

MUSSOLINI'S NOTE OF WARNING

PROHIBITION DISCUSSED IN PULPITS

The Bishop of New York Favors Volstead Act.

WANTS IT ENFORCED

Statement of Church Society is Sharply Criticized.

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

New York, N. Y., Feb. 8.—The prohibition question became an absorbing topic of pulpit discussion here yesterday. The Right Rev. William Manning, Bishop of New York, referred to the Episcopal Church Temperance Society's statement that the prohibition situation was unendurable and that modification of the law should follow.

"Undue importance" has been attached to the statement according to Bishop Manning, adding, that, "for some years past the church has scarcely been aware of the existence of this society."

The Bishop expressed his own mind and that of the church as favoring enforcement of the Volstead Act.

The Temperance Society's report was characterized by the Rev. Dr. Christian Freisner of the Chelsea Methodist Church, as the forefront of a desperate attempt by "The Hard Driven Wets", to revive a revolt against prohibition.

COOPERATION PLAN WILL BE ABANDONED

Canadian Cottons Limited Will Make No Profit-sharing Payments After the Present Month.

Canadian Cottons Limited and Cornwall & York Cotton Mills, Limited, have announced to their employees that with the present month the companies will abandon the cooperation plan which has been in effect for some five years. This will mean no further payment of what is quite generally known among the employees as "the dividend" after the end of February.

A circular has been issued by the companies stating the reasons for this action. The circular explains that the object of co-operation was two fold—increased production and profit-sharing. At first it was based on a full fifty-hour week's production. Later when short time came into effect the system was continued.

The circular states that the importation of foreign goods has forced this action. "Drastic reductions in selling prices have been determined upon, and will become effective this month. It is sincerely hoped that this action will result in such an increase in sales as will shortly assure full-time employment at all of our mills. It is, for this reason, felt that this change of policy will ultimately be in the best interests of the employees as a whole as well as in those of the company."

Underwent Operation.

Mrs. Clark Sutherland who has been in delicate health for some time underwent an operation at the Fraser Memorial Hospital yesterday. Her condition today is reported to be serious.

THOS. A. EDISON IS NEARING FOUR SCORE MARK

The Greatest Inventive Genius of All Time.

BIRTHDAY ON THURSDAY

Continues to Work with Energy and Industry.

(Special to The Daily Mail.)

New York, Feb. 8.—Thomas A. Edison, who has been called "the greatest inventive genius of all time," will enter upon his eightieth year this week, and still he's cheating Old Man Time. According to all reports he is exceedingly brisk and chipper as he nears the four-score milestone and is said to be dining on spinach and carrots in preparation for the much illumined cake he must eat next Thursday.

In absolute disregard to the rules of living which prompt nearly all persons of his age to take it a bit easy, the wizard of West Orange continues to work with almost the same energy and industry which have characterized his entire life. Only within the past few years has he been induced to "slow down" in the least. As a slight concession to the urgings of his family and friends Mr. Edison nowadays does take an occasion day off and he has even been induced once or twice to spend a few weeks in the South to escape the rigors of winter. But, all in all, he sticks pretty closely to the daily routine of hard work and study that he has followed for so many years. For more than forty years he has made his home at Llewellyn Park, near West Orange, where he also maintains the laboratories which have become famous the world over and which are yearly visited by men of distinction from many countries.

To all appearances the beginning of his eightieth year finds Mr. Edison still in his prime, physically as vigorous as most men many years his junior, and mentally as keen and alert as at any period of his marvelous career. He proudly points to the record of his ancestors and vows he will beat them all. His great-grandfather lived to be 104 and his father was 94 when he died.

For half a century the name of Edison has been known throughout the civilized world, and wherever his name is known the stimulating power of his inventions is felt; for all these inventions have been on the side of moral and social progress, and hence they are each and all charged with a potential optimistic inspiration.

Mr. Edison has been termed a man of herculean suggestiveness—not only the greatest inventor of an age singularly fruitful in inventions, but a discoverer as well. For, when he could not find material with the properties he required, he explored the regions of the unknown, and brought back captive the requisites for his inventions. The carbon disc by which perfected his electric light is an example of this almost inspirational exploration.

Mr. Edison's personal tastes are simple. Personal notoriety has never been to his liking. "A man," he once said, "is to be measured by what he does, and not by what is said of him."

ENGLISH GIRL GETS A BIG LEGACY

London, Feb. 8.—American lawyers are seeking to arrange for Miss Jean Ferris, 15-year-old Nutfield girl, the legacy left her by her grandfather, Claus Spreckels, California sugar millionaire.

Under the bequest, Miss Ferris will have an income of about £100 (\$500) a day. She is attending Grovelly Manor school and is described as unmoved by the great fortune to which she has fallen heir.

The German Foreign Office has Adopted a Cautious Attitude

Mussolini's Warning is Likely to be Heeded—Newspapers Express Pain Rather Than Anger—Austria Will Rely on League of Nations in Case Italy Attempts Unfriendly Acts in Tyrol.

BERLIN, Feb. 8.—The German foreign office assumed an extremely cautious and equivocal attitude today toward Premier Mussolini's clear warning that Italy would not brook further German attacks on the southern Tyrol policy of Italy.

And meantime the German press showed a striking unanimity in expressing "Pain" rather than "Anger" at Mussolini's suggestion that Italy could exact a revenge of "two eyes for an eye and a whole set of teeth for a tooth" or could even carry its colors beyond the famed Brenner pass which now marks Italy's northernmost outpost.

Would Rely on League

Vienna, Feb. 8.—The United Press learned unofficially today that Austria would rely upon action of the League of Nations in the event of Premier Mussolini of Italy attempting unfriendly acts in Tyrol.

Meantime traders said it was probable that Austria would turn to America for fruits, as a boycott on the Italian fruits which now definitely organized. This action follows Saturday's speech of Mussolini to the Italian Chamber in which he warned Germany against anti-Italian attacks upon the south Tyrol policy of Italy and declared that Italy, on occasions, could carry her flag beyond the Brenner Pass.

MUCH TALK INDULGED IN AT OTTAWA

Ottawa, Feb. 7.—In the five days the House sat last week 58 speeches, in addition to a number of interruptions some of which were of considerable duration, were added to Hansard.

Of the total number of speeches 39 were delivered by the Conservatives, 16 by Liberals, and 3 by Progressives. On one day's debating alone, which began Tuesday at 3 p. m. and ended on Wednesday at 4 a. m., there were 25 speeches of which 23 were by the Conservatives.

Thursday afternoon of the previous week the Conservatives decided to put up no more speakers on the Meighen tariff amendment to the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne, so that the speeches of that Thursday night, of Friday and of Monday of last week were confined to Liberals and Progressives.

Then when the Meighen amendment was defeated and the House proceeded to dispose of the Lapointe adjournment motion, Conservative speakers again came to the fore, and in the four days occupied with that and the Stevens amendment 49 speeches were delivered of which 39 were Conservative.

Another feature of last week was the frequency of major divisions. In those five days there were five divisions and the average majority for the Government was 7. Once the Government majority shrank to one. There were as many polls of the whole House taken in those five days as there were in the entire session of parliament in 1925. Actually there were more divisions last session, but many were of a minor character and were taken when there was far from a complete attendance of the members.

AUSTRALIAN BUTTER FOR THE DOMINION

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 7.—Commenting on the arrival of 20,000 cases of butter for Canadian consumption in Vancouver from the Antipodes, Hon. E. D. Barrow, Provincial Minister of Agriculture, said that sooner or later the Dominion must be prepared to face competition with Australia in the world markets, so far as dairy products are concerned.

On the consignment, the bulk of which is for Toronto, 15,000 cases were from Australia, shipped under the terms accorded by the recently concluded trade treaty. The balance was from New Zealand.

"Even if we shut out Australian butter from here with a tariff, Australia could still compete with us, declared Mr. Barrow.

"The facts of the butter situation are somewhat peculiar and probably not widely understood. At present Canada is producing large quantities of butter which it cannot use. A big surplus is being exported from the prairies to Great Britain by way of Vancouver and the Panama Canal."

NO FAILURES IN NEW BRUNSWICK

Toronto, Feb. 7.—Commercial failures in Canada as reported by R. G. Dun & Company during the past week numbered 54, as compared with 70 in the corresponding week last year. Last week's failures by provinces were as follows: Quebec, 23; Ontario, 14; Manitoba, 7; Nova Scotia, 4; British Columbia, 3; Saskatchewan, 2; Alberta, 1.

MOVIE COMPANY ON CLIPPER SHIP HAD CLOSE CALL

Party of Twenty-five Rescued in Snow Storm.

THE SHIP WAS HELPLESS

Passengers and Crew None the Worse for Experience.

San Pedro, Cal., Feb. 8.—The old clipper ship Indiana, carrying a moving picture company of twenty-five was towed safely into port today after being buffeted about for hours in the rough Catalina channel in imminent danger of destruction. Joseph Schildkraut, the actor, was on the ship.

First indications that the Indiana was in trouble came last night when it was in tow of the tug Restless. The tug Sea Witch was then sent to her assistance.

Members of the Sea Witch's crew reported that had they left San Pedro fifteen minutes later the old sailing craft would have gone to its doom off the rocky coast. After five attempts the Sea Witch got a line aboard the Indiana, which was then a half mile from shore, driven closer each moment by the wind.

Aside from a few qualms of seasickness the passengers and crew were none the worse for their experience in the storm.

DEBATE ON ADDRESS TO BE RESUMED TODAY

Ottawa, Feb. 7.—Premier Mackenzie King, on his return from Prince Albert yesterday, expressed himself as satisfied with the situation in parliament. He called the present tactics of the Conservatives simply obstructive and calculated to embarrass the government in the matter of cabinet reorganization by reducing as much as possible the time before March 15 and within which by-elections for additional ministers will have to be held.

An important conference was held by the Progressives yesterday, when they met Dr. H. M. Tory, author of two exhaustive reports to the Federal Government, and G. D. Finlayson, of the department of finance, on the question of the proposed rural credits legislation. Dr. Tory, it is understood, dealt fully with various aspects of this problem and at its close Robert Forke, Progressive leader, expressed himself as pleased with the progress made.

To Attack Trade Treaty.

When the debate on the address is resumed Monday by Donald Sutherland (South Oxford) he will attack the Australian treaty and will introduce an amendment to the address on that subject. When that is disposed of, it is understood that still another amendment will be moved. Three or four speeches are likely to be made by Liberals and Progressives protesting against what they will call "Conservative obstruction." While there is no definite intimation, it is believed the Throne Speech will be concluded at the end of the week.

Greeley, Cal., Feb. 8.—A new parking rule, making the maximum parking time five minutes if men students return with their co-ed friends later than 11.30 o'clock at night, has been put into effect by the Householders' Association of the Colorado State Teachers' College.

The zero hour on "parlor dates" has also been set by the association at 11.30 P. M.

BAD FLOODS REPORTED IN ENGLAND

Roads in the Soar River Valley are Submerged.

RIVER THAMES UP 84 INCHES

Is Now Five and a Half Feet Above Normal Level.

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

London, Feb. 8.—The worst floods in years were reported today from Leicestershire and other parts of England. Many villages were isolated. Roads were submerged in the Soar River Valley as a result of heavy rains and the River Lea was at many points flooded.

Thousands of acres in the Clapton and Hackney districts were submerged. The Thames has risen six inches in the last twenty-four hours, and is already five and a half feet above normal at Shepperton.

CAIRO TO CAPE TRIP THROUGH AFRICA TAKEN

Dr. J. W. Inches of This City Had Many Interesting Experiences—Here for Fortnight.

Dr. J. W. Inches of Detroit, a former resident of Fredericton, is spending about a fortnight here, having arrived on Saturday. He is a guest at the Queen. Dr. Inches speaking of weather conditions in the United States said that on his journey to Fredericton he was greatly delayed by snow and that one train from New York to Boston was held up fifteen hours by snow about the same time.

Dr. Inches is a son of the late Andrew Inches of this city and is well known here. He is a former Police Commissioner of the City of Detroit.

Recently the doctor returned from Africa where with three friends he made the Cairo to Cape Town journey penetrating the Dark Continent from north to south and hunting big game enroute. Three white men accompanied the four as assistants and upwards of two hundred natives were required as bearers.

Dr. Inches killed an elephant and other big game of the country on the march. He intends to revisit Africa.

MR. BURGESS TELLS WHY HE IS IN THE FIELD

Shellbrook, Sask., Feb. 5.—D. L. Burgess, Independent candidate, opposing Premier W. L. Mackenzie King, in the Prince Albert by-election, opened his speaking campaign here last night. It was a very short speech lasting but fifteen minutes.

Mr. Burgess declared he was in the field purely in protest against the manner in which Charles McDonald, Liberal member, who retired to make way for Premier King, had delegated his seat. Mr. Burgess also remarked that he, too, came originally from North York, and as that seat had rejected Mr. King, so would Prince Albert, he felt sure.

I. D. Agnew, official agent for Mr. Burgess, in a brief talk, stated that the Independent campaign was financed entirely by small local contributions.