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## Disarmament Crisis Is Facing Europe

### Local Merchants and Business Men Express Confidence in Recovery

**Notable Improvement in Past Few Months Reported by Leading Business Concerns in Charlottetown. Prospects Still Better For Coming Season, is General Belief.**

A decided improvement in business conditions in Charlottetown during the past few months, amounting to an increase over last year of from 10 to 25 per cent, with prospects of still further betterment as weather conditions modify and money circulates more freely between city and country, is reported by a number of leading business and financial firms who were interviewed by a Guardian representative this week.

The improvement seems to have been particularly marked in the dry-goods and grocery lines, though in other departments as well the reports are for the most part satisfactory, and in no case pessimistic. All are agreed that prospects for the immediate future are brighter by reason of the increase in farm prices, and the great majority declare that the past three months have exceeded expectations and unmistakably point to definite economic recovery.

For example, Messrs Moore and MacLeod, Limited, report that the business pickup, particularly in February, has been very encouraging. January sales also were considerably in advance of last year. Mr. S. A. MacLeod, on being interviewed, stated he was confident that this month will show equally satisfactory returns. The improvement is shown in every department. Collections have been exceptionally well maintained, and the present prospects, with improved weather conditions, are more favorable than they have been for some years past.

F. P. By Guardian's Special Wire) HALIFAX, March 2—Savings of hundreds of Canadian railway engineers was at stake today in a Cleveland, Ohio, court where appointment of a receiver for the Locomotive Engineers' Mutual Life Insurance Association was sought. The Association has 65,000 members, some of whom are Canadians. A busy check-up today revealed 10 members in the Maritime provinces, including the majority of the engineers in Halifax, who had policies ranging from \$500 to \$5,000.

Policy-holders in the Maritimes include fishermen who during the "ice" period had been elected to the board of directors, later returning to the shovel when the slackening of the season.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC**

Announcements are inserted in this column at 1 cent per word. Copy payable in advance.

Reserve Thursday, Mar. 22nd. Variety Concert in G. S. St. John's School Room. L-830

Reserve Saturday, March 10th. Hospital Cake Sale by ladies of Holy Church. L-814

Rummage Sale at St. James at Saturday, March 3rd. P. M. L-829

Cornwall Rink tonight, skating to St. Meadow Bank vs. Cornwall. L-836

Moonlight skate, Borden Rink, Thursday night, March 3rd. Skating from 8 to 10.30. Admission 15c. L-839

Hockey at Marshfield Rink tonight. Junior teams of Marshfield and Dunstaffnage. Skate after. L-839

Buying live hogs Hunter River today, March 6th. Everett Haslam, Emerald, buying same date. Contact, A. E. Wedlock. L-803

Wife and Millville Clubs load hogs Monday afternoon, Mar. 6. Please note change in loading order. Jenkins & Ross, Secretaries. L-878

Strathcona Hotel, centrally located, friendly and attractive accommodations. Come and try our hospitality. Rates reasonable. L-808.

### FRENCH DEMAND GUARANTEE OF ARMS LIMIT

**Will Insist That Britain Agree to Aid France in Case of Need.**

(By Melvin K. Whiteleather, Associated Press Staff Writer) (A. P. By Guardian's Special Wire) PARIS, March 2—Taking the stand that Nazi Germany imperils the very existence of France, the French Government contends no country would be able to disarm on the basis of the British plan. The cabinet agreed that Chancellor Hitler's demand for disarmament of Germany would not be granted unless assurances were made that new armaments limits shall be observed and Great Britain agrees to come to the defense of France if need be.

Premier Gaston Doumergue gave Captain Anthony Eden, Lord Privy Seal, a document written by Marshal Henri Poincaré, Minister of War, outlining "the recent heavy German effort to disarm" and indicating that the Reich was ready for anything after April 1. Doumergue took the arms question out of diplomacy and put it in the hands of the Defense Council.

This body is launching a land, sea and air armaments programme, anticipating that a meeting of the disarming committee of the world disarmament conference at Geneva April 10 will seal the fate of the conference.

The defense council includes Marshal Pétain, General Victor Denain, Minister of Air, and François Piétri, Minister of the Navy. Foreign Minister Louis Barthou attends the session.

**FROST BITTEN IN BED, VICTIM DIES**

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire) NORTH SYDNEY, N. S., March 2—Frost-bitten in his bed during the extreme cold spell last week, Stephen Campbell, 75-year-old Gill's Point resident, died in hospital here today. The aged man built a fire in his stove before retiring but during the night the fire burned itself out and in the morning Campbell was found by his roommate, seriously frozen, particularly about the feet.

**MONTCALM ON MISSION OF MERCY**

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire) NORTH SYDNEY, N. S., March 2—The Government Icebreaker Montcalm was in port here tonight, after bringing to hospital a four-year-old child stricken with illness on the isolated coast of North Victoria County. The vessel carried provisions and supplies to scattered communities along the coastline and picked up Raymond Hatcher at Nell's Harbor and then ploughed her way through the heavy ice-floes back to North Sydney harbor. It was expected the lad would recover.

**Agas zest to every meal**



### Behind The Vienna Front



One of the battlefronts in a street in Vienna is here seen, with Heimwehr guards behind barbed wire entanglements waiting for the next move by the Socialist forces. Scenes like this may soon be witnessed again, since today's dispatches report 10,000 exiled Austrian Nazis, well armed, are concentrating along the German-Austrian frontier in the hope that their sympathizers in Vienna will join them in a fresh attack.

### SHORT TERM FINANCING ADOPTED

**Issues to Cover Period Intervening Before General Loan Offering.**

(By Burdette T. Johns) (Associated Press Staff Writer) (A. P. By Guardian's Special Wire) LONDON, March 2—A member of Parliament calmly disclosed in a musty London court room today that he had tried to save the Russian Royal Family from death at the hands of blood-mad revolutionaries and that he had been invited to join a plot to kill the monk Rasputin.

Commander Oliver Locker-Lampson, the witness, brought to a startling finish the four days of testimony in the \$2,000,000 libel suit instituted by Princess Irene Youssouff against the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Pictures, Ltd. producers of "Rasputin and the Empress" in which the plaintiff claims the film was defamed.

If thrill-seeking society members and other believers their shudders were over with the finish of account of how the sinister monk was poisoned, beaten, and shot in the cellar of the St. Petersburg Imperial Palace they were mistaken, for Locker-Lampson's story sent electric waves through the packed court room.

The Commander, a member of Parliament for 25 years and the holder of a distinguished war record, in which the plaintiff claims responsible for recruiting an armored car force which went to Russia during the Great War.

"I got back to Petrograd when the revolution broke out," he testified. "I was besieged in my hotel there. I met the Czar and served as a fighter under Grand Duke Nicholas."

"Was it arranged?" interrupted defense counsel Sir William J. Forth, "that you should evacuate the Royal family."

"We had a plot on foot to save the Czar," replied Locker-Lampson. "Unfortunately it could not be accomplished," commented Sir William.

The plaintiff's counsel, Sir Patrick Hastings, made several caustic remarks to the witness. "What had the case to do with you?" Sir Patrick demanded.

"I served in Russia, Locker-Lampson rejoined, "I have an interest in fair play and right."

"It was actually acquainted not only with Rasputin himself, but with Vladimir Purishkevich (one of those who helped kill the monk) and others."

"You will be the star line in the evening news, and all your constituents will read it, don't you too far will you?"

The Commander however, calmly went on with his testimony and told the details of the slaying of Gregory Rasputin, the so-called "power behind the Russian throne"—how his enemies gave him poisoned food, then shot him, beat him with heavy cudgels, and finally hurled the bleeding body in the icy river.

He testified as Sir William said—"to do what you can to assist the ends of justice."

His recital supplemented the testimony yesterday of Prince Felix Youssouff, husband of the Princess, he said he was puzzled by the condition of the cases and went to the court.

### FEARS HELD IN SEVERAL QUARTERS

**British Effort To End Disarmament Deadlock Received Coolly On All Sides.**

(By Frank H. King) (Copyright 1934 By the Associated Press) (A. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)

LONDON, March 2—The opinion that Europe is fast to face with the most serious disarmament crisis since Germany pulled up her stakes and left Geneva last October was expressed tonight in an authoritative British quarter.

The indication of the American State Department that the United States was in complete accord with the British Government's views on disarmament gave only a glimmer of hope in the situation, for London has known for some time that Washington supported the British arms proposals.

No such encouragement, however was evident on the European continent as a result of Anthony Eden's recent tour of the capitals.

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### The Weather, Etc

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(Based on Press)

**METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, Toronto, March 2—Minimum and maximum temperatures—**

Dawson	12	18
Alaska	10	16
Victoria	40	52
Vancouver	32	44
Saskatoon	22	34
Regina	20	32
Winnipeg	20	32
Toronto	28	40
Kingston	28	40
Quebec	28	40
Saint John	28	40
Halifax	28	40
Charlottetown	28	40

**FORECAST**

Maritime Provinces—Fresh southerly winds; partly cloudy and quite mild; probably some rain near the Bay of Fundy at night.

High tide today at noon and tonight at 12.30. Sun sets this afternoon at 5.00 and rises tomorrow morning at 6.25. Last quarter moon Thursday, March 8, 1.00 p. m.

**CAR FERRY SCHEDULE**

Week days—Leaving Borden 8.15. Week days—Leaving St. Thomas 10.30 a. m. (Returns) 2.35 p. m. S. M. I. S. S. (Returns)

### Week Overdue Schooner Limp Into N. S. Port

**Not Canadians Under The Law**

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire) OTTAWA, March 2—Children of Canadian parents born in a foreign country where the father claims an official of the Canadian Government, are not Canadians so far as immigration laws are concerned and may be admitted to Canada only as a privilege—not as a right.

Major C. G. Power, (Lth. Quebec South), brought the question before the supply committee of the House of Commons today during consideration of the estimates of the Secretary of State. He thought this a bad regulation, particularly in view of the fact that at some future time such a person might be deported to the country of birth.

Hon. C. H. Cahan, Secretary of State, agreed that such children should be Canadian citizens by right, and recalled that a few years ago he introduced a bill to make the necessary change in the law. The bill got a poor reception and was withdrawn.

### Vessels In Collision

**Probe Ordered By Roosevelt**

(A. P. By Guardian's Special Wire) WASHINGTON, March 2—President Roosevelt has ordered an investigation into charges of sabotage of United States army airplanes crashing the mail.

This was announced tonight by Secretary George Dern of the War Department who added that reports of punctured gas tanks, controls being tampered with and the presence of water in gasoline tanks were being investigated thoroughly.

Although he said he did not believe in the truth of such charges, the investigating has directed that complete inquiry be made.

### Firm Measures Planned To Insure Peace In Spain

(By Rex Smith) (Copyright 1934 By the Associated Press)

(A. P. By Guardian's Special Wire) MADRID, March 2—Apparently undisturbed by ominous rumblings of possible Socialist reprisals, the veteran Alejandro Lerroux, named today to succeed himself as Premier of Spain, began formation of a new government.

Labor disputes also threatened to complicate the political scene. Radical Republican cohorts of Lerroux said the government would take a centrist form and would be supported by all rightists and Republican minorities save one.

Following a long conference with President Zamora, the premier-designate said the cabinet would not be completed tonight in order to secure the widest possible views as to its composition.

The government, he assured newspapermen, would be formed sometime Saturday.

Commenting on the possibility of disorders Monday, in connection with reports that employers may resort to lockouts against construction workers in order to settle definitely labor disputes, Lerroux said he planned to use firm measures to insure peace.