

A holy habit changeth not a  
greedy soul.

MAXIMS  
OF A  
MERE MAN  
Often poison and gall are under  
the honeyed speech.

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## FRANCE AGREES TO PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

### Flood Death Toll In United States Mounts

#### Will Withdraw Demands Pending Parley In May

Germany Indicted By The League Council For Invasion Of The Rhineland.

(By Charles P. Nutter, Associated Press Staff Writer)  
(A. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)  
LONDON, March 19—A French agreement to withdraw her demand for evacuation of German troops from the Rhineland and to negotiate on Chancellor Hitler's peace proposals at an international security and economic conference was disclosed tonight in high British quarters. This development, the major one of six days of negotiations and bickering among the worried European powers, overshadowed a formal indictment of Germany by the League of Nations' Council today as a violator of the Locarno and Versailles treaties.

The British delegates emphasized that Germany cannot hope to re-establish peace with the western powers at the expense of Russia or her eastern neighbors. Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden summoned Joachim Von Ribbentrop, who pleaded Germany's case before the council today, to the Foreign Office tonight and gave him details of the plan, which is 14 typewritten pages long with numerous annexes and resolutions.

Foreign Minister Flaminio di Celesia departed for Paris to place the scheme before the cabinet. The Italian and Belgian representatives submitted it to their governments. One high official said the agreement caused "the greatest satisfaction" in view of strained relations of the past 10 days.

#### "LADY" BOATS NOT TO CALL AT THIS PORT

There was no possibility of the Lady Boats of the Canadian National Steamship Company making Charlottetown a port of call during the coming summer season, Secretary Wallace Higgins told a meeting of the Board of Trade last evening.

Hon. W. D. Euler, Minister of Trade and Commerce, had informed him through A. E. McLean, Federal representative for Prince County, that due to close schedules fixed for the Lady Boats for the coming summer it would not be possible to arrange stops at Prince Edward Island the secret-

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#### COMING EVENTS

\*Pantry Sale in aid of Basilica Altar Society at Frowse Bros., Saturday afternoon and evening.

\*Notice—Members of the Milk Producers and Vendors Association will be cut off from supplying milk to factories unless membership fees are paid by April 30th. By Order of the Association. L-3164-3-16-36.

\*Final playoff game tonight, Milton vs. Hunter River, at Forum after sports. Special train leaving Hunter River at 6 p.m., return fare 50 cents. L-3265

\*Now is the time to treat your cattle for the extermination of warble flies, your horses for bots and other internal parasites and your sheep for pests that afflict them. We can supply you with Derris Powder for cattle, Sur-Shot bot and worm exterminator for horses and "dry-kill" for sheep. We are well stocked to meet your requirements at lowest prices. Livestock Marketing Board. L-3263

\*Livestock Marketing Board leading hogs through the following shipping clubs during the week of March 23rd as follows: Tuesday afternoon, Millview and Mount Stewart; Wednesday morning, Mount Stewart, York, Hunter River, Please list with local secretaries. Stock cars must be used. L-3263

\*Don't continue to waste feed for horses, cattle, sheep and hogs that are affected with parasites. Get rid of the parasites. Renew the health of the animal and increase your profits. We can supply the remedies at small costs. Call at our office or write Livestock Marketing Board. L-3263

#### TO ESTABLISH UNEMPLOYMENT COMMISSION

Bill Introduced In Parliament Proposes Commissioners be Paid.

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)  
OTTAWA, March 19—A national unemployment commission, part of the Liberal party's program since the start of the depression era, was proposed in the House of Commons today by Labor Minister Rogers. A resolution on which the legislation is based was adopted without debate and the bill given first reading.

The proposed commission, duties of which will be to supervise relief expenditures and devise methods by which employment may be stimulated, will be composed of seven members including a chairman and vice-chairman.

Commissioners will be paid "such fees or compensation for their services as the governor in council may determine from time to time, as well as actual travelling and living expenses."

Provision is also made for creation of a national advisory committee, members of which will not receive salaries or remuneration. Special direction is given the commission with respect to employment of women, youth and disabled persons, including war veterans.

When the bill was presented Sir George Perley, acting as Conservative leader in the absence of Mr. R. B. Bennett, declared he would oppose the measure if it contemplated administration of funds. Prime Minister Mackenzie King asked that debate be deferred until members had an opportunity to study.

In its preamble the bill declares that "unemployment has been for several years Canada's most urgent national problem; and until such time as the normal revival of trade and industry will absorb a large percentage of unemployed workers, it is essential that steps be taken to find ways and means of providing remunerative employment, thus reducing the numbers at present on relief and lessening the burden of taxation."

The preamble continues: "To achieve a nation-wide co-operative effort in reducing the numbers on

#### Newfoundlanders May Be Trained For British Navy

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)  
LONDON, March 19—(C. P. Cable)—Declaring that Newfoundland produced the finest small ship men in the world, Admiral of the Fleet Sir Roger Keyes suggested in the House of Commons tonight the formation of a reserve of naval volunteers in the island.

During discussion of the details of the naval estimates Sir Roger said that establishment of the reserve would benefit both the Royal Navy and Newfoundland, it would not be an expensive enterprise and would only entail a small drill ship at St. John's.

Lord Stanley, Parliamentary secretary to the Admiralty, replying for the government, undertook to consider the suggestion.

#### European Labor Condemns Reich Treaty Violation

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)  
LONDON, March 19—(C. P. Cable)—Labor leaders representing 35,000,000 European workers tonight warned that Chancellor Hitler's "bullying" Rhineland challenge must be accepted, but that decisive action must be taken to halt Germany's "next aggressive act."

Addressing the first meeting of the International Trade Union and Labor conference since the war, Sir Walter Clirine, president of the International Federation of Trade Unions, declared "there must be no whitewashing of Germany."

"We cannot allow it to be assumed that bullies can coerce or intimidate everybody in the world," Sir Walter told the delegates assembled here to formulate a definite labor policy in the current international crisis.

#### Flood Situation At A Glance

WASHINGTON—Total death toll believed to be upwards of 130; President asks \$3,000,000 for Red Cross, which estimated homeless at 200,000; Potomac flood visible from White House; Dikes protect monuments.

WEST VIRGINIA—Floods from Pennsylvania rush upon large cities with vast damage; many lives lost; Wheeling inundated and isolated.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA—Floods subside at Pittsburgh; Johnstown and other points. Death toll may reach 44; damage \$100,000,000. Transportation, communications still paralyzed.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA—50,000 homeless; property damage in millions; many cities severely hit; Susquehanna river carries fresh threats.

OHIO—Thousands flee homes, factories heavily damaged as Ohio river reaches crest; preparations made for valley's worst flood.

MARYLAND—Swollen Potomac takes four lives, buries Cumberland

under tons of silt; \$5,000,000 damage in valley.

NEW JERSEY—Traffic is crippled, hundreds driven from homes with Delaware river on rampage.

NEW YORK—4,000 homeless, two dead, many roads blocked, Binghamton faces water shortage; relief mobilized as waters slowly recede.

MASSACHUSETTS—Thousands homeless, factories idle, traffic halted; Boston faces milk rationing.

CONNECTICUT—Hartford faces worst flood in history; Connecticut river still rising.

VERMONT—National Guard called out at four places to aid marooned families and guard abandoned property.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—Ice jams dynamited in overflowing rivers; towns isolated, roads closed.

RHODE ISLAND—Blackstone Valley flooded; sandbags placed around Pawtucket City Hall.

VIRGINIA—Richmond guarded by 2,000-foot dikes as James river threatens disastrous flood.

#### Rumors Regarding Curtailment Of Train Services

Supt. MacKinnon Interviewed On Reported Change In Passenger Schedules.

Questioned last night regarding rumors that all passenger services on Eastern and Southern lines of Canadian National Railways in the province would be discontinued during the summer months, Provincial Superintendent E. W. MacKinnon of the C. N. R. declared: "Curtailment of services in the province had been considered, but I expect services will be conducted on both lines the same as last year."

Rumor had it that the Railway planned to discontinue passenger services on the Souris and Murray Harbor lines during the summer months and operate a freight train on three days a week.

Mr. MacKinnon, who returned last night from Moncton, said arrangements were being made at present to call for tenders for the annual over-hauling of the railway. It is not expected that the ship will leave before the middle of April. Last year the S. S. Charlottetown was over-hauled at St. John, N. B.

#### UPPER CANADA FLOODS RECEDE

(By The Canadian Press)  
(By Guardian's Special Wire)  
Belleville was free of threat from floods today for the first time in a week after ice in the Bay of Quinte moved out into the Bay of Quinte without duplicating its \$100,000 damage of last Thursday.

Easing of the situation in the city of 14,000 on Lake Ontario north shore removed the danger spot in Ontario's flood situation. Rivers and streams in other parts of the province threatened to flood Tuesday's record snowfall but serious conditions were expected nowhere.

Some Quebec towns were affected. The Richelieu River town of Chambly and neighboring villages were without electric power and drinking water as the river receded after sweeping two houses away and communication lines were damaged by sleet and rain in the Campbell's Bay region.

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#### PLANS MADE FOR NEW PEACE STRUCTURE

League To Summon International Conference To Discuss Armament and Economic Problems.

By George Hambleton, Canadian Press Staff Writer  
(By Guardian's Special Wire)  
LONDON, March 19—(C. P. Cable)—The four Locarno powers—Great Britain, France, Italy and Belgium—today agreed on a plan which it is hoped not only will bridge the present difficulties but lay the foundations of a new order for Europe.

Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, with the assent of the other Locarno powers, it is understood, tonight informed Joachim von Ribbentrop, the German representative, of its general tenor. It has gone to Paris, Brussels and Rome for examination by the respective cabinets there. Tonight the British Cabinet held a special meeting to consider it. Tomorrow Mr. Eden will make a statement in the House of Commons.

The plan contemplates a new start in international relationships when the present difficulties are lifted over. The League of Nations will be invited to summon an international conference, probably at the end of May, which will consider not only the new peace structure but the allied problems of the armaments race and economic difficulties which have been giving rise to discontent.

#### FREDERICTON RAIL BRIDGE WASHED OUT

Entire Nine-span Structure Destroyed—Damage Estimated At \$1,500,000.

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)  
FREDERICTON, N. B., March 19—Twisting steel girders and rails as though they were hairpins in the hands of some powerful giant, a huge ice jam at the half-mile long Canadian National Railways bridge over the St. John River from Fredericton to South Devon, N. B., went out shortly before 10 o'clock tonight, taking the entire nine span structure with it and cutting off rail communication with Newcastle and Moncton. Damage is estimated at \$1,500,000 by C. G. S. Rogers, bridge engineer of the C. N. R. Atlantic Region.

As the bridge was torn away from its shore supports, street lights in the vicinity went out. The 52-year-old railway outlet was carried more than 100 feet down the river before it disappeared from view and rails for some distance from the approach to the bridge were twisted by the movement.

Construction of the structure begun in 1884 was inaugurated by Sir John A. MacDonald, then Prime Minister of Canada, who spoke from a horse carriage on the occasion. Canadian Pacific Railway officials announced tonight they had been instructed by the Boston and Maine Railroad to advise travellers they could get no further than Bangor, Maine.

A highway bridge nearby was seriously threatened but had held up and hope of saving it had not been abandoned.

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#### Emergency Fund Created To Aid Flood Victims

Death Toll Exceeds 130. Property Damage Placed At Over \$150,000,000 As Menace Spreads.

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)  
The most ravaging flood to visit the eastern United States this century—its death toll already believed to exceed 130—rolled on unchecked in a dozen states Thursday night.

Thousands of persons fled from newly threatened communities while those in ravaged sections fought disease, hunger, and other perils.

The paralyzing force of the greatest deluge in recent history of the eastern States battered whole cities, towns and hamlets.

Casualty lists and damage tolls mounted hourly as the flood tides spread desolation over vast areas from the Ohio Valley to Maine. Already the total of wrecked property has passed the \$150,000,000 mark.

200,000 HOMELESS  
Red Cross officials estimated 200,000 or more persons homeless. President Roosevelt joined in their appeal for an emergency fund of \$3,000,000 to feed, clothe and shelter them.

Pestilence, hunger and widespread suffering followed in the wake of the raging rivers.

Convulsed by the floodwaters that left Pittsburgh a silent city of disaster, the Ohio River thundered down the West Virginia border, pouring into Wheeling and Weilsburg, W. Va.

Washington, D. C., was menaced by the roaring Potomac and relief workers labored feverishly to throw a cordon of sandbags between the downtown district and the river bank.

To the northeast, anxious citizens of Hartford, Conn., watched the swift rise of the Connecticut River.

More than half of the total deaths occurred in Pennsylvania, swept from border to border by the torrential waters.

New York State and New Jersey suffered, but to a lesser degree.

Flee Homes  
In the Ohio Valley, terrified thousands fled to the highlands before the river's rise.

A 55-foot flood crest approached the vicinity of Martins Ferry, Ohio, and Wheeling, W. Va.

Parts of Wheeling's business district were under 10 feet of water and the paralysis that gripped Pittsburgh Wednesday had set in.

Wheeling Island, in the middle of the river, was entirely under water.

In downtown Wheeling, panicky residents screamed for help from upper floors. Boatmen toiled to remove them.

All schools were closed. Transportation and communication lines were demoralized. Nine persons drowned as they tried to escape and four others died in an explosion.

At least three drowned in Wellsville, where the water was up to the second floors.

"We're in terrible shape," said Police Chief Arthur. "We've got to get help."

Farther upstream, Pittsburgh was emerging from the wildest flood in its history. But as the waters receded the death and destruction tolls mounted.

Fears were expressed 35 or more may have lost their lives in the great steel capital and its suburbs. The damage was uncounted, but estimates ranged up to \$25,000,000. More than 15,000 persons were reported missing.

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#### French Government To Issue Additional Treasury Bonds

(A. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)  
PARIS, March 19—The French Government was authoritatively reported tonight to be planning to ask the Chamber of Deputies for the right to issue additional treasury bonds worth 5,000,000,000 francs (\$330,000,000) to bolster finances.

It was said that the bill would be introduced in the Chamber of Deputies tomorrow. It would raise the limit on treasury bonds from 15,000,000,000 to 20,000,000,000 francs.

Deputies said that the government's need for funds was aggravated by withdrawals from state savings banks during the present Rhineland crisis.

#### German Foreign Office Rejects Locarno Proposal

(By Melvin K. Whiteleather)  
(Associated Press Foreign Staff)  
(A. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)  
BERLIN, March 19—The Foreign Office, centering bitter comment once more on the Franco-Soviet military pact, rejected as "unacceptable" tonight the reported Locarno proposal to adjust German violation of the mutual security treaty.

A Foreign Office spokesman expressed surprise at the unanimous vote of the League of Nations Council in condemning Germany as a Locarno violator and declared Germany could "accept nothing less than parity, meaning a two-sided demilitarized zone" during Rhineland negotiations.

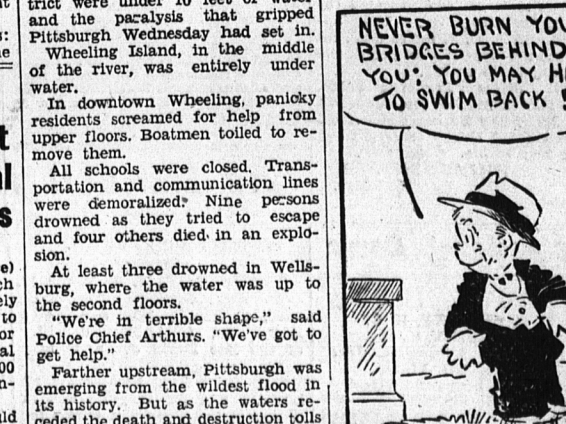
The Foreign Office official commented sharply on the fact that no voice was raised today in support of the German thesis that the Franco-Russian treaty first broke the Locarno pact thus creating extenuating circumstances for the German action.

"It is a sure sign of bad conscience," the spokesman said. The Hague Court, the spokesman declared, "may be competent to decide the juridical side" of the treaty "but the political and military aspects would escape it completely."

(The reported Locarno agreement would accede to French demands to have the military assistance pact submitted to the international court with Germany abiding by the judicial decision.)

#### Newspaperman Seriously Ill

CALGARY, March 19—George M. Bell, president and managing director of Albertan Publishers Limited, is seriously ill in hospital here today. Mr. Bell was believed to be suffering from influenza complicated by heart trouble but nature of the illness was not known definitely.



Fresh southeast and south winds mostly cloudy and mild with occasional showers.

TORONTO, March 19—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

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|---------------|-----|----|
| Dawson        | 2B  | 24 |
| Aklavik       | 16B | 22 |
| Edmonton      | 26  | 52 |
| Regina        | 26  | 42 |
| Winnipeg      | 12  | 42 |
| Toronto       | 33  | 36 |
| Ottawa        | 32  | 44 |
| Montreal      | 42  | 56 |
| Quebec        | 48  | 50 |
| Saint John    | 48  | 56 |
| Halifax       | 38  | 44 |
| Charlottetown | 42  | 60 |

#### FORECAST

Maritime West—Moderate to fresh southeast to southwest winds; mostly cloudy and mild; showers in some districts.

High tide this morning at 8.31 and tonight at 8.13.  
Sun sets this evening at 6.12 and rises tomorrow morning at 6.02.  
New moon Sunday, March 22, at 12.13 p. m.  
Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

#### THE CAR FERRY

Leave Borden 9.45 A. M. (Extra)  
1 P. M.  
Leave Tormentine (Extra) 11 A. M.  
2.55 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

### Any Time is Tea Time

# "SALADA" TEA