

Painleve is Trying Hard to Construct A French Cabinet

**Is Ignoring Groups Headed by Tardieu, Laval or
Reynaud—Boncour to be Foreign Minister—
Aristide Briand Has Severe Heart Attack.**

PARIS, Feb. 19—Paul Painleve continued his efforts today to form a cabinet without aid of politically important groups headed by Andre Tardieu, Pierre Laval and Paul Reynaud. Joseph Paul Boncour accepted the post of Foreign Minister after a telephone conversation with Painleve from Geneva, where he is presiding at the League of Nations Council sessions.

Painleve said at noon that he hoped to have his cabinet completed by tonight.

Briand on Sick List

SOCHEREL, France, Feb. 19—The condition of Aristide Briand's heart became worse today and two specialists arrived from Paris to treat him. Briand has difficulty in breathing and is forced to sleep in a chair instead of going to bed at night. His doctors have forbidden all work and he receives no visitors.

Notified to Evacuate

SHANGHAI, Feb. 19—American and British residents in the Hongkew and Yangtse Poo districts of the International Settlement were notified by their consuls to evacuate today in anticipation of a Japanese attempt to crush Shanghai's Chinese defenders.

The Chinese replies rejecting the Japanese ultimatum were delivered at 7 p.m. (6 a.m. E.S.T.). Ten Tsai Kais' reply was sent to Japanese Lieut.-Gen. Uyeda. Wu Teh Chen, Mayor of Shanghai, sent his reply to Japanese Consul-General Murai.

DEATH VALLEY'S LAKE HAS BEEN EXAGGERATED

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 19—Death Valley's old-timers declare reports that the usually arid spot had become a lake through recent heavy rains are exaggerated.

They said the reports probably originated from a combination of mirages and a small amount of water collected in the region of Bad Water, 310 feet below sea level.

Viewed from Dante's Peak, 6000 feet high they said a huge lake apparently is seen but its mirage is caused by the glistening salt deposits.

4TH CENTURY COFFINS FOUND IN GERMANY

Cologne, Germany Feb. 19—Three stone sarcophagi, one of which dates from the fourth century, are among a collection of new objects which have been added to the Roman finds on exhibition at Wallraf-Richartz Museum, here. The fourth century sarcophagus is of particular interest, because it is marked with a pentagram, or pentapha, consisting of two triangles set together as to form a five-point star. It was used by the Pythagoreans as a symbol of health.

CABINET MEETING

London, Feb. 19—The Cabinet met at the House of Commons this afternoon and considered the Shanghai situation.

BIG RAILWAY COMPANY PASSED ITS DIVIDENDS

London, Feb. 19—The London and North Eastern Railway Company which serves the whole of Eastern Britain from the Thames and London to the Moray Firth, and operates 6,285 miles of track omitted dividends today on the 5 per cent preference stock and the deferred stock and reduced the second preference dividend from 4 to 1 per cent.

EX-STAMMERERS SPEAKERS AT A CONVENTION

Moscow, February 19—A conference of ex-stammerers took place here in which every delegate proved his right to attend by making a speech.

Addressing the conference of former stammerers, Prof. Vsevolod Koshchenko said there are 2,000,000 persons with speech defects in the country and that practically all are curable.

"Tractor" and "piatielka" (five-year plan) are among the most difficult words for stammerers to pronounce.

HARD WINTER FOR QUAIL

Reno, Nevada, Feb. 19—It was a tough winter on quail in Nevada. Snow covered feed for long periods, but sport-oving ranchers co-operated with game authorities and rode horseback through the valleys placing feed. It is estimated the lives of 1500 quail were saved.

EARLE HERSEY IS BELIEVED OUT OF DANGER

**Fredericton Hero of the
Mounties Shot by In-
sane Trapper Will Re-
cover From Wounds.**

Aklavik, N.W.T., Feb. 18—This tiny Arctic trading post rejoiced tonight, glad its terrorist bad-man Albert Johnson, is dead, and glad young Earle F. Hersey, staff sergeant in the Royal Canadian Signal Corps and hero of the mad trooper's last stand battle on the snowy tundras of the Yukon, is going to recover from bullet wounds. The wounded man's parents reside in Fredericton, N. B.

Wounded on the final gun-fight yesterday between the desperate, sharp-shooting Rat River hermit and the police-trapper posse which finally caught up with him after a three weeks chase, Hersey was virtually out of danger. He was rushed here immediately by aeroplane after Johnson shot him down and then himself fell dead before a withering return fire.

Bullet Located

A bullet, which entered his chest on the left side was discovered today to be located in the right side of his back, about two and a half inches from the spine. Dr. J. A. Urquhart, his attending physician, said it can be easily removed. Hersey suffered from shock at first, but is now resting easily and only danger of pneumonia or infection remains.

Tension that had hung over the Far North lifted with word Johnson had been killed by the posse seeking him for the murder of a Royal Canadian Mounted Police Constable and wounding of another. Trappers' wives who came here, many miles from their lonely cabins in scattered sections of the Arctic Circle country, prepared to return.

MISS M. S. BLOCK PASSES AWAY AT HER HOME IN SHORE STREET

The death occurred yesterday afternoon of Miss Margaretta (Etta) Shore Block after a short illness at her home 74 Shore street.

Deceased was born in Fredericton, being a daughter of the late Alexander N. and Frances Fall Block, and lived all her life in Fredericton. She was active in all the affairs of Christ Church Cathedral, prominent in the W. A. always being ready and willing to assist in any endeavor of the Cathedral, and in her passing Fredericton has lost a worthy citizen.

Miss Block was in her usual good health until last Sunday when she was stricken with paralysis and while she never regained consciousness her family and friends were still hopeful until a day or two ago when her condition became critical and the end came yesterday afternoon. She was the youngest of the family and is survived by one brother, Hugh Block and two sisters, Mrs. Bessie Plant, of Grand Forks, B. C., and Miss Katherine Block, at home.

The funeral will take place on Saturday afternoon with prayers at the house at 2:15 o'clock by Rev. A. F. Bate and Rev. H. H. Perkins. The body will be taken to the Cathedral where his Lordship Bishop Richardson will be in charge of the service which starts at 2:30 o'clock. Interment will be made at Forest Hill Cemetery.

If we could see the future we might want to stop right where we are.

A BIG BATTLE IS LOOKED FOR ON SATURDAY

**Artillery Duel Between
Rival Batteries is Now
Going on Along Chapei
Front.**

(By H. R. Eldons, B.U.P. Staff Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Feb. 19—A brisk artillery duel between the Chinese and Japanese batteries on the north east Chapei front began tonight prelude to the big battle set for Saturday morning.

The bombardment was expected to continue intermittently all night long and American and British residents began evacuating the threatened areas of the International Settlement.

The Chinese shells started several fires near the Rok Kusan gardens inside the Japanese defense area of the settlement. The American Church missions and St. Lukes hospital in the Hongkew area were evacuated inside the French concession, well away from the danger zone.

HEIFER USES WOODEN LEG WITH COMFORT

London, Eng., Feb. 19—A heifer with a wooden leg, is a curiosity on a farm near Carnoustie, Forfarshire. The animal, which is of pedigree stock, had one of its legs broken in two places at the time of its birth and the setting turned out a failure. The breeder had the leg amputated below the knee joint.

At the age of six weeks the heifer was provided with a wooden leg strapped to its knee. It soon became used to the artificial limb.

SIDEWALK ON QUEEN STREET SHOULD BE KEPT FREE OF ICE

Fredericton is a very fine city, but it is behind in one respect, remarked a visitor here this week. He went on to say that he saw no reason why the main sidewalk on Queen street, the principal thoroughfare, should not be kept clear of snow and ice. This is done in other cities, he added, and could easily be done here. He thought it would be better to remove the snow after every storm than to wait until it freezes up, and then employ men to sprinkle sand upon it, to prevent pedestrians from falling and injuring themselves. Many citizens have often wondered why this sidewalk has not been kept in a passable condition at all times. If the civic authorities are of opinion that it cannot be done, The Mail would suggest that they take a look at the wide concrete walk leading into the front entrance of the Liquor Control Boards warehouse, which is now free from ice as in the month of July. The condition of the Queen Street sidewalk, at the present time, with its other slides at the Carleton and York Street corners, is not calculated to impress strangers with the efficiency of the city government.

Hemorrhage Controlled

The condition of Staff Sergt. Earl Hersey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hersey, Queen street, this city, who was seriously shot in a recent skirmish, which resulted in the killing of Albert Johnson, mad trapper, in the north woods, is said to be improved today. The parents here are in receipt of a telegram this morning telling them of the improvement shown in their son's condition. The telegram stated that the hemorrhage was controlled and all signs of shock had disappeared. Hopes were held out for his complete recovery. The family received the news with pride and rejoicing.

Crooning is the masculine equivalent of weeping on a friendly shoulder.

DeValera's Party Still Leading in Irish Free State

**Fianna Fail and Labor Combined Have Majority
Over All Other Groups—Final Result Will Be
Known Tomorrow—DeValera to Abolish Oath
of Allegiance to King George.**

DUBLIN, Irish Free State, Feb. 19—If the Fianna Fail party, led by Eamon DeValera, ardent anti-British Republican, holds the lead it is piling up hourly in the Free State general elections it will introduce at once a measure to abolish the oath of allegiance to the King of England, it was understood today.

Majority of Five

The returns will be completed by Saturday, it was believed. With practically two-thirds of the 146 parliamentary seats accounted for, the DeValera party was leading President William T. Cosgrave's government.

The standing at 1.30 p.m. was as follows: Fianna Fail, 47; Government Party, 36; Independents, 9; Labor, 5; Farmer, 2. Thus the Fianna Fail and Labor majority over all other groups was five seats.

LIGHTNING CALCULATOR NOW IN U.S.

New York, N. Y., Feb. 19—A mathematician whose feats of rapid calculation are as amazing to himself as to psychanalysis, arrived on the liner Ile de France today to submit to examination by mathematicians of Harvard, Yale and California universities.

Dr. Salli Finkelstein has been engaged in the statistical department of the Polish Government at Warsaw, where he was born 35 years ago. He saw it was no problem for him to accomplish in a few hours the work ordinarily assigned to 40 or 50 men.

He adds a column of 15 figures in a fourth of a second.

DUPED INTO BUYING PHONE CONCESSION

Santa Maria, California Feb. 19—Michael Joseph was in San Francisco recently and met a most charming gentleman, a Mr. Potter. So charming was Potter that he charmed Joseph into buying for \$200, the telephone booth concession in a hotel there. On receipts of the \$200 from Joseph, he turned over to him keys to fit the coin boxes, and told him to make his collections regularly.

The first time Joseph tried to collect, he found the key did not fit the phone locks. The hotel clerk and detective spent an hour convincing him that he had been duped.

The Market Boom

The stock market today seems to be enjoying the greatest boom in months and an optimistic feeling prevails among citizens who dabble in stocks and have been holding on for a bulge. A surprising large block of the issues which have joined the upward movement are held in this city. Local people are now kept in close touch with market doings by the private wire lately installed by S. Douglas & Sons Ltd.

Lima Beane says the exercise that gives him a pain in the neck is bowing to the inevitable.

BURGLARS DID NOT BELIEVE IN THE SIGNS

McLeansboro, Illinois, Feb. 19—It's getting so these safe-crackers won't take anybody's word for anything.

The sign on the safe in the office of the J. W. Wright & Son Lumber Company plainly said that the strong box wasn't locked.

But the burglars elected to go about things in their own way, with the result that they broke the handle and couldn't get the door open.

And the net result of their labor was nothing.

Team Left This A. M.

Fredericton's Capital hockey club left at 8.40 this morning for Moncton, accompanied by about thirty fans the special train, not having been chartered. The team was accompanied by Bud Steen, as utility man and Cliff Young, relief goal tender. The personnel of the rest of the team is the same as played against Moncton here on Wednesday night. A stiff three-quarter hour workout was held yesterday afternoon in the Arctic Rink, with Coach Stan Burgoyne putting his charges through a real strenuous practice. The team all were fit for tonight's deciding "B" Section playoff match. Bill Gill, Moncton's defence player, who was not in the opener, is expected back for tonight's game contest.

Jack Russell as Host

Jack Russell, sporting camp proprietor of Ludlow, Northumberland County, is pulling off some great advertising stunts for New Brunswick in the New England states at his own expense. Last night he was the host at a venison dinner at Bridgeport, Conn., when thirty-two guests sat down. Afterwards he exhibited moving pictures of Miramichi salmon fishing to upwards of one hundred sportsmen, including members of the Fish and Game Commission. A film taken by Ald. Hedley Forbes of this city showing a salmon run below the dam at Marysville, was among those exhibited.

Angus E. McLean, of Bathurst was in the city attending the annual meeting of the N. B. Telephone Co. He was a guest of the Queen Hotel.