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THREE SEVERELY BURNED IN LAUNCH FIRE

ITALO-GERMAN AID TO REBELS PROTESTED Explosion Occurs

15 Lives Lost In French Train Wreck

BOURGES, France, March 14—(AP)—Fifteen persons were killed and 20 injured Saturday as the Paris-Montle-Dore express train was derailed near the village of Coigny by a tree blown across the tracks.

COMING EVENTS

- Rummage sale at St. James Hall tonight, Monday at 6.30 L-522.
- Three-act Comedy, Emerald Hall, St. Patrick's night. Admission 30 cents. Curtain at 8.15. L-401-3-12-41.
- McLean Mills at Stanchel will open for sawing about April 1st. L-497-3-11-15-19-22.
- Reserve Monday, March 29, for Basket and Box Social in North Wiltshire Hall. L-521.
- East Royals vs. Hornets at Milton Rink tonight. Skate after. L-519.
- Hockey at Cornwall tonight, Crown Bakery vs. C. C. C.'s. Skating after. L-524.
- "The Noble Outcast" presented by Granville Players; in Fredericton Hall, Tuesday, March 16. If stormy Thursday. L-902-3-13-21.
- Hockey at Marshall tonight, Dunstaffnage vs. Frenchfort, challenge game. Skate after. L-536.
- Don't miss the play, "For the Love of Johnny," by Tracédie Dramatic Club in Tracédie Hall, Wednesday, March 17th. L-431-3-12-21.
- Come to the concert in Lower Montague Hall, Friday, March 19th at 8.00 o'clock. Admission 25 cents. L-517-15-11.
- Legion Dance, Belfast Hall, March 17th. Real old time music. Admission including lunch 25 cents. L-516-15-21.
- At North Granville Hall March 15th, 2 act play, "Tods Orchestra, Family Album, Breadabane Amateurs." L-511-11.
- Hockey Victoria tonight, March 15th, Hampton, Crapaud; also Tryon, Victoria. Admission 10 cents. L-508-11.
- To Hearz Hall, East Royal on Tuesday, March 16th at 8 p. m. are invited all interested in paving of the St. Peter's Road. L-473-3-13-31.
- Concert and measuring party Monday, March 15th, Argyle Shore Hall, sale of lunches. Free measuring, good prizes. Admission 10 cents. L-526.
- See "Larry Breaks Into Society" St. Patrick's March 17th, Webster's Corner Hall by Webster's Corner Players. Good specialties between acts. L-209-3-13-15.
- Loading live hogs at Kensington all day Thursday, March 18, Nicholson Bros. loading at Hunter River. Friday until noon. Sgd. MacEwen and Campbell. L-525.
- Concert in C. M. B. A. Hall, Vernon River, Wednesday, March 17th, 8 o'clock, by Alberry Plains W. I. If stormy Friday, March 19th. L-513-15-21.
- Little Theatre Guild Hall Tuesday, April 13th, 8.15 p. m. Variety concert and dramatic, in aid of Y. M. C. A. Canoe Cove Camp. L-525.
- See "The Colonel's Maid" presented by St. James Dramatic Club, Georgetown, March 17th. A splendid Three Act Comedy—Ching-a-Ling the Chinese Cook is a scream. L-434-3-12-31.
- North Granville Hall Monday, March 15th, 8 p. m. Bradabane players present play "The Perplexing Situation," Todd's Orchestra. Family Album—Song and Picture. L-520.
- Farmers attention. Swift Canadian Company are now buying cattle on the Island and will have a representative permanently located here. Don't book your cattle at any price until you see Swift's buyer. Top prices paid for quality stock. List your stock with the Livestock Marketing Board and have this firm's representative call upon you. L-407-3-3-41.

Lobster Inquiry Continued Before Commissioner

Statement Of Souris Fishery Inspector Emphatically Denied By Local Business Man. Probe Continues Here This Morning.

An allegation made by Inspector Peter A. McLellan of Souris, that W. H. Tidmarsh, lobster packer and exporter of this city, had in 1934 jokingly offered him a bribe in the form of a case of liquor to allow Mr. Tidmarsh to keep his factory at Campbell Cove open a day or two after the season closed, submitted to a Royal Commission investigating the illegal fishing of lobsters and smelts in districts 7 and 8 during 1936, here Saturday, was later emphatically denied by Mr. Tidmarsh.

Inspector McLellan in his testimony stated he had talked with Mr. Tidmarsh in a local garage in 1934 and the latter had jokingly asked him to stay away from his factory at Campbell Cove for a few days after the season closed, and if this was done, he would be given a case of liquor. The witness said he did not accept the offer, but rather visited the factory two days after the season closed and found it operating. He told the Commissioner an information was laid before Magistrate Marshall Paquet at Souris, but as far as he knew there had never been a fine imposed, although he thought Mr. Tidmarsh had paid the court cost. The witness added he had always found Mr. Tidmarsh ready and willing to co-operate with the officers in their duties, adding "that is why I thought his offer a joke."

Emphatic Denial

Called later in the afternoon as a witness, Mr. Tidmarsh emphatically denied the statement and remarked he had never offered Mr. McLellan or any other fisheries department officer a bribe and further stated he could not recall ever talking to McLellan in Charlottetown when the latter might have assumed any such statement.

Mr. Justice A. T. LeBlanc, of the King's Bench division of the New Brunswick Supreme Court, the Commissioner, will continue sitting here today. The Commission will move to Summerside late this afternoon and hearings in that town will commence Tuesday.

Six witnesses were called at Saturday's sitting by Commission Counsel Hon. H. F. G. Bridges, while five additional witnesses were recalled to give further testimony.

Inspector Shaw

Inspector J. Clayton Shaw of Charlottetown was the first witness called as the commission resumed yesterday morning. He said he was in charge of District No. 3 in this Province and outlined his territory and duties to the Commissioner.

The witness remarked he was very much surprised at the evidence submitted before the Commission to the effect that there had been illegal trafficking of lobsters within the boundaries of his district during 1936, as information he had received was to the effect that such was not the case.

Concerning the evidence given before the Commission Friday that signed books of transportation permits had been given local exporters of lobsters, the witness said this was correct, and that he had given

SOCIALISTS CLAIM CAPTURE OF TRIJUEQUE

Drive Back Insurgents On Guadajara Front North-east Of Madrid.

(A.P. By Guardian's Special Wire) MADRID, March 14—The Spanish government tonight announced its troops had captured the town of Trijueque on the Guadajara front northeast of Madrid, driving insurgents from their most advanced positions in the Guadajara offensive under a hail of fire.

Ninety additional Italian officers and soldiers were seized in what was described as almost a rout of the insurgents and an important government victory.

General Jose Miaja, government commander in Central Spain, reported the Madrid front was quiet this morning following last night's successes.

Claim Turn of Tide

The government forces under General Miaja, recovering from the first shock of the enemy offensive and reinforced by crack units from the Madrid front, turned the tide of battle decisively, it was claimed.

The town at which this latest major assault on Madrid's defenses was checked is 15 miles northeast of Guadajara and 44 miles northeast of the capital.

Government soldiers swept into Trijueque behind lines of tanks and armored cars, with a wave of dynamite throwers close behind them.

The enemy, which Madrid reports were mostly Italians, fled so precipitately they were unable to move much of their artillery and other supplies, and large quantities of these fell into the hands of the victors.

Planes Rake Columns

The Government's fast, stubby pursuit planes followed by the regular machine-gunning the insurgents on the roads and bombing their truck trains.

(The chief of the Government Air Force announced in Valencia that "the Italians" on the Guadajara front had been "terribly punished by our aviation, which forced them to flee in panic." He asserted hundreds were killed).

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Dowager Queen Marie Of Rumania Ill

(A.P. By Guardian's Special Wire) BUCHAREST, Rumania, March 15—(Monday)—Dowager Queen Marie of Rumania was reported early today by a member of the Royal household to be in a serious condition and partially paralyzed.

King Carol and Queen Mother Marie of Yugoslavia, daughter of the ill Queen, were at her bedside most of the time, the court official said.

He said her illness was accompanied by a high fever, "somewhat over 100 degrees."

Her daughter, Queen Mother Marie of Yugoslavia, who was nursing an influenza patient of her own, her son, King Peter, immediately came from Belgrade.

She was able to leave her son to comfort her mother, the court official said, because the boy, a king of Yugoslavia now is recovering from his illness.

VIOLATION OF NEUTRALITY PACT CHARGED

Spanish Foreign Minister Warns League Of Danger Of Continued Aid To Rebels.

(C.P.-Havas By Guardian's Special Wire) GENEVA, March 14—German and Italian plans to aid the Spanish insurgent drive on Madrid with a naval bombardment of Valencia and Barcelona will blast European peace from its insecure foundations, the League of Nations was warned today by Spanish Foreign Minister Julio Alvarez del Vayo.

He accompanied his protest again flagrant violation of the "hands off Spain" agreement with "irrefutable" proof that the insurgent force now operating northeast of the capital is composed almost entirely of Italian and German divisions. The protest was lodged here Saturday.

The note cited testimony by prisoners listing manpower and war supplies placed at General Francisco Franco's disposal by Rome. Virtually every branch of Italy's highly mechanized war machine is represented in Spain, from machine gun units to aviation squadrons, Alvarez del Vayo charged.

Other Divisions Expected

"Two other Italian divisions are still to arrive," the Foreign Minister declared after detailing the war power of the four black-shirted columns he claims are already fighting on the Guadajara front.

"The command plans to take Madrid while the Italian and German fleets, under pretext of guarding the coast, attack Valencia and Barcelona."

Asking League Secretary-General Joseph Avenol to forward the information to all member states, Alvarez del Vayo recalled that Valencia warned Geneva last year the situation in Spain was "of a nature to affect international relations and threatens to trouble world peace."

The Government was prompted to make the new protest, he said, because "there has been no more scandalous violation of the obligations imposed by the pact on the European continent since the League of Nations was constituted."

Makes Protest Public

Avenol made the protest public simultaneously with the announcement he had advised all member states of Britain's request for an extraordinary assembly session May 26. While Egypt's admission to the League is the principal question on the agenda, it was believed the problems raised by Alvarez del Vayo's note would be brought to the fore.

LONDON, March 14—(CP-Havas)—Britain was asked by the Spanish Government Saturday to bring Italy to trial before the 27-power "hands off Spain" committee for wholesale violation of its non-intervention pledges.

Spanish Ambassador Pablo de Alarcate's note requested the Foreign Office to invoke the "hands off Spain" agreement as justice.

After citing evidence of military aid given the rebels by Rome, the document declared:

"The Government ask that these (facts) be examined and that the matter be judged in a final and irrevocable manner if its opinion be found to correspond to the reality of facts."

On Halifax Boat In Mid-Harbour

Craft Was Transporting Boat Load Of Visitors To German Naval Training Ship Schlesien.

HALIFAX, March 14—(CP)—Moved from scenes of wild confusion which followed the explosion and firing of the motorboat Thor II in mid-harbour, three women were taken to hospital today suffering from burns and shock.

A score of other persons were burned less severely when the Halifax-owned harbor launch burst into flames after a sharp explosion which occurred in the midst of a flotilla of similar craft taking visitors to the German naval training ship Schlesien.

The three taken to hospital were Miss Cecelia Cahill, suffering burns about the legs, face and head, Mrs. Raymond Brackett, burned about the legs and body, and Miss Dorothy Conrod whose legs and face were burned. All belonged to Halifax.

RUSH TO AID

Nearby launches, including a boat full of German sailors, rushed to the side of the burning motorboat and assisted in removing passengers and assisting to have had at least 60 persons aboard.

Women screamed and fought to get away from the burning little vessel and three either fell or jumped overboard. A box full of life-jackets in the centre of the motor-boat was opened, but none of the passengers thought to take one.

At least a score of the excited passengers suffered minor burns, shock and bruises before they could be taken from the Thor, and many others had their faces blackened or their hair singed in the first burst of flame which accompanied the explosion.

One German sailor whose name was unknown climbed down the Schlesien's stern anchor chain and onto the anchor which hung just above the harbor surface. The explosion occurred only a few yards from the warship's boarding ladder.

Use Extinguishers

A boat-full of sailors was despatched immediately from the Schlesien with fire extinguishers and they kept the flames under control until the Halifax fire-boat Banshee and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police cutter MacDonald came alongside and extinguished.

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TRADE PACT BEFORE HOUSE THIS WEEK

Budget Resolutions To Be Considered. Pro-rogation By Middle Of April Looked For.

OTTAWA, March 14—(CP)—Budget resolutions will occupy the House of Commons this week. Having disposed of the Budget Debate the House will consider individually the large number of tariff changes involved in the revised United Kingdom Trade Agreement.

Although Opposition Leader Bennett indicated in the closing hours of the debate Friday the Conservatives favor the agreement in principle, there may still be objections raised by several private members regarding changes affecting their constituencies. This will apply particularly to textiles and perhaps to some of the steel items.

As there were no taxation changes in Finance Minister Dunning's budget, consideration in committee will be almost entirely confined to the tariff changes. Expectation is the budget resolutions will be disposed of this week and the House may find time to pass some government legislation.

The speed with which the House disposes of the legislation and the estimates will decide how near is the end of the parliamentary session.

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Pontiff Suffers Slight Setback

VATICAN CITY, March 14—(AP)—Pope Pius suffered a short period of prostration this morning, but his physicians said it could in no way be called a heart attack.

The 79-year-old Holy Father, who recently appeared to be recovering partially from serious illness, was stricken at 10:30 o'clock (5:30 a. m. AST) it was disclosed. Informal sources said he was compelled to lie down for a few minutes but quickly recovered.

Late this afternoon the Pope ordered the Canons of St. Peter's to prepare the Basilica for his presence at a Pontifical Easter Sunday Mass.

Epidemic Strikes Indian Settlements

PRINCE ALBERT, Sask., March 13—(OP)—Doctors and nurses tonight battled an epidemic of measles, influenza and pneumonia in the Indian settlements of Ile a La Crose and Beauval, 200 miles northwest of here, as the death toll mounted to 41.

At Ile a La Crose there are 25 influenza patients and nine with measles, mostly Indian children. Two white children at the settlement have measles but they are recovering.

All families are ill with influenza or measles at Beauval and many of the patients are in serious condition, said reports reaching here.

Most of the deaths are due to patients suffering with measles and influenza at the same time, with pneumonia developing.

Since the outbreak of the epidemic at the end of February, 24 persons have died at Beauval and 17 at Ile a La Crose. Two Indian children at Ile a La Crose died at Ile a La Crose Saturday.

Storm Delays Flight Takeoff

OAKLAND, Calif., March 14—(AP)—A storm covering nearly one-third of the 2,400 miles between here and Honolulu today forced postponement of Amelia Earhart's takeoff on her projected 27,000-mile world flight.

George Palmer Putnam, Miss Earhart's husband, said "definitely" there would be no takeoff today. The famous aviatrix had planned to hop at five p. m. (nine p. m. AST).

The storm turned back Pan American Airways' Hawaii clipper late Saturday night, several hours after it had left Alameda for the Islands. It returned to its base here.

Delia Crew Are Homeward Bound

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., March 14—(CP Cable)—Crew of the freighter Delia, victim of ice floes off Cape Race last week, were on their way to Halifax tonight aboard the steamship Belle Isle.

The Belle Isle commander wired Tuesday he had taken Captain John Renouf of Halifax and his crew aboard at Dook Point, Trepassay Bay, after they had been isolated there since Monday night.

They landed at Dook Point when their ship, her hull crushed by ice, seemed ready to plunge to the bottom. Scrambling over piled ice, Captain Renouf and his men walked the two miles to shore and safety.

The Delia was held aloft by pressure of the ice until Thursday, just a short time before the steamship Sagona hove in sight on a salvage mission.

Quebec Liberal Opposition Ends Boycott Session

ST. HYACINTHE, Que., March 14—After boycotting a session of the Quebec Legislature, the Liberal Opposition will return to the House Tuesday after the week-end recess, Opposition leader T. D. Bouchard announced tonight.

The Liberal leader, who led his forces out of the House Thursday night and kept them away Friday in a protest against "despotism" of Premier Duplessis, said he considered their one-day absence protest enough "for the time being."

"We are going to try and see if we can get some kind of justice and fair play," he asserted, declaring the Opposition had been denied this by the Union Nationale overwhelming

Haile Selassie Pins Hopes On The League

BATH, England, March 14—Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia today expressed confidence Great Britain or France would help him regain his lost empire from the Italian conquerors.

In an interview he declared Britain and France must protect their interests in Africa and therefore help Ethiopia get rid of the "Fascist invaders." Meanwhile, he said, his country will continue to pin its hopes on the League of Nations while maintaining active armed resistance against the Italians.

The Negus announced he would send a representative to the League Assembly meeting in May and place the question of Ethiopia's status up to the international organization.

Burning Freighter Headed For Port, Passengers Safe

HONOLULU, March 14—The burning freighter Silverlarch labored alongside last night, advised that conditions were "fairly good."

Thrice the fire flared up before the passengers abandoned the ship Saturday morning skipper Henderson, nothing further progress of the flames, asked for help and the cruiser responded,

Laconically the cruiser reported the rescue of four women and four men passengers from the Silverlarch's lifeboats as "without mishap."

Heavy seas prevented re-transfer of the refugees to a destroyer from Pearl Harbor and the San Pedro bound cruiser turned back toward Honolulu.

Freighter Captain F. H. Henderson did not report the status of the fire but the cutter, arriving alongside last night, advised that conditions were "fairly good."

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BIG GAIN IN INCOME TAX COLLECTIONS

\$783,262 Reported From Ch'town District In 11 Months.

OTTAWA, March 14—(CP)—Income tax collections bounded upward in the 11 months of the fiscal year ending February 28 in comparison with the corresponding period the previous fiscal year, the Department of National Revenue reported today.

Total collections amounted to \$98,743,722 compared with \$79,667,273 in the 11 months of the preceding fiscal year.

Toronto district led in collections with \$32,349,144 an increase of \$7,685,002 while Montreal was in second place with \$26,301,421 against \$23,391,890.

Collections in other districts during the 11 months ending Feb. 28 with previous year in brackets: Charlottetown \$783,262 (\$402,301); Halifax, \$1,291,464. (\$1,147,611); Saint John \$90,348 (797,299); Quebec \$1,200,491 (808,651); Ottawa \$8,264,707 (\$5,111,452); Winnipeg \$2,342,932 (\$2,079,437); Regina \$241,238 (191,602); Calgary \$1,355,876 (\$1,137,511); Edmonton \$395,850 (\$376,564); Vancouver \$6,427,384 (\$6,261,535).

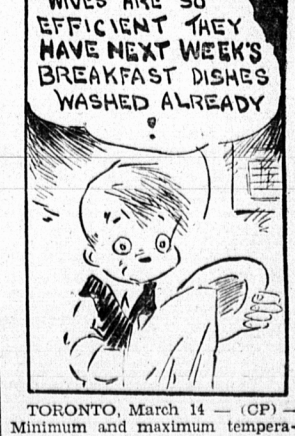
Kitchener Taxi-driver Shot, Police Puzzled

(C. P. by Guardian's Special Wire) KITCHENER, Ont., March 14—Victim of an unknown gunman who fired a shot into his left arm-pit, Lawrence Hewitt, Kitchener taxi operator, was killed early today.

His body was found sprawled in the ditch at Centreville, five feet from his standing car. Near his outflung hand were his car keys. The light switch of his car was turned on and the battery was dead.

Hewitt was called by telephone shortly after 10 o'clock last night, ostensibly by a taxi patron. At 2:20 A. M. his body was discovered in the ditch skirting the Kitchener-Preston highway at Centreville, about a mile from here.

Police admit they are baffled because no motive is known. In Hewitt's pocket was found \$17 in cash.



TORONTO, March 14—(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Dawson	10	22
Victoria	44	50
Regina	40	22
Winnipeg	4	24
Ottawa	4	32
Quebec	12	34
Saint John	20	40
Halifax	22	42
Charlottetown	14	36
Maritime East: Moderate to fresh winds; mostly fair, not much change in temperature.		
High tide this afternoon at 12:20 and tomorrow morning at 1:05.		
Sun sets this evening at 6:06 and rises tomorrow morning at 6:12.		
First quarter moon Friday, March 19, 6:46 a. m.		
Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.		

THE CAR FERRY

Leaves Borden 9:15 a. m. 1 p. m. Leaves Tormentine 11 a. m. 2:35 p. m. Daily except Sunday.