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Moderate winds cloudy and moderately cold tonight and Thursday with local snow flurries.

# A VOTE EXPECTED THURSDAY

## EXPLOSION IN OKLAHOMA COAL MINE

The Lives of Sixty Five Miners are Endangered.

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-McConnell mine N 21 at Wilburton, Latimer County, were endangered today as a result of an explosion which occurred 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.

Tokyo, Jan. 13—The fate of fifty miners trapped in a mine Fukuoka Prefecture 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 Institute on New Year's Eve, when Police Officer Stephen McCavour lost his life.

The jury retired to hear the evidence 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 believed 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 been 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 Operation.

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 operation 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 Houlton, 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. Gilbert 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 Harvard, 1886, and has been in general practice here for 39 years. He is reputed wealthy. Several medical experts 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 Dispute Settled.

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

Blakney and Son, Limited, is incorporated with head office at Moncton and capital stock of \$49,000. The company is to carry on business in cold storage and warehousing as well as in other lines of business. Those incorporated 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 definitely 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 Government Had Become More Difficult—Doumer 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 situation of the Briand government had grown more difficult after having shown some strength during the parliament it dropped to 26.76 to the dollar. Meantime it was learned that the moderates of the chamber were not disposed to support Briand, thus making his position serious. The government intends to take the Doumer finance projects 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 undoubtedly precipitate the lingering crisis as the moderates support then would be needed. Should the chamber voice its approval, then it is considered likely that new elections under a revised electorate system will be attempted. The outcome thereof it is felt, would give Briand a more substantial basis for re-building the cabinet.

## WOODSTOCK WILL HAVE A CIVIC CONTEST

Woodstock, Jan. 12—With official nomination proceedings for civic elections scheduled for Thursday and polling slated for Jan. 18, the announcement 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 opposed to the town manager system of civic government.

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

All candidates are working hard and a keen election contest is expected.

## HIGH BOOTS AND KILTIES FOR SPRING

Chicago, Jan. 13—High boots and kiltie length skirts are the thing for spring, John Felton, shoe manufacturer 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 unfashionable 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 staying 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 importance, an action which is not usual. A teacher had been reported for breach of contract. The Board considered the matter, decided that a penalty was deserved and suspended the license of the teacher.

Chatham Matter Settled.

The Board of Education also devoted much time to a further hearing of the Chatham-Middle Island school controversy and reached a decision which was accepted by both sides. This matter has troubled the Board of Education for sixteen years.

Representatives both the Middle Island School District and the Town of Chatham were before the Board and presented their sides of the case. Middle Island objected to being deprived of that portion of the Town of Chatham 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 accept 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 Chatham to make up for the loss in valuation 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 installed 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 members 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 Passenger 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 Stewart of Toronto had an ocean liner all to himself.

The Leyland Line's Devonian docked 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 complain of the service, as a corpse of about two hundred stewards was at his disposal and there was no competitive 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 devoted 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 Immigration Department, Ottawa, appeared in regard to the proposals for immigration. This matter will be under the Department of Agriculture.

The claim for additional compensation for the McLaughlin Mill lost by forest fire in 1923 near Five Fingers was pressed by J. D. McLaughlin of Red Rapids. A compassionate allowance was made by the Veniot government for the loss of the mill. Consideration 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, Chancellor 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. Consideration was promised.

## MAINE HARBOR SUCKED DRY

Southwest Harbor, Me., Jan. 13—An unprecedented phenomenon, apparently 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 United Press)

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 vital 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 smallest 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 Boutilier 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 particularly bitter against the Liberals and they want to get their revenge for the victory won by the Dunning machine last October and in the provincial 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 Minister 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 license 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 considerable sums to the hard-pressed Russians.