

ITALY STRENGTHENS SEA AND AIR FORCES

LAVAL PLEDGES SUPPORT TO BRITAIN

STATES STAND DURING DEBATE IN CHAMBER

Radical-Socialists Bitterly Assail Premier On Hoare-Laval Peace Plan.

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(By Guardian's Special Wire)
PARIS, Dec. 27.—(C. P. Havas)—While French deputies almost came to blows in the heat of political debate, Premier Laval tonight stated the life of his government on a ringing pledge that France will come to the aid of Great Britain in case of an attack by Italy.

Announcement by the powerful Radical-Socialist group in the chamber that they could not give their confidence to a cabinet which had failed to follow the League of Nations in an Ethiopian peace settlement appeared to menace the government when the all-important vote on France's foreign policy is taken tomorrow night.

The most fateful parliamentary session in recent months adjourned in angry tumult after attacks on Premier Laval led by Leon Blum, Socialist leader, who accused the Premier of forsaking the League in approving the Hoare-Laval peace plan.

(The plan in question was drawn up by M. Laval and Sir Samuel Hoare, former British Foreign Secretary.)

M. Laval denied in his dramatic speech that he had failed to uphold France's obligations to the League. He added a reproach to Premier Mussolini in these words: "Italy did not examine our suggestions promptly with the understanding we had a right to expect. Moreover a certain speech (apparently Duce's defiant utterance on Dec. 18) was delivered which did not make our task any easier."

6 Dead After Drinking "Moonshine"

(A. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)
ALBUQUERQUE, Pa., Dec. 27.—After Christmas tragedy invaded six modest homes in this little steel town today where two women and four men, all neighbors, died in convulsions after drinking "moonshine" liquor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

*Play, Red-headed Stepchild, Cardigan Hall, Friday, January 3rd. L-4098-12-28-30-31-1-2.

*Poultry, Buying dressed chicken and fowl until March. Market values. Correct grading. Geo. Leightner Co., next Queen Hotel. L-3593-12-20-1f.

*Buying live and dressed poultry daily at J. P. Proffitt's warehouse, Kensington, paying highest market prices. H. S. McEwen and Oliver Campbell. L-3445

The Lieutenant-Governor will receive on New Year's Day at Government House, from three to five-thirty P.M. Gentlemen calling will present their cards, one to the Private Secretary and one to the A.D.C. in waiting.

M. ALBAN FARMER
Private Secretary.

Ottawa Ministers Are Welcomed To Charlottetown

Arrival Last Night Of Hon. Mr. Dunning, Hon. Mr. Michaud And Mr. Gordon Scott On Political Visitation.

Hon. Charles A. Dunning, Finance Minister, accompanied by Hon. J. E. Michaud, Minister of Fisheries, Ottawa, and Mr. Gordon Scott, financier, Montreal, arrived on the Borden train last evening and were cordially welcomed on behalf of the Provincial Government, the City, and the Liberal party.

Among those meeting the Ministers and colleagues were Premier Isa, Hon. J. P. McIntyre, His Worship Mayor, Kennedy, Councillor Holman, Messrs. Russel Chandler, and George J. Tweedy, president and secretary respectively, of the Queens County Liberal Association; Dr. I. J. Yeo, president of the Charlottetown Liberal Association; Messrs. Peter Sinclair, M.P., Reuben MacDonald, Mervyn Brown, Toronto and Russell Clark, M.L.A., Mr. Dunning and party registered at the Canadian National Hotel, where they were in consultation with Liberal party leaders during the evening.



HON. C. A. DUNNING

SEES BUSINESS PICK-UP

MONCTON, N. B., Dec. 27.—En route to Charlottetown and the constituency of Queens, where he will, if opposed, contest a bye election to acquire a seat in the House of Commons, Hon. Charles A. Dunning, Minister of Finance for Canada, showed a decided interest in the welfare of the Maritimes. He remarked that he was of the opinion that there was a definite improvement in this section and expressed much gratification when told by W. U. Appleton, Vice President and General Manager of the Canadian National Railways in the Atlantic Region, of the splendid Christmas tree business which had been done in this section in the season just closed.

Mr. Appleton remarked that nearly seven hundred carloads of trees had been shipped to many points in the United States, some even going greater distances than

Island Producers Are Affected By Change In N. B. Regulations

Meat And Meat Products Must Now Be Shipped Under Regulations Of Meat And Canned Foods Act.

As a result of a recent Dominion order-in-council, the Province of New Brunswick, previously open to shipments of meat from this Province without certificate under the Meat and Canned Foods Act, no longer affords this market to island producers and all meats and meat products intended for inter-provincial trade must now be duly inspected and certified under the Act.

This, it is claimed, means a considerable loss of business to island farmers and shippers who have been supplying the New Brunswick trade without the necessity of meeting this requirement.

Under the Meat and Canned Foods Act of the Dominion of Canada the shipment of meats or meat food products from one province to any other province of the Dominion is prohibited unless the meats or products concerned are properly certified as called for under the Act. Trade within the province of origin of meats or meat food products is permissible.

Originally the three Maritime Provinces, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island were grouped and treated as one unit or province under the Act. This arrangement permitted the shipment of meats, etc., from one Maritime Province to another without being certified. About a year ago upon the request of the Agricultural Advisory Committees of the provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island the Federal Government made the necessary change in the regulations under the Act to separate the

ever before, even into Florida. One firm alone paid about \$91,000 in freight charges, Mr. Appleton told the Minister.

"That's good news," Mr. Dunning replied, "for it is money which goes direct to the man who spends it."

Mr. Dunning inquired as to the effect of the new treaty with the United States on the lumber business hereabouts, but upon being told that as yet the results were hardly noticeable, replied that he expected there was all other considerable jockeying going on among dealers.

Travelling with the Finance Minister was Hon. J. E. Michaud, Minister of Fisheries, and Gordon W. Scott, of Westmont, Que., former Provincial Treasurer for Quebec Province. They will remain in Prince Edward Island until December 31.

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PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 27.—Henry V. Gomm of Richmond, P. E. I., was held in \$1,000 bail in federal court today for later hearing in Bangor district court on the charge of entering the United States illegally last September.

Federal authorities alleged he "impersonated" his brother, Raymond Gomm, by exhibiting the latter's birth certificate to an immigration inspector at Vanceboro.

Awaiting the federal court's June term at Bangor, Gomm had not furnished bail tonight.

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FREDERICTON, N. B., Dec. 27.—Still active for a man of his age, Robert Evans, reputed to be the oldest resident of New Brunswick, completed today what he believed to be the 107th year of his life.

He celebrated his birthday quietly for he was the only man remaining on the homestead of his nephew, Richard Evans, with whom he resides at the little settlement of Zionville, York County. Richard Evans and his married son Lincoln, who lives nearby, left for the lumber woods early today, to be absent about two months.

The centenarian therefore is the only man left at home although two strapping grand nephews, Arthur and Arnold, Richard's sons, are capable of looking after the household and farm even though they have not reached the age of 21.

three Maritime Provinces in so far as the shipment of meats and meat food products was concerned. This necessarily meant each province must in future be treated as a separate unit as all other provinces of the Dominion. No shipment of dressed meat could be made from one Maritime Province to another province in Canada unless duly certified as called for under the Meat and Canned Foods Act.

This enactment was not satisfactory to producers in this Province. The Provincial Government accordingly took the matter up at Ottawa and with the co-operation of New Brunswick succeeded in having the order rescinded in these two provinces. Nova Scotia refused to revert to the former status. This has been the position until recently when New Brunswick decided to follow Nova Scotia and refused to accept shipments of uncertified meats and meat products.

Meats and meat food products intended for interprovincial trade in Canada cannot now be accepted for shipment by any carrier unless they have been duly inspected by an Inspector appointed under the Meat and Canned Foods Act, and certified to that effect.

Animals owned, raised, or fed by farmers and slaughtered by them on their own farms may be shipped from one province to another province in Canada without inspection as provided for under the Act, only if duly certified by the farmer upon

KING GOVT. MEETS DEMAND OF JAPAN

Resumption Of Trade Relations Follows Series Of Conferences.

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)
OTTAWA, Dec. 27.—Trade restrictions on Canadian imports were further broken down today with the exchange of notes between Prime Minister Mackenzie King and Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs, Kato, in Ottawa, Canada, bringing to an end the economic deadlock which has existed between the two countries since last July.

Meeting in a large measure the demands made by Japan earlier this year for abolition of special tariff restrictions, the Japanese government has agreed to remove as from Jan. 1, 1936, the 33 1-3 percent surtax against Japanese goods, applied in retaliation last July when Japan imposed a 50 percent surtax against many Canadian imports. In return for this concession, the Japanese surtax will be removed on the same date.

To obtain this agreement with Japan the government has undertaken to:

- 1.—Define the customs phrase "goods of a class or kind made or produced in Canada" to mean goods made or produced in Canada in sufficient quantities to supply at least 10 percent of the normal Canadian market.
- 2.—Value the Japanese yen at its current exchange value (now 29 cents) in terms of the Canadian dollar when fixing duties on goods not of a class or kind made or produced in Canada.
- 3.—Value the yen, for duty on goods of a class or kind made in Canada, at its average exchange value for the five-year period ended Jan. 31, 1936, the valuation to run for one year and the value to be similarly fixed for each succeeding year, as long as depreciation of Japanese currency makes it necessary.
- 4.—Removal from the list of goods subject to arbitrary fixed valuations for duty purposes of a number of commodities in addition to those removed through the Canada-United States trade agreement and extended to all countries having most-favored-nation treatment with Canada.
- 5.—Extend to Japan the right to appeal to the Canadian Tariff Board respecting any future violation for duty purposes established under Section 43 of the Customs Act—the

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George Hooper Government Appointee

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)
OTTAWA, Dec. 27.—The Canada Gazette today announced that the following have been appointed official receivers under the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act.

George Hooper, Charlottetown, for the Counties of King's, Queen's and Prince Edward; J. L. Crowe, Truro, N. S., for the County of Colchester; J. T. MacQuarrie, New Glasgow, N. S., for the Counties of Pictou and Cumberland; William C. Dunlop, Windsor, N. S., for the County of Hants.

FISHERMEN OF SCALLOP BOAT SAFE

HALIFAX, Dec. 27.—Mystery in the wake of the Maritime Provinces wildcat blizzard of the season even after reports came from principal airports in the three provinces at Sydney, Halifax, Charlottetown, Moncton and Saint John—that no planes had left their fields yesterday.

Three men reported they heard an airplane flying over Port Hood in Cape Breton Island at the height of last night's gale. They stuck to their story today even after reports came from principal airports in the three provinces at Sydney, Halifax, Charlottetown, Moncton and Saint John—that no planes had left their fields yesterday.

Three Digby scallop fishermen aboard the Sonata turned up safe in Saint John, N. E. this afternoon after their boat had been driven across the Bay of Fundy by the gale. The rest of the Digby fleet had given them up as lost.

Transportation and communication companies maintained their lines throughout the 18-hour storm with difficulty. Most highways in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island were still blocked tonight.

MASONIC OFFICERS INSTALLED

At a regular communication of St. John's and Victoria Lodges, A. and M. at the Masonic Temple last night, joint installation of officers for the ensuing year took place, the installation ceremonies being conducted by the Grand Master, M. W. Brother Ernest Kemp. At the close of the ceremonies an enjoyable banquet and entertainment was held in the recreation room.

Following were the officers installed:

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| St. John's Lodge | Victoria Lodge |
| W. M. | J. P. Millar |
| P. B. Moreside | J. P. Millar |
| W. E. Scantlebury | G. G. Wood |
| J. W. | J. W. |
| Isaac Cudmore | C. M. Manson |
| Treas. | |
| J. L. Douglas | W. J. Drake |
| R. E. Kemp | G. E. Proctor |
| Chap. | W. R. Carson |
| Geo. W. Wakeford | W. R. Carson |
| S. D. | W. N. Wilson |
| E. R. White | J. D. |
| E. V. Bell | |
| B. C. Keeping | Dir. of Ceremonies |
| C. M. Williams | G. R. Brady |
| S. S. | |
| J. P. Hillion | J. S. E. A. McCabe |
| I. D. Waye | J. S. J. D. Taylor |
| F. W. Tidmarsh | Aubrey Foster |
| Trustee | |
| L. W. Winchester | H. E. Ward |
| Tyler, S. B. French. | |
- Presiding as joint chairman at the banquet were the retiring Worshipful Masters, Bros. P. A. Creel-Carson, Victoria, and Bro. W. R. Lincoln, Charlottetown. The toast list included "The King"; "The Craft"; responded to by Bro. G. Elliot Full, P. G. M., "The Holy Saints John," responded to by Bro. R. H. Rogers, F. M.
- The musical part of the program consisted of vocal numbers by Bro. James Calder, P. M., which were joined in by the brethren.

LIVE STOCK BOARD ANNUAL MEETING

Reports Indicate a \$61,000 Increase in Volume of Business This Year.

A small attendance but great enthusiasm marked the second annual meeting of the Prince Edward Island Co-operative Live Stock Marketing Board held last night in the City Building. A session slated for the afternoon was not held as some of the delegates were late arriving in the city.

Mr. Milton Furness, Vernon River, vice president of the Board presided as the president Mr. W. J. Reid, Albany, was delayed and did not arrive until some time after the meeting started.

General satisfaction with the year's work as outlined in the report of the secretary, Mr. J. A. Gillies was expressed by various speakers. The report appears in full below.

The old board of directors were re-elected. They are: for Kings, P. A. McIsaac, Souris; Alex Hamilton, New Perth; for Queens: Ernest Houston, New Glasgow; E. N. Easton, North Wiltshire; Milton Furness, Vernon River; for Prince: W. J. Reid, Albany; W. H. McGregor, Central, Lot 16.

Among those speaking at the meeting were: Montague Anear, M.L.A., Lower Montague; W. D. Ross, Uggas; P. A. McIsaac, M.L.A., Souris; F. A. Baker, M.L.A.; Kensington; W. J. Reid, president of the Board, Albany; J. J. McLeod, Hartsville; W. J. Seaman, Bradalbane; Wilfred MacDonald, Brudenell; E. N. Easter, North Wiltshire; Roy Quigley, Charlottetown; W. R. Shaw, Deputy Minister of Agriculture; Mr. Moore, Minister of W. Clay, Dominion Hog Grader, Charlottetown.

A committee consisting of the President, W. J. Reid, the secretary J. A. Gillies, P. A. McIsaac and E. N. Easter was appointed to consider questions relative to railway transportation as it applies to the shipments of live stock in this province. The appointment of this committee was the result of criticism by several speakers of the railway service here. They alleged that it took an unnecessary long time for hogs loaded at certain stations in the province to reach their destination at Moncton. Cars loaded at Montague Monday sometimes do not reach Moncton until the following Friday especially if there is a pick up west of Charlottetown, it was pointed out.

The committee is to take the matter up and see what can be done to improve conditions.

Mr. M. Furness, who presided, in brief introductory remarks - regretted that the attendance was so small but pointed out that the principal shipping centre in the province were represented. The annual meeting is usually held in July or August but elections and other matters made it seem advisable to hold it at this time.

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League Sanctions Proving Effective

General Belief Rome Sources Reported Apprehensive Re Economic And Financial Restrictions. Ethiopians Claim Successes.

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)
Moves by Italy to bring her navy and her air force to a high state of efficiency have been taken, it was learned last night.

The most powerful fleet Rome has ever assembled in the Red Sea has just completed manoeuvres which, informed sources said, were designed to make it ready "for any eventuality."

Reliable reports in Rome said 4,200 new recruits had been called out for the air service. More than 1,000 of them were said to be machine-gunners.

The opinion was expressed in London, meanwhile, that Premier Mussolini, harassed by sanctions, might soon propose peace terms. It was believed there that an oil embargo would not be imposed against Italy.

The British government made known favorable answers have been received from France, Yugoslavia, Turkey and Greece to British requests for armed aid in the event of an attack on the British fleet in the Mediterranean or Red Seas.

It was learned in Addis Ababa that terms on which the Ethiopian delegation to Geneva might discuss peace have been authorized. These were said to include withdrawal of Italian troops from the country and payment of an indemnity by Italy.

Settlements Recaptured

The Ethiopian government claimed troops in the north had cut Italian communication lines between Makale and the Tembien Mountains and recaptured some small settlements. Various forces were reported closing in on Makale.

Italian troops on the northern front at the same time claimed they completely routed Ethiopians in a clash at Afgaga Pass.

The fate of Premier Laval's French cabinet was in doubt as the Chamber of Deputies prepared to resume debate on the foreign situation today. Left-wing sections of the chamber attacked Laval for his part in the moribund Anglo-French peace proposals. A vote was expected tonight.

Laval promised definitely France would support Britain in the event of an Italian attack.

Reports in Rome said Italy was preparing to send three new army divisions to East Africa.

Oil Sanctions Dead?

LONDON, Dec. 27.—(A.P.)—Belief that Premier Mussolini must shortly sue for peace in Africa was expressed tonight in government and diplomatic quarters.

They pointed to the rapid drain of gold from Italy, coupled with the lack of conspicuous military success and the approaching of rainy season.

There is a growing belief in responsible quarters that a proposed League of Nations oil sanction is dead and that the project will not be revived. This also goes for a ban on other raw materials, such as cotton and steel.

In these circles, it was said that the existing sanctions against Italy

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RUSH FOR ROOMS IN PARLIAMENT

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)
OTTAWA, Dec. 27.—The Parliamentary rush for rooms is on. It is a phenomenon inevitable following a general election, and dreaded by officials of the House of Commons.

The Parliament Buildings in which senators and members meet to enact the nation's laws, provides generous accommodation. But it cannot provide a separate room for every one of 245 members of the House of Commons. Many of the 245 feel they are entitled to separate offices. Hence the rush.

Already, harassed officials of

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TORONTO, Dec. 27.—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Dawson	4B	4
Aklavik	22B	20B
Edmonton	2	8
Regina	4B	6
Winnipeg	14B	8
Toronto	8	19
Montreal	6	12
Quebec	8	16
Saint John	12	22
Halifax	20	26
Charlottetown	26	32

Maritime Provinces: Strong northerly winds; clearing and becoming colder.

High tide this afternoon at 1.06 and tomorrow morning at 12.19.

Sun sets this afternoon at 4.24 and rises tomorrow morning at 7.38.

First quarter moon Wednesday, Jan. 1, at 11.15 a.m.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

Leave Borden 9.45 A. M. (Extra)
1 P. M.
Leave Summerside (Extra) 11 A. M.
2.35 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

No Opposition By Conservatives To Mr. Dunning

King Government To Be Given Every Opportunity Of Carrying Out Mandate Received At The Polls.

The following statement has been issued for publication by the Liberal Conservative Association of Queens County:

No candidate will be placed in the field to oppose Hon. Charles A. Dunning, Minister of Finance in the Cabinet of Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, for the following reason, i. e.

The Association feels that the people of this Province and the other provinces of the Dominion of Canada, by their vote on October 14th last gave a clear and sufficient mandate to the Liberal party to inaugurate and carry out their policies.

They therefore feel that the Mackenzie King Government should be given a fair chance in the carrying out of such policies and to that end no hindrance should be placed in the way of Premier King retaining in his Cabinet the men he considers the most suitable for the respective posts, and that to oppose Hon. Mr. Dunning at this time would be to take issue with the mandate given by the people and would serve no useful purpose.