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MR. BENNETT TO RETIRE FROM LEADERSHIP

INSURGENT CRUISER TORPEDOED IN BATTLE

GOVERNMENT STRIKES BLOW AT BLOCKADE

Loss of Life Believed Heavy—Planes Join In Sea Engagement.

(A.P. By Guardian's Special Wire) MADRID, March 6—Spanish Government warships torpedoed a 10,000 ton insurgent cruiser in a dramatic naval battle before dawn today leaving the shattered warship's identity wrapped in flames off the southeastern coast of Spain.

A Spanish Government announcement identified the blazing warship as the insurgent cruiser Canarias but the British Admiralty, receiving reports from nearby British destroyers, said it was the Baleares, a cruiser of almost identical silhouette.

Loss of life among the cruiser's crew was believed heavy although the British destroyers Kempenfelt and Boreas carried survivors from the cruiser to other insurgent war vessels.

Both the Canarias and the Baleares, backbone of the insurgent fleet, carried complements of 765 men. (In London the Admiralty announced more than 400 men were saved from the sinking damaged warship. The battle excited speculation in British naval circles over possible emergence of the Spanish Government as a serious threat to insurgent General Franco.)

One British seaman was killed and three others slightly wounded during rescue work when government warships dropped a bomb near the destroyer Boreas.

Shortly after the naval battle started, a Government torpedo struck amidships in the cruiser, soon in the battle line. Government sources said that its position indicated it was the Canarias since the insurgent flagship, the Baleares, would have the first battle position.

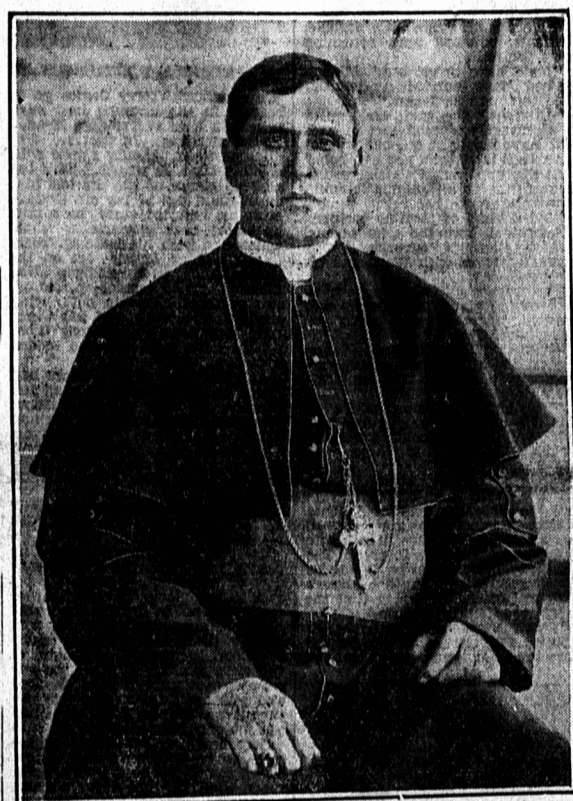
According to the official Spanish Government announcement the fleet joined battle about 2:30 a.m. while the Government-held port of Cartagena with the breaking of daylight Government bombing planes roared in battle.

Urgent warnings were sent to all foreign shipping to avoid the battle zone.

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Death Saturday Of Archbishop Henry J. O'Leary

Former Bishop Of Charlottetown Was Greatly Beloved And Esteemed By All Classes In This Province.



ARCHBISHOP J. O'LEARY

(C.P. By Guardian's Special Wire) VICTORIA, March 6—Most Rev. Henry Joseph O'Leary, Archbishop of Edmonton, one of the leaders of the Roman Catholic Church in Canada, died here last night. He would have been 69 on March 13, 1879. He attended the University of St. Joseph at Meunamcook, N. B., the Seminary of Philosophy in Montreal and the Grand Seminary in Montreal before he was ordained to the holy order of priesthood in 1901.

CONSECRATED BISHOP

He was consecrated Bishop of Charlottetown in 1913, developing St. Dunstan's College into a university and extending the work of the church before Pope Benedict XV in 1920 appointed him Archbishop of the Ecclesiastical Province of Edmonton.

100 Arab Terrorists Slain In Clash With British Force

JERUSALEM, March 6—(CP-Havas)—The British Military Command today threw a cordon of infantry, troops and motorized detachments around the entire Nabulus region of northern Palestine. Several small terrorist bands were isolated and captured this morning when they attempted to flee through the British frontier patrol.

JAPS BLAST YELLOW RIVER DEFENCE POSTS

Mass For Offensive—Anglo-U. S. Representations Made At Shanghai.

SHANGHAI, March 6—Long-range shells screamed across the Yellow River in northern Honan Province today in a Japanese effort to blast an opening in the riverfront and Lunghai Railway defences of the Chinese central front.

The invaders were reported massing in the sector around Wenhshien from which Japanese artillery pumped shells 10 miles southeast across the broad river into Kungshien. The latter town lies across both the river and the east-west Lunghai railway which is the backbone of the Chinese central front.

Make Representations

The British Consul-General in Shanghai, Herbert Phillips, and the United States consul authorities made separate written representations to Japanese authorities against Japanese censorship, either real or projected, of mail.

Anglo-German Talks This Week

LONDON, March 6—The immediate future of Great Britain's hopes for a new four-power pact to secure European peace appear to depend on Prime Minister Chamberlain's approaching talks with Germany's Foreign Minister, Joachim von Ribbentrop, this week.

Stevens Returns From England

HALIFAX, March 6—(CP)—Hon. H. H. Stevens, founder, leader and sole member in Parliament of the Reconstruction Party, arrived in Halifax Saturday aboard the Canadian Pacific Steamship Duchess of York after a stormy crossing from England.

British Seaman Killed Aiding In Rescue Work

(C.P. Havas, By Guardian's Special Wire) LONDON, March 6—The Admiralty today announced able seaman George J. Lohr of the British destroyer Boreas was killed as the Boreas and the destroyer Kempenfelt aided in rescuing seamen of the Spanish insurgent cruiser Baleares.

Three British seamen were slightly wounded as a bomb exploded near the Boreas during a severe naval engagement in the western Bay of Biscay between the Spanish Government and insurgent fleets.

Fire At P. J. MacDonald's Saturday Night

A fire at P. J. MacDonald's grocery store at the corner of Kent and Prince Streets Saturday night caused considerable damage before it was extinguished after about an hour's fight.

Most of the damage was to one of the apartments over the store. Mr. MacDonald said, although water caused damage to a good deal of stock in the store.

The blaze, discovered about 9:20 p.m., apparently originated in a storeroom beneath a staircase leading to an apartment occupied by Mr. Wellington Dixon and his mother, Mrs. Florence Dixon, who is a Miss Webster, invalid retired school teacher, to safety from her room in the Dixon apartment directly over the fire. Mr. Aubrey Frye assisted firemen carry the helpless woman.

What caused the fire is not known. To add to the confusion the lights in the store went out just as the flames were fanned. Many people were in the building at the time doing their Saturday night's shopping. Lights in the apartments above, on a different floor, were on, however. It was not thought that defective wiring caused the fire.

Several Injured In Train Collision

SAINT JOHN, N. B., March 6—(CP)—Passenger and crew of the Montreal-St. John express were shaken up today when the train pulling into the station here, crashed into a train waiting to depart.

A. Cabana, Commercial traveler whose address was given as Buffalo, remained under observation in hospital this evening. A railway mail clerk and woman passenger also were taken to hospital soon afterwards. Others on the incoming Canadian Pacific Railway train suffered minor cuts and bruises.

A misplaced switch was believed to have caused the accident. The C. P. R. locomotive, coping slowly into the station after passing the switch, was unable to be stopped in time to avoid a collision with the parlor car at the rear of a Canadian National train ready to leave for Moncton.

Baptist Church In Toronto Gunned

(C.P. By Guardian's Special Wire) TORONTO, March 6—Dr. T. T. Shields said today that at least \$500,000 would be needed to build a "bigger and better" Jarvis Street Baptist Church than the one gutted by fire Friday at an estimated loss of \$200,000.

SIR JAMES MACBRIEN DIES IN TORONTO

Funeral, With Full Military Honors, Will Be Held Today.

(C.P. By Guardian's Special Wire) TORONTO, March 6—Sir James MacBrien, who came out of retirement in 1931 to head the world famous Royal Canadian Mounted Police, died in hospital here early today after a long illness.

W. A. H. MacBrien, brother of the R. C. M. P. Commissioner, announced early last night that Sir James had died quietly. Lady MacBrien, the former Evelyn Hartridge of New York, was at the bedside.

Sir James was appointed to command the R. C. M. P. in 1931, three years after retiring as pensioner chief of the General Staff of the Department of National Defence. He was knighted in 1935.

Funeral service, with full military honors, will be held at St. Paul's Anglican Church tomorrow afternoon. Following the service, Sir James' body will be taken by a military escort to the Indian Affairs and Northern Development Department in Ottawa. Burial will take place in Ottawa Tuesday.

Warmer Weather For Province Over Weekend

Weather conditions in Prince Edward Island moderated somewhat over the week end after the temperature dropped to 12 below zero at the Charlottetown Experimental Station Saturday morning.

Lowest Temperature For Winter Recorded Saturday Morning

The lowest temperatures were recorded unofficially from other sections of the Province several places announcing 30 to 32 degrees below zero. Yesterday morning the thermometer was two degrees above zero but last night it was dropping again although prospects were four inches snowfall were recorded Saturday night as temperature climbed from sub zero readings.

Coal Bill Awaits Final Action In British House Of Commons

LONDON, March 6—(CP)—After many days of sharp battle in committee, the Government coal bill awaits final reading in the Commons. Then the stage changes to the House of Lords.

Action Taken In Accord With Medical Advice

Party's Debt Of Gratitude Extended To Veteran Conservative Leader At Conference On Saturday.

By NORMAN CAMPBELL Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA, March 6—(CP)—The Liberal Conservative party, one of the two historic political entities of Canada, tonight was launched on a quest for a new leader and new policies—with a new party name likely to come with them.

Rt. Hon. Richard Bedford Bennett, "R.B." to political friends and foes, who rose from a municipal council in Northumberland, N. B., 42 years ago to become Canada's Prime Minister and a member of the Imperial Privy Council, announced yesterday at the closing session of the two-day national Conservative conference his intention to retire.

The leader of the House of Commons Opposition made it clear his zest for politics was undiminished. But a heart ailment that first struck him in 1935 has caused a permanent condition that "necessarily involves drastic limitation upon my activities." He will be 68 next July 2.

France Balks At Larger Warships

(A.P. By Guardian's Special Wire) WASHINGTON, March 6—News that France is acting as a brake on the desire of the United States and Great Britain to build larger battleships came today from reliable official and diplomatic sources.

At the London naval consultations now in progress, France is holding up the movement toward bigger ships. It was revealed that Secretary Hull is studying developments there before sending instructions to the United States delegates.

France was described by officials here as hesitant to build larger battleships because of the effect this would have in Europe. "The rest might be that Germany and Italy also would build them," it was said, and France would have to do likewise.

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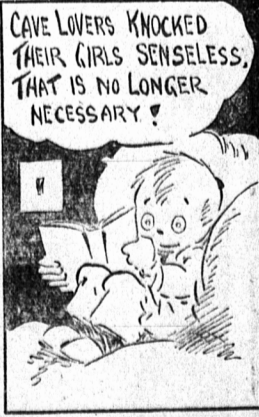


Table with weather forecast data for various locations including Dawson, Victoria, Regina, Winnipeg, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, Saint John, Halifax, and Charlottetown.

COMING EVENTS

- List of upcoming events including: \*Borden Line Club loading hogs, calves every Tuesday. \*Dance Mt. Albion Hall Friday, March 11th. \*First game of finals Milton Rink tonight. \*Hockey tonight at Marathfield. \*Poultry prices are high. \*Bethune League final. \*Furina cow, pig, chick and fox feed. \*Hockey match Victoria Monday.