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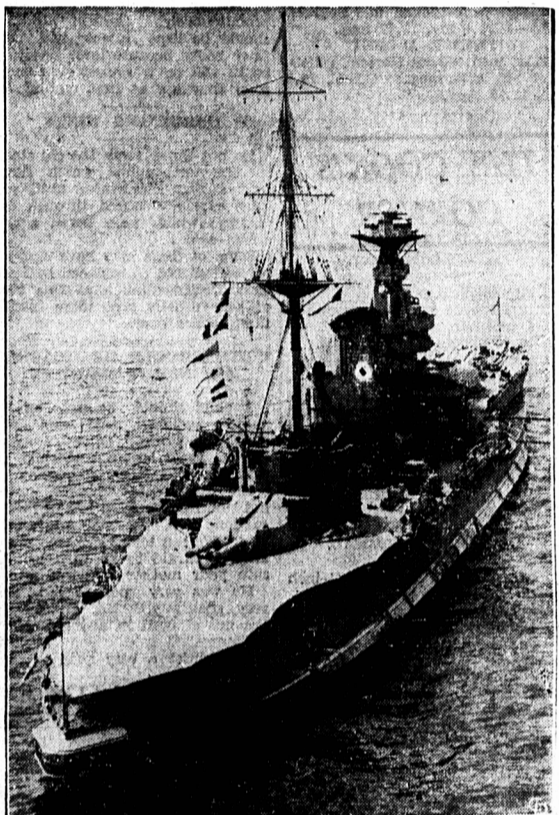
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FRANCO "WARNS" BRITISH ADMIRALTY

Threatens Force If British Food Convoy Attempts To Break Blockade At Bilbao

Battleship Hood Rushed To Biscay Area As Other Warships Stand-by.

New Problem Arises In Spanish Civil Conflict



British warships including the one pictured above are standing by in the Bay of Biscay awaiting the decision of the British government in the latest problem arising from the Spanish civil war.

Canadian Press Staff Writer LONDON, April 11—(CP-Cable)—The cabinet in a surprise Sunday session grappled today with the problem of interference with British shipping in Spanish waters but what decision Downing Street reached in connection with the blockade of Bilbao by insurgent General Francisco Franco remains a secret.

Franco's decision to blockade Bilbao, capital of the Basque country on the northern coast of Spain, presented a problem which the European Non-Intervention Committee did not foresee and did not provide for in drawing up plans to patrol the coasts of Spain.

While the cabinet's decision was an official secret much conjecture was raised in London.

One version had it the cabinet decided the fullest protection must be given to British shipping while, also, strict attention must be paid to international regulations concerning the entry of foreign warships into another nation's territorial waters.

RECOGNIZE BLOCKADE?

The Daily Mail said it understood the cabinet decided in effect to recognize Franco's blockade, meaning the navy would not protect British shipping within the Spanish three-mile limit.

Hitherto Britain has not recognized the Spanish combatants as belligerents and therefore she could not recognize the blockade.

The captain of the Hamsterley, a British merchant ship held up at St. Jean de Luz, France, with a cargo of food for Bilbao, claimed on Saturday he was officially informed Gen. Franco had declared he would prevent all foodstuffs from entering Bilbao, even at the risk of an incident with the British navy.

Five other British ships are waiting at St. Jean de Luz before proceeding to Bilbao with food and another ship is in another French port.

It was learned the government had advised British shipping bound for Bilbao to remain in French waters until the government reached and announced its decision on the unprecedented situation created by the blockade.

The powerful battle cruiser Hood.

COMING EVENTS

*Cake Sale in aid of Basillia Altar Society, Prowse Bros, Saturday afternoon. L-1437-4-12-81.

*Farmers attention. We are buying eggs for cash daily at our warehouse, 58 Fitzroy Street. Any quantities. Swift Canadian Co., Ltd. L-1288-4-8-12.

*Livestock Marketing Board expect to unload car of corn meal and cracked corn at Bedford Station about April 22nd. Book your orders with Club Secretary whether listed previously or not, to make sure of getting your requirements. Don't delay. L-1478.

*Livestock Marketing Board loading hogs, lambs and calves at Railway Stock Pens foot of Prince St., Charlottetown, Tuesday, April 13th, until 3 o'clock, afternoon, and every Tuesday thereafter regularly. Ship cooperatively and get highest market value. When the markets advance we get the benefit, when we get it, you get it. That's all. Cooperative marketing is safe and sure. Check up on what happened last week. L-1478.

(A. P. By Guardian's Special Wire) ST. JEAN DE LUZ, France, April 11—Diplomatic sources tonight disclosed Spanish insurgents had warned Great Britain that insurgent warships had been instructed to fire upon British freighters if they attempt to enter the Basque port of Bilbao.

They said General Francisco Franco, insurgent commander-in-chief, in a note to Sir Henry Chilton, British Ambassador to Spain, declared the presence of British warships as convoys for food-laden freighters would make no difference.

"Under no circumstances will Nationalist (Insurgent) warships allow the breaking of the Bilbao blockade," they said the note read.

"We are prepared to risk an international incident, but the ships will not get through."

Await British Cruiser

Five British freighters loaded with food for beleaguered Bilbao tonight were waiting here for the battle cruiser Hood to see them safely into the Basque port in spite of the blockade established by the Spanish insurgent navy.

The freighter Seven Seas Trader returned to port here after an insurgent warship threatened to sink her if she ventured close to Bilbao.

General Francisco Franco, the insurgent Commander-in-Chief, previously had notified the captains of the other freighters his warships would fire on them "even at the risk of an international incident" rather than let them unload food cargoes at Bilbao.

Serious View Taken

Diplomats here took a serious view of the reported dispatch of the world's largest naval vessel, the Hood, to these waters from Gibraltar. The British 10,000-ton cruiser, Shropshire already has arrived here from that stronghold.

Belgian Premier Triumphs Over Rexist Party Leader

Copyright 1937 by the Havas News Agency BRUSSELS, April 11—(CP-Havas)—Premier Paul Van Zeeland, head of Belgium's coalition government, today won an overwhelming victory over Leon Degrelle, 30-year-old leader of the pro-Fascist Rexist Party, in a Brussels by-election forced by the resignation of a Rexist deputy.

BALDWIN TO RETIRE FROM PREMIERSHIP

Warns People Earnestly From Communism And Fascism In Addressing Constituents.

WORCESTER, England, April 11—(AP)—Prime Minister Baldwin, sturdy cornerstone of British conservatism, warned his people earnestly away from Communism or Fascism Saturday in a speech in which he announced his imminent retirement but set no date for it. He has been Prime Minister three times.

Addressing his constituents, he warned against "mass consciousness" and "the virus of either Communism or Fascism." Then the 69-year-old leader declared of himself: "It is far better to go when the people may still think of you as perhaps not incompetent than to stay until perhaps they know before you do that you are becoming incompetent."

Conservatives of the Bewdley Division, whom he addressed, appointed a committee to select a candidate for his House of Commons seat and adopted a resolution expressing appreciation of his services.

Chamberlain Successor?

Political observers generally agreed Neville Chamberlain, a year and a half younger than Baldwin, would be his successor in the Prime Ministership.

Baldwin's withdrawal has long been taken for granted, and some observers have predicted he will go to the House of Lords. It is generally believed he will resign soon after the Imperial Conference.

The Prime Minister minced no words in warning against Britain's adoption of "ideas alien to the ideas which we hold in this country."

"They are the ideas of Communism and differing forms of Fascism," he said. "Ideas that can do nothing to help our country in solving our own constitutional problems."

"I don't think this country is in danger of having a mass consciousness. But don't let us, in our happy-go-lucky way, think that such a thing cannot come to Great Britain—there is nothing more important than to keep ourselves immune from the virus of either Communism or Fascism."

Concerning his forthcoming resignation, the Prime Minister said: "I am quite clear in my own mind that while I believe my judgment to be as good—if it has been good—as it has ever been, I am a certain extent sapped and that one needs more rest and one gets more tired."

"But if that be the case in days like this, what right has one to go on with the risk that one may get much more tired and really impair the work of the government of which one is the head?"

"When I retire," Baldwin once said, "you will never hear of me again. I want to go back to Worcester, read books, live a decent life and keep pigs."

Quick Change In Island Weather

A sudden drop in temperature and a typical mid-season storm sent Island residents scurrying for their winter togs Saturday—but yesterday the temperature rose as quickly as it dropped and spring apparel was much in evidence again.

Between 9 a.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. yesterday a two and a half inch snow fall was recorded by Mr. Warren Burns, local meteorological official. The temperature dipped as low as 32 degrees last night and a 30 mile an hour wind made motor traffic slow and pedestrian traffic uncomfortable. Reports from outlying districts said highways were blocked for a time as drifts piled up, but a bright sun this afternoon caused the snow to disappear rapidly.

The snow was hailed with delight by farmers throughout the province. Such a fall at this season of the year was called "the poor man's fertilizer," it was said, as such a precipitation after a continued dry period brings down nitrogen which was very necessary for the production of good crops.

Will Retire



Rt. Hon. Stanley Baldwin fore-shadowed his retirement from office Saturday in an address to his constituents in which he warned the people against Communism and Fascism.

MADRID UNDER HEAVY FIRE

Loyalists Launch Fierce Offensive West Of Capital.

MADRID, April 11—The insurgent besiegers of Madrid, hard-pressed along the western fringe of the capital by the Government's fierce offensive struck back today with the heaviest artillery bombardment Madrid has suffered since the early days of the five-month siege.

For 45 minutes insurgent gunners poured shells into the city, taking a large toll of civilian lives. The shelling came from Mount Garabitas, in the Casa De Campo, the park on the city's western edge which formerly was the pleasure ground of Bourbon Royalty. While the "hells" poured over the troops of General Jose Miala, defence commander, were pushed forward on both sides of the mountain, threatening to encircle it.

The bombardment came after a third successive night of bitter fighting for domination of the Casa de Campo and adjoining sectors, as the Government pushed ahead its drive to break the iron ring that has pressed on Madrid for five months.

The bombardment was considered retaliation for the continued drive of Government forces in the western suburbs.

Government troops succeeded in extending an unbroken line along the Manzanares River between Casa de Campo and University City, said General Miala. This was believed to complete the isolation of 3,000 insurgent troops in the latter sector.

Lobster Enquiry To Re-open Tuesday

MONCTON, N. B., April 11—Intention of the Royal Commission investigating illegal lobster and smelt fishing to resume sittings Tuesday morning at Alberton, P. E. I., was announced here tonight. The commission will also sit at Tignish, O'Leary and Borden and probably re-visit Summerside before returning to New Brunswick for sessions at Buctouche, Tracadie and possibly Moncton.

Strike Deadlock Still Unbroken

Hugh Thomson, C.I.O. Organizer Is Stumbling Block To Negotiations.

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

TORONTO, April 11—Deadlock reached Saturday afternoon in Premier Mitchell Hepburn's efforts at mediation in the Oshawa General Motors strike was unbroken tonight.

The Premier has in his desk a memorandum of concessions General Motors stands ready to make to the 3,700 strikers. A delegation from Oshawa local, 22. United Automobile Workers, went back to Oshawa from the Premier's office without having heard the Company's offer.

While slight-statured Hugh Thomson, C. I. O. organizer, cooled his heels in an ante-room to the Premier's office Saturday, the Union delegation sought vainly to have the Premier change his mind on his refusal to see Thompson.

The Premier refused to deal with one he called a "paid foreign agitator."

"From this position I'll not budge," the Premier declared after the Oshawa deputation had left.

Thompson is the stumbling block and thousands of men are walking the streets and likely to stay that way for some time," declared the Premier to the press.

Scheduled to visit the Premier tomorrow was a deputation from the Toronto district Trades and Labor Council to protest the Premier's refusal to see Thompson and to ask if the Premier's stand represents the official attitude of the Ontario Government.

Charges Cabinet Split

OSHAWA, Ont., April 11—The Ontario Cabinet has split over the strike involving 3,700 workers at General Motors of Canada, Limited. Hugh Thomson, organizer for the Automobile Workers Union charged before a mass meeting of strikers here today.

Quick settlement of the strike was forecast by Homer Martin, international president of the Automobile Workers of America, when he arrived here yesterday. Pressure placed on General Motors will "soon" settle the strike, Martin said.

Thompson told the meeting Hon. David Croll, Ontario Minister of Labor, promised the committee representing automobile workers the Government would give them relief in the event of a strike. The promise was made a week before the strike was called Thompson added.

"Now Hepburn (Premier Mitchell Hepburn) says there will be no relief for strikers," the organizer continued. "We are not interested in the dissonance in the cabinet, but we are interested in the Premier keeping his nose out of our business."

Martin told strikers Saturday the International Union was behind them.

ECHEQUER COURT TO SIT HERE

(C. P. by Guardian's Special Wire) OTTAWA, April 11—The Echequer Court of Canada will hold several Maritime sittings in June providing any case or matter is entered for trials, it was announced tonight.

The court will sit at Charlottetown June 3; at Saint John June 7; at Halifax June 10 and at Sydney, N. S., June 14.

Naval Protection On The High Seas Only, French View

PARIS, April 11—Havas New Agency in a despatch from London tonight said the Cabinet was reported to have decided at an emergency meeting that Spanish-bound British shipping "will be given naval protection on the high seas."

Scrupulously faithful to its non-intervention commitments, the despatch said, the Government was described as believing a dangerous precedent would be set if fleet convoys escorted its merchant vessels within Spanish territorial waters.

The Cabinet meeting was called, Havas went on, to study the situation revolving about the five Bilbao-bound British ships which put into St. Jean de Luz, France, under the threat of the insurgent blockade of northern Spain. In line with the Cabinet's reported decision, the despatch added, "it was understood the Admiralty would advise the vessel against continuing their voyage."

Gandhi Suggests Arbitration Tribunal

WARDHA India, April 11—(CP-Reuters)—M. K. Gandhi today suggested an arbitration tribunal consisting of three judges be appointed to decide whether the provincial Governors have the authority under the new Indian constitution to give an assurance requested by the Congress Party as a condition to its taking office in six provinces.

He suggested the Congress Party appoint one judge, the British Government a second and the third would be chosen by the two so selected.

Gandhi formerly headed the Congress Party and still is one of its most powerful members. The party refused to take office in the six provinces where it obtained an election mandate unless the governors would give promises they would not use certain powers delegated to them under the Government of India Act.

New Archbishop Visits Halifax

HALIFAX, April 11—(CP)—Right Rev. Thomas McNally, present Bishop of Hamilton and recently appointed Archbishop of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Halifax, met clergy and religious of his new charge this weekend.

He arrived in Halifax Friday night from Hamilton and will return tomorrow. He is not expected to take over his duties as Archbishop until the latter part of May.

British Soldiers Slain in India Valley Ambush

(C. P. by Guardian's Special Wire) NEW DELHI, April 11—Seven British officers, two British non-commissioned officers and 20 Indians of other ranks in the British forces were killed in ambush in the south Westaristan district Friday and Saturday, it was announced here today.

The troops were trapped in Shapur Tangi Valley by armed followers of the Fakir of Ipi, tribal leader in territory near the Afghanistan border. Forty-five officers and men, including both British and Indian soldiers, were wounded in the burst of shots that struck an ambushed convoy.

Losses suffered by the raiders were not known. The most ferocious of a series of

KING LAUDS CO-OPERATION OF OPPOSITION

Dominion - Provincial Financial Relationship To Be Subject Of Probe Before Next Session.

OTTAWA, April 11—(CP)—Good-will, compromise and gravity were apparent in the closing proceedings of Canada's pre-coronation session of Parliament last night. The session ended at nine o'clock when the Governor-General read his closing speech in the Senate chamber.

Before another session begins a Royal Commission will have begun an investigation of the financial relationship of the Dominion and the Provinces. Importance attached to the coming inquiry was indicated in the Speech from the Throne which reviewed the business of the session and described the probe as a necessary first step towards re-adjustment in the governmental structure of Canada.

For 62 days Parliament debated over the Nation's business and at the end Prime Minister Mackenzie King expressed his warm appreciation of co-operation and assistance given the Government by Conservative Leader Bennett.

Did His Duty

Mr. Bennett replied with a declaration he had done just what he considered it his duty to do having regard to the Government's heavy responsibilities. He believed the legislation enacted during the session would prove of benefit to the people but warned the Government the country still was faced with "many grave situations."

In a few days Mr. King, Mr. Bennett, members of the cabinet and a group of members of the House and Senate will be on their way to London to attend the Coronation of King George VI. One of the last steps of the session yesterday was passage of an address of loyalty to His Majesty by both Houses. Mr. Mackenzie King will present the address in person.

The session ending last night was the second of the 18th Parliament and was the shortest regular session since 1921. Parliament assembled Jan. 14 and from the first

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How Would You Like To Be As Lucky As A Mosquito In A Nudist Colony?



(Canadian Press)

TORONTO, April 11—Minimum and maximum temperatures:—	
Dawson	30 46
Victoria	40 52
Edmonton	34 52
Regina	28 60
Winnipeg	34 62
Toronto	31 44
Ottawa	30 46
Montreal	34 44
Quebec	36 46
Saint John	30 46
Halifax	30 46
Charlottetown	32 38

FORECAST

Maritime Provinces: Moderate to fresh northwesterly wind; partly cloudy with much the same temperatures.

High tide this morning at 11:06 and tonight at 12. Sun sets this evening at 6:41 and rises tomorrow morning at 5:21. First quarter moon Saturday, April 17, 3:24 p. 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., 2:45 p. m. daily except Sunday.