

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS
In order to ensure changes copy must reach this office not later than 9 a. m. on the day of publication.

The Daily Mail

THE WEATHER
Strong westerly winds fair, Tuesday moderate to fresh winds mostly fair, stationary or lower temperature.

VOL. XXXIV., NO. 299

FREDERICTON, N. B., MONDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1928.

TWO CENTS Per COPY

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

Lord Byng Making Good as The Head of Scotland Yard

His Energy and Initiative Arousing Much Admiration—Criminals Promised a Lean Time During the Coming Year—Is Determined to Increase the Efficiency of the Force and Restore Good Relations With the Public.

(By HERBERT BAILEY, British United Press Staff Correspondent.)

LONDON, Dec. 31—The energy and initiative of Lord Byng in the reorganization of Scotland Yard is arousing much admiration, particularly as his appointment was criticized on the score that he was too old.

He is promising criminals a lean time in the New Year. Among the reforms contemplated or in progress are a hundred per cent increase in the personnel and transport of the flying squad, provision of ring telephone boxes around London, extension of night motor patrols, particularly in the suburbs, promotion by merit, the utilization of those police officers with the qualification of languages, chemistry or accountancy into the spheres where they will be the most useful, more chances for the younger men and reorganization of the press bureau. There will also be a number of changes at Scotland Yard as many of the older men are retiring, and Lord Byng is determined not only to increase the efficiency of the force but also to restore the good relationship between the police and the public which was endangered through the unfavorable publicity resulting from Sir Leo Money-Irene Savage case in Hyde Park.

FIRE LOSSES WERE LIGHT DURING 1928

Chief Forester Miller Issues a Statement — The Total Damage From 107 Fires Was Under \$5,000.

In a statement to The Daily Mail today, Chief Forester, G. L. Miller said that the damage due to forest fires in New Brunswick during 1928 was the smallest for any year on record.

He said that the total damage from forest fires on both private and Crown lands in 1928 was \$4,673, as compared with \$7,533 in 1927, which was another year of extremely light losses in New Brunswick. A summary of the 1928 returns shows there were 107 fires which burned 2,007 acres of privately owned and 2,883 acres of Crown lands, causing damage of \$3,353 to private lands and \$1,320 damage to Crown lands, making the totals 4,890 acres burned over with total damages of \$4,673.

These returns show 30 more fires occurred in 1928 than in 1927 and the total acreage burned over was almost doubled, whereas the damage occurring in 1928 was little more than half of that of last year. This favorable showing is attributable to several causes, including the annually increasing effectiveness of the New Brunswick forest service, the awakening of a forest consciousness in the province by advertising and the excellent results from the Canadian Forestry Association convention.

The chief forester, in his report on the forest fires losses in New Brunswick, mentions the following:

"Weather conditions were favorable for the most part and this assisted ma-

HAS CAUSED AMUSEMENT AND SCORN

The Foreign Office Would Maintain British Prowess on the Football Field.

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

London, Dec. 31—An intimation from the foreign office to the football association that it wants Britain to play only those teams from abroad which are first class so that British prowess on the football field may be maintained, particularly in Europe, is causing mingled amusement and scorn.

The Daily Express severely criticizes the foreign office saying: "The view of the Whitehall mandarins seems to be that unless our footballers are fairly certain of winning, British prestige would receive an irreparable blow, the peace of Europe would be endangered and Sir Austen Chamberlain would have to do whatever Stresmann told him. Could anything be sillier or more future it does not matter in the last whether we beat the German at soccer or are beaten by them but it does matter a great deal that we should be free and willing to meet them in the friendly strifes and rivalry of peace."

terially in keeping such fires as did occur down to a minimum amount of damage. May was our period of great hazard, when 66 fires occurred. Carelessness on the part of fishermen, campers, picnic parties, smokers, etc., was responsible for 38 of the fires and for about one-quarter of the total damage, one-half of the acreage burned over being accounted for by this cause."

PROTOCOL IS ACCEPTED BY BOLIVIA

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

Buenos Aires, Dec. 31—The Bolivian Government has accepted with slight modifications the protocol of the Pan-American arbitration and conciliation conference in connection with the solution of the recent clashes in the Chaco region, disputed between Paraguay and Bolivia, Bolivian Minister to Argentine Pinto Escalante announced today. The Minister said his government informed him of the acceptance.

Services Broadcast.

The services in the Brunswick St. Baptist Church yesterday, both morning and evening were broadcast by station CFNB, of this city. In the evening the beautiful Cantata Bethlehem was sung by the choir.

THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR AND PREMIER ISSUE NEW YEAR'S MESSAGES TO THE PEOPLE

Saint John, Dec. 31—His Honor, Lieutenant Governor McLean and Premier Baxter have issued appropriate New Year's messages to the people of New Brunswick. The message of His Honor follows:

"It is my great pleasure to extend to the people of New Brunswick,

POINCARE TO HOLD ON FOR THE PRESENT

Premier of France ready to Quit After Passage of Budget.

WAS PREVAILED TO HOLD ON

Told the Cabinet That He Considered His Task Complete.

(Special cable to THE DAILY MAIL by the British United Press.)

Paris, Dec. 31—Mr. Raymond Poincare told the Cabinet at a special session today that he considered his task complete with the passage by Parliament of the budget and desired to hand his resignation to President Gaston Doumergue.

An official communique issued by the cabinet said the ministers had convinced Poincare that he should retain power for the present.

Mr. H. W. Woods, post office superintendent will sail on January 10th, from Halifax on a month's cruise of the West Indies.

His Majesty Passed a Restless Night Says The Official Bulletin

His General Condition is Maintained But the State of Exhaustion Still Presents a Difficult Problem—Patient Shows a Little More Readiness to Take Nourishment.

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

LONDON, Dec. 31—The following official bulletin was issued today by the King's physicians.

"The King passed a somewhat restless night. The general condition is maintained, although as previously noted, the state of exhaustion still presents a difficult problem. There is a little more readiness to take nourishment. The local condition is progressing.

"(Sgd.) STANLEY HEWETT, "HUGH RIGBY, "E. FARQUHAR BUZZARD, "B. H. ROLLESTON, "DAWSON OF PENN."

The bulletin was timed 11.55 a. m.

An earlier dispatch says that His Majesty passed a quiet day on Sunday without change. It is now three days since the discouraging reports which alarmed the country on Thursday and the best that can be said is that if there is no noticeable increase in the strength of His Majesty at least there has been no diminution.

BEER RUNNER SHOT TO DEATH BY GANGSTER

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

Chicago, Dec. 31—Hugh "Stubby" McGovern, beer runner and former henchman of Al Capone and William "Gunner" McFadden, 35, a pal of McGovern, were shot to death early today in the Granada Cafe, famous South Side night club. George Mahoney was held in connection with the shooting.

SERIOUS FIRE IN NOVA SCOTIA MINING TOWN

Joggins Mines, N. S., Dec. 30—Between 30 and 40 buildings, including a theatre, post office and an eight-room school, were completely destroyed in a blaze which swept the upper half of Main Street here tonight causing total damage estimated at over \$100,000 and which at one time threatened the entire destruction of the village.

MAINE HAD HEAVY FIRE

Seaport, Maine, Dec. 30—The huge plant of the Armour Fertilizer Company of Chicago, holding 20,000 tons of phosphate for shipment and 100,000 new barrels was destroyed by fire here today. Three buildings of the American Agricultural Chemical Company also burned. The loss was estimated to be in excess of \$500,000.

BOSTON MAN SAYS RADIO TO FINISH JAZZ

Cleveland, Dec. 31—Radio is killing its first love, jazz, by a sort of slow poisoning method, in the opinion of William Arms Fisher of Boston, president of the Music Teachers' National Association which opened its 50th annual convention here today.

"Jazz is on the down grade but it has not been an unmixed evil" Fisher said "Jazz like free verse and modernistic art, is an honest effort to get away from mere fettiness."

Fisher said the mechanistic in music—symbolized by the radio, the new wired radio and the musical movies, is here to stay and grow under the study and invention of America's best scientific minds.

EXPLORER MILKS TREE

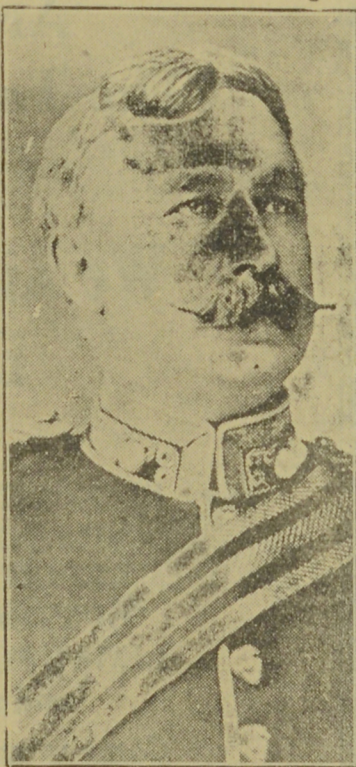
Chicago, Dec. 31—Prof. Samuel J. Record of the Field Museum has milked a tree and has a quart of the fluid and some wood from the tree to prove it.

"Half a liter of this Guatemala tree milk, taken straight, produces the same effect as a good square meal" Prof. Record said.

The liquid looks and tastes very much like cow's milk and sours as quickly.

"While a cow tree can be imagined the free presents greater possibilities to the chewing gum manufacturers" Prof. Record said.

Another possibility after Christmas, when the lady driver puts out her left hand, is that she may be admiring her new ring.



LIEUT. GOVERNOR M'LEAN.