

# PEKING IS ISOLATED TODAY

## TRYING TO SEEK PRIVATE AGREEMENT

The League of Nations Abandons its Sessions Today.

STATESMEN CONFERRING

An Effort Being Made to Arrange a Compromise.

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

Geneva, March 9—The League of Nations council and assembly abandoned their sessions today to permit the various statesmen to seek private agreement on the conflicting claims of Germany, Poland, Spain and Brazil to permanent council membership. Although it is certain that the council crisis cannot be solved until Briand or some other representative of an actual French government arrives in Geneva the delegates today launched an effort to effect a compromise on the basis of immediate election of Germany to the Council and subsequent election of Spain and Brazil.

## MINERS MET DEATH IN AN EXPLOSION

Ecceles, W. Va., March 8—Of the 68 miners entombed tonight in mines Numbers 5 and 6 of the Crab Orchard Improvement Company near here two are known to have been killed, 40 were rescued alive and 28 are entombed.

Mine officials said that the original blast occurred in No. 5, where the 26 entombed men were working and that it spread to No. 6, trapping 40 others. Rescue crews went into No. 6 shortly after the blast occurred and brought out the two score survivors. They said this mine was little affected by the blast. No. 5 mine was filled with poisonous gases and the rescue men could not go down the shaft. The two bodies were found in a lateral connecting the mines.

Incomplete records at the mine make it impossible to determine the names of the entombed men, officials said. A group of the miners rescued from No. 6 said that they felt the concussion and started for the shaft. As they turned into the main heading, they said, a wall of sweeping flame enveloped them. Many of these miners suffered serious burns. All were affected by the poisonous gas.

## WHITE ELEPHANT TO BE SHOWN IN LONDON ZOO

London, March 9—A white elephant will be exhibited at the London Zoo from May 1 to November 1. It is leaving Rangoon today.

As the white elephant of Burma is a sacred animal, the directors of the London Zoo have agreed that no mundane tasks, such as tending youngsters and their grown-up companions, shall be required of him when he reaches the Zoo.

The elephant is the property of Dr. Saw Po-min, who values him at many thousands of pounds, and if he draws large crowds to see him at the Zoo the owner will be given a share of the receipts.

Most so-called white elephants in a literal sense, turn out to be no more than slightly pale or slate-colored varieties of the common species but experts have reported Dr. Po-min's animal to be a genuine Albino elephant.

## NORMALITES APPROVE THE BAN ON PAPERS

Text of Resolution is Given Out by the Students.

APPROVE THE SKIRT EDICT

Object to Being Made a Subject for Indecent Jest.

Truro, March 9—The text of the resolution adopted by the Normal Institute on Thursday evening, March 4, was supplied one of the local papers today.

The report current on the streets in Truro yesterday, to the effect that The Halifax Herald was included among the banned papers appears, according to this resolution, to be an error. Why the culling of the press to meet the wishes of Principal Soloman is a question that is seriously asked by the citizens in general.

The resolution:

Normal College, Truro, N. S.

March 4, 1926.

"The Institute as the official student body of the Normal College, desire to convey to Dr. Soloman its approval of the 'skirt edict,' and assures him that he has the co-operation of the student body as a whole.

It also disapproves most strongly of the publicity which the Eastern Chronicle, The Morning Chronicle, and the Citizen Sun have given to the personal affairs of the Normal College in making the students a subject for indecent jest, and would respectfully request the removal of the above-mentioned newspapers from the Library.

Signed on behalf of the Institute, PEARL P. HANRIGHT, Secretary."

Although the date of the above resolution is March 4, some of the papers, at least, were banned before the first day of March.

## TIDAL POWER SCHEME IS COMING ALONG

Lubec, Me., Mar. 8—Dexter P. Cooper, promoter of the \$100,000,000 tide power project for the Quoddy waters, says that satisfactory progress is being made in securing the necessary permits from the Dominion and United States Governments.

The United States Federal Water Commission has issued the following notice: "In compliance with the Federal Power Act notice is hereby given that Dexter P. Cooper, Incorporated, of Eastport, Maine, has made application covering a proposed project to dam the outlets of Passamaquoddy Bay and Head Harbor and provide for developing power from the tides and St. Croix River, said project being located in Washington county, Maine, and in the Province of New Brunswick Canada. Any objection to the application or request for a hearing thereon together with any briefs, reports, or other data for which consideration is desired, should be submitted to the Executive Secretary, Federal Power Commission, Washington, D. C."

## KILLED HIMSELF WAS OUT OF WORK

Woodsville, N. H., March 9—Ernest Meader, aged 58 years, committed suicide with a rifle in the shed of his home here today. Dependency over being unable to find work was thought to have caused his act. Meader was born in St. Hyacinthe, Que., and was the father of thirteen children. He came here from South Ryegate, Vt., three months ago.

## The Chinese Capital Shut off Today From The Outside World

Isolation the Result of Battle Raging Around the Taku Forts, Near Tien Tsin—The Boxer Protocol is Defied by Chinese Commander—No Ships Allowed to Pass the Ports.

(By RANDALL GOULD, United Press Staff Correspondent)

PEKING, March 9—Peking today is cut off from mail and freight communications with the outside world. The isolation results from the battle around the Taku forts, near Tien Tsin, where Kuomintchen troops and a force representing the coalition of Marshal Chang Tso Lin. Wu Fei Pu and Li Ching Lin are hotly engaged.

Marshal Feng Yu-Hsiang, Kuo Minchen, the commander who controls Peking, boldly defied the Boxer protocol by notifying Pilots that no vessels would be permitted to pass the ports, thus closing the last outside mail and freight connections with Peking and Tien Tsin. The forts fired on pilot vessels before notifying the pilots of the new order.

## THINKS THAT N. B. SHOULD ADOPT MAINE SYSTEM

Former Resident of Keswick Now Living in Maine, on Visit to the City.

Mr. Hanford Sloat, a former resident of Keswick, but now operating a large farm near Houlton, Maine, was in the city today and was warmly greeted by many old friends. Mr. Sloat after leaving Keswick resided for a time at Debec, Carleton County, but recently disposed of his farm there. He owns a large farm near Houlton and last year raised and marketed 3,300 barrels of potatoes. Naturally he is not doing any worrying at the present time over financial problems. Mr. Sloat says he is satisfied with conditions in Maine, even though Municipal taxes are about three times as high as on this side of the line. He is particularly pleased with the manner in which the Maine authorities look after the highways. He says they have state roads, maintained by the state, and also state aided roads maintained jointly by the state and municipal authorities, the latter having control. There are also roads which are kept up entirely by direct taxation. He believes the Maine system could be well adapted to New Brunswick. In his opinion the municipal or district authorities should have entire control of the roads. They could appoint or elect officials to look after them, who in due time would become very efficient. Under the New Brunswick system road officials, no matter whether they are good or bad, are dismissed with every change of government. It takes time to make men efficient in the work of looking after the roads, and the people must pay for the cost of training new men every few years. "I was a Liberal in politics," said Mr. Sloat when I lived in New Brunswick, "and I know that the Liberals have retained in office road supervisors who should have been fired, and I also know that the Conservatives have done the same thing. I am satisfied that the adoption of a system such as they have in Maine, even though it might mean an increase in the taxes, would give much more satisfactory results. You can say for me that the road officials in Maine give service at all times of the year."

## FIGHT FOR NEW DIPLOMACY IS NOW GOING ON

England Impressed with Threats of Withdrawal From League of Nations.

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

London, March 8—Sir Austen Chamberlain's critics were harsh today as they drew a picture of Sweden and Germany fighting for the "New Diplomacy" with other nations grimly, for the new pre-war brand at Geneva.

England is not much impressed with the various threats of candidates for council seats to withdraw from the League of Nations if their aspirations are not satisfied. Such withdrawal, it is held, would prove that the nation concerned was not suitable for membership anyway.

The greatest possibility of a solution of the crisis at Geneva according to opinion here lies in Aristide Briand, of France returning to the League conference table.

## TENTATIVE AGREEMENT IS REACHED

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

Geneva, March 9—Great Britain and France have agreed tentatively that the League of Nations preliminary disarmament conference shall convene at Geneva May 17.

The preliminary economic conference would meet April 20, if the tentative schedule were adhered to.

At the G. W. V. A. Tonight.

Invitations are out for a smoker and card tournament at the quarters of the Fredericton Branch, G. W. V. A., tonight in honor of the "Originals" who are performing in "Thumbs Up" at the Capitol Theatre tonight and Wednesday night. This troupe which includes several of the original "Dumbbells" of the Second Division, C. E. F., was in Fredericton some time ago and its members spent a most enjoyable evening fraternizing with old comrades.

## WILL ATTEMPT NON STOP FLIGHT OVER ATLANTIC

Irish Air Forces to Make Trial Flight in July.

WILL START FROM GALWAY

Crew Will Consist of Two Pilots and a Navigator.

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

San Diego, Calif., March 9—A non-stop flight across the Atlantic will be attempted by Irish Air Forces in July, officials at Rockwell Field have been advised from Washington. The projected route lies from Clifden, Galway, to St. Johns, Newfoundland. Two pilots and a navigator of the Irish Free State Air Service will fly, planning to take about eighty-four hours in the crossing it was said.

## OPPOSITION LEADER ON THE SCENE TODAY

Hon. P.J. Veniot to Make Fighting Session—Lieut. Governor and Party Arrived Monday.

The first member of the House of Assembly to arrive for the session was Hon. P. J. Veniot ex-premier now leader of the Opposition. Hon. Mr. Veniot has taken accommodations at the Queen Hotel and is prepared to make a fighting session. He was interviewed by local members of his party today.

The gubernatorial party composed of His Honor the Lieut. Governor, Mrs. Todd and maid arrived from St. Stephen last night and took up residence at the Queen Hotel, for the session.

Cabinet Meeting Tonight.

The cabinet will be in session tonight preparing for the opening of the House, Thursday and for the business of session. The members will arrive this evening.

Some members of the House also are expected tonight. The great influx will be on Wednesday night and Thursday morning.

## CHAPLIN PUTS ON NEW STUNT AT HOLLYWOOD

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

Hollywood, Calif., March 9—Charlie Chaplin, film comedian appeared in public Monday with his gray hair dyed black.

The actor explained it was part of his makeup for a new picture. "I tried mascara but the stuff ran down my face when I perspired said Chaplin. Then I had to use dye."

Conviction and Fine.

Herbert Fairley of McGivney who was brought in Saturday on a warrant for violation of the Intoxicating Liquor Act by selling "hootch", was convicted in the police court this morning. The police magistrate imposed a penalty of one hundred dollars fine and costs or three months in gaol. The accused was represented by J. R. Dickson and the prosecution was conducted by Inspector Fraser Saunders. The star witness was Inspector Homer Akerley of St. Leonard who swore that he had purchased the home-made liquor from Fairley when dressed as a "lumber jack". Fairley at first had refused to sell to him.

## BRIAND MAY TRY TO FORM NEW CABINET

Ex-Premier Herriot Refused to Accept the Task.

BRIAND WAS DESIGNATED

The Situation in France Still Somewhat Confused.

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

Paris, March 9—President Doumergues today asked the former socialist Premier Edouard Herriot to form a cabinet to succeed the resigned ministry of Aristide Briand.

Edouard Herriot today refused President Doumergues invitation to form a cabinet and Aristide Briand was designated to attempt the task.

## DESIGNER OF S. S. TITANIC PASSES AWAY

London, March 9—Alexander M. Carlisle, member of the Privy Council and noted engineer, who designed the Titanic and other ocean liners, died suddenly today, aged 72. He was a friend of the former Kaiser, and only recently visited him, in his castle at Doorn.

Carlisle announced a few weeks ago he was ready to die at any moment, and that prospect of death did not worry him. He was once Managing Director of Harland & Wolff, the famous firm of Belfast shipbuilders, and it was the Titanic tragedy which broke his heart. Besides the former Kaiser, he knew most of the distinguished Europeans of his time.

Carlisle was a brother of Viscountess Pirrie. He was made a Privy Councillor by King Edward in 1907. Several years ago he caused a sensation by shouting from the steps of the Throne in the House of Lords a protest against a bill relating to Ireland. This incident led to his being deprived of his Privy Councillor's privilege of admittance to the steps of the Throne.

## GIRL DROWNED AT SYDNEY

Sydney, N. S., March 8—Miss Marjorie Macleod, 28, of North Sydney, was drowned and A. Charles Thompson well known citizen of that town, barely escaped with his life when the touring car in which they were crossing to harbor to Sydney crashed through weak ice and sank in 30 feet of water, early on Saturday evening.

Thompson was rescued in an exhausted condition, but up to a late hour tonight a professional diver had been unable to locate the girl's body, and it is feared that it is hopelessly lost under the acres of ice that surround the spot.

Egg Laying Contest.

The Barred Rocks of George Wood of Carter's Point continue to hold first place in the New Brunswick egg laying contest, 51 eggs which brings their total up to 704 and 738.5 points which is the best showing made by a maritime province pen in the present contest. The birds of M. McD. Steven of Hoyt are in second place with 610 points while A. T. Reid's pen has 603.6. The pen of John Moore of Scotch Lake has laid 639 eggs to date and has scored 594.6 points.