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BRITISH NAVAL PROGRAM IN FULL SWING

TRANSPORT BILL PASSES COMMITTEE STAGE

MARITIME PROTESTS REJECTED

(C. P. by Guardian's Special Wire)
OTTAWA, March 11.—Proposal for Federal control of Canadian transportation agencies was advanced another step today when the Senate Railways Committee approved the Transport Bill in amended form, after holding hearings and debating the measure since Feb. 3.

An 11th-hour effort by Senators from the Maritime Provinces to further amend the bill was rejected by the committee at the final session and the bill will be reported to the Senate Tuesday night. The Senate was scheduled to get the bill this afternoon but printing of amendments had not been completed and it was set over.

The Transport Commission of the Maritime Boards of Trade wired the committee yesterday the eastern provinces would be deprived of central Canadian markets if through shipments from Canadian Atlantic ports to the lakehead or St. Lawrence ports were not exempted from Federal control the bill proposed to vest in a Board of Transport Commissioners.

It submitted the result otherwise would lead inevitably to higher freight rates and would retard the economic life of the Maritimes. The Saint John, N. B. Board of Trade, W. H. Silver, Halifax, and the Maritime Premiers forwarded supporting telegrams, claiming this class of Maritime business would be destroyed unless exclusion was granted.

The committee, however, rejected the amendments and the bill will be reported to the Senate Tuesday night.

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Further Evidence Of Abuses Under Guardian System

Eight Witnesses Examined Yesterday By Commission Inquiring Into Illegal Lobster Fishing.

"It is my opinion that the destruction of lobster traps is not the proper method of enforcement of the regulations, in fact it is the fisherman who suffers, and the one who encourages him, gives him cans and then buys the canned lobsters back at a low price and sells them at a high price, gets off Scot free, and it is my opinion that the illegal fishing is to be stopped, that first party handling the lobsters after the fishermen is the man to prosecute," declared Mr. W. F. Tidmarsh, of this city, former manager for the Portland Packing Company who retired a few years ago, before a royal commission probing the illegal fishing of lobsters here yesterday.

Mr. Tidmarsh, who has made an exhaustive survey of the lobster industry, said that the average fisherman in good seasons makes but little money, and if he knows he can sell his lobsters, there is a temptation for him to take a chance and fish illegally.

"I also agree with the statement of Hon. Fred Magee made at Port Elgin," continued Mr. Tidmarsh, "regarding the protection end of the industry. I feel that the Justice Department through the R. C. M. P. should do a much more efficient job than the present guardian system. There has always been political interference to a certain extent, regardless of what party is in power, and the guardians have their friends in various districts and in some cases relatives who are 'poaching' and they do not want to report them. I also feel that the patrol boat system is not worth much."

The witness also expressed the opinion that the late season in District 8 should be abolished, and that there should be but one season in the two districts, 7 and 8, and that from May 1 to June 30.

Eight witnesses examined yesterday before the Commission. Mr. Justice A. T. LeBlanc of the King's Bench division of the new Brunswick Supreme Court is the enquiry will continue local sittings today and probably Saturday.

Yesterday morning, three witnesses were called by Commission Counsel Hon. H. F. G. Bridges. In the afternoon Mr. Tidmarsh was recalled, and five additional witnesses were heard.

When the inquiry resumed yesterday morning Mr. George W. McLeod, former manager for the Portland Packing Company returned to the witness stand and from prepared records stated that last year from September to November 2 he had accepted some 376 cases of lobsters which he was suspicious had been illegally packed. These lob-

sters came from C. F. Morrissey of Tignish, who was acting as buyer for the company, and with one exception were delivered to the Charlottetown warehouse by truck, with the one lot coming by train. There were four shipments making up the total and were delivered without permits for transportation.

New Army Uniform For Coronation



This British idea of a smart new uniform has been approved by the King for army use at the coronation. It is dark blue.

The witness said he had been informed by Mr. Morrissey that preparations at Tignish were being made to buy illegally canned lobsters last fall, and in view of the fact that other buyers would be taking some, he felt the company (Portland Packing Company) should get their share. He admitted sending the money to Mr. Morrissey to buy the lobsters and also admitted that his company had supplied cans to about the same extent as they had received. Mr. McLeod said that there were two shipments received by his company here on August 18 and 25 with permits.

"Did you make any attempt to bring those cases of canned lobsters into Charlottetown at night?" "No, the majority of them were delivered in the day time."

"Did you know there would not be a permit with a considerable number of the cases?" "Yes."

"I suppose you sampled the lobsters?" "Yes."

"Were they a good pack?" "Yes, they opened up as good marketable lobsters."

"Were you worried about the cases?" "Yes."

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U. S. PROTESTS PRESS ATTACKS Express Concern Over Violence Of Nazis Blasts.

C.N.R. Depot At Tormentine Razed

(C.P. by Guardian's Special Wire)
CAPE TORMENTINE, N. B., March 11.—Fire of unknown origin tonight razed the Canadian National Railways depot here and the combined store, residence and restaurant owned by Amos Allen. A bucket brigade finally extinguished the flames. Loss was roughly estimated at \$7,000.

C. N. R. station agent George A. Peterson, and telegraph operator Charles Bevan managed to save all important papers and some equipment from the station but the large office safe, could not be moved.

Telephone, telegraph and hydro lines serving the small community were destroyed. An emergency repair crew was working tonight to re-establish light and power service.

Loss to the railway was estimated at \$3,000. The Allen structure was valued at about \$4,000.

Franco Sets - up Naval Control Plan

PARIS, March 11.—(CP-Havas)—France tonight set up a temporary naval control plan of its own to protect its territorial waters from Spanish fighting craft pending completion of the international control plan.

The action was impelled by recent attacks on Spanish government ships by insurgent war vessels in shipping lanes near the French coast.

Navy Minister Gasmier-Duparc ordered the navy to keep under observation all trade ships entering and leaving Spanish ports from March 14 until international control becomes effective.

MR. F. E. LATHE RETURNS TO OTTAWA TODAY

Was In Province In Connection With Economic Survey Now In Progress.

Mr. F. E. Lathe, M.Sc., Ottawa, completed his work here in connection with the economic survey and leaves today on return to the Federal capital. Mr. Lathe, director of the Division of Research Information, National Research Council, had been in the province for the past two days in connection with the economic survey of the province now in progress under the direction of Hon. B. W. LePage, president of the Executive Council.

Yesterday Mr. Lathe met in private conference with Hon. Mr. LePage, Dr. J. A. Clark, superintendent of the Experimental Station; Mr. W. R. Shaw, deputy minister of agriculture; and Mr. H. K. S. Hemming, public accountant, who had presented a brief, setting forth the possibilities for a large scale canning industry here, at a conference on Wednesday. Yesterday's work was largely spent in clarifying and gathering additional information about matters which had been discussed the previous day, Hon. Mr. LePage said last night.

On return to Ottawa Mr. Lathe will prepare a report, which will be submitted to his superior officer in the National Research Council, and will then be passed on to the Federal Departments of Agriculture and Fisheries and others interested. Copies of Mr. Lathe's report will also be furnished provincial authorities.

The survey would not be completed for some time yet, Hon. Mr. LePage said last night. When it was the findings would be presented to the Provincial Legislature.

PROPOSE COSMETICS TAX

LONDON, March 11.—A proposed tax on English beauty would provide \$16,500,000, according to a select committee of the House of Commons.

The committee suggested a penny tax on every sixpence worth of cosmetics sold in England.

REBELS OCCUPY 100 MILES IN NEW DRIVE

Government Officials Charge Italy Waging "Undeclared War" In Spain.

(By John Lloyd Associated Press Foreign Staff)
MADRID, March 11.—High Government authorities, charging 30,000 Italian soldiers were driving toward Madrid with the insurgent army in Guadalajara, accused Italy tonight of waging an "undeclared war" on Spain.

Foreign Minister Alvarez del Vayo, on behalf of civil officials, and General Jose Miaja, speaking for the military command, said the time had come to drop talk of a civil conflict in Spain and brand the war an international one.

General Miaja, commander of all Government troops in Central Spain, returned from a front-line tour and declared his troops were holding firm today, the fourth of weeks fighting in the Guadalajara sector northeast of Madrid.

Insurgent forces attacked repeatedly in an effort to extend their advances of the first three days of battle.

The Government pitted the best unit of its air force against the insurgent offensive.

Government artillery, meanwhile, bombarded insurgent concentrations in the El Pardo, northwest of Madrid.

A serious blow to General Francisco Franco's forces was struck in University City where barricaded positions in the agricultural school were blasted by a mine.

In the Jarama Valley, southeast of the capital, defence troops were reported to have improved their lines as the result of a successful day's fighting.

Italians Captured
Four Italian officers and 37 soldiers from the ranks, said to have been captured in the Guadalajara fighting, were exhibited by the Government as proof of Italian support in the insurgent onslaught against the Aragon highroad.

Hoare Reveals New Details Of Rearmament Plan

Will Have 148 New Warships Under Construction By The End Of The Year.

LONDON, March 11.—(CP Cable)—The 80 new warships to be laid down by Great Britain under the 1937 naval program announced in the House of Commons today, together with the 68 ships being built under the 1936 program, will again place the Empire at the peak of world sea power—in effect returning to the days when "Britain rules the waves."

The "remarkable number" of 148 new ships, described by Sir Samuel Hoare, First Lord of the Admiralty, will give the Empire by far the largest fleet in the world, naval authorities agreed, unless the United States should decide to meet it.

But Sir Samuel declared that "now and henceforth there can be no rivalry between the American and British navies."

Not including the 80 new ships, naval experts computed that Britain has 348 ships afloat or building, with a total tonnage of 1,525,368 tons. This figure included a number of over age vessels.

Next in strength is the United States fleet which has 400 craft built or building, with a tonnage of 1,441,505.

LONDON, March 11.—New details of British naval construction and strategy, a new picture of the thoroughness with which the government is carrying out its rearmament program, were unfolded in the House of Commons today by Sir Samuel Hoare.

Introducing the 1937 naval estimates, the First Lord of the Admiralty revealed that by the end of the year Britain would have under construction the "remarkable number" of 148 ships, that anti-aircraft weapons were being produced "on a scale of precision undreamed of in 1918," that plans were ready to repel any attack on British shipping in "narrow seas," and that the Singapore naval base was nearing completion.

After the speech, Rt. Hon. A. V. Alexander, former Labor First Lord of the Admiralty, asked if the Do-

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Freighter Delia Sinks, Crew Safe

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., March 11.—(CP Cable)—The Government ship Sagona was believed to be standing by off Drook Point, Trepassey Bay, tonight awaiting a chance to take on the crew of the Halifax freighter Delia which sank today after being crushed by heavy drift ice.

Captain John Renouf of Halifax and his crew abandoned the Delia Monday night, crawling and jumping two miles to shore over the heaving ice pack. Since then they watched the 1,267-ton freighter wage a lonely fight against the crushing floes.

Ice had loosened plates in her hull, and she was slowly taking water into her hold, but members of her crew believed at first she would be able to be salvaged and repaired. Then, suddenly, the vessel slipped to the bottom early today, just before the Sagona dove into sight to assist her.

It was believed the Sagona would wait off Drook Point until the Delia's crew could be reached and returned to St. John's from the isolated district.

Kier Weeks, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Weeks City, was a member of the crew of the ill-fated ship.

ONE DEAD IN MINE BLAST

Fears Held For Safety Of 18 Believed Entombed.

(A.P. by Guardian's Special Wire)
CHARLESTON, W. Va., March 11.—N. P. Rhinehart, chief of the state mines department, said tonight one man had been found dead and 18 were missing in the explosion of the McBeth mine of the Hutchinson Coal Company near Logan.

Rhinehart added he had been informed there were 22 men in the mine and that the other three evidently had escaped. The body found was that of the mine motorman.

He said the explosion apparently was "localized" in the mine "headings" and that the cause probably was accidental ignition of gas.

NEW YORK, March 11.—The Chief of Police of Logan, W. Va., told The Associated Press over the telephone tonight that one man was known to have been killed in a mine explosion near there and that 22 were unaccounted for.

The officer, Everett Auprice, said it would take "36 to 48 hours" to reach the trapped men and added: "It looks like there's very little chance for them."

NEW CRUISER FOR Eastern Service

(C. P. by Guardian's Special Wire)
QUEBEC, March 10.—The Clarke Steamship Company has acquired for its Montreal, Quebec and New- foundland service the Prince Henry, 11,000-ton cruise vessel, operated by the Canadian National Steamship Company, between Vancouver and Alaskan ports, President Desmond A. Clarke announced today.

The Prince Henry now on southern cruises will be overhauled and renovated in preparation for four trips next summer from Montreal and Quebec to Gaspé, Charlottetown, Pictou, N. S., Corner Brook and St. Anthony, Nfld., Forteau Bay in Labrador, Havre St. Pierre on the St. Lawrence River north shore, the Saguenay River, Murray Bay and back to Montreal.

\$300,000 Said Hidden Away By Recluse In Old Shack

PEACE RIVER, Alta., March 11.—(CP)—A letter from counsel for a son in North Dakota today started a search for \$300,000 allegedly secreted somewhere in a dilapidated, 260-mile northwest of Edmonton.

The fortune is supposed to have been left by George Lerch, 83-year-old second hand dealer who died July 20, 1936.

The shack has been condemned by the Town Council as a public health menace and a fire hazard. Since word of the fortune got around, it is being kept under careful police scrutiny.

When Lerch died his effects were taken over by the public administrator. His estate at that time consisted of the shack and contents and a quarter section of land.

An Edmonton barrister has received a communication from a lawyer in Larimore, N. D., to the effect that George Lerch, son of the dead man, and resident of that town for the past 29 years, has represented his father as a rich miser, having, to the son's knowledge, five years ago, more than \$300,000 in cash hidden away in various places about his property in Peace River.

Information regarding a will left by deceased and the disposition of the property is asked for in the letter and also a request that destruction of the building be delayed until a search has been made for the money.

COMING EVENTS

- *Come to the Old Time Concert, Mount Stewart Legion Hall, March 17th. L-439-3-12-21.
- *Pantry Sale aid of Basileia Aita Society, Saturday afternoon at Holmans. L-287-3-8-61.
- *Hockey at Canoe Cove tonight, Churchill vs. Canoe Cove. Skating after. L-457.
- *Covehead vs. Maple Leafs, Milton Rink tonight. Game starts 1:30. Skate after. L-455.
- *Hockey at Hunter River tonight, Milton Hornets vs. Hunter River Royals. L-459.
- *Three-act Comedy, Emerald Hall, St. Patrick's night. Admission 10 cents. Curtain at 8:15. L-401-3-12-41.
- *Cake Sale, Second Charlottetown Co. of Girl Guides, Moore & Macleod's, Saturday, March 13th. L-387-3-12-21.
- *Borden rink tonight, the old rivals, Bloodhounds vs. Nationals for Rogers Trophy, skate after. L-450.
- *Come to the Hospital Cake Sale at Prowse Bros., Saturday, March 13th, by the Ladies of Trinity United Church. L-452.
- *Hockey, Pownal, Friday, 12th. Mt. Albion vs. Millville, Mt. Herbert and Pownal Junior vs. Mt. Herbert and Pownal Seniors. L-458.
- *St. Patrick's Concert, Bonshaw March 17th. Hear W.R. Shaw speak. Program and lunches. Admission 5c and 10c at 8 o'clock. L-431-3-12-16.
- *Division Variety Concert in Bonshaw Hall, March 11th. Good talent. Curtain rises at 8 P.M. Sharp. Sale of lunches. Admission 5c and 10c. L-433-3-12-11.
- *The Annual Meeting of the Eastern Kings Exhibition Association will be held in McQuaid's Hall, Bonnis on Tuesday, March 16th at 8 P.M. Pres. Edwin Reid, Sec'y, D. P. MacAulay. L-440-3-12-21.
- *See "The Colonel's Maid" presented by St. James Dramatic Club, Georgetown, March 17th. A splendid Three Act Comedy—Ching-a-Ling the Chinese Cook is a scream. L-434-3-12-31.
- *Livestock Marketing Board will deliver a carload of cornmeal and cracked corn at Wiltshire Station to farmers who place their order with the Shipping Club Secretary. Act quickly, place your order at once. Feed corn products and give your valuable oats. L-418-3-11-21.

Fresh from the Gardens

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