

BRIAND GOV'T IS TOTTERING

AMERICAN MURDERED IN MEXICO

Was Stoned and Dragged Over Rough Ground.

WAS RAILWAY EMPLOYEE

Second American Victim of Greasers in Two Weeks.

(Special to the Daily Mail by British United Press)
Mexico City, March 24—Joe Hall, an American murdered by labor men Saturday night, was first stoned and while unconscious was tied to a mule and dragged for a long distance over rough ground. Details of the murder, which reached Mexico City Tuesday from Ixtlan, Nayarit province where the tragedy occurred, said that the murderers were alleged connected with the Southern Pacific Railway. Hall was with the National Railways. He is the second American murdered in Mexico within the last two weeks. Ambassador Sheffield has asked for instructions.

DIVORCES IN NEW YORK FOR 25 CENTS

New York, March 24—Divorces at a cost to the plaintiffs of only 25 cents as legal fees have been handled for poor people by the Legal Aid Society of this city. Figures made public today by the society showed that it has handled cases for 878,346 clients and recovered \$3,716,489 for them since the society's inception in 1876.

Figures concerning the organization's activities were made public today with the announcement that a golden jubilee dinner would be given by the Association of the Bar of this city for the society on April 3, with Charles Evans Hughes as one of the principal speakers.

P. T. BARNUM MIDGET DIES AT AGE OF 88

Chicago, March 24—Che Mah, midget who became wealthy through being exhibited as the "smallest man in the world," died today at the age of 88. He was 28 inches in stature and wore a queue 13 feet long.

Brought to the United States from the island of Choo Sang by the late P. T. Barnum in 1881, Che Mah was for a long time in the employ of the famous showman. In 1890 he retired at Knox, Ind.

He is survived by a son, living in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Luncheon at Normal School
In the Household Science Department of the Provincial Normal School at the noon hour today luncheon was served for Mrs. W. F. Todd wife of the Lieut. Governor, Mrs. J. B. M. Baxter wife of the Premier, Mrs. W. S. Carter wife of the Chief Supt. of Education, Mrs. H. V. B. Bridges wife of the Principal of the Normal School and others. The luncheon was directed by Miss Knapp instructor in the Department. A girl from each class in the school was selected to serve.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Walker who have been touring Europe for the last six months, have returned home.

WILL PROTEST AGAINST BOOST IN THE DOG TAX

Dogdom in Germany to Hold a Mass Meeting.

WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY

Tax Would be Welcomed as a Source of Revenue.

(Special to the Daily Mail by British United Press)
Berlin, March 24—Dachshunds, bulldogs, terriers, pinschers, poodles, police dogs and representatives of other breeds will gather in a monster mass meeting Sunday to protest against the increased dog tax contemplated by the Government.

Berlin's dog population is mounting so rapidly that the tax not only would be welcomed by the government as a source of revenue but also as a means of convincing many enthusiastic fanciers that one dog is enough. The dogs will be brought to the meeting by their owners Sunday.

MONTREAL QUALIFIES FOR FINALS

Toledo, O., March 24—"Love desperately, don't pet, promiscuously and marry young" is the advice of Rev. Stephen K. Mahon of the Epworth Methodist Church here gives to youth.

"Petting parties are dangerous because they are bad morally, physically and spiritually," Mahon advises. "Sometimes husbands and wives think they don't love one another any more and should separate. They are just fed up on each other."

"What they need is not divorce," he cautioned, "but separate vacations. They should get away from each other for a while."

MAN WORTH \$30,000 STARVES TO DEATH

Syracuse, March 24—Possessor of an estate worth \$30,000 including \$20,000 in cash, which he kept in a safe deposit vault, Stephen Leggett, 65 died of bronchial pneumonia induced by inadequate food, lack of heat and general neglect of himself and his surroundings.

That was the verdict of Coroner Tyree Wyatt today after an autopsy on the body of the recluse found last night—fully a week after his death—on the floor of the once portentous Leggett home.

HANDKERCHIEF DOG NEW FAD

London, March 24—The latest fashion freak in London is handkerchiefs for pet dogs. In the window of a dog outfitter's shop in a fashionable shopping district this sign appears: "Handkerchiefs for Fido, six pence each." In the same window are displayed chic dog jackets for spring wear and there are mackintoshes and paw coverings, or rubbers, for rainy day wear.

For the Drive
It is expected that stream driving on the Nashua and tributaries will begin in about three weeks' time. Already a number of men have been engaged for the work.

Briand's Government May be Voted Out for The Ninth Time

Actions of British and German Governments at Geneva Overwhelmingly Sustained by Respective Parliaments—French Franc Sets a New Record for Depreciation—Childish Proceedings in French Chamber.

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

LONDON, March 24—With the governments of Great Britain and Germany overwhelmingly sustained by their respective parliaments on their actions at the recent League of Nations meeting at Geneva the interest of Europe turns today to Paris where Premier Briand's government seems on the verge of being voted out of office for the ninth time.

The French franc today set a new record for depreciation on the local bourse where 139 5-8 francs could be bought for one pound sterling. The franc closed yesterday at 138.8. Belgian currency was sympathetically weak at 121 5-8 compared to yesterday's close of 120 3-4.

Childish Proceedings Protested

Paris, March 24—With the structure of French finance so weakened that it cannot bear the weight of the country's ordinary expenses the Chamber of Deputies today ignored the pressing question to debate a bill which would prohibit the sale of "All Day Suckers".

Prohibition was proposed on medical grounds Deputy Guerin, a druggist, introduced the measure in a long speech. Radical deputies protested the childish proceedings which cost the chamber valuable time.

MUNICIPALITIES COMMITTEE DEALT WITH ST. JOHN BILL

Committee Room.
March 24, 1926.
The Municipalities Committee met this morning with Mr. Atkinson in the chair. The committee had under consideration the bill to Amend an Act to Provide for the Government of the City of Saint John by an Elective Commission. The chairman announced that the committee would first hear those in support of the bill.

W. E. Scully said he had been asked by Commissioner Wigmore who was unable to be present, to speak a few words in support of the bill, but would prefer being heard after those opposing the bill had spoken.

Hon. Mr. Baxter said Sections 6, 7 and 8 were sponsored by the Government, and they were obligated to see that they went through.

R. G. Magee said the object of the bill was to do away with dual elections in the City of Saint John. He represented a large number of the electors in opposition to the section relating to that subject. The present Act was a safeguard to the city. The Commission had no power to change that Act and before any action was taken the question should be submitted to a vote of the people who had brought the Act into force. He did not see why today they should seek to hamper what the people had adopted. The Government should not pass that section without referring it back to the people.

Had No Petition.
In answer to Hon. Mr. Baxter Mr. Magee said he had no petition signed by electors to present to the committee and there was just the delegation to be heard, in opposition to the bill.

M. W. Parks said he had practically the same arguments as Mr. Magee to present against the bill. The Commission had no right to make the proposed change without the electors first having the opportunity to vote upon it. He understood there was a movement afoot to change the form of government by the City of Saint John and why could this matter not be brought at that time.
J. T. Christie said he wished to en-

U.S. GIRL WILL TRY TO SWIM THE ENG. CHANNEL

Former Olympic Champion Will Give it a Trial.

IS A STRONG SWIMMER

Swam 11 Miles Yesterday in Less Than Five Hours.

Special cable to the Daily Mail by the British United Press
Tampa, Fla., March 24—"I will attempt to swim the English channel next August" Helen Wainwright, former Olympic champion, announced following the completion of her eleven-mile swim around Davis Island in four hours and fifty minutes yesterday.
Miss Wainwright showed her reserve strength by sprinting the last fifty yards.
"I could have gone much further" she said as she left the water.

EXPORT CLUB DINNER TONIGHT AT SAINT JOHN

The New Brunswick Export Club which is an offshoot of the Saint John Board of Trade, is giving a dinner tonight at the Admiral Beatty Hotel in Saint John. The object of the Club is to stimulate interest in the export business of the Province. J. D. McKenna, ex-M. P., has interested himself in the matter. Hon. Lewis Smith, Minister of Agriculture, accepted an invitation to be present and left this morning to represent the Provincial Government. Hedley V. Dickson as a member of the House of Assembly closely associated with dairying also is attending.

FIRST READING FOR WEST INDIES TRADE PACT

Ottawa, March 23—A resolution to approve the Canada-West Indies trade treaty passed the House of Commons today and a bill based thereon was given first reading.

Discussion occupied practically the whole of the afternoon sitting. Hon. J. A. Robb, Minister of Finance, intimated during the debate that the Government was inclined to favor extension to the Fiji Island of the sugar preferences provided in the treaty.

C. H. Cahan (Conservative, St. Lawrence-St. George) asked the Government to tell the House what would be the cost to Canada of making the treaty effective. He thought the promotion of wider trade between the two dominions was very desirable provided the interests of Canada were properly protected.

WILL DISCUSS LOCARNO PACT

Ottawa, March 23—The House of Commons will be given an opportunity to discuss the Locarno agreement shortly after the Easter recess. Today Premier King, in answer to a question by Dr. P. McGibbon (Conservative, Muskoka), stated that if members were anxious to discuss the agreement he would see that an opportunity was given. He observed that agreement was not yet in effect. Consequently there did not appear to be any great need for haste in discussing it.

Lou P. Stratton of Moncton is in the city today.

PEACE TIME TROOPS GET TASTE OF WAR

Munitions Depot in Germany Caught Fire Today.

AMMUNITION EXPLODED

Troops Turned Out Promptly and Escaped Injury.

Special cable to the Daily Mail by the British United Press

Berlin, March 24—A battalion of peace time soldiers had a taste of war today when the munitions depot on the floor above where they were sleeping caught fire, discharging two thousand rounds of machine gun ammunition.

The barracks is located in the suburb of Ruhleben. The troops turned out at the first crackling explosion and summoned the fire department. It is believed that none were injured.

THE PROPOSAL WAS REJECTED

Special cable to the Daily Mail by the British United Press

Peking, March 24—It is reliably learned that the diplomatic corps today rejected a proposal for the naturalization of Peking and the use of foreign, including American troops, to defend the capital against the advancing forces of General Chang Tso Lin and his allies.

COMMISSION'S PROFITS LESS THAN IN 1924

Expenditures for the New Brunswick Liquor Commission for the year ending Oct. 31, 1925, amounted to \$1,076,637.18. The commission shows a net profit for the year of \$329,114.07, according to the report tabled in the House yesterday afternoon. Receipts from vendors amounted to \$1,410,781.79. Other receipts included \$1,200 from rental of the Queen Hotel for eight months with refunds, freights and duties, amounting to \$1,354.18. The heavy items in expenditures were \$19,358.33 for salaries and wages, etc., \$430,991 for customs charges, and \$588,013 for purchase of liquors.

SPUD MARKET KEEPS FIRM

Caribou, Me., March 23—The Aroostook potato market continues firm with quotations today at \$3.95 to \$4.10 per cwt. cash. Buyers were offering \$6.50 to \$6.70 a barrel at shipping points and a few lots went as high as \$7.00. Shipments continue around 200 carloads a day.

Hockey Player Transferred.

Moncton Transcript: Cyril Ratchford, formerly of Halifax, who was transferred to the Moncton branch of the Royal Bank of Canada left last night for Montreal. Considered one of the best defense men playing hockey in the Maritimes, he won a large number of admirers while in Moncton and it was hoped that his transfer here would be permanent. He played for the Atlantics against Truro in their game here on March 8.