

**Dominion News in Brief**

**St. John's, Nfld.**—Encouraging reports are being received from the seal fishing fleet in the Gulf and indications are that the catch this year will be the best for some time. A despatch from White Bay states that ice floes in the neighborhood are dotted with "white coats" as far as the eye can see. A similar report came from Twillingate, and with the wind keeping the ice packed along the northeast coast, shore fishermen are promised a rich harvest.

**Fredricton, N.B.**—Announcement that the Government of New Brunswick will undertake the development of Grand Falls on the St. John River as a public ownership proposition was made by Premier Vautour in the Legislature. It is intended to develop at present the power which would come from storage possibilities on purely Canadian territory which it is estimated would run from sixty to eighty thousand horse-power.

**Montreal, Que.**—It is understood that the Abitibi Power and Paper Co. is planning to build 25 to 50 new houses for its employees on its town-site at Iroquois Falls this summer. Last year 25 new houses were built, bringing the number up to 235. A regular program of construction will be carried out this year.

**Port Arthur, Ont.**—Approximately ten thousand Finlanders will emigrate from their native land this summer to settle in Canada, according to Eric Korte, Finnish consular agent for the district. Mr. Korte expects that from 1,000 to 1,500 of this number will locate in Northern Ontario.

**Winnipeg, Man.**—For the first time in the history of the Canadian grain trade, wheat has been exported from the Dominion to the South American continent, one of Canada's largest exporters having the honor of recently handling this first shipment from Winnipeg to Rio de Janeiro. The shipment was made through the port of Vancouver via the Panama Canal.

**Regina, Sask.**—Indians in the Prairie Provinces last season raised the largest crop in their history. They harvested 638,561 bushels of wheat, 574,282 bushels of oats; 62,304 bushels of barley; 53,264 bushels of potatoes; and 10,000 bushels of other vegetables. In addition they summer-fallowed 20,000 acres, broke 6,808, put up 57,000 tons of hay and 9,516 tons of green feed.

**Edmonton, Alta.**—Fifty-seven cream-graders were employed in Alberta last season. The grading of cream and butter in this province is now so thoroughly carried out that creamery butter is being sent direct from Alberta creameries to British firms.

**Vancouver, B.C.**—One hundred deep-sea ships arrived in Vancouver during February. This is a port record. During January, the arrivals were ninety-two deep-sea vessels. Another port record made on February 29th, was the number of ships in port. The previous reported record was forty-three deep-sea ships at one time, whereas on February 29th there were forty-six.



Three princes are shown at the races in England, the Prince of Wales, the Duke of York, and Prince Henry. The Prince of Wales and Prince Henry are shown ready to compete in the army point-to-point races at Arborfield Cross.

**BELGIUM MAY GET LONG-TERM LOAN**

**Group of U.S. Manufacturers Said to be Interested in \$50,000,000 Credit.**

A despatch from New York says:—American financial assistance to Belgium, it was reported in the financial district on Thursday, might take the form of a long term loan instead of the temporary credit recently suggested when the Belgian franc scored its sensational advance. A group of manufacturers acting with the support of the Government, was said to be negotiating for a \$50,000,000 loan, the proceeds of which would be used for industrial development. Bonds to be issued would have the security of a Government guaranty.

Active competition for the business is expected to develop among local banking groups if the results of the preliminary negotiations, now in progress, pave the way for a loan. While J. P. Morgan and Company, and the Guaranty Trust Company, acting as agents for the Government, previously have handled the Government's financing, other bankers are preparing to submit bids on the ground that the proposed loan is not a strictly Governmental operation.

**The Week's Markets**

**TORONTO.**

Man. wheat—No. 1 North, \$1.08 1/2; Man. oats—No. 3 CW, 42c; No. 1 41c.

Man. barley—Nominal.

All the above, c.l.f., bay port.

Ontario barley—65c to 70c.

American corn—No. 2 yellow 98 1/2c; Buckwheat—No. 2, 76 to 80c.

Ontario rye—74 to 78c.

Peas—No. 2, \$1.45 to \$1.50.

Millfeed—Del., Montreal freight, bags included: Bran, per ton, \$27; shorts, per ton, \$29; middlings, \$35; good feed flour, \$2.

Ontario wheat—No. 2 white, 98 to \$1.02, outside.

Ontario No. 2 white oats—39 to 41c.

Ontario corn—Nominal.

Ontario flour—Ninety percent patent, 41c; Montreal, prompt shipment, \$4.60; Toronto basis, \$4.60; bulk, seaboard, \$4.25.

Manitoba flour—1st patn., in jute sacks, \$6.20 per lb.; 2nd patn., \$5.70; Hay—Extra No. 2 timothy, per ton, track, Toronto, \$14.50 to \$15; No. 2, \$14.50; no. 3, \$12.50 to \$13; mixed, \$12.50.

Straw—Carlots, per ton, \$9.50.

Standard reeened screenings, f.o.b. bay ports, per ton, \$20.50.

Cheese—New, large, 18 to 19c; twins, 19 to 20c; triplets, 20 to 20 1/2c; Stillton, 21 to 22c. Old, large, 25 to 27c; twins, 26 to 28c; triplets, 30c.

Butter—Finest creamery prints, 40 to 41c; No. 1 creamery, 39 to 40c; No. 2, 36 to 38c; dairy, 34c.

Eggs—Extras, fresh, in cartons, 33 to 34c; extra, loose, 31c; firsts, 28 to 29c; seconds, 24 to 25c.

Live poultry—Chickens, 3 to 4 lbs., 25c; hens, over 5 lbs., 26c; do, 4 to 5 lbs., 24c; do, 3 to 4 lbs., 15c; spring chickens, 4 lbs. and over, 25c; roosters, 15c; ducklings, over 5 lbs., 19c; do, 4 to 5 lbs., 18c.

Dressed poultry—Chickens, 3 to 4 lbs., 30c; hens, over 5 lbs., 28c; do, 4 to 5 lbs., 24c; do, 3 to 4 lbs., 18c; spring chickens, 4 lbs. and over, 32c; roosters, over 5 lbs., 18c; duckling, over 5 lbs., 24c; do, 4 to 5 lbs., 25c.

Beans—Can., hand-picked, lb., 6 1/2c; primes, 6c.

Maple products—Syrup, per imp. gal., \$2.50; per 5-gal. tin, \$2.40 per gal.; maple sugar, lb., 25c.

Honey—60-lb. tins, 11 to 11 1/2c per lb.; 10-lb. tins, 11 to 12c; 5-lb. tins, 11 1/2 to 12c; 2 1/2-lb. tins, 12 1/2 to 13c; comb honey, per doz., No. 1, \$3.75 to \$4; No. 2, \$3.25 to \$3.50.

Smoked meats—Hams, med., 23 to 24c; cooked hams, 34 to 36c; smoked rolls, 17 to 18c; cottage rolls, 19 to 21c; breakfast bacon, 21 to 25c; special breakfast bacon, 28 to 30c; backs, boneless, 28 to 33c.

Cured meats—Long clear bacon, 50 to 70 lbs., \$18.50; 70 to 90 lbs., \$18; 90 lbs. and up, \$17; lightweight rolls, in barrels, \$37; heavy weight rolls, \$32.

Lard—Pure tierces, 14 1/2 to 15 1/4c; tubs, 15 to 15 1/2c; pails, 15 1/2 to 16c; prints, 18 to 18 1/2c; shortening tierces, 13 1/2 to 14c; tubs, 13 1/2 to 14c; pails, 14 1/2 to 15c; prints, 16 1/2 to 17c.

Heavy steers, choice, \$7.50 to \$8; butcher steers, choice, \$7 to \$7.50; do, good, \$6 to \$6.50; do, med., \$5 to \$5.75; do, com., \$4.50 to \$4.75; butcher heifers, choice, \$6.75 to \$7.50; do, med., \$5 to \$5.75; do, com., \$4.50 to \$4.75; butcher cows, choice, \$4.75 to \$5.50; do, med., \$3.50 to \$4.50; canners and cutters, \$1.50 to \$2; do, com., \$2.50 to \$3.50; feeding steers, choice, \$5.50 to \$6; do, fair, \$4 to \$5; stockers, choice, \$4 to \$5; do, fair, \$3.50 to \$4; milkers and springers, choice \$7 to \$10; calves, choice, \$10 to \$11.50; do, med., \$7 to \$9; do, com., \$5.50 to \$6; lambs, choice ewes, \$14 to \$15.50; do, bucks, \$12.50 to \$13.50; do, culls, \$8 to \$9; sheep, light ewes, \$8 to \$9; do, culls, \$5 to \$5.50; hogs, fed and watered, \$7.75 to \$8; do, f.o.b., \$7.25 to \$7.50; do, country points, \$7 to \$7.25; do, off car (long haul), \$8.15 to \$8.40; do, selects, \$8.50 to \$8.80.

**ALL PILGRIMS SAVED FROM BURNING SHIP**

**Swarms of Hungry Sharks Await in Vain for Prey in Indian Waters.**

A despatch from Port Sudan says:—A thrilling narrative of the fate which on Wednesday overtook the pilgrim ship Frangestan, on its way from Bombay to Jeddah with 1,200 of "the faithful" aboard, is given by Sir Derrick Watson, who was a passenger.

When the flames were spreading an aged pilgrim offered his small vessel of holy water, confident it would quell the fire. Meanwhile the Frangestan's wireless staff had got into communication with 47 ships. When the steamer Clan McIver arrived in answer to the call for help the European passengers were transferred first from the burning ship, and then the pilgrims and the baggage. Night fell before the transfer was completed.

Smoke was then rising in dense clouds. An Italian ship standing by turned her searchlights on the Frangestan and disclosed a weird spectacle. The smoking ship was surrounded by swarms of hungry sharks led by a pilot fish.

The crew of the Frangestan remained aboard, and the wireless operator, despite the oppressive heat and smoke, stuck to his cabin till just before the Captain ordered the crew to abandon the ship. The flames spread forward, devouring the saloon first, then the lounge under the bridge on which the Captain was still at his post. The ship began to list heavily and settle by the head. The heat was so intense that steel plates fell off like scales, leaving the ship's skeleton silhouetted against the roaring furnace.

The lights of her sister ship, the Tangestan, were sighted at 10 in the evening, and by that time it was impossible for the Captain of the Frangestan to remain longer on the doomed vessel. As he departed he paused on the gangway to light a cigarette, and simultaneously the gangway caught fire.

The proceedings throughout were most orderly, and the passengers saved all their effects, and all were little the worse for the experience.

Babies eighteen inches long at birth will grow up to be adults of medium height, while a baby twenty-two inches long will be taller than the average when it is eighteen years old.



John F. Hayford of the Northwestern College, Chicago, has proven to the satisfaction of the Royal Geographical Society of Great Britain that the earth is solid and not a floating crust on a motion interior. He has been awarded the Victoria medal.

**German Fruit Imports Show Huge Increase**

A despatch from Paris says:—"Starving" Germans who are unable to join the throng of their fellow countrymen residing in various European resorts are managing to live very well at home.

Statistics published in France show that the following choice fruits were imported by Germany during January, 1924: Table grapes, 957 tons; pineapples, 107 tons; oranges and mandarins, 14,330 tons.

The same month a year ago the importation of these fruits amounted to 220 pounds, 440 pounds and 168 tons, respectively.

**Newfoundland Fleet Captures 70,000 Seals**

A despatch from St. John's, Nfld., says:—The sealing fleet now has close on to 70,000 seals either killed on the ice or stowed on board their craft, according to latest reports received here. It is expected the next advices from the boats will report all the ships amongst the seals and with sufficient secured to pay a good dividend on the voyage.



Thomas Edison recently turned over the general management of his many manufacturing interests to his son and is now enjoying the fruits of a busy lifetime at his Florida estate. He is shown with Mrs. Edison.

**LIFE BLOOD OF JEWS FLOWS IN RUMANIA**

**Anti-Semitic Reign of Terror Grips Bucharest—Troops Ordered Out.**

A despatch from Budapest, Hungary, says:—The streets of Bucharest were drenched with innocent Jewish blood all night long last Saturday. And the anti-Semitic reign of terror gripped the Rumanian capital from early in the afternoon until several regiments of troops got in control of the situation, at daylight on Sunday, when the rioters became fatigued.

Aristide Blank, the most prominent banker of Rumania, was discussing the monetary policy of Rumania at the King Carol Economic Institute, opposite the Royal Palace, before several hundred leading economists and politicians on Saturday afternoon when a band of 50 student terrorists with huge clubs rushed into the institute and beat M. Blank terribly before M. Titulesco, the Rumanian Minister to London, could rescue him and hurry him to his home in a motor car.

"Kill the Jews!" shouted the students as they belabored Blank and terrorized the spectators.

The occasion for the outbreak, which the Bratianu Cabinet openly encouraged, was the beginning of the trial of John Motza, and five other students of Bucharest University for attempting to kill M. Rosenthal, a prominent Jewish newspaper editor, who has since fled to France for safety, and plotting to kill Aristide Blank and his father, the editors of all the Jewish newspapers and several Cabinet Ministers, accused of selling themselves to the Jews.

Aristide Blank, who is the President of the Marmorosich Blank Bank and of the Compagnie Franco-Rumaine Navigation and Aerienne, is actually supporting 50 Christian Rumanian students at Paris.

"It is quite true that we intended to kill those people," calmly testified Motza, who two days previously had invited to his prison cell the student who had betrayed him to the police, seriously shooting the informer with a revolver smuggled into prison by friends.

"The Jews of Rumania became rich by helping the German invaders during the war," Motza said. "The result is that 76 per cent. of the students of the Rumanian universities to-day are Jews, although they comprise only one-tenth of the population. They oppose our Nationalist movement, and they threaten to dominate the country in a few years. We will never permit this."

**Home Bank Inquiry Opens on April 16**

A despatch from Toronto says:—April 16 has been decided upon as the date of the opening of the sittings of the Royal Commission appointed to investigate Home Bank affairs. The first sessions will be held at Ottawa, but as the inquiry develops and books are needed the Commission will sit in this city.

Chief Justice McKeown of New Brunswick, the Royal Commissioner, wired J. E. Weldon, Secretary of the Home Bank Depositors' National Executive, to prepare for the opening of the sittings.

The depositors will be represented by R. J. McLaughlin, K.C., Toronto; A. G. Browning, K.C., of Hamilton; and W. T. J. Lee, Toronto; E. Laffeur, K.C., of Montreal, is counsel for the Commission.

**Seven Branch Bills Have Been Adopted**

A despatch from Ottawa says:—When the House of Commons adjourned on Thursday night, it had adopted resolutions covering construction of seven of the twenty-six branch lines which the Government proposes to build on the Canadian National Railway. The seven bills have been given first reading, involving expenditure of \$6,422,300 out of the twenty-eight millions involved.

**KING'S SPEECH TO BE HEARD AROUND WORLD**

**When His Majesty Opens British Empire Exhibition on April 23.**

A despatch from London says:—King George will "speak a piece" that is expected to be heard around the world at 11.30 a.m. Greenwich time, April 23, when he will formally open the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley. For the first time in English history the actual voice of a monarch will be broadcast and heard simultaneously in the homes of hundreds of thousands of his subjects.

If Canadian listeners are lucky during the early morning hours of that day they may possibly hear the first English King's voice to cross the Atlantic Ocean. His actual speech may not carry to the ends of the empire by wireless, but undersea cables will take his message where the air waves fail. As soon as the words leave the monarch's mouth they will be flashed from a special station in the exhibition grounds along the All-British Cable route across Canada to New Zealand and Australia, thence to India and South Africa and back to Wembley, the imperial cable stations completing the circuit within five minutes.

However, the speed with which the cable message will circle the globe will be nothing compared to the swiftness with which the actual royal voice will travel to the furthestmost radio set within tuning distance. The King's tones are deep and rich and each word is clear cut and perfectly enunciated.

**IRISH ARMY MUTINY SUBJECT OF INQUIRY**

**Committee of Investigation Announced by Free State President.**

A despatch from Dublin says:—President Cosgrave announced on Thursday that Judge Richard E. Meredith, Gerald Fitzgibbon, formerly member of the Dail for Trinity College, and Patrick MacGilligan, new Minister of Commerce, had been appointed a committee of inquiry into the recent army mutiny and would be assisted by Daniel Gorey, nominated by the Farmers' party, and Major Bryan Cooper, selected by the Independent party.

The Labor party refused to nominate a representative on the ground that the committee ought to be limited to members of the Dail who, through the executive, were ultimately responsible for the Army Department, against which charges of muddling and incompetence have been made.

Minister of Defence Richard Mulcahy asked that the committee take evidence under oath, but President Cosgrave said that no legal power existed for the committee to take sworn evidence or compel the attendance of witnesses.

Mr. Mulcahy and several other members complained of the "scandalous treatment" of officers who had served the Free State against the irregulars and declared that the officers would refuse to attend the inquiry, and would leave the Government to extricate itself from the situation as best it could.

**Scientists Find Harp of 2,000 Years Before Christ**

A despatch from Paris says:—Jewelry, fifty centuries old, and a harp that was played on nearly 2,000 years before the birth of Christ, are among the archaeological treasures discovered recently by Frenchmen in Syria, along the Euphrates River.

Priceless antiquities, which have been added to the Louvre collection, have been collected from that district.

Most of them were dug up at Doura. They include exquisite statuettes, well enough preserved to show the beauty of their lines. Rare ivory images and ceramics complete the lot. Search is continuing along the Euphrates at points where historical indications give promise of further rich finds.

**Good Canadian Wheat Grown Near Arctic Circle**

A despatch from Dawson, Y.T., says:—Bread made from wheat grown within seven miles of Dawson is on sale at all restaurants here.

Dawson, at 65 degrees of latitude, is thus the most northerly wheat-producing point in the Empire. The quality, according to an expert from Manitoba who was here last summer, is equal to No. 1 Northern.

Last season's yield at the Government experimental station at Swede Creek was 30 bushels to the acre, and the wheat commands a ready sale at \$10 per hundred pounds. Samples have been sent to Ottawa for exhibition.



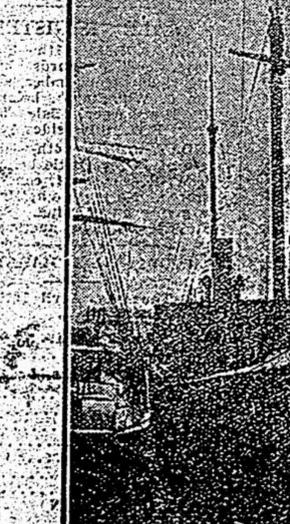
Stuart MacLaren, One of England's best pilots, hopped off from Southampton recently in a lone attempt to fly around the world. Lieutenant MacLaren flew the first British machine in Egypt.

**Prince of Wales Obligated to Rest After Accident**

A despatch from London says:—The Prince of Wales has left London for a rest in Biarritz, after his recent accident, sustained while in a steepchase race, which was more serious than the public was allowed to know. He will travel as the Earl of Chester, and will remain at the Riviera for about ten days. All his engagements for the next two weeks have been cancelled.

**Canada's Oldest Newsboy Passes at Ninety-one**

A despatch from Fort William says:—Thomas Flaherty, Canada's oldest newsie, is dead, after a week's illness from pneumonia. He was 91 years of age, and had served in the British Army in India for 21 years. In the early days in Fort William the familiar figure could be seen around the hotels, acting as porter, but of late he had taken to selling newspapers. He had left a sum of \$200 with a friend to pay for his funeral.



From a life of adventure to one of arctic commerce, Shackleton's Antarctic expedition ship, "Quest," has arrived at Blyth on her way to Norway to be refitted for seal hunting.