

Public life tries character as by fire.

NON-INTERVENTION BODY STRIKES SNAG

\$100,000 FIRE IN HALIFAX NORTH END

BLAZE UNDER CONTROL AFTER 4-HOUR BATTLE

Four Stores Burned Or Damaged When Flames Follow Quickly On Blast

HALIFAX, Oct. 22 (CP)—A three-alarm fire that raged through three buildings in the heart of Halifax's Gottingen Street business district in the north end of the city was believed under control shortly before midnight after firemen had battled four hours.

No definite estimate of the damage was available immediately but firemen placed it at approximately \$100,000 and possibly more, depending upon stock carried in the four stores burned or damaged in the blaze.

Heaviest loser was believed to be the Gottingen Street branch of Metropolitan Stores, a three-story wooden structure where the fire was still burning briskly. Other firms burned or were Jack's, limited, a ladies' wear store, a branch of the Dominion Store, grocery chain and a drugstore. Adjacent firms suffered water and smoke damage.

Firemen said only absence of any wind saved the district. It was the worst blaze in the last 100 years.

Destroyers in apartments above the destroyed or damaged buildings are all believed to have escaped. One woman, not immediately identified, carried out two children. A smoke-and-hot-air blast that

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COMING EVENTS

- Reserve November 11th for Byon United Supper and Bazaar. L-932-10-23-11.
Masquerade Dance in Millview Hall, October 25th in aid of Women Institute. Prize given. L-885-10-23-11.
Reserve October 26th for Salvation Army Bean Supper. Tickets 15 cents. L-905-10-23-2.
Reserve Saturday, November 6th for Rummage Sale in Bap-Hist School Room. L-949.
Reserve November 6th for Cake Sale at S. A. McDonald's Store. L-925-10-23-11.
Hallowe'en Dance in Fort Augustus School, Friday, October 29th. L-904-10-23-11.
Annual chicken supper, dance, St. James Hall, Summerfield, Tuesday, Oct. 26th. L-850-10-21-51.
Variety Concert, Cardigan Hall, Tuesday, October 26th. Dance after with "Webster's Orchestra." L-714-10-18-22-23.
Dr. J. D. Reddin's Dental Office in Sour: will be open Monday, Tuesday and Saturday each week until further notice. L-941-10-23-11.
Clyde River Fox Breeder's Club Field Day, Tuesday, October 26th. 1 o'clock at J. H. MacPhail's ranch. L-917-10-23-11.
Buying fowl October 26th. Paying highest market prices. Lorne Seaman, Brada bane, Ben Cousins, Rose Valley. L-913-10-23-21.
Reserve Thursday, October 28th for the Church of Scotland Ladies' Aid Supper and Bazaar in Cape Traverse Hall. L-902-10-23-11.
C. W. L. penny sale and dance at Webster's Corner Hall, Tuesday October 26th. Admission free from 7 to 8 o'clock. Special music. L-948-10-23-21.
Don't forget to hear The Charlottetown Male Chorus at North Whitshire Hall, Tuesday night, Oct. 26th at 8.30, dance after. Al Bianchi and his Orchestra. L-835-10-21-23-25.
Marshall-Dunstaffnage Y. P. will present their play, "Hired Husbands" in Bonshaw Hall, October 27, at 8 p. m. Admission 25 and 15. L-951-10-23-21.
M. N. G. rummage sale—A large assortment of evening dresses, afternoon dresses and men's clothing—St. Peter's Cathedral Schoolroom this evening 7 p. m. L-950.

\$12,500 Federal Contribution To Youth Training

Projects Cover Agricultural And Other Short Courses At Various Centres.

OTTAWA, Oct. 22 (CP)—Labor Minister Rogers announced tonight an agreement had been completed with Prince Edward Island in connection with the Dominion-Provincial youth training plan. The agreement, effective to March 31, 1938, provides expenditure of \$25,000 to be shared equally by the Dominion and the province.

Projects under the agreement are open to "unemployed young people" between the ages of 18 and 30. Where young people have to attend a course of instruction away from their homes, living allowances will be paid.

The agreement provides: Establishment of courses for women in Charlottetown and other centres to provide training for household workers as well as instruction in home management and economics, handicrafts and physical education.

Establishment of special courses at the Prince of Wales College where instructions will be given in agriculture and subjects related to farming. Assistance will also be provided for selected young men to attend the agricultural courses at the Truro agricultural school as well as the courses in rural leadership and cooperation at St. Francis Xavier university, Antigonish.

Occupational training in carpentry, blacksmithing and repair of farm machinery by means of special courses.

For the benefit of those engaged in the fishing industry special courses will be given dealing with the curing, processing, packing

Is Acquitted On Murder Charge

SHELBYVILLE, Kt., Oct. 22 (AP)—Roy Garr was acquitted tonight by a jury of 12 farmers of a charge of murdering Brigadier General Henry H. Denhardt. Garr's acquittal followed several hours after his younger brother, Jack, was freed when Judge Charles C. Marshall dismissed the murder charge against him.

The third brother, Dr. E. S. Garr, was not tried, his case having been continued to the February term.

Will Facilitate Fish Shipments To Italy

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Oct. 22 (CP Cable)—A program to facilitate fish shipments to Italy was announced today by the Newfoundland Commission Government today. The Government intends to provide the necessary measures for insurance against risks of non-payment into the sterling branch of the Anglo-Italian clearing account within 90 days of actual payments by buyers and against risk of loss in exchange between the lire and sterling.

Franco, Made Dictator, Turns Attention To Eastern Front

(By The Associated Press) HENDAYE, Franco-Spanish frontier, Oct. 22—General Franco, armed with more complete power as dictator of insurgent Spain, today turned his attention from the vital conquered northwest to the vital eastern fronts. While the two-thirds of Spain under this control celebrated the fall of Gijon, Bay of Biscay seaport, and collapse of government resistance in the northwest, Franco tightened his hold on the reins. It was disclosed that the decree setting up the Fascist National Council, announced yesterday, gave General Franco the right to name secretly his own successor as dictator of Spain. It provided all

CANADA-U. S. FRIENDSHIP RE-DEDICATED

United States State Secretary Hull Concludes Three Day Visit To Canada.

(By The Canadian Press) TORONTO, Oct. 22—The United States and Canada, the "good neighbors," re-dedicated their friendship today as Washington's good-will visitor, State Secretary Cordell Hull, concluded a brief series of meetings with Canadian governmental leaders in Ottawa and Toronto.

At a luncheon in his honor, Mr. Hull told Prime Minister Mackenzie King: "I am happy to take back with me to my people your message of a good neighbor, just as I was happy in the privilege of bringing such a message to Canada in the name of the Government and people of the United States."

Expresses Satisfaction The Prime Minister, proposing a toast to Secretary Hull, had expressed satisfaction in the "strengthening of ties between Canada and the United States." Both upheld principles of conciliation in international disputes.

Later at University of Toronto, where he received the honorary degree of doctor of laws, Mr. Hull said he was confident the "outward looking of mankind will create, in the sphere of international relations, unshakable order based on law."

Entrain for Washington After two days spent in Ottawa where he and Mr. Hull were entertained at state functions, the State Secretary and his wife came to Toronto this morning in the company of the Governor-General and Lady Tweedsmuir, Prime Minister King and the United States Minister to Canada, Norman Armour. Early tonight the Hulls entrained for Washington.

In the principal speech of his Canadian visit at University of Toronto, the State Secretary said his remarks deploring "international lawlessness" were especially appropriate because he stood on British soil.

United States and all the parts of the British Empire held a strong conviction that peace was indispensable to civilization and progress. The conviction was deeply ingrained in the consciousness of the British and American peoples.

Jury Frees Girl On Murder Charge

(A.P. By Guardian's Special Wire) NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Oct. 22—A courtroom crowd cheered today as a jury freed dark-haired Margaret Drennan, 20 year old secretary student, for the slaying of Paul Reeves, 25, father of two children and whom she charged was the father of her own unborn child.

Miss Drennan, who testified she killed Reeves in his dark Iselin bungalow the night of Sept. 7 to ward off a second attack, was whisked by jail officers to the sheriff's office immediately after the jury returned its verdict three hours and 2 minutes after retiring.

There she had a happy reunion with her mother and father and eldest sister, Agnes, and all she could say was "well, oh well."

Nine-Power Parley Postponement Sought

(A.P. By Guardian's Special Wire) TOKYO, Oct. 22—A government spokesman indicated today Japan may ask for postponement of the Brussels conference of nine-power treaty signatories, set for Oct. 30, pleading insufficient time for preparation. Meanwhile, authoritative sources said Japanese diplomats in Europe were ascertaining the attitudes of Italy and Germany, the two powers most friendly to Japan, toward the conference. Italy, signatory of the Nine-Power Pact—concluded at Washington in 1922—has accepted Belgium's invitation to the conference. It is expected Germany, a non-signatory, will be invited to join after the conference is in session.

Seven Are Killed, 22 Injured In Train-Bus Crash

(A.P. By Guardian's Special Wire) MASON CITY, Ia., Oct. 22—Seven persons were reported killed and 22 injured here late today when a school bus was struck by the Rock Island Rocket train at a crossing near here.

The crash, a fast stream-lined passenger train which went into service less than a month ago, crashed into the bus as it was carrying the school children on a tour of Mason City industrial plants.

The dead and injured, all said to be children, were from Renwick, Ia., High School.

HIGHER VALUE OFFSETS DROP IN FISH CATCH

Report For Island Division Shows Increase In Both Catch And Value.

HALIFAX, Oct. 22 (CP)—A sharp decline of more than 9,000,000 pounds in the total quantity of fish landed by Maritime fishermen during September of this year compared with the same month of 1936 was offset by an increase of \$47,600 in the total value, according to the regular monthly report issued by chief supervisor D. H. Sturtevant of the eastern division of the department of fisheries today.

Nova Scotia fishermen had a successful month's fishing landing 27,036,100 pounds, an increase of more than 4,000,000 pounds, and receiving \$387,797, an increase of \$47,600 in the total value, less \$88,350. New Brunswick landed 218,000 pounds and the landed value of 243,864 showing a decline of \$37,947.

Underworld Scoured For Kidnap Clue

(A.P. By Guardian's Special Wire) CHICAGO, Oct. 22—The investigation of the kidnaping of Charles R. Ross veered into the underworld today. The new turn indicated officials were convinced the abduction of the retired manufacturer and the collection of \$50,000 ransom were engineered by Chicago hoodlums.

The latest theory was that gamblers, harassed by a long police campaign, might have resorted to snatching when their revenue was cut off by a series of raids.

New Commodore Of C. P. R. Fleet Named

MONTREAL, Oct. 22—Sir Edward Beatty, chairman of Canadian Pacific Steamships, Limited, today announced appointment of Captain W. G. Busk-Wood, R. D. R. N. R., as Commander of the 42,500-ton liner Empress of Britain and Commodore of the Canadian Pacific fleet. He succeeds Captain G. R. Parry of Beaver River, N. S., who becomes General Superintendent at Montreal.

CHINESE TAKE OFFENSIVE NEAR SHANGHAI

(A.P. By Guardian's Special Wire) SHANGHAI, Oct. 23 (Saturday)—A Chinese spokesman declared today that Chinese troops, attacking in concert at many points in the battle for Shanghai, had taken the initiative from the Japanese and threatened to surround their advancing forces.

Determined to save Tazang and their supply lines to Chapei, on the northern border of the international settlement, large forces of Chinese moved last night into that sector 12 miles to the northwest, where the fiercest battle of the Shanghai conflict is in progress.

By five different routes the Chinese converged on Japanese troops based to the rear of Wentao, a small town, and claimed capture of five villages, including a Japanese supply base at the temple of the Big Black Prince.

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Four Drowned When Small Boat Overturns

PORT COQUITLAM, B. C., Oct. 22 (CP)—British Columbia police tonight dragged Pitt Lake, 10 miles north of here, for the bodies of four persons drowned when their small boat overturned shortly after noon and sank immediately.

Investigating officers said they had not determined definitely the cause of the accident which took the lives of Mansel Reece, David Henderson and the three-year-old daughter of Mrs. Harold Routlay—all residents of this Fraser Valley settlement—and an unidentified man believed to be from Vancouver.

New Zealand Aviatrix Well On Way To Setting New Record

DAMASCUS, Syria, Oct. 22 (CP Reuters)—Jean Batten, the New Zealand aviator who has a good chance of smashing the solo flight record from Australia to England, landed at Mezza airport near here late today and planned to continue toward London tomorrow morning.

Miss Batten flew here from Basra, Iraq, where she made a 40-minute halt after a flight from Karachi, India. She left Port Darwin, Australia, at dawn Tuesday in her effort to better the mark of six days, 10 hours, 55 minutes, held by H. F. Broadbent of Australia.

She is well ahead of Broadbent's mark. He reached Cyprus, in the

New Deadlock Is Precipitated By Russian Stand

Italy Reported Ready To Bolt Committee Following Stormy Session—Meet Again Monday.

PARIS, Oct. 22 (CP)—A Havas News Agency dispatch from London tonight said Italy had threatened to bolt the Spanish Non-Intervention Committee when Russia insisted on complete withdrawal of volunteers from Spain prior to the granting of belligerency rights.

The threat was made by Italian Ambassador Count Candi at a Non-Intervention sub-committee meeting held to consider practical machinery for withdrawing foreigners from the civil war, Havas said.

The Soviet stand was voiced by Ambassador Ivan Maisky. Great Britain sponsors according to belligerency rights to the combatants after "substantial" withdrawal, while Italy has indicated it believes the move should be made after "symbolic" recall.

The sub-committee convened shortly after 3 p.m. under Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden's chairmanship. It adjourned until Monday after a session reported as "stormy."

BRITISH HOUSE IS PROROGUED

(C. P. by Guardian's Special Wire) LONDON, Oct. 22—The Speech from the Throne proroguing Parliament today recorded concern at the development of hostilities in China and noted the Government's efforts to prevent the spread of the Spanish civil war.

The speech, a review of events of the past session, was read by the Lord Chancellor in the House of Lords to which members of the House of Commons had been summoned by the Usher of the Black Rod. Parliament sat yesterday for the first time following the summer recess.

The new session will be inaugurated Tuesday, when the King and Queen will drive in state to Westminster to open Parliament, and His Majesty will read to the assembled members of both Houses the Speech from the Throne outlining the Government's policies.

The prorogation speech ended the session opened last November by King Edward VIII. It glanced briefly at the Coronation, the Imperial Conference, the Egyptian Treaty, developments in Spain and the Far East, the progress of rearmament and of Indian autonomy.

Informal sources said the delegates hoped to be able to meet again Monday.

These sources charged that Italy's demand for unanimous agreement on the British plan was a move by Count Dino Grandi, Italian Ambassador in London and his country's representative on the subcommittee, to shift the blame for ineffectiveness of non-intervention to Russia.

The pointed out that Italy agreed without reservation to the British plan Wednesday with the knowledge of Russia's unwillingness to consider the question of belligerent rights until all foreign volunteers were removed from Spain.

Russia at that time was understood to have agreed to step aside and let those who still were willing to prolong the non-intervention experiment to do the best they could.

Soviet Ambassador Ivan Maisky (Continued on page 13, Col 5)



TORONTO, Oct. 22—Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson 32 32, Victoria 54 68, Edmonton 38 74, Regina 28 64, Winnipeg 26 40, Toronto 39 47, Ottawa 34 44, Montreal 42 59, Quebec 42 53, Saint John 46 58, Halifax 44 62, Charlottetown 44 60.

Forecasts: Maritime East: Mostly fair and mild, followed by increasing southeasterly winds and probably some rain.

High tide this afternoon at 1:23 and tomorrow morning at 12:43. Sun sets this afternoon at 5:03 and rises tomorrow morning at 6:27.

Last quarter moon Tuesday, Oct. 26, 8:26 a.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., 2:35 p. m. From Sept. 27 to Oct. 30 Leave Borden 4:30 p. m., leave Tormentine 6:45 p. m.