

NEWFOUNDLAND FEARS RAVAGES OF FAMINE

Interrupted Steamship Service
Results in Depleted Food
Supply.

ICE CUTS OFF COLONY

Vast Stretches From Cape Breton to Magdalenes With No Open Water.

Special to The Advertiser.
Sydney, Feb. 28.—"There is a grave shortage of food in the villages along the south coast of Newfoundland," said Captain Spracklan, manager of the Reid N. F. Company, to The Advertiser yesterday morning. "And if immediate help is not forthcoming, I fear that many inhabitants of this long, isolated shoreline will starve. Our boats during the winter period did not make regular trips, with the result that supplies dwindled rapidly, and now that the colony is marooned by the ice barrier, I cannot see how the people are going to supply their depleted stores."

"As a last desperate expedient, the villagers might resort to dog teams to transfer their supplies from ports that have stocks on hand to places most in need. But on the roadless, snow-bound south coast, this would prove a herculean task, which even the hardy dogs and their drivers might not be able to overcome."

"The S. S. Sagana has a cargo of flour for the outposts on the south coast, but according to a wireless message received from her captain this morning, that ship is in the same position as given Monday—40 miles off Scattered—solidly frozen in the fogs, and with arctic ice stretching away on all sides as far as the eye can see. The dogs are rafted high, and impassable. Nobody knows when the ship will get clear, and it is possible she will be held till the fogs break up later."

"It is not probable," continued the captain, "that our service by railway and boat will be resumed before early in April, and in the meantime I do not know what the people in the isolated outposts will do for food. The Sagana has enough food and provisions on board to last six months, so those on board the ship will be quite comfortable, no matter how long she may be marooned."

North Sydney wireless reports ice everywhere, not a drop of water in sight from Cape Breton to the Magdalenes. Fine, cold weather prevails at sea. The glass shows below zero every night, with new ice making rapidly.

URGES INTERNATIONAL PARLEY OF LAWMAKERS

British Labor Would Settle the
Ruhr Problem by New
Form of Diplomacy.

Special Cable to The Advertiser.
London, Feb. 28.—A meeting of representatives of the people of the different nations, without official precedents and prejudices—is proposed by the British Labor party, as the way to settle the Ruhr difficulties and the reparations entanglements.

A drive was started in the house last night with a resolution proposing negotiations with France and Belgium of a kind not hitherto experienced in old world politics.

Ramsay MacDonald, the energetic party leader, today explained the purpose and significance of the Labor move.

The Labor proposal is that the parliaments of France, Belgium and Britain appoint representatives of all political sections to discuss security and reparations.

"If members of parliaments of these countries can meet and exchange views without committing their governments," MacDonald said, "they will understand each other's views. This will remove nine-tenths of the difficulties. There is no use considering the League of Nations, nor is it any use appealing to the French to withdraw from the Ruhr or asking the United States to intervene. Feeling that something must be done, therefore, we acted."

POLICE TO INVESTIGATE THREE NORTH DEATHS

Remains of Unidentified Man
Found in Quebec
Woods.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Quebec, Feb. 28.—Three mysteries of the northwoods are being investigated by the provincial detective bureau. Besides the death of a trapper named Cote under unusual circumstances and the discovery of the body of an unknown man in the North Temiskaming region, already reported, the authorities have been notified of the finding of the remains of an unidentified man in another section of Northern Quebec.

The attorney-general's department expects to have important information as to all three cases within a few days.

AUSTRALIAN PREMIER HEADS NATIONALISTS

Associated Press Despatch.
Melbourne, Australia, Feb. 28.—Premier S. M. Bruce has been elected leader of the Nationalist party replacing former Premier Hughes, who resigned.

The Nationalist and Country parties have unanimously decided to offer the speakership of the House of Representatives to W. A. Watt, leader of the Liberal group who is supporting the Bruce Coalition. Watt was formerly treasurer in the Hughes cabinet.

M. Charlton has been re-elected leader of the Federal Labor party.

STEAMER ARRIVALS.
Liverpool, Feb. 28.—Carmania, New York.
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Shanghai, Feb. 28.—Resolute, New York.

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Mr. Sinclair said that if the government had not just before the close of the fiscal year received a check for \$1,800,000 from the estate of the late Sir John Eaton in payment of succession duty, that his surplus would have been like thirty cents. He also contended that if the government had not abandoned its declared policy of capitalizing the motor license revenue for roads, that the province would have been in a position to pay off its debt.

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MONTREAL IS A BASE FOR DRUG TRAFFICKERS

Dr. Beland Estimates Number
of Addicts in Dominion At
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TRADE INCREASING

H. H. Stevens Calls On Government
To Find Source of
Narcotics Supply.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, Feb. 28.—During the ten months ending with January there were 685 convictions registered against persons engaged in the illicit drug traffic throughout the Dominion. These included 431 Chinese, 123 dealers other than Chinese, 13 doctors, 11 druggists and one veterinary. The number of drug addicts in Canada is placed at 9,500.

Statements to this effect were made in the House of Commons tonight by Dr. Beland, minister of health, in connection with votes for the enforcement of the narcotic drug act. Thirty Chinese, added Dr. Beland, had been deported and two hundred are still in custody awaiting deportation. Dr. Beland announced further that during the present session the narcotic drug act would be revised and consolidated.

Distribution of addicts among the different provinces was given as follows: British Columbia, 2,500; Alberta, 350; Saskatchewan, 250; Manitoba, 300; Ontario, 1,500; Quebec, 2,800; New Brunswick, 250; Nova Scotia, 300; Prince Edward Island, none.

Dr. Beland stated that the forthcoming figures were estimated chiefly on the report of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Clandestine traffic in drugs had been on the increase. Montreal was now regarded as being the distributing centre for Canada. Fines imposed totaled \$200,000, of which only \$15,000 had been collected. The sentence for imprisonment being correspondingly increased where the fine was not paid.

H. H. Stevens urged on the minister the importance of discovering the central distributing ring which was handling these drugs. He could not recall that he had seen a report of a trafficker had been prosecuted.

Votes of \$30,800 were passed. Dr. Beland remarked that there had been a decrease in the number of addicts recently.

ITALIANS TAKE TOWN AFTER FIERCE FIGHT

Misratah Occupation Yields
Possession of Entire District
of Tripoli.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Feb. 28.—Reports from Tripoli to the effect that after fierce fighting the Italians have occupied the town of Misratah, says a despatch to the Central News from Rome.

The despatch adds that the casualties are not known.

Telegraphing from Rome, the Times correspondent says that with the capture of Misratah the military operations have ended and the whole of Tripoli returns to the possession of Italy.

Misratah is on the Mediterranean coast, 108 miles southeast of the city of Tripoli. The town, which is now gone by was the starting point for the caravans bound for the Fezzan region, is noted for its carpets. It has a population of some 10,000.

R. GREY, PORT LAMBTON, AVERTS TRAIN WRECK

Pries Steel Girder From P. M.
Tracks Near Clancy As
Train Approaches.

Special to The Advertiser.
Port Lambton, Feb. 28.—R. Grey of Port Lambton, while walking along the P. M. Railway tracks near Clancy, discovered a huge steel girder placed across the rails.

The obstacle is believed to have been placed there with the deliberate intention of wrecking the train, which was rapidly approaching.

Acting with alacrity and rare presence of mind, Mr. Grey, with the aid of a rail, by herculean efforts succeeded in prying the iron off the rails, a few seconds previous to the passing of the train.

Although almost completely exhausted, he managed to return to the village, where he notified railway officials.

The company headquarters were in turn acquainted with the believed attempt to wreck the train, and it is understood that a thorough probe of the affair will be made.

NEW BRILLIANCY OF STAR REPORTED BY ACADEMY

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Paris, Feb. 28.—The French Academy of Science has announced that Beta Ceti, a star in the Cetus constellation, has taken on a sudden brilliancy.

If the same thing were to occur in our own constellation, it was declared, the earth would burn up.

The brilliancy of the star, which is visible to the naked eye, was reported to Camille Flammarion,