

A VOTE EXPECTED THURSDAY

EXPLOSION IN
OKLOHAMA
COAL MINE

The Lives of Sixty Five
Miners are Endan-
gered.

NO CASUALTIES
REPORTED

A Truck From Rescue
Station Has Been
Sent Out.

(Special to the Daily Mail by British
United Press)

McAllister, Okla., Jan. 13.—The lives
of sixty-five miners in the Deguan-Mc-
Connell mine N 21 at Wilburton, Lati-
med County, were endangered today
as a result of an explosion which oc-
curred after the mine crew had entered
for work. It has not been learned
whether there was any loss of life.

The rescue truck from the Bureau
of Mines rescue station here has been
sent to the mine.

Disaster in Japan.

Tokio, Jan. 13.—The fate of fifty
miners trapped in a mine Fukuoka Pre-
fecture by a gas explosion today is
unknown.

A TRUE BILL FOR
MANSLAUGHTER
IS RETURNED

St. John, Jan. 13.—The Grand Jury,
empanelled for the January term of
the Circuit Court, which opened here
yesterday, found a true bill on the
charge of manslaughter in the case
of the King vs. Murdock Evoung,
committed for murder in connection
with the fatality in the Seaman's In-
stitute on New Year's Eve, when Po-
lice Officer Stephen McCavour lost
his life.

The jury retired to hear the evi-
dence in the Evoung case at 11.30
yesterday morning, and at 3 o'clock
returned with the announcement that
they were unanimous in that they
could find no bill for murder, the only
charge in the indictment.

Application Made

On behalf of the Attorney-General
application was made by A. N. Carter
to have the charge changed to read
"manslaughter," instead of "murder,"
and this was granted by Mr. Justice
LeBlanc.

The jury then retired and heard the
evidence again, after which they
brought in a true bill on the new
charge named in the indictment. Trial
of this matter will be commenced on
next Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock.

C. R. Merereau, of this city has
been engaged as counsel to defend
Evoung.

RUM RUNNER
GOES DOWN IN
HEAVY SEA

(Special to the Daily Mail by British
United Press)

Scituate, Mass., Jan. 13.—A fifty-five
foot rum runner, with the words "New
York" on her bow caught fire and
sank in a heavy sea twenty miles off
here early this morning after she had
been chased by a coast guard patrol
boat.

The fate of the six or eight men be-
lieved to have comprised her crew
has not been determined.

ROBINS IN ALBERTA.

Calgary, Alta., Jan. 13.—A butterfly
and several robins are said to have
seen at Lethbridge, near here. So
mild is the weather that all the
rivers are running free and golf is
popular.

IS ACCUSED OF
KILLING YORK
COUNTY GIRL

Bangor Doctor on Trial
For an Illegal Oper-
ation.

HAS PLEADED
NOT GUILTY

Victim Was Miss Stair
of West Waterville,
York Co.

Bangor, Me., Jan. 12.—The trial of
Dr. Charles D. Edmunds, of Bangor,
indicted for murder by illegal opera-
tion opened today in the Superior
Court before Justice Worster. The day
was taken up with drawing the jury
and the opening for the state by
County Attorney Weatherbee.

Dr. Edmunds was arrested Jan. 19,
1925, upon information from Houlton
to the effect that Miss Annie Vivian
Stairs, 20, of West Waterville, N. B.,
for some time employed as a domestic
in Houlton, had died at Houlton of
septic peritonitis. She had called a
physician the day before who had sent
her to the hospital.

Pleaded Not Guilty

In a pre-mortem affidavit she said
that she had been operated upon by
Dr. Edmunds in his Bangor office. She
named Edward D. Gilbert, 28, of Houl-
ton, as responsible. Dr. Edmunds in
the municipal court pleaded not guilty.
The principal witness was Gilbert.
Dr. Edmunds was held without bail
and was in jail for several weeks. He
was later admitted to \$10,000 bail. Gil-
bert was held under \$10,000 bail as a
material witness but was released on
\$2,000 bail last July.

Dr. Edmunds is a graduate of Har-
vard, 1886, and has been in general
practice here for 39 years. He is re-
puted wealthy. Several medical ex-
perts have been called by both sides.
The length of the trial is uncertain.
The defence will open Wednesday.

NEW LUMBER
COMPANY AT
SAINT JOHN

Extreme and Unusual
Action Taken by the
Board of Education—
Chatham School Dis-
pute Settled.

The Sterling Lumber Company,
Limited, is incorporated with head of-
fice at Saint John and capital stock of
\$45,000. The company is to carry on a
general lumbering business. Those in-
corporated are Mrs. A. Alice Dick,
Hazen J. Dick, C. Alex. Christie, and
James W. Christie.

Blakney and Son, Limited, is incor-
porated with head office at Moncton
and capital stock of \$49,000. The com-
pany is to carry on business in cold
storage and warehousing as well as in
other lines of business. Those incorpo-
rated are Sherman Blakney of Sunny
Brae, and C. Hanford Blakney and
Frank M. Layton of Moncton.

DR. LUTHER
WILL FORM A
NEW CABINET

Special cable to the Daily Mail by the
British United Press
Berlin, Jan. 13.—Dr. Hans Luther,
who rose from Burgomaster of Essen
to the important post of Chancellor of
the German Reich, today agreed defi-
nitely to undertake formation of a
new Cabinet succeeding the old Luther
Cabinet.

Officially commissioned to this work
by President Von Hindenburg, Luther
accepted and proceeded to sound out
party leaders.

The French Franc
Has Taken a Slump
On the Paris Bourse

Dropped to 26.76 to the Dollar in the Wake of
News That the Position of the Briand Gov-
ernment Had Become More Difficult—Dou-
mer Financial Projects May be Voted Upon in
the Chamber.

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

PARIS, Dec. 13.—The franc slumped today on
the Paris Bourse in the wake of news that the sit-
uation of the Briand government had grown more
difficult after having shown some strength dur-
ing the parliament it dropped to 26.76 to the dol-
lar. Meantime it was learned that the moderates
of the chamber were not disposed to support
Briand, thus making his position serious. The gov-
ernment intends to take the Doumer finance pro-
jects before the chamber for an out and out vote
"provided they are not a"proved as the government
desires in the finance committee. This would un-
doubtedly precipitate the lingering crisis as the
moderates support then would be needed. Should
the chamber voice its approval, then it is consid-
ered likely that new elections under a revised
electorate system will be attempted. The outcome
thereof it is felt, would give Briand a more sub-
stantial basis for re-building the cabinet.

WOODSTOCK
WILL HAVE A
CIVIC CONTEST

Woodstock, Jan. 12.—With official
nomination proceedings for civic elec-
tions scheduled for Thursday and
polling slated for Jan. 18, the an-
nouncement this afternoon that a new
ticket composed of J. R. Gilliland,
Douglas Winslow and Ellis Smith, has
declared its intention to run for the
three vacancies occurring in the
Town Council has created increased
interest in the political situation.

At last night town meeting, Israel
Churchill, Arthur Burpee and Robert
Welch announced their intention to
seek election. This ticket is openly op-
posed to the town manager system of
civic government.

The ticket announced today, while
not directly in opposition to the plat-
form adopted by Messrs. Churchill,
Burpee and Welch, is known to be
composed of men who regard with
favor the town manager scheme.

All candidates are working hard
and a keen election contest is expect-
ed.

HIGH BOOTS
AND KILTIES
FOR SPRING

Chicago, Jan. 13.—High boots and
kiltie length skirts are the thing
for spring, John Felton, shoe manu-
facturer of Columbus, O., one of the
900 exhibitors at the National Shoe
Retailers convention here, says.

"The high boot has come back
with a bang," says Mr. Felton "and
Paris decrees women's dresses will
be three inches shorter by spring.
The modern woman believes that
legs were meant to be seen and the
fact that ankles may become un-
fashionable doesn't prevent her from
popularizing knees."

The house slipper for men is on
the increase in popularity, too. The
reason? Radio—for with dialing the
favorite indoor sport, men are stay-
ing more at home and desire as
much comfort as possible.

LICENSE OF
TEACHER WAS
CANCELLED

The Board of Education on Tuesday
took action in a matter of marked im-
portance, an action which is not usual.
A teacher had been reported for
breach of contract. The Board consid-
ered the matter, decided that a pen-
alty was deserved and suspended the
license of the teacher.

Chatham Matter Settled.

The Board of Education also devo-
ted much time to a further hearing of
the Chatham-Middle Island school con-
troversy and reached a decision which
was accepted by both sides. This mat-
ter has troubled the Board of Educa-
tion for sixteen years.

Representatives both the Middle Is-
land School District and the Town of
Chatham were before the Board and
presented their sides of the case. Mid-
dle Island objected to being deprived
of that portion of the Town of Chat-
ham which was included in the Middle
Island District. Chatham wanted all
the town area in the Chatham school
district.

Finally Agreed.

The two parties finally agreed to ac-
cept the suggestion which had been
made previously by Premier Baxter
that the portion of the Middle Island
District within Town of Chatham
limits be made part of the Chatham
District and that the Town of Chat-
ham to make up for the loss in valua-
tion which Middle Island would incur
by the change would agree to pay \$200
a year for three years and \$100 a year
for a further period of two years.

Installed a Radio

Mr. Barry Kitchen, the enterprising
proprietor of the Grand Hotel, has in-
stalled a radio with loud speaker for
the benefit of his guests. Concerts are
given nightly in the hotel office and
are greatly appreciated.

U. N. B. Club Meeting.

The regular meeting of the U. N.
B. Club was held in the Board of
Trade office last night. Owing to
conflicting engagements many mem-
bers could not attend. There was
discussion of means of increasing
funds and that was left to the
executive.

TORONTO MAN
HAD A LINER
ALL TO HIMSELF

Devonian Crosses Ocean
With One Man Pas-
senger List.

HAS DOCKED
AT BERLIN

Man Was Lonesome But
Says Service Was
Good.

(Special to the Daily Mail by British
United Press)

Berlin, Mass., Jan. 13.—Coming here
from Liverpool, William Thomas Ste-
wart of Toronto had an ocean liner all
to himself.

The Leyland Liner, Devonian dock-
ed here with a one man passenger
list. Stewart was the only passenger
aboard. He said the trip was a bit
lonesome but that he could not com-
plain of the service, as a corpse of
about two hundred stewards was at
his disposal and there was no com-
petitive tipping.

GOVERNMENT
WILL GO TONIGHT
TO SAINT JOHN

Routine Matters This
Morning — U. N. B.
Delegation Heard on
Tuesday Afternoon—
Mill Claim.

The Provincial Government will
complete its January session here this
afternoon and will leave for Saint
John where the Government will be
in session on Thursday in connection
with a number of matters affecting
that city and vicinity.

This morning the Government de-
voted largely to routine matters and
this afternoon heard a delegation of
coal operators from Minto.

Last Night's Meeting.

Last night W. R. Smith of the Im-
migration Department, Ottawa, ap-
peared in regard to the proposals for
immigration. This matter will be un-
der the Department of Agriculture.

The claim for additional compensa-
tion for the McLaughlin Mill lost by
forest fire in 1923 near Five Fingers
was pressed by J. D. McLaughlin of
Red Rapids. A compassionate allow-
ance was made by the Veniot govern-
ment for the loss of the mill. Consid-
eration was promised.

U. N. B. Grant Application.

An application for an increased
grant for the University of New
Brunswick was made by a delegation
composed of Sir Douglas Hazen, Chief
Justice Barry, Dr. W. S. Carter, Chan-
cellor Jones and Dr. W. D. Rankin.
The delegation expressed the opinion
that fifty thousand dollars a year
should be spent for higher education
at the university. The grant now is
twenty-five thousand a year with an
agreement to meet deficits. Considera-
tion was promised.

MAINE HARBOR
SUCKED DRY

Southwest Harbor, Me., Jan. 13.—
An unprecedented phenomenon, ap-
parently local in character today
sucked dry the harbor at Bernard,
three miles from here, and then
sent a ten-foot tidal wave crashing
back to the shore, carrying with it
fifty fishing boats.

The tidal wave was preceded by
distinct rumbles, which
belief that an earthquake at the
sea's bottom off shore may have
caused the phenomenon, although
no tremors were felt.

KING GOV'T
MAY BE VOTED
OUT OF OFFICE

Situation Said to Have
Changed in Last 24
Hours.

SPLIT IN THE
PROGRESSIVES

The Vote is Not Likely
to be Taken Until
Tomorrow.

(Special to the Daily Mail by British
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Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 13.—If the gossip
of the corridors can be relied upon
opinion with regard to the Liberal
Government being sustained at the vi-
tal division which is expected to come
tomorrow had dramatically changed
in the last twenty-four hours and the
general opinion is that the Liberals
will be defeated although by the small-
est of majorities. Already Carmichael
and Campbell of Saskatchewan have
declared against the Government,
Agnes MacPhail although she may
not vote for Meighen will certainly
not vote for King. Beaubien Lucas of
Manitoba and Boutillier of Alberta and
Event and Fansher of Saskatchewan
are all said to be in favor of voting for
the Meighen amendment and the party
is obviously split in two.

Saskatchewan Progressives are par-
ticularly bitter against the Liberals
and they want to get their revenge
for the victory won by the Dunning
machine last October and in the pro-
vincial fields. The House only sits
until six o'clock tonight and it is not
considered likely that the vote will be
taken before tomorrow.

Hon. Manning Doherty, former Min-
ister of Agriculture for Ontario is
carrying on missionary work among
the Progressives on behalf of Hon.
Mr. Meighen.

GOOD MONEY
IS MADE IN
FISHING EELS

Liverpool, N. S., Jan. 12.—A few
years ago nothing exasperated a
fisherman so much as to get an eel on
his hook.

Now it is different. Fishermen
hereabouts get awfully peeved if
they don't get eels on their hooks
or spears or nets. They send them
to the United States and sell them
for about 13 cents a pound. The total
value of the south shore catch of
eels this season makes a tidy sum.
A group of eight fishermen of this
place took 12 tons of eels from the
river above Milton, and other parts
of the shore report similar catches.

WEDDINGS
IN CHURCHES
ON THE WANE

Moscow, Jan. 13.—Church weddings
are being dispensed with in Russia
because of their expense and also
because religious marriages no longer
are recognized by the state.

Instead of going to the parish
church, many young couples go
straight to the state marriage li-
cense bureau, where they can be
made man and wife in five minutes
at a cost of \$1.50.

A church wedding without music
costs from \$5 to \$25 and one with
a vocal choir and the usual lengthy
orthodox marriage ritual from \$35
to \$100. These fees represent con-
siderable sums to the hard-pressed
Russians.