

## N. Y. TO VOTE ON VOLSTEAD ACT

### MORE DELAY IN MOROCCO CONFERENCE

The Riff Negotiator Will Consult With His Chief.

ARRIVED AT TAURVIT

To Seek Additional Advice From Abd-El-Krim.

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

Oudjda, Morocco, April 20—The decision for peace or war between the French and Rifians in Morocco will probably be further delayed, it was indicated today when Haddou, the Rifian negotiator who returned to the Riff capital yesterday, arrived at Taurit.

Azerkane, the principal Rifian negotiator, immediately requested Franco-Spanish permission for Haddou to return to the Riff tonight to obtain additional advice from Abd-El-Krim, the Rifian leader.

### HAD FAINTING SPELL OVER A HOT STOVE

Salisbury, April 19—Mrs. Henry Lewis, an aged widow who makes her home with her son, Corey Lewis, two miles north of Salisbury village, made a call on a neighbor a day or so ago. During her visit the lady of the house was called from the room for a few minutes, leaving Mrs. Lewis in the meantime alone. On returning to the room she was horrified to find Mrs. Lewis lying prostrate on the hot stove. It seems that Mrs. Lewis, when she drew up to the stove, was suddenly seized with a fainting spell and fell headlong on the stove. Dr. Logan is attending her. Owing to her age and the serious nature of her injuries, her condition is considered critical.

### POTATOES ARE BEING SENT TO THE U.S.

Moncton, April 19—The movement of potatoes from the Maritime Provinces, particularly Prince Edward Island, continues heavy and yesterday 24 cars passed through the city en route to the United States. This morning four carloads arrived from Buctouche for export. In spite of the movement, however, there continues to be a good many potatoes in the country districts, trouble in transporting them to the city accounting largely for the apparent shortage. The price here is \$2.70 per bushel.

### EXGOVERNOR HAS BIRTHDAY

Sackville, April 19—Hon. Josiah Wood observed his eighty-third birthday yesterday, and was able to enjoy a pleasant chat with many friends who called upon him to extend congratulations. He is still enjoying fairly good health, although he has not been able to get out much during the winter. As a leading business, philanthropist, member of parliament and Lieutenant-Governor, Mr. Wood has long occupied a foremost place in his native province, and that he will live to see many more anniversaries will be the sincere wish of all.

### WILL PREPARE TO FLY FROM N. Y. TO PARIS

French War Time Act Will Put on Great Stunt.

CONFERS WITH MINISTER

Will Sail From Paris to N. Y. This Afternoon.

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

Paris, April 20—Rene Fenck, the French War-time Act, today conferred with Minister of War Painleve preliminary to sailing for the United States where he will prepare to fly from New York to Paris in July.

Fenck was to sail this afternoon. He estimates that his flight will require thirty-five hours over a route which will take him to Ireland and thence to Paris.

### APPROVES THE REDUCTION IN INCOME TAX

Toronto, April 19—The reduction in income taxes, announced in Hon. J. A. Robb's budget speech on April 16, was hailed as a step in the right direction by Sir Thomas White, former Canadian Minister of Finance, in addressing the Canadian Club today on Canadian problems. "Let us hope that the next step will be a longer one in the same direction," Sir Thomas said. "The burden of our direct taxation is still very heavy and places us at a great disadvantage as compared with our keenest competitor, the United States."

One quarter of the net annual production of Canadians was paid out in taxes, Sir Thomas estimated. This was a drag on business and enterprise. The problem was to pay interest charges on the national debt, and reduce it, without unduly heavy taxation.

Taxes invoked to pay war expenses should not remain a day longer than necessary, the speaker said. Sir Thomas declared that if the special war taxation was greatly reduced the necessary extra revenue would come from the great improvement in business which would surely result from the tax reduction.

### AUTO STOCKS TAKE SLUMP IN NEW YORK

New York, April 19—Heavy selling of automobile shares on the New York Stock Exchange and Curb markets resulted today from the proposal of the Canadian Government to reduce the tariff on automobile imports which has been in force for several years, for the purpose of protecting the Canadian manufacturers. As a result of this tariff many of the American companies have established plants in Canada, and it was assumed in stock-market circles that the operations of these plants will be affected by the proposed tariff revision.

Ford Motor of Canada, which has been weak for several days, dropped to a new low record for the year. The stock which sold at 655 earlier in the year, dropped to 470. The net loss was 31 points, following a 69-point drop on Thursday.

### Agreement to Fund French Debt to U. S. Has Been Reached

Premier Briand Makes Announcement to His Cabinet—The Amount Involved is \$4,200,000,000—Agreement is Preliminary, and Has Not Yet Been Signed—Cabinet Unanimously Ratifies Action.

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

PARIS, April 20, 1926—Preliminary agreements for funding the \$4,200,000,000 French debt to the United States has been reached by the French Ambassador, Henri Bernger and Secretary of the Treasury Andrew Mellon, Premier Briand told the French Cabinet today.

The agreement, Briand said, had not yet been signed. The premier laid the terms proposed in the preliminary agreement before the cabinet and they were unanimously ratified.

#### Working Basis Reached

Washington, D. C., April 20—Secretary of the Treasury Andrew W. Mellon and the French Ambassador, Henri Berenger, it was intimated today, at the treasury, have reached a "working basis" for the funding of the French debt to the United States.

Mellon denied, however, that a "tentative agreement had been reached."

### SUNBURY CROWN LAND INQUIRY BEFORE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

Witnesses This Morning Were Deputy Minister Prince, Henry Auckerman of Chipman and Wallace Bridges—Adjourned Until Wednesday Morning—Some Interchanges—R. B. Smith Present with P. J. Hughes, K. C., as Counsel.

There was a large attendance of spectators, both members of the House of Assembly and the general public, when the Public Accounts Committee this morning heard the first witness in the investigation of the charges made by E. C. Atkinson, member for Sunbury, that the River Valley Lumber Co., of which R. B. Smith former member for the county is manager had been improperly allowed special privileges in the matter of an eighty percent classification on lumber cut on Little River, Sunbury County.

This morning three witnesses appeared. They are G. H. Prince, Deputy Minister of Lands and Mines; Henry Auckerman of Chipman sub-contractor under the River Valley Lumber Company which has its mill at Oromocto; Wallace Bridges of Fredericton, departmental official who cruised the land concerning which the charges are made.

R. B. Smith of Oromocto, ex-M. P. P. appeared with P. J. Hughes, K. C., as counsel and Mr. Atkinson had with him as counsel Fred C. Squires, M. P. P., of Woodstock. During the examination there were some brisk interchanges. Some of the questions were by the chairman Hon. B. F. Smith and some by Mr. Atkinson with Mr. Hughes cross-examining.

The inquiry will be continued Wednesday morning the committee rising shortly after one o'clock this afternoon.

The Deputy Minister.

G. H. Prince the Deputy Minister in reply to a question of chairman B. F. Smith said that the cut by River Valley Lumber Co. on that 80 percent classification was made contrary to

the Crown Land Regulations for 1924-25, the regulation calling for such classification to be made when the logs were yarded and not before operations were commenced. The minister had power to vary regulation.

Cross-examined by Mr. Hughes witness said that Mr. Smith offered to cut for a flat rate of \$2 stumpage for spruce and fir but his reply was that there was not any provision for an acceptance of such offer. Mr. Smith declined to salvage the timber until he had definite assurance. Asked if this was a reasonable viewpoint witness said it was. The actual survey by W. Bridges covered about 3,000 acres or six square miles and that the formal order covered 13,000 acres.

Questioned by Mr. Atkinson, witness said that Hon. C. D. Richards now Minister of Lands and Mines, made a careful investigation of the matter and cancelled the arrangement. It was in operation but one year.

Henry Auckerman.

Henry Auckerman of Chipman, sub-contractor in 1924-25 for The River Valley Lumber Company, was the next witness. He told of operating on the lands of the company. Of his cut sixty to seventy per cent was spruce. The logs he cut were live with the exception of fifteen or twenty per cent dead.

To Mr. Hughes witness said that the tops of the majority of the trees which he classed as "live" were affected by budworm.

Wallace Bridges.

Wallace Bridges of Fredericton was called. He said that he was directed by the Department of Lands and Mines to survey the limits in question.

### SLEEPWALKER LIT A MATCH KILLED BY FALL

A Bronx Woman Met With a Terrifying Death.

NIGHTGOWN CAUGHT FIRE

Fell From Roof While Trying to Save Herself.

New York, April 20—Setting her nightdress afire accidentally, it is believed while she was walking in her sleep, Miss Terese Ferrara, 32 years old, met with a terrifying death early today, when she fell, screaming with the burns, from the roof of her home at the Bronx. She fell four stories and died in Lincoln Hospital without recovering consciousness.

When tenants in the neighboring apartments roused by barking dogs, went to her aid her nightgown was still burning as she lay in the courtyard. Samuel Linton of 769 East 165th street, the first to reach her beat out the fire. At the hospital it was found in addition to multiple burns she had fractures of the skull and jaw, punctured right lung and internal injuries.

Investigation showed the roof scuttle lifted and also a burned match by the ladder leading up. It was suspected that Miss Ferrara struck the match to find out where she was, on waking from her sleep and when the nightgown caught fire rushed frantically to the roof and fell while trying to save herself. The roof scuttle is heavy, and it is not believed she would have lifted it while in the sleep-walking trance.

### GILDING TEETH AND TONGUE

Paris, April 20—Believe it or not, some Parisian beauties are gilding their teeth and then gilding the tips of their tongues to match. A liquid enamel preparation, allegedly harmless and easily removed, is used in the gilding.

Make-up in general is varied and pronounced this year. Scarlet cheeks are the mode with those who wear the new high-crowned Spanish hat.

New York—Louis Caton, who used to entertain his fellow workers in a Braddock (Pa.) steel mill by singing, has made his New York debut as a concert tenor at Town Hall.

Witness said that he cruised about three thousand acres or eight square miles in a day and described his methods.

Mr. Atkinson asked if this was an accurate cruise and Mr. Bridges replied that it was fairly accurate. He could not say how many acres he saw during the cruise.

Mr. Atkinson asked if witness had been asked to cruise on the headquarters of the Nashwaak. Witness replied that he had been asked but had not gone. As a result of his refusal his resignation as an official had been requested. He had not resigned and he had not been dismissed.

Witness was asked if he had any conferences with Mr. Smith on the matter and witness said he had not.

Mr. Hughes offered objection to this line of examination.

Witness was examined by both Mr. Atkinson and Mr. Squires. In the course of his evidence he said he had made a cruise for Mr. Atkinson in the same year and had advised that he should let his tract of land grow instead of cutting. Mr. Atkinson later had told him that his advice was good. Committee adjourned until 10 a. m. Wednesday.

### NEW YORK TO HOLD A STATE REFERENDUM

Modification of Volstead Act to be Voted Upon.

ASSEMBLY PASSES BILL

It Will be Sent to Governor for His Signature.

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

Albany, April 20—A New York state referendum on modification of the Volstead Act next November was authorized today when the Assembly passed the so-called Kerle Bill. The Senate had already passed the measure and it will go to Governor Smith immediately.

The law authorizes a ballot on the proposal that the State specify what constitutes the alcoholic content of an intoxicating beverage.

### HENRY FORD PAYS VISIT TO JACK MINER

Chatham, April 20—Henry Ford, no matter how busy a man he is has found time for pleasure and roamed the fields and woods with such men as Thomas A. Edison, Luther Burbank and John Burroughs, thus proving his love for the out-of-doors. Last week he visited his friend Jack Miner and stayed overnight with the Canadian naturalist. The evening was spent in a general visit, while the morning was spent in observing the manoeuvres of the birds on the Miner sanctuary, as well as on the lake shore watching the thousands of swans which now have been attracted to that vicinity by Jack Miner. Mr. Ford made the visit accompanied only by his chauffeur.

### TRICK CLOCK GETS HUSBAND OUT OF BED

Cleveland, O., April 20—When fire, water and threats had failed to get her husband out of bed in time for work, Mrs. Mary Klag turned to police. Officers advised her to turn the alarm clock an hour ahead of time. Mrs. Klag says the scheme works.

### HOUSTON HAS LEFT BIG ESTATE

London, April 20—Sir Robert Paterston Houston, 73-year-old shipping baronet, who died on the Island of Jersey on Wednesday, left a fortune estimated at between £6,000,000 and £7,000,000. It is reported in the press that he willed the bulk of his estate to a cabinet minister, and some of the papers believe the minister to be Lord Birkenhead.

Lord Birkenhead and Sir Robert had been close friends for twenty years. Sir Robert left no relatives except his widow, who, before their marriage in 1924, was Lucy Lady Byron.

Mr. R. W. Hewson of Moncton, Judge of Probate for Westmorland County, is among the guests at the Barker House.