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# The Daily Mail

THE WEATHER.

Fresh to strong north-west winds fair and moderately cold tonight. Wednesday north west to north-east winds fair and not much change.

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## BRIAND'S PROSPECTS BETTER

### TOMAKE WAR ON SCOURGE OF MALARIA

Governor of Rome to Act with Rockefeller Foundation.

### TO BUILD A STATION

To Carry on a Vigorous Campaign Against Disease.

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

Rome, March 30—Governor Crenesi of Rome today concluded an agreement with the Rockefeller Foundation whereby the latter will cooperate in the government's anti-malaria campaign.

The Foundation will build a station near Fiumicino on the Coastal Plains, where malaria still is prevalent in an effort to rid the entire Roman Riviera of the scourge.

### ALLAN CUP TITLE IS STILL UNDECIDED

Toronto, March 29—Port Arthur made a courageous rally in the third period of tonight's game against University of Toronto for the Allan cup, emblematic of the Canadian amateur hockey championship when two goals down, the Port Arthurs sent every man up to the attack and secured the necessary two goals to deadlock the game at three goals all which thirty minutes of overtime play failed to break.

The series will now be extended to four games as in the two games played at Montreal each team secured a victory.

Tonight's game was scheduled as the third and deciding game. It has not yet been decided as to the date and location of the fourth game. Varsity took the lead in tonight's clash in the first five seconds of play on an extremely soft goal. Plaxton scored from the initial face-off and fired a slow shot from the blue line.

### DENTISTS MELT COINS TO FILL THE TEETH

Moscow, U. S. S. R., March 29—The popularity of the obsolete czarist coins as fillings for proletarian teeth has caused the commissariat of finance to issue gold tokens as an accommodation for the dental and jewelry trade. The tokens weigh five, ten and fifty grams and are 99 per cent pure gold.

The soviet chernovets gold coin which is worth \$5.14% does not circulate. For obvious reasons the peasants do not trust the banks and immediately bury any gold they receive.

The clearing house bureau says that the purchasing power of the ruble is 48.5 per cent of its prewar value. The czarist coins and the old gold available commanded a premium for dental work and their withdrawal shook the public confidence in the paper currency.

If Gilbert and Sullivan were living now they could set the French cabinet to music and score another big success.

### EX-U.S. ADMIRAL IN LIMELIGHT AS INVENTOR

Expects to Put Printing Presses Out of Business.

### EYE GLASSES UNNECESSARY

Matter is Produced from Type by Photography.

(Special to the Daily Mail by British United Press)

New York, March 30—An invention by which he expects to render obsolete printing presses and type setting machines has been brought forward by Rear Admiral Bradley A. Fiske, retired, the New York Herald Tribune said today.

The invention is termed the Fiske reading machine and consists of a small spring tongs on which are mounted a lens for one eye, a shield for the other and a rack to hold the printed matter. He believes his device will make "eye glasses unnecessary for many now forced to use them while reading."

The printed matter is produced directly from type written manuscript by photography in combination with the aquatone process and is microscopic in size. Admiral Fiske has prepared, for a sample, the first volume of Mark Twain's "Innocents Abroad" and this volume of 93,000 words has been compressed into thirteen pages, three and three quarters five and three quarter inches.

### ARTIFICIAL SILK FROM B.C. FORESTS

New Westminster, B. C., March 30—British Columbia forests soon will supply a large part of the "silk" used in the manufacture of clothing all over the world.

A plant is to be erected here by a syndicate formerly interested in the operation of pulp and paper mills. It will manufacture pulp for the production of "rayon", or artificial silk. British Columbia timber is said to be admirably suited to rayon production.

The world market for rayon is declared to be expanding rapidly. Many of the women in the United States today are wearing "silk" stockings made from wood fiber. The present popularity of silk stockings is one of the chief factors in the expansion of the industry.

### CONVICTS ARE GIVEN A TRIP TO THE WEST

Kingston, Ont., March 29—Eighty convicts of Portsmouth Penitentiary left here today on a special convict train for Stoney Mountain Penitentiary, Manitoba, where they will complete their terms.

The prisoners are being transported under the direction of the Department of Justice at Ottawa with Inspector Jackson, of the department, in charge.

Elaborate precautions were taken to guard against escape when the men were being brought from the penitentiary to the train today. The roads leading to the train were heavily guarded and the men were also under heavy guard.

"Religion is hard enough to get," remarked the Man on the Car, "without having to fight for it after we get it."

### Premier of France May Save the French Franc from Collapse

May Force His Financial Programme Through the Chamber of Deputies—Radical Members May be Lined Up for Briand—Socialists Will Vote Against Him.

(By A. L. Bradford, United Press Staff Correspondent)

PARIS, March 30—Premier Briand's chances of forcing the government's financial programme through the Chamber and thus preventing immediate collapse of the franc were brighter today. A majority of the Socialists will vote against the government, a majority of the Radicals probably will support the measure following hard work by Edouard Herriot to line up the Radicals for Briand. If the radicals combined with the Socialists against the government, it is not apparent how Briand could escape defeat and resignation from his ninth ministry.

"Under the actual circumstances" said Herriot after conferring with members of the party, "it is impossible for the Radicals to refuse to support the government. The individual liberties of the deputies is no longer possible."

"When the invalid is on the operating table the surgeon has no right to hesitate."

"He must support the government to avert a cabinet crisis."

### HIGHWAY MATTERS WERE DISCUSSED BY COMMITTEE ON THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Trunk Highway Being Built From Campbellton to Saint John River Criticized—B. H. Kinghorn, Chief Road Engineer, Was Before Committee—Favors Contract System.

The Public Accounts Committee this morning had before it the Comptroller General, W. A. Loudoun, and the Chief Road Engineer B. H. Kinghorn, both of whom were examined in connection with Road Accounts. The trunk highway from Campbellton to St. Leonard came under fire both in the matter of expenditure, some members holding that it would require half a million dollars to complete it, and also because of the destruction caused to forest lands by fires started by settlers.

Mr. Kinghorn gave information concerning highway expenditure and forecasted more time at the disposal of district engineers for attention to roads because truck road construction was completed with the exception of a few hundred miles. He admitted high cost of maintenance and could offer no solution. He declared in favor of the contract system over the per diem system.

#### Sub-Committee Met.

The chairman Hon. B. F. Smith, informed the committee that the special sub-committee on investigation of Department of Lands and Mines, had held its first meeting this morning. Further meetings would be held. The committee then proceeded to examination of the Permanent Road Accounts in the Comptroller General's Report. W. A. Loudoun, Comptroller-General, submitted vouchers for King's County. Explanations were given.

In reply to Mr. Taylor of Sunbury, the Comptroller-General, said that under the Workmen's Compensation Act the Public Works Dept. paid actual compensation and a proportion of administration costs. A regular assessment was not paid, the arrangement being similar to that with the Federal Government.

B. H. Kinghorn Heard. B. H. Kinghorn, Chief Road Engineer, appeared before the Committee and was asked concerning the trunk road being constructed across Restigouche and Madawaska Counties from Campbellton to the Saint John River.

#### Chairman's Opinion.

The chairman, B. F. Smith, expressed doubt of the wisdom of ever putting settlers in that country or of constructing the highway. Some millions of dollars worth of timber was burned down as a result of the settlement being there.

It was pointed out that from St. Quentin to Kedgwick the highway was constructed now. Expenditure had been \$126,000.

There was general discussion. Mr. Kinghorn said the outlet on the Saint John River had not been selected yet.

#### Permanent Roads.

The chairman asked Mr. Kinghorn concerning permanent roads expressing the opinion that resurfacing should not be charged to capital account.

Mr. Kinghorn said that roads built six years ago were still good. Traffic conditions varied with the result that some sections or highway wore out more rapidly than others. Expenditure on maintenance of roads must be continued as far as he could see. An automobile was estimated to throw away twenty pounds of dust per mile travelled. No province nor state had yet solved the problem of highway maintenance.

#### In King's County.

Mr. Smith of King's asked concerning the road from Hampton to Bloomfield suggesting that the patrol had cost more than original cost. Mr. Kinghorn said his recollection was that the road had been made con-

### WAMBAT PUT WATER SUPPLY ON THE BLINK

Little Animal Caused a Landslide in Australia.

### BURROWED NEAR AQUEDUCT

Two Thousand Cubic Yards of Earth Shifted.

(Special to the Daily Mail by British United Press)

Sydney, Australia, March 30—Citizens of Melbourne recently went without water because a burrowing wombat took a notion to burrow near the aqueduct that carries water to the city. A wombat is a small animal but his burrow was enlarged by seeping water until finally a landslide occurred shifting two thousand yards of earth and carrying away fifty feet of the aqueduct.

### BURBANK IN BED WITH HEART ATTACK

Santa Rosa, Cal., March 30—Luther Burbank, world-famous plant wizard is confined to his bed with a heart attack. Burbank who is 76 years old, was ordered to bed last night by his physician. He has been forbidden to see visitors.

### DANCER TRIES TO END LIFE

Hollywood, Cal., March 30—Barbara Bennett 21 years old, the noted dancer and daughter of Richard Bennett, the New York actor, attempted to commit suicide today by taking poison in her Hollywood apartment, according to a police report. Disappointment in a love affair prompted the act, the police said.

siderably wider with cost naturally greatly increased.

#### Favors Contract System.

The chairman asked Mr. Kinghorn if he had any suggestion for meeting cost of maintenance. The official said he had not. He favored the contract system over the per diem system.

B. F. Smith said his own observation had shown him that contractors did not live up to the contracts.

Mr. Kinghorn said he never had observed that in his district.

#### More Attention to Secondary.

The chairman asked if county road superintendents would not produce better work particularly on secondary roads.

Mr. Kinghorn said the district engineers would have a better chance to care for the secondary roads in the future as trunk road work was pretty well completed. He said the Campbellton-St. Leonard trunk road would be of great benefit to tourist traffic and also would draw motor traffic away from the Houlton-Fredericton and St. Stephen-Saint John highways and reduce cost of maintenance. It also would afford an outlet to 10,000 settlers.

#### Saint John Matter.

Mr. Lewis of Saint John asked concerning an agreement between Province and Municipality of City and County of Saint John concerning a concrete retaining wall in Fairville.

Mr. Loudoun said the terms of the contract would show.

The chairman said that what was wanted was knowledge of the nature of the agreement. It may have been a case of "go ahead and do it." There had been too much of that. The committee would condemn that.

Committee adjourned to meet Wednesday morning.

### THE BRITISH MINISTER TO LEAVE CHINA

Officials in London Admit That This is Possible.

### THREATS HAVE BEEN MADE

Interference With Inspector General of Customs, Cause.

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

London, March 30—Possibility of withdrawal of Great Britain's diplomatic recognition of the Peking Government was admitted here today.

Officials refused either to confirm or to deny reports from Shanghai that the British minister in Peking had threatened to withdraw unless the Chinese government ceased its alleged interference with the Foreign Inspector General of Customs.

Something in the nature of a threat was likely the United Press was informed.

### FIVE-YEAR ACCOUNT IS QUESTIONED

The Comptroller-General Asked For Explanation of \$715 Paid McMurray Company of This City.

A five-year bill was the subject in inquiry before the Public Accounts Committee this morning when J. L. Peck of Albert drew the attention of the chairman B. F. Smith of Carleton to an item of \$715 paid The McMurray Book & Stationery Co. of Fredericton for printing bills for the Province in years 1920-21-22-23-24.

W. A. Loudoun, Comptroller General, was asked for an explanation why so extraordinary a bill was presented or paid. That official said that he did not know positively. Either payment of the account had been held up for five years or else the bill had not been rendered. In fact the rule was that all accounts must be submitted before October 31st each year. Items of that nature upset the accounting as it was impossible to charge the amounts to the proper years.

With regard to the size of bill Mr. Loudoun said he believed that the printing of the Election Bill which had been withdrawn had been the cause of the bulk of the item.

### STRAY CAT TIES UP FALL RIVER FOR AN HOUR

Fall River, March 30—A stray cat was responsible today for the suspension of the activities of Fall River's 111 mills, all its stores, factories and business places. The tomcat had had no breakfast and when it saw a fine, fat sparrow light on a transformer it made a flying leap for the bird.

In so doing the cat caused a short circuit in the huge transformer, suspending electric service in the city for nearly half an hour. Service was back to normal after repairs made good the damage. The cat will recover.