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FRANCE HEARS PANIC OVER FINANCE CRISIS

POUND AT NEW RECORD MARK ON PARIS BOURSE

Sterling Quoted at 134.10 Francs at Opening Today

PROTEST NEW TAX

Merchants and Manufacturers Bind Selves Not to Pay Loucheur Levy

PARIS, Dec. 14.—The present week is likely to prove a momentous one in French political history, as extraordinary changes in the manner in which France has been governed for the last 55 years are regarded as imminent by the press of all political shades.

Some of the papers demand and others plead for changes in the governmental regime, ranging from the establishment of a dictatorship, or "committee of public safety," to the more constitutional proposal that Parliament sit in secret while the financial bills are being discussed and voted.

PARIS, Dec. 14.—The pound sterling reached a high record before the official bourse opening today at 134.10 francs. The dollar was quoted at 27.65 francs. This, however, was not a record, as a mark of 28.13 francs was established in March, 1924.

FRANCE'S financial plight daily grows worse, and the public is beginning to show signs of something like a panic, which is being heightened by the series of sharp drops in the value of the franc.

That coin now stands at a lower level than it ever has reached before, and every Frenchman who is in possession of any quantity of them, is hastening to convert the money into something tangible—houses, diamonds, and even raw gold and platinum.

LOUCHEUR PLAN UNPOPULAR. Minister of Finance Loucheur's seven bills, with which he hopes to bridge the financial situation, seemingly are disliked by everybody, irrespective of political creed. This dislike is beginning to find outward expression. As an instance, the merchants and manufacturers at Carcassonne assembled in solemn convocation and bound themselves to withhold payment of all taxes should M. Loucheur's bills be adopted.

Meanwhile, all attempts to speed up the solution of the situation, be it good, bad, or indifferent, is being hampered by political considerations. Indeed, it is charged that the root of the whole evil is that it is purely and simply a financial crisis, is dominated by politics.

MORE TROUBLE LIKELY. The advisory committee to pass on all financial plans, announcement of which was made at the time of the formation of the new Briand ministry, and which made an excellent impression, has vanished, and nothing more is heard of it.

One thing seems certain, that M. Loucheur's principal bill—the revenue bill—which is in the hands of the finance committee of the chamber will not pass as it stands. Consequently it is believed either M. Loucheur will withdraw from the ministry and that there will be a fresh set of proposals, or the bill will be remodelled by the finance committee for M. Loucheur himself.

GATHER AT CAPITAL FOR CABINET MEET. S. H. Hanson and W. H. McQuade, Both of Saint John, in Attendance

Special to The Times-Star. FREDERICTON, Dec. 14.—S. H. Hanson, clerk in the office of the chief liquor inspector, and W. H. McQuade, inspector of Provincial Taxation, arrived this morning from Saint John in connection with the December meeting of the provincial government which is to open here tonight. The term of office of Mr. McQuade is to expire on the 15th.

The final examination of Class III students at the provincial Normal School will start on Wednesday. Fifty-five candidates are to write. Five of these are to be re-examined. Twenty-nine are in the English course with the remainder in the French.

Hon. Lewis Smith Is Reported Ill. Canadian Press. FREDERICTON, N. B., Dec. 14.—Hon. Lewis Smith, Minister of Agriculture, is so ill at his home at Coverdale, Albert county, suffering from jaundice, that he will be unable to attend the meeting of the provincial cabinet which opens here today, it was said at the Department of Agriculture.

Boston Society Woman Hikes 44 Miles From Providence in 11 Hours

Ex-Hostler Becomes Shah

Canadian Press. TEHRAN, Persia, Dec. 14.—The constituent assembly yesterday transferred the crown of Persia to Reza Khan Pahlavi, once a hostler in the Cossack stables, and then dissolved. Reza will take the oath before the Mejlis, or national assembly, tomorrow, and will hold his first public court Wednesday.

The constituent assembly on Saturday unanimously approved amendments to the constitution under which Reza Khan was to be named Shah to replace the deposed Ahmad Kajar, who is in exile in France. Under the change in the constitution the new dynasty will take Reza's family name of Pahlavi, and the eldest son of the Shah comes crown prince.

BOILER MAKERS' UNION QUILTS INTERNATIONAL

Object to Scheme For Compulsory Insurance of Members 75 PER CENT. ONT

Plan National Body; Seek Affiliation with Canadian Railway Brotherhood

MONTREAL, Dec. 14.—Rebelling against the determination of their International Union to force a compulsory insurance scheme upon its members, representatives of 75 per cent of the Boiler Makers, Iron Shipbuilders and Helpers of Canada met here Saturday and decided to sever their connection with the International, set up a national organization and seek affiliation with the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees.

MODERN LAWS FOR TURKISH WORKMEN. Ten-hour Day, With Rest and Prayer Time Taken Out is Maximum

British United Press. GENOVA, Dec. 14.—Turkish workmen must have each day a period of rest and a period of prayer under new and modern legislation adopted by the Angora Government according to word of the International Labor Bureau here. This period shall not be less than an hour, and the minimum working day shall be 10 hours with the rest and prayer time taken out.

27 SEAMEN SAVED. Were Foodless When Taken by Cutter From Drifting Barge

Canadian Press. TAMPA, Fla., Dec. 14.—Twenty seven rescued after nine days aboard the drifting barge Allamans, were landed at quarantine in Tampa Bay, last night.

Mexico to Have New Agricultural Bank. MEXICO CITY, Dec. 14.—President Calles plans to inaugurate January 1, or as soon thereafter as possible, a new Mexican financial institution, the National Agricultural and Loan Bank, with a capital of \$25,000,000. The bank will extend credits and make loans to farmers for the purchase and development of agricultural lands.

95-Year-Old Minister Gives Strong Sermon

WOODSTOCK, Ont., Dec. 14.—In his 95th year, vigorous and in splendid health, the Rev. Dr. W. T. McMillan, ex-pastor emeritus of Knox Presbyterian church, preached a forceful sermon at Central United church yesterday, in addressing the charge to 17 newly-inducted elders. The veteran moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, who addressed the new elders, was one of the pioneers in the movement in Canada which resulted in the establishment of the United Church.

CANCER DEATHS IN BRITAIN AT RECORD. Higher Than in Any Year in History—Gradual Increase Since 1884

Canadian Press. LONDON, Dec. 14.—There were more deaths last year in Great Britain from cancer than in any previous year for which official records are kept. The rate per million persons living, was 1,284 compared with 1,207 in 1923, and 1,229 in 1922. There has been a gradual increase in the mortality rate from cancer since 1884. The death rates from diabetes and from all forms of tuberculosis were lower than the previous year.

DIES SUDDENLY AS ENEMY IS INTERRED. Former Premier of Spain Falls Dead on Stairs in Son's Home

Canadian Press. MADRID, Dec. 14.—Just as imposing funeral services were being held for Pablo Iglesias, noted Socialist leader, Don Antonio Maura, former Premier, dropped dead as he was descending the stairs in the home of his son, Maura and Iglesias long had been bitter enemies. When in power Maura ruled with a rod of iron in 1909, when the people revolted in Barcelona because they objected to Spain embarking in the war against the Moslems, Maura represented the rebellion without mercy. The execution of Professor Ferrer, a noted Socialist, was charged by Iglesias to have been directly due to the action of Maura. Iglesias even went so far as to threaten the life of Maura.

Selfridge Daughter To Marry Viscount. LONDON, Dec. 14.—The engagement is announced of Beatrice, the youngest, well known merchant, to Viscount De Sibour, a London journalist. Viscount Jacques De Sibour, his brother, married Miss Violet Selfridge in 1921.

VESSEL HAS HARD TIME ON LAKE TRIP. Belvoir Takes Five Days For Trip From Head of Lakes

MIDLAND, Ont., Dec. 14.—Running into very heavy weather on Lake Huron, the steamer Belvoir had a rough time and was five days making the trip from the head of the lakes. On Thursday morning the vessel experienced the roughest weather of the trip, and the heavy seas striking her forward, forced the water through the hawse pipe, wrecking the crew's quarters. The men lost all their personal belongings. Captain Hefferan put back to detour and 4,000 or 5,000 bushels of grain were taken off in order to put the vessel on an even keel. The vessel arrived here yesterday and after discharging left for Collingwood drydock. She is canal size and a quantity of her cargo was damaged.

Twenty-Five Hurt As Train Derailed. LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 14.—Wreckage of the Cheateau Limited, last train of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway, which was derailed 11 miles from here yesterday, has been cleared and the injuries of 25 persons who rode the flir, were being treated in homes and hospitals here.

Pair Are Divorced For the Second Time. ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 14.—Gardner N. Smith and his wife Dorothy, decided that they were badly when they were divorced in 1920 and married for a second time six months later. But the second divorce has just been obtained.

POPE SAYS HE CANNOT LEAVE VATICAN NOW

Statement Taken to Exclude to Recent Reports of Plans 4 NEW CARDINALS

Picture Ceremony Carried Out at Secret Consistory In Rome Today

ROME, Dec. 14.—Four new cardinals were created at a secret consistory today. They are: Monsignor Bonaventura Cerretti, Apostolic Nuncio in France. Monsignor Eraldo Gasparri, Apostolic Nuncio in Brazil. Monsignor Patrick O'Donnell, Archbishop of Armagh. Monsignor Alessandro Verde, Secretary of the Congregation of Rites.

POPE DELIVERS ALLOCATION. The Pope, dressed entirely in white, wearing a gold pectoral cross and carrying his mitre, entered the hall on foot, preceded by the Swiss Guard, accompanied by the noble guard and followed by his military and ecclesiastical courts, while the choir sang.

After the Pope had seated himself on the throne, the master of ceremonies ordered the extra comes, and all except the Pope and cardinals left the hall. The Pontiff then offered a simple prayer and delivered a short allocation.

The Pope announced the appointment of several archbishops and bishops, of whom many have already been nominated by brief.

CANNOT LEAVE VATICAN. The Pope's allocation dealt chiefly with the celebration of Holy Year. The Holy Father expressed satisfaction at its success, but said the pilgrims must have seen that the situation of the head of the Catholic church was still far from what it should be.

In fact, the pilgrims, in order to approach the Holy Year, were obliged to enter the Vatican, which he could not leave as long as present conditions continued.

Special significance attaches to the Pope's reference in his allocation to the many difficulties which the country was encountering, as evidenced by the "criminal attempt against the Premier."

Mons. Gasparri is a nephew of Cardinal Gasparri, Papal Secretary of State, and, it is said, will succeed his uncle on retirement.

Cardinal O'Donnell succeeded the late Cardinal Logue, Primate of Ireland and is one of the leading figures in the Irish Episcopacy.

Cardinal Verde is one of the most learned ecclesiastics in the Roman congregations and is known particularly in connection with the beatification and canonization of Joan of Arc.

Japs Rejoice

Widespread rejoicing was the rule throughout Japan when it was announced that a daughter had been born to the Princess Nagako and Prince Regent Hirohito, whose latest pictures are shown above. The girl is their first child.

The 40 minute period for rest and breakfast at Dedham, reduced her actual walking time to little more than 10 hours.

She did the first six miles to the Rhode Island, Massachusetts state line, in exactly two hours and 12 minutes, and the next mile and a quarter in 17 minutes.

WHAT SHE WORE. Miss Sears herself, set the pace, striding along in her characteristically vigorous fashion. Over silk-clad ankles she wore a wide walking short, shirt-waist, sweater jacket and carrying her gear, she wore unadorned hair was a thermos bottle full of hot coffee and other provisions in the relief car allowed the walkers to eat and drink without stopping.

FREDERICTON M A N IS KILLED IN WEST. Thomas McKenna Leaves Aged Mother and Other Relatives at Capital

Canadian Press. FREDERICTON, N. B., Dec. 14.—Relatives here have received word that Thomas McKenna, formerly of Fredericton, was killed in Vancouver last Friday, but have not received any particulars of the accident. He was 46 years old, had been in the west for 21 years, and surviving relatives include a bride of six months. His aged mother and other relatives reside here.

Russian Girl Wins Berlin Beauty Test. BERLIN, Dec. 14.—Sonja Jawronov, an 18-year-old Russian emigrant girl, won Berlin's first mannequin beauty contest. Sonja's father was court apothecary to the late Czar Nicholas. Like his master he was murdered by the revolutionists.

ELEANOR SEARS WINS WAGER; BEATS TIME SET

Appeared Fresh As She Completed Her Long Walk

STARTED AT 1 A.M. Forty Minute Rest Reduced Actual Time to Nearly Ten Hours

WAGER MORE THAN MONEY. A large number of friends greeted her along the route as she neared the close of the like extending congratulations on her success. The terms of the wager, which was made with Howard Sturges, of Providence, R. I., who is now in Paris, were not disclosed further than that Miss Sears took the walk for money and something more.

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THE WEATHER

SYNOPSIS—Pressure is high to the west and north of the Great Lakes with there are depressions over the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and the Southwestern States. The weather is fairly cool throughout the Dominion.

FORECASTS: Cold; Snow Flurries. MARITIME—Strong winds and gales west and northwest, partly cloudy and cold today and Tuesday. Snow flurries.

NEW ENGLAND—Fair tonight Tuesday, increasing cloudiness, probably followed by snow or rain, not much change in temperature, moderate to fresh northwest, shifting to north and northeast winds.

TORONTO, Dec. 14, 1925. Temperatures. Highest during 8 a.m. yesterday night

Victoria ... 42 44 28. Calgary ... 24 24 24. Edmonton ... 4 24 14. Winnipeg ... 4 16 0. Toronto ... 24 29 24. Montreal ... 18 16 16. Saint John ... 14 42 10. Halifax ... 20 42 14. New York ... 32 40 32.

Hamilton Shippers Favor Trade Through Home Ports. HAMILTON, Ont., (By Mail)—"I am sure you will find every exporter and importer in Hamilton in sympathy with your plea for trade through our own ports," said W. R. Dunn of The International Harvester Company. But Mr. Dunn went on to point out certain difficulties, and they were those that had previously been pointed out from certain ports, and another was infrequent or irregular service. Mr. Dunn instanced the case of a shipment going to Saint John for a port where there is only a monthly service. If for any reason it missed the steamer it would have to lie at Saint John for a month. In New York, if one steamer were missed there would be others within a few days. When orders are received to rush the good, they must be sent by the route ensuring delivery without delay—even if it is a little more expensive. There is also the matter of shipment in one lot to the seaboard, but there to be distributed to steamers going to different ports. If the steamers are not available at our ports, the shipper cannot be got at New York. In other words, however desirous shippers may be to utilize our ports, there must be services to more ports and more frequent services to some ports before the requirements of competitive export business, or export business in general, can be met. Nevertheless, it is very important to keep importers and exporters on the alert for opportunities to use our own ports, because of the natural tendency to follow

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