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MEIGHEN RAISES EMPIRE DEFENCE ISSUE

FRANCE DECIDES TO SHUN SPANISH WAR Warns Against "Drift" Policy

WAR RISK IN INTERVENTION SEEN GREAT

Paris To Follow British Lead In Problem—Confer On New Plan.

PARIS, Jan. 17 (AP)—France apparently decided today to stay clear of the Spanish war.

Foreign Minister Georges Bonnet wound up the day by announcing France would revise her policy of non-intervention in Spain only if Britain did.

France and Britain, he said, were conferring on a solution which might end Italian and German aid to the Spanish insurgents without risking war.

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British Aircraft Expert Says Reich Capacity In Warplane Output Reached

Lewis C. Ord Arrives At New York Enroute To Montreal To Assume Control Of Canadian Warplane Manufacture For British Air Ministry.

BY TED FARAH Canadian Press Staff Writer NEW YORK, Jan. 17 (CP)—Germany has reached the limit of its capacity to produce warplanes and Great Britain is rapidly catching up with her.

Ord said tonight following his arrival from London on the French L'Inferno.

The man who will engineer production of bombing planes in Canada for the British Air Ministry spoke freely both on and off the record for The Canadian Press.

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SPANISH CIVIL WAR ENTERING FINAL PHASE

Armies Massing For Battle Which May Decide Outcome Of Conflict.

HENDAYE, France, Jan. 17 (AP)—Spanish Government forces in mountain stronghold defenses their resistance to the steady insurgent advance toward Barcelona today amid general expectations that the two reinforced armies were preparing for a battle which might decide the outcome of the civil war.

The insurgent offensive against the Government capital slowed down slightly. Only in the centre of the three-pronged drive into Catalonia did the insurgents report any real advance, this by capturing another position on the highway to Barcelona through Iguaada.

Government forces were believed increased to approximately 400,000 men by the regulations of Jan. 5 under which boys not yet 18 were called up.

The insurgent advance guard was in contact with the Government outposts in the area of the course of the Gaya River from the Mediterranean east of Tarragona and north of the vicinity of Bellpuig.

The Government's main defence lines are some miles farther east. Government Spain described the lines as the front line during the 2 1/2-year-old conflict.

Most of the new defence zone now has been cleared of its greatest hindrance, the mountains and streams of civilians being moved to the rear.

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HEAVY PLANE TRAFFIC ON MAGDALEN RUN

A Number Of Passengers And 1400 Pounds Of Mail Carried On Two Flights.

A Canadian Airways plane returned yesterday afternoon with four passengers, two coming here for hospital treatment, and 100 pounds of mail.

Passengers were Clarence Clark and his 20-year-old son from Grand Entry, the latter being coming to hospital here for an appendicitis operation.

On Monday two outward trips were made from here to the Gulf Islands. On the last trip the plane remained at the Magdalens as it was becoming late and the hospital patients had to be picked up further east, than the regular end of the flight.

In addition to the passengers yesterday three came up from the Magdalens Monday. Rena Deveau of Amherst, and Miss Lulu Gray of Amherst, and D. M. Chisholm, from the same place who accompanied her.

Three passengers made the outward flight from here Monday. Mr. and Mrs. James Farra and baby to Grandstone and Mr. Gerald Mayne from Charlottetown.

Additional trips would likely be made to the Islands on Friday or Saturday of this week. Pilot H. S. Jones, superintendent of Canadian Airways here said last night.

Flying conditions Monday and yesterday were fair. Mr. Jones said there was a slight freezing mist at the Magdalen Islands, a purely local condition.

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ILLNESS OF HON. MR. DENNIS AT OTTAWA

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Warns Against "Drift" Policy In Senate Speech

Scathing Attack On Governmental "Hypocrisy And Pretense" Launched By Conservative Senate Leader.

OTTAWA, Jan. 17 (C.P.)—An attack on the Government's "hypocrisy and pretense" that Canada would look after her own defences was coupled by Conservative Leader Meighen in the Senate today with an earnest plea for frankness in Canada's defence policy.

In the address debate Senator Meighen denounced the Government's failure to mention the word "co-operation" in announcing its intention to increase its defence estimates.

"The leader of the Government knows we never did and never can defend ourselves," the Senator declared. "Why can't we say so out and out?"

While he welcomed the proposed increase in defence appropriations, it could only be effective in cooperation with defence policies of Great Britain.

"I beg the Government to come out and admit they are constantly in touch with the British Admiralty and War Office, that they are making our defences into the British defences and that they are interested in the security of France," he said.

"Tell us we are not going to wait to defend democracy until three-quarters of our defences are gone. Let us apply the compulsion of reasons to these things, as we do in everyday life."

Prime Minister Mackenzie King had made a statement in September of the terrible crisis through which the country had passed. "I appreciate his anxiety although I don't know what he went through that required three weeks in the Cabinet when decisions were made? Did the toll consist of decoding cablegrams from Great Britain?"

"Why the anxiety? No one was threatening war on Canada. There was anxiety because the Government knew that the power of England was a peril to us, to the security of Canada. I don't wonder that the Prime Minister was worried or begrudge him a rest in the Cabinet, but why keep adding ourselves as capable of defending ourselves? It isn't the truth. We know it isn't the truth."

Making friends with other countries might be a way of guaranteeing against attack from them but Canada had been making friends with the United States and Great Britain, from which there was no threat of danger.

Senator Meighen said he had been "appalled" at a recent meeting with the Government. "I am K. H. Huggins (Lib. Montreal) intimating that Canada, as a portion of the British Empire, would run the protection of Uncle Sam in case of danger."

"Drifting Along" Senator Meighen claimed the Government had not moved an inch towards curing unemployment since coming into power and it would not cure it the way it was drifting along. The only cure was a reduced Government, costs and a clear road for industry and finance.

The Senate Conservative Leader also attacked political interference in the management of the Canadian National Railways, as exemplified in the announced construction of a new terminal at Montreal. The Cabinet Ministers had promised the terminal to the electors of Montreal-St. Henri in a federal election there.

Agricultural Outlook Following references to the outlook for agriculture and the difficulties confronting the farmers, Conservative Leader Meighen declared that the depressed condition of the industry was a result of the Government's policy.

COMING EVENTS

- Opening skate Cornwall rink tonight 8 till 10. L-171.
Dance, Spring Valley Hall, Friday, January 20th. L-164-1-18-11.
Buying dress poultry daily until March. Correct grading. Geo. Leightner Co. L-59-12-22-1f.
Rummage Sale — Y. M. C. A. Hall next Saturday 6.30. L-162-1-18-11.
Bingo and dance Iona Hall, Wednesday, January 18. L-114-1-16-31.
Hockey at Marshfield tonight Mike's Taxi vs. Dunstaffnage, skate after. L-176.
East Royalty Rink: tonight Married Men vs. School Boys, skate after. L-178.
Hockey tonight at New Glasgow, Junior Rangers vs. Junior Imperials. L-179.
Postponed Card Party in Holy Name Hall until Thursday, Jan. 19th. L-169-1-18-11.
Concert, Box Social and Dance, Corran Bann, January 19th. If stormy, January 20th. L-187-1-18-11.
Hockey, Borden Rink tonight, Jan. 18, Victoria Unions vs. Borden Nationals. Admission 25 and 15 cents; skate after match. L-173.
Poultry—Buying daily live and dressed poultry paying top market prices. Correct grading. Prompt returns. Island Cold Storage Company Ltd.
Buying hogs at Albany, Thursday, Friday and Emerald until noon. G. C. Green, Emerald. L-228-12-M T W tf.
Crushing done at Chown's Mills, Clyde River, 8 cents per hundred. Satisfaction guaranteed. L-109 1, 16, 31
Come to the Bingo Party and Dance at Broadbent Hall January 18th, in aid of library. L-136-1-17-21.
Long Creek Hall Thursday, January 19th. Chicken supper and Scottish program. Auspices Ladies Aid. If stormy, first five night. L-161-1-18-21.
The Stanley Bridge Sporting Club will hold their first horse race of the season on Stanley River next Saturday, January 21st. Entries to be placed with secretary by 1.30. Races start at 2 o'clock sharp. New Glasgow horses invited. Open classes to accommodate all starters. L-163-1-18-11

SCOTLAND YARD PROBES BLASTS

Irish Extremists Blamed In London Bombings.

LONDON, Jan. 17 (AP)—Police guards were intensified at public utility properties and homes of public officials, including that of Prime Minister Chamberlain, today while searches were conducted in three counties for perpetrators of a series of bombings.

Scotland Yard attributed the explosions to the illegal Irish Republican Army. Ten occurred yesterday in London, Manchester, Liverpool, Birmingham, Belfast and other cities. Another today damaged a power line pylon in Birmingham.

Police rounded up extremist Irishmen living in England in the search for possible ringleaders. No arrests were reported.

Scotland Yard operatives took charge of the investigation in connection with Home Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare, who directed their operations to finding six men whom they said they "wanted for questioning."

MONCTON, N. B., Jan. 17 (CP)—Paul Lea, 93, retired lumber dealer, died here tonight. He was born at Victoria, P. E. I. Surviving are four daughters and two sons, including John, of Summerside, P. E. I., and a brother, Bertram, Vernon River, P. E. I.

Nip Extortion Plot Against Canadian-Born Buffalo Mayor

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 17 (AP)—Federal agents and police frustrated a plot to extort \$10,000 from the Buffalo Mayor by threatening to expose his alleged involvement in a bribery scandal.

Death Of Island Churchman In British Columbia

The death occurred at Cranbrook, B. C., on Tuesday, Jan. 17th, after a long illness, of Rev. J. C. MacKenzie, aged 57, a native of Vernon Bridge, P. E. I.

MacKenzie was a graduate of the University of New Brunswick, and was ordained to the priesthood a little more than twenty-seven years ago. Since then he labored in the mountains of British Columbia, at Revelstoke, Nelson and finally at Cranbrook. He will be buried in Cranbrook on Friday, Jan. 20th.

He leaves to mourn him his aged mother, Mrs. Elizabeth MacKenzie, and one sister, Minnie, both of Charlottetown; Charles J. of Spokane, Wash.; Frank A. of West Ouflet, Maine; Rev. W. B. of Kelowna, B. C.; Rev. W. V. of St. Dunstan's College; and a niece, Dorothy of Charlottetown.

Prices Strong At N. Y. Fur Auction

NEW YORK, Jan. 17 (CP)—Demands and prices were strong at the Lamson, Fraser and Huth, Incorporated, fur auction here today.

Skunk skins advanced 15 per cent over December prices to a level of \$3.40 and were reported 90 per cent sold. Muskrat picked up five per cent to reach a \$1.30 top under strong demand.

Grey Fox drew a \$3.10 top and beaver advanced sharply from October prices, best offerings bringing as high as \$23.

SENTENCED TO LIFE TERM MILWAUKEE, Jan. 17 (AP)—Ernest John Hahr, 24, pleaded guilty today to the Hatchet murder of 16-year-old Ruth Scott and was sentenced to life imprisonment. Hahr confessed killing the girl while attempting to rob her home yesterday.

QUEBEC HOUSE OPENS TODAY

Fireworks Expected During Fourth Session Of Legislature.

QUEBEC, Jan. 17 (CP)—Legislative house opening—by one in the 29-month history of his Union Nationale Government faced Premier Maurice Duplessis tonight at this city after a long absence.

Once Minister of lands and forests, Oscar Drouin will sit with the five-man National Party and P. J. LeDuc, ousted last July from the portfolio of roads, will take his place by two other former Government supporters tagged now as dissidents.

Government gains over the Liberal Party in two recent by-elections, coupled with ousting of LeDuc and the two other party members, brought the 90-seat assembly re-presentations to the following level: Union Nationale, 70; Liberals, 11; Independent Liberals, one; Nationalists, five; Dissident Union Nationalists, three. There are no vacancies.

New developments in the Government opposition, observers believed, made fireworks practically certain during the forthcoming session.

Report Nova Scotia Schooner Ashore

BOSTON, Jan. 17 (AP)—Coast Guard Headquarters tonight reported the Nova Scotia Schooner Laura Annis James was ashore on Tucker's Island, near Nantucket Island and Cross Rip Lightship in Nantucket Sound.

Used Toy Revolver In Attempted Bank Hold-up In Toronto

TORONTO, Jan. 17 (CP)—Police tonight detained a 17-year-old youth who they said attempted a hold up at a Dominion Bank branch on the east outskirts of the city with a toy revolver but failed to impress managers or employees.

Acting "tough" wearing an improvised grey-blue mask under a hooded cap, he waved his fake revolver at Manager W. I. Hargreaves, Teller I. K. Hiscok, Ledgerkeeper G. N. Sutherland. He threatened: "Come on. Hand over the money. Give me the money."

The boy finally lost his nerve and made a mad dash for the door leaving behind his cap and mask. Later police arrested Owen McNeill, 17, who was charged with the attempted hold-up.

The hold-up came as an anticlimax to a Toronto current crime wave which has resulted in 22 holdups, more or less successful, in the past 17 days.

BULLETIN

(Canadian Press Flash) BRIDGEFORD, N. S., Jan. 17 (Wednesday)—Fire of unknown origin swept through the C. B. Longmire Block in this Annapolis Valley town today, driving four families to the streets in night attire.

Two-story brick Longmire building was gutted and structures on either side caught fire.

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France Masses Naval Might In Mediterranean For War Games

BREAST, France, Jan. 17 (CP)—France which today launched the 36,000-ton Battleship Richelieu, prepared tonight to send her naval strength steaming into the Mediterranean for manoeuvres timed to demonstrate preparedness to protect her North African possessions against aggression.

The war games, which will coincide with the British Home Fleet's annual spring Mediterranean cruise, will bring together almost 80 ships of France's Atlantic and Mediterranean Fleets, manned by 25,000 men and complemented by air units.

Made significant by Italian demands on French territories the exercises will be given further point by a joint inspection tour of North African defences by General Mario-

Table with 2 columns: City and Temperature. Rows include Toronto, Dawson, Victoria, Edmonton, Regina, Winnipeg, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, Saint John, Halifax, Charlottetown, Maritime area, and New moon.

THE CAR FERRY SAILINGS Leave Borden 9.45 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 5.15 p.m., 8.15 p.m., 11 a.m., 3.15 p.m.