

BRITAIN, FRANCE AGREE ON SECURITY PACT

Saunders-Lea Agreement Definitely Gave Rights To Lease Oyster Areas

Opposition Attempt To Mislead Fishermen As To Responsibility For Leasing Project Is Nailed In The Legislature By Hon. G. Shelton Sharp, Who Produces Signed Statement From The Deputy Minister Of Fisheries, As Well As Leasing Agreement And Minute Of Council Of February 1928.

MUSSOLINI SEES GERMANY AS MENACE

Italian Press Points With Alarm To Increasing German Birthrate.

(A. P. By Guardian's Special Wire) MILAN, March 31.—Germany will number 80,000,000 inhabitants before 1980 and press with a formidable mass on all frontiers, says Premier Benito Mussolini's newspaper "Popolo D'Italia," in an editorial evidently inspired by Il Duce. Speaking of the increased German birthrate under the government of Reichsfuehrer Adolf Hitler, the newspaper says: "The consequences of this very strong upturn of the German birthrate is evident. With the return of the East, and the natural augment of the population as witnessed in 1934, Germany has close to 60,000,000. In four years she will arrive at 70,000,000 solely by maintaining the (Continued on Page 8)

ANNOUNCEMENTS COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC

- **Farmers arrangements, Lennox Hotel, Souris, April 3 and 4. L-5584-3-30-31
- **Millview Club leading hogs Tuesday afternoon April 2nd. Please list all stock. L-5588-4-1-11.
- **Réserve Thursday, April 11, for St. James Tea and Banquet. L-5577-3-30-21
- **Come to the Concert in Clyde River Hall Monday night, April 1st by Bonshaw talent. If not fine, following night. L-5571-3-30-21
- **Hear the Invisible Choir render "O Come and Mourn." Fange Lingus, Sabat, Maker, Vexilla Regis, all beautifully harmonized. "Upper Room," Strand Theatre, this afternoon and evening. L-5590
- **Miss Lucy Blanchard will sing between the second and third acts of "The Upper Room." Strand Theatre, this afternoon at 3.15, to-night at 8.15 p.m. L-5590
- **Borden Line Club leading hogs, lambs, calves, Friday, Wednesday, April 3rd, until noon. L-5591-4-1-31
- **Come to Cornwall Hall Wednesday night to hear Dunedin's class concert by talented performers. Orchestra. Sale of candy. L-5592
- **Come to the social in Springfield, Lot 67 Hall, Tuesday, April 2, proceeds in aid of local branch Carnegie Library, if not fine first time night following. L-5589-4-1-14
- **Wanted—a few reliable men to represent the Sun Life. Some good openings are available in each county. Apply by letter or in person to J. A. Moore, branch manager. L-5100
- **I will be buying live hogs at Albany Thursday 4th all day and at Emerald Friday, April 5th until 11.30 in the forenoon paying top notch prices. G. C. Green, Emerald, L-5497-3-30-51
- **We will be leading live hogs Thursday, April 4th, all day at Kennington. Nicholson Bros., leading at Hunter River Friday, April 5th, 8.30 a.m. H. S. McGowan, and Silver Cross, L-5499-3-30-51

Conclusive evidence that the Dominion Government, through agreement with the (Liberal) Provincial Government in 1928, secured permission to lease the oyster areas of the Province after making the preliminary surveys, and that no additional permission was required from any succeeding provincial government, was given in the Legislature on Thursday by the Hon. G. Shelton Sharp, Minister of Public Works, in the course of the Budget debate. Mr. Sharp cited as his authority, not only the definite terms of the agreement and the Minute of Council passed by the Saunders-Lea Government, but also a signed letter from Dr. W. A. Found, Deputy Minister of Fisheries, Ottawa, who wrote emphatically corroborating Mr Sharp's interpretation. Mr. Sharp also dealt trenchantly with the Opposition criticism regarding the Potato Marketing Board, and with the suggestion of Mr. R. W. LePage that the Government should have pledged the taxpayers' money to cover up the financial condition of the Potato Growers' Association and that the directors, at the annual meeting, should have kept the true financial statement "under their hats."

U. S. LEASING SYSTEM

"I might say that the cultivation of oysters in the United States under the leasing system has gone on for fifty years. It was away back in 1888, and previous to that, the great areas of the New England States were leased for oyster cultivation. I have here receipts from the Dominion Department of Fisheries giving some idea of the districts immediately to the south of us who are growing oysters under the private cultivation system. In Massachusetts Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, and Delaware. The first three states produce practically 99.7 per cent of cultivated oysters. Their production in 1928 was 647,000 bushels as against 2,200 on public areas. New York, New Jersey and Delaware produced 3,536,000 bushels as against 185,000 in 1928. In Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina the proportion is relatively smaller, and the further you get south, the longer is the period of growth and the poorer the quality of the oyster. Massachusetts oysters sell there for \$3.40 a bushel and as \$1.65 in New York, \$2.10; and as you get further south you can buy oysters cheaper. The southern waters of the Atlantic Coast are not good areas for oyster cultivation. As oyster production in this Province declines in the way I have already stated, the Montreal and Toronto users of oysters gradually had to substitute American oysters for our crop. Today we have practically no Canadian market west of Toronto. In fact, Toronto secures a large quantity of oysters from the New England States. "I will now return to the provincial situation. As I said before, in 1912 Premier Matheson introduced leasing in the Malpeque Bay area only, for barren bottoms. A large number of leases were taken out. There was no limit to the number of acres that could be taken by any one man, with the result that many companies were formed to crop quite (Continued on Page 3)

FIRST LEASING POLICY

"At that time the present Chief Justice Matheson, the Premier of the Province, decided on a leasing policy, and secured an agreement with the Dominion Government whereby the barren bottoms of this Province might be leased. I might say that the first lease ever granted in the province was granted in 1871 to William Henry Pope. There is a Misuse of Council in the chamber at the other end of this building, describing the lease, the boundaries, etc. and second lease was given to Mr. Pope. I do not know whether he was a member of this House, but he was afterwards a County Judge for Prince County, and resided in Summerside. His brother, the Hon. James Pope, became the first Minister of Fisheries under Sir John A. Macdonald. This was the first grant ever given for the cultivation of oysters in this Province.

550,000 Germans Of 1915 Class Called To Colors

LONDON, March 31.—Young Germans from the class of 1915 to falling 550,000 will report tomorrow for medical examination at barracks throughout the Reich under the military conscription law of March 16, according to information reaching London today. The new defence laws, it was further learned, will announce the creation of a "national council for defence," of which General Erich Ludendorff is slated to become one of the most influential members, along with General Hans Von Seeckt, who has been called back from China. Although no details of how the actual conscription will be carried out have been published, it was learned from a reliable Berlin source the 550,000 youths of 1915 class to be called tomorrow will be enrolled in batches so their actual joining up will be spread over several weeks. The brown-shirted storm troop army will not be dissolved, it was learned. It will, however, be shorn of any military character, remaining nevertheless a crack troop organization with sports training whose task it will be to wage Germany's political war. The actual numerical strength of the German armed forces, it is estimated now according to reliable sources is mounting nearer to 750,000 than the 500,000 estimates on March 16. There are to be 21 infantry regiments in every army corps.

REV. O. MCGRATH PASSES SUDDENLY

Lenten Preacher At St. Dunstan's Basilica Succumbs To Illness Saturday.

Rev. Owen McGrath, O. S. F., Lenten preacher at St. Dunstan's Basilica who underwent a serious operation in the Charlottetown Hospital on Thursday last, passed away Saturday evening. Father McGrath, who was one of the best known missionaries in Canada and the United States, was fifty-four years of age and had been a priest for twenty-six years. During his colorful career he served as army chaplain with the United States army during the world war, being with the artillery of the Ninetieth Division, and with the army of occupation until his regiment was recalled. He preached in missions throughout Canada from the Atlantic to the Pacific and in almost every state in the United States. His name is known in all types of communities. He has held missions in great city cathedrals, in small country churches, in lumber camps, and in isolated districts of the south, which he visited in the chapel car "St. Paul". He was associated with Rev. Father Finn Chiorstors, and is well known to the people of New York City for his eloquent Novenas in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Ann and the Little Flower, which he has conducted at the Paulist Father's Church. He found time during a busy life to contribute articles to many magazines, including the Ecclesiastical Quarterly, the Extension Magazine, the Ave Maria and the Missionary. Father McGrath was born in Boston. He is survived by a brother Mr. Thomas J. McGrath, Newton Centre, Mass., and a sister in Quincy, Mass.

After the usual Sunday evening devotions at St. Dunstan's Basilica last evening, His Excellency, Most Rev. J. A. O'Sullivan, Bishop of Charlottetown, assisted by the Rev. Francis Cass, of the Sanctuaries, Rev. H. I. Flemming, C. SS. R., Rev. Arthur Kelly, C. SS. R., Rev. Charles C. Hara, C. SS. R., Rev. Francis McQuaid, Rev. Finley Mullally, Rev. John Sullivan, Rev. James A. Murphy, Rev. A. J. McIntyre, Rev. Louis Dougan, Rev. P. McMahon, D. D., and Rev. Eugene Murray. The pall bearers were Messrs. M. J. Reardon, Leo P. McDonald, W. J. Bruders, J. P. Bradley, W. J. McDonald, and J. St. Clair Trainor. Knights of Columbus. This morning at 6.15 His Excellency Bishop O'Sullivan will celebrate Mass for the repose of the soul of Father McGrath, and he will perform the final Absolution. The remains, which will be accompanied by Rev. Dr. McMahon, will leave on the morning train for Boston thence to New York for burial. For an hour and a half last evening thousands of people filed past the body of Father McGrath as it lay in state in St. Dunstan's Basilica. A guard of honor from the Holy Name Society remained on duty in the Basilica all night.

WILL STAND TRIAL FOR MURDER OF ARCHDEACON

BOURNEMOUTH, England, Mar. 31.—George Percy Stoner will be arraigned Tuesday for preliminary hearing on a charge of laying Francis Mawson Rattenbury, designer of the Parliament Buildings at Victoria, B.C., and several Canadian hotels. Rattenbury, who was 67 years old, was found injured in his house last Sunday. He died Thursday. The crash hurled the men out of the car. Three ambulances rushed up to take the men to hospital but both Diotte and Choquette were dead before they were admitted. All three killed had fractured skulls.

11 Dead In Theatre Blaze

ANKARA, Turkey, March 31.—Eleven persons including three women, were burned to death and 36 others injured in a motion picture house at Malatia, in southern Anatolia, last night while a film called "Rome In Flames" was being shown to about 100 spectators. In panic, the audience tried to escape from the roaring flames, which completely destroyed the building. Damage exceeded \$80,000.

MAYORKENNEDY INTERVIEWED ON RETURN

Gives Outline Of Dominion-wide Conference Of Mayors.

Mayor Kennedy and George P. Nicholson, City Clerk, returned home Saturday evening from attending the convention of the mayors of Canada which met in Montreal on the 26th inst. and being interviewed by the Guardian, Mayor Kennedy says: "Over one hundred mayors—from Halifax in the East to Vancouver in the West—were assembled to consider the unemployment relief question. This relief has been in effect in a great many municipalities during the past five years and has become an intolerable burden on all the cities of Canada. After listening to the various reports submitted, we are fully convinced that the time has now arrived and indeed is long overdue for such a 'check-up' to be held. Thanks to the enterprise and foresight of Mayor Houde of Montreal in calling this conference together, the matter has been taken in hand and it is pleasing to note that the conference is likely to become an annual event. At the first session two nominating committees were appointed. One of them, of which I had the honor to be elected chairman, was for the purpose of selecting members to constitute the relief committee, Mayor Houde being appointed chairman. The others chose the members of the finance committee naming as the chairman, Mayor McGeer of Vancouver. These committees at once went energetically to work and after much deliberation and earnest discussion of the various interests at stake drafted two strong resolutions which were agreed to heartily and unanimously by the conference. The texts of these resolutions are as follows: Resolution No. 1 Now therefore be it resolved that (Continued on Page 8)

THREE KILLED IN CAR CRASH

MONTREAL, March 31.—Three men were dead and one was in hospital critically injured tonight following an accident last night when their automobile crashed into a heavy fixed cement safety zone. They were employed by a Montreal automobile agency. The dead: Adelaar Desjardins, 54, driver, instantly killed; Leo Emile Diotte, 26; Joseph C. Choquette, 49. Both died while enroute to hospital. The fourth man, Camille Dandurand, 30, suffered a fractured skull, a broken arm and severe internal injuries. Slight hope was held for his recovery. The crash hurled the men out of the car. Three ambulances rushed up to take the men to hospital but both Diotte and Choquette were dead before they were admitted. All three killed had fractured skulls.

Reports Missions Doing Well

HALIFAX, March 31.—China was responding more to the missions than any country he had visited, Dr. Allen E. Armstrong, secretary of the United Church of Canada missionary board, said here as he disembarked from the Canadian Pacific liner Montclare. He was returning to Toronto after spending eight months in China, Japan, Korea and India. "All missions are doing unusually well despite the repeatedly reduced grants," Dr. Armstrong said. In India appreciation was shown for the missionaries' efforts and various rulers were co-operating with the workers.

Cutter Fails To Sight Schooner In Icefields

HALIFAX, March 31.—The mystery of the icefields, involving a two-masted schooner believed to be the missing Gloucesterman Arthur D. Storey, deepened tonight when the United States coastguard cutter Mendota reported she had failed to find any vessel near the position where the craft was jammed in the floes last week. Sighted on Wednesday by the Norwegian freighter Leif, the schooner was held fast about 100 miles south of St. Pierre and 140 miles north of Flint Island. She was four miles in the pack, however, and the Leif could not get close enough to identify her.

MARKETING PLAN FAVORED BY QUEBEC

Province Seeks Admission Under Eastern Canada Potato Marketing Board.

FREDERICTON, N. B., March 31.—Many of the objections raised by potato growers and shippers in New Brunswick to the Potato Marketing Scheme, will be removed by the inclusion of the Province of Quebec within the jurisdiction of the Eastern Canada Potato Marketing Board, it was believed here Saturday. G. C. Cunningham, board member in charge of the New Brunswick agency of the Eastern Canada Board, today wired from Ottawa that Quebec's definite application to enter the scheme had finally been received. A general meeting of the Marketing Board will be held at the Federal Capital on Monday or Tuesday of next week to arrange details, regulations and other points receiving favorable consideration. Removes Handicap It was largely due to the fact that Quebec had failed to accept the board's efforts to aid the growers, by pegging the price and controlling the quantity of table stock, that much dissatisfaction had arisen within the industry in this province. This handicap, with Quebec's inclusion in the scheme, will be removed, it is believed. One result of co-operation on the part of the Province of Eastern Canada No. 2 table stock from the largest markets in Montreal and other leading Quebec centres. The price level consequently will be raised on the high-grade Quebec stock, thus eliminating unfair competition with New Brunswick potatoes in the matter of price. All five eastern potato-producing provinces, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Ontario and Quebec—will now be under the jurisdiction of the board. Additional information received here today from Mr. Cunningham said that the board had held a successful meeting at Ottawa last week. Arrangements were made to form a dealers' organization for "policing" the trade and assisting in carrying out the regulations. Plans also were developed for satisfactory control of trucks by compelling them to sell to dealers only. The arrangements in regard to Toronto are similar to those for the Montreal district. UNABLE TO CONFIRM DISPATCH OTTAWA, March 31.—Neither the Department of Agriculture nor the Eastern Canada Potato Marketing Board was in a position tonight to confirm a dispatch from Fredericton saying that Quebec had applied to enter the scheme. The application may be here but according to officials its arrival could not be confirmed. If the application is received it will be necessary for the board to hold a meeting to amend the scheme so as to include Quebec.

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Weather Etc.

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NATIONAL GOVERNMENT SHOWS SURPLUS

(A. P. By Guardian's Special Wire) LONDON, March 31.—The United Kingdom's national accounts for the financial year ended tonight showed a surplus of \$7,562,000 (approximately £1,122,000,000) exceeded the estimate in the budget made by Neville Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer, by nearly £10,000,000 (£1,220,000,000) almost exactly corresponded to the estimates. The year's figure was less than a quarter of last year's surplus of £31,147,980 but showed marked improvement over the deficit of nearly £36,000,000 two years ago. The income tax at £229,000,000 (£1,122,000,000) exceeded the Chancellor's estimate by more than £9,000,000 while the surtax and estate duties also were in advance of estimates. Customs and excise revenue at £290,000,000 (£1,421,500,000) almost exactly corresponded to the estimates.

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