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## ANGLO-EIRE AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED

### THREE DEAD, 75 MISSING IN MINE BLAST

#### FEARS HELD FOR SAFETY OF TRAPPED MEN

Mine Entries Blocked By Tons Of Earth Dislodged By Violent Explosion.

GRUNDY, Va., April 22—(AP)—Nine bodies were reported to have been recovered tonight from the explosion-wrecked Red Jacket Coal Company's mine east of Grundy, with at least 50 others believed trapped in the mine.

GRUNDY, Va., April 22—(AP)—Three persons were reported to have been killed and 75 more in what was described as a dust explosion at 4:45 p.m. today at the Keene Mountain mine of the Red Jacket Coal Company near here.

Three others, whose names were not immediately known, were taken to the Grundy Hospital, seriously injured. An unidentified number of others suffered lesser injuries.

Those killed were outside but near the mouth of the mine when the explosion occurred. Hobard Harman, mine foreman and Buch, Grundy County justice of the peace, said.

All three bodies were maimed beyond recognition and two were decapitated.

OVERTURNED MOTOR  
One of the dead men was listed as John Blevins, a mine foreman. Persons at the scene said the blast overturned the giant motor which fell on Blevins and decapitated him. An unidentified miner also was caught by the motor and decapitated.

Two of the injured were Clarence Combs and A. W. Elams, who were taken to a hospital at Richlands. Doctors said Elams' condition was critical. Both men were inside the mine.

Rescue crews, forcing their way through a crowd estimated at 7,000 persons at the scene and earth hundreds of tons of slate and earth which had spilled in the shattered entries.

Witnesses said flames shot 200 feet from the mouth. Seven men, who were working in a nearby road were endangered by the explosion which shook their automobiles. Merchandise on the shelves of the Oakwood Smokeless Coal Company was blown to the floor.

So violent was the blast, Harman said, that he with others felt the explosion 1,400 yards away on the ground near the mouth of the mine.

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COMING EVENTS  
Reserve May 14th Tag Day for the blind. L-242-4-21-23-26-28-30.  
Rummage sale, Central Christian Church Schoolroom, Saturday April 23, 3 p. m. L-291-4-23-21.  
Rummage Sale Baptist Schoolroom Saturday, 23rd, 7 p. m. L-299-4-23-11.

Reserve Tuesday, May 3rd for Lecture and Program in Beachway Hall. L-297-4-23-11.  
Dr. LeCoursiere, Dentist, will be in Murray Harbour South April 23rd until the 30th. L-311-4-23-11.  
Borden Line Club loading hogs, calves every Tuesday. Hours 12-3. L-348-12-2-5-11.

Cake sale at Moore & McLeod's Saturday, April 23. Auspices Catholic Women's League. L-187-4-19-21-23.  
The Norboro Dramatic Club will present their play, "The Old Maud Courtship" in the Central Mauds Courtship, in the Administration Building, April 25th at 8.15 p. m. Monday. L-371-4-23-21.  
The Federal Creamery, Eldon, will start taking Creamery Monday, May 2nd. Paying twice monthly. L-313-4-23-21.  
All interested in gardening hear illustrated lectures "Home and Gardens Across Canada", also Variety Programme, Hearst Hall, Monday, April 25th at 8.15 p. m. Silver collection. L-314-4-23-21.  
Now available extra good baby chicks also brooders, feeders and disinfectants, better still chicks fed at lower prices than last year. Your cooperation on the above will be appreciated. P. E. I. Co-operative Egg and Poultry Association. L-291-4-27-23-25-27-29.  
Meeting of those that are interested in Highfield Bluff also any of those who have any claim against rink Monday night, April 25 at 8 o'clock at Willard's Service Station. By order of committee. L-295-4-23-21.

#### Island Interests Threatened By Federal Transport Bill Says Ch'town Bd. Of Trade

Dr. Douglas Hyde Selected First President Of Eire

(C. P. by Guardian's Special Wire) DUBLIN, April 22—Editorial of Dr. Douglas Hyde, distinguished Gaelic scholar and writer, as the first President of Eire became a certainty tonight.

#### Strongly Worded Resolution Protesting Against Proposed Legislation Passed Yesterday.

After a lengthy discussion by the Charlottetown Board of Trade, of Transport Bill No. 31, now awaiting consideration by the Federal Parliament, the Board gave unanimous instruction to the Council to prepare and forward to the proper parties, a resolution embodying the objections of the Board to the proposed bill.

The Council of the Charlottetown Board of Trade therefore, with the full authority of the Board, and speaking as they feel they are for the City of Charlottetown, and in the interests of the Province as a whole, says as follows:

1st. The matter of cheap transportation is one of vital importance to this province.

2nd. Water transportation recognized as a low cost method of moving freight and passengers is one of the few advantages available to this province.

3rd. Unless we are permitted to enjoy the advantages of this low cost method of transportation our situation will become intolerable.

4th. The purpose of the Act is we submit to increase rates, otherwise the Act can serve no purpose, any increase in rates must necessarily fall heaviest on us who now suffer from the long haul necessary in reaching the large consuming centers of Quebec and Ontario, which markets were promised to us as inducement to entering Confederation. And also on our imports from these same centers which by reason of the

closing down of many Maritime manufacturing plants are now our chief source of supply.

5th. Many of our remaining Maritime interests have been developed and are carrying on because of the fact that they are able to show a margin of profit made as the result of cheap water transportation, and should this our natural advantages be removed by artificial regulation of rates our advantage will be lost and our industries will suffer improperly.

6th. Last year Transport "Bill B" was amended so as to exempt from regulation under the Bill water borne traffic between the Maritimes and points in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River, and we submit that it is even more necessary that the same be done with "Bill 31" for reasons given below.

7th. Prince Edward Island is debarrated from advantages of inter-provincial truck and bus services, which method of transportation is to be left unregulated and available to all other provinces, for this reason regulation of water services deprives us of our one and only method of securing competitive rates.

8th. Other parts of Canada are enjoying reduced rail rates not available to us put in effect to meet motor truck competition. Our province will continue to pay the high rail rates and cannot get redress because of the difficulty in

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#### MONCTON MAN FACES CHARGE OF MURDER

Arthur Smith Arraigned In Connection With Death Of Naaman Ricker.

(By The Canadian Press) MONCTON, N. B., April 22—Arthur Smith was arraigned today with the murder of Naaman Ricker, was remanded for preliminary hearing next Friday.

At the same time Ricker's widow was ordered held as a material witness. Since Monday both had been held "for investigation."

Arraigned before Magistrate W. F. Lane, Smith was formally charged with murder on information laid by Police Chief L. S. Hutchinson. The accused asked that R.D. Mitton be retained in his defence.

Inquest Adjourned  
The charge followed the opening session of an inquest into the death of the garage mechanic, aged 32, whose body was found on the Petticoat River bank here Monday. He had been missing since Dec. 20. The inquest was adjourned to May 5.

One of the witnesses, a waitress named Eva LeBlanc, testified Smith had told her that he and Ricker were on a marsh path near the Petticoat River Dec. 20 and that he had given Ricker a drink prepared by Mrs. Sadie Ricker. Smith had said that he loved "Sadie" and that he had "done away" with Ricker and that "that poison will kill a man," declared the witness.

Conflicting Testimony  
Smith, called as a witness at the inquest, said he last saw Ricker when he left him on the marsh in company with Elliott Crossman the night of Dec. 20. The latter, however, said he had seen Ricker that night.

Organs of the deceased have been sent to the provincial pathologist, and the report of his examination will be heard when the inquest continues.

The body was buried today. According to evidence, Mr. and Mrs. Ricker had not been living together before his disappearance. Arrangements were made today for their two young children to be cared for at a children's home.

#### Send Letter Of Protest To Hitler

TORONTO, April 22—(CP)—Archbishop Derwyn T. Owen, Anglican Primate of all Canada, and Rt. Rev. Peter Bryce, Moderator of the United Church of Canada, today wrote Charles Adolf Hitler, protesting the recent detention of Martin Niemöller, pastor of the professional church in Germany, in a civil court.

The joint letter: While desiring in every way to cement bonds of friendship between Germany and Canada, we are moved as Christians who feel a bond of brotherhood with Christians throughout the world, and as representing more than one-third of Canada's population, to express to you our very deep concern for the arrest of Niemöller by the secret police of Germany after his freedom was granted by a civil court.

Freighter Aground Off Boston Harbor  
(By The Associated Press) BOSTON, April 22—Carrying a cargo of wild animals from the jungles of India, the British freighter City of Salisbury tonight rested hard aground on a ledge near The Graves, a rocky area at the entrance to Boston Harbor.

An easterly wind and heavy swell made her position precarious, but Coast Guards said the vessel apparently was in no immediate danger.

The Coast Guards added, however, that if the wind increased and the seas became much heavier the ship might break in two. At high tide tonight the forward holds were filled with water and she was working on the rocks because of the swells.

The Coast Guard cutter Chelan abandoned a refueling attempt, which had been planned at high tide.

HEARING ADJOURNED  
(C. P. by Guardian's Special Wire) WOODSTOCK, N. B., April 22—Preliminary hearing of William Dunlop, charged with manslaughter following the death of Willie W. 10, was held today and adjourned. It was estimated that 200,000 of the 500,000 Chinese troops in

#### Details Withheld Pending Signing Of Pact Monday

Settlement Of Long Standing Differences Hailed With Delight In All Quarters.

(By PAT USSHER, Canadian Press Staff Writer) LONDON, Apr. 22—(CP Cable)—The United Kingdom and Eire have reached an agreement on long-standing differences.

A cryptic announcement to this effect late tonight from the Dominions Office raised hopes of a new era of friendly relations between the island neighbors and speculation on the scope of the agreement.

The announcement simply said discussions had been concluded and an agreement reached without mentioning the subjects covered. It will be signed Monday.

Irish circles in London believed it covered trade, defence and the land annuities problem though the major issue of the partition of Ireland remains unsolved.

It is believed the Eire Government agreed to making its defence expenditures in consultation with the British Government, while Great Britain in return agreed to withdraw her garrisons from certain Irish ports.

Climaxes Lengthy Negotiations  
The agreement is the fruit of three months of laborious negotiations to end the financial and trade quarrels dating back to 1932.

High hopes are entertained it will mean that Britain and the former Irish Free State are ready to forget the bitterness and bloodshed of the past. Through the boundary between Northern Ireland and Eire will remain, the choice of Dr. Douglas Hyde, who is a Protestant, as candidate for the presidency of Eire of both the major parties, was seen as a gesture to Northern Ireland.

The Belfast Government watched the negotiations anxiously throughout, fearful lest Northern Ireland's trade suffer, but possibly the agreement that closer trade relations over the border in Ireland might lead to closer political relations.

Prime Minister de Valera of Eire through the colleague who took part in the negotiations will be guests of Prime Minister Chamberlain at lunch Monday, with the British cabinet members who also participated in the conversations attending.

Signing of the agreement will follow the luncheon.

IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT  
The agreement was regarded as the most important development in Anglo-Irish relations since the partition of Ireland in 1922. Britain retained the conquered territory of the former Irish Free State was given the same constitutional status in the British Commonwealth of Nations as the self-governing dominions. The six counties of Northern Ireland continued under a separate parliament set up in 1920.

The end of the economic war through trade agreement between the United Kingdom and Eire would be a boon especially to Irish agriculture.

Ireland's adverse balance of trade has increased steadily since the United Kingdom imposed peacetime tariffs on imports from the island. Insurgent British government declined to continue payment of the land annuities.

These payments were designed to compensate Great Britain for sums paid to expropriated owners of land in Ireland. The Free State discontinued payments in 1947. Britain retaliated with severe duties and the economic war, softened only by a coal-cattle agreement for exchange of those commodities, has lasted ever since.

When the issue of the talks between Mr. de Valera and Mr. Chamberlain was announced in London, Prime Minister Winston Churchill of Northern Ireland called an election to obtain a "mandate from the people" against union with Eire. The election resulted in a victory for Lord Craigavon.

An announcement that agreement had been reached, even though details were lacking, was hailed as a major triumph of Malcolm MacDonald, Dominions Secretary and son of the late Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald.

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#### SPECULATE ON EDEN'S FUTURE

May Be Offered Washington Embassy Post, Report.

(By Pat Usher, Canadian Press Staff Writer) LONDON, April 22—Anthony Eden's future today was an interesting topic of speculation, but nothing authoritative could be learned concerning his present position.

The fact he is only 40 and his brilliant handling of a number of ticklish international situations while at the Foreign Office are believed to ensure his eventual return to the cabinet.

It is considered most unlikely he would rejoin the cabinet at present in view of the conclusion of an Anglo-Italian pact, the issue on which he split with Prime Minister Chamberlain.

According to one current rumor the Government wants to offer Mr. Eden the Washington Embassy post, which Lindsay retires but this would mean the end of his political career. When Mr. Eden resigned as Foreign Secretary, The Times remarked it should be an interruption and not the finish of his distinguished public service.

#### Broadbent Sets New Flight Record

LYMPNE, England, Apr. 22—H. F. Broadbent, Australian aviator, today clipped 12 hours and 53 minutes off the Australia to England solo flight record established by Miss Jean Batten, New Zealand flier, on a Boeing biplane.

Broadbent landed at Lymyne at 9:52 p.m. GMT (5:52 p.m. AST), five days, five hours and 22 minutes after leaving Port Darwin.

The old record was set by Miss Batten on Oct. 24, 1937, when she completed the flight in five days 18 hours and 15 minutes.

#### Norwegian Crew Saved When Ship Founders In Ice Floe

(C.P. Cable, By Guardian's Special Wire) ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., April 22—Captain Robert Lind and his crew of 12 were safe aboard the Newfoundland sealer Eagle tonight after tremendous pressure of floating ice cracked the wooden sides of their Norwegian sealer Ora off the Funks about 180 miles north of here.

The Ora sank at 11:31 AST last night as the Eagle backed heavy ice in response to a terse SOS which read: "We can't keep our radio going much longer. Fire gone down in hold." Shortly after that the crew left the vessel and she sank as they huddled nearby on the ice. Twelve hours later the Eagle was sighted as she plowed through al-

#### House Prorogued By Lt. Governor

34 Bills Assented To At Ceremony Accompanied By Traditional Display.

The fourth session of the 43rd General Assembly of Prince Edward Island was prorogued at 12:30 yesterday afternoon by His Honour Colonel the Honourable George Desjardis DeLois, Lieutenant Governor of the province.

The guard of honour was composed of a detachment of one hundred men from the Prince Edward Island Highlanders under the command of Captain W. Reid, and the regimental band was in attendance.

The usual fifteen gun salute was fired from the Victoria Park Roadway by a gun crew from the Second Medium Battery under the command of Major George Craig and Lieutenant James A. Pugh.

His Honour having proceeded in state to the Legislative Chamber and taken his seat on the throne, assented to the following bills:

BILLS ASSENTED TO  
The Mechanic's Lien Act.  
An Act to Amend an Act to Incorporate The Town of Borden.  
An Act to Further Amend the Act of Incorporation of the Town of Montague, 1917.  
An Act to Incorporate Champlain Electric Company, Limited.  
An Act to Further amend The Summerside Incorporation Act 1903 and amendments thereto.  
An Act to Amend the Insurance Act.  
An Act for the Appointment of Commissioners outside the Province to take affidavits and proof of the execution of Deeds.

An Act to authorize the levying of a Tax upon certain Income.  
An Act to Assess, Levy and Collect Taxes on personal property and on certain companies.  
An Act to amend the Sours Incorporation Act, 1918.  
The Co-operative Associations Act.  
An Act to amend the Bill of Sale Act.  
An Act to Amend The Prince Edward Island Joint Stock Companies Act.  
The Fatal Accident Act.  
The Contributory Negligence Act.  
The Warehousemen's Lien Act.  
An Act Respecting Securities for Seed Grain Advances.  
The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.  
An Act to Amend the Marriage Act, 1926.  
An Act Respecting Lobster Dealers.  
An Act to amend The Game Act, 1937.  
An Act to Amend the Registry Act.  
An Act to Amend an Act to amend the Public Utilities Act.  
An Act to Amend The Succession Duty Act, 1925.  
An Act to Amend an Act Respecting Dower.  
An Act to authorize the Issue of Debentures by the City of Charlottetown.  
An Act to Amend the City of Charlottetown Incorporation Act.  
An Act to Incorporate the Charlottetown Tennis Club.  
An Act to Amend The Public School Act 1920.  
An Act to Amend the Land Assessment Act, 1924.  
An Act to Amend The Credit Unions' Societies Act.  
The Appropriation Act, 1938.  
An Act to Provide for the Licensing and Regulation of Estab-

#### Robert Barbour Is Committed For Trial

(By The Canadian Press) DALHOUSIE, N. B., April 22—At the conclusion of Robert Barbour's preliminary hearing today on a charge of having murdered Margaret Harris the accused was committed for trial by Magistrate William MacNeill.

The case may be heard before the Residential Circuit Court at its session starting here next Tuesday.

Asked if he had anything to say, Barbour made no reply.

#### FIGHT LOOMS FOR CONTROL OF DIONNE QUINTS

Father Seeks Judicial Inquiry Into Guardianship Of "famous Five."

(By A. E. FULFORD, Canadian Press Staff Writer) OTTAWA, April 22—(CP)—A fight for possession of the Dionne Quints and control of their fortune of \$600,000 tonight found Dr. Alan Roy Dufour, country doctor-saviour of the babies lives, opposing Olivia Dionne, their disgruntled farmer father.

Announcement Dionne sought judicial investigation of the guardianship set up by the Ontario Legislature brought from the Canadian babies' famous physician today a charge that outside interests are "trying to get control" of the girls. They will be four years old May 28.

Defers Consideration  
Consideration by Attorney General Conant of Ontario of Dionne's request for the probe was deferred today until Mr. Conant studies a

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#### LULL FOLLOWS FIGHTING ON TORTOSAFRONT

Fugitive Government Troops Attempting Escape By Sea Captured.

(A. P. by Guardian's Special Wire) HENDAYE, France, April 22—Spanish Government troops escaped from their command by the Mediterranean surrendered today to General Franco's forces on sea and land.

More than a score of fishing boats bearing fugitive militia men and officers seeking to reach central Spain from Catalonia were trapped off the coast south of Tortosa by an insurgent fleet headed by the cruiser Canarias.

A few attempted to escape and were sunk by shellfire; the fugitives and crews aboard the sea were removed and the less serviceable craft sent to the bottom while a few were taken to Vinazco.

Insurgent dispatches gave no estimate of the number of militia men captured, but Government quarters said there must have been "only a few hundred" men who belonged to General Jose Miaja's central Spanish forces.

Insurgents in Zaragoza reported Miaja did not send a chief for all Government Spain except Catalonia, but they say he did march to the Mediterranean.

They said he passed through the town of Ulldecona at the same time as insurgent forces swept in and captured the town.

#### Lady Tweedsmuir To Sail For England

OTTAWA, April 22—(CP)—Lady Tweedsmuir will leave tomorrow for London, she said about the Duchess of Bedford for several months' holiday in the United Kingdom, returning to Canada in the late summer.

#### Japanese Bolster Forces As Attack On Lini Front Stalls

SHANGHAI, April 23—(Saturday)—(AP)—Heavy Japanese reinforcements were rushed down the Tientsin-Pukow Railway today in the second stage of the new Shantung offensive already being launched at Lini, 70 miles to the east.

The fresh troops, accompanied by tanks and artillery, arrived at Tangshien, 60 miles north of Suchow, and started working their way southward and eastward to join weary forces around Lini-ching and Tsaochwang.

The Japanese strategy apparently is to make a drive down the railway while their reorganized forces strung out along a 30-mile front south and southwest of Lini attempt to break the strong Chinese defences in that sector.

It was estimated that 200,000 of the 500,000 Chinese troops in Shantung Province were entrenched in the hills on the Lini front, making the fight there a contest of manpower and machine guns against field artillery and airplanes.

Some fighting continued around Yihshien, where Chinese forces in the besieged city had broken through Chinese lines and joined the main Japanese column on the Lini front, 40 miles to the north-east.

The reports did not make it clear whether all the 5,000 Japanese in Yihshien had escaped.

On the basis of Chinese resistance at Lini, foreign military experts believe it will take the Japanese at least two weeks to complete preparations for an effective drive on Suchow, main objective of their offensive.

FORECAST  
Maritime East: Fresh winds, shifting to northwest; mostly cloudy and cool with some showers.  
High tide this afternoon at 3:44 and tomorrow morning at 5:59.  
Sun sets this evening at 6:54 and tomorrow morning at 5:01.  
New moon April 29, 1:28 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. 2.55 p.m.

