

SERIOUS FIRE LOSS AT MINTO

THE FRENCH FRANC STILL GOING DOWN

Touched a New Low Level on the Paris Bourse Today.

SOLD AT 33.90 TO THE DOLLAR

Belgian Franc and Italian Lire Are Also Down.

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

Paris, May 18—The franc touched a new level in exchange trading here today at 33.90 to the dollar, or 165 to the pound sterling against 33.44 to the dollar or 161.70 to the pound sterling at yesterday's exchange.

London, May 18—French and Belgian francs and Italian lire were lower at the opening of the foreign exchange market here today. The French franc was quoted at 164½ to the pound against 161 at yesterday's closing, the Belgian franc 168½ against 164 and the lire 134½ against 131½.

APPROVES OF MR. COOPER'S HYDRO PLANS

St. Stephen, May 17—A meeting of the St. Stephen Board of Trade took place this evening with a large attendance. K. H. Smith, district chief engineer for the Maritime Provinces of the Dominion water power and reclamation service, was present and gave a very interesting address on hydro development, afterwards answering many questions regarding the proposed Dexter Cooper project.

As the bill to incorporate the Canadian Dexter P. Cooper Company will be brought before parliament at Ottawa on Wednesday a resolution was moved to the effect that the St. Stephen Board of Trade has no objection to this bill.

His Honor Lieutenant-Governor Todd spoke on the Cooper project and touched on the many advantages he felt would result from this dam, speaking particularly of the benefit it would mean to the St. Croix harbor.

FINNISH GIRL ACCIDENTALLY SHOT HERSELF

Amherst, May 17—Barbara Chappell, the 16-year-old daughter of Richard Chappell, was discovered dead on the bank of a small stream near her home at Tidnish, 20 miles from Amherst, this morning. Death was due to a gunshot wound that had been inflicted below her chin, then piercing the brain.

The young girl had left her home yesterday afternoon taking a twenty-two calibre rifle with her. It is presumed that while carrying the loaded gun she tripped and fell, the gun discharging the fatal bullet.

A jury empanelled before Magistrate William Brown, acting coroner for the district, returned a verdict of accidental death this afternoon.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT.

Princeton, N. J. May 18—It seems as if purchase of a bag of peanuts for his stenographer ought to help a busy man get through his correspondence. Prof. Andrew Hunter has fired out that there is enough heat in one peanut to provide energy for the typewriting of 1,000 words.

BAD LIQUOR CAUSES MANY DEATHS IN U.S.

Fat and Paunchy Yanks Put It Away With Speed.

MORTALITY ALARMING

A Noted English Surgeon Gives His Impressions.

(Special to the Daily Mail by British United Press)

Atlantic City, N. J., May 18—The quality of American liquors and the speed with which fat and paunchy Americans put it away is responsible for an alarming mortality among men of the United States between the ages of 25 and 45.

This is the theory of Dr. Thomas M. Joslin, the English surgeon attending the National Health Congress here.

The typical American accustomed to good living is not the "collar and adonis" to be observed on any bill board, but a flabby faced individual with tell-tale "balloon ducts" under his eyes which speak of acid presence, he said.

FINDS WOMEN STRUCK ON THE ANNOUNCERS

Atlantic City, May 18—"Women are falling in love with the pleasing voices of radio announcers, and are falling out of love with the faces of screen stars," A. J. Carter of Chicago told the Radio Manufacturers' Association convention at the Ambassador today.

As evidence that radio announcers are displacing movie heroes in the hearts of American flappers, Carter cited the fact that ever-increasing numbers of mash notes are being received by the announcers.

"Their delightful tones," said Carter, "awaken the curiosity of the fair sex."

SUDDEN DEATH IN DEVON.

Mrs. David Coombes Succumbed to Sudden Attack—Funeral on Thursday.

The death of Mrs. Emma Maria Coombes widow of David Coombes occurred today at about noon at her home in Devon. The deceased was eighty-one years old. Last week she suffered an attack of indisposition but recovered. This morning as she was directing a teamster about the unloading of wood at her home she sustained another attack which proved fatal.

The deceased was born in Liverpool, England, but at the age of eight years she removed to New Brunswick with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Carter and located on Long Reach. She was a resident of Devon for forty-eight years.

A Wilfrid Coombes of Devon, druggist, is a son of the deceased. There also are two brothers Wilfrid S. Carter of Saint John and Joseph Carter of Public Landing. Mrs. Alfred Whelpley of Carter's Point is a sister.

The funeral is to take place Thursday afternoon. The body will be taken to Saint Mary's Parish Church, Devon, at 1.30. Service will be conducted at the church by the rector Rev. N. P. Fairweather. Interment will be made at Trinity Churchyard, Lower St. Mary's.

To Wed in June.

Chatham World: Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Wightman the parsonage, Milltown, N. B., announce the engagement of their youngest daughter Myrtle Louise, to Murray Grey Kierstead only son of Mr. and Mrs. Nehemiah Kierstead, 344 Saunders street Fredericton. The wedding to take place early in June.

French and Spanish Preparing for Quick Work in Morocco

Cooperating in a Move Which May Bring About a Decisive Victory—Troops are Completing Roads and Establishing Ammunition Depots—Abd-El-Krim, the Riffian Chief, Realizes Danger of His Position.

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

PARIS, May 18—Franco-Spanish operations in Morocco will soon enter a most important stage which it is hoped will result in a decisive victory, it is learned from authoritative sources.

Troops are now completing roads and establishing food and ammunition depots in preparation for major action. As a result of the Spanish success south of Ajdir and French advances west of Kert, the two armies are but twenty miles apart with the Beni-Curiaghel tribe, which has been friendly to Abd-El-Krim, trapped between them.

If the tribe does surrender the French and Spanish forces will establish a liaison between them, and then push westward toward Targuist.

Realizes His Danger

Abd-El-Krim, realizing the danger of his position, is said to have left Targuist, where he had created a fortified mountain stronghold, and is now living in a village deep in the mountains.

If the French occupy Targuist, the Riffian leader will be obliged to quit the mountains and seek refuge with the Ghomara, a large tribe dwelling west of Chechuouen which has not been any too friendly toward him. It may be, Frenchmen say, that the projected campaign will end with Krim a fugitive.

URNS DOWN LARGE SUM FOR PRIZE TERRIER

London, May 18—An offer of 1,000 guineas, or approximately \$5,250 for a fox terrier was calmly refused by an exhibitor at the National Terrier Club Show at the Crystal Palace.

The last exhibit was a "he man's" show. It stood out in striking contrast to the exhibitions of pampered lapdogs. Apart from the litters of pretty puppies, none of the exhibits showed signs of coddling.

And where grooming with scissors and powder brushes was deemed necessary, this was done by "doggy" looking men or women, who wore breeches and monocles—and smoked cigarettes.

THE SLENDER CAN FAST MORE SAFELY THAN FAT

Berlin, May 19—Fat men and women don't stand a chance with the slim when it comes to hunger strikes said Dr. Kurt Ullman director of the Charity Hospital Clinic in Berlin. Dr. Ullman has observed several of the fasters including Herr Jolly who have been here.

Deprived of all food except mineral water, Dr. Ullman says, the body first draws on fat reserves and then consumes stored up proteins. In consuming fats an injurious acetone is set free as in diabetes he said and a corpulent person would be forced to quit in at least 25 days because of fat. A slender person can hold out longer.

FIRST WOODEN LANTERN IS DISPLAYED

New Glarus, Wis., May 18—Displayed in a restaurant here is the first means of outdoor illumination in this city—a wooden lantern, the invention of "Schreiner Peter" Disch, Swiss cabinetmaker. The light for the lantern is furnished by a candle inside a wooden cage nine inches high and six inches square. The sides are of window glass and the locks and hinges of wire.

When the first Swiss settlement was begun here there were no kerosene lanterns. "Schreiner Peter's" appearance on the street with his clumsy light was hailed with amazement.

IRELAND HAS TARIFF WAR

Dublin, May 18—The new Saorstát import duty on oatmeal of 50 cents a hundredweight seriously hits northern Ireland. The most popular brands of meal enter the south from northern Ireland. They are dearer by 25 a ton than American oatmeal, yet they hold a market. It is now said that the northern millers will cease to purchase oats from southern farmers since the Saorstát is taking their finished product. It is suggested that a remission of the tax on oatmeal should be extended to all meal manufactured from oats grown anywhere in Ireland. This, it is argued, would encourage friendly feeling between north and south and at the same time help the Saorstát farmers who have hitherto found a market for their oats in the north.

W. P. Messerie of Montreal is in the city today.

FARMERS ARE FAVORED BY THE WEATHER

The Crop Reports From Western Canada are Cheering.

NO DAMAGE FROM FROSTS

The Demand for Hogs is Reported to be Keen.

(Special to the DAILY MAIL by the British United Press)

Winnipeg, Man., May 18—The weekly weather and crop report for the Prairie Provinces and British Columbia issued from the office of D. C. Coleman, Vice-President in charge of Canadian Pacific Railway western lines, here today is as follows:

Good weather favored farmers all week in all districts of west. Night frosts were reported from number of points in each province, but apparently no damage was done. Wheat seedling rapidly nearing completion. Early sown wheat up several inches. At present there appears to be plenty of moisture to start grain and prospects everywhere are quite favorable. Little or no damage has been done by cut worms so far, although it is just kind of spring that would suit operations of these pests. Grass is coming on nicely, and stock appear to be steadily improving in condition. Breeders of pure bred live stock are feeling encouraged at present outlook. The demand for hogs is keen also for bulls of the beef breeds. The whole livestock situation is very much improved over what it was year ago.

PILSUDSKI HAS BEEN TAKEN SERIOUSLY ILL

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

Warsaw, May 18—Marshall Josef Pilsudski, who last week headed the revolution which overthrew the existing Polish Government, has been taken suddenly ill according to an official announcement.

He was unable to attend today's meeting of the new cabinet, which was set up following the revolution he led, and in which he held the portfolio of war minister.

NOBIL WILL RETURN SOON TO ITALY

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

Rome, May 18—Umberto Nobile, commander of the dirigible Norge, will return to Italy arriving here in June, according to plans announced for him here today. He will leave late in June for Tokyo to deliver and supervise the assembling of a dirigible Japan has purchased from Italy.

Local Police Investigating.

In connection with the abandoning of a five-weeks-old child in a rooming-house at Saint John Monday by a young woman giving the name of Long or Delong, the Fredericton police are investigating at the request of Saint John detectives. A bottle with a label from Willey's Drug Store in this city was left behind by the young woman. The bottle had contained peppermint extract. The woman who left the child is described as quite tall, stout, with hair bobbed tortoise-shell rimmed glasses. She wore a blue hat, fawn-colored coat and stockings, blue suit.

A. P. Milton of Pictou, N. S., is at the Barker House. He is to join the staff of the local branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia taking the place of Mr. Dow who is transferred.

OFFICES OF MINTO COAL DESTROYED

A Strong Suspicion That the Fire Was Incendiary.

THE LOSS IS ABOUT \$3,000

Has Been Some Friction Following Labor Trouble.

(Special to The Daily Mail)

Minto, N. B., May 18—The offices of the Minto Coal Company were totally destroyed by fire which broke out at about midnight last night. Practically everything in the building was burned except what was in the vault.

There is strong suspicion of incendiaryism in connection with the fire as there had been no fire in the office building for two or three days.

The loss is placed at \$3,000. The Minto Coal Company carried its own insurance on the entire plant.

There has been some friction lately following the recent labor troubles and strike. Sunday night some dynamite was stolen from company property but not in large quantity.

AIRPLANES TO FEED TOURISTS IN THE ALPS

Berlin, May 18—Tourists stopping at hundreds of mountain inns of the Bavarian and Tyrolean Alps this summer will be fed by a fleet of airplanes from Munich and Innsbruck, dodging among the snow-capped peaks and dropping cargoes up to 200 pounds by parachutes.

More than 1,000,000 tourists visited these parts of the Alps last year. The problem of transporting large quantities of supplies has been getting more difficult each year. It costs about 12 cents a pound to carry freight by rail and pack mule from Innsbruck, for example, to the Bradenburg Inn, 10,000 feet up in the Oetztaier Alps. The South German Aero-Lloyd Co. has contracted to carry the supplies by air for 3 cents a pound.

Wherever possible landing fields have been laid out on the plateaus. Where landings are impossible, food and supplies will be tied to parachutes and dropped into the backyards of the hotels from altitudes of several hundred feet.

Used Wrong License Plates.

Two local men have been charged with violation of the Motor Vehicle Law by operating a car bearing the license plates issued for another car. One case was for trial in the police court this morning but adjournment was made until Thursday. The other case is also for hearing on that day. The maximum penalty for the offence is a fine of \$100 for the first offence, a fine of \$100 and thirty days in gaol for the second offence and a fine of \$250 and sixty days in gaol for the third offence.

Court Adjourned.

The Court of King's Bench met this afternoon in adjourned session and was adjourned further. The case of W. F. Grace vs John O'Connor and George B. Moore in which suit is brought for injury sustained by being struck by a car, will go over to another term as J. B. McNair, counsel in the case, is engaged in the murder case at St. Andrew's. The Donohoe case in which ejectment is being attempted is to be heard in chambers.

R. L. Steeves of Moncton, claims agent of the C. N. R. is at the Barker House.