

Greater Quietness Now Prevails in the French Capital

But the Trouble Is Not Over, As a Strike Has Been Called For Monday — Premier Doumergue Is Expected To Announce His Cabinet Today.

PARIS, Feb. 9.—The announcement that Gaston Doumergue, the 70-year-old statesman, had accepted the task of forming a new administration has brought about a marked improvement in the situation here. The rioting has practically ceased and the night passed comparatively quiet, greatly to the relief of the military and police. The new Premier is expected to announce the personnel of his cabinet some time today. He was warmly greeted on his arrival yesterday and immediately went into conference with President Lebrun, with whom he remain closeted for several hours.

Premier Doumergue will form a cabinet from the various parties and will declare a political truce. Most of France's ex-premiers have consented to join the new administration and it gives promise of being a strong one.

More Trouble Likely

Although the rioting has ceased, France is not yet out of trouble. The union workers have ordered a strike for Monday next, and may tie up all of the building trades, and also the restaurant and hotel service.

THE STANDING COMMITTEES APPOINTED

Hon. Mr. Cockburn Is Chairman of the Committee on Corporations; Other Minor Changes.

The Special Committee of the Legislature appointed to strike the standing committees for the session met this morning. Hon. Mr. Cockburn succeeds Hon. W. H. Harrison as Chairman of the Committee on Corporations and there are some other minor changes.

On Standing Rules—Hon. Mr. Reilly, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Groom, Mr. Wood, Mr. Fairweather, Mr. Dougan, Mr. Doucet, Mr. Niles, Mr. Downey, Mr. Gill.

On Contingencies—Mr. Agar, Mr. Perry, Mr. Guphill, Mr. Richard, (Gloucester), Mr. Borge, Mr. Smith, (Kings), Mr. Violette, Mr. Pirie, Mr. Moore, Mr. Dottle, Mr. Siddall, Mr. McAllister, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Downey, Hon. Mr. Reilly, Mr. Scott.

On Library—Mr. Evans, Mr. Wood, Hon. Mr. Harrison, Mr. White, Mr. Tweedie, Mr. Dysart, Mr. Doucet, Mr. Melville.

On Public Accounts—Mr. Taylor, Mr. McAllister, Mr. Jewett, Mr. Siddall, Hon. Mr. Cockburn, Mr. Smith, (St. John), Mr. Fairweather, Mr. Moore, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Richard, (Gloucester), Mr. Doucet, Mr. Richard (Kent), Mr. Perry, Mr. Colpitts, Mr. White, Mr. Niles.

On Agriculture—Mr. Melville, Mr. Scott, Mr. Guphill, Mr. Smith, (Kings), Mr. Moore, Mr. Dougan, Mr. Dottle, Mr. Perry, Mr. Richard, (Gloucester), Mr. Siddall, Hon. Mr. Smith, Mr. Coffey, Mr. Richard, (Kent), Mr. Borge, Mr. Doucet, Mr. Niles, Mr. Dysart, Mr. Evans, Mr. Wood, Mr. Leger, Mr. Smith, (Saint John), Mr. Gill, Mr. Savoye, Mr. Colpitts, Mr. Pirie.

On Municipalities—Mr. Atkinson, Hon. Mr. Leger, Hon. Mr. Cockburn, Mr. Dottle, Mr. Wood, Mr. Smith, (Kings), Hon. Mr. Harrison, Mr. Perry, Mr. Moore, Mr. Agar, Mr. Jewett, Hon. Mr. Taylor, Mr. Dougan, Mr. Groom, Mr. White, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Leger, Mr. Lamb, Mr. Borge, Mr. Dysart, Mr. Niles, Mr. Downey, Mr. Evans, Mr. Melville, Mr. Coffey, Mr. McAllister, Mr. Richard, (Gloucester), Mr. Savoye, Mr. Anderson.

On Corporations—Hon. Mr. Cockburn, Hon. Mr. Taylor, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Guphill, Mr. Siddall, Mr. Fairweather, Mr. Dougan, Mr. White, Mr. Perry, Mr. Agar, Mr. Niles, Mr. Pirie, Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Brooks, Hon. Mr. Reilly, Hon. Mr. Leger, Mr. McAllister, Hon. Mr. Taylor, Mr. Richard, (Gloucester), Mr. Dysart, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Wood, Mr.

SOCIAL PHASE OF HOUSE OPENING IN STATE BALL

The annually brilliant ball which is tendered by His Honor Lieutenant Governor Hugh H. McLean on the occasion of the opening of the N. B. Legislature was quite as impressive last night as in past years. Despite the intensity of the weather last night—one of the coldest nights of a record-breaking winter—the scenes at the parliament buildings was gay, festive and most colorful. Distinguished age and eager youth mingled in the gayest and most outstanding bit of the social season in New Brunswick.

His Honor the Lieutenant Governor as host was assisted in receiving by his daughter, Mrs. H. N. Stetson and Premier and Mrs. L. P. D. Tilley. His Honor opened the ball at nine o'clock receiving hundreds of guests. He was preceded by two pipers in full Highland dress and accompanied by his official secretary, Major T. C. Barker and his aide-de-camp, Lieutenant Colonel E. J. Lounsbury, V.D. Following the grand march the reception was held. The assembly chamber where the event took place was tastefully arranged. The steps to the speaker's dais were banked with crimson roses, ferns and tall palms while bouquets of roses were placed on pedestals before the speaker's chair. Palms and ferns were the decorations in the halls.

Supper Served.

Supper was served at 11.30 o'clock in the supreme court chamber where small neatly arranged tables were conveniently placed. The serving tables were each centred with a silver basket of early daffodils and lilies and had also for decoration antique silver candleabra containing pale green tapers.

Fruit punch and ice cream were served in the corporation committee room while the library was used as the ladies' dressing room. Music for the program of fourteen dances was provided by McGinn's Orchestra.

Beautiful Gowns

The ladies gowns were the most colorful and brilliant in several seasons. Mrs. Stetson, who received with her father, the Lieutenant Governor, was gowned in peach georgette, embroidered in sequins over satin of the same shade and wore a corsage of violets.

Mr. Tilley was wearing black chiffon velvet, combined with silver tissue and diamond ornaments. Mrs. Hugh H. McLean, Jr., was dressed in a gown of baby blue satin, the bodice cut high in the front and finished in a low cowl neck in the back. The long skirt lengthened into a train, and she wore silver slippers and in her hair a coronet of brilliants. Her small shoulder bouquet was of mauve baby chrysanthemums.

Mrs. J. A. Richardson was wearing black georgette embroidered with sequins; the Countess of Ashburnham wore a French model of black chiffon velvet with necklace of diamonds and diamond ornaments. Mrs. J. H. Barry was gowned in a Grecian model of white Bengaline crepe, studded with rhinestones, the skirt finishing in a train in the back. The cape of the bodice was edged with ermine tails. Mrs. C. D. Richards was wearing a gown of white lace and pearl jewelry. Miss Margaret Richards was wearing a gown of white lace and pearl jewelry a white crepe costume and corsage of pink roses.

Mrs. W. H. Harrison wore a frock of powder blue crepe with silver trimmings. Miss Janice Harrison was charming in buttercup yellow taffeta.

PERCY SPARKS MAY HEAD THE INVESTIGATORS

Was Active With Hon. H. H. Stevens in Customs Probe

ACTIVITY PREVAILS

A Parliamentary Committee Likely To Start Something

Toronto, Feb. 9.—The Financial Post says:

Feverish activity is evident among opposing forces—already involved by direct charges made by Hon. H. H. Stevens—in preparation of their cases to be placed before the Parliamentary Committee recently appointed to investigate certain phases of the merchandising situation in Canada. The Special Select Committee of eleven members of the House has not yet been appointed but arrangements have already been made for the compilation of evidence, concentrating for a start on the garment and furniture industries. Meanwhile, other manufacturers and trade groups, at present neutrals, are getting ready to defend or attack as the case may be, if and when they become involved in the investigations.

Formation of the National Fair Trade Council to function as a medium of providing broad information on sweet shop practices, contraventions of the Minimum Wage Acts, exorbitant mark-ups being allowed on merchandise to the detriment of producer and consumer, etc., is probably the most important initial move made in co-operation with organized labor and the manufacturers.

R. Percy Sparks has been named for the position of investigator-in-chief. Mr. Sparks worked closely with Hon. H. H. Stevens in 1926 in connection with the investigation of the Customs department. More recently he has been prominent as counsel for independent manufacturers in the case against Celanese, Limited, at present under consideration by the Tariff Board.

APPENDICITIS

Ronald Smith, young son of Mr. George Smith of this city underwent an operation for appendicitis last night at Victoria Public Hospital. His condition today is reported as favorable.

berry chiffon velvet. Miss Dorothea Schofield wore black taffeta with scarlet trimmings. Mrs. A. Pierce Crockett was gowned in amethyst transparent velvet and wore a corsage of orchids. Mrs. Theodore C. Barker was wearing black ring velvet with corsage of white gardenias.

Mrs. E. J. Lounsbury's gown was of white beaded crepe with skirt finished in a short train, and her corsage was of pink rosebuds. Mrs. A. A. Dysart was wearing powder blue georgette with phinestone trimmings and corsage of lilies of the valley and violets.

The Grand March.

The first few in the order of precedence for the grand march was as follows: His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. J. A. Richardson; His Lordship the Bishop of Fredericton and Mrs. H. N. Stetson; Hon. L. P. D. Tilley and Mrs. Tilley; Sir Newton Moore, K.C., M.G., and the Countess of Ashburnham; Chief Justice J. H. Barry and Mrs. Barry; Mr. Justice C. D. Richards and Mrs. Richards; Hon. A. J. Leger, K. C., and Mrs. Leger; Hon. D. A. Stewart; Hon. and Mrs. Lewis Smith; Hon. H. I. Taylor, B.A., M.B., LL.D., Lieutenant-Colonel the Hon. W. H. Harrison, D.S.O., K.C., LL.D., V.D., and Mrs. Harrison, Hon. G. H. I. Cockburn and Mrs. Cockburn, Hon. E. A. Reilly and Miss Reilly; Hon. F. C. Squires, B.A., LL.D., and Mrs. Squires; A. A. Dysart; Brigadier J. L. Parsons, C. M. G., D.S.O.; His Worship the Mayor of Fredericton and Mrs. W. G. Clark; Major Hugh H. McLean, Jr., and Mrs. McLean.

Canada Still in The Grip of Very Frigid Weather

Cold Wave From the Arctic Regions Swoops Down Across the Country As 58 Below Zero is Reported in Northern Quebec and 50 Below at White River, Ont.

MONTREAL, Feb. 9.—All Central and Eastern Canada was held today in the grip of one of the most intense cold snaps of the winter.

From Winnipeg to the Atlantic seaboard Arctic chills, carried from the frozen waters of the north by a piercing 12-mile-an-hour wind, closed in upon six provinces. Communication lines in some districts were disrupted and along highways automobiles were stalled by the sudden drop in temperature.

Centering about the Northern Quebec region the Arctic surge left temperatures in that sector of the Dominion hovering in the vicinity of 50 below zero. The coldest spot reporting was Doucet, Que., where the mercury plunged to 58 below.

One death attributed to the weather was reported from Peterborough, where Foster Calberry, a relief worker was killed almost instantly when fulminate of mercury caps exploded in his pocket as he stood warming himself near an open fire by the roadside.

Leaving mercury in Eastern Manitoba 15 below, the wave rolled into Ontario from the North, hitting Kenora at 23 below and gaining in intensity until it struck White River to the tune of 52 below.

LIMIT OF TAX PAYING POWERS IS REACHED

Premier Bennett Does Not Endorse the Proposal For a Maritime Union.

Montreal, Que., Feb. 8.—The Canadian government found itself "cribbed cabined and confined", in so far as concerned credit, when contemplating any expense effort that might accelerate the return of prosperity, Prime Minister R. B. Bennett, told the Canadian Club at a luncheon meeting here today.

The tremendous interest charges that had to be paid if Canada retained her place among the nations of the world meant heavy taxation, Mr. Bennett said. The prime minister warned his hearers that the tax-paying powers of the Canadian people had been practically reached.

Mr. Bennett had a word of praise for the people of the Western Provinces who, he said, had added \$10,000,000,000 in new wealth to the Dominion in the last ten years. He chided those who built their faith on stock market operations. "Trading on margin and trading in stock certificates does not create new wealth", the prime minister said, "but sometimes it means the loss of wealth your fathers' fathers created".

Referring to the frequently heard demands that the Maritime Provinces should merge under one government, and that the Prairie Provinces should effect a similar union, the prime minister did not endorse or disapprove the suggestion but pointed to the constitutional difficulty.

"Whenever you contemplate that demand you are face to face with the constitutional reality. It could only be done by an amendment to the British North America Act", Mr. Bennett said. "To say that a bold not only"

A LITTLE GIRL WAS KILLED AT AROOSTOOK

Mary Isabel Demmings Struck by a Locomotive and Her Body Dragged Eight Feet.

Aroostook Junction, Victoria County, Feb. 8.—A shocking accident occurred here this afternoon, when Mary Isabel, three year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Demmings, Aroostook Junction was killed instantly by the engine of the northbound express.

Mrs. Demmings and the little tot had returned home on the train from Perth, and in crossing the track in front of the engine to gain the road, the little girl fell on the sled on which her mother was pulling her. The engineer, Joseph Topham, not seeing Mrs. Demmings on the track, started the engine to go to the coal shed for coal, striking the little girl and dragging her about eight feet.

Mrs. Demmings, who saw her little girl being crushed, tried to save her and narrowly avoided being killed herself. She leaves, besides her parents, her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Demmings, Aroostook Junction and Mr. and Mrs. George Raymond, North View.

Dr. A. F. MacIntosh, Andover, coroner, was called and gave permission for the removal of the body. An inquest will be held later.

POTATOES IN DEMAND

There is considerable activity in the local potato market and extensive shipments are being made. The sum of \$1.50 per barrel is now being paid for good table stock. Seed potatoes are also in demand. Alfred King, of Kingsclear, this week completed loading three carloads for W. W. Boyce, of this city, for shipment to Montreal.