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Fair with a little lower tem-
perature tonight and Friday.

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New French Cabinet To Seek Confidence Vote of the Chamber

Premier Boncour Will Make An Effort to Reach
a General Debts Settlement in Accordance with
the Chamber's Resolution—May Pay Debt to
the United States.

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

PARIS, Dec. 22—Joseph Paul Boncour's new cabinet's definite position on war debts today in a ministerial declaration on which the government seeks a vote of confidence in the Chamber of Deputies.

The declaration will be a pledge by the government to devote itself to reaching a general debts settlement in accordance with the Chamber's debt resolution.

It seems as if the government is pretty certain to receive a vote of confidence by the Chamber of Deputies. In that event the cabinet is expected to open negotiations for a war debts revision with a view to paying to the United States the installment that fell due on Dec. 15th.

ANGLER FROM OVERSEAS USES WORMS FOR BAIT

Claimed Salmon Rose to
This Kind of Lure in
England, But They Re-
fused to Do So on the
Miramichi.

The following paragraph appeared in a report on the work being carried on by the fish hatcheries of the province, recently sent out under a Saint John date line:

"A peculiarity of Atlantic salmon, regarding bait, was responsible for an unsuccessful trip to New Brunswick by one of the English statesmen who attended the Ottawa Imperial Conference. He decided he wanted a salmon, and coming to this province he set out with a can of worms. His guide advised him otherwise, but the statesman decided if salmon liked worms in England they would like them in New Brunswick. Hour after hour he fished without a bite. Finally it became apparent that worms would not do."

So far as can be ascertained by the Mail the angler referred to spent several days late last season whipping the waters of the Southwest Miramichi. He did try worms as bait for a time, but was finally prevailed upon by his guide and a companion to shift over to an artificial fly. The change was made against his better judgment, however, and being some what of a novice at fly casting he did not achieve any great measure of success.

It seems that while in Montreal he got the notion into his head that the kind of bait he required could not be obtained in New Brunswick, so he engaged a man in that city to go out and dig him a supply of angle worms. The container, which was a tin can of good size, was placed on board of the train with his baggage, but it seems that when he reached his destination on the Canada Eastern branch of the C. N. R. he forgot all about the bait, and failed to remove it from the train. Naturally he was much annoyed when he discovered his loss, but the guide restored his peace of mind by telling him that he could replace the worms with very little trouble. He was promptly commissioned to do, and in a short time the party was all set and proceeded up the river. Try as he

THE PREMIER IS NOW ON THE WAY TO CANADA

Southampton, Eng., Dec. 21—Prime Minister R. B. Bennett of Canada sailed for home today aboard the liner Majestic after a brief visit in London. The Majestic is due in New York Dec. 27 and Mr. Bennett expects to be at his desk in Ottawa by Dec. 28.

Mr. Bennett's visit, originally described as a holiday, brought him into contact with numerous Government Ministers and officials. The exact significance of these contacts remained unrevealed tonight. In a message to the British people last night the Canadian Prime Minister said he had enjoyed an exchange of ideas "with men imbued with a common desire to advance and improve the progress of the Empire."

Among matters he was rumored to have discussed with United Kingdom officials was the question of securing a better market for Canadian softwoods, at present at a disadvantage in Great Britain because of competition from state-controlled or state-aided timber industries in Northern Europe.

A gathering of distinguished statesmen and many Canadian residents in London were at Waterloo Station today to say good-bye to the Prime Minister, whose short holiday in England has concluded.

COOL TRIP FOR NILE FISH OVER SAHARA

Alexandria, Egypt, Dec. 22—Thousands of fish have been carried across the burning Sahara in cooled railway tanks in a second attempt to stock the upper reaches of the Nile. Last year 70,000 fish were started across the desert, but so many died en route that the experiment was a failure.

Perhaps we do not realize it, but we have great cause for thanks. We should be thankful indeed that this year is nearly over.

might the angler from overseas, could not persuade the salmon to rise to an ordinary angle worm, and finally shifted over to the artificial fly with no better success.

HOUSE ADOPTS BEER BILL BY A BIG MAJORITY

The Vote Stood 230 to
165—Will Go to Senate,
Where Early Action is
Looked For.

Washington, D.C., Dec. 21—Tramping down all dry opposition, United States House of Representatives wets jammed the Democratic 3.2 per cent, beer bill through unchanged today and laid it on the doorstep of the Senate where early action is promised.

The big vote, 230 to 165, approving the measure, was the first successful move by wets in either branch of Congress to modify the Volstead Act since it became law 12 years ago. Shouts of applause greeted Speaker John N. Garner's announcement of the bill's passage. The size of the affirmative vote surprised even the most active advocates of the measure, including Speaker Garner, who said: "It was bigger than I expected, and shows that a majority of the House wants to follow the will of a majority of the people."

Had Doubts

There had been some doubt in the minds of Garner and other Democratic leaders that enough votes could be mustered to approve it. They were happy tonight, back-slapping each other, Majority Leader Henry T. Rainey congratulated Chairman James Collier of the Ways and Means Committee for being the first to pilot through the House in the short session a major Democratic proposal.

"It will give the people a malt beverage to drink and the federal treasury much needed revenue", Collier said. "We got more than the number of votes we expected but the opponents did not get as many as we thought they would."

Action came after three and a half hours of exciting debate, watched by a number of Senators.

The dries were repulsed early in the day by a teller vote of 163 to 118 when they attempted to wreck the bill on a motion by Representative Sirovich, New York Democrat, who unwittingly gave them parliamentary advantage on a motion to strike out the enacting clause.

Defeat Amendments

Gaining confidence by this show of strength, the wets then slapped down in quick succession about two dozen amendments, including one to reduce the alcoholic content from 3.2 per cent. to 2.75 per cent.

It was the most severe defeat suffered by the House prohibitionists in many years. Only last spring they defeated the O'Connor-Hull beer bill 238 to 160. The vote today is almost a complete reversal of the representative strength of the two groups, but it fell far short of the 272 to 144 vote for the outright repeal resolution defeated by six votes on the first day of the session.

Party lines were shattered in the final vote. Leaders made no attempt to control their forces, holding it was not a party matter. Among the 230 votes for the bill 133 Democrats, 96 Republicans and 1 Farmer-Laborite were recorded. Four Democrats joined the Republicans in opposition. The ducks voting for included 17 Democrats and 43 Republicans and voting against 12 Democrats and 69 Republicans.

When times are so out of balance, budgets will be, of course.

PROSPECTS IN 1933 BRIGHTER FOR RECOVERY

Increasing Stability Of
Many Enterprises Is
Noted

CHANGE OF TREND Panic Fever in the U. S. Banking Circles Has Been Passed

(Special to the DAILY MAIL by the British United Press)

New York, N. Y., Dec. 22—Prospects of a "slow recovery" in 1933 are brighter as the country completes its third depression year.

These observations are heard in many high business circles and are in sharp contrast to the prevailing gloom in many quarters. They are based on a number of fundamental business changes that have not as yet been felt in reduced unemployment, higher industrial activity or better living standards.

Although business activity in 1932 fell to levels believed impossible at the start of the depression, many leaders saw definite signs of a near change of trend.

Among the "pointers" to better times seen by business leaders are indications of greater co-operation between domestic and international debtors and creditors; a recognition of current difficulties and means for solving them; the growing tendency of the public to adopt the "new standards"; the widening gap between production and actual needs and the growing agitation for balancing of governmental budgets.

Compared with 1931, national income was off 30 per cent; exports, 34 per cent; imports, 36 per cent; building permits, 55 per cent; car loadings, 24 per cent; automobile production, 40 per cent; electrical energy output, 11 per cent; steel ingot production, 47 per cent. World cotton consumption showed a favorable trend, rising 11 per cent.

Another augur of better times was the record of banking failures. Deposits tied up in closed banks during 1932 were more than a billion dollars less than in the preceding year, indicating the passing of the "panic fever" in this highly important field. Money tied up in closed banks in 1932 dropped 59 per cent from 1931.

CANOE ON TWO YEARS' VOYAGE TO VANCOUVER

(Special to the DAILY MAIL by the British United Press)

Boston, Mass., Dec. 22—The 18 foot equipped canoe Maple Leaf with a two-man crew, cruised southward today on a 35,000 mile voyage from Montreal to Vancouver via Cape Horn.

Hedge Borup and Harold Jensen left Montreal on August 17th, and expect to reach Vancouver two years hence.

BABY'S DIET A WORRY EVEN TO ARISTOLE

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 22—To show that fussing over the baby's diet isn't much of a modern idea Miss Eva Hulson of the Chicago Kindergarten Teachers' College points to the works of Aristotle.

"After a baby is born its diet makes a great difference in its bodily character", she quoted from Aristotle. "It should be fed mainly on milk and not much wine, on account of the diseases it produces."

This year's calendar is looking time-worn.

A Grecian Area Is Again Visited By an Earthquake

Ruins of the Chalcidice Peninsula Left Standing
by a Previous Shock Were Obliterated—Feared
That Area Might Eventually Sink Into the Sea.

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

ATHENS, Dec. 22—A strong earthquake shock in the Chalcidice peninsula today completed destruction of ruins left standing after recent earthquakes caused severe damage to the area.

The inhabitants already suffering from lack of food were panic stricken.

Geologists predicted after the recent earth movements that the area might eventually sink into the sea.

So far as can be ascertained there was no loss of life from the recent quake, but property damage was considerable.

A. D. MACTIER OF THE C. P. R. WILL RETIRE

Montreal, Dec. 21—A. D. MacTier, vice president of the Eastern Lines, Canadian Pacific Railway, will retire on Dec. 31. E. W. Beatty, K. C., chairman and president of the company, announced here today. Mr. MacTier retires under the company's pension rules.

Mr. MacTier has spent 45 of his 65 years of life with the company, which he joined in 1887 as clerk in the general baggage department here. His rise to the vice-presidency was gradual through many branches of the business.

A native of Perthshire, Scotland, Mr. MacTier came to Canada when a young man. Upon joining the railway as a clerk he was advanced to stenographer, inspector in the sleeping car department, car tracer in the superintendent of car service officer, on fuel work and in charge of fuel accounts, these positions occupying him until 1896.

Announcement of the retirement was made by Mr. Beatty at a gathering of 450 officials of the company, representatives of all branches, who gave Mr. MacTier an ovation as he replied briefly to the president's announcement.

Civic Elections

Notice of the elections for civic office has been published by the city clerk. The elections will be held on Monday, January 9. Filing of nomination papers for the office of mayor or alderman will have to be made with the city clerk not later than four o'clock on the afternoon of Tuesday, January 3. Recent rumors politically connected the names of present Mayor W. G. Clark and former mayor R. L. Phillips to oppose each other in a mayoralty contest. So far there have been no names mentioned to oppose the five aldermen whose terms expire this year. Two of them, Ald. G. Willard Kitchen, and Ald. Brown, have intimated they will not run again.

Engineers Laid Off

A number of highway resident engineers stationed in different sections of the province have been laid off indefinitely by the provincial government in the interests of economy. The season's road work was completed some weeks ago and nothing of a very extensive nature in this line is contemplated for next season. It is said that several officials of the Agricultural Department engaged in field work will be given a vacation until May 1st.

MACLAUGHLIN NEW HEAD OF FRASER CO.'S LTD.

Was Chosen in Succession to the Late Archibald Fraser—Col. Massie and Harold Crabtree New Directors.

(Special to the Daily Mail)

Edmundston, Dec. 22—At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fraser Companies, Limited at the head office here today, changes were made in the scheme of management to meet the problem caused by the loss to the Company occasioned by the death of the late President, Archibald Fraser.

An additional vacancy on the board of directors was created by the resignation of George Mead, who handled the sale of the Fraser products in the United States through the Mead Company, until the Fraser Companies, had developed their own sales organization. This has been accomplished and all products are now sold direct.

New Directors

The two vacancies on the board of directors were filled today by the election of Harold Crabtree, of Montreal, and Lieut.-Col Robert F. Massie, of Toronto.

A New President

K. S. MacLaughlin, who has been general manager of the Companies, since April 1930, has been elected president. Donald Fraser of Plaster Rock, a brother of the late president who has been vice president since the inception of the company, will continue in that office.

Mr. MacLaughlin was also elected president of the Fraser Paper Limited and of the Restigouche Company, Limited, subsidiaries of Fraser Companies Limited.

A ROOSTER DIED OF BROKEN HEART

Hayward, California, Dec. 22—Tokio celebrated Japanese rooster who obtained fame and fortune for his owner, Lee S. Poissal, through radio, moving picture and chicken feed contracts is dead.

Tokio was famed because of his ability to maintain a single crowing note for more than 30 seconds. His death was attributed to a broken heart after a bronchial affliction, reduced his clarion voice to a bare whisper.

What a man can't understand is why his wife can't be as satisfied with him as he is with himself.