

WILL LLOYD-GEORGE BE OUSTED?

TROUBLES OF BRIAND NOT YET ENDED

The French Senate is Now Studying the Budget Project.

ON THE VERGE OF AN ABYSS

Trying Hard to Avoid Another Cabinet Crisis.

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Paris, Feb. 18—Under the warning that "another cabinet crisis would cause a cataclysm" the French senate finance committee proceeded with its study of the budget projects today.

Finance minister Doumer told its members last night that "Successive crises in the last year coupled with enormous inflation had brought France to the verge of the abyss in which France's prestige and prosperity might be destroyed."

MAKE-BELIEVE SPOOK BOUND TO A TOMBSTONE

Peoria, Feb. 18—A young man was found tied to a tombstone in St. Joseph's Cemetery here with a tattered sheet at his feet. He told police that he was there because girl students from Bradley Institute insisted upon tying him up. He said he had been station in the cemetery to frighten the girls who were being initiated into a sorority.

His ghost-like attire and fearsome gowns had little effect. The girls sailed in, pulled his hair, ripped off his masquerade and used stout ropes in lashing him to a gravestone.

BOBBED HAIR THE FASHION AMONG GIRLS

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Copenhagen, Feb. 18—In a nearby town of 20,000 the municipal council sought six girls with long hair to play fairies in the fairy land ball. It could find only girls with bobbed hair.

ROSE QUEEN WANTED FOR A CARNIVAL

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

London, Feb. 18—The "Ochorley" charities committee needs a pretty seventeen year old girl to be rose Queen for its June carnival. All likely candidates so far have been bobbed.

ELSINORE FETE IS PLANNED

Copenhagen, Denmark, Feb. 18—The ancient town of Elsinore, near Copenhagen, where Hamlet is said to have been buried, is making great preparations to celebrate its 500th anniversary next summer. Part of the old town will be rebuilt and the city council is planning various medieval performances.

GUINEA PIGS WERE USED AS TEST TUBES

Ten Seized by New York Prohibition Officers.

HOOTCH WAS ALSO TAKEN

Was Tried Out on the Guinea Pigs Before Being Sold.

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

New York, N. Y., Feb. 18—Ten guinea pigs believed to have been used as "test tubes" to find whether bootleg whiskey could be drunk safely by human beings were seized by prohibition agents, who raided the grocery store of Rudolph Gelb.

In addition to the pigs, the raiders found forty gallons of alleged alcohol and whiskey in a nearby apartment owned by Gelb.

J. A. CAMPBELL ENTERS UPON NINETIETH YEAR

Highly Esteemed Resident of Kingsclear Has Had a Long and Useful Career.

Mr. John A. Campbell of Kingsclear today entered upon his ninetieth year and is being heartily congratulated by his numerous friends. He spent the day quietly at his home and performed the usual farm duties as has been his custom for a great many years. His friends will be glad to learn that he has stood the winter well, and that he is really in better health than was the case a few months ago.

Gave Dinner Party.

At noon today Miss Eliza Campbell who keeps house for her aged father, entertained relatives at a small dinner party in his honor. The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. William Edgar, the latter being a sister of Mr. Campbell, Miss Annie Campbell, another sister and Mrs. James B. Campbell, a sister-in-law.

Mr. Campbell was born at Kingsclear of Scottish parentage on February 18th, 1837, and has resided there during the whole of his long life. A man of fine physique and high intelligence and public spirit, he has ever been active in promoting the cause of agriculture so dear to his heart. He served for some years on the old Board of Agriculture, has been a member of the Provincial Legislature, a county valuator and for over twenty-five years was president of Agricultural Society No. 34 under whose auspices so many successful exhibitions have been held in this city. At the present time he is honorary president of the Fredericton Exhibition Limited. Mr. Campbell's life has been one of great usefulness to the community and his friends who are legion will join heartily with the Mail in wishing him many happy returns of the day.

TURKEY PLANS MODEL FARMS

Copenhagen, Denmark, Feb. 18—The Turkish minister to Denmark has suggested to his government that it establish several model farms in the vicinity of Angora. Some progress has already been made in this direction. It seems probable that Danish farmers will be sent to Turkey to cultivate the soil according to Danish methods and with Danish agricultural machinery.

His Political Future Depends on Outcome Of Liberal Congress

Attitude of Party Towards His Land Nationalization Scheme is in Doubt—Signs of a Split Over Some Features of Leader's Policy—Compromise May be Arranged.

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

LONDON, February 18—Lloyd George's political future is about to be determined. Upon the outcome of the Liberal congress position tomorrow toward his land nationalization scheme it will depend.

So far the congress has decided unanimously in favor of land reform, but there are signs of a big party split over some of the nationalization features in the former Premier's scheme.

However, it is probable that a compromise will be reached and that Lloyd George will continue in his original place as chief of the party.

He favors a plan whereby the laborer and small farmer will have greater opportunity to own his own home and some land.

N. B. TELEPHONE CO. IN ANNUAL SESSION HERE TODAY PENSION SCHEME INAUGURATED

Surplus of \$61,327.60 on Year's Operations—Dividend Took Payment of \$59,368.20 — Closest Economy Necessary According to Annual Report of President Black—More than 27,000 Telephones on System—Increase Last Year.

The New Brunswick Telephone Company held its annual meeting here today with a large attendance of directors. The directors were in session this morning and the shareholders this afternoon. The annual report was presented by the President, Senator F. B. Black of Sackville with financial statement appended. In his report President Black made reference to the fact that it had been by the closest economy that the dividend payment had been maintained. That was in spite of increase in gross revenue. One storm in October had cost \$8,000 through damage but there had been generally few storms.

The report referred also to the increase of 784 in number of telephone on the system making a total of 27,298. During the year there had been a surplus of \$61,327.60. In dividend in December \$59,368.20 had been expended.

During the year a pension scheme was inaugurated for employees and steps taken to extend the group insurance plan further.

Those In Attendance.

Attending the annual meeting are the following members of the executive, Hon. F. B. Black, Sackville; Hon. I. R. Todd, Milltown; R. O'Leary, Richibucto; Angus McLean, Bathurst; H. P. Robinson, Saint John; also the following directors, J. M. Robinson, W. C. Allison, Col. J. L. McAvity, Saint John; F. R. Sumner, Moncton; E. W. Mair, Woodstock; J. E. Macpherson, Montreal; E. H. Sinclair, Newcastle. Directors not present today were Dr. A. P. Barnhill, Saint John; R. B. Hanson, M. P., and Archibald Fraser, Fredericton.

ANNUAL REPORT

Closest Economy Needed to Produce Financial Results — Pension Scheme Inaugurated.

The thirty-sixth annual report of the N. B. Telephone Company, Limited,

for the year ending December 31, 1925, was presented by the President, Hon. F. B. Black as follows:—

To the shareholders of the New Brunswick Telephone Company, Limited:

Your Directors have pleasure in again submitting for your consideration a fairly satisfactory report covering the Company's business activities for the year just completed.

The Company has had a substantial growth, both in Plant and Revenue during the year. Sixty-seven miles of new copper circuit have been erected in the following localities: Andover, St. Leonards; Campbellton, Tide Head; and Rothesay, Norton; and seventy-five miles of iron circuit have been added to the Plant.

Increase in Phones.

The net gain in telephones for the year is 784 as compared with 612 for the preceding year. The total number of phones in use is 27,298. There was also a gain of over thirty thousand in long distance calls put through during the year.

Cord circuit repeaters have been installed at Newcastle, Saint John and Woodstock for the purpose of improving long distance service, particularly to points outside the Province. Eighteen thousand dollars was expended for these repeaters and with their use, together with other improvements, we can now give commercial service to Boston, New York, Montreal and more distant points.

Close Figuring.

You will note from the financial statement a net increase in Plant Value of \$205,014.67, and in Real Estate \$13,013.33. The gross revenue for the year is increased about \$31,000.00 over the preceding year. You will note, however, that the net revenue shows a very moderate increase and it is only fair to state that this net revenue has been produced by the most careful and rigid economy consistent with proper maintenance and service.

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PAULINE CARON VENTURES INTO MATRIMONY

Screen Star Weds Lowell Sherman in New York.

TOO BUSY FOR HONEYMOON

Husband Has Had Previous Experience in Matrimony.

New York, Feb. 18—Out of Hollywood into New York, off the train and into matrimony, pretty Polly Caron and Lowell Sherman are married and spending today, their first of marriage working on new films at different studios here.

Pauline came to town yesterday and Sherman, movie star, met her at the train, whisked her to the marriage bureau and there with Edward L. Martin, assistant director to Wesley Ruggles, who is shooting Sherman through his new picture, and Martin's fiancée Agnes Feeley of New York, staged a double wedding.

Her First Plunge

Miss Caron is embarked upon the matrimonial racetrack for her first venture at 22, but her husband is not a tyro. His first wife, Evelyn Booth, divorced him in 1922 charging extreme cruelty and failure to provide.

Sherman was also involved in the "Fatty" Arbuckle melee in San Francisco but managed to escape without the coating of stove polish meted out to the other members of the party. Then there was the episode at the equity ball in November when he got into a catch-as-catch-can bout with George Baxter, a movie actor, who claimed that Sherman's attentions to Baxter's sister were not desirable.

Threatened With Suit

Then came the headlining of the gay star when Flo Hart, Kenneth Harlan's ex-wife, vowed she would sue Sherman for breach of promise and slander. She said that he had paid all of her bills for three years and she was not ashamed but he jilted her and told her friends that she was a dope addict and mentioned other unpleasanties.

Sherman met Pauline when the two were playing together in "Satin in Sables." The actor is 14 years his wife's senior. Sherman's mother took her new daughter-in-law to her son's apartment where Lowell and Pauline are settled down to finish the films they are working on. Then they will take an extended honeymoon.

SUNDAY CLOSING ORDER HITS THE BEAUTY PARLORS

Lynn, Mass., Feb. 18—The women and girls of Lynn are pretty enough to get through Sunday without treatments at beauty parlors in the opinion of Mayor Ralph S. Bauer. The Mayor has ordered the police to keep watch over the city's beauty parlors to see that they refrain from operating on Sunday. Complaints had reached the Mayor.

The Mayor contends that six days of labor with lipstick, powder puff, scissors and rouge should in a general way, make any woman attractive enough to carry her over the seventh without further treatment.

Heavy Snow in Albert

Chief Scaler A. T. Murchie has received word from Albert County of a crew of forty men with fourteen horses had to stop work on lumber operations and attempt to break a road out to a settlement. Progress was so slow that people in the settlement started from their end and worked toward the lumber camp. Scarcity of supplies made it necessary for the crew to open communication.

U. S. FACES A FINANCIAL HEADACHE

President of National City Banks Makes a Prediction.

SEES SIGNS OF DANGER

Too Much Prosperity Will Mean Inflation, He Says.

(Special to the Daily Mail by British United Press)

Chicago, Feb. 18—The United States faces a financial headache if business improves too much this year, in the opinion of Charles E. Mitchell, President of the National City Bank of New York. "It will be dangerous if this year turned out to be any more prosperous than 1925," Mr. Mitchell said. "It would mean inflation, the forerunner of deflation which in turn means a headache."

Mitchell, who is enroute to the northwest on a business trip, was optimistic of the future, however, pointing out that most of the financial leaders were guarding against inflation.

RHEIMS OFFERS PRIZES FOR A WINE SONG

Paris, Feb. 18—The offer of a prize for the best drinking song in honor of champagne marks the latest effort to hasten the return of Rheims, the centre of the champagne-making country, to its pre-war prosperity. The offer is made by the "Rheims Prosperity Bureau," a municipal organization which is arranging a "Champagne Week" to be held from May 30 to June 6.

The first prize will be a crystal cup especially cut and 500 francs. There will be twelve other prizes consisting of 'specimens of Rheims only flourish industry—that which furnishes the subject matter for the songs.

DUKE OF YORK BALKS AT IRONING PA'S SHIRT

London, Feb. 18—The Duke of York proved his courage in the hunting fields of Africa, but today he backed away when urged to try his hand at ironing one of his father's shirts. The King's second son was on a tour of inspection through the Harlesden laundry, which handles the linens of the royal family, when the invitation came.

Smilingly declining, he said: "I might burn one of His Majesty's shirts and get into trouble over it."

WHEAT TARIFF ROUSES JAPAN

Tokyo, Japan, Feb. 18—Opposition to the farmers' demand for an increased tariff on imported wheat has developed from the Millers' association, which stresses the danger of raising the tariff, not only to their industry but to the public generally.

Both sides of the issue have petitioned the diet. It is the general opinion that the pro-farmer vote is likely to influence considerable sections of all parties in favor of some increase and compel the government to yield to the demand unless other events intervene.