

French Government Will Buy Canadian Hard winter Wheat

Delivery Has Started On An Order of Ten Million Bushels, It Was Learned Today—Repetition of 1930 Order — Will Expect Concessions In Return.

PARIS, Jan. 14—Delivery has started on a French Government contract to buy 10,000,000 bushels of Canadian hard winter wheat, the British United Press learned today. The agreement represents a repetition of an order for a similar amount in 1930. Delivery will continue for two months. It was understood that France expected a reciprocal concession from Canada favoring French wines, or silks, but no agreement has been reached.

Attacks the League

MELBOURNE, Australia, Jan. 14—The League of Nations is futile and powerless whenever serious action is needed, former Australian Premier William M. Hughes charged today in a speech at the Constitution Club.

The United States, which forced the League upon an unwilling world and yet refrained from joining, considered it unsafe to leave the Monroe doctrine in the League's hands. The League is unable to protect Australia from aggression and would collapse without Britain's support, Hughes said.

THE MOUNTIES BESIEGE HERMIT IN FAR NORTH

Were Forced to Retreat After Bombarding His Cabin For 15 Hours.

Edmonton, Alta., Jan. 13—Mounted police at Aklavik laid plans tonight for the capture of a hermit trapper whose gun-fighting from his lonely cabin 80 miles up the old Yukon trail has staved off two attempts to arrest him.

A report received at Royal Canadian Mounted Police headquarters here today told of a futile raid by eight Mounties on the cabin of Albert Johnson, wanted for the shooting of Constable A. W. King more than a week ago. The police posse attacked Johnson's stronghold for 15 hours with bombs and gunfire and were forced to retire when their food supply ran low.

The party was headed by Inspector A. N. Eames, of the Aklavik Division of the Royal Mounted Police. They left for Johnson's cabin eight days ago, when they reached his isolated cabin, set on a brush-covered promontory, 20 miles upstream from the mouth of the Rat River, Johnson believed to be demented, defied the contingent to arrest him.

In either hands he had an automatic pistol and a shower of bullets greeted the Mounties as they sought to rush the cabin. Then Johnson retired inside the frame shack and peppered his assailants from loopholes in the walls. The attackers had difficulty working in the twilight of the Arctic night.

When the police party hurled high explosive bombs at the cabin, Johnson moved into a tunnel dug beneath his home. He was apparently prepared for this form of assault. Periodical rushes failed as the trapper fired through the loopholes.

More than the wicked are walking in slippery places.

MIGHT ACCEPT EXTENSION OF MORATORIUM

Berlin, Jan. 14—Germany might accept a six months extension of the Hoover moratorium, if immediate cancellation of all reparations is not obtained at the Lausanne Conference, it was said in high quarters today. Although Germany will seek complete cancellation at Lausanne in line with Chancellor Heinrich Brüning's declaration that she is unable to pay further reparations, the government hesitates at defying the creditor nations and openly defaulting if they insist on payment.

WILL MAKE A DRIVE FOR THE BOY SCOUTS

Saint John, N. B., Jan. 14—Committees to organize and supervise a drive for funds by New Brunswick boy scouts were selected last night at a meeting of members of troop committees. Brigadier General F. W. Hill, C. B., C. M. G., D. S. O., vice-president of the New Brunswick Boy Scout Council was named chairman.

All cities and towns in the province are being organized for the drive, which will be made in the week of January 24. Optimistic reports from various parts of the province were heard at the meeting. Troop committee members are taking an active part in the campaign and a women's committee, under Mrs. G. Wilford Campbell, provincial treasurer, is already at work, it was said.

16 IN ONE

Massena, Iowa, Jan. 13—There are 17 children attending the Victoria school near here. All but one are named Holste. Sixteen of the pupils are sons and daughters of Ed, Alfred, Louis and Oje Holste.

COMMISSION HEARS EVIDENCE ON BUS TRAFFIC

Former Member of the Railway Board Appeared as Counsel at Quebec

Quebec, Que., Jan. 13—Competition between bus and railway transportation systems was the burden of evidence presented to the Royal Commission on Transportation here today. The commission, whose chairman is Judge Lyman Poore Duff, of the Supreme Court of Canada, arrived here this morning from Saint John, N. B., and held a session during the afternoon, entraining for Montreal early this evening.

Lt. Col. Thomas Vieu, K. C., former member of the Board of Railway Commissioners, spoke for the Canadian Railways Electric Association, the Ontario Association of Motor Coach Operators, the Provincial Transport Co., the Montreal Tramways Co., and the Motor Bus Owners Association of Quebec.

"Motor coach and truck transportation companies are not organized on an illegal basis," he said "and it would consequently be illegal to forbid their operations." Inasmuch as these companies paid for the upkeep of the roads they used they should be permitted to use them, he declared.

Col. Vieu pointed to the United States where, he said, railway companies had gone to accept motor coach companies as part of the business competition all organization must face and were doing their best to offer service "the correct way of keeping old customers and gaining new ones."

It was Col. Vieu's opinion that measures should have been taken long ago to permit the operation of motor coaches "only where such service is necessary." He blamed the present financial plight of the Canadian Railroads "more on disastrous competition between the railway systems themselves than serious competition from busses and trucks." Canada's railroad system had been planned with an eye to the future, he said, but in disregard of past-war conditions and "the possibility of an economic slump such as we are now experiencing."

CHECK EATER GETS SENTENCE

Belleville, Illinois, Jan. 13—Lester Byrl, St. Louis, Mo., who is alleged to have put a \$30 bogus check in his mouth, chewed it and then swallowed it when police attempted to arrest him, was sentenced to 30 days' imprisonment here recently.

Byrl was sentenced when he pleaded guilty to a charge of vagrancy. He is alleged to have attempted to pass a bad check on four Belleville filling station attendants before apprehension. When a deputy sheriff attempted to arrest him, however, Byrl is alleged to have eaten the check.

GAS WELL IN CITY

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 14—A gas well, brought in in the heart of the business district of Kenmore, Buffalo's adjoining suburb, has a daily gas flow of 500,000 cubic feet. The well was drilled for William E. George, local garage owner, to provide fuel for his building.

WILL CURB LAWLESSNESS IN THE HIWAILIANS

Reforms To Be Considered at Special Session of Congress

NOW IN STATE OF TURMOIL

Two of Paroled Convicts Identified by Mrs. Massie

Honolulu, Jan. 14—Drastic reforms to curb lawlessness will be considered Monday by a special session of the Territorial Legislature following a naval affairs committee report charging lawlessness was encouraged by a parole granted to men convicted in assault cases.

Two of the paroled convicts later were identified by Mrs. Thomas H. Massie as members of the gang which assaulted her, leading to an alleged "revenge murder" and culminating in the present turmoil on the islands.

A HIGHLY ESTEEMED LADY PASSED AWAY HERE LAST EVENING

Widow of Recorder Colter Succumbs after a Lengthy Illness — Was a Native of Kingsclear, and Had Resided Here Thirty Years.

Mrs. Margaret M. Colter, widow of Thomas H. Colter, at one time a member of the New Brunswick Legislature and afterwards Registrar of Deeds for York, passed away last night at her home, 784 George St. She had not enjoyed good health for some time, being a sufferer from pernicious anemia, and news of her death while deeply regretted by her many friends, did not come as a surprise. Her only daughter, Mrs. Elbridge King of Bingham, Mass., was with her when the end came.

The deceased lady was a daughter of the late Jonathan Cliff of Kingsclear, and was seventy-nine years of age. Following her marriage she removed to Mouth Keswick, where she made her home, prior to her removal to this city thirty years ago. She was a woman of exceptionally fine type, deeply interested in religious and charitable work, and was esteemed by all who knew her. She was an active member of the Wilmet United Church, and was also identified with the order of King's Daughters and the W.C.T.U. Besides one daughter, already mentioned, Mrs. Colter leaves one brother, Frank R. Cliff of Kingsclear. A sister now deceased was the wife of the late E. S. R. Murray of Saint John.

The funeral will take place from the homestead, 784 George Street on Saturday afternoon at two o'clock, with services by Rev. J. W. Bartlett. Interment will be made in the rural cemetery.

C. P. R. Official Here

J. M. Woodman of Saint John, divisional superintendent of the C. P. R., arrived from Saint John this morning in his private car. In a brief chat with the Mail, he said that railway business while not what he would like to see it, was not so bad that it might be a great deal worse. He thought that signs of an improvement were not lacking. Mr. Woodman will return to Saint John this evening.

Spring Weather

The temperature today is the most like spring of any day of the present winter season. The thermometers at city points registered as high as 60 degrees, a rise of more than sixty-five degrees since Tuesday morning. The sidewalks and streets are almost devoid of snow and ice. The temperature is the warmest for the season in a number of years.

Stone Mountain, Va., Jan. 13—A Poland China hog owned by M. E. Wood weighed 794 pounds gross and was so fat that it could not see for several months before it was killed.

Chinese Guards Are Fired Upon By Kirin Troops

A Strong Protest is Expected From the Soviet Government—An Ultimatum Has Been Issued to the Chinese Commander of the Guards.

TOKIO, Jan. 14—Reported attacks by Kirin provincial troops on Chinese Eastern Railway guards were expected today to bring strong protests from the Soviet Government.

According to reports from Harbin, Governor Hishchia of Kirin issued an ultimatum to General Ting Chow, Chinese commander of the Chinese Eastern Railway in the Harbin district to surrender within five days. Kirin airplanes repeatedly bombed Ting Chow's forces at Pin Hsien. The ultimatum reportedly said that failure to surrender would be followed by an attack on Pin Hsien.

H. M. BALKAM PASSES AWAY AT MILLTOWN

Milltown, Jan. 13—Hugh M. Balkam, former mayor of Milltown, and well known as a retired civil engineer, died at his residence, Queen street, here late tonight, succumbing to a heart attack with which he was stricken Monday. Although he had been in poor health since September, he had been able to be about. He did not regain consciousness following the heart attack.

Mr. Balkam had resided in Milltown for the greater part of his life. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Balkam. He was a graduate in engineering of the University of New Brunswick and had attained distinction in his profession. He was for a time engaged in railway engineering on the Transcontinental in New Brunswick and afterwards in Cochrane, Ont.

MEIGHEN MAY GO TO SENATE

Ottawa, Jan. 1—The Journal publishes the following today:

"The appointment of Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, a former Prime Minister of Canada, to the Senate in succession to the late Sir George E. Foster, and also the naming of the former Conservative leader to the position of Government leader in the Upper House, is being favorably considered by the Government."

TRADING STAMP IDEA FOR LIQUOR

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 14—Kansas City's cheaper bootleggers have adopted the "trading stamp" idea. Liquor of drinkable quality can be had for 25 cents a half pint. Under the new scheme, if a person still lives after drinking 25 bottles, he can trade them in at a value of one cent each and get a new half pint.

THE LONGEST LITTLE TOWN

Faucett, Mo., Jan. 13—Faucett is the "longest little town" in the country, it seems. The village is a block wide, and a mile long, a state highway being used as its main street. The business district is three blocks long but residents, finding the highway convenient to use as a sidewalk, built their homes along the road.

WOMEN MAY ATTEMPT A UNIQUE STUNT

Brisbane, Australia, Jan. 13—The unemployed women of Brisbane have threatened that unless the State Minister of Labor and Industries agrees to discuss their problems with them they will march through the streets of the city nude.

State police have been instructed to take every precaution, but the number of jobless women is so great that the authorities doubt whether they would be able to arrest all of them if they carried out their threat. These women already have participated in some extraordinary demonstrations.

NEWSPAPERS INCREASING

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

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 14—Despite a decrease in all other types of publication during 1931, the number of daily newspapers in the United States and Canada increased by twenty three, according to N. W. Ayer, and Sons, 1932, Directory of newspapers and periodicals.

This increase was in Canada, Southern, Middlewestern and Western states. Other sections of the country showed a decrease.

EARNED ITS \$9 DIVIDEND

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

New York, N. Y., Jan. 14—American Telephone and Telegraph Company, world's largest corporation earned its \$9 annual dividend by a small margin in 1931. Walter S. Gifford, President said today in a letter to its 600,000 stockholders.

LIVED ON SAME FARM 63 YEARS

Coopersville, Mich., Jan. 14—Married 63 years ago by a justice of the peace, Mr. and Mrs. William Rice have lived on the same farm near here since the ceremony. They have four children, 16 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren.

SHIPYARD JUNKED

Hebburn-on-Tyne, England, Jan. 14—The shipyard of Renwick & Dalgleish, which cost \$2,500,000 to build eleven years ago, has been sold piecemeal. No ship was ever built in it.