States Minister, left Peking today and the unrest and apprehension among the American colony here appeared to be spreading to the British and other foreign communities.

Wives of several other members of the American Legation left with Mrs. MacMurray. American women recently have been evacuating Peking in considerable numbers.

Jap Destroyers Leave

Tokio, April 12—Four Japanese destroyers left the port of Maidzueru today for Shanghai.

HIS DIAGNOSIS BY RADIO BRINGS DOCTOR REWARD

New York, April 12—As a reward for his radio diagnosis and treatment of a patient suffering from appendicitis, Dr. Le Sieur Weir, ship's doctor of the Lamport & Holt liner Voltaire, has received a check for \$100.

The Voltaire received a radio message from the Steamship Speaker, a freighter, that a member of the Speaker's crew was ill and asked advice from some ship with a doctor aboard.

In a series of messages, Dr. Weir diagnosed the sufferer's ailment as appendicitis and prescribed ice packs to relieve the pain and an operation as soon as the Speaker reached port.

Dr. Weir had almost forgotten the incident when he was presented with the check by an officer of the Speaker.

RARE BOOK WORTH \$1,500 IN OLD LIBRARY

London, April 12—In an old geography book a copy of the original issue of William Blake's "Songs of Innocence" was found. The owner a Leicester man bought an old library recently and while going through the books found this work. It is in almost perfect condition and only six similar copies exist. The book was printed in 1789 and contains 17 pages. It is valued at \$1,500.

On Liquor Bill Again.

The House of Assembly which resumed sittings last night considering bills. This afternoon the Liquor Bill again was taken up by the House in committee of the whole.

In Council and could show their financial ability, should be protected in having the first chance to go on with the development.

Hon. Mr. Baxter thought that would be fair. He wanted to get some way to prevent the project being played with for a generation like Grand Falls.

Mr. Lodge said he was prepared to show the bona fides of his company to the Premier at any time.

Allowed to Stand.

The Committee decided to allow the matter to stand until the next meeting and appointed a sub-committee, consisting of Mr. Harrison, Hon. Mr. Reilly, Hon. Mr. Smith, and Messrs. Dysart, Michaud, B. F. Smith and Siddle, to meet at two o'clock and confer with the Premier, the representatives of the company and of the city of Moncton.

DOGS HEART REPLACED BY A MOTOR

Moscow, April 12—Scientists predict that the day is approaching when vital organs of the human body can be replaced by artificial ones that will extend life for many years.

This belief has resulted from an operation upon a dog. Its heart and lungs were removed and an electric motor installed that performed all the operations of the heart, pumping the blood throughout the circulatory system at a normal rate, while another apparatus purified the blood. The animal lived two hours, responding to the stimuli of light, heat, cold and pressure.

A half a dozen eminent Russian surgeons and scientists were present at the experiment which took place in the Soviet government laboratory here. The animal was first made insensible to pain by means of chloroform, was then placed on the operating table and the electric motor attached to its arteries.

WOMAN IN JAIL TORE UP BANK NOTES

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

New London, Conn., April 12—Declaring she was going to "die" and didn't want her husband to have her money Mrs. Joseph Stasiak tore up a bundle of bank notes to bits in the county jail here. Probation officer Lynch sent the torn bills to the Treasury Department at Washington where they were placed together and \$386 returned to Mrs. Stasiak.

LOCKSMITH, 90, ACTS AS HIS OWN DELIVERY BOY

Berlin, April 12—Heinrich Krohnen, 90-year-old locksmith, of Duisburg, in the Rhineland, still calls for and delivers the goods to his customers on a bicycle. He repairs the most intricate locks and mechanisms without the aid of glasses. His eyesight is excellent. He enjoys cycling, and since his business isn't big enough to warrant a delivery boy, he uses his steel horse himself. The bicycle, which he also keeps in repair, accompanies him on all vacation trips.