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Italian Press Charges French Violation Of Neutrality Agreement

Manchukuo, Japan Wedding Link



Manchukuo had cause for a double celebration when, on the occasion of the empire's fifth anniversary, the emperor announced the engagement of his young brother, Prince Pu Chieh, to Miss Hiroko Saga, daughter of one of Japan's oldest families. The betrothed couple is pictured as the announcement was made.

Investigators Seek Clues To \$250,000 Montreal Fire

Japanese Royalty Concludes Visit

OTTAWA, April 5—(CP)—In a drizzle of rain thickened by heavy mists, Prince and Princess Chichibu of Japan today ended their three-day visit to the capital. Their Imperial Highnesses are on their way to the coronation and sail from New York on Wednesday.

COMING EVENTS

- Trinity Mission Band concert, April 8th. L-1176-4-5-2.
- Baying live hogs Albany Thursday 8th, Emerald 9th until noon. G. C. Green. L-2022-1-W-1-t-w-1-t
- Reserve Saturday, April 10, for C. G. I. T. Leaders Council Ciske Sale, Holman's. L-1204.
- Reserve May 12th for Eveready Club Coronation Dance in I.O.O.F. Hall. L-1200-4-6-11.
- Dr. Ayers (Dental) Office will be closed from the 5th of April to the 3rd of May inclusive. L-7130-4-3-31.
- Borden Line Club loading hogs, lambs, calves every Wednesday at Albany Hours 12-3. L-6872-10-M-T-W-T
- Monthly meeting Ladies Aid Prince Edward Island Hospital this afternoon 3.30, at the Hospital. L-1190-4-6-11.
- Hunter River Shipping Club unloading car cornmeal and cracked corn Wednesday and Thursday. List your requirement with Ernest Houston. L-1205.
- Intending breeders should see the stock after James Warren's horse, they are stock which will sell. Parnell McCarville, Maple Plains. L-1193-4-6-11.
- Livestock Marketing Board expect to unload a car of cornmeal and cracked corn at North Wiltshire station Tuesday, April 6. Keep in touch with Shipping Club secretary, E. N. Easter. L-1190-4-6-21
- See "Larry Breaks into Society" Mt. Stewart Legion Hall Wednesday night, April 7th by Webster Corner Players under auspices Mt. Stewart Women's Institute. Dance with orchestra. L-1197-4-6-21.
- Loading live hogs at Kensington all day Thursday, April 8th. Nicholson Bros., loading at Hunter River, Friday till noon. Signed McEwen & Campbell. L-1186-4-6-13-20-27.

(C.P. by Guardian's Special Wire) MONTREAL, April 5—Investigators prodded today through the ashes of a \$250,000 fire for clues to the origin of the conflagration that wiped out two plants in Montreal's downtown factory area and threatened historic Notre Dame Church.

Source of the three-alarm blaze that started late last night in a chemical factory remained a mystery. A fire commissioner's inquiry was slated to open in a few days.

Meanwhile, firemen tonight were still pouring streams of water into buildings housing the ruins of the Merck Chemical Company's plant and the Consolidated Glass Company's factory. Both had been wholly destroyed in the fire that damaged several other buildings and, at one stage, ate its way briefly through the adjoining annex of Notre Dame.

The church itself, valued with its contents of art and religious possessions at around \$100,000, escaped damage. So did the attached 226-year-old seminary holding irreplaceable civic records.

Damage in the Notre Dame annex was confined to a small area of the \$1,000,000 chapel. As soon as fire broke through, it was checked, and the firemen kept it out after that. Exterior of the structure was kept soaked with three hoses.

Shipped 21,521 From Drought Area

OTTAWA, April 5—(CP)—Under the federal policy 21,521 cattle were shipped out of the drought area in 1936 according to incomplete returns Agriculture Minister Gardiner advised C. R. Evans (Lib. Maple Creek) in the House of Commons today.

The Government spent \$74,218 in giving assistance to buyers of feeder cattle. Destination of cattle was as follows: Ontario 17,557; Quebec 1,386; New Brunswick 448; Nova Scotia 378 and Prince Edward Island 74 cattle.

In addition to the cattle 53,312 lambs were shipped from the drought areas at a cost of \$13,181, the minister said.

Was Native Of This Province

(C.P. by Guardian's Special Wire) SYDNEY, N.S., April 5—A native of Prince Edward Island, but a resident of Sydney for more than 25 years, Mrs. E. V. Richards, 63, died here today following a brief illness.

She suffered a paralytic stroke 10 days ago. Besides her husband Alward, she is survived by two sisters, Mrs. George MacDonald and Mrs. James MacCarron, all residing in Prince Edward Island.

John and Ray MacCarron of Sydney and Matt MacCarron of Glace Bay, are nephews of the deceased.

Threat To Bolt Non-intervention Group Taken Lightly In London.

ROME, April 5—(AP)—Italy may withdraw from the 27-nation accord for neutrality in the Spanish civil war on the basis of charges France has violated the agreement, a Government spokesman said tonight.

There appeared to be no reason, he asserted, to doubt the authenticity of charges by the authoritative newspaper Giornale D'Italia, that France had "flagrantly violated" the accord.

The newspaper pointed to a statement by Dino Alfieri, press and propaganda minister, that breaches of the agreement by other nations might lead Italy to "reassume full liberty of action."

The newspaper charged those violations by France:

Delivery of 109 foreign airplanes between March 1 and March 20 for Spanish Government forces; arrival of 10,000 pistols for the Spanish Government at Marseille; an order by the Valencia Government for 50,000 rifles, placed with a Liege factory; ammunition purchase negotiations in Vienna and Praha; plane shipments from Le Havre.

NOT OFFICIAL

LONDON, April 5—(AP)—Officials tonight were inclined to believe Italian charges of French infractions of the Spanish neutrality accord would have to come from official sources rather than newspapers before they could be taken seriously.

"The non-intervention committee stands ready to receive information about any infraction of the agreement," said an informed source. "The committee would be glad to consider such charges provided they came from the Italian Government itself and provided the Italian Government is convinced they are true."

U. S. CITIZENS HELD

TOULOUSE, France, April 5—(CP)—Investigation of Spanish law recruiting activities in New York will be asked of United States authorities by the French Government as the result of yesterday's court proceedings.

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SHIPS STAND BY FREIGHTER

Disabled Vessel Reported In "Safe" Condition.

CHATHAM, Mass., April 5—The German liner Bremen reported today the disabled German freighter Borkum was in "safe" condition as she drifted helplessly in heavy seas off the Azores.

After standing by the freighter from midnight until 2.30 a.m. unable to take off her crew because of heavy seas, the Bremen proceeded to Cherbourg, leaving the U.S. Subalco standing by until the German naval training vessel Schlesien arrived.

In an earlier message, picked up by Radio Marine here, the Bremen reported the Borkum's "bridge torn away, rudder damaged, Captain hurt."

The Borkum, carrying a crew of 34 and three passengers, first asked for assistance early Saturday. She sent her last message yesterday afternoon in which she asked for a "doctor as quickly as possible."

Islander Appointed To Y. M. C. A. Post

(C. P. by Guardian's Special Wire) MONTREAL, April 5—Appointment of Nelson McEwen, Montreal as National Boy's Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association in Canada, was announced here today. He will assume his office in Toronto May 15.

A native of Prince Edward Island and a graduate of McGill University, Mr. McEwen has been engaged in boy's work direction for 19 years in Winnipeg, Saint John, N. B., and Montreal.

CAHAN OPENS DEBATE ON CONSTITUTION

Discusses Recent Rulings Of Privy Council On Bennett Legislation.

OTTAWA, April 5—(CP)—The long-awaited constitutional debate over recent Privy Council decisions on the Bennett "new deal" acts opened tonight in the House of Commons.

Hon. C. H. Cahan, secretary of state in the Bennett Government, launched the debate. He said his apprehension of Canada's difficulties in the field of external affairs, as a result of the Privy Council decisions, had been realized. He said two of the judges who heard the appeals had little experience of Canadian law. Two others who concurred in the famous aeronautics judgment of 1932, disregarded that finding when concurring in the recent judgments.

It was time, said Mr. Cahan, a recognized constitutional authority, to return to the wording of the British North America Act, particularly relating to its division of legislative powers between the Dominion and provinces. He said judgments "persistently misquote" sub-clause 13 of section 91, the property and civil rights clause of the Act. He contended the Privy Council interpreted the Act as if it read "affects property and civil rights" whereas the wording was "relates to property and civil rights." In his opinion the Privy Council treated the text of the B. N. A. Act in a casual or conversational way.

The judgments, Mr. Cahan said, threw doubt on the constitutionality of the federal old age pension scheme, unemployment relief grants and appropriations to provinces for relief works. He suggested this doubt be cleared up as rapidly as possible by a reference to the courts.

SEEK FREER EXCHANGE OF COMMERCE

Possibilities Of Lower World Trade Barriers Under Consideration.

(A.P. by Guardian's Special Wire) LONDON, April 5—A concentrated world effort to combat barriers to trade was hinted tonight by the International Sugar Conference as it deliberated to deal with one troubled industry.

Belgium, at the instigation of France and Britain, began a survey of economic conditions in Europe with a view to "exploring how it may prove possible to reduce international trade barriers." (Brussels reports indicated a visit next week by Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, German Reichsbank president, would mark the beginning of economic conversations.)

Whether these conversations would result in eventual convocation of an international economic conference remained to be seen, but reliable observers emphasized that such a parley was not in immediate prospect and that no bilateral agreements were envisaged as a part of the tripartite survey.

Expresses Pleasure

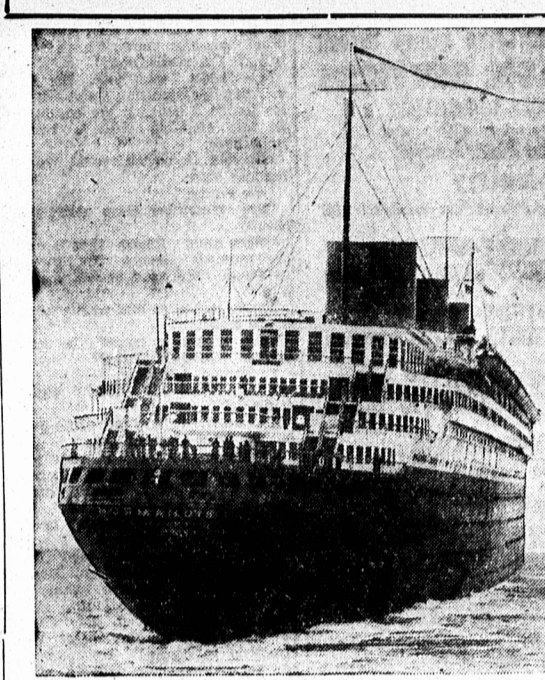
The chief of the United States sugar delegation, Norman H. Davis expressed pleasure at news of the Anglo-French-Belgian trend toward economic discussion.

Davis tonight gave what some considered a hint of his Government's stand on a possible economic conference in reply to a toast by Rt. Hon. Ramsay MacDonald, chairman of the Sugar Conference.

Speaking of the Sugar Conference.

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Runs Off With Speed Title



The long blue ribbon that symbolizes speed supremacy of the Atlantic flutters from the mast of the French liner Normandie, seen hot-footing it toward the home port at Le Havre after wresting the speed record from the Queen Mary on an eastward voyage. The Normandie crossed from Ambrose Light to Bishop's Rock, England, in 4 days, 6 minutes, 23 seconds.

YOUTHFUL SCULPTOR SAID TRIPLE-SLAYER

New York Police Organize Widespread Manhunt For Suspect.

(A.P. by Guardian's Special Wire) NEW YORK, April 5—Police closed off the city in a tremendous man-hunt tonight as they finally announced they had solved at last the bizarre triple slaying Easter Sunday morning on Beekman Hill.

Officers announced they sought Robert Irwin, 29-year-old sculptor, and former divinity student at St. Lawrence University. He was released last summer after three years of mental treatment at the Rockland County Hospital.

Like a bombshell in the midst of one of the greatest murder mysteries the metropolis ever has known exploded the statement today of Chief Deputy Police Inspector John A. Lyons:

"We are definitely hunting Robert Irwin for the triple murders of Veronica Gedeon, her mother and Frank Byrnes, her boarder. There has been no doubt in our minds since last Wednesday that he committed the crime."

Revenge, officials said, was the motive, revenge against "Ronnie" and her mother Mary for opposing his love for the elder daughter of the family, Ethel, now married to George Knudner and living in Long Island City.

"We never would have sent out an eight-state alarm if we had not amassed sufficient evidence to convict Irwin of first degree murder," said a high police official.

With this statement went the last question of suspicion against 54-year-old Joseph Gedeon, the estranged father who was questioned two successive days by police. Gedeon was bound over in felony court until May 5 on a charge of illegally possessing a firearm.

Gone, too, was the importance of the mysterious "millionaire from Boston," of the phantom "man in the hall" of the former husband of the model, of her many friends and admirers among illustrators and artists.

BIG ORDER FROM RUSSIA

PRESTON, England—The Soviet government has placed with a Lancashire firm a large contract for machinery to re-establish the electric cable-making industry in Russia.

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French Fascist Chief Defies Blum

De La Rocque And Aides Indicted On Charge Of Recreating "Croix de Feu" Party.

PARIS, April 5—Col. Francois de La Rocque in an address to the nation tonight defied Premier Blum to break up his French Social Party, which the Government charges is the Nationalist Croix de Feu under a new name.

De La Rocque was indicted today with five of his aides on a charge of recreating the Croix de Feu, declared illegal by Government decree.

Charging that Blum's was a "dictatorial Government," De La Rocque asserted his party with a membership of more than 2,000,000 "cannot be destroyed nor suppressed."

Called a Fascist chief by the Popular Front Government, the Colonel warned that "we will continue to work no matter what happens."

De La Rocque said that 80 per cent of the party's members never belonged to the Croix de Feu.

"To haze, to persecute, to dissolve the French Social Party," De La Rocque said, "is to assure the success of its patriotic social enterprise."

Following the Social Party leader on the broadcast, Secretary General Henaf of the Paris Trade

Unions expressed hope the court decision would facilitate final dissolution of the banned leagues.

De La Rocque assailed the General Confederation of Labor, which last month called a half-day general strike in the Paris area in protest against Fascism, as responsible for his indictment.

Still campaigning in the provinces for his new party, he spoke twice at small towns near Bourges on the eve of the indictment. Headquarters of the party received the announcement quietly.

PARIS, April 5—(AP)—Colonel Francois de La Rocque and five of his aides were indicted today on a charge of recreating the banned Fascist Croix de Feu (Cross of Fire) through the "Social" Party.

The act on brought to a head the Popular Front campaign against the Nationalist opposition. Headquarters of the party received the announcement quietly.

The Colonel engaged a legal staff to fight the case in the courts. Those indicted with him were Deputy Jean Yvzregary, leader of the de La Rocque faction in the Chamber of Deputies, and four lesser party chieftains.

SKYLINER MISSING WITH EIGHT ABOARD

Search For Craft Centres Around New Mexico Border.

ALPINE, Ariz., April 5—(AP)—Searchers for a Douglas skyliner missing with eight persons converged by air and afoot today on snow-choked mountains near the New Mexico border where an 11-year-old boy said he saw a plane "crash into the trees" last Saturday.

Mrs. Henry A. McDaniel, wife of the forest ranger stationed here, told of hearing the plane about 3.30 p.m. She said her son rushed outside to see it, then returned immediately with the story "it crashed into the trees."

She said the boy believed the ship crashed "about a mile from the ranger station." McDaniel was away at the time.

The boy's story coincided with earlier information from John T. Butler, operator of a resort lodge at Greer, Ariz., that he saw a "big plane" circling low over his place Saturday afternoon about three o'clock.

A sister ship of the missing plane took off from the Douglas aircraft plant, Santa Monica, Cal., at noon for the area. Ground-searching parties, including sheriff's deputies and state police, left Springfield, Ariz., 30 miles north of Greer, at the supposed scene of the crash.

Searchers picked their way through frozen fastnesses and mountain crevices filled with several feet of snow. The general region is one of Arizona's most rugged. It is approximately 100 miles south plane route.

The missing plane left Burbank, Calif., at 10 a.m. Saturday on a delivery flight to New York, and nothing had been heard from it since. It carried no radio sending equipment. The first scheduled stop was Kansas City.

Many Amendments To Combine Bill

OTTAWA, April 5—(CP)—After long and at times highly technical argument leading to numerous amendments, the bill designed to restore administration of companies investigation to the Department of Labor and to provide for appointment of a commissioner with wide powers passed the committee stage today in the House of Commons.

Labor Minister Rogers accepted a great many amendments suggested by Hon. C. H. Cahan (Cons. St. Lawrence-St. George). Opposition Leader R. B. Bennett and Hon. H. Stevens (Recon. Kootenay East), while many changes were made at the instance of the minister himself.

CONDITION CRITICAL

MONCTON, N.B., April 5—(CP)—The condition of Miss Martha LeBlanc, whose blood has been turning to water as a result of a rare disease known as lymphatic leukaemia, remained critical tonight after sustained critical worsening today. She is a daughter of Mr. Justice A. T. LeBlanc.

Plan Fredericton Visit In June

(C.P. by Guardian's Special Wire) FREDERICTON, N. B., April 5—The Governor-General of Canada and Lady Tweedsmuir will visit Fredericton from Wednesday June 9 to Friday June 11 and on to St. John the following Saturday and Sunday according to an announcement today from the office of the Lieutenant-Governor.

Civic and provincial government receptions will be held here for Their Excellencies on their first vice-regal visit to the Maritimes.

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