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## FRANCO-SOVIET DEFENCE PACT DISCUSSED

### ETHIOPIAN SOUTHERN ARMY REINFORCED

### Plan Defence In Face Of "Menace" Of Nazi Germany

#### General Military Staffs Of Nations Confer. Russia To Repair Western Frontier With French Aid.

(By Robert Parker, Associated Press Staff Writer)  
(A. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)  
PARIS, Feb. 7.—Mikhail Toukatchevsky, the youngest Marshal of the Soviet army, met France's general staff today to draft the first measures of military cooperation between the two nations in the face of the "menace" of Nazi Germany.  
France hopes to get Russia, her military ally, in a condition to fight effectively.  
With their bilateral mutual defence pact awaiting only formal ratification by the Chamber of Deputies, the general staffs of the two nations began the work of coordinating their tasks if Reichfuhrer Hitler's army attacks either.

#### Loan Considered

A loan of 800,000,000 francs (about \$54,000,000) in credits to enable the Soviet to repair her western frontier railroads and highways has been under consideration by the cabinet, but has been delayed.

Exchange of officers between the two armies is planned and Russia's student officers may be admitted to Saint Cyr, the French military college.  
Leon Archimbaud, reporter of the Chamber of Deputies army committee, said the Soviets have 3,000,000 men constantly under arms, but he failed to show great enthusiasm over their real value in war.

#### Insufficiently Educated

The greatest handicaps of the Red Army he described as "insufficiently educated" officers and a "woeful lack" of competent reserve officers. Archimbaud criticized the Russian method of choosing officers, asserting they are picked "rather for political opinions than for their education."  
"As a result military school pupils must be given primary education before they can be instructed in military subjects. There are a great many who are so badly educated they cannot very well follow the courses."

#### War Veterans Elect Officers

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)  
HALIFAX, Feb. 7.—Captain J. D. McNeil, Sydney veteran of the Great and South African Wars and known to his army associates as "South Africa Jack" was elected president of the Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island branch of the Amputation Association of the Great War at its annual meeting.

#### Seven Killed In Disorders

(A. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)  
BEIRUT, Syria, Feb. 7.—Troops fired into rioting Nationalists at Hama today and killed seven of them, bringing the number of dead to 15 in anti-French disorders which began in Aleppo and Damascus two weeks ago.

#### Record & Forecast Of The Weather

Northerly winds; mostly fair and cold.  
(Canadian Press)  
TORONTO, Feb. 7.—Minimum and maximum temperatures:  
Dawson . . . . . 56B 46B  
Akavik . . . . . 52B 46B  
Edmonton . . . . . 40B 30B  
Regina . . . . . 28B 20B  
Winnipeg . . . . . 36B 12B  
Toronto . . . . . 5 21  
Ottawa . . . . . 20B 4  
Montreal . . . . . 4B 8  
Quebec . . . . . 10B 6  
Saint John . . . . . 8B 8  
Halifax . . . . . Zero 8  
Charlottetown . . . . . 10B 34  
FORECAST  
Maritime Provinces: Northerly winds; mostly fair and cold.  
High tide this morning at 11.50 and this afternoon at 11.30.  
Sun sets this afternoon at 5.16 and rises tomorrow morning at 7.12. Last quarter moon Saturday, Feb. 15, 11.45 a. m.  
Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

### UNITE IN TRIBUTE TO LATE MONARCH

#### Commons and Senate Pass Resolutions Of Sympathy To Royal Family.

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)  
OTTAWA, Feb. 7.—A hush fell over the crowded galleries in the House of Commons today when party strife was forgotten for an hour or two and all members united in a message of sympathy in the death of King George and pledged again their loyalty to his successor.  
All leaders in the House eulogized the character and accomplishments of the late King and affirmed their faith in his son as a wise, constitutional monarch. The silence of the galleries and the black borders around the printed order papers were as striking as the spoken tributes.

#### Tells Story

Conservative leader Bennett told a story which he believed epitomized the life of King George. He told of meeting the monarch when the Jubilee was being celebrated in London last year. The King said he was at a loss to understand why he was held in such esteem by people all over the Empire, adding the significant sentence, "I am a very ordinary man but I have done my best."  
The afternoon marked the debut of two members, John Blackmore, Social Credit leader, and Mrs. George Black (Cons., Yukon). Mrs.

### Roosevelt And Borah Confer

(A. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—While opposition to his candidacy for the Republican presidential nomination was becoming more manifest among party conservatives, Senator Borah of Idaho late today projected a widening of his campaign into the Pacific northwest. The confused political situation had been freshly accentuated by a luncheon conference between President Roosevelt and the Idahoan.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS COMING EVENTS MEETINGS, ETC

- \*Moonlight skate, Afton Arena tonight. L-812-2-8-11.
- \*Maple Leafs vs. Rovers at Mill rink tonight. L-830
- \*Carnival at Fownal Saturday, February 8th. Good ice with electric lights. L-876-2-7-21.
- \*Wanted—Dressed Poultry. Buying daily. The Royal Packing Co., Charlottetown. L-865-2-7-61.
- \*Hockey at Hunter River tonight, Royals vs. Imperials. L-891-2-8-11.
- \*League game tonight, Cornwall Bk. Cornwall vs. Landies 7.15. Stating after games. L-829-2-8-11.
- \*Hockey at Fredericton tonight, Wheatley River vs. Fredericton. L-838
- \*Highfield rink, Leap Year skate tonight. Come and have a good time. L-842
- \*Hockey and skate at Marshallfield tonight, Marshallfield vs. Dunstaffnage, junior teams. L-839
- \*Buy your cakes, fancy bread, etc., at Moore & McLeod's on Saturday and help the Hospital. L-782-2-8-11.
- \*Genuine Buffalo Robes on display. Inspect them before buying. Fur Traders, Queen Street. L-831-2-6-8-21.
- \*B. I. S. regular Saturday night dance, 9 to 12, modern and old time music. Admission 25 cents. L-840
- \*Buying live hogs, Hunter River and Kensington, Monday, February 10. If not fine, Tuesday. A. E. Wedlock. L-882
- \*Let us install and service for you a Marquise Oil Burner cook stove at special price \$28.00. H. Bernard, Stanley Bridge. L-821-2-8-21.
- \*Hockey, Montague Primroses vs. Charlottetown Pirates at Montague Monday at 8.30. Admission 25 and 15 cents. L-845
- \*Playoff game at Wilshire tonight, Beavers vs. Hawks. Skating after match. Game starting 8.15. L-836
- \*Handling poultry daily at top market prices throughout the winter months. Prince Edward Island Co-operative Egg and Poultry Association. L-298
- \*County Line League. Teams interested send representatives to meeting at Preetown Rink, Saturday night, February 8th. L-824-2-8-11.
- \*Summerfield, Granville and Bradalbane League, first game Bradalbane tonight, Summerfield Comets vs. Bradalbane Rovers. L-837
- \*The Annual Meeting of the Southern Queens Egg Circle will be held in Belle River School house on Wednesday, February 12th at 7 P.M. Bonus paid. Clarence Murdoch, Secretary. L-839-2-7-21.
- \*A congregational meeting of the entire Fownal Pastoral Charge, will be held in the Fownal Church on Wednesday, February 12th, 2.30 P.M. If not fine, next day. All adherents requested to attend. L-816-2-8-21.
- \*We will be loading live hogs all day Thursday, February 13th; Nicholson Bros., loading at Hunter River all day Thursday, February 13th, Sgd. H. S. MacEwen and Oliver Campbell. L-846

### Mayor Kennedy Answers Premier On Relief Issue

#### Reviews City's Unemployment Relief Problem And The Co-operation Received Prior To Premier Campbell's Assumption Of Office.

The following communication speaks for itself:  
February 7, 1936  
The Hon. Thane A. Campbell, Premier of Prince Edward Island, Charlottetown.  
Sir:  
I have had your letter of February 6th and have since seen it given prominence in the press. It is very clear that you refuse to have any meeting or discussion over the matter in issue with me or the Council responsible to the Citizens of Charlottetown. It is also very clear that your refusal is based on your accusation that the issue has been made to serve as a political football, either by the Council or the Guardian newspaper. Your effort at reprisal, directed solely at myself or the Council, must indicate that you prefer to believe that the Guardian report is correct, despite the fact that the Patriot newspaper carried an apparently inoffensive report of Council proceedings and might reasonably be expected to have your confidence.  
Allow me here to state that I have no influence or control, and believe the Council to have none, over the Guardian's news reports or editorial comments; neither will I interfere in any way, either for or against them. I do, however, feel obliged to make clear the City's attitude and action, in that it was actuated by itself as Mayor, and in that the only remarks capable of being construed as condemnatory were made by myself. If they were not fully justified by fact, or by misunderstanding induced by yourself or your Government and not yet made clear, I am wholly willing to correct them.  
The facts are briefly as follows: Prior to last winter relief within the City was issued by the City, and the monthly cost was snared equally by the Provincial Government, the Federal Government and the City. For last winter the Federal Government assigned to the Province a monthly sum of \$250.00 for eight months, in all \$10,000.00, of which the Province appropriated one-half to the City's use, augmenting it with a like amount of Provincial funds, whereby the City would get \$10,000.00 from the Province, as Provincial and Federal assistance. This was represented by the Council to the Provincial Government as wholly insufficient; and the Government advised the City to be guided wholly by necessity promising to assist further as found necessary. In the late winter, the City procured a further appropriation of \$7,000.00 from Ottawa, and a like amount was made available from Provincial funds. While the grants were made in terms of eight months, it was recognized that relief in Charlottetown required very heavy expenditure in the severest

season, as against insignificant amounts in the warmer months, and payments were received accordingly. Early last fall the relief committee of the Council, with myself and the City Clerk, waited upon the late Premier Lea and his Government on two occasions. The interview was very satisfactory; full information was supplied as to the probable requirements of the City, which I am entitled to believe is still on record in the Government offices, and we were assured that the City would receive at least as favourable treatment as was previously obtained, and that we should proceed as necessarily required.  
We were later advised that a temporary grant of \$2,000.00 Provincial assistance to civic relief was made to cover the period from November first to January first. This amount was wholly inadequate, but we assumed that it was merely temporary while awaiting the action of the new Federal Government, and made no objection. Our belief was especially encouraged by the action of the Federal Government in promising increased grants to Provinces expressly to relieve the burden on municipalities.  
In the circumstances, the City

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### Japanese Rush Troops To Scene Border Clashes

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)  
DARIEN, Feb. 7.—(C. P. Havas)—Thousands of Japanese troops were ordered to Manchoukuo's outer border frontier tonight, Japanese army headquarters said. The moves were necessitated by "Soviet war preparations in outer Mongolia."  
Observers predicted any Japanese attempt to "punish" outer Mongolia for alleged frontier violations would stir opposition from the powerful Red army concentrated in Siberia.  
South Manchurian railway troop trains loaded with thousands of Japanese and Manchoukuo soldiers sped toward the scene of recent border clashes near Lake Buir and Manchoukuo.  
(In Tokyo Domei, the official Japanese news agency, last night charged outer Mongolian troops had invaded Manchoukuo. A Domei dispatch from Hsinking, capital of Manchoukuo, said a band of 20 Mongolian frontier guards had crossed the border and attacked a Manchoukuo patrol post at Olahodoka.)  
Great Britain went on record as favoring a limit of 25,000 tons. However, the British delegates last week indicated they would accept the American proposal for a 35,000-ton limit as a basis for discussion.  
The divergent views were expressed before a technical sub-committee on qualitative limitations. If they cannot be reconciled, the committee probably will refer the matter to the full four-power conference for discussion.

### Four Buildings Razed In \$70,000 Fire In Amherst

AMHERST, N. S., Feb. 7.—A theatre valued at \$50,000 and four wooden structures housing important business concerns were destroyed by fire here today with a total loss of \$70,000.  
Firemen battled in sub-zero weather for hours before they finally got the fire, the worst in Amherst in recent years, under control.  
For a time the blaze ran unchecked to threaten the Windsor block, one of the largest apartment and business blocks in the city. Heaviest loser was Mrs. J. H. V. Moore, owner of the buildings.  
The theatre, badly gutted, was leased by the F. G. Spencer Co., Ltd., of Saint John which counted a big loss in expensive motion pic-

### PETTIGREW CLEARED OF CHARGE

#### Preliminary Hearing Against Mrs. May Bannister On Kidnapping Charge Opens.

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)  
MONCTON, N. B., Feb. 7.—Two witnesses from Truro, N. S., were among four who testified this afternoon after the preliminary hearing of Mrs. May Bannister, charged with kidnapping little Betty Lake, opened before Magistrate W. F. Lane.  
Mrs. Lillian Chisholm and Alonso Ellis, Truro, told of having seen the accused in the Nova Scotia town last December and some years previously. The interview was very satisfactory; full information was supplied as to the probable requirements of the City, which I am entitled to believe is still on record in the Government offices, and we were assured that the City would receive at least as favourable treatment as was previously obtained, and that we should proceed as necessarily required.

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### Naval Parley Strikes Snag

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)  
LONDON, Feb. 7.—Delegates to the naval conference tonight were faced with the problem of reconciling differing view-points on the size of capital ships. The United States stood firm in demanding 35,000-ton battleships, while France and Italy held out for a maximum of 27,500 tons.  
Great Britain went on record as favoring a limit of 25,000 tons. However, the British delegates last week indicated they would accept the American proposal for a 35,000-ton limit as a basis for discussion.  
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### And So He Did!

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)  
HOUSTON, Texas, Feb. 7.—J. C. Martin, 28, and Roy Martin, 22, brothers, left a dance for home each in his own automobile.  
"I'll see you in a few minutes," J. C. shouted to Roy as they parted. Minutes later, two cars collided. No one was hurt but both machines were damaged badly. The drivers were J. C. and Roy Martin.

### Wage Dispute Still Unsettled Last Night

Charlottetown carpenters and laborers, on strike because of wage differences with the Parson Construction Co., which has a re-modeling job at the Metropolitan Store, held a protest meeting last night to decide what action they should take against the importation of workmen to fill their shoes. They met last night when they learned eight or ten outsiders had come to take over the job, and a committee was appointed to interview the strikebreakers and place the Charlottetown carpenters' case before them.  
Daniel Coughlin presided at the meeting which was very largely attended.  
Mr. Evans, superintendent of the work here, met Mr. Edward Landry, president of the Carpenters' Union, and Mr. Patrick Cullen, President of the Laborers' Protective Union last night in an attempt to come to terms. He proposed that the men start at his rates, 30 and 40 cents an hour, five cents below what the men asked, and if they proved satisfactory city rates would be paid. He would not set any length of time for the "trial," the laborers' representatives reported to their fellows later. They had offered as a counter proposal that city rates be paid at the start and if the men were not satisfactory then to lay them off. The contractors' representative would not agree to that. However, the superintendent and representatives of the Labor Unions are to meet again this morning.  
Meanwhile the workmen decided to continue the strike declaring no work would be done until they were offered minimum city wages. A resolution was unanimously passed to have pickets patrol the store front again today.  
The committee appointed to interview the outside men reported later that they had talked to two men from Moncton and put the case of the local workmen before them. The outside men are understood to have stated that they did not understand the situation here before coming and to have also told the committee that they would not go to work until the minimum city rate was paid the local men. Although the committee did not interview the other imported men they understood that they are from other parts of this Province.

### SIDAMO CORPS REVOLT IS SHORT-LIVED

(A. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)  
DIBOUTI, French Somaliland, Feb. 7.—A short-lived revolt against Desta Destu Demtu, Ethiopian Southern Commander and son-in-law of Emperor Haile Selassie, was disclosed today in reliable reports from Addis Ababa.  
The crack Sidamo Province army corps, it was stated, scattered to the hills and refused to follow the Emperor's orders after an Italian advance in the southwest.  
The revolt was appeased and possible disaster to the Ethiopian cause averted by the Emperor. Although refusing to replace Destu as Commander-in-Chief, he restored Destu's son, Prince Baitcha, veteran Sidamo warrior to the command of the corps which he created 20 years ago.  
Forces in the south are being reinforced and organized for action following the revolt. The Turkish campaigner, Wehib Pasha, who shared honors in repelling the Italians in Ogaden Province, is hastening to Sidamo as an emergency adviser to the Ethiopian commanders.  
The Ethiopians now present a dangerous threat to the Italians, these sources stated.  
A rear attack by Wolamo troops under Dedjazmach Makonnen Wossenale from the southwest is possible and at the same time Dedjazmach Berde Wered, another son-in-law of the Emperor, is advancing towards Sidamo from Bale.

### Four Children Die In Fire

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)  
LONDON, Feb. 7.—Four children were burned to death tonight and their father seriously burned when a jar of gasoline, chilled by exposure to the wintry weather, cracked open when subjected to the heat, exploded and turned their home into a raging inferno.  
The dead, children of William Carpenter, London Township, were Marion, 2 1/2 years, Jack, seven, Edna, 12, and Walter, 14. The father was brought to hospital here by neighbors. The Carpenter home is about five miles from London. Only today, Mrs. Carpenter, who had been in London for the past two days, gave birth to another child.

### Dressmakers Call Strike

(A. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)  
NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Armed with a \$1,000,000 "war chest," thousands of dressmakers massed in Madison Square Garden roared out today to declare a strike that would cripple the continent's fashion centre in the midst of Easter production.  
Jammed to capacity with 25,000 needleworkers, the Garden echoed to the cry "strike, strike, we want strike!" as a delegation of union leaders arrived from a conference with Mayor F. H. LaGuardia. No definite date for the walkout was set, but Julius Hochman, manager of the unions' joint board, said a strike was "imminent and inevitable."

### EMPEROR AVERTS POSSIBLE DISASTER—PRACTICABILITY OF OIL EMBARGO STILL STUDIED.

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Others officers elected were: 1st Vice President—Captain W. R. Luger, Halifax.  
2nd Vice President—Captain Robert Rudland, Dartmouth.  
Treasurer—J. E. Halifax, re-elected.  
Secretary—G. H. Hutchinson, Halifax, re-elected.  
A committee of ways and means was appointed to raise funds for carrying on the work of the society and plans for the Association's activities for 1936 were drawn up.

### Guild Selects Play For Competition

The next big step in the progress of the Little Theatre Guild of Charlottetown was taken when it was decided at an Executive meeting held last night that one of the three plays to be presented at the Studio night as the first performance in the new Little Theatre Playhouse, will be sent to St. John, N. B., to participate in the Regional Drama Festival there to be held March 2, 3 and 4.  
The play selected is "Circumstantial Evidence" a one-act play which carried off the honors in the Great Britain Drama League in 1935. The play was written by George H. Grimaldi and will be directed by Mrs. Ruby Houle.  
If the Charlottetown entry is successful in St. John, it will open the way to the Dominion Drama Festival to be held in Ottawa in April. Further progress was reported in the campaign being carried on for new members.



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# VOTE FOR TURNER AND BUSINESS LIKE ADMINISTRATION