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

Peking, March 29—Nationalist Chinese military commanders today gradually withdrew their troops from around Peking. It is understood that the nationalists have offered to evacuate the city for \$1,000,000 and that the coalition forces which are still gathering to attack if necessary have offered the Nationalists \$250,000.

Marshal Chang Tso Lin whose Manchurian troops compose a large portion of the coalition army now seeking to gain control of Peking, has left Mukden, the capital of Manchuria, for Tien Tsin.

The nationalists apparently anticipate agreement to result from the peace bargaining which began during the latter part of last week. Looting of villages by nationalist troops is reported by refugees arriving in the capital.

RISHMAN, 125, WALKS A MILE FOR HIS PENSION

London, March 29—Ireland, famous breeding ground of hale and hearty old men, has produced a super-centenarian. He is William Smith of Dromara, County Down, and has celebrated his 125th birthday.

He was middle-aged, according to ordinary standards, when he went off to fight in the Crimean war. His most strenuous exercise nowadays is walking a mile each Friday to receive his pension.

Ireland has produced many long-lived persons, but women in the British Isles as a whole are much longer-lived than men. There are about 10 times as many female centenarians as male.

Clergymen and peers seem to live longest in these modern times of rush and teases, but even the oldest of them are young, compared to Thomas Gurn, a Londoner who died on Jan. 28, 1583, at the venerable age of 207. At least this is a record said to have been inscribed in the parish register of St. Leonard's Church, Shoreditch, which the great fire of London destroyed.

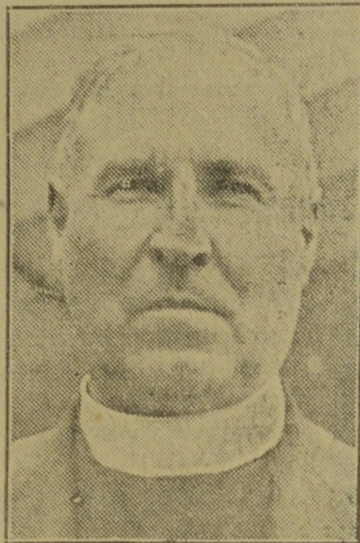
Students of longevity say centenarians came from long-lived families, where the thing is a habit. They discount the many pet models of living, the prejudices for or against tobacco, alcohol, tea or this food or that to which old persons often attribute their achievement in piling up birthdays.

DANCING IS BANNED FOR EASTER WEEK

(Special to the Daily Mail by British United Press)

Berlin, March 29—For the first time in modern history dancing has been prohibited in Berlin during Easter week. The prohibition originated with Minister of the Interior Severing of Prussia. The press today violently attacks him.

To Visit Geneva



REV. CANON CODY of Toronto, who has been honored with an invitation to preach a sermon to the League of Nations delegates at the opening of the Assembly in Geneva.

HAD DAUGHTER RESIDING IN FREDERICTON

Grand Falls, March 28—The death occurred at Grand Falls on Thursday evening after a long illness of Hugh Warnock Taylor at the age of 65 years. The late Mr. Taylor was born at Grand Falls and held the office of collector of customs here for 27 years. About eight years ago he retired and has been in failing health since then. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. J. G. Kirkpatrick, of Fredericton; Mrs. James Folster, of Grand Falls; and four sons, Harry, of Seattle; George, of North Sydney; Chester, of Sudbury, Ont., and Walter, of Blue Bell. George M. Taylor and William Taylor, of Grand Falls, are brothers and another brother, John, resides in Los Angeles.

T. W. GREGORY DIED SUNDAY AT HOME IN DEVON

Well Known Amateur Florist — Native of London, in Business Here Much of His Lifetime.

The death of Thomas W. Gregory occurred at 9.30 Sunday morning at his home in Union street, Devon, after a long illness. The deceased was aged seventy-three years. He was a native of London, England, but had followed the occupation of engraver and jewelry-repairer in Fredericton for the greater part of his lifetime. He was noted as an amateur gardener and florist his premises in Devon being a beauty spot widely known, and its products being shown at all local exhibitions and elsewhere.

The deceased is survived by his widow formerly of Dumfries, one son John who is associated in business and one daughter Miss Kesley at home. There also is a sister Mrs. James MacDonald of Houlton and two brothers Frederick of Houlton and Ralph of Glassville.

The funeral will take place at 2 p.m. Tuesday with interment at Sunny Bank Cemetery, Devon. Service will be conducted at Saint Mary's Church by Rev. N. P. Fairweather.

M. Kelly of Toronto is at the Queen Hon. Lewis Smith, Minister of Agriculture, arrived from Coverdale this morning and registered at the Barker House.

J. M. Murchison of Saint John, is a guest at the Queen.

Henry F. Ross of Moncton is in the city.

Briand Won the First Round in Politico-Financial Battle

Commission by a Vote of 15 to 10 Approved of the Tax on Business Turnover—Direct and Indirect Taxes are Also Approved—The Political Situation in France is Very Serious.

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

PARIS, March 29—Premier Briand today won the first skirmish of the politico-financial battle which may end in his defeat and ninth resignation from the Premiership. The political situation is serious and already the weak French franc weakened further as the chamber of Deputies finance committee met to consider Finance Minister Peret's projects for balancing the Budget and saving the treasury from bankruptcy.

Confronted by unwavering insistence from Briand and Peret the commission approved, by a vote of 15 to 10 the proposed increase in the tax on business turn-over of wholesalers and semi-wholesalers. This tax would produce 1,200,000,000 francs, approximately \$40,000,000.

Approved of Taxes

The commission also approved a majority of the direct and indirect taxes proposed by Peret. The chamber will begin consideration of the financial project Tuesday afternoon. The outcome is doubtful. When the question was before the chamber a little more than three weeks ago, Briand was suddenly voted out of office at dawn after an all night session.

POACHER WAS HEAVILY FINED IN NOVA SCOTIA

Amherst, March 27—By a piece of sharp work on the part of Game Inspector Chandler and Chief of Police Smith, of Parrsboro, Cumberland's star game slaughterer, was arrested yesterday and brought to Amherst. Officer Chandler laid an information on June 12th, 1923, before Stipendiary A. G. MacKenzie, K. C., against Alerant O'Lamy, charging him with illegally killing a cow moose, at or near Athol, between September 1, 1922, and June 1, 1923. O'Lamy, in the meantime left the Province.

While at Springhill Junction, Wednesday, Officer Chandler read in The Chronicle a Parrsboro item in reference to Wilbert Delaney, being connected with the Corkum case. The similarity of names attracted his attention, and he immediately got in touch by phone with Chief Smith, at Parrsboro, and gave him a description of O'Lamy. The Parrsboro officer said that the description did not tally with that of Delaney, but he had seen a man answering the description in town that day. Chandler requested Smith to arrest him at once, which he did. Yesterday, Inspector Chandler and Game Warden James proceeded to Parrsboro, and brought the accused to Amherst. He appeared today before Stipendiary MacKenzie, and was convicted and fined \$300 and \$14.25 costs, and in default, 300 days in the jail at Amherst, the latter being under section 129 of the game laws of Nova Scotia. Officer Chandler holds another warrant against O'Lamy for killing a moose in 1922. At the time a resident of Athol was fined \$50, and costs for having moose meat in his possession while hauling the O'Lamy moose out of the woods.

H. M. Moore of Moncton is in the city.

CUSTOM MAKES FASHIONS AND ARE FOLLOWED

Rome, March 29—Pope Pius XI has had the rare opportunity of giving personally to a famous Parisian fashion creator a rebuke, advice and an exhortation on woman's fashions.

The fashioner and his wife were being received in audience by his holiness, and had just knelt and kissed his ring when the Pope addressed the couple and, not knowing their business in life, asked them who they were.

"We are fashion creators, Holy Father," said the arbiter of women's fashions.

"Fashion creators," interjected the Pope, whose disapproval of prevailing feminine fashions is well known. His eyebrows contracted into a frown. Here was an arch-enemy under his own roof.

"Remember," he said to the kneeling couple, "that God gave beauty to woman in order that she should preserve it as the most precious of flowers. Her dress should cover this beauty, not take away its veil of mystery and poetry."

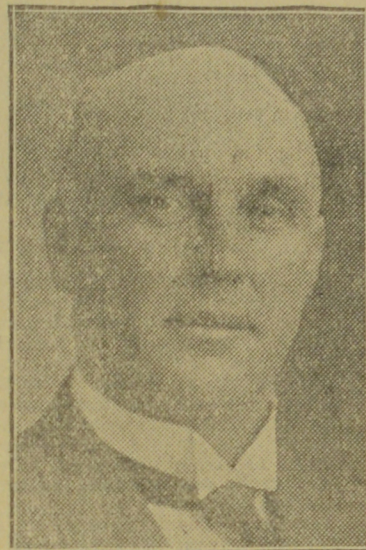
But the costumer, who had made thousands of feminine hearts palpitate with excitement and pleasure, stood by his guns.

"Holiness," he said, "it is custom which makes fashions, and we tailors follow custom."

Death at Limestone, Me.

Harry A. Watson left this morning for Limestone, Me., to attend the funeral of his nephew Robert Watson who died in that place aged twenty-eight years. The deceased is survived by his widow and four step-children. Other surviving relatives are his father Robert Watson and his mother who is a sister of George Jamer of Devon. He also is survived by three brothers and two sisters.

The Water Steal



HON. CHAS. STEWART His negotiations with Washington on the Chicago water steal have resulted in vigorous action by Parliament in which the Conservatives solidly back the Government.

HOUSE WILL RESUME TONIGHT ON THE BUDGET

Col. W. H. Harrison of Saint John Speaking — Hon. A. A. Dysart to Follow.

The House of Assembly after a brief week-end adjournment will resume tonight at 8.30 with Col. W. H. Harrison of Saint John continuing the debate on the budget. Hon. A. A. Dysart who was prevented by illness from taking part in the debate on the Address is to follow on the Opposition side. He is expected to speak Tuesday afternoon.

Delegations are expected this week in large numbers. The proposals for increased taxation is what will bring them. The banks and the insurance companies are expected to be represented. These will take up the time of the government. In addition there will be the usual delegations on bills.

The budget debate will be lengthy. Fred C. Squires of Carleton, Deputy Speaker, is to address the House and Hon. P. J. Veniot, Opposition leader also is likely to speak.

Adjournment will take place Thursday afternoon probably until the following Wednesday in order to give ample opportunity for His Honor the Lieut. Governor and Mrs. Todd to hold their ball Easter Tuesday night.

CAPITALISTS ARE SCARCE IN RUSSIA

Moscow, March 29—Only 640 persons of the 139,760,500 in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics live on interest received on invested capital, according to the report of the commissariat of finance. However, 1,062,730 persons paid taxes on revenue most of them dealers, owners, lessees of property, partners in commercial undertakings, contractors and speculators on the bourse, such revenue amounted to \$184,600,000 in six months.

Strathroy, Ont., March 28—Speaking on behalf of Hon. J. E. Elliott, Minister of Labor, yesterday Rt. Hon. Macdonald King forecast reduction of taxation. After outlining the various items of legislation promised for the present session of parliament the prime minister said: "There is going to be a very considerable reduction in taxation. Better times make it possible for the government to remove some of the burden from the shoulders of the people."

WORLD TOUR OF TWO BOYS WAS ENDED

Started Out on Poultry Farm Profits of \$47.50

BLACK CIGAR ENDED TRIP

Companion Summoned a Policeman to Help Him.

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

New York, March 29—Their parents are expected today from Springfield, Mass., to take home George Jukes, fourteen and Donald Shea, sixteen whose plans for a world tour, on poultry farm profits of \$47.50 came to grief when George smoked a black cigar.

Patrolman Sasek was approached by Donald yesterday with the excited remark, "My pal is dying. Come and help him."

Sasek found young Jukes in an unhappy condition. "Leave me alone I want to die." Nearby was the butt of a half smoked stogie.

HAS BEEN A TOUGH WINTER FOR EUROPE

Vienna, March 29—Europe has had a short but severe winter. Cold, snow and floods have succeeded one another in abrupt changes. The cold was most intense in Yugoslavia, where huge drifts covered fields and forests. Wild animals were unable to find their customary nourishment. Deer and foxes came down from the hills in search of food. Hunger made the wolves bolder. In the village of Zauls so many wolves appeared that the villagers remained in their houses at night and went armed during the day-time. On the road from Spoleto to Norcia a man was attacked by wolves. At Vargalmes wolves attacked a flock of sheep and were driven away only after some had been shot. At Monte dogs were killed and devoured by wolves. On top of Santa Croce ridge four wolves jumped into an automobile, but the passengers drove them away with revolver shots. Floods did a great deal of damage in Yugoslavia, Roumania and Hungary. At one time the junction of the Danube and the Sava, near Belgrade, was like a stormy inland sea. Many houses were washed away and several river boats were wrecked. In Roumania the floods caused much loss of life and property.

CHARLIE ROSS CLAIMANT IS A CARPENTER

Asheville, N. C., March 29—Julius Coleman Dellinger, a carpenter, was declared today by the Asheville Times in a copyrighted article to be the man now in North Carolina who claims to be Charlie Ross missing, who was kidnapper in Philadelphia in 1874.

The Times also says that for the last five years Dellinger has written on an average of a hundred letters a week in an effort to prove his claims. He said he was brought to Gaffney, C. C., by a man who called himself J. H. McHale and a woman a year after Charlie Ross disappeared.

H. A. Fawcett of Montreal is in the city today.