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JAPANESE FORCES LAUNCH "BIG PUSH"

No Damage From 75-Mile Gale At Magdalen Islands

A 75-mile-an-hour gale which swept the Magdalen Islands Friday piled snow into huge drifts but no damage had been reported. Mr. H. S. Jones said following a flight to the Gulf Islands Saturday. Two return trips were made by a twin-motored Dragon of the Canadian Airways, with Pilot Jones at the controls. Takeoff had been planned early Saturday but was delayed until almost noon when weather reports from the Magdalen Islands told of a heavy snowfall caused by swirling snow driven by a 45-mile-an-hour gale. About 1500 pounds of mail and three passengers were carried on the two round flights to the Gulf Islands. Passengers were natives of the islands returning to their homes. Westbound traffic on the Charlottetown-Moncton service was heavy Saturday, six passengers being carried from Charlottetown and three from Summerside. A Stearman plane took mail from Summerside to the mainland terminal.

COMING EVENTS

- Announcements are inserted in this column at the discretion of the editor. No charge is made for advertising in this column.
- Hockey at New Glasgow tonight, Stars vs. Imperials. L-3612.
- Valentine Skate Victoria Rink, February 16th. L-3625-2-12-31.
- Zion Church Valentine Tea Tuesday, February 15th. L-3631-2-10-41.
- Carnival Victoria Rink Saturday, February 19th. See posters. L-3626-2-14-15-18-19.
- Charlottetown Red Wings vs. East Royals, East Royals rink tonight, Skate after. L-3635.
- League game, Cornwall rink tonight, Bears vs. C. C. C. Skate after game. L-3634.
- Postponed Bazaar and Weighing Party, Clyde River Hall, Tuesday evening, February 15. L-3647.
- Hockey at Highfield tonight, Highfield Granites vs. Milton Hornets, league game. L-3645.
- Borden Line Club leading hogs lamb, calves every Tuesday, hours 12 to 3. L-348-12-M-2-5-11.
- Carnival at Marshfield tonight, big prizes, good ice. Come and enjoy yourself. L-3637.
- Junior League hockey, double-header, at New Glasgow, Mayfield vs. New Glasgow, Hope River vs. North Rustico. L-3638.
- Buying dressed chicken and fowl daily. Correct grading. Top prices. Island Cold Storage Company. L-475-12-30-11.
- Valentine Party at George Masons, Monday, February 14th, aid of Emerald Women's Institute. L-3628-2-12-11.
- Buying live hogs Albany Monday, February 15th. G. C. Green. L-3625-2-12-21.
- Postponed meeting Ladies Aid, P. E. Hospital, Monday, February 15th, 3 p. m. P. E. Home. L-3642.
- The Annual Meeting of the Southern Hockey Club will be held at Belle River School on February 17th. Bonus paid. C. Murdoch, Secretary. L-3603-2-12-21.
- Pownal Rink—Tuesday, Feb. 15, Mt. Herbert Juniors vs. Pownal Cubs, Kelly and McInnis vs. Wednesday, Mt. Allison vs. Milville, Pownal vs. St. John's, Thursday, Mt. Herbert vs. Pownal. L-3633.
- Fox Club Members attention! We have a supply of extra choice fox meat on hand—horse meat, horse liver and beef tripe, selling at our low established prices. Between us we brought the price down, but you alone can keep it at a reasonable level. Quit buying from us and we must quit importing. Then what? Up goes the price. Livestock Marketing Board. L-3648-2-14-21.
- Farmers attention! We are planning to make a shipment of calves to Montreal during week of February 21st. If a sufficient number is listed immediately with our local secretary. Call buyers throughout the Province are making good money out of your stock when you can set for yourselves if you work with us. Get busy, list with your local secretary at once. Livestock Marketing Board. L-3648-2-14-21.
- Leading hogs, lambs and calves Thursday afternoons, Tuesday and Friday forenoons this week and Friday thereafter until further notice. Also at other shipping points as regularly advertised. Help us make returns at close market values by co-operating with us, or lower the general price level by working against us. Think it over seriously, then we know you'll co-operatively. Livestock Marketing Board. L-3649.

"Fiscal Need" Claim Strongly Indorsed By Conservative Leader

Hon. Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan, At Premier's Request, Supports Presentation Before Rowell Commission. Bar Society Asks For Fourth Supreme Court Judge.

The Campbell Government's plea for additional federal assistance on the basis of fiscal need, made last week before the Rowell Commission on Dominion-Provincial relations, was endorsed at the close of the hearing by Hon. Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan, Conservative Party leader.

Dr. MacMillan spoke briefly at the invitation of Premier Campbell, explaining that the Government's brief on this point was based on the brief which his own government, when in power, had submitted before the White Commission.

Before concluding at 1 o'clock on Saturday, the Commission chairman, Hon. N. W. Rowell, expressed thanks on behalf of himself and colleagues for the many ways in which the brief had been a very pleasant recollection of our visit," he added.

"With reference to the brief submitted, you will of course realize that we shall keep an open mind as to the merits of the submissions that have to be made to us, and in the light of all the submissions we must come to conclusions which appear to be fair and just to all parties concerned."

The first matter heard Saturday was a submission from Mr. W. E. Bentley, K. C., on behalf of the P. E. I. Bar Society, for a fourth Supreme Court Judge. The need arose in connection with appeal cases. The suggestion of a Court of Appeal for the three Maritime Provinces was made by Mr. Bentley and the situation provided the other Maritime Provinces were agreeable.

Information as to the working of the departments was then given by Dr. Keeping, deputy minister of health and deputy registrar general; L. B. MacMillan, deputy minister of public works and highways; Lt. Col. Fielding, deputy provincial secretary-treasurer; O. W. Campbell, provincial superintendent of old age pensions; W. R. Shaw, deputy minister of agriculture, and Hon. B. W. LePage, chairman of the Fishermen's Loan Board.

FIVE DROWNED, SCORE MISSING

Tragedy Occurs In Sydney Harbor, Australia.

(By The Associated Press) SYDNEY, Australia, Feb. 13.—Five persons drowned today and 24 were unaccounted for after scores of passengers rushing eagerly to the United States cruiser Louisville canceled the ferryboat Rodney in Sydney harbor.

Police credited the heroism of members of the Louisville's crew with averting a greater disaster for the 150 ferryboat passengers. The Rodney heeled over and sank in 72 feet of water, pitching scores of men, women and children into the water and trapping others inside the cabins.

Captain R. W. Mathewson of the Louisville saw the Rodney's dangerous list and ordered the departure to be delayed until the danger had passed. An officer of the cruiser leaped overboard and swam to the sinking boat. He broke a cabin window and rescued a woman caught within.

The Louisville anchored immediately and lowered every boat to assist other harbor craft in picking up victims. Some of the crew leaped into the water to support the victims until boats could reach them.

The Louisville later continued on toward Melbourne, the next stop on her visit to Australia's sesquicentennial celebration.

Japan Declines To Divulge Naval Building Plans

(By The Canadian Press) TOKYO, Feb. 13.—Japan has refused to tell Great Britain, the United States and France her naval building plans.

Japan Saturday answered requests from the three nations for information concerning warship construction with an offer to discuss numerical fleet limitation although keeping secret any present building program.

The formal note of reply handed ambassadors insisted Japan had "no intention" of maintaining a fleet that would menace other nations.

An accompanying statement asserted Japan's naval forces were solely for defence and declared other leading naval powers must bear the responsibility "for any future developments—such as a world naval armaments race."

MURRAY HBR. RESIDENT DIES UNEXPECTEDLY

Mr. William Keeping, 82, Succumbs To Heart Attack Saturday.

Mr. William Keeping, 82, retired fox rancher, father of Dr. B. C. Keeping, deputy minister of health for the Province, died at his Murray Harbor home Saturday morning following a heart attack. He was 20 years old when he came to the Province. Mr. Keeping died unexpectedly at his Murray Harbor home Saturday morning following a heart attack. He was 20 years old when he came to the Province. Mr. Keeping died unexpectedly at his Murray Harbor home Saturday morning following a heart attack. He was 20 years old when he came to the Province.

FUNERAL OF JUDGE STEWART YESTERDAY

Hon. William S. Stewart, retired Judge of the Queen's Court and former Mayor of Charlottetown, was buried yesterday—the 83rd anniversary of his birth. He died Friday after a short illness. He was 82 years old. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon from his late residence, Murray Harbor. Services were conducted by the Rev. R. Webster, pastor of the church. Pall-bearers were: Messrs. Everett Harris, Walter Haines, Chester LeLachur, Seton LeLachur, Embert Penny and Spencer Sharman.

The late Mr. Keeping was a native of Newfoundland, coming to the Province as a young man in his early twenties. He resided since at Murray Harbor. In his younger days he followed the sea and was a successful fisherman. He was a member of the Murray Harbor fishing business. He was survived by his wife, formerly Maria Ann LeLachur, Guernsey Cove, and three sons and two daughters, Miss Olive Keeping, R.N., Boston, Mass.; Dr. B. C. Keeping, Charlottetown; Minter Keeping, in the Peace River district, Alberta; Ewart Keeping, in the Peace River district, Alberta; and Mrs. John Keeping, in the Peace River district, Alberta.

Raise Question Of Small Loan Firms

(By The Canadian Press) OTTAWA, Feb. 13.—(CP)—Business carried on by small loan companies, a subject that produced considerable acrimonious debate last year, will be discussed in the House of Commons tomorrow. Two bills that were left on the order paper at prorogation last April stand for second reading.

Finance Minister Dunning may take the opportunity to tell the House and Government attitude toward the business of small loan companies which have been accused of charging exorbitant interest rates. Some members last year urged that the Dominion Parliament pass no more legislation for such concerns.

The two bills are sponsored by Thomas Vieu (Lib., Outremont) and W. B. Macdonald (Lib., Brantford City) who introduced them last session. Mr. Vieu's would amend the charter of the Industrial Loan and Finance Corporation and Mr. Macdonald's would change the name of the Central Finance Corporation to the Home Finance Corporation of Canada.

FREEDOM SHORT SAINT JOHN, N.B. —(CP)—

Breaking away from her moorings, the 40-ton schooner Minnie Chase enjoyed a half hour of pleasure jaunting in Saint John harbor before she drifted along side a wharf, where a seaman jumped aboard and threw a line ashore.

ADVANCE ON LUNGHAI FROM TWO FRONTS

Chinese Resistance Crumbles Before Viselike Offensive.

SHANGHAI, Feb. 14.—(Monday)—Japanese armies rolled relentlessly from north and south today toward a frontal junction on China's vital Loughai Railway, crushing their stubborn Chinese foe between the two halves of their viselike offensive.

On the northern side of the Lunghai corridor into Central China an army of 15,000 Chinese was shattered. Reports were that a Japanese vanguard reached the Yellow River and was preparing to cross for an assault on Kaifeng, Honan Provincial capital.

On the southern side massed artillery and planes broke Chinese resistance on the north bank of the river, permitting establishment of a broad front while a spearhead column drove further along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway to stab at Szechow, heart of the Lunghai defenses.

OFFENSIVE UNDERWAY

Japanese military authorities said the "big push" was under way in all sectors of the central front—launched by Sunday's sweeping victories.

Chinese reports virtually confirmed the Japanese claims but insisted General Chiang Kai-Shek's troops were falling back in orderly fashion to take up new positions.

Two railways, the Tientsin-Pukow line intersecting the Lunghai at Szechow and the Peiping-Hankow line intersecting the Lunghai 200 miles to the west at Chengchow were the principal arteries of the Japanese drive.

Puyang, about 70 miles north-east of Chengchow and some 60 miles from the vital east-west railway fell to an overland thrust and advance detachments drove on toward the broad Yellow River by the bridgehead of the Lunghai.

Chinese along the Tientsin-Pukow railway in that sector were said by the Japanese to have been "beaten and shattered." The lone Chinese claim of victory came from the Pukow railway sector north of Szechow where the defenders were said to have inflicted sharp losses.

Rebels Claim Gains On Cordoba Front

HENDAYE, France, Feb. 13.—A Spanish Government communiqué acknowledged today that insurgent forces had gained "several positions" on the Cordoba front of southern Spain but said fighting was still in progress.

The insurgents reported capture of Zafra, a town which they termed the most important position on the Extramadura front. The Government did not admit the hill was lost.

An official insurgent announcement said General Fidel Davila's new offensive cost the Government "very heavy losses."

Hundreds of militiamen who helped the Government capture Teruel on Dec. 21 were said to be surrendering as the insurgents pushed their cleanup of the Palomera mountains, along the Alfambra.

Polar Rescue Ship To Blast Channel To Reach Scientists

MOSCOW, Feb. 13.—(AP)—The polar rescue ship Taimyr planned a desperate effort today to blast a channel through the last 20 miles of ice-bound Greenland sea to the floe on which four Russian scientists have been drifting through Arctic seas since last May 21.

Throughout last night the rescue party aboard the Taimyr exchanged signals with the ice-bound campers by searchlights and flares. On a neighboring floe in the jumbled ice field the campers hastily were clearing a landing field for the airplanes carried by the Taimyr.

Lack of a spot for the planes to take off, however, caused the rescue crew to plan to blast a way almost to the floe and then bring the campers by foot across the remaining yards of treacherous ice.

London Paper Asserts Move To Oust Eden

Chamberlain And Foreign Secretary Said Differing On Policy In Rapidly Changing International Situation.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—(CP Cable)—As reliable quarters today denied reports of a fundamental cleavage between Prime Minister Chamberlain and Foreign Secretary Eden, the London press continued to discuss the possibilities of a difference of opinion on the changing international situation.

The Sunday Express, Independent, and News-Chronicle, Liberal, featured reports of such a split, but the Sunday Times, Independent, denied "on the highest authority" that any such situation existed.

The heading over the News-Chronicle's front-page story said: "Eden Must Not Go!" The newspaper asserted the Berlin and Rome Governments were scheming to manoeuvre the young Foreign Secretary out of the cabinet.

Mr. Eden himself, speaking at Birmingham Saturday, said that although it might "disappoint some newspapers," he and the Prime Minister had worked in "close contact." The Prime Minister always gave him help, guidance and advice.

RESERVE AUSTRIAN SUPPORT

Meanwhile, some diplomatic quarters viewed Reichsfuehrer Hitler and Premier Mussolini as pivoting the Italo-German axis on a bid for Austrian friendship in a new campaign to gain colonies for Germany and recognition of Italy's Ethiopian conquest.

Hitler's conciliatory move in his conference Saturday with Chancellor Kurt Von Schuschnigg of Austria was described in these circles as an attempt to isolate the Austro-German alliance from the political talks the Reich-Chancellor hopes soon to conduct with Britain and France.

NEGOTIATIONS UNDERWAY

An Associated Press dispatch from Berlin said negotiations already were afoot between Germany and Britain involving colonial concessions if Germany fulfilled certain conditions, such as agreeing to stay out of Austria. The dispatch said the negotiations were so near completion that Hitler might announce the granting of colonial concessions before the Reichstag Feb. 20.

An Associated Press London dispatch said it was not felt that Britain was ready to reopen negotiations immediately with Germany; but it was felt that Hitler wants to be able to say that the talks do start. "I have settled the Austrian question with Von Schuschnigg; let's get on to other things."

Removal of German ambitions to control Austria was known to be a prime consideration of British policy in any general settlement.

CAUSE OF CONCERN

Hitler's sweeping reorganization of the German government Feb. 4 was understood generally to have aroused concern at the last British Cabinet meeting.

This, it was reported, took the form of a movement for immediate settlement of all outstanding questions with Hitler and Mussolini. Mr. Eden was understood to have stood firm for a common front with France, eventually offering Germany colonial outlets and Italy credits—if the two dictatorships would put up political collateral as a guarantee of good behavior.

Premier Mussolini already has started informal talks with Great Britain on possible withdrawal of Italian volunteers from the Spanish civil war. He desires commercial credits and recognition of the Ethiopian Empire. London newsmen declared Mussolini seeks

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ROWELL ROYAL COMMISSION LEAVES TODAY

The members of the Rowell Royal Commission and their staff and press representatives leave this morning en route for Victoria, where they will spend three days dealing with the matters they have already investigated in Halifax and Charlottetown.

They will take a fortnight's vacation before proceeding to Victoria, B. C., to open an investigation there.

Yesterday afternoon the Hon. Chief Justice Rowell entertained members of the Commission, the staff and press representatives at tea in his own suite in the Canadian National Hotel. Mrs. Dufour presided over the tea. An enjoyable interchange of views took place and the members of the Commission expressed their great appreciation of the reception tendered them here, and the general appearance of the Province and its people.

Members of the Rowell Commission had a group photo taken in historic Confederation Chamber Saturday following completion of their hearing here. A second photo in the Chamber included Commission secretaries and Premier Campbell and members of the Executive Council.

YOU CAN SINK BY THE WEIGHT OF YOUR OWN DIGNITY



(By The Canadian Press) TORONTO, Feb. 13.—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Dawson	43-59
Victoria	43-59
Edmonton	12-24
Regina	10-28
Winnipeg	32-35
Toronto	10-28
Ottawa	18-28
Montreal	13-28
Quebec	20-34
Saint John	22-34
Halifax	28-34
Charlottetown	16-28

Forecasts:
Maritime East: Fresh to strong winds; cloudy, followed by snow, probably part rain.
High tide this morning at 10:45 and tonight at 10:28.
Sun sets this afternoon at 5:35 and rises tomorrow morning at 7:02.
Full moon Monday, Feb. 14, 1:14 p.m.
Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

TIEE CAR FERRY
Leaves Borden 9:45 a. m., 1 p. m.
Leaves Tormentine 11 a. m., 2:55 p. m.