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Madam Curie Will Accept Radium Ore From the Dominion

Famous Expert Says That the French Government is Building New Laboratory for Her—Had Conference With Major Bernard Day, Who is Interested In Great Bear Lake Discoveries.

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

PARIS, Dec. 21—In connection with the acceptance by Madame Curie of an offer of a regular supply of radium ore from Canada, the famous radium expert said today that the French government was building a new laboratory for her.

Yesterday she concluded an arrangement with Major Bernard Day, who is associated with recent radium ore discoveries in the Great Bear Lake district, to receive supplies of radium from Canada. During the interview she discussed with him new possible uses for radium, such as X-ray photography and so forth.

U. S. BEER BILL DEBATED FOR MANY HOURS

Proceedings Were Lively and Bitter Personalities Hurdled Across the Floor of Congress.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20—Moved to a high pitch of bitter tenacity by the prohibition issue, the United States House of Representatives loudly and some times hoarsely defeated the 3.2 per cent. beer bill for six hectic hours today and looked forward to a final vote by tomorrow night.

Unruly and sarcastic in action and word, the members abandoned their much-cherished dignity. Personalities were freely exchanged. Party lines were disregarded. Reaction to the debate indicated a close vote.

One clash that had the members on the edge of their chairs came between Representative Mouser, Republican from Ohio, an ardent prohibitionist, and Representative Britten, Illinois, Republican, an avowed repealist. "If you force this beer bill through prior to a repeal of the 18th Amendment," Mr. Mouser shouted, "you are for getting the mandate of the American people."

"The Democrats have a mandate too, the mandate of their platform to provide a non-intoxicating beverage," Britten interrupted.

"That's the trouble with the gentleman," Mouser exclaimed. "He's following the Democratic mandate, but not the mandate of good sense."

Britten jumped up and yelled: "Yes and the trouble with the gentleman from Ohio is that he has gone daffy. He has become a bigot. The reason you and others won't be here next term is because of your fanaticism on this issue."

CANADA WILL GET THE TRADE

Washington, Dec. 20—Plans of the British colony of Bermuda to place what is described as an "absolutely prohibitive tariff on food products from the United States thus throwing the business to Canada" were described in telegrams from four Boston firms which Senator Coolidge of Massachusetts has placed before the Senate. They have been referred to the Finance Committee.

REFINERY FOR RADIUM AT PORT HOPE, ONT.

Port Hope, Ont., Dec. 20—Thousands of Cancer sufferers may look with renewed hope today to a humble factory in this quiet Lake Ontario town. Opening a new chapter in Canada's crowded mineral history, the only radium refinery in the British Empire will be operating within 10 days, and its product will go to all parts of the world.

Made from Canadian ore, shipped by Canadian airways to the all-Canadian plant here, the radium will prove Canada's challenge to the Belgian syndicate which now controls the world's supply of radium. If present plans materialize, the radium will be so cheaply and efficiently produced that its price will be lowered. Even the poorest cancer patient will ultimately be able to afford the radium treatments which have proved most efficient in the treatment of the dread disease.

Fifty-six tons of pitchblende, of a richness almost unbelievable, is stacked at the Eldorado plant here. According to Canadian Government geologists, it averages between 40 and 50 per cent. uranium oxide and will produce about 125 milligrammes of refined radium per ton. The present price of radium is about \$7,000 per milligramme.

TOURIST CURRENCY IS SUGGESTED TO STIMULATE TRAV.

Paris, Dec. 21—A special tourist currency, acceptable in all European countries, was one of several suggestions made here to bolster the declining tourist trade. It was argued that change restrictions have caused many travelers to stay at home.

Arrangements are being made for an international tourist conference at Nice in January.

To Take Affidavits

Sixteen officers and men of the Royal Mounted Police, including Inspector John Bird, of Moncton, Inspectors Blake and Bettaney, and Sergt. James of Fredericton, have been appointed Commissioners for taking affidavits for the entire province of New Brunswick.

Eddie Goodspeed, son of Ald. and Mrs. C. N. Goodspeed is home from Ottawa for the holidays.

LIBEL SUIT STILL GOING ON AT MONTREAL

The Case of Harpell vs. The Sun Life Assurance Company is Attracting Much Attention.

Montreal, Dec. 20—Loans made by the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada to Samuel Insull of Chicago, and to Insull Utilities Investments Inc. were repaid in full, it was disclosed today, as the trial of James J. Harpell, charged with criminal libel against Thomas B. Macaulay, president of the Sun Life, continued before Chief Justice R. A. E. Greenfield and a jury. Repayment of the loan, \$9,375,000 to the investment company, and \$400,000 to Insull personally, was shown in returns made to the Dominion Government.

George Finlayson, Dominion superintendent of insurance, was the chief witness today at the trial which, before it ends, will likely find Premier L. A. Taschereau of Quebec; Sir Herbert Holt, president of the Royal Bank of Canada; E. W. Beatty, president of the Canadian Pacific Railway; Hon. Paul Dandurand, Liberal leader in the Senate, and other prominent citizens in the witness box. All these have been subpoenaed and Premier Taschereau was ready to give his evidence today, but Calixte Cormier, counsel for Harpell, said he was not ready for him.

Basis of Charge

The libel charge arises out of statements published by Harpell in the Journal of Commerce and in a book called Industry, Commerce and Finance. He linked Macaulay and the late Ivar Kreuger together as the "world's greatest crooks," charged the Sun Life president with using his influence to secure payment of illegal bonuses to stockholders and with causing million dollars of loss to policy holders of the company.

Defence counsel was thwarted today when he attempted to ask Mr. Finlayson about the Government's past dealings with the Sun Life. He was not allowed to ask whether the Department of Insurance had once asked the Cabinet to cancel the company's license or to question the official about reports he made to the Banking Committee of the House of Commons in 1932.

The Chief Justice sustained the objections of Alme Geogrien, K.C., counsel for Macaulay, in both instances, and ruled that matters were irrelevant to the case.

SAVOIA ITALY'S 15TH NEW TRADE SHIP IN 10 YRS.

Rome, Dec. 21—The mishap which delayed the Conte di Savoia on its first crossing, similar to the incident which held up the Rex on its maiden voyage, has done little to lessen the interest and pride of the Italians in the determined effort the Fascist government is making to win a major place in trans-Atlantic shipping.

The new ships put into service this year—the Savoia, Rex and the motorships Neptunea, Oceania and Satanica—have brought to a total of 15 the number of new vessels added to the Italian merchant fleet on the Atlantic in the last ten years.

GRAINS PASS DARKEST YEAR, FUTURE BRIGHT

Multitude of Woes Act To Keep Crop at the Lowest Prices

WHEAT CHEAP IN PAST YEAR

American Farmers Sold It For 25 Cents a Bushel

(By Harold E. Rainville U. P. Staff Correspondent)

Chicago, Dec. 22—Politics, surpluses and Canada have taken turns at spinning grain prices around and mostly downward, on the Chicago Board of Trade, the world's largest grain exchange, during 1932. Low records unequalled in the 75 years of future trading, and seldom since the board was organized in 1848, were established in delivery of every grain.

At this darkest of all years for the American grain belt was closing, however, decreased surpluses and unfavorable crop outlooks were already giving hope for a sounder price basis in 1933.

During the past year, December delivery of wheat has sold as low as 41½ cents per bushel, December corn at 21½ cents, December oats at 13½ cents, and December rye at 26¼ cents. Cash corn has previously sold as low as 19½ cents—in 1896—and there was a record of 11 cents for cash oats of an unknown grade in the same year.

With wages and other factors considered, wheat never before was as cheap as during the past year. American farmers were getting 25 cents for wheat, 10 cents for corn, and 7 cents for oats at interior points—far below production cost.

This brought farm strikes and holding movements, with corn being used for fuel and wheat and corn being stored on farms to await better levels. Not for two years have wheat crops added to the national surplus, yet the immense quantities amassed by the Farm Board policies here and the Canadian pool in Canada, still exist.

The shortest winter wheat crop since 1925, with only 442,000,000 bushels, failed to have any lasting effect. The spring crop was around 265,000,000 bushels, compared with 105,000,000 in the drought year of 1931. Winter wheat last year was 739,000,000 bushels. The corn crop was estimated at 2,920,000,000 bushels compared with 2,563,000,000 last year. Oats were 1,265,000,000, and in 1932, 1,112,000,000 bushels.

SAINT JOHN BOY SPENT THE PAST YEARS IN MEXICO

G. V. Adams Has Arrived Here to Join the Staff of the Bank of Montreal.

G. V. Adams has arrived here from Mexico City to accept the position of assistant accountant in the Bank of Montreal. Mrs. Adams who is now visiting home in Halifax will join him here in a short time. Mr. Adams is a St. John boy, and has spent six years in the service of the Bank of Montreal in Mexico. He was first stationed at Vera Cruz and more recently at Mexico City. He says that the temperature when he left Mexico City was around 105 in the shade and golf was the principal pastime. When he reached Canada he ran into zero weather and as a precautionary measure invested in a fur coat. Mr. Adams says that Mexico has quieted down somewhat, and revolutions appear to be a thing of the past. The country has many tourist visitors from the United States, except during the rainy season. While in Mexico Mr. Adams acquired a knowledge of the Spanish language and can speak it fluently.

Dudley Kingsley, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Kingsley, is home from McGill University where he is studying medicine.

Launches Drive For Revision of Germany's Debts

Dr. Hugenberg, Chief of the Nationalist Party, a Speaker at American Correspondents' Luncheon—Would Cut Interest Rate on Private Debts

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

BERLIN, Dec. 21—Dr. Alfred Hugenberg, chief of the Nationalist party, today launched a sensational drive for revision of Germany's private debts abroad.

Addressing an American newspaper correspondents' luncheon, Dr. Hugenberg advocated a reduction of interest rates on short terms indebtedness from their present five per cent average to one and one-half per cent.

Ex-Kaiser is Ill

DOORN, Holland, Dec. 21—Former Kaiser Wilhelm was confined to his hoom at Doorn Castle today suffering from an attack of rheumatism.

BRITISH QUEEN BUYING XMAS GIFTS FOR 1200

London, Dec. 21—If Britons in general follow the example of King George and Queen Mary the coming Christmas in this country will not be marred by a "tightwad" spirit. Nor will shops do most of their seasonal business in the week preceding the Yuletide.

The Queen embarked upon her shopping late in October, for it is said fully 1200 persons will receive gifts from her and the sovereign. But the presents will be useful articles, as is indicated by requests made to the royal staffs at Buckingham palace, Windsor castle, Sandringham and Balmoral to signify what they would like to have as a remembrance.

GOODLY SUM PAID IN BY RADIO FANS

Ottawa, Dec. 20—The net cash received by the Department of Marine for radio receiving set licenses for the first eight and a half months of the present year, that is up to the middle of December, amounts to \$1,334,962, according to a statement issued today by Hon. Alfred Durand, Minister of Marine. This does not include the commissions to those authorized to sell the licenses. This collection would indicate that about 685,000 radio licenses have been sold since April first last, with 3½ months of the fiscal year yet to be accounted for. I would appear, from Bureau of Statistics figures accompanying the Minister's statement, that all radio owners have not paid their licenses. The bureau estimated recently that Canada had a total of 770,436 radio receiving sets, or 74.32 sets per 1,000 of population.

Still Alarms

The firemen were called out yesterday afternoon to the residence of John W. Bebbington, Charlotte street, where a small roof fire might have caused serious damage. It was arrested in time by the fire fighters. The cause is unknown. It was still alarm. This morning another call called the firemen to a residence on Maryland Hill. No damage resulted in either case. Fires have occurred with greater frequency during the last two weeks, than at any time during the year, due mostly to the cold weather.

J. L. R. Parsons, of Saint John, is a guest of the Barker House today.

MAINE HUNTERS BADLY TRAPPED BY FLOODS

Hundreds Were Compelled to Seek Shelter in Shacks After Running Short of Food.

Caratunk, Me., Dec. 20—Nearly 500 unhappy hunters, whose homeward trek was blocked here by the Kennebec River's invasion of the main highway from Quebec, had dug in tonight to await rescue or had turned back to enter the State by another route, more than 150 miles out of their way.

Those who remained sought shelter in overnight cabins scattered along the road between here and Jackman, few of which were adapted to winter occupancy. Most of the stranded men and women were without funds—Maine residents who had gone into the woods for deer with which to stock their larders for the winter.

Among them there was no revelry and no disposition to regard their plight as an adventure. Some were hungry and not a few had families somewhere beyond the mile of swirling water and ice-choked highway with whom they were anxious to spend Christmas Day.

A few of the stranded multitude got around the ice barrier by beating their way through the woods and over the mountain which overlooks the flooded highway. One hunter who took this route, dragging his deer behind him, arrived cold and famished to be met down the river by friends in an open car. They brought him a loaf of bread to stay his hunger.

Others who would have followed the trail over the mountain were prevented from doing so because they had no money with which to arrange for transportation on the other side.

A group discussed the possibility of petitioning the state for aid.

A Valuable Relic

The York and Sunbury Historical Society has been presented by the Countess of Ashburnham, of this city, with an autograph signature of Mary Queen of Scots. The Countess found it among the relics of her late husband the Earl of Ashburnham. Mary Queen of Scots is one of the most famous women in history. She was Queen of Scotland, Queen of France and had she been alive when Queen Elizabeth ended her days, would probably have succeeded to the English crown, which went to her son, King James I.

One thing you can say for a cold wave is that it isn't a permanent.