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MILITIA REORGANIZATION PLANS ANNOUNCED

Martial Law Is Proclaimed In Chinese Crisis

SUGGESTED CAR FERRY IMPROVEMENT

Transport Minister Finds Plan To Increase Car Carrying Capacity Impracticable.

Railway authorities regard as impracticable the suggestion mooted last summer, to increase the automobile carrying capacity of the car ferry "Charlottetown," according to word received from Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Transport.

Mr. Howe's statement to this effect, received in reply to representations from the Charlottetown Board of Trade, was read at a council meeting of the Board last night, and provoked the comment that the Board was not satisfied to let the matter rest there.

The communication from the Transport Minister, which was left to be dealt with by the transportation committee of the Board, read as follows:

"Office of Minister of Transport, Ottawa, Nov. 2, 1936.

Dear Mr. Higgins:

"With further reference to your letter of the 19th of September relative to the suggestion that the automobile carrying capacity of the car ferry steamer "Charlottetown" be increased, I have had a thor-

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COMING EVENTS

"Reserve, Monday, Dec. 21st, 10.15. Concert, Riverside School. L-1313-12-15-21.

"Postponed meeting of Milton Union League will be held in rink Friday night. L-1391.

"Help St. Vincent's Orphanage by buying Holy Thursday and Friday. L-1385-12-16-21.

"Christmas Concert in Harrington Hall, December 21st. L-1318-12-16-11.

"Dance at North River Hall December 17th. Haymakers Orchestra. Ladies free. Bus leaves Sunnyside 11. L-1287-12-16-21.

"The sale of furniture of the late Mrs. Euphemia Lynd; will continue today. L-1390.

"Fairview School Concert Ellicott Hall, December 22nd. L-1352-12-1-21.

"Loading live hogs at Elmira and New Hall, Tuesday 21st and 22nd. L-1340-12-16-41.

"Annual Meeting Long Creek Farmers Institute in Afton Hall, December 19th, 8.00 P.M. H. A. McCreary, Secretary. L-1356-12-1-11.

"Dance in Spring Valley Hall Thursday, Dec. 17, George Chapman, pianist. If not fine Friday. L-1381-12-16-11.

"Come to the dance in Sea View Hall, Tuesday evening. If not fine Wednesday evening. L-1311-12-15-21.

"Buying live hogs Albany Thursday 17th, Emerald 18th until noon. G. C. Green. L-5113-6-twt-tf.

"Geo. Leightner Co. (next Queen Hotel) now buying all kinds of dressed poultry. Try us. L-954-12-2-tf.

"Buying live and dressed chickens, also geese and ducks on Wed. M. Delaney and McKay, Albany. L-1277-12-14-31.

"Buying all kinds of live and dressed poultry every day except Saturday, G. C. Green. L-726-11-26-27-28-M T W tf.

"Borden Line Club loading hogs, lambs, calves every Wednesday at Lamb. Hours 12-3. L-6972-10-M T W tf.

"Christmas Concert in Christian Church, New Glasgow, on December 16th. If stormy Saturday night. L-1319-12-16-11.

"Clyde River Presbyterian Sunday School Christmas Concert in Church, Thursday, December 17th. If stormy following night. Admission 25c and 15c. L-1319-12-16-11.

Transport Plane Long Overdue

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Dec. 15—(AP)—Blonde Gladys Witt, the skyway stewardess whose romance made the front page, four passengers and two pilots were missing tonight in the treacherous terrain of Central Utah—their transport plane many hours overdue.

Alvin Adams, president of the Western Air Express, said he believed the Los Angeles-Salt Lake City airliner was down at an isolated airport in the snow-rimmed area, its radio not working.

The first report possibly connected with the missing ship came from Ray Spor, airport manager at Delta. He said he heard a plane before six A.M. EST. The ship was due in Salt Lake at 6.10 A.M.

At 5.27 A.M., Pilot S.J. Samson radioed he was at an altitude of 10,000 feet with "high overcast" near Milford, 90 miles southwest of Delta.

This last direct word from the 10 passenger, twin motored plane said it was rocketing northward toward Utah's capital at 200 miles an hour.

UNEMPLOYED REGISTRATION TO BEGIN SOON

Uncertain When Relief Office Will Open Council Hears Routine Business Transacted At Meeting.

Announcement was made by Coun. McLeod, chairman of the relief committee, at the regular meeting of the city council last night that although the relief office was not yet open and no definite date as to its opening could be given, the registration of the unemployed would begin at once. No person could go on relief until he had filled in the proper application forms for that relief. It is likely that the registration office will open today, the council chairman announced.

Registration of unemployed who are applying for relief is demanded by Provincial and Federal Governments before contributions for unemployment will be made and forms have been received, Coun. McLeod said.

Coun. G. W. McLeod speaking as chairman of the finance committee told the council that a \$19,500 debenture is maturing this year has been paid off from the \$20,000 sinking fund provided. Authority had been given to register the amount of the matured debentures and after negotiations the Royal Securities had purchased the \$9,750 issue of 3-1-2 per cent 20 year bonds at 131. The purchase had been made yesterday Coun. McLeod said.

Authority was given the City Clerk to call for tenders for the purchase of a combination dump truck and snow plow.

The public property committee was authorized to enquire into the possibility and advisability of re-

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Pope Pius Suffers Relapse, Is Given Heart Stimulant

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 15—(AP)—Pope Pius' breath came with difficulty tonight after he suffered a relapse from the ailments which have kept him in bed for 10 days, Vatican sources said.

The set-back in the previous improvement of the 79-year-old Pontiff—whose legs are partly paralyzed and who also suffers from the infirmities of old age—was understood to have been brought on by his increased exertions today.

Dr. Amanti Milani, his physician, gave him a heart stimulant and His Holiness rallied somewhat, but even then he seemed to feel great fatigue, Vatican informants declared.

Tonight he was still depressed, and Dr. Milani and other attend-

ISLAND POTATO BAGS MISLEAD BUYING PUBLIC

Complaint From Montreal Purchaser Reveals Inferior Product Sold On Reputation Of Island Potatoes.

Complaint that bags stamped "Green Mountain Canada No. 1 Prince Edward Island Potatoes" are being used to sell inferior potatoes, not grown here, and that such practice is not only a fraud on the purchasers but is very detrimental to the reputation of the Island product, is made in a letter from Mr. H. G. Clark of St. Lambert a suburb of Montreal.

Mr. Clark's letter, which was received by His Worship Mayor Turner, was referred to the Charlottetown Board of Trade, and came up for discussion at a council meeting of the Board last night.

The letter, which is dated Nov. 21 last, refers to a purchase at a chain store in St. Lambert made by Mr. Clark on the preceding Monday. The store had advertised the arrival of Prince Edward Island potatoes, and the writer, who for years had always purchased Island potatoes, phoned and purchased a sample bag. Finding them to be genuine he ordered two more bags. These he discovered were not Prince Edward Island potatoes although so stated on the container. He returned the potatoes to the store, and at the manager's request examined the seventy bags he had left. Not one of them had Island potatoes.

"These," writes Mr. Clark, "are being bagged by the Cooperative Federes de Quebec. My object in writing is to advise that packing these potatoes under the name of Prince Edward Island is truly deceiving the public, and should be stopped at once. I had the pleasure of living eight months in your city and I have a very warm spot in my heart for the people of the Island.

"I may add that the manager admitted to me that they were not P. E. I. potatoes in the bags, although the printing on the outside of the bag claimed they were."

Colonel Full stated at last night's meeting that the same thing was happening in Boston and New York. "The bags that go from here," he explained, "are empty. They are

Raynault Elected Mayor Of Montreal

(C. P. by Guardian's Special Wire) MONTREAL, Dec. 15—J. A. Raynault, former Montreal Alderman and U.S. National member of the Quebec Legislature for L'Assomption, was elected Mayor of Montreal tonight with a majority of 3849 over ex-Mayor Camille Houde, his nearest opponent.

First complete count of returns from the 1,041 polls gave Raynault 56,395 votes, Houde 52,546 and the third candidate, Candide Rochefort, Union National legislative assemblyman for Montreal St. Mary's, 19,889.

Victory for Raynault followed one of the most bitterly contested campaigns in Montreal's history. He is 42 years old and for the past 1-2 years held an aldermanic seat in the Montreal City Council.

ants pleaded that he conserve his strength carefully.

The Holy Father spent several hours sitting in an armchair and received three persons—his Secretary of State, Eugenio Cardinal Pacelli, the Governor of Vatican City, Commendatore Camillo Serafini, and Domenico Cardinal Jorio.

Prior to his relapse, the con-

'I'm Counting on You!'



The spirit of Santa Claus, peering into the heart of every boy and girl, knows that without the response of more fortunate persons, many children will be deprived of their ancient right to complete happiness on this one momentous occasion. Santa Claus is nominating you for a role in his great pageant. But the part is simple. He asks you only to contribute to the Guardian Santa Pal fund.

Be A Santa Pal, Won't You? Make Your Choice Today

Christmas is coming, the geese are nice and fat. Please put a penny in the Santa Pals hat; If you haven't got a penny, a ha'penny will do, If you haven't got a ha'penny, God bless you!

Yesterday saw a splendid response by Santa Pals to an urgent appeal and these in charge of the Santa Pal department were delighted. That is one side of the picture. On the other hand the list of children's names increased by more than fifty. So, all would-be Santa Pals, there is still urgent need for your assistance.

The names of children whose Christmas names only are published each day are sent in by clergymen who pick out the needy in their parish. You may be satisfied, therefore, that you are helping bring a bit of gladness to children to whom almost certainly Christmas otherwise would be a day of great disappointment and black despair which only childhood can know.

And now a word to those who are already Santa Pals. While it is not the intention of those in charge of the Santa Pal Department to cause inconvenience to anyone kind enough to be a Santa Pal still if they feel unable to cooperate by sending their parcels at once it would certainly be appreciated. This appeal applies particularly to those who have taken names from the first two hundred in the list.

The amount of work entailed in keeping the parcels in order, seeing that they are grouped according to families and so placed that delivery will be easy is very considerable. The work for those in charge is a labor of love but it can be made much more pleasant if Santa Pals who have co-operated so kindly in taking names of children for whom they would provide would continue their co-operation by sending in as soon as possible their gifts.

And now to those who are not yet Santa Pals but who have been

Silver Foxes Continue To Hold Strong

Further welcome news to foxmen throughout the province was received last evening from the Hudson's Bay Company silver fox sale, London, by their local representatives McLure and MacKinnon.

The cable follows: "Today competition rather strong particularly for full silver skins. Total results to date: 95 per cent at 7-1-2 per cent advance. Hudson's Bay Company, London, England."

UNITS DWARFED BUT PERSONNEL MAINTAINED

Problem Of Adjusting Non-Permanent Active Forces Finally Completed.

BY W. W. MURRAY
Canadian Press Staff Writer
OTTAWA, Dec. 15—(CP)—Reorganization of Canada's non-permanent active militia has been completed, and as it emerges from the crucible the new form of the Dominion's citizen soldiers is greatly clarified in respect of units but still sturdy consistent so far as personnel is concerned.

Tonight Hon. Ian Mackenzie, Minister of National Defence, released the whole plan involving the reorganization of the non-permanent active forces. These contemplate restriction of units, but are compensated by compactness in efficiency. They also elevate the militia from the prospective to the actual.

In brief, the militia is cut down with respect to paper units. Regiments which previously existed in the militia list only on paper entirely disappear. Those which persevered strongly in the piping times of peace remain, some of them amalgamated with others, it is true, but still with enough preserved in their new name to identify them with their former lustre.

The last thing to complete the reorganization was the finding of a name for the amalgamated Royal Grenadiers of Toronto and the Toronto Regiment.

A compromise was established in re-naming the new unit "The Royal Regiment of Toronto Grenadiers."

BIG PROBLEM

So far as units are concerned, the Mackenzie System is drastic, and has been in process of organization for a year. Reorganization of the non-permanent active forces was the one big problem which confronted the Minister when he assumed office last year, and since then the entire department has been working to effect the adjustments announced by Mr. Mackenzie tonight.

Germany In Need Of Colonies, Claim

(A. P. by Guardian's Special Wire) LONDON, Dec. 15—Joachim Von Ribbentrop, German Ambassador to London, declared Germany was determined to scrap "the Versailles Treaty" in a speech tonight emphasizing Germany's need for colonial possessions.

"One thing is certain," he said, "and this I cannot help stating: Germany has made up her mind to get rid of that discriminatory part of the Versailles Treaty which no great nation could have tolerated forever."

"To attain this aim by agreement," Der Fuehrer and Chancellor made his offer to the world, but the world, still blind and wrapped in a mentality which is generally known today as the spirit of Versailles did not respond."

He was speaking for the first time before an English audience since his appointment as Ambassador.



General Chiang Kai-shek (left), was



kidnapped and slain in a mutiny at Sianfu by Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang. General Feng Yu-hsiang (right), long known as the "Christian general," was given command of the Nanking armies in the emergency.

NAKING, Dec. 16—(Wednesday)—(AP)—Confronted by a national crisis growing out of the announcement of the death of General Chiang Kai-shek, the Government of China proclaimed martial law throughout the republic today.

A "grave situation arising from multiple assassinations" was the reason for this sweeping action, officials said. They referred to the broadcast announcement of Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang that his prisoners, the Nanking dictator and several of his ranking Generals, had been killed at Sianfu, Shensi Province.

The Government prohibited all demonstrations or political movements.

Regardless of the fate of General Chiang the Nanking regime made known its determination to crush the rebellion in Shensi, led by Marshal Chang.

TAKES OVER OFFICE

By unanimous vote the executive Yuan meeting last night under chairmanship of Dr. H. H. Kung, temporarily civilian head of the Government, decided "never to relax" operations against subversive elements in the northwest and to continue General Chiang's domestic and foreign policies.

In keeping with its decision the Government continued to move powerful loyal forces on Sian-fu, centre of the rebellion.

Panicky Unrest

SHANGHAI, Dec. 16—(Wednesday)—(A. P.)—Execution of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, announced in a broadcast by his captor the revolting war lord Marshal Chang, spread panicky unrest throughout China today.

The reported killing of Chiang's strong man and several of his generals brought fear of renewed

TOKYO, Dec. 16—(Wednesday)—(AP)—Reports reaching here indicate General Chiang Kai-shek, China's strong man, may be still alive, the prisoner at Sian-fu, Shensi Province, of his rebellious subordinate, Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang.

Serious doubts that he and several of his Generals were executed at Sian-fu, as Marshal Chang was reported to have told China in a broadcast, were raised today by later dispatches reaching Tokyo.

civil war and chaos in the absence of a powerful leader. For a decade Chiang had been the big man and main reliance of his country in its struggle for peace

Duke Of Windsor Reported Disheartened And Aging

BT A. D. STAFFERUD
Associated Press Foreign Staff
BRUSSELS, Dec. 15—(AP)—The Duke of Windsor was described tonight as more disheartened and suddenly aging since the swift march of events that cost him his throne for the love of Mrs. Wallis Simpson.

The Duke is in the depths of depression from which it seems impossible to arouse him," said one member of Baron Eugene de Rothschild's household where the former King is a guest.

"The Duke sat for an hour his head bent low, and almost in tears, his face twitching clasping and unclasping his hands while reading and rereading a telegram which I believe was from Mrs. Simpson

at Cannes," said a servant.

The Rothschilds have respected his desire for quiet, but late today they attempted to bring him out of the depths.

Last night a short film was brought from Vienna for the Duke's entertainment. It was a newsreel showing events of his abdication.

The picture "proved to be a blow between the eyes," servants said, "and Edward left the room distraught."

Another film, reported to be "something light with a love interest" was ordered for tonight.

He returned to his rooms after a half-hearted bit of practice-putting on the golf links before lunch, suffering a headache, an earache and an "emotional letdown."

QUEEN SQUARE BOYS GIVE FINE CONCERT

A packed house greeted the efforts of the Queen Square School boys last night in their sixth annual concert. From the opening chorus to the finale the more than appreciative audience followed and heartily enjoyed a well balanced and colorful program.

Special mention should be made of the splendid costumes. The time and care spent in preparing these gay and sprightly decorations speaks well for the patience and industry of those responsible.

It would not be fair to comment

8 MORE SHOPPING DAYS

THINGS THAT ARE EASY TO GET ARE OFTEN HARD TO GET RID OF!

Fresh northwest and west winds; mostly fair and a little colder.

TORONTO, Dec. 15 — Minimum and maximum temperatures:
Salt Lake 30 40
Halifax 25 36
Charlottetown 20 36

Maritime East: Fresh northwest and west winds; mostly fair and a little colder.
High tide this afternoon at 1:31 and tonight at 12.
Sun sets this afternoon at 4:19 and rises tomorrow morning at 7:33
First quarter moon Monday, Dec. 21, 7:30 a.m.
Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.