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Government Praised for its Action in Franc Scandal

Is Being Congratulated on the Regrettable Necessity of Its Decisions—Officials Found Guilty of Speculating in Francs—One Dismissed and Another Has Been Asked to Resign.

(By Herbert Bailey, British United Press Staff Correspondent)
London, Feb. 28—The government is being unanimously congratulated on what members of parliament call the "Regrettable Necessity" of its decisions in the francs scandal, which culminated yesterday in the dismissal of a prominent member of the British Civil service, the request for the resignation of a second and a severe reprimand for a third, the three officials having been found guilty of speculating against the franc.

The thoroughness of the investigation and the firmness of the government in the matter are applauded on all sides, while the newspapers reflect the general relief that no suggestion of the corruption of the high traditions of the British Civil Service was maintained.

The three officials referred to above are J. D. Gregory, Assistant Under-Secretary of State for the Foreign Office, who was dismissed; St. Clair O'Malley, who was permitted to resign and Lieut. Commander H. F. B. Maxse, who was severely reprimanded and made to forfeit three years seniority.

CONDEMNED WOMAN VISITED BY RELATIVES

Monteral, Feb. 27—Doris Palmer McDonald, who with her husband George McDonald, is under sentence of death here for the murder of a Lachine taxi-driver last July, today saw her 29 months old baby, her mother and her foster-mother. It was the first time in twelve years that Doris had seen her mother, while she had not seen her baby boy since he was 14 months old.

The youthful prisoner's relatives, visited her at the Fullum street women's jail this afternoon after they had proven their identity to chief Lorraine, of the provincial detective force. The identification was made regardless of a statement by Doris that her mother died when she was born. Chief Lorraine stating that he was positive that the credentials presented by the two women were unimpeachable, and that he was sure that Doris McDonald was the daughter of one and the foster daughter of the other.

Nothing concerning the meeting between the condemned girl and her relatives was divulged. The foster mother, Dr. Frances Palmer, of Mount Vernon, N. Y., and the mother Mrs. Hazel Greico, of Chicago, Ill., shunned publicity.

BIBLE CLASS IS LARGEST IN THE WORLD

Columbia, Mo., Feb. 28—The roster of the Burrall Bible class of Columbia contains the names of 7,500 members and it is believed here to be the largest coeducational Sunday School class in the country. It is not uncommon for 1,700 persons to attend one session.

The class was founded by Miss Jesse Burrall, of Stephens College, woman's school here. It started with a membership of 250 and has just celebrated the seventh anniversary of its founding. Miss Burrall is a believer in publicity. She advertises her class in various ways, even by highway signs.

ENGLISH CHOIR SINGERS NOW AT HALIFAX

Halifax, Jan. 27—Composed of singers picked from the great English Cathedral choirs, the Westminster Glee Signers, fresh from a triumphant tour of the British Empire, land here today from the White Star liner Albertic on the initial leg of their Canadian tour, and will give their first recitals in the Dominion Tuesday and Wednesday evening at St. Matthew's Church. The choir have already visited Australia, New Zealand and India, and are now on a return tour to Australia via this country. They will give one matinee in Halifax on Wednesday.

The singers are appearing here under the direct patronage of His Excellency the Governor General, Viscount Willingdon, His Honor the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, and the Primate of All Canada, His Grace Archbishop Matheson. Picked from such churches as Westminster, St. Paul's Christ Church, St. George's and Windsor, the singers, boys and men, represent English choral work at its highest peak of development.

Organized for the tour by Edward Branscombe, their repertoire consists of over one hundred and fifty compositions, drawn from both sacred and secular music. It is mainly in the secular numbers, however, the singers make their main appeal, and will render folk songs, part songs, glees, and madrigals.

Rotary Luncheon Broadcast.

The weekly Rotary luncheon received its air baptism this afternoon, then station CFNB broadcasted the program from the Palms at noon. The two speakers at the luncheon, Premier Baxter and C. Price-Green, F. I. G. S., gave interesting addresses which were much enjoyed by those present. Mr. Price-Green who is commissioner of Department of National Resources of the Canadian National Railways took as his subject "Minerals of New Brunswick and the Possibilities of Future Mineral Developments." A report of his speech will be found elsewhere in this issue. President C. F. Bailey occupied the chair.

C. L. Kaufman of Bradford is at the Barker House this afternoon.

VANCOUVER MAN JUMPS FROM STEAMER

Went Overboard as the Montnairn was Entering St. John Harbor—Apparently a Case of Suicide.

Saint John, Feb. 28—George O. Usborne, of Vancouver, lost his life Monday afternoon when he fell off the steamer Montnairn as it was entering Saint John harbor. Just as the vessel was coming into the channel opposite the bell buoy off Partridge Island, Mr. Usborne was noticed sitting on the rail of the lower saloon deck. He was seen by two lady passengers who noticed his careless attitude and warned him of his danger. He replied, "Oh, that's all right," and a moment later was seen to fall overboard.

Captain A. H. Notley, who is in command of the steamer, in an interview later, said that the alarm was given and a life buoy immediately thrown overboard. The man was seen to come up within 20 feet of the buoy.

The Signal Given.

The engines were reversed and the sea boat immediately manned, the man overboard flag signal was hoisted as the Norwegian steamer Louisiana was following close behind the Montnairn.

A second life buoy also was dropped from the bridge. The ship was brought to in the immediate vicinity where the buoy was dropped and the man last was seen. The boat was lowered and a search made but it proved to be unavailing. The buoy was picked up and the vessel was circled around, the search still being carried on. The Norwegian steamer did the same, having read the flag signal. The search being unsuccessful, the boat was recalled, hoisted aboard and both vessels proceeded into the harbor.

From the time the man dropped overboard until the vessel was over the same spot, was about five minutes, Captain Notley acting promptly. The boat was in the water within six minutes of the occurrence.

There was a strong southwest wind blowing at the time with occasional snow flurries. The temperature of the air was 28 degrees, and that of the water 31 degrees.

A diligent search was made for the man's body but without success.

An investigation of the matter was held by Captain Notley and it was the opinion of one of the witnesses that it was a decided case of suicide. No reason could be learned for the act.

DIRIGIBLE WILL TAKE OFF FOR CUBA

Special cable to The Daily Mail by the British United Press

Balbot Canal Zone, Feb. 28—The United States Navy dirigible Los Angeles was made ready today after its adventurous 2,250 mile flight from the United States to take off for Cuba at 8 a. m.

MORE FIGHTING IN MEXICO

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

Mexico City, Feb. 28—Reports of vigorous fighting between rebel and Federal troops continued today and it was made known that 38 rebels and two federals had been killed within the last few hours.

THIRTEEN OF TRAWLER'S CREW WERE DROWNED

Clung for Hours to Rigging of the Stranded Steamer.

FINALLY FELL INTO THE SEA

Nine Others of the Crew Were Rescued by a Motor Boat.

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

London, Feb. 28—Overcome by exhaustion after clinging for hours to the rigging of the stranded steam trawler Jan Forsti, thirteen members of the crew dropped into the sea and were drowned at Reykjavik, Iceland according to a dispatch to the Daily Mail.

Nine other members of the crew were rescued by a motor boat crew while three others this morning remained aboard the stranded vessel unable to gain sufficient strength to leave.

FARMERS' PARTY BACK FROM OLD COUNTRY TRIP

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 27—Of the 75 people who made up the party of Canadian farmers that sailed from here January 9 on what was called the Canadian farmers' marketing tour of Great Britain and Denmark, 37 returned home today on the White Star liner Albertic. The remaining members of the party stayed behind to extend their visit to other parts of Europe not included in their itinerary, particularly Ireland, in which the Ontario members were especially interested. W. D. Robb, vice-president of the Canadian National Railways, and Dr. W. J. Black, director of colonization, who organized the tour, met the party on the steamer and heard an address of congratulation signed by representatives of the group.

All members of the party interviewed today expressed the greatest satisfaction in the success of the tour, both as an interesting medium to interest the right kind of immigrants and as an education for those who made the trip.

"It has been an unqualified success and in our opinion Canada has received most valuable advertising," said F. B. Holby, of St. Thomas, Ont.

E. D. Halliburton, Nova Scotia, representative on the party, to instance the stimulation given emigration to Canada by the presence of the party in Denmark, reported that in one day while they were in that country 200 young men applied for permission to emigrate to Canada.

"We have come back to preach the gospel of intensive methods," said Robert Chase, Port Williams, N. S., discussing the value of the tour to the farmers themselves.

"Canada stands to reap invaluable results which will be felt first in increased immigration, increased demand for Canadian products and in better and greater production in Canada," declared M. R. Matheson, of Nanton, Alberta.

A South African Veteran.

Major William A. Weeks, a former resident of Charlottetown, died suddenly at his home in Saint John on Monday morning. The deceased had been under the doctor's care for some time. He was a lawyer by profession but for some years had been in the customs service. He had long been connected with the militia and saw service in the Boer War as Commander of G. Company of the first Canadian Contingent.

Will Negotiate New Arbitration Treaty With United States

London Report Says That Action Will be Taken at Once—Draft of Treaty Sent to London by President Coolidge Now Being Considered by British Government.

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

London, Feb. 28—Formal negotiations for a new treaty of arbitration between the United States and Great Britain will begin shortly here and in Washington, it was understood here today.

The British government is considering a draft of the new treaty which President Coolidge recently sent to London.

Such a treaty, it is understood would include recognition by the United States of Great Britain's obligations as a member of the League of Nations and a recognition by Great Britain of the United States' responsibilities under the Monroe Doctrine.

MRS. COOGAN IN SUIT FOR ALIENATION

Mother of Boy Film Star Accused of Causing a Man to Violate Marriage Vows.

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

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 28—Sensational charges are contained in a \$75,000 alienation of affections suit filed here against Mrs. Lillian Coogan, mother of Jackie Coogan, child screen star, by Mrs. Carobel Bernstein, wife of the business manager of the Jackie Coogan Motion Picture Company.

Another suit asking divorce and naming Mrs. Coogan co-respondent was filed at the same time by Mrs. Bernstein.

The actions charge Mrs. Coogan deliberately caused Bernstein to desert his wife and to violate his marriage vows.

ARTISAN ADMITS INEBRITY AND FINE IS LIGHT

London, Feb. 28—A laborer, charged with being drunk and disorderly offered the following defense in a London police court:

"Every year there is a reunion of workmen and this time I was invited to be present at the celebration. We made an extraordinary convivial night and I am afraid I failed to exercise a little discriminating judgment in accepting drinks of an intoxicating nature. It is my nature to be friendly and I partook of the drinks in all good sportsmanship and in the spirit of comradeship. I am very sorry to have allowed the spirit in which I accepted drinks and to which I was not accustomed, to override my physical ability and I sincerely thank the police constable for looking after me in the exercise of his duty."

When the magistrate recovered his breath he murmured laconically: "Fined five shillings!"

Hockey Tonight.

The Business College hockey sextet and the Bankers' All star team will battle tonight at the Arctic Rink in their first clash of the season. This will be the first appearance of the Banker team this season but the Business College team has participated in quite a number of games this season included in their schedule being a game with the St. Stephen Ravens played early last month.

NEW CUSTOMS CRUISERS FOR MARITIMES

The Cost of the Same is Estimated at Over a Half Million Dollars.

Ottawa, Feb. 27—Seven new vessels will be added to the customs protection service in Maritime Province waters this year at a cost of \$511,260. This was given out as an answer to a question by Hon. Fernand Rinfret, in the House of Commons today. At present there are 22 vessels employed on the protective service and 10 of these were put into commission in 1927. They comprise 6 steel cruisers, 2 subchasers, 11 motor patrol boats and three others.

During the calendar year 1927, 29 ships were seized and the value of the haul made by the government boats totalled \$830,750.50 duty-paid value, while the cost of operating the customs vessels amounted to \$480,147.83.

Of the seven new ships, one will be a steel cruiser. It is now being built by the Racine Boat Building Company, Racine, Wisconsin. It will cost \$70,000. Four high speed motor boats (290 h. p.) costing \$10,315 each are being constructed by the Ditchburn Boats, Ltd., at Gravenhurst, Ont., and will be delivered at Halifax before March 31 of this year. The motor boats will be armed with a machine-gun, and each will carry a powerful searchlight.

Plans are now being prepared for two new steel cruisers, powered with Diesel engines and capable of steaming 17 knots. These will each cost \$200,000. It is not possible at present, the statement of the minister says, to furnish the name of the builders.

IS THE DEAN OF ELEVATOR OPERATORS

New York, Feb. 25—Axel Johnson has traveled 150,000 miles in one car but never has gone more than 200 feet from the starting point.

Johnson is the dean of New York elevator operators. Since 1895—33 years ago—Johnson has presided over the levers of a car in the Presbyterian building on Fifth avenue. Although the structure has 13 floors Johnson never has had an accident.

He is proud of his record and believes his car has carried more than 9,000,000 persons. Among his passengers were the late President Harrison, William Jennings Bryan, Andrew Carnegie and John Wanamaker.