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BRITISH CRUISER ARRIVES AT MINORCA

TWO ELDERLY MEN FOUND DEAD IN HOME

INQUEST WILL BE HELD THIS AFTERNOON

Coroner's Inquiry Will Probe Death Of Peter Stewart And James Fraser Of Harrington.

Peter Stewart, 82, and James Fraser, 68, were found dead yesterday morning in their home at Harrington, 10 miles from Charlottetown by two young men from the neighborhood. Royal Canadian Mounted Police said last night that the cause of their deaths was not known. The two men were the only occupants of the house. They were seen alive on Monday, Feb. 6, it was said.

The two men who made the discovery of the bodies were MacDonell Brothers, who live nearby, Police said. They worked passing and did not smoke coming from the house (chimney or sign of life) about 30 feet in to see how the two elderly men were and found them dead.

Stewart, fully clothed, was sprawled over a broken chair in one of the bedrooms while Fraser was found lying on the kitchen floor, fully clothed with a coat over him. He was bruised about the head, police said.

The house was in disorder. Some chairs were broken and a door leading into what was apparently the pantry was off its hinges.

Coroner Dr. Yao was also reluctant to advance a theory. He could not say if the bruises on Fraser's head were the cause of his death. They might have been the result of a fall, he said.

Resounding rumors circulating in Charlottetown that botanists poisoning might have been the cause of the two deaths, the coroner said he had no idea how such a theory had not around. As far as he was concerned, the matter would rest until the inquest today.

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COMING EVENTS

- Reserve Thursday, February 16th Card Party at Charlottetown Hospital. L-174-2-8-11.
- Hockey tonight at New Glasgow, Imperials vs Stars. League game. L-237.
- Hockey in Graham's Road tonight. Nationals vs. Monarchs. L-236
- Hockey Canoe Cove tonight. Mike's Taxi vs. Rangers. L-230.
- Buying live hogs at Emerald Thursday afternoon. Arthur Haslam. L-194-2-8-21.
- Rummage Sale De Luxe, St. James Hall, Monday, February 13th, 6 P. M. L-160-2-7-61.
- Plan to meet your friends at Baptist Tea Thursday, February 9th. L-208-2-9-11.
- Reserve Tuesday evening, February 14th for "Valentine Social" in Graham's Road Hall. L-221-2-9-11.
- Hospital Cake Sale by ladies of St. Pauls Church, Moore & McCleod, Saturday, February 11th. L-205-2-9-31.
- Doubleheader at East Royalty tonight. Alexandra Acrevs vs. Royals; Pownall Sisters vs. Royal Sisters—Skeate after. L-179-2-9-11.
- Hockey game and dance after at Cardigan on Friday, February 10, Webster's orchestra. L-228-2-9-21.
- The Annual Meeting of the Stanley Bridge Dairymen Co. will be held in the Masonic Hall, Stanley, Tuesday, February 14th at 3 P. M. The possibility of making cheese will be discussed. Please attend. H. S. MacEwen, Secretary. L-155-2-8-31.
- Come to Concert and One Act Play "Run on the Fodunk" Hunter River Masonic Hall, Friday, February 10th, under auspices Women's Association, United Church. L-161-2-7-21.

Race Driver Killed In Highway Accident

"Wild Bill" Cummings Succumbs To Injuries In Hospital—Was Popular Race Course Idol.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 8—(AP)—William C. (Wild Bill) Cummings, driver of the motor speedway, finished his last race today and lost. Death was the victor.

Ironically, it was a passenger automobile which carried the 32-year-old race driver, who once said "everything turns out for the best," to his final checkered flag. He died in a hospital from injuries suffered in a highway accident Monday night.

Unscathed on the speedways, Cummings never regained consciousness after the accident, in which his automobile ploughed through a steel gate and landed in a creek. He was driving alone, en route to his suburban home.

The happy-go-lucky Cummings was a popular figure in the racing business. Everybody—fellow drivers, mechanics, railbirds, fans—liked him.

His greatest triumph came in 1934 when he reared to victory in the Indianapolis motor speedway's 500-mile Memorial Day classic. He finished less than 30 seconds in front of Mauri Rose of Columbus, O. Cummings averaged 104.883 miles and hour, then a new record for the distance.

"Wild Bill" took dropped lowest in the 1936 Indianapolis race. The starting bomb burst and the field was off—all except Cummings. His gleaming mount, which he had rolled proudly to its starting position, wouldn't move. The clutch plate was broken.

His face white as a sheet, "Wild Bill" finally climbed from the car and walked off with bowed head as the machine was rolled to the sidelines.

A few days later he told a friend:

"No use to squawk. It's part of the game. Besides, something worse might have happened. Everything turns out for the best."

They will bury "Wild Bill" Saturday with race drivers and mechanics as pallbearers. He leaves his widow and one daughter.

I. R. A. Terrorists Warn Of Further Violent Outrages

DUBLIN, Feb. 8—(AP)—The terrorist Irish Republican Army which the Eire Government is seeking to curb by drastic legislation, sent a crudely printed warning to a London newspaper today threatening further violence in its campaign to rid northern and southern Ireland of British rule.

The warning, expressing jubilation because authorities of Northern Ireland had cancelled a scheduled visit to the Duke and Duchess of Kent, brother and sister-in-law of King George VI, said:

"On behalf of the Derry Battalion of the I. R. A. we have now prevented royalty from our soil. The next will be English troops. We will lead to it Craigavon's men (special constabulary of the North Ireland Government headed by Lord Craigavon) keep alert at gas, electric and petrol buildings."

Walsh Scores Gun Contract In Commons

Urges Premier Remove Minister Of National Defence From Office.

OTTAWA, Feb. 8—(CP)—Today's short session of Parliament was devoted entirely to the gun contract for the Bren Gun. A motion from Grant Maclean (C.C.F. Vancouver North) to have the contract referred to the Public Accounts Committee is being considered. Mr. Walsh said the amendment to the committee of the whole House with instructions to consider the advisability of cancelling the contract.

Mr. W. A. Walsh (Con. Mount Royal) discussed the magazine article by Col. George Drew, now Ontario Conservative Leader, criticizing the Bren contract and bringing on the inquiry conducted by Mr. Justice H. H. Davis of the Supreme Court of Canada.

The article was sprung two months too soon, Mr. Walsh said. "Had he waited he would have seen where this money that was to be absorbed by the promoters was going."

Alberta House Opens Today

EDMONTON, Feb. 8—(CP)—With the Social Credit members in caucus throughout the day, the stage was set today for the opening of the 1939 session of the Alberta Legislature tomorrow afternoon.

Lieutenant-Governor J. C. Bowen will read the Speech from the Throne shortly after the members of the Alberta House of Commons will be under way.

Tomorrow's session is expected to be brief, adjourning shortly after the Speech from the Throne is read and opening formalities concluded. Debate on the Throne speech is expected to start Friday afternoon and then adjournment will be taken until Monday.

Postage Reduced

OTTAWA, Feb. 8—(CP) The fee on special delivery letters will be reduced from 10 cents to 8 cents on March 1 next, Postmaster-General McCarthy announced last today. The new fee is the same as that charged in the United States.

Plan To Curb Unemployment Mooted By Canadian Corps

OTTAWA, Feb. 8—(CP)—Aimed at lifting many Canadian youths out of the rut into which periods of long unemployment have cast them, a plan was developed by the Canadian Corps, Association today to a sub-committee of the Cabinet.

The proposal, outlined to Transport Minister Howe, Labour Minister Rogers and Pensions Minister Power, contemplated the establishment of centres throughout Canada at which unemployed youths might receive vocational training. At the same time they would be instructed in military discipline, and thus at the close of their training period be equipped either to perform the duties of soldiers or to take jobs in the trades to which they had been trained.

Lieut. Col. E. Reynolds, Dominion President of the Association, sketched the proposal to the Ministers, and left with them a comprehensive brief which detailed the project.

The veterans envisaged the training of 25,000 youths annually, distributed in five centres each accommodating 5,000 with provision for smaller outdoor camps in summer, and their service-training engagement would be for two years.

The Association urged that it be administered by the National Defence Department.

"Rates of pay will conform to regular army rates," the Association's brief set forth, "except that it will only pay the balance being put to the credit of the young man and made available to him at the completion of his term of service."

DISTRESS CALL ANSWERED BY THREE SHIPS

British Freighter In Immediate Danger Of Foundering In Mid-Atlantic.

THOMASTON, Me., Feb. 8—(AP)—MAGNY MAGO reported three rescue ships tonight were unable to establish wireless contact with the British Freighter Maria de Larrinaga, which had reported she was "sinking" in mid-Atlantic.

THOMASTON, Me., Feb. 8—(AP)—Urgent distress calls from the British Freighter Maria de Larrinaga, apparently in immediate danger of foundering, diverted three steamships from their courses tonight to search for the stricken vessel far out on the Atlantic.

In repeated wireless messages the de Larrinaga reported she was sinking and gave her position as approximately 1,200 miles east of New York.

Several hours after the vessel's first distress call, the broadcast of her SOS appeal declaring she required "immediate assistance." She gave her position as 42.15 (correct) north, 56.50 west.

200 Miles Away

Nearest ship to the de Larrinaga, on the basis of radio reports at the time of the re-broadcast, was the Holland-American Steamship Veendam, which advised she was 200 miles away and expected to reach the disabled craft's side shortly after daylight.

The American freight and passenger ship Scammell, 200 miles away when the first distress call was received, also reported she would reach the sinking vessel early tomorrow. The Cunard Liner Aurania, whose position was unreported, advised she was proceeding to the freighter's assistance.

Another Holland-American liner, the Noordam, 360 miles away, resumed her course upon learning that the Veendam was nearer.

First news of the de Larrinaga's plight was contained in an SOS picked up by the MacKay Radio Station. The message furnished little other information than that the freighter No. 1 hatch was stove and that she was sinking.

The damage indicated heavy weather prevailed on the North Atlantic.

An hour and a half later the de Larrinaga repeated a charter agent but did not state the imminence of that danger.

The de Larrinaga is registered as a 3,084 net ton vessel and shipping men believed she carried a crew of approximately 30 men. She sailed from Houston, Texas, Jan. 24, for Coblenz.

She was built in 1929 by R. L. Duncan and Company, Limited, Glasgow, Scotland, is registered at Liverpool and owned by the Larrinaga Steamship Company, Limited.

JUNIOR TRADE BOARD FORMED LAST NIGHT

Mr. George Ives Elected President Of New Organization.

Mr. George Ives was elected president of the Charlottetown Junior Board of Trade last night. Other officers include first vice-president Hugh Paton; second vice-president Stewart Ives; secretary John Gordon; treasurer George Ayers; councilors, Arthur Wright, Neil Higgins, James Coyle and Keith Johnston.

Mr. George Ives was chairman at last night's meeting. A proposed constitution, modeled on those of the Junior board of trade at Halifax and Montreal was read and after discussion turned over to the newly elected council to be set at 20 to 25 years, which would be local conditions.

Annual membership fee of the organization would be \$2.00 it was decided while the eligible age was set at 20 to 25 years.

Approximately seventy-five, almost the total attendance last night, joined the Board and would henceforth be known as a charter member. Others wishing to join might do so by communicating with any member of the council, or any member of the board who would then bring the candidate's name up for election.

Mr. Walter Hyndman, a member of the senior board was present at last night's session and explained the purpose of the new organization. He said it would carry on a study club where civic, provincial and other problems could be discussed by young men and, when it was thought advisable, action might be taken.

The council of the Junior Board would meet Friday evening. It was decided to arrange for the next general meeting, which was expected to take place shortly.

Col. George Drew Named Candidate

ORILLIA, Ont., Feb. 8—(CP)—Col. George A. Drew, Ontario Conservative Leader, today was unanimously nominated as the party's candidate for the Simcoe east by-election Feb. 27.

One thousand people, a representative mix of many shades of political thought, filled the opera house for the convention. Nomination of Col. Drew by Thomas Wilson, Ontario Conservative leader, was seconded by Stanley Wilson, Midland.

Capt. W. L. Osborne Dempster, Toronto has announced he will be a candidate. He describes himself as a Conservative. Mayor James O'Rourke of Midland has said he may run as an Independent Candidate.

Pilot Train Will Accommodate Press

OTTAWA, Feb. 8—(CP)—A pilot train to accommodate newspapermen and women and press photographers will be run ahead of the royal train which will carry the King and Queen on their trip through Canada. Prime Minister Mackenzie King announced in a statement issued today.

"Special provision" the statement said, "will, of course, be given to Canadian journalists but, as far as possible, arrangements will also be made to care for newspapermen from the United Kingdom and from other parts of the British Empire and the United States. As it will not be possible to provide for more than a certain number, applications in order to receive consideration, should reach Ottawa as soon as possible."

Killed Working In Gold Mine

DARTMOUTH, N. S., Feb. 8—(CP)—Leonard Davidson, of the nearby village of Ekum Secum was killed today when a fall of earth knocked him from a staging at Montague Gold Mines, 10 miles from this town across the harbor from Halifax. He was 30 years old and unmarried.

Davidson was working on the staging at the 500-foot level picking away at "muck" in the mine wall. The earth gave way and he fell 15 feet, suffering a broken neck.

N. S. Legislature Opens Feb. 29

HALIFAX, Feb. 8—(CP)—The Nova Scotia Legislature will open its 1939 session Feb. 28, it was announced today by the office of the Deputy Provincial Secretary.

Present standing of the 30-seat House is Liberals 25, Conservatives 5.

Refugees Suffer Heavily In Raid By Insurgents

BOURG-MADAME, France (At the Spanish frontier), Feb. 8—(AP)—Invasions and raids with first aid supplies rushed to the frontier Spanish village of Orocuerca tonight after Spanish Government authorities charged 1,000 refugees were killed or wounded by insurgent warplanes, a French border authorities, however, put the casualties at little more than 100 on the basis of first reports received here.

The planes, said Spanish officials, not only attacked a jammed railway station in Orocuerca, but also swooped down over the roads leading in to the town and machine-gunned columns of refugees and soldiers fleeing into France.

ANGLO-FRENCH FINANCIAL AID OFFERED SPAIN

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Huge Seizure Of "Sweep" Tickets

MONTREAL, Feb. 8—(CP)—Sweepstakes tickets with a face value of \$750,000 were seized today by Quebec Provincial Police who declared they were trawling a huge ring of sweep tickets distributors in Montreal and the district.

Two men were detained by the police after officers had located the 300,000 slips crammed into a dozen potato sacks in the cellar of a private home on Agnes Street late in the day. No charges were laid against the men, one found in the district and the other the operator of a printing plant.

TOTAL LOSS

ORLEANS, Mass., Feb. 8—(CP)—The British motorship Lutzn, which ran aground on the easterly side of Cape Cod Friday, rolled on her beam ends today and was given up for a total loss. The 280-ton steel vessel stranded with the loss of one member of her crew.

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BY MORRIS HARRIS Associated Press Foreign Staff

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Franco Envoy To Government-held Island Aboard?

Visit Of Battleship To Strategically Located Island Is Shrouded In Mystery

LONDON, Feb. 8—(CP)—The British cruiser Devonshire was at Minorca today and was widely reported to have carried an envoy from Insurgent General Franco to negotiate a surrender of that island stronghold of the Spanish Government in the Mediterranean.

The envoy, travelling under a "white flag," it was reported by London newspapers and the Spanish press agency, would offer terms of surrender to the Government commander at Port Mahon, capital of the Balearic Islands.

If his terms were rejected, General Franco was expected to launch a mass attack in an effort to storm the strongly armed and defended base.

Great Britain and France, who have been anxious lest German or Italian forces occupy the island, are following the negotiations with extreme interest.

Troops, planes or submarines based on Minorca would offer a potential threat to France's water and air communications with her North Africa Empire and to Britain's Empire "life line" through the Mediterranean.

Already Menaced

Many more critics of French and British non-intervention policy in Spain have declared these communications lines already were gravely menaced by Italian use of the large Spanish island of Mallorca as an airplane base for attacks on Barcelona and other government cities. Ibiza, smallest of the group, also is in insurgent hands.

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Miaja Opens Peace Talks With Franco

BERLIN, Feb. 8—(AP)—Premier Mussolini's stubborn refusal to end the Spanish civil war on Insurgent terms was shaken violently tonight by reports that peace talks had been opened directly between the Insurgents and General Jose Miaja, dictator of the Government's central zone.

Members of the French Chamber of Deputies said the reports were brought back from Burgos by Senator Leon Berard, semi-official envoy to the Insurgent capital. They came close upon announcements that Manuel Azana, President of Government Spain, was considering resigning because of the refusal of Negrin to surrender unconditionally.

Driven to the edge of Spain by the Insurgent advance in Catalonia which routed the Government army, Negrin appeared to

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Mission Secret

The British Admiralty refused to discuss the mission of the 9,750-ton Devonshire, but was reported to be in close contact by wireless with the House of Commons, and the battleship's commander.

Reports from him would be dispatched immediately to the British Foreign Office.

Britain was said to be aiding General Franco in the mission because of her former ally's Rome-Berlin axis forces should not be established at Minorca and to avert "useless bloodshed."

One of tonight's reports held that Britain determined to avoid Spain's domination by the totalitarian powers, may extend formal diplomatic recognition to Insurgent General Franco's regime even before the war ends.

Sir Robert Hodgson, chief British representative at Burgos, who has been convalescing at London from a recent illness, is due to return to Franco's capital tomorrow or the day after with instructions from Foreign Secretary Halifax.

Reports Discussed

Sir Robert's departure will follow reports given the Government at today's cabinet session by British representatives who have been conferring with Insurgent and Spanish Government delegates both here and abroad.

Prime Minister Chamberlain was said to have impressed the cabinet with the advisability of intensified British mediation to end the Spanish civil war. Subsequently appearing in the House of Commons, he was deluged with opposition questions as to the meaning of Italian troop reinforcements in Libya, and particularly as to whether Italy was committed to reparate her "volunteers" once the Spanish war ended.

Mr. Chamberlain answered affirmatively when a member asked if Italy was committed to evacuate her legionnaires at the end of hostilities. French Ambassador Charles Corbin was present.

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(Canadian Press)

TORONTO, Feb. 8—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Dawson	52B	46B
Vancouver	20	30
Edmonton	43B	24B
Regina	42B	24B
Winnipeg	40B	18B
Toronto	24	40
Ottawa	2B	26
Montreal	18	32
Quebec	4	20
Saint John	8	26
Halifax	8	32
Charlottetown	6	16

FORECAST

Maritime Provinces: Southwest to northwest winds, increasing to strong; partly cloudy and milder; snowfalls or light rain in some districts.

High tide this afternoon at 2:25 and tomorrow morning at 3:03.

Sun sets this afternoon at 5:18 and rises tomorrow morning at 7:10.

Last quarter moon Feb. 11, 12.12 a. m.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

THE CAR FERRY SAILINGS

Leave Borden 9.45 a. m. 1 p. m. Tormentine 11 a. m. 3.05 p. m.