

KING ALBERT APPOINTED DICTATOR TO SAVE FRANC

Brussels.—King Albert by virtue of an overwhelming majority in the Chamber, and a unanimous vote in the Senate, in which Socialist Deputies and Senators concurred, has become the financial dictator of his own kingdom for a period of six months. Premier Jaspar out the Full Powers Bill, granting the King authority to institute by decree measures to save the franc, through both Houses inside of an hour.

During the short debate on the bill, the exchange market was highly nervous and showed fluctuations. The official closing figure of the franc was 211 to the pound sterling, and 43.50 to the dollar.

A decree will be issued within a few years providing for the use of bread very similar to that used in war time. The railways, telephones and telegraphs will be turned over to private companies for operation.

King Albert is expected to be a good-natured dictator, and M. Thémis and M. Francqui, both of whom are very prominent financiers of Belgium, will be the real powers behind the throne.

Some idea of the crisis which the country has passed through, and the lack of confidence among small investors and workmen is to be found in the announcement that between July 1 and 13, while the franc was tumbling rapidly, more than five million francs were withdrawn from the public savings bank in Antwerp alone.

The foreign exchange market will be one of the first features of the present situation to be attended by the Royal dictator. In the future in order to obtain foreign currency for imports, bills of lading, as well as invoices, must be presented.

Building a True Home.

Inspiring and stimulating discouraged people is difficult and thankless work, writes J. J. Kelso, but it is immensely valuable service to the community and state. One of our Children Aid officials spent several hours reasoning with quarrelsome parents and when he got home that night exclaimed, "A whole day gone and what have I to show for it?" Tired, of course, but he was building better than he knew, or rather, better than he was willing at the moment to give himself credit for.

All who have to do with family problems must have patience in seeking to develop self-respect in parents and awaken in them ambition to build up a true home. This cannot be accomplished in a moment. It may take weeks of thoughtful planning and pleading but no effort should be spared to secure the desired results.

Wants Brains in Kitchen.

London.—Women with brains should make full use of them in the kitchen as well as in the drawing room, in the opinion of Lady Rachel Cecily Forster, wife of the former Governor General of Australia.

Lady Rachel held Queen Mary up as a model housekeeper, pointing out that the Queen knows not only all her servants by their first name, but keeps in close touch with the buying and even makes preliminary arrangements for the semi-annual cleanings of all their Majesty's apartments.

"The more intelligent a woman is," declared Lady Rachel, "the better cook and housekeeper she ought to be. No woman is too highly educated to give her thought, time and good sense to domestic work."

Queen Mary Visits Childhood Garden

London.—Queen Mary recently took a "day off" from State and formal public affairs and lived again for a day amid the scenes of her girlhood at Cambridge Cottage, Kew.

With one intimate companion she started early and visited the old home place, walking around the gardens and closely inspecting the beds, in many of which were flowers and shrubs planted by herself years ago. The Queen was particularly interested in a border of blue daisy-like plants.



Rudyard Kipling
Who has been awarded the gold medal for literature of the Royal Society in London. "The fiction that I am worthy of that honor be upon your heads," he said.

REVISING OFFICERS VESTED WITH POWERS OF JUDGE

Hamilton.—Judge W. T. Evans, Chief Revision Officer for East and West Hamilton and Wentworth County, received instructions from O. M. Biggar, Chief Federal Election Officer, Ottawa, to the effect that revision officers in the forthcoming Dominion elections will be vested with wider discretionary powers as regards the striking off from, and the adding of names to the voters' lists.

Revision officers, it was stated in the communication from Mr. Biggar, will have the powers of a Judge of a Court of Record. Where a voter's name is to be struck off the lists, two days' notice shall be required.

When a name is added, a revision officer need not insist upon the attendance of the person in question, his relatives or employer, so long as the officer satisfies himself that such a person is entitled to have his name added to the voters' lists. Such applicants, however, must provide satisfactory reasons for non-attendance before a revision officer. These reasons may be given by an agent.

This, it was explained, is a revision to the former custom, whereby political parties or candidates could instruct their agents to add the names to the lists of all such persons the agents swear are entitled to vote.

The municipal lists used in the last civic election of 1925 will be the basis for the voters' lists in the coming Federal elections, Judge Evans stated. Part 3 of the 1924 lists will also be used. Persons whose names do not appear on Parts 1 and 2 of the 1925 lists, or Part 3 of the 1924 lists, will be obliged to register if they wish to vote.

Canadian "Agnes" Rose Wins International Medal

Ottawa.—The Central Experimental Farm at Ottawa has added another achievement in plant breeding. The "Agnes" rose, bred at the farm, has brought the honor of the first award of the Walter Van Fleet Gold Medal, offered by the American Rose Society for an outdoor rose of highest excellence originated on this continent. The "Agnes" is a beautiful pale yellow flower with outer petals of a delicate creamy salmon hue. The flowers are borne singly, and in great profusion. They are fragrant and bloom early, but only once in the season. The distinction of breeding the rose goes to the late Dr. William Saunders. The cross which produced the rose was made in 1900, between Rosa Rugosa and Persian Yellow.

Chinese Editor is 40 on His Third Birthday

Shanghai.—Kingsmill See, editor of one of Shanghai's newspapers, is an unfortunate man. Although he recently reached the age of 40, he has had only three birthdays. What is more, his next birthday won't come round until May 29, 1944.

See was a victim of the peculiarities of the Chinese calendar which is very inaccurate and requires the periodic insertion of intercalary moons and years in order to straighten things out. He was born in the second fourth moon—Chinese month—of the thirteenth year of Kwang Hsu, which was May, 1887. Since that time there have been only three second fourth moons. He optimistically hopes that he may be able to have another birthday before he dies.

Prime Minister and Lieutenants in New Ministry at Ottawa



ONTARIO PROVIDES SEVEN MEN FOR NEW CABINET

Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, prime minister, announces his new ministry. Shown above are twelve of the ministers who were sworn in: (1) Minister of Justice, Hon. E. L. Patenaude, Quebec; (2) Minister of Customs, Hon. H. Stevens, British Columbia; (3) Prime Minister, secretary of state for

external affairs and president of the Privy Council, Right Hon. Arthur Meighen; (4) Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Dr. S. F. Tolmie, British Columbia; (5) Secretary of State, Sir George Perley, Quebec; (6) Minister of National Defense, Hon. Hugh Guthrie, Ontario; (7) Minister without portfolio, Hon. Donald Sutherland, Ontario;

(8) Minister of Trade and Commerce, Hon. James D. Chaplin, Ontario; (9) Minister without portfolio, Sir Henry Drayton, Ontario; (10) Minister of Finance, Hon. R. B. Bennett, Alberta; (11) Postmaster-General, Hon. Dr. R. J. Manion, Ontario; (12) Minister of Public Works, Hon. E. B. Ryckman, Ontario.

No Peace in Sight in British Strike

London.—Peace in the coal fields is not yet in sight. The Government and mine owners have been confident that after the eight hours' bill was enacted the miners would flock to work. This confidence has not been realized. There is no sign of the men resuming, except in very small numbers.

The feature of the day was the announcement that the Trades Union Congress has agreed to give all possible assistance to the striking miners. The Congress will raise funds to support the miners in their struggle against longer hours and reduced wages.

Religious and other bodies have been endeavoring to find some way out of the deadlock. A suggestion advanced by several Bishops was that of a truce of four months be declared, during which the miners would work at the old wages and hours while new terms were being negotiated. This plan, however, would have involved continuance of the subsidy by the Government, costing about £2,000,000 per month, and was, therefore, not acceptable to the Government.

From the side of the mine owners clearly no concession is coming. Sir Adam Nimmo, prominent coal owner and vice-president of the Mining Association, which represents the owners, in a public speech, insisted there were only two alternatives—either reduced wages or increased hours.

\$1,781,281 Was Expended

for Mothers' Allowances
During 1925 the sum of \$1,781,281 was expended under the Mother's Allowance Act in Ontario, this being an increase of \$73,387 over the previous year. At the end of the year there were 4,185 beneficiaries, the number of beneficiaries cut off during the twelve months through children reaching earning age, or widows remarrying, being 328.

THE WEEK'S MARKETS

TORONTO.

Man. wheat—No. 1 North, \$1.70; No. 2 North, \$1.65; No. 3 North, \$1.60.

Man. oats—No. 2 CW, nominal; No. 3, not quoted; No. 1 feed, 48¢; No. 2 feed, 45¢; Western grain quotations in c.i.f. ports.

Am. corn, track, Toronto—No. 2 yellow, 92¢; No. 3 yellow, 90¢.

Millfeed—Del. Montreal freights, bags included: Bran, per ton, \$27.25; shorts, per ton, \$29.25; middlings, \$36.25; good feed flour, per bag, \$2.30.

Ont. oats—44 to 46¢, f.o.b. shipping points.

Ont. good milling wheat—\$1.28 to \$1.30, f.o.b. shipping points, according to freights.

Barley—Malting, 60 to 62¢.

Buckwheat—Nominal.

Rye—No. 2, 85¢.

Man. flour—First pat, \$8.70, Toronto; do, 2nd pat, \$8.20.

Ont. flour—Toronto, 90 per cent. patent, per barrel, in car lots, Toronto, \$5.90; seaboard, in bulk, \$5.20.

Straw—Carlots, per ton, \$9 to \$9.50.

Cheese—New, large, 20¢; twins, 21¢; triplets, 22¢. Stiltons, 25¢. O.d. large, 28¢; twins, 29¢; triplets, 30¢.

Butter—Finest creamery prints, 37¢; No. 1 creamery, 35 to 36¢; No. 2, 34 to 35¢. Dairy prints, 27¢ to 29¢.

Eggs—Fresh extras, loose, 36¢; fresh firsts, 32¢; fresh seconds, 29¢.

Live poultry—Chickens, spring, lb., 40¢; chickens, storage, 35¢; hens, over 5 lbs., 27¢; do, 4 to 5 lbs., 27¢; do, 3 to 4 lbs., 26¢; roosters, 25¢; ducklings, 5 lbs. and up, 35¢; turkeys, 30¢.

Dressed poultry—Chickens, spring, lb., 40¢; chickens, storage, 35¢; hens, over 5 lbs., 27¢; do, 4 to 5 lbs., 27¢; do, 3 to 4 lbs., 26¢; roosters, 25¢; ducklings, 5 lbs. and up, 35¢; turkeys, 40¢.

Beans—Can. hand-picked, \$2.60 per bushel; primes, \$2.40 per bushel.

Maple produce—Syrup, per imp. gal., \$2.30 to \$2.40; per 6-gal., \$2.25 to \$2.30 per gal.; maple sugar, lb., 25 to 26¢; maple syrup, new, per gal., \$2.40.

Honey—50-lb. tins, 11½ to 12¢ per lb.; 10-lb. tins, 11½ to 12¢; 5-lb. tins, 11 to 12½¢; 2½-lb. tins, 14 to 14½¢.

Smoked meats—Hams, med., 24 to 36¢; cooked hams, 52 to 55¢; smoked rolls, 25¢; cottage, 21 to 32¢; brock, 25¢.

fast bacon, 35 to 40¢; special brand

breakfast bacon, 39 to 42¢; backs, bones, 42 to 47¢.

Cured meats—Long clear bacon, 50 to 70 lbs., \$24.25; 70 to 90 lbs., \$23.75; 30 lbs. and up, \$22.34; lightweight rolls in barrels, \$42.50; heavyweight rolls, \$39.50 per bbl.

Lard—Pure tierces, 18 to 18½¢; tubs, 13½ to 15¢; pails, 19 to 19½¢; prints, 20½ to 21¢; shortening, tierces, 14½ to 15¢; tubs, 15 to 15½¢; pails, 16 to 16½¢; blocks, 17 to 17½¢.

Heavy steers, choice, \$7.75 to \$8; do, good, \$7.25 to \$7.50; butcher steers, choice, \$7.25 to \$7.60; do, good, \$6.85 to \$7; do, com., \$4.50 to \$5.75; butcher heifers, choice, \$7 to \$7.75; do, good, \$6.75 to \$7; do, fair, \$6.50 to \$7.25; do, poor, \$5.50 to \$6.50; bolognas, \$3.50 to \$4; canners and cutters, \$2.50 to \$4; good milch cows, \$85 to \$95; springers, choice, \$95.00 to \$115.00; med. cows, \$45 to \$60; feeders, good, \$6.50 to \$7; do, fair, \$5 to \$6; calves, choice, \$11 to \$12; do, good, \$9.50 to \$10.50; do, light, \$5.50 to \$9; good lambs, \$15.50 to \$16; do, med., \$13 to \$14; do, culls, \$13 to \$14; good light sheep, \$6 to \$7; heavy sheep and bucks, \$4 to \$5.50; wags, thick smooths, fed and watered, \$14.35; do, f.o.b., \$13.75; do, country points, \$13.50; do, on cars, \$14.75; do, thick, fat, f.o.b., \$13.25; select premiums, \$2.81.

MONTREAL.

Oats, Can. West, No. 2, 61¢; do, No. 3, 56¢; do, extra No. 1 feed, 57¢.

Four, Man. spring wheat pats, 1st, \$8.70; do, 2nd, \$8.20; do, strong bakers, \$8; do, winter pats, choice, \$6.50 to \$6.60. Rolled oats, 30 lbs., \$2.10. Bran, \$2.25. Shorts, \$2.25. Middlings, \$3.25. Hay, No. 2, per ton, car lots, \$17 to \$18.

Cheese—Finest western, 17½ to 17¾¢; finest eastern, 17½ to 17¾¢. Butter, No. 1 pasteurized, 31½¢. Eggs, fresh extras, 32¢; fresh firsts, 32¢.

Fair quality veal calves, \$8 to \$8.50; hogs, good quality lots, \$15.75.

Cow Tree Discovered.

In Eastern Guatemala, Dr. Samuel J. Record discovered a tree never before known to science, and named it the cow tree. From its bark, when slit, issues a creamy white latex, delicate in taste, nourishing to man and beast.

45 Miles Per Hour A Dangerous Speed

Weybridge, Eng.—Forty-five miles an hour is the most dangerous speed for motorists, it was stated at an inquest here by Dr. Eric Gardner, who has been keeping tab on automobile accidents for years. When there is a crash at 90 miles an hour the rider generally escapes with a few bruises, the doctor explained, his contention being that this was due to the fact that the person's body usually was thrown with such force that it "skipped," or hit the ground rather a glancing blow and rolled more or less.

But if something happened when traveling at 45 or 50 miles an hour, Dr. Gardner said, the victim generally was tossed in such a manner that he often landed on his head, suffering serious injuries or death.

Restoration of Rheims to be Completed by Fall

The restoration work of such historic monuments as Rheims Cathedral and the palaces of Versailles and Fontainebleau, which was made possible by the donation of John D. Rockefeller Jr., will be completed possibly in late autumn, announces the Franco-American committee in Paris charged with the work. The architectural plans by the original constructors are being used wherever possible to correct faults made during previous restorations.

The scaffolding may already be seen in the main court of Versailles Palace for rebuilding the roofs over historic apartments with Louis XV. decorations, which were rapidly spoiling, due to leaks.

The summer program includes the completion of the Little theatre of Marie Antoinette and the Grand Trianon. The Rheims and Fontainebleau roofs are now covered with scaffolding, while workmen are busy putting them in their original shape.

Poverty Stalks Widow of "Father" of All Autos

Paris. Andre Forest is dead. Andre was not important in himself, but he was the son of Ferdinand Forest, the man who invented the first internal combustion motor, the ubiquitous ancestor of those which today range the land, the air and the universe.

The inventor of the machine which evolved this massive industry died in abject poverty. His only son has now followed his father under circumstances little better.

There remains only the widow of the inventor, in a little lodging in Rue Vercingetorix, Paris—the widow, who, if inventors knew how to profit by their works, might be mistress of great wealth. As matters stand a Paris newspaper is soliciting mites from subscribers that she may not die in misery.

Women Recognized in King's Honor List

London. The distinguished women on the list of persons on the King's birthday honors include Miss Margaret Keenan, Miss Marian Knapp, Mrs. Mary Scherbell and Mrs. Christian A. Massey. Mrs. Massey, who represents the drama and Miss Lillian Faithful education. Missionary and other women's activities in India are recognized in Mrs. Mary Symonds, Miss Florence A. Heigson, Mrs. Arnes Scott and Miss Rose Greenfield. The honors conferred on men include one peerage, six baronets, 43 knightships, besides numerous additions to membership in the distinguished orders.