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Disastrous Fire Sweeps Through New Auburn Me.

National Guardsmen And Firemen Fighting Blaze Described As Worse Than That Which Swept Ellsworth A Week Ago.

LEGION PRES. HAS NOT YET RESIGNED

Major John S. Roper, Dominion President, May Continue in Office For Another Year.

(Canadian Press)

OTTAWA, May 15—(A.P.)—Major John S. Roper has not retired as Dominion President of the Canadian Legion, declared J. R. Bowler, General Secretary of that organization, here today. Mr. Bowler was commenting on a despatch from Gloucester which stated that a letter conveying Major Roper's wish to retire had been read to the Legion branch there.

"The Dominion President recently communicated with all officers, commands and branches of the Legion," said Mr. Bowler "pointing out that, according to present indications, financial conditions render inadvisable the holding of a Dominion convention this year. In his letter Major Roper drew the attention of all to the fact that he has now held the office of Dominion President for more than two years. If no convention is held until 1934, his period of office will have extended to over three years.

"As a solution to this difficulty Major Roper has declared to the entire Legion his willingness to retire in favor of his immediate successor, should the Legion desire this to be done. The decision on the question now rests in the hands of the Legion at large," Mr. Bowler said.

The General Secretary added that while he had had no opportunity recently of discussing matters with the Dominion President, it was nevertheless the opinion that Major Roper's course of action would be governed by the replies received to his letter. Major Roper was willing to carry on until the next convention, if the Legion desired him to do so.

AUBURN, Me., May 15—(A.P.)—A disastrous fire raced through a compact, tinder-dry section of tenement houses tonight, necessitating the mobilization of National Guardsmen and a call for all available apparatus from the surrounding countryside.

The conflagration still roared out of control at 7 o'clock (Daylight Time) after destroying buildings estimated by fire officials at 200. Approximately 700 persons were homeless, Mayor John A. McFadden said.

Early tonight no loss of life had been reported, but a number of persons were treated for injuries.

After a fast trip from the Capital at Augusta to the scene, Governor Louis J. Brann described the blaze as worse than that which swept the city of Ellsworth a week ago causing loss of \$2,000,000.

The fire, starting in the business section of New Auburn, a section across the Androscoggin River from here, spread with such amazing rapidity through the thickly settled tenement area that the fire department of Lewiston and Auburn found themselves handicapped from the start. Help was summoned from as far away as Portland, 30 miles to the south.

Most of the burned structures in the New Auburn district were of frame construction, three to five stories in height and mostly occupied by French-speaking mill workers.

Governor Brann, himself a resident of Lewiston, tramped through the flooded, still smoking streets of the razed area in the wake of firemen and talked with city officials in an effort to set in motion the resources of the state for relief of the stricken inhabitants.

National Guardsmen were called out to do police duty, and the Chief Executive directed Adjutant General James W. Hanson, who made the trip with him, to remain in command.

Six hundred blankets and 300 coats from National Guard headquarters were ordered rushed to the big Lewiston armory to care for fire victims. The Red Cross immediately set up headquarters in the building.

Auburn has a population of 18,000.

SECOND WEST-TO-EAST FLIGHT IS COMPLETED

DJKAR, Senegal, May 15—(A.P.)—The big French aeroplane Arcenciel (Rainbow) piloted by Jean Mermoz, arrived here at 8.10 p. m. Greenwich Meridian time (3.10 p. m. Eastern Standard Time) completing the second West-to-East crossing on the South Atlantic.

It spanned the ocean in 17 hours, 10 minutes, following the trail blazed by the late Bert Hinkler, Australian airman in 1931. The French plane finished the Atlantic leg of a round trip flight to South America begun in January.

Flying from Natal, Brazil, the French plane reported by wireless that it was in difficulty when approaching the Aeropostale dispatch boat off the coast here, but later, at 5.30 p. m., signalled its position and apparently all was well.

It was learned the plane probably will fly directly to Le Bourget field, near Paris, tomorrow in order to establish a record flight from South America by two hops within 48 hours.

Dal. Students Hold Class Day Exercises

(Canadian Press)

HALIFAX, May 15—Students of Dalhousie University gathered today for the annual class day exercises that preceded tomorrow's convocation.

Reading of the Valedictory by E. Benjamin Rogers, of Charlottetown, was followed by presentation of the Malcolm Honor Awards, won this year by W. C. McKenzie, Baddeck; G. C. Thompson, Halifax, and W. C. Anderson, Sydney.

Douglas MacGillivray, retired General Manager of the Eastern Trust Company, was honored by the university's graduating students by being presented with an honorary membership in the class of 1933.

United Kingdom, France And The United States Present Common Front

FRENCH VIEW SITUATION

Believes that Germany Intends to Rearm Quietly.

(Associated Press)

PARIS, May 15—The United Kingdom, the United States and France are actively preparing to face Germany with a common front of opposition against her rearmament.

The German stand on arms, which is expected to be explained by Chancellor Adolf Hitler at the special meeting of the Reichstag Wednesday, was the subject of a 50-minute talk today by Norman H. Davis, American Ambassador-at-Large, and Foreign Minister Paul-Boncour.

Mr. Davis advised the Foreign Minister to take a mild stand towards the Hitler pronouncement, it was understood, in order that Great Britain and the United States might be able to ally themselves with him.

DANZIG NAZIS WILL RESPECT TREATIES

FREE CITY OF DANZIG, May 15—(A.P.)—Danzig Nazi leaders gave assurances today that if they come to power after the election May 28 the treaties between Danzig and Poland will be fully respected.

These assurances were given to Helmer Rosting, the League of Nations High Commissioner. The Nazi leaders also promised loyal adherence to the Danzig constitution.

The Nazis, in close sympathy with the Nazis of Germany, declared they wanted friendly relations with Poland and asserted they would "do everything to safeguard Polish property and Polish citizens in Danzig."

The Germans passionately claim Danzig for their own. It was separated from them at the end of the war. Political developments in this

BRITISH VIEW SITUATION

Simon Pleads Against Spreading of Alarmist Rumors.

(Associated Press)

LONDON, May 15—Declining to commit either himself or the Government on reports that Germany plans to rearm, Sir John Simon, Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in the House of Commons today deprecated the spreading of "alarmist rumors."

A member suggested it might be advisable to order a warship to Danzig, where the Nazis threaten to gain control of the Free City Government in the elections May 28. Sir John frowned on the idea. Danzig was taken from Germany in the Treaty of Versailles.

"I understand," the Foreign Secretary said, "that a courtesy visit of one of His Majesty's ships to Danzig has been arranged for the end of June, forming a part of the normal summer cruise. I see no reason for sending one of His Majesty's ships there now."

Commander And Staff Arrive At Shediac

SHEDIAC, N. B., May 15—Commander Herraudo Musio of the Italian Air Force, Rome, and three members of his staff have arrived at Shediac, via the Canadian National Railways to superintend preparations for the arrival of the Italian air armada enroute from Rome to the Chicago World Fair. They were joined by two members of the force from Rome who had arrived in Shediac previously.

Italians now resident in the Maritimes are making arrangements to be on hand at Shediac on the arrival of the air fleet to welcome their countrymen. Among these is Captain Mariani, of Dalhousie, N. B., who is a personal friend of General Balbo Air Minister in Premier Mussolini's Cabinet and head of the visiting fleet of seaplanes.

Inquiries are pouring into Shediac from Halifax, Saint John and elsewhere for accommodation on behalf of those wishing to witness the first arrival of the seaplanes in Canada. A large number of press representatives and press photographers is expected to cover the landing.

The committee in charge of accommodation is taking up with Canadian National officials matter of having sleeping cars placed

Supplementary Estimates Tabled

Additional Grants For Fisheries, Mail And Steamship Subventions, Dredging In Maritimes, Etc. Introduced In Parliament.

(Canadian Press)

OTTAWA, May 15—The supplementary estimates brought into the House of Commons today by Hon. E. N. Rhodes, totalled only \$2,037,964. Of this amount public works totalled \$491,080, aviation got \$97,000, mail subsidies and steamship subventions, \$70,000.

Fisheries are to receive a further \$10,000 to assist in the conservation and development of the deep sea fisheries and the demand for fish.

Dominion lands and parks are to be voted \$50,000 and the miscellaneous total of \$1,238,731 includes a loan to the Chicoutimi Harbor Commissioners of \$332,100, a \$50,000 vote for restoration of Saint John harbor, \$55,000 for the Federal district commission at Ottawa and \$750,000 for additional coal subventions.

A vote of \$10,000 is provided for a new method of dehydrating apples in the Annapolis Valley, Nova Scotia, \$203,100 for improvement to harbors and rivers of the province and the coal subventions vote particularly affects that province.

New Brunswick received \$13,000 in public works in addition to the vote for Saint John harbor, Quebec \$42,100; Ontario, \$65,000; Manitoba \$13,800; British Columbia \$36,800. For dredging in the Maritimes there is a vote of \$12,000 and for the same purpose in the three western provinces a vote of \$17,000.

Would Amend Commons Act

(Canadian Press)

OTTAWA, May 15—Third reading was given in the House of Commons today to a Bill amending the Senate and House of Commons Act. The measure placed Senators in the same category of Members of Parliament, relieving them from liability for penalties by virtue of loaning money to the Government in holding a government loan certificate.

Completes Flight Across Brazil

PARIS, May 15—(A.P.)—Jean Mermoz, French airman, tonight completed a flight across the South Atlantic from Natal, Brazil to Dakar, Senegal, according to a despatch received by the Aeropostale Company.

Earlier in the day a radio message from the plane, the Arcen-Ciel (Rainbow), said he was in difficulties, but subsequently several routine reports showed all was going well.

Killed As Span Of Horses Bolt

(Canadian Press)

THREE MILE, N. S., May 15—Thrown from the wagon when a double span of horses bolted, Gordon McBride, 20-year-old driver, was instantly killed here today.

McBride, a native of Caledonia, N. S., had been delivering pulpwood from the forest to a trunk road, where it was loaded into trucks. A load was being transferred from his wagon to a truck when the horses took fright and ran away.

McBride fell to the ground, striking his head against a rock. He died immediately. A coroner's inquest returned a verdict of accidental death later in the day.

Reaffirms Change In Accounting

OTTAWA, May 15—(C.P.)—The accounting of the Prince Edward Island Car Ferry will henceforth be kept separate from the account of the Canadian National Railways (Eastern Lines), Hon. R. J. Manion, Minister of Railways, told A. E. MacLean (Lib. Prince) in the House of Commons today.

This course was being taken at the behest of a number of Boards of Trade of P. E. I. In future the C. N. R. would continue to "handle" the ferry but the Government would handle the accounts.

DISORDERS CONTINUE IN WISCONSIN

Police and Farmers Clash in Third Day of Milk Strike in Wisconsin.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., May 15—(A.P.)—Numerous disorders along a 200-mile front including a battle between several hundred pickets and deputies, and a growing shortage of the fluid in the cities marked the third day of Wisconsin's milk strike.

At Bonduel, a village northwest of Green Bay, a crowd estimated by police at 500 persons closed in on a milk truck guarded by a dozen deputies. As a spike plank stopped the truck, deputies hurled tear bombs.

Farmers caught some of the bombs, tossed them back at the officers and soon all were enveloped in a cloud of gas. Officers were pulled from the truck and pummeled, the milk dumped and the escort party forced to refuge in a dairy plant under a hall of rocks.

Bluenose May Be Exhibited In England

MONTREAL, May 15—(C.P.)—The Bluenose, pride of the North Atlantic fishing fleets, may be exhibited in Great Britain in 1933.

For said W. H. Smith of Lunenburg, N. S., part owner, at a luncheon tendered today by the Canadian Fisheries Association to Captain Angus Walters and his crew.

Mr. Smith paid tribute to Senator W. H. Dennis, Halifax publisher, whom he described as "our outstanding Nova Scotian, without whose help the existence of the Bluenose would not have been possible."

If sufficient interest were shown in the Bluenose when she lays off the World's Fair at Chicago this summer she will be taken to the Canadian National exhibition at Toronto in the fall of 1934, he said. At the end of next year races might be arranged in the Atlantic with the Bluenose going to England in 1935.

Prime Minister Sounds Challenge To Loyal Service

Inspiring Address To Students At McMaster University, Where The Premier Is Honoured With Degree Of Doctor Of Law.

(By C. R. Blackburn, Canadian Press Staff Writer)

HAMILTON, Ont., May 15—While expressing confidence the World Economic Conference would bring an end to the universal economic depression, the millennium could not come by any trick of "economic adjustment," Prime Minister R. B. Bennett told the graduating class of McMaster University, today.

"The minds of those who are trained should be dedicated in faithful service to the uplifting and improvement of their fellows who are less fortunate," Mr. Bennett adjured more than 80 students who had received their degrees.

The Canadian Prime Minister, with three others, received degrees, honoris causa, at the hands of Rev. Dr. H. P. Whidden, Chancellor of the University, long his close friend and fellow native of the Maritime Provinces. Mr. Bennett delivered the Convocation address.

Dr. Albert Matthews, chairman of the University Board of Governors, introduced the Prime Minister and referred to "the debt Canada owes to the Maritime Provinces." Mr. Bennett had held the highest office in the Government at a time of stress and peril, Dr. Matthews said. Two courses were open to him in meeting such conditions, one of confidence and good will, and another of fear and suspicion. He was happy to say that Mr. Bennett had adopted the former.

"McMaster honors herself in honoring him," said Dr. Matthews, presenting the Prime Minister to the Chancellor. "It is with distinct pride and appreciation that I admit you, honoris causa, a Doctor of Law of McMaster University," said Dr. Whidden as the mantle of his degree was thrown about the shoulders of the Prime Minister.

Leon Trotzky Offers Services To Moscow

ISTANBUL, Turkey, May 15—(A.P.)—In view of "interior difficulties and external dangers now facing the U.S.S.R.," Leon Trotzky, former Bolshevik leader now in exile here, today asserted his willingness to serve Russia in any manner consistent with his own principles.

His statement was evoked by a Paris report that negotiations were under way for his return to Moscow. The report was denied by Russian officials.

Mr. Trotzky expressed the opinion that the report may have resulted from a letter he wrote March 15 to the Communist party's political bureau at Moscow.

JAPS FORCE CHINESE TO RETREAT

American Missionaries Are Advised By U. S. Legation To Leave Fighting Area.

TOKYO, May 15—(A.P.)—The eighth Japanese division operating in North China today attacked Nanshengchuan, a town about 56 miles northeast of Peiping.

Another division approaching from the east went through the town of Fengjun after crossing the Lwan River. The Rengo (Japanese) News Agency reported from the front that the troops of Lt. Gen. Masayemon Sakamoto were making easy progress along the plains stretching toward Peiping.

PEIPING, May 15—(A.P.)—Thirty American missionaries at Tunchow, 13 miles east of Peiping were advised by the United States legation here today to leave the town because of fear that fighting between Chinese and Japanese in north China might endanger them.

Chinese troops defending Nantienmen, about 60 miles north of here, were reported to be retreating after three days of fighting which, a Chinese despatch said, resulted in 3,000 casualties.

Gets Third Reading Today

(Canadian Press)

OTTAWA, May 15—Three days after the official signing, the House of Commons today passed through all but one stage, legislation approving the Franco-Canadian trade convention. It was signed here Friday afternoon and today after less than four hours' review, the House gave first and second reading to the approving Bill postponing the formal third reading until tomorrow.



METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE Toronto, May 15—Minimum and maximum temperatures.

Dawson	26	62
Aklavik	29	69
Victoria	44	54
Vancouver	44	54
Edmonton	42	50
Calgary	40	50
Regina	42	54
Winnipeg	31	41
Toronto	28	60
Kingston	44	54
Montreal	41	60
Quebec	42	54
Saint John	48	61
Halifax	50	61
Charlottetown	44	63

FORECAST

Maritime Provinces—Fresh northwesterly winds; fair with much the same temperature.

CAR FERRY SCHEDULE

Week days—Leaves Borden daily, 9.15 a. m.

Week days—Leaves Cape Tormentine 2.55 p. m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC

**Announcements are inserted in this column at 2 cents per word strictly payable in advance.

**Paul Kollins, Hertz Hall, Thursday, May 18. 9521-5-16-31.

**Play and dance in Webster's Corner Hall, Tuesday, May 16th. Chipman's Orchestra. Admission 25c. 9493-5-15-21.

**Old time Fiddlers and Dancing Contest, under the auspices of the Catholic Women's League, Georgetown Hall, June 3rd. Ladies and gentlemen wishing to compete, send names to Mrs. D. P. McKinnon before May 27th. 9511-5-16-tis-31.

**A. Y. P. A. of Milton present fascinating "Fanny Brown" at Milton Hall Tuesday, May 16. If not the Thursday. Admission 25c and 15c. 9496-5-15-21.

**A retiring annuity with Insurance protection in the meantime can be easily and cheaply arranged. The younger you start the cheaper it is. See J. A. Moore, Manager Sun Life. 9444-5-13-21.

**Bridge in Holy Redeemer Hall, Thursday, May 18th, in aid of St. Vincent Orphanage. Tickets 50c. Refreshments. 9509-5-16-11.

**Notice—All entrants for the Old Time Fiddlers and Step Dancing Contest to be held in Mt. Stewart Hall on May 16th. Make application to Dr. Martin not later than May 15th. Under auspices Mt. Stewart Branch Canadian Legion. 9420-5-12-31.