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Scores Lose Lives In Jamaican Floods

THREE DEAD FROM ALCOHOL POISONING

FOURTH VICTIM SERIOUSLY ILL IN HOSPITAL

Members Of Freighter Crew Fatally Stricken At Amherst—Inquest Ordered.

(By The Canadian Press)
AMHERST, N.S., Nov. 24—Three men were dead and a fourth in serious condition in hospital here tonight, with medical authorities giving poisoning from wood alcohol as the cause of death.

The four men were all members of the crew of the Norwegian freighter *Blink*, now docked at Pugwash, N.S., 15 miles away, after a trip from Philadelphia, Pa.

Lies Skaar, 33-year-old fireman, died in hospital after being rushed here in company with Thomas Andersen, 59, who was unconscious tonight.

Erving Marcinzen, 26, another fireman, and Evar Marcinzen, 21-year-old deckhand, died aboard the freighter.

Police said the men had purchased wood alcohol at a drug store in Pugwash today, telling the proprietor it was to be used to clean the freighter's cylinder.

Dr. J. A. Lagille of Pugwash said he had been called by Captain Lawrence of the *Blink* last night, when he found all four men in serious condition. He ordered Skaar and Andersen to hospital, but said the other two could not be moved.

They died aboard the freighter today, while Skaar died in hospital here. Inquest will be held tonight.

Find Battered Body In Roadside Ditch

PICKERING, Ont., Nov. 24—The body of a man believed to be Michael Chevaluk, caretaker of a Jewish summer camp, was found tonight in a ditch beside a highway near about 18 miles east of Toronto. Investigating officers said they believed he had been killed by blows from an axe.

One hand was in a pocket when the body was found. The clothing was not disarranged nor were there other signs to indicate the man had been struck by an automobile. The head was almost severed from the body.

COMING EVENTS

- *Announcement are inserted in this column at 2 cents per word strictly payable in advance.
- *Big Dance in Victoria Rink on Wednesday, Summerside Orchestra. L-64-11-23-25.
- *Talkie—Souris Thursday. L-64-11-23-25.
- *Buying live hogs Albany Thursday 25th, Emerald 25th, until noon. G. C. Green. L-20-65-W-t-t-w-t-t.
- *Talkies—Montague Friday and Saturday at new Theatre. L-64-11-23-25.
- *Supper in Wheatley River Hall, Thursday, November 25th. Supper 30 cents. Supper served from 5.30 to 9 P. M. L-33-11-23-31.
- *Come to Hot Chicken Supper in Rose Valley Hall November 26th in aid of Hall. Admission 35 cents. L-65-11-24-31.
- *Twilight recital in aid of Hosiery by Professor Kendall, Saturday afternoon, from 4 to 5. Trinity United Church. Silver collection. L-136-11-25-31.
- *See the play "Hired Husbands" presented by Marshfield-Dunstaffnage players at Fredericton Hall Friday, November 26th, at 8 p. m. L-87-11-24-31.
- *Loading live hogs and lambs at Kensington till noon Thursday, Nov. 25th. Nicholson Bros. loading at Hunter River Friday till noon. Signed McEwen & Campbell. L-2141-7-13-20-27.
- *Concert and Basket Social, Aton Hall Tuesday, November 30th. Admiss on 10 cents. Ladies with baskets free. Proceeds in aid of Hall. L-93-11-25-11.
- *Pantry Sale including Christmas Fruit Cakes at Holman's Store Saturday morning from 11 o'clock A. M. in aid of Basileia Altar Society. L-7-11-23-25-27.

Franco-British Conference On Nazi Demands

(By The Canadian Press)
LONDON, Nov. 24—British and French diplomats will confer here Monday and Tuesday on the international situation. Prime Minister Chamberlain announced today.

Chamberlain and Foreign Minister Yvon Delbos had accepted an invitation from the British Government.

It was learned the terms of the invitation refer only to "conversations on the international situation." French circles predicted the talks will cover not only the meeting recently between Chancellor Hitler and Lord Halifax in Germany but also the situation in the Far East and the problems of non-intervention and the Spanish civil war.

Mr. Chamberlain informed the House of Commons that no commitments were made to Germany during Lord Halifax' visit and that none would be made without full opportunity for the House of Commons to discuss them.

The invitation to the French statesmen to come to London was regarded as fresh evidence Mr. Chamberlain favors informal discussion to "public declaration" as he stated himself in a speech earlier this month.

It is considered in diplomatic quarters an indication Great Britain again is taking a leading role in European policies.

The forthcoming visit follows closely the Hitler-Halifax talks, for which the British Government took the initiative.

The cabinet assembled tonight for 45 minutes after holding a session earlier in the day. In the House of Commons Mr. Chamberlain made a brief statement in response to Labor questions.

He declared the talks Lord Halifax held with Hitler and other German leaders were "confidential" and declined to discuss them beyond saying that "no pledges have been given."

Dictatorship Plot Inquiry Is Extended

Retired Army Officers Are Held For Questioning By French Police.

PARIS, Nov. 24—(AP)—The Government's search for plotters accused of conspiring to establish a royal dictatorship in France spread today to retired officers of the National Defence Force.

While retired Naval Commander Joseph Le Maresquier and Sergeant Aviator Cherou were held for questioning, Surete Nationale inspectors searched the home of retired aviation General Edouard Deseigneur.

They took the General to headquarters for examination.

He previously had been questioned concerning activities of Les Capoullards—"the hooded ones"—under investigation since mid-September and now believed by authorities linked with the dictatorship plot.

The Surete did not disclose the results of the search of the General's apartment but said there would be a large number of arrests within the next few days.

The Government ordered the Surete to use all resources to crush the secret, revolutionary group which Interior Minister Marx Dormoy announced last night had plotted to turn France into a dictatorship under a king.

All government police units cooperated in the nation-wide search for arms caches of the organization and to determine who were the leaders and where the money came from to buy large supplies of arms.

Operatives pored over plans seized yesterday in a Paris loan office in which agents said Eugene Deloncle, a prominent consulting engineer, was interested.

Shells Rained On Madrid As Rebels Launch Attack

MADRID, Nov. 24—(AP)—After more than a month of comparative quiet, Madrid was battered for over an hour tonight in one of the worst shellings of the civil war.

Scores were believed killed and injured in the furious artillery duel which filled Madrid's streets with continuous roar of explosions. Government guns answered.

All parts of the city were affected. The few remaining lights in Madrid flickered out as if by a master switch with the first shell.

An overcast sky flashed with the blaze of battle. Thousands huddled sleepily in spots of refuge.

Almost 2,000 bursts were counted and after each came the crash of glass and mortar, and screams.

Above the cannon roar came the noise of hard fighting in the University City sector.

First reports said the Insurgents had launched a heavy attack.

JAPAN'S ARMY PREPARES FOR NANKING PUSH

Occupy Huchow On South Flank Of Chinese Forces—Warplanes Raid Capital.

SHANGHAI, Nov. 24—(AP)—Japanese press reports tonight said three Japanese columns had occupied Huchow, on the south flank of the Nanking defences.

Chinese forces were said to have been driven from the stronghold, to the rear of the main defence line bordering the southern shore of Lake Tai.

Japan's Army, however, temporarily had suspended large scale operations to prepare for a drive on Nanking. China's evacuated capital.

Defence troops also were girding for an expected major clash between the Yangtze river and the Grand Canal west of Shanghai.

About 30,000 troops were reported massed between Kiangyin, the Yangtze anchor of the defence line, and Wushih, to the south.

AWARDS PRIZES IN LITERATURE

Lord Tweedsmuir Makes Presentations At Toronto.

(C. P. by Guardian's Special Wire)
TORONTO, Nov. 24—The Governor-General's annual literary awards were presented for the first time tonight by Lord Tweedsmuir at Canadian poetry night, sponsored by the Canadian Poetry Magazine.

The medal for general literary achievement went to the late T. B. Robertson for his newspaper writing in the Winnipeg Free Press.

Bertram Brooker, Toronto, was awarded the medal for fiction for his novel, "Think Of The Earth."

The Statius prize for poetry, given shortly before her death by Mrs. M. M. Howard of Toronto, was presented by Lady Tweedsmuir to Prof. George Herbert Clarke, Kingston, Ont.

Six Canadian poets gave readings from their work. They were Katherine Hale, Sir Charles G. D. Roberts, Wilson MacDonald, E. J. Pratt, Prof. Clarke, and Nathaniel Benison.

Shakespeare And Hollywood
TORONTO, Nov. 24—Lord Tweedsmuir, speaking here tonight on "return to masterpieces," undertook to put Shakespeare into the speech of a Hollywood film.

He defined poetry as "the best words in the best order" and the greatest poetry as "the only possible words in the only possible order."

He had always regarded the songs in Shakespeare's plays as the high-water mark of lyrical beauty. "Their content is simple, obvious, if you like; their music is far from elaborate. But attempt to put them in any other form

Many Districts Are Isolated By Raging Waters

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Nov. 21—(CP Cable)—This flood-swept British West Indies island counted a death-toll that might go to 70 or more, and unestimated property damage tonight, as residents of Kingston anxiously awaited news from districts isolated by raging waters.

One brief message came through from Portland, on the west coast of the island, stating that a swift river torrent had raced through the town, drowning 50 inhabitants. The message was not officially confirmed.

Known death toll in the Montego Bay district on the north side of the island has already reached 19, with possibilities of further deaths being reported when communications are working normally again.

Added Destruction
A tremendous downpour in the Portland area yesterday brought added destruction to towns and farms already submerged after a series of storms and heavy rains.

Mountain torrents rushing down from the interior swelled over their banks, causing extensive damage to private property, washing out roads and railways, and sweeping bridges away.

The last railway pier at Port Antonio was washed away tonight. Three railway bridges fell prey to the flood-waters, and railway officials said there would be no through trains "for weeks."

Transportation Disrupted
Today trains operated only as far as Buff Bay on the Port Antonio line, and the Portland district was completely cut off.

Roads and telegraph wires were washed away, or wrecked by landslides in the interior, started by the heavy rains. Kingston itself suffered no damage, but little definite news of conditions on the remainder of the island was available, with communications cut in all directions.

Loans Under Home Improvement Plan
OTTAWA, Nov. 24—(CP)—Loans granted under the Home Improvement plan amounted to \$11,721,000 Nov. 20, the latest date for which figures are available, Finance Minister Dunning announced today. Of that total \$1,554,000 were for farm improvement.

Ontario led in total loans granted with 12,875 for \$5,027,000. Quebec had 4,604 loans for \$2,286,000. Alberta and British Columbia were both slightly over the \$1,000,000 mark; Nova Scotia \$770,000. Manitoba \$57,000, New Brunswick \$435,000, Saskatchewan \$285,000 and Prince Edward Island \$103,000.

Ontario led in the farm loans with 1,968 for a total of \$738,000. Alberta was second with \$213,000. Quebec had \$163,000. Nova Scotia \$110,000. New Brunswick and British Columbia each \$80,000. Manitoba \$69,000 Saskatchewan \$54,000 and Prince Edward Island \$42,000.

Move To Regulate Automobile Speeds
(C. P. by Guardian's Special Wire)
VICTORIA, Nov. 24—The British Columbia Government moved tonight to regulate the speed of automobiles by day and by night.

Under terms of a bill presented to the Legislature by Attorney-General Gordon Wisner, motor vehicles on provincial highways would travel not faster than 40 miles an hour by day. From one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise the speed limit would be 30 miles an hour.

The 30-mile-an-hour limit would apply at all times to roads within organized municipalities.

National Gov't Wins Byelection
HASTINGS, Sussex, Nov. 24—(CP Cable)—The National Government today won the by-election in Hastings caused by retirement of Lord Eustace Percy from the House of Commons to become rector of the Newcastle division of Durham University.

M. R. Hely-Hutchinson, a Conservative as is Lord Eustace Percy, defeated W. W. Wood, Labor, by 18,428 votes to 11,244 in a straight party fight.

DeValera Keeps Country Guessing On New President
DUBLIN, Nov. 24—(CP)—Every-one here is asking who is to be first "president of Ireland" under the new constitution which comes into operation Dec. 29. The Dail has under consideration a bill to provide him with a great seal.

Interest has been heightened by an official announcement that the cabinet has already designated Michael McDumphy its assistant secretary, to the office of secretary to the new president.

Mr. McDumphy is an old British civil servant dismissed during the Sinn Fein troubles for refusing to take an oath of allegiance. He came back to serve the New Free State in 1922 as assistant secretary of

the cabinet. He is regarded as a safe man who will keep the first president, whoever he may be, on a short chain.

But as to the identity of the man he has in mind for the presidency itself, Eamond De Valera has dropped not a word since his party conference early in October when he said he would like "a president who would not be a party man, a man who would represent the age-old aspirations of the Irish people."

He added he had "no difficulty in seeing such a man and that he was sure that when he was chosen, he would do honor to his high office."

London Fur Mart Keen Buying On

HALIFAX, Nov. 24—(CP)—A despatch received from London, England, fur sales reported a sale for fox skins. Good attendance and keen competition were noted and 70 per cent of the pelts were sold at full market rates.

A movement of skins from the Maritimes will be going forward to England in the steamships *Montclare* and *Andania*, Dec. 4, it was reported.

Lower Gas Price Said Impossible

VANCOUVER, Nov. 24—(CP)—It would be impossible to sell gasoline to Vancouver automobile drivers at 18 cents a gallon as recommended in Mr. Justice M. A. Macdonald's Royal Commission report, John McNeil, Toronto Oil Company (Imperial) executive, said here today. The Royal Commission inquired into British Columbia's coal and petroleum industries.

Mr. Justice Macdonald, in his report issued Friday, said the present method of sale and distribution of gasoline was wasteful and, with certain changes in the distribution system, the price could be lowered to 18 cents a gallon. Without changes, the report said, the price should not exceed 23 cents. The present price is 27 cents.

Nine-Power Conference On Far Eastern Conflict Ends

BRUSSELS, Nov. 24—(CP)—Efforts of the Brussels Conference to end the Chinese-Japanese conflict were thrown back tonight to direct exchanges between the world's capitals.

Roosevelt Gets Industry Backing

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24—(AP)—The Roosevelt administration made peace with a large segment of the private power industry today and received virtual assurance that at least \$112,000,000 of new construction would be started to remedy business ills in the United States.

Floyd L. Carlisle, chairman of the Consolidated Edison Company and the Niagara Hudson Power Company, told reporters after a White House Conference that he was in substantial agreement with President Roosevelt's power views and that he expected to cooperate with the private power construction drive the administration is now organizing.

Government officials said the two companies headed by Carlisle constitute the world's greatest electric generating system, from the standpoint of power production.

KILLED IN MID-AIR CRASH

(C. P. by Guardian's Special Wire)
ROYSTON, Hertfordshire, Nov. 24—(CP-Havas)—Lieut. Leonard Melville Beauvis was killed today in a mid-air collision of two Royal Air Force planes near here. The other pilot escaped.

Beauvis' death brought the total number of Royal Air Force fliers killed in accidents this year to 133.

Secret Society Named "CSAR"

PARIS, Nov. 24—(AP)—The Surete Nationale announced tonight the name of the secret rightist organization under investigation is "Comite Secret d'Action Revolutionnaire."

Inspectors said the name was found among documents seized in a raid. An armband bearing a white fleur-de-lis on a blue background, the Royalist emblem, also was found.

Rightist Leader Will Face Trial

(A. P. by Guardian's Special Wire)
PARIS, Nov. 24—The highest court in France today confirmed a lower court order for the trial of Colonel Francois de la Rocque, Rightist Leader, and his aides on a charge of reconstituting the outlawed Croix de Feu.

The Government some time ago banned the Croix de Feu, a Fascist organization, on the grounds it was semi-military. Charges against de la Rocque and his adherents were brought by the Blum Government 18 months ago. They include allegations that the defendants "incited to riot." Their trial will be in police court at a date to be set later.

Tea for every Taste

"SALADA" TEA

Fears Held For Safety Of Crafts

(C. P. by Guardian's Special Wire)
HALIFAX, Nov. 24—Fears for the safety of three men aboard a single-masted, motor powered yacht were expressed here tonight, with the craft five days overdue on what should have been a three-day trip.

The yacht *Siar Quest* left Baddeck, N.S., for Halifax Nov. 16. Aboard her were Captain Wilson, Philip McKenzie and Ralph Penneat, all of Baddeck.

Schooner Unreported

NORTH SYDNEY, N.S., Nov. 24—Anxiety was felt tonight for the coal-carrying schooner *Road Lee*, believed to have been caught in a 40-mile gale that swept Cape Breton over the week-end.

Commission Leaves For The West Today

OTTAWA, Nov. 24—Scheduled to begin public hearings at Winnipeg next Monday, the Royal Commission on Dominion-Provincial relations leaves here tomorrow night for the West.

The entourage of 18 persons will consist of Commission Chairman Newton W. Rowell, Commissioners Dr. Joseph Siris of Quebec and Dr. R. A. Mackay of Halifax, two commission counsel, the commission secretariat, economic advisers and Hansard reporters. The other two commission members, Dr. J. W. Dufour of Winnipeg and Prof. H. F. Angus of Vancouver are already in the West.

CONVICTED OF ESPIONAGE

METZ, France, Nov. 24—A military tribunal today convicted two Germans of espionage and sentenced them to five years each in prison. Authorities said the men were Fritz Reiss, 34, and Paul Linke, 51, both natives of Berlin.

METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE
Toronto, Nov. 24—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Dawson	4B	2E
Victoria	42	46
Edmonton	6	18
Winnipeg	20	30
Toronto	28	45
Ottawa	30	38
Montreal	32	38
Quebec	24	28
Saint John	26	34
Halifax	26	34
Charlottetown	26	30

FORECASTS
Maritime Provinces: Moderate westerly winds; fair and becoming a little milder.
High tide this afternoon at 4.40 and tomorrow morning at 4.35.
Sun sets this afternoon at 4.24 and rises tomorrow morning at 7.11.
New moon Thursday, Dec. 2, at 6.11 p. m.
Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

THE CAR FERRY
Leaves Toronto 11 a. m., 1 p. m., Leaves Toronto 11 a. m., 1 p. m.