

Heaven often gives Dictators in its vengeance.

The change is in the crime, not in the punishment.

INSURGENTS TIGHTEN VISE ON TORTOSA

CHINESE CLAIM RE-CAPTURE OF HANCHWANG

REPORT SECOND MAJOR DEFEAT OF JAPANESE

Armies Locked In Crucial Combat At Lini On Central Front.

(By The Associated Press) SHANGHAI, April 18.—(Tuesday)—Chinese military leaders reported today the recapture of a 20-mile stretch of the Grand Canal in the second setback to the Japanese within 24 hours.

The section of canal extends east and west in southern Shantung Province between Hanchwang and Tairchwang, where 10 days of fierce fighting was said by the Chinese to have blocked the Japanese offensive southward along the Tientsin-Pukow railway.

The Chinese advance along the canal was preceded by capture of Hanchwang, spearhead of the Japanese drive southward toward Suchow.

HANKOW, April 18.—Fifty-one Japanese bombers, flying over Canton and its outskirts in three squadrons today, terrorized the South China metropolis by bombing in which 36 persons were killed and 122 seriously wounded.

Flying low, the raiders machine-gunned buildings on busy, crowded streets and dropped 18 bombs on the school district outside the north gate, according to dispatches reaching Hankow. Several buildings of the Canton middle school and 28 primary school buildings were demolished.

SHANGHAI, April 19.—(Tuesday)—Chinese reported today they gave Japanese a second defeat in southern Shantung Province by recapturing Hanchwang, spearhead of the Japanese southward drive toward Suchow.

Hanchwang, at the junction of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway and the Grand Canal 27 miles north of Suchow, has been the scene of bitter fighting since the Japanese occupied it a month ago. It is 32 miles northwest of Tairchwang where Japanese suffered defeat April 6.

Japanese development came as the Japanese Navy was reported preparing to throw its support behind the new Shantung drive which was expected to determine the success or failure of the invasion.

Foreign travellers arriving in Shanghai said they saw Japanese aircraft carriers stationed at various points along the Shantung coast.

WILL COVER ADVANCE From these carriers, it was presumed, Japanese attacks will be launched into the interior to cover the advance of the reinforced Japanese Army, estimated at 500,000 men.

Fierce fighting continued over (Continued on page 8, Col. 3)

In Huge Mexican Oil Deal



Francis W. Rickett (right), British "mystery man," who negotiated a spectacular oil concession in Ethiopia, is shown, as he arrived at Newark, N.J., airport recently from Mexico City, where he was reported to have made a huge oil deal with President Lazaro Cardenas.

French - Italian Pact Is Sought

Agreement May Lead To A Settlement With Germany Is View.

PARIS, April 18.—(AP)—The Government worked today toward an agreement with Italy which right-wing leaders thought might lead to a real settlement with Germany and possibly abandonment of the Franco-Soviet pact.

The key to France's diplomacy was in the hands of Premier Edouard Daladier, the man who joined Premier Blum in 1936 to form the Popular Front union of Leftist parties and then gained such popularity by his building up of national defence that the present Government has left, centre and right backing.

The cabinet will meet Wednesday when Daladier and his Foreign Minister, Georges Bonnet, are expected to present for approval a plan of quick French-Italian agreement.

Japanese Premier Seeks To Allay Public Anxiety

TOKYO, April 19.—(Tuesday)—(A P)—Premier Prince Fumimaro Konoye broke a three-week silence today and issued a statement designed to allay public anxiety over a growing cabinet crisis resulting from military reverses in China.

Speaking through Akira Kazami, chief secretary of his cabinet, the premier "apologized" for an illness that has confined him to his home while he struggled against military demands for innovation of the drastic mobilization law.

"I apologize to the Emperor, the soldiers in the field and the people generally that I have been confined to my bed so long," the secretary quoted Konoye as saying.

Political circles said the apology was a "strategic politeness" in the behind-the-scenes struggle.

ANGLO-ITALIAN ACCORD HAILED BY GERMANY

Express Hope Time Ripe For An Anglo-German Rapprochement.

(By LOUIS P. LOCHNER, Associated Press Foreign Staff) BERLIN, April 18.—(AP)—Whatever misgivings may have existed in Germany that an Anglo-Italian accord might weaken the Rome-Berlin axis have vanished, at least outwardly, in view of Italy's assurance the axis would continue to function with undiminished strength.

German officials after watching the Rome negotiations with anxiety now see reasons for rejoicing. First, they see in the accord a new justification of Chancellor Hitler's thesis that direct negotiations between two nations are better than multilateral pacts.

They also feel that Prime Minister Chamberlain, encouraged by his Italian success, now is likely to press for an Anglo-German arrangement Hitler has never made any secret of the fact he regards friendship with Great Britain the most important of his foreign-political objectives.

Another reason for their satisfaction is that they feel the importance of Soviet Russia as a European factor will diminish as the non-Communist powers clear up their misunderstandings.

The Wilhelmstrasse holds that France and Czechoslovakia do not feel comfortable about their alliance with Russia and would gladly drop them if arrangements were perfected which released these states from the necessity of relying upon Russia as peace insurance.

WOULD ASSURE PEACE The newspaper Frankfurter Zeitung expressed the opinion that if the London-Paris axis could be joined to the Rome-Berlin axis European peace would be assured.

While doubting the necessity of a four-power pact if Germany, France, Italy and Britain were joined in a series of two-nation accords, Germany probably would not object to the inclusion of such a pact if it were destined as a further gesture of pacific intentions.

It is probable Hitler also would be willing to advise the German ambassador in Czechoslovakia to cooperate with the government and not to insist upon joining the German sections of the state to Germany.

Hitler was willing to sacrifice German claims to south Tyrol for the sake of friendship with Italy. He conceivably might drop his claims as to the way of such a pact if German minorities in other countries for the larger objective of European peace.

Pension Leader Granted Pardon

(By The Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Apr. 18.—An 11th hour presidential pardon saved Dr. Francis E. Townsend, the old age pension leader, from a 30-day jail sentence today.

The sentence had been imposed upon the elderly California physician because of his defiance of a House Committee which investigated his old age pension movement in 1936.

Congressmen who feared the jail term might lead to a new surge of public interest in the Townsend plan, however, sign relief when they heard of the President's action.

Steps Up FIREBUG IS SOUGHT IN ANTIGONISH

Further Evidence Of Incendiarism Heightens Tension In College Town.

(By The Associated Press) ANTIGONISH, N. S., April 18.—(CP)—Darkness and discovery of a pile of charred kindling in a vacant barn brought new tension to residents of this college town of 2,000 persons tonight as police and vigilantes sought the firebug believed responsible for 11 fires in the last nine days.

The charred kindling was found by a group of youngsters playing nearby. It had burned itself out without firing the building but police believed it had been set sometime Saturday night—the same night three fires, all of incendiary origin, brought more property damage and terror to residents.

Property Damaged Burns owned by Ralph Kirk, Federal member for Antigonish, Guysboro and Bertram MacPherson, were fired late Saturday evening. The Kirk property was razed and the other barn damaged before firemen extinguished the flames.

Earlier in the evening a house owned by W. S. Copeland, not far from the barns, was found here by the blaze was extinguished before it gained headway.

Meanwhile tales of "Mary Ellen" were brought out for a new generation to hear as older residents recounted tales of a two-month reign of terror which drove an aged couple from their farm at Caledonia Mills, near here, 16 years ago.

Mysterious Happenings Mary Ellen MacDonald was the adopted daughter of an old couple of that name who lived on the farm. A series of mysterious happenings and fires there was followed by a sequence of events that culminated in the detention of the girl in an institution.

Cattle was found running panic-stricken around the barn after being set on fire at night. Pipes and chains used to tie them were broken or shattered.

The mysterious occurrences spread to the house. Wet dish cloths caught fire. Pipes discovered in disused closets and even the wall paper flamed in some reported instances.

Private detectives and scientists called there by newspaper headlines of the mystery, admitted themselves baffled for a time but finally ordered the girl's detention.

Weather Fails To Dampen Holiday

(C. P. by Guardian's Special Wire) LONDON, April 18.—Overcasts and scarves were standard equipment for Great Britain's holiday-makers today as a strong north wind offset the warmth of sunshine on the last day of the long Easter weekend.

Rail and road alike bore a huge volume of traffic to the sea and the country, and to London from the country. Despite jammed highways, the accident toll was negligible.

Temperatures generally ranged in the 40's, Margate reporting sun flurries, Cheltenham and other inland points enjoyed a temperature of 55.

Committees To Function When House Resumes

OTTAWA, April 18.—(CP)—Interest in parliamentary activities for the next month will, to a considerable degree, shift from the red and green chambers of the Senate and House of Commons to various committees rooms, soon after the session resumes April 25.

A dozen committees will be functioning but the most important will be the special Commons Committee on electoral matters, the special Senate Committee on railways, canals and telegraphs which will deal with the Transport Commission bill.

Railway matters will also be under investigation before the Commons Committee on railways and shipping which will consider the annual report of the Canadian National Railways system and its subsidiaries, and certain of its accounts, Sir Eugene Forster (Lib. Rimouski) is chairman.

The Civil Service Committee has held lengthy sittings under chairmanship of Jean Francois Pouliot (Lib. Temiscouata) and a special committee on the civil service superannuation act has been set up under chairmanship of Malcolm McLean (Lib. Melford).

The Committee on radio, under the chairmanship of Arthur D. Beaulieu (Lib. Provencher) has completed its public sessions and will sit in private for preparation of a report to parliament.

The Banking and Commerce Committee, which has been dealing particularly with small loan companies, with W. H. Moore (Lib. Ontario) as chairman, is also working on a report.

Commons Committees on miscellaneous and private bills and on agriculture and colonization, have done considerable work and will probably have more to do before the end of the session.

Franco's Legions Enter Outskirts Of Coastal City

Push Northward To Ebro River In A Series Of Swift Attacks.

HENDAYE, France, Apr. 18.—(AP)—General Franco's insurgent troops captured the outskirts of Tortosa tonight but found their way into the central part of the strategic city barred by blasted bridges across the Ebro River.

The opposite riverbank bristled with Government guns to check the insurgent sweep into the river town, 95 miles south of Barcelona.

After terrific fighting at Cherta, eight miles north of Tortosa, Government lines broke on the south side of the river. Insurgent troops rushed forward along the Tortosa highway only to find their way blocked by broken bridges.

Official insurgent dispatches said reports of insurgent officers at Irun that the coastal city was captured were premature. Franco's troops, however, were in control of the Ebro's entire right bank across from Tortosa.

Official dispatches said a series of swift attacks brought Franco's legions to the south bank of the Ebro River directly opposite Tortosa, a city desolate from insurgent bombs and artillery shells.

The hotly disputed town of Cherta, eight miles north of Tortosa, changed hands three times as Franco's legions captured it under cover of heavy artillery fire and aerial bombardments. Government troops took the town Sunday night.

Insurgent dispatches said Franco's troops north of Tortosa captured the village of Alfara and Regues, the latter four miles from Tortosa.

Insurgents pushed northward today to the Ebro River, southeast of Tortosa, a natural line of defence for southern Catalonia which must be crossed in any drive up the Spanish eastern coast.

Insurgents drove to the river's edge at Amposta, covering six miles in three hours. Government forces hastily withdrew to the north bank of the river where they had set up strong defenses to block an insurgent crossing and a march on Tortosa.

Amposta, at the head of the Ebro delta about eight miles southeast of Tortosa, fell to the famed-out insurgent offensive along with Santa Barbara and Masdenverge, both due west of Amposta and south of Tortosa.

These operations, with insurgent occupation of the Puertos de Becoste mountain range west of Tortosa, completed a semi-circle of insurgent strength extending from the Cherta sector, seven miles upriver from Tortosa, around to Amposta on the southeast.

Insurgents also were reported from northern Catalonia where General Franco's troops neared Seo de Urgel, on a main highway to Puigcerda on the French frontier. Should Seo de Urgel fall, the Insurgents would gain an open road which the Government would find difficult to defend.

On the centre of the Catalanian front, near Balaguer about 70 miles west-northwest of Barcelona, heavy fighting was under way without marked change on either side. The Insurgents forced a crossing of the Segre river there but were driven back by heavy artillery fire.

Fifteen hundred refugees from the Aran Valley reached Iruya in France from insurgent forces which cut them off from the rest of Catalonia. The civilians were sent to a camp at Marignas.

CAPACITY AUDIENCE SEES COMEDY DRAMA

"The Sunshine Girl" Presented In Prince Edward Theatre Is Huge Success.

Capacity audiences saw "The Sunshine Girl", three-act comedy drama presented in matinee and evening performances at the Prince Edward Theatre yesterday. The performance, under the auspices of the St. Charles Auxiliary Society, was characterised by its high moral tone throughout. It was in aid of the Charlottetown Hospital and was staged under the capable direction of Mr. J. Austin Trainor, C. D.A., which in itself was guarantee that the play would be an outstanding success. It was under the distinguished patronage of His Honour Lieut. Governor George D. DeBlais and Mrs. DeBlais, the Premier, Hon. T. A. Campbell and Mrs. Campbell, and His Worship Mayor E. A. Foster and Mrs. Foster.

Between-act specialties were enthusiastically received, being heartily enjoyed in every instance. First number between acts one and two was Miss Vera H. Malcolm, Campbell, Mus. Bac., in vocal solos. She sang "The Piper of Love" and "The Encore number 'It Was a Monday Morning'". Between the same acts Miss Gloria Larz appeared.

Between acts two and three (Continued on page 8, Col. 3)



(Canadian Press) TORONTO, April 18.—(Minimum and maximum temperatures:—

Table with 2 columns: Location and Temperature. Locations include Dawson, Victoria, Edmonton, Regina, Winnipeg, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, Saint John, Halifax, Charlottetown.

FORECAST Maritime Provinces: Fresh to strong southwesterly winds; cloudy and comparatively mild with showers probably some fog.

THE CAR FERRY Leaves Borden 9:45 a.m. 1 p.m. Leaves Tormentine 11 a.m. 2:55 p.m.

Body Of Missing Moncton Man Found

(C. P. by Guardian's Special Wire) MONCTON, N. B., April 18.—Naaman Ricker, 35, missing since Dec. 20, was found dead on the bank of the Petitcodiac River here late this afternoon.

Less than an hour later Ricker's wife and Arthur Smith were taken to police headquarters and held for investigation. No charge was laid against them.

Results of an exhaustive autopsy tonight were withheld pending an inquest sometime this week. Andrew G. Smith, coroner, said while he was walking along the river bank looking for scrap iron.

COMING EVENTS

- *Borden Line Club loading hogs lamb, calves every Tuesday, Hours 12 to 3. L-948-12-M-25-11.
**Buying live hogs at Albany Thursday, 2nd, Emerald, Friday 2nd until noon. G. C. Green. L-487-3-17-11.
**Coke sale at Moore & McLeod's Saturday, April 23, Auctioneers Catholic Women's League. L-187-4-19-21-23.
**Buying live hogs at Kensington Thursday, April 21st till 3 p.m.; Nicholson Bros. and Mervyn Bulman, Hunter River Friday till noon—MacEwen and Campbell. L-190-4-19-21.
**See the Norboro Players in the "Old Maid's Courtship" in the Brookfield Hall Wednesday, April 20th—Admission 25 and 15. L-191-4-19-21.
**Mount Allison homeopaths, paints, plates and checks for smart spring and summer suits, coats or suits, yarn or matching sweater, only eighty cents. Ruth Weaver, 11 Grafton Street. L-186-4-19-11.