

FREIGHTER IN DISTRESS OFF SABLE ISLAND

COMMENT ON ENCYCICAL FORBIDDEN

German Officialdom Startled By Surprise Letter To Clergy From Pope Pius.

(A.P. by Guardian's Special Wire) BERLIN, March 22—Startled German officialdom tonight forbade comment on Pope Pius' surprise encyclical in which he accused the Nazi regime of breaking pledges to the Roman Catholic Church and fostering paganism, until the government has had full time to consider all consequences.

Editorial reaction appeared in only one newspaper, Chancellor Hitler's Voelkischer Beobachter, but officials described it as unauthorized and ordered it withdrawn from later editions.

The Foreign Office was represented as particularly irritated by implied suggestions in the editorial that treaties and agreements can be changed at will.

The newspaper avowed that at conclusion of the 1933 concordat with the Vatican, "the state could not know how the church would later interpret its provisions," and added that "even an agreement with the Holy See has not sacrosanct, unchangeable and eternal value."

This was interpreted to imply the Vatican Concordat, which the Pope charged had been violated by asserting hampering of church control of religious education, might be cancelled by the Reich.

The interpretation aroused fears, one informant said, lest Germany's signature be discounted on other interstate documents. For this reason the editorial was withdrawn.

German authorities admitted they were taken by surprise, and that they learned the encyclical had been read only after newspapers asked for comment. Like many priests, officials indicated, they first thought the encyclical referred to the recent one on Communism.

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Formal Opening Of Legislature By Lt. Governor

Throne Speech Barren Of Any Forecast With Respect To Nature Of Legislation To Be Introduced By Campbell Govt.

Inclement weather accompanied the formal opening yesterday of the third session of the 33rd General Assembly of the Province. The event took place with the customary military and ceremonial display, His Honour Lieutenant Governor DeBlois making his appearance in the house promptly at 3 p.m.

The Governor's party was preceded by a mounted escort, color-bearers in crimson tunics and plumed helmets, from the Prince Edward Island Light Horse under command of Capt. F. J. Morris.

The guard of honour, composed of 100 men from the Prince Edward Island Highlanders, was commanded by Captain J. S. DesRoches. The regimental band was in attendance.

A salute of fifteen guns was fired from the Victoria Park roadway by a detachment from Number 8 Medium Battery, R. C. A., commanded by Capt. A. W. Matheson.

The Lieutenant Governor, who was preceded by the Sergeant-at-Arms, Captain J. R. Nicholson, was attended by Brigadier H. F. Hertzberg, G. M. D., D. S. O., M. C., of Halifax, commander of Military District Number 6, also by his aides de camp, militia officers, and private secretary.

Just before His Honour entered the House, the Speaker, Hon. S. S. Hessian, took the chair, and the Clerk read a message from the Governor's private secretary, Mr. Alban Farmer, stating that he was directed by His Honour the Lieutenant Governor to inform the House that at three p. m. he would open the session.

The Speaker then left the chair, and His Honour, having entered the Assembly chambers and taken his seat on the throne, was pleased to open the session with the following speech.

"Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island:

"1. In the Name of His Majesty, the King, I thank you for your attendance here today on assembling to assume your legislative duties.

"2. In common with other parts of the British Empire, we congratulate our new Sovereign, King George the Sixth, on his accession to the Throne, upon the abdication of Edward the Eighth. We rejoice to believe that the many noble qualities of our new King will lead him to follow in the footsteps of his illustrious Father, both as a King and a Gentleman. We also welcome as our Queen, his beloved consort, Queen Elizabeth, whose charm and dignity have already endeared her to all classes of our fellow-subjects throughout the Empire.

"3. We look forward with eager interest to the Coronation ceremony to be held in May, not only as a brilliant social and ceremonial event, but as a pageant which will be symbolic of the greatness and unity of the British Empire.

"4. Under a beneficent Providence, we again enjoy last year a bountiful harvest, and with improved market conditions the revenues of our farmers were substantially increased. It is the intention of my Government to devote

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NEW TREND IN BRITISH POLITICS

T. Edmund Harvey, Independent, Elected To Commons By Combined Universities.

LONDON, March 22—(CP Cable)—A new trend in British politics became evident today with the election to the House of Commons from the Combined English Universities of T. Edmund Harvey, Independent Progressive candidate in the by-election necessitated by the death of Sir Reginald Craddock, Conservative.

Harvey's success followed by less than three weeks the election of another Independent, Sir Arthur Salter, as one of Oxford University's two members in succession to Lord Hugh Cecil, Conservative, who retired to become provost of Eton College.

Both Oxford and the Combined English Universities are now solidly Independent. A. P. Herbert, the humorist, was elected in place of a Conservative at Oxford in the 1935 general election, while Miss Eleanor Rathbone has held the Combined Universities' second seat as an Independent since 1929.

Harvey was elected by 6,596 votes to 4,952 for Sir Francis Lindley, retired diplomat, and 2,373 for Sir Henry Brackenbury, the distinguished physician. The successful candidate declared his election was "most striking evidence of the trend of thought that the universities should be represented by men independent of party organizations."

Harvey, a member of an old family of Leeds Quakers and formerly a Liberal member of the House, accepted nomination only on the condition he should stand as a non-party candidate.

In the course of his campaign Harvey insisted strongly that the representative of universities in parliament should attach himself neither to government nor to opposition, but should be a kind of "cross bench" member whose duty it was to be the mouthpiece of instructed university opinion.

The growing tendency of the universities to elect independents was considered as likely to silence to some extent the critics of the university franchise, which has been condemned in the past, particularly by the Labor Party, as virtually a special privilege enjoyed by one party only. Altogether the universities of the United Kingdom elect 12 members of the House of Commons.

Having lost most of the territory taken in recent offensives, the Insurgents apparently had decided to entrench and await the pursuing Government force at that important communications centre.

The Madrid militia, continuing northward along the Guadalupe highway to push the enemy ever further from the capital, had to slow down the advance today in the face of stronger resistance.

The retarded offensive was in part deliberate, officers added, to allow columns operating to the right and left of the highway to clear surrounding country of any danger of a flank attack.

CAPE TOWN—Exhausted and worn out, a cat has returned home after a 400 mile hike. It was taken by its owner to new lodgings 400 miles distant six months ago but wouldn't stay.

LONDON—Waterco Hospital authorities say "zinc noses" may be worn this summer without "pain or risk." The new wrinkle is intended for hay-fever sufferers.

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Opened House



HIS HONOUR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR DEBLOIS

TEACHERS MEET IN ANNUAL CONVENTION

Prince Edward Island public school teachers were gathered in Charlottetown last night for their three-day annual convention.

At the opening session at the Queen Square School Hall this morning Mr. John M. Gillis, B. A., English, president of the Prince Edward Island Teachers' Federation, will give his report of the year's activities. Prior to the official opening there will be a display of Red Cross exhibits, portfolios and text books.

At the afternoon session Mr. Leo F. McDonald, B. A., principal of Queen Square School will give an address on "Curriculum Changes". Included in the afternoon program will be an address on "Larger units of administration" by Lt. Col. L. W. Lowther, B. A., principal of Prince Street School, and one on "Carnegie Library Demonstration" by Mr. Bramwell Chandler, M. A.

Featuring the Wednesday morning session will be a Junior Red Cross meeting and address by Hon. M. R. McGuigan, B. A. K. C., Minister of Education and Mr. H. H. Shaw, B. Sc., Superintendent of Education.

There will be no afternoon session. In the evening Mr. R. W. Tufts, Wolfville, chief migratory bird officer for the Maritime Provinces, will lecture on bird life. The convention will conclude Thursday morning when delegates will hear the report of the C. T. F. delegates and the report of committees. A new slate of officers will be elected at this session.

AGED RESIDENT GEORGETOWN DIES IN FIRE

Was Native Of Newfoundland—Origin Of Blaze Unknown.

John Whiting, 80-year-old retired Georgetown fisherman, who lost his life early yesterday when fire completely destroyed a one-room cottage in which he resided alone, "came to his death by suffocation caused by fire of unknown origin," Coroner's jury decided yesterday afternoon.

Following investigation by Corporal Watson of the Montague detachment R. C. M. P., eight witnesses were heard by Coroner Dr. Alex Kennedy's jury under foreman J. J. Condon. Other members were Messrs. Maurice Donovan, John C. McDonald, A. E. Jenkins, Captain John Dicks, Victor Rafuse and C. H. Llewellyn.

The fire was discovered by Lawrence Bath-ilder, a neighbor at 4:30 a. m. but he was forced back by leaping flames and smoke when he attempted to enter the burning cottage. Later the charred body of Whiting was found lying on the smouldering floor.

Deceased, born at Port Aux Basques, Nfld., came to Georgetown from Glace Bay, N. S., seven years ago. Engaged in fishing for some time, he was compelled to retire from active work a few years ago due to ill-health.

His wife predeceased him several years ago. Rev. Percy C. Clark of Madison, Me., is a step-son and Gertrude Clark, wife of Rev. Gordon Moreside of Boston, is a step-daughter. One brother and one sister, residing in Glace Bay, also survive.

GAS BLAMED BLAST CAUSE

Investigation Into Texas School Tragedy Concludes.

(A.P. by Guardian's Special Wire) NEW LONDON, Texas, March 22—Military inquiry into the London school explosion, which killed 453 children and teachers, ended dramatically last night with the formal opinion of Dr. E. P. Schoch, explosion expert, that accumulated gas under the basement floor caused the blast.

Martial law, in effect since a few hours after last Thursday's disaster, was lifted from the community immediately after the close of the hearing.

Evidence presented in the three days of the inquiry included testimony that the oil-wheeled school had connected its gas line to a consent of the owning company, and that heating system plans were changed when the school was built, for reasons of economy.

"All indications point indubitably to an explosion under the floor," Dr. Schoch said in announcing his conclusion. The professor of chemical engineering at the University of Texas did not give a formal opinion as to what set off the blast, but said there was a strong possibility an electric spark ignited the gas.

John Dial, 15, high school student, testified the explosion occurred immediately after his manual training teacher threw a light switch.

With 114 of the 147 polls reported, Mr. Marsh had 5,244 votes; Mr. Connor 4,952 and Mr. O'Hanley 2,407.

Mr. Connor was defeated in the 1935 federal elections when Mr. Wilton was sent to the Commons. It was a five-cornered battle. The other candidates were Alderman William Alton, who also ran as a Liberal; Herbert Connor, C. C. F., and Miss Nora Frances Henderson, Reconstructionist.

"I desire to congratulate Mr. Marsh on his election," said Mr. Connor in conceding the victory of the Conservative candidate. "I am sorry we could not win the seat for the Mackenzie King Government, but I have no complaints. It is hard to elect a Liberal in Hamilton but I know my workers left nothing undone."

Ships Speed To Scene In Answer To Distress Calls

"Taking Water, Please Help Us", Is Word Picked Up From Steamer Bjerkli.

NEW YORK, March 22—(AP)—Radio communications reported the Steamship Hamburg flashed a message at 12:22 a. m. AST tonight to the Norwegian steamer Bjerkli, in distress in the North Atlantic, saying "We are near you now. Fire blue lights and rockets."

The Radio Corporation of America office here, which picked up the Hamburg's message, said it indicated the rescue ship should be alongside the Bjerkli within about a half-hour.

The latest approximate position of the Norwegian ship, issued at 10:15 p. m., (11:15 p. m. AST) was latitude 40.42 north, longitude 59.05 west.

RUSH TO AID BOSTON, March 22—(AP)—Coast Guard headquarters tonight rushed two of its vessels on patrol toward the Norwegian steamer Bjerkli reported in distress 500 east of Nantucket Lightship.

The British freighter city of Auckland, reporting it was 100 miles from the Bjerkli, said the vessel in distress wireless "please help us."

Coast Guard headquarters said their communication had been through the City of Auckland, which declared the Norwegian ship reported it was "taking water" and had had no bearings for 10 days.

Coast Guard dispatched the patrol boat Chelan, on patrol about 30 miles northwest of the Bjerkli, and the Champlain, on ice patrol 200 miles northeast of the distressed vessel. Neither vessel is expected to reach the Bjerkli before tomorrow morning and the Coast Guard reported, are hours further away than the City of Auckland.

Without Wireless Operator The City of Auckland reported the Bjerkli gave her position as 40.40 north and 59 west, near the area known as "the graveyard of the Atlantic." Officers of the British freighter said the operator carried no regular wireless equipment and that messages from the City of Auckland were not answered nor was the regular SOS distress call used.

Radio Corporation of America's trans-Atlantic station at Chatham said it had received no messages from the Bjerkli.

Later the Coast Guard reported the Champlain had wireless that the four other vessels were in the vicinity of the Bjerkli with at least two of them speeding toward the Norwegian steamer.

Nearest was the City of Havre, its position of 39.36 latitude and 59.20 longitude indicating it was about 60 miles from the Bjerkli. The City of Havre wireless it was nearing the Bjerkli at 14 knots.

The S. S. Hamburg, making 20 knots, said it was at 40.43 latitude and 60.30 longitude.

The S. S. London Exchange reported to the Champlain it had hope to, awaiting developments, while the S. S. Pennland had not indicated whether it was on its way to the Bjerkli.

BOY LEAVES \$82,365 MELBOURNE—Mr. and Mrs. E. Manifold seek to administer their 13 year old sons intestate estate. The boy left personal property valued at \$82,365, including a \$50,000 life insurance policy. The remainder was given him by the father.

Belgian King Confers With Eden On Country's Status (A.P. by Guardian's Special Wire) LONDON, March 22—King Leopold of Belgium took his nation's neutrality demands direct to Foreign Secretary Eden tonight.

The visiting monarch lost no time getting down to business after a dinner in his honor at the Belgian Embassy, which was attended by Prime Minister Baldwin.

Acting virtually as his own foreign minister, Leopold, it was learned, discussed with Eden vital problems pertaining to the projected new Western Europe security pact.

Reject Fascist Participation In Control Plan

(C.P. by Guardian's Special Wire) VALENCIA, March 22—Refusal to accept non-intervention control of Spanish Republican coasts by warships of Fascist countries was decided unanimously by the cabinet tonight and a note drafted to this effect for delivery to the "Hands off Spain" Committee in London.

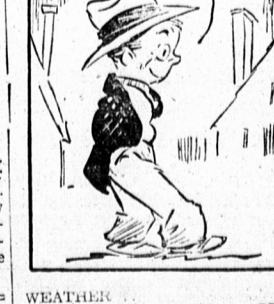
Patrol vessels from no country will be permitted to search ships flying the Spanish flag, the note says.

Couched in the energetic terms, the note bases rejection of Italian and German participation of the control plan on the charge that these countries have openly intervened in the civil war on the side of the Insurgents.

Rioting Flares At Oshawa Plant

OSHAWA, Ont., March 22—Rioting broke out in front of the Coulter Manufacturing Company plant here tonight when pickets and strikers stoned employees emerging from the plant. Every window in five automobiles bearing employees was broken as a mob of almost 200 rained bricks, stones and rotten eggs.

A BACHELOR IS A MAN WHO HAS NO CHILDREN TO EXPOSE HIS IGNORANCE!



WEATHER TORONTO, March 22—(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperature:

Dawson	2b 18
Victoria	40 46
Regina	6b 28
Ottawa	18 30
Montreal	24 30
Quebec	20 28
Saint John	30 36
Halifax	30 32
Charlottetown	30 32

Forecasts Maritime Provinces: Fresh northwest winds; mostly fair with stationary or a little lower temperature. High tide this morning at 8:34 and tonight at 8:12. Sun sets this evening at 6:15 and rises tomorrow morning at 5:37. Full moon Friday, March 26, 6:12 p. m. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

THE CAR FERRY Leaves Boston 9:45 a. m. 1 p. m. Leaves Toronto 11 a. m. 2:55 p. m. Daily except Sunday.

NORMANDIE SETS RECORD

Averages .4 Of Knot Faster Than British Liner.

PARIS, March 22—The French line announced tonight the liner Normandie had set a new east-bound trans-Atlantic speed mark with an average speed of 30.99 knots from Ambrose Light to Bishop's Rock.

The Normandie's performance bettered the speed mark of 30.63 knots set by the Queen Mary by almost .4 of a knot, the French line said.

The Normandie, which left Ambrose Light at 11 a. m. Thursday, passed Bishop's Rock at 6:45 p. m. tonight (2:45 p. m. AST).

Line officials said the Normandie covered 2,976 miles in four days, six minutes and 23 seconds. The Queen Mary, they reported, crossed from Ambrose Light to Bishop's Rock in three days, 23 hours, 57 minutes on a 2,939-mile voyage.

The speed mark claimed by the line was computed on the average speed rather than the elapsed time of the voyage.

COMING EVENTS

- *Institute Dance in French River Hall on Tuesday night. Lunch. Admission 25 cents. L-693-3-22-p1.
- **One-act play and variety concert, Murray River Hall, Wednesday, March 24th. L-699-3-20-23.
- **Buying live hogs Albany Thursday 26th, Emerald 26th until noon. C. C. Green. L-2022-1-W-1-1-w-1-f.
- **Bedford Club leading Wednesday morning, March 24th until 11 a. m. L-789-3-23-11.
- **Borden Line Club leading hogs, lambs, calves every Wednesday at Albany. Hours 12-3. L-6072-10-M-T-W-F.

Railwaymen Remain Silent As Negotiations Proceed

MONTREAL, March 23—The attitude of rail labor leaders toward a strike for higher pay remained undisclosed tonight as the running trades' general conference committee made ready for new meetings at which it is expected they would discuss the result of reopened negotiations with the railways.

Plenary gatherings of the Unionists, meeting here for four days, the strike question, were expected to receive reports tomorrow on the negotiations that resumed Saturday after a month's break. A committee of 18 Union vice-presidents had talked with the heads of Canadian National and Canadian Pacific Railways.

Tonight, there was no indication of what had transpired at the week-end discussion between the

Conservative & Liberal Victors In By-elections

Party Standing In House Unchanged By Yesterday's Voting In Hamilton And New Carlisle.

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RETAINS CONSERVATIVE SEAT HAMILTON, Ont., March 22—(CP)—Election of John A. Marsh, Conservative, in the Hamilton West federal by-election was conceded tonight by his nearest opponent, Kennedy Connor, Liberal, at eight o'clock. Mr. Marsh had a majority of more than 250, in last

est reports. Mr. Marsh retained the seat for the Conservative party in the voting in which John O'Hanley, Co-operative Commonwealth candidate, trailed the poll. The election was made necessary by the death of Herbert E. Wilton, Conservative member.