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League football match to be prolonged five minutes, so that the streets were practically deserted when the Prime Minister passed through.

The Government of Northern Ireland offered a reward of 500 pounds for information leading to the arrest of persons responsible for an attack from ambush on a party of men cycling to an Hibernian hall meeting in County Londonderry on St. Patrick's Day. Viscount Craigavon visited two men injured in the attack at hospital and expressed his personal sympathy.

The King and the Prince of Wales are expected to make one of their rare visits to Northern Ireland during August when they would of fligate at the opening of the new Ulster Parliament Buildings and inaugurate the New Ulster Law Courts the following day.

The King last came to Ulster in June, 1920, to open the Ulster Parliament. At that time he made a speech which led to the calling of the conference which resulted in the Anglo-Irish Treaty.

Deadlock In Peace Negotiations

SHANGHAI, March 21. (A.P.)—Negotiators for peace in the Shanghai area were widely reported today to be deadlocked over withdrawal of Japanese forces from Hongkew, one provision of a three-point basis of discussions.

Although the Chinese and Japanese negotiators and neutral observers of the big powers declined to reveal the suggested terms for an armistice, reports generally gave these as the principal items:

- (1) Chinese troops shall remain in their present lines some 20 miles around Shanghai.
- (2) Japanese forces shall withdraw into the international settlement and from the roads outside the settlement in the Hongkew district, where Japanese before the recent hostilities had extensive holdings.
- (3) A neutral commission with neutral members shall supervise the Japanese withdrawal and take over administration of the evacuated area.

Dispatches from Tokyo indicated the Japanese disapproved of item No. 2 as nullifying the purpose of all their activities around Shanghai. Officially both the Tokyo and Nanking foreign offices were reticent, merely stating further instructions had been sent to Shanghai.

Meanwhile Japanese military forces were shortening their lines northwest of Shanghai from the Yangtze river to the Shanghai-Nanking railway, but a stronger and more permanent line was being established just west of Chenchu, and almost due north to the Yangtze.

Inspection of this area today revealed Japanese troops working over a system of trenches and barbed wire barricades, as well as sand bag redoubts along the new line.

The inquiry commission of the League of Nations which arrived here a few days ago today began an inspection of the Shanghai battlefieldfront accompanied by several Japanese and Chinese officials.

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Military Training Resumed In Ireland

BELFAST, Northern Ireland, March 21. (Canadian and Associated Press Cables)—Officials of Northern Ireland today said drilling had been resumed illegally by President Eamon De Valera's Irish Republican Army in various parts of the Irish Free State.

Authorities manifested some uneasiness over the renewal of drilling and said they had learned a machine gun had been used in the Republican army manoeuvres close to the border on at least one occasion.

An automobile, belonging to Corporal J. H. Murphy was stolen at Dundalk last week and authorities said they thought it had been used with two other cars to transport rifles from an arms dump at Louth into Northern Ireland. The stolen car was recovered at Newry in county Down.

Police at Portadown, fearing some sort of demonstration during the passage through that town of Prime Minister Viscount Craigavon on his way to a wedding at Belfast, yesterday arranged for an Irish

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Making Progress In Peace Negotiations

NANKING, March 21.—(A.P.)—Officials circles indicated today that peace negotiations between the Chinese and Japanese at Shanghai were "making progress."

While declining to reveal details of the negotiation, officials said a way apparently was being opened toward an agreement for an end to hostilities, the withdrawal of Japanese troops and the establishment of "peace about Shanghai."

They said a round-table conference, in which a wide range of issues between the two nations would be discussed, might be expected later.

Hunter River And Vicinity

Mrs. Jacob Smith has returned to her home in Greenville from the P. E. Island Hospital where she has been taking treatment.

Mr. Manning Gallant was a visitor to Freetown for the week end.

Mrs. Adele McClellan, teacher at Greenville was the week end guest of Mrs. E. Kennedy at Bradalbane.

Mrs. Beatrice Mathison, Greenville was the guest of Mrs. Margaret Chandler recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Carew spent Monday in Charlottetown.

Mr. James Brown, Hunter River, has returned home after visiting in Cape Traverse.

Mr. and Mrs. Nell McLeod, Hunter River, were the guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Ross.

A large crowd from Wheatley River and surrounding parts attended the funeral Thursday of Mr. Mack McLean, Wheatley River. The service was conducted at the home of the deceased by the Rev. Mr. Webster, Charlottetown. Interment was in Hopedale Cemetery.

Mr. Hammond Ling was a recent visitor to West River.

Two hockey matches were held in Hunter River Rink Friday evening. One match was between the young lady players of Hunter River and the Star Sisters of Wheatley River. The other match was between the married men's teams of both places. The Hunter River married men's team was composed of the following players: Goal, Robinson; Defence, Andrews, Hiseox; Forwards, Cutcliffe, Wedlock, Barrett, Newman. The lineup for the Wheatley River married men was as follows: Barrett, Russel, Wares, Elkhou, Stevenson and McCrae. Allan Wedlock refereed the game to the satisfaction

SPRINGFIELD

Mr. Austin MacDonald, Tignish, was a recent visitor in Springfield at the home of his brother, Mr. Lenus MacDonald.

Mr. Edward Deegan, Cape Traverse, is spending a few days visiting friends and relatives in Emerald and Springfield.

Mr. Bruce Power, Hope River, paid a flying visit to Springfield, recently.

Mrs. M. T. Lambe of Springfield, Lot 67, spent the week end in Summerside the welcome guest of her sister Mrs. James P. MacInnis and Mr. MacInnis.

Mr. Amos Curley, Brookvale, is visiting in Summerside the guest of Rev. Francis MacDonald.

Mrs. Muriel Haslam, of Springfield, Lot 67, attended the W. A. Convention in Charlottetown on Saturday.

Messrs Crawford Sinclair, Summerside and Clarence Haslam, Springfield were recent visitors to Kensington.

Mr. Emmet Croken, Cape Traverse spent Saturday in South Freetown the guest of his brother Mr. Cornelius Croken and Mrs. Croken.

Messrs Walter Smith and Everett Clow, Emerald spent the week end in Carleton with Mr. and Mrs. John Smith.

Mr. Austin Murphy has been re-engaged to operate the Emerald Cheese factory for the ensuing year.

Messrs W. H. Delghan of Emerald and John T. White, South Freetown attended the St. Patrick's Play in Charlottetown.

Mr. Leo Brennan, Darnley, is spending a few days in Freetown visiting Mr. Ambrose Curley.

Mr. Ignatius Lawless, Springfield, was a recent visitor to Newton.

Mrs. Hedley Woodside, Bradalbane has returned home after spending a few days in Springfield.

Mrs. Eleanor Deegan, Freetown, spent the week end in Emerald visiting Mrs. Eileen MacEntee.

Mr. Gerald Monaghan and Master George, South Melville, is spending a few days very pleasantly in Emerald visiting his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. James Power.

Messrs Harold MacIver and Jam-

Veteran Skipper Recalls Loss Of Five Ships In Gale

ST JOHN'S Nfld., March 22.—(By the Canadian Press)—Of all the storms that have tried the courage and tested the fortitudes of Newfoundland's seafarers, none is more vividly remembered by veterans of wheel and binnacle than the bitter southeaster of Feb. 11, 1879. The hurricane had nearly blown itself out when it reached the island coast, but seven fish-laden Newfoundland vessels were bound across the Atlantic when it struck, and of that number only two lived through it.

Particulars of the gale were recalled recently by Captain John Horwood, one of St. John's old-timers, who remembers that the brig Rusina was moored in the stream at Carbonar that day, and that despite diminution of the storm's force, it was still sufficient to part her chains and pile her up on the beach, where the vessel's wreckage remained until a few years ago.

"I do not know the storm centre," Captain Horwood wrote, "but it was somewhere south of the latitude 48 and eastward of longitude 40, and came in from the southeast."

Vessels from Newfoundland ports which disappeared that day were the schooner Maggie, the brigantine Myrtle, the brigantine Briske, the schooner Sprite, "built by Solomon Snow in Notre Dame Bay, a great sailor and a beautiful looking vessel of about 150 tons register," and an unnamed chartered vessel owned in the British Isles. Upwards of 50 men were lost.

All had sailed from St. John's and Bay Roberts on February 8, three days prior to the storm. "We presume these vessels were all within a small circle on the ocean, seeing each had the same wind when they took their departure. That part of the gulf stream became exceedingly rough, and to make bad matters worse the storm chokked northwest that night and blew with hurricane force. Lying under the weight of wind which was coming on their weather sides, the vessels had their lee sides pressed under water, while the rough seas swept over them."

Captain Horwood relates how the other two vessels, the schooner Choice Fruit, and the brigantine Terra Nova were saved by cutting away the rigging. "Both the masts were cut away down to the deck of the schooner Choice Fruit. Accordingly, she righted herself and weathered the storm. She drifted across the ocean and was picked up on the coast of Portugal and her crew taken off the wreck about the 15th of April.

"The Terra Nova was commanded by Captain Roberts, an Englishman, and he decided to cut away her foremast. But to cut the landyards in the eyes of her foremasthead in the eyes of the lower standing rigging. However a man took a hand saw and went to her foretop and cut away her topmast above the cap. Being a very able vessel, she righted herself and came through the storm a wreck and proceeded to Gibraltar where she was refitted.

"The schooner Maggie referred to was owned by Captain Rhodes. He was master of the vessel and was lost in her."

The brigantine Myrtle was a Canadian built vessel of about 140 tons, under Captain Sam Hookey. Rich Horwood, a close companion of Captain John, was one of the crew who went down with her.

"The Brigantine Briske was a good vessel in every respect; she was commanded by Captain Roberts of Briggs; and was never heard of after the storm.

"The unfortunate, ill-fated ship Sprite seems to have been obsessed from her beginnings by some unknown evil demon, who appointed and ruled her destiny and followed her down to the very end."

es MacIver, Kinkora, were recent visitors to Emerald.

Mr. Morris Tierney, teacher in Graham's Road School, spent the week end visiting Mr. Willie Curley Summerside.

Messrs Gerard MacGulgan, Bradalbane and Arthur Lambe Springfield were visitors to Freetown.

Mr. Andrew Hughes, Summerside spent the week end with friends and relatives in the capital.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bolger, North Road, returned home on Monday morning, after spending the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Austin Murphy, Emerald.

Mrs. Hyatt Haslam, Springfield, Lot 67, who has been in the P. E. Island Hospital for the past three weeks, underwent an operation on Monday the 14th and is doing as well as can be expected.—E.

Chinese Bankers Hold First Place

NEW YORK, N. Y., March 22.—Silver-tongued orators may be few in China, but the Chinese still continue to hold first place among world authorities on the question of silver as a medium of exchange.

K. O. Li, president of the Wah Chang Trading Corp., and noted in China as an expert on silver, recently discussed in an interview the future of the white metal, especially as connected with the Sino-Japanese disturbances in Shanghai.

Mr. Li believes that the price of silver, which recently has been quietly advancing, will continue to improve and that, sooner or later, the trade of the world will be greatly accelerated, as millions of inhabitants in this Far East, who know only silver as money, are enabled to come into the market for necessities which they are at present foregoing.

"The impetus to silver values right now," said Mr. Li, "is the trouble that is going on between the Chinese and Japanese. But there are other factors that will eventually bring silver back to its important place in commerce.

"A large part of the world's visible supply of silver—some 8,000,000,000 ounces—is held by bankers in China. With the invasion of Japanese forces, and the concentration of Chinese defense troops, has come a big demand for silver money. The Japanese must have it for their expenses. And the Chinese military must have it for the purchase of supplies and payment of soldiers.

"It is true that Chinese bankers have been holding large surplus stocks of the metal. My advice from Shanghai, however, are that these stocks have been and are being greatly depleted by the unusual demand for silver money that has appeared with the invasion of the Japanese.

"At the same time Chinese in Britain, United States and other parts of the world are sending money back home for the emergency. This remitted money, of course, is changed into Shanghai taels and the price of silver naturally advances with the demand for silver taels. Also, the silver stocks grow lower.

"All of the damaged areas in China must be reconstructed and there will be further huge demands for silver. The Shanghai bankers must always have on hand certain surplus stocks. It will not be long before these stocks are down to such a point that it will be necessary to import silver. Therefore, there must be a further improvement in price."

wrote Captain Horwood. "She was commanded by Captain George Lewis and when she went on a voyage to England a survey was called on the vessel and Lloyd's advised that she would be put in drydock. And although she was practically new she was iron strapped and rivet bolted and extra fastenings were put in her.

"However, in the summer of 1878 Captain George Lewis was suddenly taken ill on a voyage and died two hours later. He was made ready to be buried at sea but some men raised objections and a very unusual thing followed. A coffin was made and he was taken to the ship's port of destination. A society with which the Captain was connected took charge of his body and placed it in a casket made of lead, which was dispatched to St. John's when the vessel was ready for home.

"The schooner Sprite was given in charge of Captain Boland, and she was lost with all hands in less than twelve months after the death of Captain Lewis

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Limestone Mine As Community Hall

FREETOWN—P. E., March 21.—The streets of West Winfield are deserted after dark, don't get the idea everyone's gone to bed, most likely you'll find them dancing 300 feet under ground.

An abandoned limestone mine has been converted into what probably is this country's most unique "community hall", and nightly residents of the village wend their way down the deep cave for basketball, dances, political meetings or what not.

West Winfield never had a movie nor a drug store and there was no time. Then somebody hit upon the idea of converting the big cave into a town hall.

The old working is large. It has a floor 30 by 80 feet, with boards placed at its sides to protect visitors from the jagged stone walls.

The ceiling is 24 feet from the floor. The electric lights of 300 candlepower each make the place as bright as a sunny day.

In Ottawa

(Canadian Press)

OTTAWA, Ont., March 22.—Today is the last full day for private members legislation in the House of Commons. Hereafter only one hour on the Friday nights will be given over to the "back-bencher." Premier Bennett this afternoon moved, and the House adopted, a motion surrendering Mondays to the Government. At the beginning of the session the first three days of the week were devoted to private members' legislation; but these have gradually been whittled down, until now practically nothing is left.

Coal Consumption

OTTAWA, Ont., March 21.—The Canadian National Railways last year used 1,585,459 tons of American bituminous coal, and 6,250 tons of anthracite in its operations. Dr. R. J. Manion, Minister of Railways, told J. L. Ralston (L. Yarmouth-Shelburne) in the House of Commons today. The cost of the United States soft coal was \$6,182,476, and of the anthracite \$69,333.

Comparative prices of Cape Breton coal and coal from the United States, water-borne to Montreal duty and wharfage paid, follow:

Cape Breton, \$5.10 on cars; United States, \$4.78 (including exchange) and \$4.52 (excluding exchange); British coal, \$4.38. These figures are free-on-board cars and do not include anything for winter storage.

Water-borne to Toronto, the coal costs are as follows:

Cape Breton, \$5.66 to \$5.75 (freight and storage) and \$5.94 to \$6.04 on cars, wharfage paid.

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ORWELL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The monthly meeting of the Orwell Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Nell McInnis on March 16th, with an attendance of five members and five visitors.

The President being absent, the Vice-President, Mrs. D. C. McDonald presided. The meeting opened by repeating the Creed. Roll call was responded to by "My Favorite Flower." The minutes of last meeting were read and signed. Committees had no reports to make. Mrs. D. C. McDonald and Mrs. N. McInnis were appointed on the Sick Committee for next three months. Miss Goldie then gave a reading, which was enjoyed by all, she also put on a contest, which caused much merriment. Prizes were won by Mary Morrissey and Mrs. D. C. McDonald. Next meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. D. C. McDonald, roll call to be answered by "Household Hints." Meeting then adjourned. Lunch was then served by the hostess, assisted by her daughter, Miss Goldie.

PROVINCE OF NATAL WOULD LEAVE UNION

JOHANNESBURG, March 23.—A mass meeting at Durban, bay town in the province of Natal, has decided to summon a convention of Natal citizens with a view to proclaiming the secession of Natal from the Union of South Africa.

This is the latest move in the breach between Natal, which is nearly 100 per cent. British, and the other provinces of the union, which are more than 60 per cent. Dutch. It is condoned by Sir Philip Curle-Lister, secretary of state for the colonies in the British cabinet at London, who opines that it would not be a breach of the Westminster statute. Its effect would be to

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