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Weather: Westerly winds, cloudy to-day and Wednesday, becoming colder

# ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE LIVES LOST, 550,000 PEOPLE LOST THEIR HOMES IN FLOOD

## Fear Breaking of Levees on Lower Mississippi River

Pneumonia and Scarlet Fever Break Out in South Indiana

Railways, Communication Systems at Standstill

People Along the Valley Warned to Prepare For Flood

CAIRO, Jan. 26—Reports state that the flood is descending the lower Mississippi valley and the people have been warned to prepare for the flood.

The Ohio River, running at the highest floodtide in history, inundated its great valley from Pittsburgh to Cairo, Ill., last night, and headed toward the untested levee system of the lower Mississippi River.

There were widely-felt fears that the tremendous damage already wrought—a damage so high as to be beyond estimate—might be repeated far to the south.

Louisville, Ky., Cincinnati, Ohio, Paducah, Ky., and scores of other cities were paralyzed. Water and power systems had broken down or had staggered to a substantial halt. At Cincinnati there was prospect of a grave water famine.

Menace of disease was great and widespread; the Red Cross found it the worst in history. Already, pneumonia and scarlet fever had broken out in southern Indiana, where martial law was clamped on Sunday.

President Roosevelt summoned United States government agencies to go to the relief of the stricken, including at least 500,000 who were homeless, with a speed of a nation at war.

While-stricken Louisville's emergency committee appealed for federal martial aid, National Guard patrolled Cincinnati chose its city manager, C. A. Dykstra as "disaster dictator."

Some 65,000 were officially declared homeless there, the Ohio River's greatest city, while at Louisville the number was put at about 230,000, of a total population of about 330,000.

One of the many grim sidelights of the flood was the reported death in a Frankfort, Ky., reformatory of 15 convicts in a mad riot caused by their efforts to escape the water isolated prison. A censorship kept back the full story. Only scant details were learned from whispering men.

Everywhere, the greatest menaces for the future lay in the breakdown, real or threatened, of facilities for public protection and public order. Power, the essential to quick communication, to police work and the like, was ebbing away fast at many points. Sheriff J. T. Hamel of Lauderdale

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## QUEEN MARY'S GIFT OF BOOKS TO LADY TWEEDSMUIR LENDS GLAMOUR TO PRAIRIE LIBRARIES

Volumes Selected by Queen During Recent Crisis in Royal Family and Empire.

OTTAWA, Jan. 26—Recent acquisitions to Lady Tweedsmuir's Prairie libraries scheme comprise a gift of 109 volumes, presented by Queen Mary. Inaugurated a short time before her Excellency left on a visit to England, from which she returned three weeks ago, the establishment of the Prairie libraries has proceeded apace.

Nearly 3,000 books have been contributed. As they are received at Government House they are despatched to the distributing centres in Western Canada. Two of these serve Alberta

## ALCOHOLISM ENDS LIFE OF MARIE PREVOST

Sarnia Native, Sought to Stage a Come-back

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Jan. 26—Death in a small Hollywood apartment ended Marie Prevost's futile fight to retrieve her faded screen glory.

The body of the one-time Mack Sennett bathing beauty who went on to leading roles lay today in the county morgue.

Dr. Frank R. Webb, assistant county autopsy surgeon, said a post-mortem examination indicated acute alcoholism. Face down on her bed, the silk pajama-clad body of Miss Prevost was found on Saturday by a Negro houseboy, William Bogle.

## Opening of German Parliament On Saturday

(Special to The Daily Mail)

BERLIN, Jan. 26—The German cabinet is meeting today to discuss the opening of the Parliament which is to take place on Saturday which will be a public holiday. The program for the day includes a large military parade to be followed by Hitler's speech which is expected to last two hours. In the afternoon the cabinet will meet and at night the Nazi organizations will hold a monster parade.

DETROIT, Jan. 26—Policemen today had a fight with picketers who are controlling areas in the automobile strike situation. The encounter was aggravated through an argument which took place between the General Motors representatives and the strikers.

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## The Militia Headquarters

WHILST The Daily Mail is not a booster for military institutions, at the same time it seems to be necessary under the present state of affairs to continue to have military drill in order, it is being claimed, to protect our country in case of invasion, and so on. This being the case it seems necessary to have training posts for the different branches of the services of defence.

Notices have recently appeared in the press to the effect that Fredericton will be a training post for artillery for the next couple of months. It is stated that artillery officers and N.C.O.'s are to gather here from all over the province and to receive training in theory at the barracks here. The practical work will be carried on during the summer at Camp Petawawa, Ontario. Why not have these artillery operations for New Brunswick officers and men carried on in New Brunswick, and if they are carried on in the Province, why not at the Capital?

From the time that the province was established down through the years until after Confederation, Fredericton was the headquarters of different Imperial regiments. Along about 1869 the Imperial troops were withdrawn from this city. Fredericton still remained the headquarters of the military district of New Brunswick. When, about 1892, the different branches of the infantry school were organized in the different provinces, a school of instruction was opened in Fredericton. This developed into what was afterwards the Royal Canadian Regiment. A Company of this regiment continued to be stationed here until about the outbreak of the Great War. After the war the different branches of the Militia and Defence service were got together at the different capitals of the Dominion. Fredericton was the only capital in which a permanent military unit was not continued. Saint John for some reason or other was made the headquarters of the military district. The permanent troops were withdrawn from Fredericton due to some influence which has never been explained. The military barracks was allowed to be disposed of and is now used as a liquor distributing point by the Provincial Government.

The location of the military units in this city was the source of a considerable income to the merchants of Fredericton. The officers and men bought their supplies all in this city. The baker, the grocer, the man who handled meat, the clothier and the man who sold shoes, and many others gained an advantage by the location of the depot here. This has all passed by the board. There is no reason, however, why Fredericton should not again become the headquarters of some branch of the defence service. We have a central location, we have lot of land suitable for military and artillery purposes, and in connection with the latter branch of the service the establishment of a depot in this city would do away with the necessity of sending men from here to Ontario centres to receive whatever practical training is necessary in connection with this defence programme. This should be a matter that might well be taken up by our representative at Ottawa, by the Board of Trade and the City Council and others who are interested in the welfare of the city.

As long as it seems necessary to have this military stuff and these brass hats, there is no reason why Fredericton, the capital of the province, should not get a look-in on the revenue that comes from the maintaining of such organizations. Why not have the authorities at Ottawa consider the advisability of adopting suggestions of a training ground in New Brunswick for those who take part in the training of men for a defence programme? While we are on this question why is it that the headquarters of the military district of New Brunswick should be situated at Saint John? And why is it that on the occasions such as will arise on the coronation of our new King that the Royal Salute is fired at Saint John instead of at Fredericton which still continues to be the capital of the province?

## "HOW TO BUY USED CAR" REPLACES THE CLASSICS

Education Expert Sees Students Definitely in Favor of Books Telling Them How to Do Things.

CHICAGO, Jan. 26—Milton's "Paradise Lost" has been tossed aside by high school students in favor of "How to Buy a Used Car." Dr. Helen Rand Miller, Northwestern University, said last night in summing up a survey of student reading tastes.

Dr. Miller, as Professor of English Literature for 15 years and author of an impressive row of text books on the subject has been keenly interested in what high school students read, and why.

"They have tossed out poetry and the classics," Dr. Miller said. "In favor of books about sports, automobiles, aviation, fashion, stamps and moving pictures."

Indifferent to Poetry

Surveying 559 students in one group and 778 in another, Dr. Miller found all of them hostile or indifferent to poetry and eager for books telling them how to do things. Dr. Miller is compiling a list suited to the modern high school student's tastes. She said:

"Instead of 'English poetry of the 17th century' we shall have 'The Secret of Movie Weather' and 'How to Buy a Used Car.'"

"Modern students want information about things they see and deal with daily, not flowery verses about this and that. 'Paradise Lost' may be all right for the studious type who accept anything the teacher hands down to them, but most pupils prefer 'Skyways,' 'Let's Figure on Gambling' and 'Charting Storms by Radio.'"

She found more students interested in these than in Auslander's "The Winged Horse" and Noyes's "The Highwayman."

"Teachers Don't Read Classics"

"We use to try to lead children to the classics," Dr. Miller said with a sniff. "That's silly. Teachers don't (Continued on Page Four)"

## France and Germany Come to Agreement On Alexandretta

(Special to The Daily Mail)

GENEVA, Jan. 26—France and Turkey have come to an agreement about Alexandretta. It has been decided that this area will be an independent station and will depend on Spain for its legislation. The discussions over Alexandretta went on very nicely until the question of language was brought up. Both countries agreed that Alexandretta should be independent. France wants the country to be under Syria but Turkey insists that the language will be Turkish.

## Idiom is Chief Difference Between English, Americans, Declares British Diplomat

## INCREASE OF REVENUE FOR WEEK ON C.N.R.

MONTREAL, Jan. 25—The gross revenues of the all inclusive Canadian National Railways system for the week ending January 21, 1937, were \$3,295,352 as compared with \$2,923,198 for the corresponding period of 1936, an increase of \$372,154.

A. Cameron, Rothesay, is registered at the Queen Hotel.

## Eamon de Valera Reported in Favor of United Ireland

De Valera Advocates Steps to Bring About the Proposal, is Report

Reveals Stand

Discussed Matter With Free State President, Says Dominions Secretary



SIR EDWARD BEATTY  
G.B.E., K.C., LL.D.

## PAYS TRIBUTE TO CONTRIBUTION SCOTCH NATION

Sir Edward Beatty Was Guest Speaker Caledonia Society

(Special to The Daily Mail)

WINNIPEG, Jan. 26—Contributions of the roving Scot to Canadian life and culture were extolled by Sir Edward Beatty, G.B.E., when he replied to the toast to Canada at the Caledonian Society's Burns night banquet here on Monday.

Tender sentiment and pawky wit, generous instincts and thrifty wisdom, endless courage and wise caution, were Scottish gifts not only to this Dominion, but to the commonwealth, he said. Qualities as solid as the granite of Scotland itself.

With these tributes were combined others by a second noted visitor from Montreal, Professor Cyrus McMillan, who spoke on "The Immortal Memory," at the dinner presided over

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LONDON, Jan. 26—President Eamon de Valera of the Irish Free State has urged strongly that steps be taken toward establishment of a United Ireland. Dominions Secretary Malcolm MacDonald told the House of Commons over the week-end.

The Secretary, responding to a question in Parliament, said "no scheme was put forward, however, and the question was not discussed."

Government Divided

At present the government of Ireland is divided, Dublin controlling the 26 southern counties, Belfast the six northern counties.

De Valera, returning from Switzerland where he consulted an eye specialist, conferred with MacDonald in London Jan. 14. One outcome of the meeting was an extension of the Anglo-Irish coal-cattle trading arrangement which had helped to ease the commercial deadlock between the two countries.

## United States and Great Britain Agree that In- ternational Trade is the Only Secret for World Peace.

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 26—United States and Great Britain have signed a new trade agreement the details of which are to be discussed by experts. It is claimed the development of international trade is the only secret for future world peace.

## Australia Will Celebrate Sesqui- Centennial

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
MELBOURNE, Jan. 26—Today, Jan. 26th, Australia is celebrating the landing of the first settlers at Port Jackson which took place in 1788. Sir Stanley Bruce broadcasted a message to the Dominion today. It is planned to hold the big celebration next year.

## CONSPIRATORS TELL OF PLOTS TO KILL LEADERS

MOSCOW, Jan. 26—During the evidence at the trial of the seven conspirators accused of treason against the Soviet regime, one of the engineers told of information given and received from Germany. This brought about a dispute between the judge and the state prosecutor. The judge claimed that anything reported concerning other countries should be kept in secrecy and after considerable discussion it was agreed that no outside country should be mentioned. The defendants in the trial of the 17 men on trial for treason under the leadership of exiled Leon Trotsky, (Continued on Page Four)

## BACON SECOND LARGEST EXPORT OF DOMINION

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
MONCTON, Jan. 25—Following an inspection with railway officials of port facilities at Saint John and Halifax in connection with the handling of Canadian bacon for export, representatives of Canada Packers and the Swift Canadian Co. returned to Toronto on the Ocean Limited of the Canadian National Railways this afternoon. They were H. A. Ayer, traffic manager; W. E. Bosnell, superintendent, Canada Packers; W. Ingram, traffic manager, Swift Canadian Co.; S. E. Todd, secretary of the Industrial and Development Council, Canadian Meat Packers; H. Steadman, sup- (Continued on Page Four)

## Both Nations Have Peace as Common Aim, Sir Gerald Campbell Tells Empire Club.

NEW YORK, Jan. 26—With the whole world a political 'earthquake belt,' the British Empire would survive just so long as it retained its ability to 'sking' with the 'quakes,' Sir Gerald Campbell, K.C., M.G., British Consulate General in New York, predicted before the Empire Club yesterday afternoon.

"It will last only so long as it remains one of the world's guardians of liberty, with enough elasticity to (Continued on Page Four)"

## FED AT ELEVATOR, CHICKENS RETURN WITH FRIENDS

RIMBEY, Alta., Jan. 26—Harry Jaynes, grain elevator agent, fed a dozen prairie chickens last week. They apparently appreciated it, for now the birds are back—with their friends. Jaynes now has a flock of about fifty to feed.

W. J. Slanker of Toronto is a guest at the Queen Hotel today.