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JAPANESE INVADE SOUTH CHINA PORT

Court Rules Alberta Act Ultra Vires

CALGARY, May 10—(CP)—The Alberta Income Tax Act, passed by the Provincial Legislature in 1932, was declared ultra vires, in part, in a judgment of Mr. Justice A. F. Ewing today in Supreme Court of Alberta.

He held that income derived from outside Alberta when not used in that province is not taxable.

COMING EVENTS

**Dance Sea-View Hall Thursday; if not fine Friday. I-393.

**Hunter River Starch Factory is open to receive potatoes by truck or carload. L-278-5-7-61

**Come and see "Tony the Conduct" at Kelly's Cross Hall Wednesday, May 11th. L341-5-10-2i

**See the Pagent and Concert at Mt Herbert Church, Friday, May 13th. L-377-5-11-1i.

**Clyde River Fox Club meeting Wednesday, May 11th. Mr. Burke and Mr. Gillis will attend. L-292-5-9-3i.

**Buying live hogs at Albany Thursday, 12th, Emerald, Friday 13th until noon. G. C. Green. L-487-3-twt-tf.

**Annual Meeting Ladies Aid P. E. I. Hospital, Wednesday, May 18th, Cundall Home, 3 P. M.

**Montague Saturday Talkies—"End of the Trail" by Zane Grey. L-378-5-11-2i.

**Box Social and Dance in Pleasant Grove Hall, Monday, May 16th in aid of Hall. L-371-5-13-1i.

**See St. Eleanors Dramatic Club present "Too Many Bosses" in French River, Wednesday, May 11th. L-317-5-5-10-2i.

**Dance, Mt. Stewart Hall, Friday 13th. Dancing 9 till 1. Charlottetown Old Time Swing Band. L-360-5-11-1i.

**See Valleyfield Y. P. U. present "The Wild Oats Boy" in Whim Road Hall, May 12th. Specialties. L-375-5-11-1i.

**See Springfield Dramatic Club present their 4 act play "Village Lawyer" in Malpeque Hall, Friday, May 13th. L-361-5-11-1i.

**The Springfield Dramatic Club will present "The Village Lawyer" in North Wiltshire Wednesday, May 11th. L-301-5-9-2i.

**Hear Tex Cochrane and local talent in Stanley Hall, Thursday evening May 12th. Admission 10 cents and 20 cents. L391-5-11-2i

**The best concert of the season St. Catherine's Hall Friday evening May 13, under the auspices of Women's Institute. Special attraction. L387-5-11-2i

**Come to Hampshire School Concert and one act play "Proposing Under Difficulties" in Kingston Hall May 13th. L-194-5-7-11-1i.

**Cape Traverse Hall, Thursday May 12th., St. Eleanors Players present their three act comedy "Too Many Bosses". Proceeds in aid of Hall. L-347-5-10-3i.

**Fort Augustus Dramatic Club presents their 3 act play in Webbers Corner Hall on Wednesday night May 11th. Dance after. Good music. If stormy following night. L-169-5-7-11-2i.

**The graduation exercises of the P E I. Hospital will be held in St Paul's Parish Hall, Thursday evening, May 12th at 8 o'clock. Admission 25 cents L-369-5-11-2i.

**Come and hear Oliver Ross and Raymond Sellick sing at the Merrymakers' concert at Bradalane Hall on Wednesday, May 11th. Dance after program. L339-5-10-2i

**Cream Route—Kenneth Docherty, New Haven, will make his first trip over Cream Route to Central Creameries, Ltd., Charlottetown, Thursday, May 12th, one trip weekly. L-293-5-6-9-3i.

**Loading live hogs Kensington Thursday, May 12 till noon; Arthur Haslam, Emerald, same date; Nicholson Bros. and Mervyn Bulman, Hunter River, Friday till noon—MacEwen and Campbell. L-394.

**Dr Barrett's office hours at Hunter River, are Monday's 8 a. m. to 6 p. m.; Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 8 a. m. to 9 p. m. and from 5.30 p. m. to 10 p. m. until Nov. 1st. L366-5-11-3i

**Cream Route — Beginning Wednesday, May 11th, Clyde River, Meadowbank, etc., to Central Creameries, Ltd., Charlottetown, one trip weekly. John Gillespie, Hauler. L-293-5-9-3i.

**We have some wonderful hatches coming off our new incubator and would advise ordering well in advance owing to club orders being quite large. Also on hand some infertile eggs for fox feed at right prices. Hen feeds, remedies, equipments, brooders, etc., includes the famous wickless oil brooder at a cooperative saving. P. E. I. Cooperative Egg and Poultry Association. L-14-5-2-6i.

The Engine Driver

The Prime Minister, Mr. Chamberlain, drove the Duke of Sutherland's 43 years old railway engine "Dunrobin", for 10 miles, from Brora, Sutherlandshire, Scotland, recently. The Premier's journey finished at Inverness, where he boarded a train for London. It was a novel culmination to his Highland fishing holiday. The engine had not left its shed since King Alfonso had driven it 10 years previously. Our picture shows the Premier in the cab of the engine at Dunrobin Castle station.

Hitler Welcomed On Homecoming

Given Rousing Reception By Berliners On Return From Italian Visit.

(By The Canadian Press)

BERLIN, May 10—Rank on rank of cheering Germans tonight gave a vociferous torchlit welcome to Chancellor Hitler, home from his visit with Premier Mussolini to strengthen the axis of friendship linking 120,000,000 Germans and Italians.

Hitler's special train rolled slowly into Lehrter Station between unbroken chains of torch-bearers lining 10 1-2 miles of railway track into the capital.

Berliners turned out by the thousands to take part in welcoming pageantry that vied with the splendor shown the Fuehrer during his six-day stay in Italy for momentous talks with Mussolini.

A manifesto from Field Marshal Hermann Goering spurred the Reich to show its gratitude to Hitler for "concluding a steel axis from the Baltic to Sicily that defies all disruptive forces and is a sure guarantor of peace."

Goering assured the Fuehrer:

"The German people followed every incident of your journey with glowing hearts. It is not a mere incident but a dispensation of the almighty God that two such mighty statesmen should have met in a friendship destined to be everlasting."

The Chancellor, pale and showing the strain of his journey, acknowledged cheers with the Nazi salute. Before leaving the station he received an Army guard of honor.

Hitler's next plans were undisclosed, but informed circles believed he would call his intimate advisers soon to Berchtesgaden for a discussion of his Italian conferences.

Rank And File Will Help Draft Conservative Platform

(By The Canadian Press)

OTTAWA, May 10 — Rank and file of the Conservative Party will be asked to offer suggestions for the platform which the National Convention will adopt when it meets here on July 5, J. R. MacNicol (Con. Toronto-Devenport), joint chairman of the Convention Committee, announced today.

Letters will be sent to the party organizations in the 245 federal constituencies, to provincial associations, members of parliament and senators asking them to send in their proposals. Mr. MacNicol issued the following statement:

To provide for the widest possible basis of information upon which to build a platform it is proposed to request the Conservative executives to consult their rank and file in the 245 federal ridings regarding suggestions for platform planks. The members and senators and provincial association executives will also be invited to make recommendations.

When the host of proposals are received they will be co-related under appropriate headings and submitted to the resolutions committee which will be named by the 2,000 delegates on July 5, the opening day of the convention.

Each province's delegates will choose its own representatives on that day to act on the resolutions committee.

In following this plan we believe the widest and most democratic thought in the Conservative Party from the rank and file right up to the party representatives in the House and Senate will be before the convention resolutions committee for consideration and later through the committee's report to the 2,000 delegates for their ultimate decision.

ORANGEMEN MEET TODAY IN CONVENTION

77th Annual Session Of Provincial Grand Lodge Opens Here This Morning.

Delegates from forty primary Loyal Orange Association lodges in the Province will meet today in Charlottetown for the 77th. annual session of the Grand Orange Lodge of Prince Edward Island. Meetings which open this morning and continue throughout the day will be held in the Masonic Temple as Boyne Lodge Rooms in the Cameron Block where the convention was originally scheduled to meet was badly damaged by fire early Sunday morning. Provincial Grand Master E. C. Holm of DeSable will preside.

At the afternoon session the MacLean Trophy, awarded to the Lodge showing the greatest general efficiency and the increase in membership, will be presented to Boyne Lodge Charlottetown. At the same meeting the Muttart Trophy, for efficiency in degree work will be presented to Derry Lodge, Canoe Cove.

In the evening a Past Grand Masters' Club will be formed. Guest speaker to address the evening session of the convention will be Most Worshipful Sir Knight J. L. Steele, of Russell, Ontario Grand Master Grand Black Chapter of British America. Mr. Steele attended a meeting in Sussex, N. B. yesterday and is expected to arrive in Charlottetown by motor early today.

The Grand Lodge of the L. O. B. A. is also holding annual sessions in Charlottetown today. The ladies are meeting in the Knights of Pythias rooms.

Grand Mistress Jeanette MacLean, Argyle Shore will preside and deliver her address at the morning session. In the afternoon the Jennie Muttart Trophy will be presented to Lady Patricia Lodge, Canoe Cove.

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14 KILLED IN AIR CRASHES

Britain And France Scene Of Tragedies.

(C. P. by Guardian's Special Wire)

LONDON, May 10—Four airplane crashes, in which eight fliers died today raised the total of deaths in the Royal Air Force's preparedness program to 76 in 45 accidents since last Jan. 1.

Two RAF accidents involved fliers at Wyton Field, Huntingdonshire, where three were killed in one accident and two in another.

SIX KILLED

LYON, France, May 10—Six French army fliers were killed today in two accidents. Five died in a military airplane that crashed after taking off from an airdrome near here. A sixth aviator was killed and another gravely wounded when two planes collided in midair during manoeuvres near Chartres.

Shot Accidentally Fired At Review Near King Carol

(C. P. by Guardian's Special Wire)

BUCHAREST, May 10—A police agent's pistol was accidentally discharged when it dropped and struck an automobile running board today at the end of a military review in celebration of Rumanian independence, Rador (official Rumanian news agency), announced tonight.

Police agent Spiridon's pistol dropped from his holster and went off as he was entering an automobile with his chief, according to the account. Spiridon was slightly wounded in the foot and received medical attention at a nearby hospital, it was stated.

(The Rador statement made no mention of King Carol in connection with the incident. A Reuters News Agency dispatch from Bucharest said the King was nearby at the time. Otherwise it bore out the Rador version).

RESHAPES POLICE FORCE

MELBOURNE —(CP) — At the request of the Victoria state government, Alexander Duncan of Scotland Yard is here as chief commissioner to reorganize the state

Britain Suffers Serious Drought

LONDON, May 10—(AP)—Great Britain's farmers, most of whom have suffered from serious drought for many weeks, tonight anxiously awaited publication of a ministry of agriculture periodic crop report tomorrow.

The report was expected to give details of the status of all crops, and may affect prices.

Vegetable prices have risen sharply in recent weeks because of decreased supply. Livestock owners have suffered, and the water supply of many municipalities has been affected.

Rains fell in scattered sections today, but over most of the British Isles dry weather continued. A heavy rainfall ended a 72-day dry spell in Newcastle and Durham. There were light showers in some parts of Scotland.

FIRST SESSION OF MARITIME W.M.S. TODAY

The tenth meeting of the Maritime Conference Branch of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Church of Canada opened in Charlottetown last night. Advisory, finance and nominating committees met at 8 o'clock in Heartz Hall of Trinity United Church. This was followed by a session of the full executive.

Today the first regular conference meeting opens at 9.30 A. M. when devotions will be led by Mrs. L. W. Parker, past president. Following appointment of committees an address of welcome to the guests will be given by Mrs. W. A. Thompson, president of the Charlottetown Branch of the W. M. S. The remainder of the meeting will be devoted principally to presentation of reports covering activities of various departments.

At the afternoon session delegates will continue to hear and consider reports.

In the evening an address will be given by Miss Harriet Jost of Bridgetown N. S., for many years missionary in Japan. The worship service will be conducted by the Rev. Hugh Miller, pastor of Trinity United Church. Greetings to W. M. S. delegates will be extended by the Rev. H. T. Gornall, Saint John, N. B., president of the Maritime Conference.

The meeting concludes Thursday evening.

Transport Bill Is Discussed By Trade Bd.

Delegation Leaves For Ottawa Today To Urge Amendments To Bill.

Various aspects of the Transport Bill ,now before the House of Commons were discussed at a Council meeting of the Charlottetown Board of Trade last night. Members pointed out to Mr. R. E. Mutch and Hon. B. W. LePage, president of the Executive Council of this Province, who leave for Ottawa today as members of a Maritime delegation, the need for extending exemptions on water borne traffic so far as this Province was concerned. Mr. J. W. Boulter, other member of the Maritime delegation from this Province was unable to attend last night's meeting. The Maritime delegation will appear before the Railway Committee of the House of Commons on Friday.

Mr. Mutch announced that Premier Campbell had been interviewed yesterday afternoon and during the meeting a suggestion was made that Mr. LePage be added to the representation from this Province. After some persuasion Mr. LePage agreed to join the delegation, Mr. Mutch said.

Following discussion on the Transport Bill, members of the Council gave informal consideration to the present unemployment situation in Charlottetown. Members mentioned the need not only for some immediate public works project to alleviate the distress at present but stressed that some permanent solution should be sought.

During the meeting Lieut. Col. G. E. Full, president of the Board who presided, referred to a letter he sent to Lieut. Col. Vien, M. P., chairman of the Railways and Canals Committee now considering the Transport Bill.

The letter was as follows:

Charlottetown, P.E.I.,
April 28th, 1938.

Lieut.-Colonel Vien, M.P.,

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BOMBARDMENT SPREADS PANIC THROUGH AMOY

Chinese Report Nipponese Repulsed Along Wide Central Battle-front.

(A.P. By Guardian's Special Wire)

SHANGHAI, May 11—(Wednesday)—Japanese naval forces have invaded South China for the first time in the 10-months-old war in an attack on Amoy, rich Fukien Province port 150 miles west of the Japanese-owned island of Formosa.

The new attack started early Tuesday with airplane and warship bombardment and apparently was designed to draw a portion of Chinese Central armies away from the stalemated central front.

Chinese announced today their forces had countered the southern invasion by repulsing Japanese on all other fronts of the widespread war zone.

One of China's finest harbors, Amoy has a population of more than 200,000. Many foreigners were known to be in the city.

CITY IN PANIC

A Japanese naval force landed after the heavy bombardments which spread panic through the Chinese city.

Japanese announced the capture of the eastern half of Amoy Island and said fighting was in progress for the native city, on the western half. Much of the native city was said to be in flames.

Chinese reports declared Chinese soldiers at first withdrew, then struck back at Japanese landing parties, killing 75 and capturing more than 100

Thousands of Chinese were seeking the safety of Kulangsu Island, Amoy's foreign settlement. Foreign residents were warned by leaflets dropped from Japanese airplanes to leave Amoy itself.

The Chinese reports of central front successes told of Chinese forces beating back Japanese attempting to drive north from Nanking against the Lunghai railroad, long the target of Japan's central China Campaign.

RECOGNITION IS DELAYED

Red Tape Blocks Action By League Council On Ethiopian Issue.

(A. P. by Guardian's Special Wire)

GENEVA, May 10—Questions of procedure today delayed the efforts of Great Britain and France to win freedom for League of Nations members to recognize Italy's conquest of Ethiopia.

The carefully-laid plans of the League powers appeared assured of ultimate success, however. But attempts by the British and French Foreign Ministers, Viscount Halifax and Georges Bonnet to get the question settled swiftly failed when Ethiopia's delegates, backed by Russia and Bolivia, insisted on their right to postpone the session of the Council until tomorrow at the earliest.

Champions China

The Franco-British task was made no easier by the demands of China's delegate, Dr. Wellington Koo, that the League give China "material aid" against Japan. Dr. Koo declared "such aid and cooperation is more urgent because it will hasten the termination of hostilities and ensure the defeat of the forces of disorder and violence."

Major Disaster Strikes English Colliery Village

Heroic Scenes Enacted As Rescuers Strive To Reach Entombed Doomed Companions.

DUCKMANTON, Derbyshire, England, May 10—(CP)—Authorities announced a death list of 79 tonight after two explosions rocked the Markham Colliery here. More than 50 miners were injured. In an improvised morgue near the pithead 74 bodies were laid in rows, many of them burned beyond recognition. It was known five more were in the shaft.

All through the night rescue workers struggled back and forth, bringing from the half-mile deep mine the remains of men with whom they had worked. Search of debris continued but it was believed the death toll would not arise above 79.

Fourteen men had been identified. A grim parade was scheduled for 10 a.m. tomorrow when wives, children and other relatives will seek means of identifying their lost ones. There were few families in the village who did not mourn one or more members.

SECOND ACCIDENT

In a second Derbyshire accident tonight three miners were buried under a cave-in at a colliery at Arleydale. A fourth escaped uninjured.

A company official said the colliery here was safe, with ventilation again working, and there was no reason why sections of the pit unaffected by the explosions should not be worked tomorrow.

RESCUERS BUSY

For more than 12 hours rescuers descended in relays, emerging exhausted, begrimed and gasping for breath. After a brief rest they recharged their oxygen tubes for another descent.

Heavy falls from the roof of the mine intensified the salvage difficulties. The survivors' accounts of the double explosion showed there was a flash of flame, a terrific concussion and clouds of choking dust blew about the workings like a storm. The victims lay in heaps, clothing torn from many of the bodies.

Prime Minister Chamberlain and Captain Harry Crookshank, mines secretary, sent messages of condolence to the families.

Captain Crookshank earlier informed the House of Commons the death list would surpass 70. It was believed, following questions in the House, that opposition members would ask for more information on the report of the royal commission on mine safety, created two years ago.

Signals Trouble

A heavy rumbling sound in the depths of the mine as the night shift prepared to end its work about 6 a.m. was the first signal of the trouble. Many miners were knocked unconscious. Others were trapped by falling earth and stones.

Rescuers wearing gas masks descended immediately.

Wives and children of the miners spent agonizing hours at the pithead awaiting word from below. Tonight many still maintained their vigil as the rescue work went grimly on. It was directed by F. H. Wynne, chief inspector of mines.

About two hours after the first blast, while rescue workers pushed through a curtain of smoke to the danger area, a second blast shook the mine, killing many more.

Rushed To Scene

All ambulances from the Chesterfield Hospital, five miles away, were rushed to the scene. Dr. F. W. Fisher, medical expert of the Mines Ministry, working in nearby Northumberland, came quickly. Doctors and nurses were summoned also from Mansfield and Ilkeston. Surrounding villages sent fire companies and mine rescue squads.

The first group of rescuers took with them, as is customary on such occasions, a canary. Sensitivity of the bird to gas served as an unfailing guide. Some rescuers zealously pushed on even after the canary succumbed, and were themselves brought unconscious to the

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Smith Hearing At Moncton Today

MONCTON, N. B., May 10—(CP)—J. Bacon Dickson, Deputy Attorney-general, announced today that the preliminary hearing of Arthur Smith, charged with the murder of Naaman Ricker, would proceed as ordered.

The hearing is scheduled to start tomorrow. H. W. Hickman, clerk of the peace who will conduct the prosecution, said tonight he was ready to go ahead with the case.

Last week a coroner's jury reported that Ricker, missing four months before his body was found, met death by drowning. Doctors reported there was no evidence of poison in the organs. A decision to proceed with the murder charge was made when Mr. Dekson conferred with Mr. Hickman and Police Chief L. S. Hutchinson.

Ricker's widow is being held as a material witness.

(By The Canadian Press)

TORONTO, May 10 — Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Dawson	30	60
Victoria	46	52
Edmonton	36	62
Regina	34	70
Winnipeg	42	62
Toronto	43	51
Ottawa	36	58
Montreal	46	62
Quebec	44	46
Saint John	42	48
Halifax	42	56
Charlottetown	40	58

Forecasts:

Maritime East: Strong northeast to northwest winds; cool with occasional rain; probably part snow in northern districts.

High tide this morning at 8.22 and tonight at 9.10.

Sun sets this evening at 7.17 and rises tomorrow morning at 4.36.

Full moon May 14, 4.39 a.m.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

THE CAR FERRY

..Leaves Borden 9.45 a. m. 1 p. m.
Leaves Tormentine 11 a.m. 2.55 p.m.

Pooling Montreal-Maritime Trains Would Result In Slower Service

OTTAWA, May 10—(CP)—The Canadian National Railways train service between the Maritimes and Montreal would have been slowed up through pooling with the Canadian Pacific at Montreal and using the C. P. R.'s station there as a union depot, S. W. Fairweather, chief of the C. N. R.'s Economics branch, testified today before the Senate Railways Committee.

In disclosing the railways had been negotiating some time ago for a pool of all passenger train services out of Montreal, Fairweather told the committee they had disagreed on station arrangements. The "degenerating" of the C. N. R.'s Maritime services had been one of the reasons why the national road did not want to use the C. P. R.'s Windsor Street station in Montreal as a union station.

In the negotiations, the C. N. R. indicated it favored using the separate stations of each line. The C. P. R., according to Fairweather, "said it was impossible to pool without a union station."

That would have meant large capital expenditure aggregating between $200,000 and $300,000, the economics director told the committee.

"Moreover," he added, "we found it meant degenerating the service of the Canadian National to the Maritimes. That is, the time from the Maritime Provinces, in order to get into the Windsor Street station than at the present time because of the extra mileage."n The negotiations, he said, were eventually discontinued.

The C. N. R. official was being questioned at the time on the activities of the joint cooperative committee set up by the Canadian National-Canadian Pacific act of 1933.