

THE BRIAND CABINET RESIGNS

THE FRANC
HAD SPARK
REACTIONResignation of French
Govt. Came Like an
T. N. T. Bomb.CAUSES STIR
IN LONDONThe Council of League
of Nations is
Confused.By CLIFFORD L. DAY
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)London, March 6—Political and
financial circles reacted to the
French Government resignation to-
day as though it had been a bomb
charged with T. N. T.The Franc opened at 134 1-8 to
the pound sterling compared with
yesterday's close of 130.The League of Nations Council ap-
pears to be most confused. Politicians
suspect the resigned French
Premier, Briand, to be endeavoring
to compel Sir Austen Chamberlain
the British Foreign Secretary to
seek definite instructions to support
the French demand for a permanent
League of Nations Council seat for
Poland. In exchange for this con-
cession, it is suggested that Briand
might consent to attend the League
meeting at Geneva and thus support
Britain's effort to maintain the
Locarno agreements.FOLLIES, POOR
WORKING GIRLS,
CAN'T GAMBLEPalm Beach, March 6—The poor
working girls, and this time they are
members of the chorus of Ziegfeld's
well known "Follies," again are bar-
red from "society."Ed. Bradley, owner of Palm Beach's
Monte Carlo, known as Bradley's gam-
bling club, has ruled that these comely
lasses who are trying to "glorify the
American girl" at Palm Beach are
working girls and therefore barred
from his place under an established
rule which prohibits working girls
from risking their funds with him.TUXEDO FOR
WOMEN SEEN AT
STYLE SHOWNew York, March 6—The tuxedo for
women is the striking feature of a
fashion show being held here at a
leading Fifth avenue shop. The coats
are fashioned from some dark mater-
ial, though not necessarily black, with
a plain wrap skirt. The vest, cut like
a man's, is preferably of black taffeta
but the severity of the costume may
be relieved by a jabot of white chiffon.The tuxedo is recommended as a
dressy ensemble for daytime or for
informal dining.HALIFAX MAN
WAS CHOKEDMontreal, March 6—George S. Mc-
Sweeney, well known in business and
sporting circles, accidentally choked
to death while eating in a local hotel
tonight. As soon as his condition was
discovered by one of the hotel waiters
the hotel physician was summoned
but death had occurred. A large piece
of meat, the cause of the accident,
was removed from his throat and the
body was taken to the morgue.LADY OXFORD
CONSIDERING
FILM OFFERAsked to Play Leading
Part in English
Film.STUDIES IN
PSYCHOLOGYYoung Producer is
Hopeful That Margot
Will Accept.Special cable to the Daily Mail by the
British United Press.London, March 6—Lady Oxford,
who is better known as Margot
Asquith, is considering an offer to
play the leading part in an English
made film it was revealed here Fri-
day night. The proposal was made
to her by Widgey Newman, a young
English producer who has asked
her to play the lead in a picture to
be called "Studies in Psychology." Newman
said he hoped Lady Oxford
will accept although she has not yet
given him a definite reply.NEW STUNT IN
RUM RUNNING
IS PULLED OFFLiverpool, N. S., March 5—A new
wrinkle in rum-running camouflage is
alleged by law officers to have been
discovered in the circumstances lead-
ing up to the seizure of the 75-ton
schooner Wapita, in Liverpool harbor
two miles from the town at 6.30 this
evening, by Sergeant Blakeney, R. C.
M. P., of Halifax, and Customs Officer
H. Sawyer, of Liverpool.The Wapita cleared from this port
on Monday, with a full cargo of laths
and sailed ostensibly for New York.
She reappeared in the harbor last
evening, anchoring off Brooklyn. It
was reported that the craft had found
weather outside the harbor too rough
to permit her to undertake her intend-
ed voyage, and that she had come
back for haven until the weather
should become more favorable. Today
however Sergeant Blakeney and offi-
cer Sawyer were informed that the
schooner had on board a quantity of
liquor and this evening they went to
investigate. They found, they state,
2,000 cases of assorted liquors on the
vessel, which was promptly seized,
and a watchman was placed on board.
Further action depends upon instruc-
tion from Ottawa authorities, who
were advised of the seizure.MOOSE TIRED
AFTER WADING
THROUGH SNOWShediac, March 5—Exhausted by
forcing its way for a long distance
through five and six feet of snow
a young bull moose decided to fol-
low a wood road, near St. Anne,
Shediac parish, recently. Ahead of
the animal was a load of wood
driven by Napoleon Doiron, a
Shediac truckman. Mr. Doiron says
that the moose came so close to
the rear of the load where he was
sitting that he was able to lay a
hand on the animal's neck. The
moose was not frightened or vicious
although Doiron says he feared one
time that the young bull intended
to climb on to the load.The moose followed the team for
a long distance and then slackened
his gait blocking a second wood
team, which was forced to get off
the road in order to avoid the for-
est monarch.Mr. Doiron's account of the
friendly moose's conduct is confirm-
ed by the statements of several
other team drivers.Briand and Ministers
Quit Office Following
A Defeat in the HouseTax Clause of the Government's Financial Project
Was Defeated in Chamber of Deputies by a
Majority of 53—Briand May Not Go to Gen-
eva for League of Nations Meeting.

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

PARIS, March 6—The Briand Government
fell today. Premier Briand resigned following an
all night session of the Chamber of Deputies
which culminated in defeat for the Government
on the sales tax clause of the financial project by a
vote of 374 to 221. The Government was in minor-
ity of 53.The adverse vote ignored Briand's angry
warning that catastrophe threatened France if
the money bill were delayed.

The Geneva Conference

Within an hour the Cabinets resignation had
been received and accepted by President Dou-
mergue and Briand, the "Man of Locarno" had
announced he would not go to Geneva to help elect
Germany to the League of Nations in pursuance
to the agreements reached last autumn on Lake
Maggiore. Beseeched by President Doumergue,
Briand said he might leave for Geneva tonight,
but merely to participate in the preliminary "Lo-
carno-like" conferences scheduled for Sunday the
day before the League formally meets.LENDING OF
BUTLERS, PALM
BEACH CUSTOMPalm Beach, Fla., March 6—"If
you'll lend me a couple of butlers
for Saturday night, I'll lend you
two or three for your party on
Tuesday."This has been a not uncommon
conversation between two society
matrons for the practice of borrow-
ing butlers for special occasions has
sprung up this season.Florenz Ziegfeld, J. J. O'Brien
and Joseph Riter are among those
who lent Mrs. E. T. Stoebury
eight butlers for her party last
night. Mrs. Stoebury's staff of
servants numbers 49, but she pro-
fessed to be short of butlers and
had to send out the SOS.ELEO SHOCKS
PALM BEACHPalm Beach, March 6—Miss
Eleonora Sears, famous Boston
sportswoman, gave flappers and
dowagers, dressed in their newest
frocks, something to talk about when
she strode to the tennis matches
clad in woolen skirt and skirt and
hob-nail shoes. She explained she
was out for a short stroll, perhaps
10 or 15 miles.THE QUEEN
WILL ATTENDLondon, March 6—Queen Mary
will attend a performance at the
Scala Theatre two weeks hence,
given in aid of holiday homes for
working women. The Queen in the
royal box will face the front row
of the dress circle, which will be
occupied entirely by London char-
women, guests of Miss Susan Law-
rence, former Labor member of
Parliament.MAY DESTROY
THE GERMS OF
PNEUMONIAChicago, March 5—The discovery
of methods for measuring with elec-
trical instruments virulence or kill-
ing power of pneumonic germs from
which it is possible to determine
how much chance the patient has
of recovery is announced by Uni-
versity of Chicago investigators.It is hoped the experiments will
be useful in developing a serum for
the cure and prevention of pneu-
monia and in determining how the
serum works.Dr. J. S. Falk, assistant pro-
fessor of hygiene and bacteriology,
conducted the experiments.The investigator, also, said he has
found methods to increase or de-
crease the virulence of pneumonia
germs almost at will.THUGS MADE
BIG HAUL
IN CHICAGOChicago March 5—Nine robbers
firing shotguns and revolvers to
scare 50 employees, 12 of them girls
held up the office of the Inter-
national Harvester Company here to-
day and escaped with \$80,000 pay-
roll. No one was hurt.It was the second time in the last
few months that the International
offices had been help up, about
\$40,000 having been taken the first
time.

At the Barker House.

The members of the St. Stephen
High School hockey team and their
supporters were guests at the Barker
House during their stay in Frederic-
ton. The party returned to St. Stephen
this afternoon.MANY DEATHS
FROM PLAGUE IN
BRITISH INDIAOver Eleven Hundred
Deaths Reported in a
Week.A SEASONAL
EPIDEMICAn Outbreak in United
Provinces of Agra
and Oudh.Special cable to The Daily Mail by the
British United Press.Allahabad, British India, March 6—
Epidemic plague has broken out in
the United provinces. It is announced
officially that 1,143 persons died in a
week in Agra and Oudh. There were
419 deaths in the town of Azamgarh.Plague is seasonal here. It occurs
coincident with the approach of hot
weather.Agra and Oudh formerly known as
the northwest provinces now are the
united provinces. Allahabad, "the city
of God" is the capital famous for its
fairs, the chief trade centre in Cen-
tral Hindustan and a sacred city for
Hindus, who visit it as pilgrims.HIS HONOR TO
ARRIVE HERE ON
MONDAY NEXTWill Take up Residence
for Session of Legis-
lature — Government
to Meet Again on
Tuesday.His Honor the Lieut. Governor and
Mrs. Todd will arrive from St. Ste-
phen Monday night and will take up
their residence, for the session of
the House of Assembly, at the Queen
Hotel. Mrs. J. Carleton Brown will
join them on Tuesday.The first gubernatorial entertain-
ment of the session will be the recep-
tion the night of the 11th, the day of
the opening of the House. On Easter
Monday, April 6th, a Provincial Ball
will be held in the Assembly Chamber.
Some twenty-six hundred invitations
for this are to be issued by R. S.
Barker, Official Secretary to His
Honor.

Government Returns Tuesday.

The Provincial Government after
being in session here two days on ses-
sional matters left Friday night but
will return Tuesday night and will
meet again then. Premier Baxter had
no announcement to make concerning
the Saint John vacancy or Grand Falls
matters.

LARGE WEEK-END MARKET.

Although the country roads are not
of the best there was a large week-
end market at Phoenix Square today.
Meats were offered in abundance and
prices showed little change. Prices
ruled as follows:—Eggs per dozen, 50 cents.
Butter per lb., 48 and 50 cents.
Potatoes per bbl., \$5.50 and \$6.
Chicken per lb., 30 cents.
Fowl per lb., 25 cents.
Beef per lb., 8 to 10 cents.
Veal per lb., 8 to 14 cents.
Pork per lb., 16 to 22 cents.

In Probate Court.

Before Judge H. G. Penney of
the York County Probate Court let-
ters of administration have been
issued to G. Alex. Murray of this
city in the estate of his mother the
late Mrs. Catherine J. Murray. The
estate is valued at \$3,900 of which
\$2,000 is real estate and \$1,900 per-
sonal estate.Mr. R. B. Hanson, M. P., has re-
turned from Ottawa.BLACK HAND
MAFFIA IS
DESTROYEDNotorious Band of Ital-
ian Brigands Has Been
Squelched.TRIUMPH FOR
MUSSOLINITenacles of Organiza-
tion Reached U. S.
Cities.(Special to the Daily Mail by British
United Press.)Patermo City, March 6—Benito Mus-
solini has destroyed the power of the
notorious Black-Hand Mafia in Italy
whence the Society of Brigands and
blackmailers once stretched its tena-
cles to Italian centres in many Amer-
ican cities.More than one thousand men be-
longing to Mafia have been rounded
up in Sicily during the past month fol-
lowing an encircling movement that
culminated in a siege and hot battle
at the Mafia's Mountain stronghold.Carabinieri and Fascist militia act-
ing under prefect Morso Giotto car-
ried out Mussolini's commands.For decades the Mafia scourged the
island with a lawless lash. Mussolini
chose Mori then prefect of Bologna, to
direct the purging process.Two mayors were caught among the
outlaws as the fascist net was drawn
tight. Others of the mafia escaped and
sought cover in their stronghold at
Geraci which is hidden in the moun-
tain peaks far inland from the sea.
There they prepared for a last stand.GRAUSTEIN TO
BE AT ST. JOHN
ON MONDAYTo Confer With Power
Commission on Grand
Falls Project.

(Special to the Daily Mail)

St. John, March 6—Mr. A. R.
Graustein of New York, president of
the International Paper Company is
expected here on Monday to confer
with Premier Baxter and members
of the Hydro Commission on matters
pertaining to the development of
the Grand Falls water power. A con-
ference was held at Montreal a
short time ago when progress was
made towards a settlement of the
matters at issue and an adjourn-
ment was made to this city. It is
reported today that there are bright
prospects of a satisfactory arrange-
ment being entered into under
which development work at Grand
Falls can be proceeded with during
the present year.OIL-COATED
DUCKS DYINGClark's Harbor, March 6—Ducks,
which for the past two springs have
been coming ashore and dying, cov-
ered with oil, are again landing on
the beach at Cape Sable, in an oily
condition. These ducks bed close to
the shore, and where the oil is coming
from is a mystery. Several have come
ashore and died, while others are so
thickly coated that they can be easily
caught. It certainly is a problem which
the people here would like to see
solved.

CAUGHT IN THE ICE.

A deer was found with its feet
frozen in the ice and had to be kill-
ed by the game warden near Albert,
Albert Co., N. B. last week.