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BRITAIN HONORS "BULLDOG BREED"

England Best Argument For National Gov't Conservative Leader Manion Declares One Party Government Could Not Avoid Leaning To Favoritism.

EDMONTON, Feb. 23 (CP)—The present national government in the United Kingdom is the best possible argument for a national government in Canada. Conservative leader Manion said at a meeting here tonight. He took strong exception to a report appearing in an agricultural journal that the Conservative government is leaning to favoritism and is attacked by scoundrels. He asserted that Britain was the greatest and truest democracy in the world. It was the mother of parliaments and no taint of scandal had ever touched its pages. Opposing the idea of a national government of the best kind from all parties was the political attitude of Prime Minister Mackenzie King and his followers. Dr. Manion continued. That meant, he said, a continuation in Canada's war effort of politics, party favoritism and pro-fascism. He stated that a one-party government could not avoid leaning to politics, favoritism and extravagance in the works of the Conservative government. A national government would have the duty of carrying out an enthusiastic whole-hearted effort during the war and also laying plans for the succeeding peace. The Conservative leader referred to a news report of a Thursday night speech by Justice Minister Lapointe stating that "The whole world looks Canada in admiration." Only Mr. Manion and his hearers were attempting to pebble our country. Liberals Confused "This simply proves," said Dr. Manion, "that the King Government has been in power too long and they are confusing Canada with themselves. It would be an ill day for our country if its repu-

Hore-Belisha Urges War On Soviets

DEVONPORT, England, Feb. 23 (CP)—Great Britain and the world were authorized tonight by Leslie Hore-Belisha to make war on Soviet Russia on land, air and sea—to save Finland and to shorten their own ordeal by fire. Mr. Hore-Belisha spoke to his Parliamentary constituents. The former War Secretary, who resigned from the cabinet on Jan. 16, told his audience: "The risk of helping Finland may be great, but the risk of not helping her may be greater. She is holding the pass of civilization." If Russia wins the war in the north, he said, she will not be satisfied with her spoils in Finland—she will force advantages for Germany in Scandinavia, where there are available food, iron ore, timber and other supplies. Well-planned, adequate, decisive action in Finland, Mr. Hore-Belisha argued, would prevent this, give new strength to the Allies' economic arm and "curtail the duration of the war." Germany's strategy, he said, is to force the Allies to keep a great force inactive on the western front, "particularly in a position where there can be no fighting unless the enemy chooses to violate neutral territory. Meanwhile they can, in conjunction with Russia, by intimidation if not by domination, obtain from their neighbors sufficient supplies to keep the effects of our blockade."

Hon. J. L. Ralston Is Renominated Finance Minister Gives Lengthy Review Of War Activities At Liberal Convention.

Hon. J. L. Ralston, Federal Minister of Finance, was renominated unanimously as Prince County Liberal candidate at a largely attended convention held yesterday in Summerside. Col. Ralston's nomination, the only one before the convention, was moved by James McCardie, Middlesex, seconded by Leo Fraught, Grand River, and supported by William McKendrick, Campbellton, and Capt. J. R. Perry, St. Louis. Mr. A. J. Matheson presided. Addresses were given by the candidate, by Premier Campbell and others. With regard to the Empire air training agreement and the establishment of service flying schools, Colonel Ralston intimated that "there appears to be every likelihood that this Province will have its full part in the activities of these schools, if satisfactory arrangements can be made for acquiring the sites." "He stated that surveys of sites had been made and that "only this morning" he had received word that options had been taken on land in this Province. He said he could not give further explanation at present. Colonel Ralston is remaining in Summerside until this afternoon and will be tendered a civic welcome by Mayor Campbell this morning. Accepts Nomination In accepting re-nomination, the Finance Minister cited Prime Min-

Fascist Press Predicts War Will Spread

ROME, Feb. 23 (AP)—Broad predictions that the war would spread to spheres where Italian interests are concerned were made today in Fascist press articles which bore the earmark of official inspiration. The authoritative Il Giornale d'Italia said that "Italian policy is governed by the cold reality which impels it to wait patiently for the longest possible period and have no haste in entering the war." Il Giornale's article was published over the signature of its Rome correspondent. It said Italy "has no reason to regard future Anglo-French plans in Southeastern Europe with complete tranquility and confidence." The Fascist Government often takes an indirect way to make known its point of view. The impressions that the article was inspired officially were heightened by the fact that the newspaper normally observes in interpreting Italian policy on its own initiative. The article's hostility to Bolshevism, the article said that Italian diplomacy "has every reason to proceed with caution. Russian rivalry is not for one moment Italy might encounter in Southeastern Europe."

Heroes Of River Plata Victory Are Acclaimed

LONDON, Feb. 23 (CP)—The Sailor King today led his people in honoring the victors of the war's greatest naval engagement. On a proud day for this island at war, the greatest crowd since the Coronation, with scarcely a glance at the overcast sky, jammed London's old streets to acclaim the men who won the River Plata victory over the Admiral Graf Spee, while Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, spoke with mingled exultation and sober warning of "this hard and novel war" at sea. The King went to the Horse Guards Parade to review and decorate the men of the cruisers Ajax and Exeter and widows of their honored posthumously. On the other side of the globe, the people of Auckland tumultuously welcomed back to New Zealand the crew of the H. M. S. Achilles, third ship in the gallant victory over the heavily-gunned pocket battleship. Second the bare of bands and the beat of drums in London's streets the war went on grimly.

Royal Review The 760 veterans of the Graf Spee battle marched past this morning on the Horse Guards Parade, behind Whitehall, in the royal review. Londoners who had waited five hours for a glimpse of the seamen broke police lines as the King, with Prime Minister Chamberlain, reviewed the officers and men and bestowed decorations. To Mrs. W. Russell, widow of a marine who refused first aid during the battle and waved on his comrades with shattered arms, the King

Finns Claim Reds Lose 3,000 Killed

HELSINKI, Feb. 23 (AP)—The Russian army thrust forward from several points along a jagged 30-mile front in an intensified drive through the western half of the Manner line today, but at tremendous cost, losing nearly 3,000 killed in a single day's combat. The Russian penetration at one point reached to within 10 to 12 miles of Viipuri (Viborg) to the vicinity of Naykki Lake, roughly four miles northwest of Kamara Railway station, where lighting ceases Thursday according to today's Finnish communiqué. The Russian dead, said the communiqué, approximated two battalions—about 2,000 men in one sector and 800 in another. The widened front and the indication of the slight Soviet advance toward Viipuri, together with the fact this was acknowledged by the Finns might seem to present a highly serious picture for the defenders, but there were several additional factors weighing strongly in their favor, observers said.

Display Wares:— First Canadian Division Reviewed

ALDERSHOT, Feb. 23 (CP)—Canada's first division, developing into seasoned soldiers after weeks of intensive drill at England's premier training camp, today displayed their proficiency before Oliver Stanley, secretary of state for war, and himself a veteran of the last war. The Canadians put on a major show into which the cabinet minister and other high officers were invited. He fired a Bren gun, tramped through ankle-deep mud to watch field maneuvers, went with his staff when tear gas was accidentally released 50 feet from him, and at the end of an eventful four hours departed with the final salute that he had been "particularly struck by the intelligence and knowledge" of the Canadians. He spoke to hundreds of officers and men. Major-General A. G. L. McNaughton who received the war secretary and accompanied him through his visit to the military officer had seen not a ceremonial parade but the ordinary everyday course of officers and men. "Thousands of our men are doing similar work in other parts of the training area," the Canadian G. O. C. said. "It won't be long, before they are ready for battle."

Seek Greater Beef Production In Maritimes

The first of three meetings to stimulate production of high grade beef cattle in the Maritimes was held yesterday afternoon at the Charlottetown Hotel. Mr. W. R. Shaw, Deputy Minister of Agriculture occupied the chair. The meeting was commenced with a luncheon following which the large attendance of interested breeders of beef cattle were addressed by Mr. C. P. Bailey, president of the Maritime Stock Breeders Association, Fredericton, N. B., Mr. J. W. Graham, of the Federal Livestock Service, Moncton, N. B., Mr. W. W. J. Supt., of the Experimental Station at Nappan, N. S., and Mr. George Muir, of the Dominion Animal Husbandry Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa. Mr. Bailey explained that the reason for calling this meeting was to get a picture of the beef cattle industry in the Maritimes as it is at present with a view to improving it in the future. The Maritime Provinces there are four districts suitable for beef cattle raising, he said. They are: the lower St. John River Valley, the Tantamash area, the Cornwallis Valley district of Nova Scotia and a few sections of P. E. I. Introduction of dairy breeds into these areas during the past 25 years has resulted in a serious deterioration of the quality of the beef cattle without any outstanding results being achieved by those farmers who attempted to shift to the dairy industry. Mr. Bailey said. Plans are being made to concentrate the four areas by appointing sub-committees for livestock improvement in the beef cattle, as the people in these sections are beef cattle minded and have the pastures for these cattle, the speaker stated.

Is Alarmed About The "Silencing Of Opposition" Under National Government.

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Two Enemy U-Boats Said Destroyed

LONDON, Feb. 23 (CP)—Authoritative reports received here tonight said that Royal Air Force planes were believed to have accounted for two German U-boats during the day. The reports are confirmed, observers said, a new wave of Nazi submarines which the French high command announced today has struck at a blow in the zones of sea warfare. Oslo dispatches said that three Norwegian ships were reported sunk and a fourth set afire in the North Sea by German bombers. The dispatches failed to identify the ships. French naval experts said the new wave of U-boats was believed to consist of recently-constructed submarines sent out as soon as crews could be assembled to man them. The Netherlands ship Aija, 385 tons, was reported to have been sunk Wednesday by the British vessel Leo Dawson, 4,330 tons, was announced to be three weeks overdue. It was assumed she was lost with all hands. How the British ship Stanley, the 900-ton British ship Stanley, which ran ashore after being attacked last Jan. 30, by a German plane off the Firth of Tay, Scotland, was refloated today and reached port under her own power.

Committee Investigates Turnip Diseases

A committee investigating turnip diseases in the Maritime Provinces held sessions here yesterday and tonight to report its findings for the central committee at Digby, C. P. Bailey, superintendent of the Dominion experimental station at Charlottetown, J. Lorne Howarth, plant pathologist, Fredericton, W. Baird, superintendent of the experimental station at Nappan, N. S., and Dr. J. A. Clark, superintendent of the experimental station at Charlottetown. Members of the committee said following the conference, there was no announcement on the recommendations the committee would make to Ottawa, except to say that progress was being made, they believed, in controlling diseases which were costing turnip growers thousands of dollars annually. Principal diseases under consideration were rust, club root and dry rot. It was learned. The maritime committee which has been operating for about five years, was instrumental in discovering a few years ago the Borax treatment which has materially reduced the destruction caused by brown rot. At present it is known experimental work is being done with club root resistant varieties of turnips.

International At A Glance

(By The Canadian Press) LONDON—London crowd cheer sailor conquerors of German raider Graf Spee; Winston Churchill says Britain's sea strength grows; two more U-boats reported sunk; Hore-Belisha urges war against Russia. COPENHAGEN—Allied blockade off northern Norway aimed primarily at German transport of iron ore from Norway, commercial circles believe. HELSINKI—Russians thrust forward in drive on Viipuri along western half of Mannerheim line; Finns say nearly 3,000 Reds killed in single day's battle. MOSCOW—Red Army reports Karelian Isthmus operations hampered by snow and fog but 12 Finnish fortifications taken.

Administration Gets Victory In U. S. House

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (AP)—The United States House of Representatives today gave the administration its first great victory of the congressional session tonight with a vote extending the reciprocal trade agreements program for a period of three years. The continuation resolution, passed 216 to 168 goes next to the Senate, where the Finance Committee plans to begin hearings on Monday. The Republican campaign fought the legislation to the end, assisting members from farm and cattle sections particularly. These members have been in rebellion against the program on the ground that tariff reductions effected under it have injured the producers of their products. In addition to being a victory for the administration, the vote was in the nature of a personal triumph for Secretary Hull, and one which some thought might increase his prestige as a potential democratic presidential nominee.

Prison Ship Is Re-floated

STAVANGER, Norway, Feb. 23 (AP)—The German prison ship Graf Spee, boarded by a party from the British destroyer and emptied of her 299 British prisoners, was refloated tonight under her own power and was riding high in Norway's Glosfjord clear of the rocky bank onto which she was forced last Friday night. Divers examined the vessel and reported there was no damage except for a smashed rudder.

Couple Pay For Murder

MONTREAL, Feb. 23 (CP)—A man and his wife paid with their lives on the gallows today for the poison murder in 1937 of the woman's first husband at Ste. Anne's, a 600-ton ship in Quebec's eastern townships. Still without seeing each other since convicted late in 1938 of murdering Villemont Brouch, Achille Groulx and Marie Louise Groulx were hanged from a scaffold in the yard of Montreal jail at nearby Bourdeau. Governor Alfred Legault said the hangings took place "without any untoward incident." The double execution, scheduled first for St. Joseph de Beauce, site of the trial, was transferred to Montreal when citizens there complained it would "do much like a circus." Press and public were barred from watching.

Thermometer Extremes

High Low 40 40 30 30 20 20 10 10 0 0 -10 -10 -20 -20 -30 -30 Yesterday's highest and lowest thermometer readings are indicated above. TORONTO, Feb. 23 (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson 7 B 1 Vancouver 32 37 Edmonton 32 B 5 Regina 21 B zero Toronto 23 B zero Ottawa 5 26 Montreal 15 31 Quebec 5 25 Saint John 5 31 Halifax 12 26 Charlottetown 3 B 26 Maritime East: Moderate southwest to northwest winds; partly cloudy and cold with scattered snowflurries. Synopsis: The weather has been mostly fair and cold in northern Ontario and the western Provinces and moderately cold in southern Ontario. High tide this morning at 11.33 and tonight at 11.40. Sun sets this afternoon at 5.39 and rises tomorrow morning at 6.47. Low tide this morning, Feb. 29, 10.85 P. M. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown. THE CAR FERRY SALINGS Leaves Borden, 9:45 A.M., 1:00 P.M. Leaves Tormentine 11:00 A.M., 3:05 P. M.



Youth Training To Forefront At "Y" Meeting

OTTAWA, Feb. 23 (CP)—Youth training, with particular emphasis on the need for social education and guidance and development of a keener interest in public affairs, occupied the national council of the Young Men's Christian Association today. Representative Y. M. C. A. workers from all sections of the Dominion and a number of laymen from the various provinces entered into discussion and it generally was agreed that in the pressure of vital war work the Association must not neglect youth at home.

KING NOW POSES AS A CHAMPION OF PARLIAMENT

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Coming Events

- Rate for Notices in this column 3 cents per word. \*Rummage Sale St. James Hall tonight, 6 P. M., L-553-2-24-11. \*New Glasgow tonight, Rangers vs. Royals, first of finals Saturday, L-543-2-24-11. \*Postponed Scotch concert and basket social, Wood Islands Hall, Monday, February 26, L-536-2-23-21. \*Wiltshire rink tonight, Hampshire Red Wings vs. Wiltshire All Stars, L-567. \*Come to the Leap Year Dance in North Wiltshire Hall February 28th in aid of Darlington Women's Institute, L-544-2-24-28. \*Cake sale in aid of P. E. I. Hospital will be held at Moore & MacLeod's, Ltd. at 5:00 p.m. after-noon, Feb. 24th, by ladies of St. James Church, L-537-2-23-21. \*Cakes, pies and cookies and everything good to eat to be had at the P. E. I. Hospital Cake Sale, Moore & MacLeod's, Saturday, February 24th, by ladies of St. James, L-537-2-23-21. \*Notice—The postponed meeting of Farmers Institute will be held at Seatonville Hall Tuesday evening, March 5th. Please bring orders for seeds. H. Myers, Secretary, L-547-2-26-11.