

# BRITAIN TO TRAIN CONTINENTAL ARMY

## COMMUNIST REVOLT IN MADRID SMASHED

### BITTER STREET FIGHTING IN BESIEGED CITY

Loyal Spanish Republican Troops Repulse Foe In Furious Battle.

### Messrs. Bethune And Bell Nominated Yesterday At 2nd Queen's Convention

### Conservative Standard Bearers Unanimously Indorsed At Enthusiastic Party Gathering.

MADRID, March 8.—(AP)—Spanish Republicans drove back their Communist foe in the "war within a war" today after a bitter street fighting in the heart of tragic, besieged Madrid.

The Republican Defence Council met at the outbreak of the revolt but broken but some fighting continued apparently in sporadic outbreaks in the city's outskirts.

Men who had been comrades-in-arms against Nationalist General Franco for nearly three years fought for mastery in otherwise deserted streets as the Communists tried to storm their way to control of the principal buildings.

General Jose Miaja, President of the Council that overthrew Juan Negrin's Cabinet in Sunday's coup, brought tanks, field guns and machine-guns into use to defend his "Red" Regime.

Conservatives of the Second District of Queen in convention yesterday tendered unanimous nominations to Messrs. D. F. Bethune and R. B. Bell, Charlotte-town, as candidates for the con- vention in the next provincial election.

Mr. Bethune was nominated without competition for Assembly- man, on motion of George Le- Claire, Rustico, seconded by Mal- colm McNeil, Long Creek.

For Councillor Mr. Bell con- tested the nomination with Mr. Edward Currie, Fairview. He was proposed by Frank Cass, North River, seconded by Peter Martin, Hunter River. Moving and sec- onding Mr. Currie's nomination were James MacKenzie and Hugh MacKenzie, Long Creek. The bal- loting resulted in a substantial majority for Mr. Bell.

Mr. Currie's resignation moved that the nomination be made un- animous. In a short speech which brought enthusiastic applause, he pledged his wholehearted support to Mr. Bell, reaffirming his de- votion to the party and his con- fidence that it would achieve a sweeping victory at the polls.

A warm tribute was paid to Mr. Currie by Hon. Dr. MacMillan, provincial leader, who recalled his devoted efforts as candidate in the 1935 contest and also his lifelong service rendered by his father, Mr. Mr. Douglas Currie, who was one of the great stalwarts of the party in years gone by.

Mr. Samuel Kennedy was chosen president at yesterday's con- vention, with Mr. P. J. Rossiter as secretary.

Despite unfavorable weather which prevented several dele- gates from reaching Charlotte- town, there was a good atten- dance. The greatest harmony and enthusiasm prevailed.

### HOTEL CLERK TESTIFIES AT FIRE PROBE

### Claims "Gas And Fumes" Had Been Noted "All Winter" In Hostelry.

(By JACK TRACY Canadian Press Staff Writer)

HALIFAX, March 8.—(CP)—Fire Marshall J. A. Rudland today heard a hotel clerk testify "gas and fumes" had been noted "all winter" in the Queen Hotel, destroyed by fire last Thursday. Testifying at the probe into the fire which took an estimated toll of 28 lives, the clerk, Clyde MacIntosh said: "We were troubled with gas and fumes all winter."

MacIntosh said the fumes "ap- peared to come from the coal that had already been burned," and he believed they were heavy when the hotel firemen were drawing and stoking the fires in the basement furnaces.

A boiler salesman, Charles Fisher said: "They had a habit of clearing the boiler of scale, but the (mechanical) stokers running." The draft was not strong enough and smoke and sparks came out, he added. Fisher said he had made an in- spection of the hotel's heating eq- uipment for a plumbing and heat- ing firm last summer.

"Safety Recommendation"

The salesman testified he had made verbal recommendations to the firm but he could not say whether they were ever carried out. His recommendation was that either the boiler or the stokers be shut off while the furnaces were being cleaned or that a fan be installed in the boiler room to carry off the fumes.

Fisher considered his advice "a safety recommendation," adding "there was no fault there."

Charlie Capps, one of the fire- men, testified it had been the prac- tice to be "careful" when the boiler was placed in the fire, the stokers were always switched off. Capps, employed at the hotel for three weeks before the night of the disaster.

### Imperial Parley On Defence Is Advocated In British House

(By The Canadian Press)

LONDON, March 8.—R. H. Ray- ner, Conservative, tonight suggest- ed the House of Commons "should consider whether we ought not to have another Imperial Conference to decide how the defensive policy of the dominions can be fitted into a cooperative whole."

Recalling that the dominions have sovereignty over their own territory, he asked: "Can a nation of 46,000,000 go on bearing the great expense of the defence of a commonwealth of nations of 490,000,000?"

Mr. Rayner said the dominions might be expected "quite fairly to concentrate on their immediate, individual needs for they all have danger zones well outside their own borders."

"We feel that having now ob- tained their sovereignty, they should assume responsibility for that sovereignty," he said.

"The general feeling of loyalty in the commonwealth when once stirred up would be given practical expression in the division of re- sponsibility as regards defence."

### Field Force Of 19 Divisions Is Set For Service

### War Minister Who Has Reformed Army Along Modern Lines Announces Further Changes.

(By J. S. Sanderson, Canadian Press Staff Writer)

LONDON, March 8.—A field force of 19 divisions has been formed within the British Army which could be sent to the continent at the outbreak of war, Leslie Hore-Belish, Secretary of War, announced in the House of Com- mons today.

It will give Great Britain a bigger military force than she had available in 1914 at mobilization. Nineteen divisions represent 185,000 to 195,000 men on modern army lines. In 1914 four divisions, representing 75,000 men, left for France immediately. A fifth followed soon after.

Tonight the House by a vote of 14-6 rejected a Labor motion for a symbolic reduction of credits to the army.

The Minister, who has reformed army life from top to bottom in a long series of decrees, announced further changes when presenting departmental estimates totalling £161,133,000 (\$755,714,000).

A new principle underlying the army's part in the de- fence program was announced. In effect it means:—

### LEADERS IN FLIGHT


General Miaja's associates said the flight of every Communist leader who could get away" before their comrades launched the uprising at dawn yesterday did much to quell the Communist enthu- siasm for fight.

"Except for two or three Com- munist officers still at large with- in the city, the Communist Army and officers either surren- dered or were captured," they de- clared.

Earlier Madrid dispatches de- scribed the Communist revolt as broken and the city quiet at noon after surrender of Communist leaders and an air bombardment of their strongholds.

(Later dispatches however, from Paris indicated the fighting was going on until 4 P. M., when Commu- nists made a desperate sortie.

### Nominated



MR. D. F. BETHUNE

### Fire Damages Royal Hotel Last Night

City firemen battled a stubborn blaze at the three-storey Royal Hotel on Richmond Street for almost an hour and a half last night before the "all out" was sounded. Considerable damage was caused by fire, smoke and water. Fire loss was confined to a two-storey kitchen at the rear of the hotel proper where the blaze was confined to the flat roof. High wind fanned the fire and tongues of flames continued to break out time after time.

A double roof on the kitchen gave the fire fighters an added problem. At one time the build- ing had had a gravel roof. Later another roof, covered with roofing paper was built about a foot above the gravel surface. It was between the fire and the most stubborn started. One feature of the construction probably saved the situation, however. The rafters supporting the second roof ran parallel with the main building and thus prevented the fire from having access to the walls of that portion of the structure. Rafters crossed the path of the flames and progress was checked until each was burned through.

Two lines of hose were used. Damage to the main hotel was caused from water, as a line of hose was laid through the build- ing, and from smoke which was carried in quantities into the second and third floors.

The alarm was turned in at 10 o'clock and firemen reached the fire hall with equipment after the blaze was extinguished at 11:30.

About an hour later a still alarm was rung in from the Legion Rooms on Grafton street for a slight blaze around a fireplace on the ground floor. One engine re- sponded. There was only slight damage to a spot in the floor.

### GREAT BRITAIN AIDS CHINA IN CURRENCY WAR

### Stabilization Fund Provided To Meet Japanese Financial Drive In North China.

LONDON, March 8.—(CP)—Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced today that two British banks had contributed half of a £10,000,000 (\$46,900,000) currency stabilization fund newly established by the Chinese Gov- ernment.

The move was called a thrust at Japan's expansionist policy and United States aid to meet large British investments in China against a Chinese-Japanese finan- cial conflict.

Sir John told the House of Com- mons the British Government shortly would ask parliamentary approval for a guarantee by the treasury of the private British sub- scription.

To a question by Frederick J. Bellenger, Labor, whether "con- sultations took place with the United States prior to the loan," Sir John replied that he thought his statement "will generally be welcomed by other countries than our own."

(A financial battle was foreseen between the Chinese Government and the Japanese-sponsored federal reserve bank notes beginning Friday, when Japan has forbidden the circulation of the Chinese dollar in North China.

(With the Yuan notes of the Federal Reserve Bank established in Peking March 10, 1938, the Japanese hope to drive Chinese currency out of North China and thereby be able to meet large military expenditures in North China without drawing on the limited Japanese foreign exchange reserves, and to impose a for- midable trade barrier to foreign competitors in North China.

The Japanese-sponsored Yuan thus far has no standing in foreign ex- change markets outside Japan's own bank.)

General Chiang Kai-Shek of China was understood here to have created the currency fund as an answer to Japanese attempts to undermine the Chinese dollar.

Sir John made it clear he an-

1. For anti-aircraft and coastal defence Great Britain will be left with seven divisions of the Territorial Army.
2. Nineteen divisions from the Territorial and Regular Armies will be maintained as a field force.
3. Garrisons in outlying parts of the Empire will be strengthened wherever possible by the enlistment of native soldiers and, instead of having a single strategic reserve in the United Kingdom for the whole Empire, an additional reserve will be established in the middle east, with the two divisions now in Palestine forming part.

Another reform announced by Mr. Hore-Belisha was amplified by Prime Minister Chamberlain. For the first time in years Great Britain will call up for training 1,000 officers and 16,000 men from the Regular Army Reserve.

The Prime Minister said the plans included military exer- cises on a large scale "to test the employment and coopera- tion of the various forces con- cerned in defence against air attack, including the civil de- fence forces, while the prac- tice of deployment of anti- aircraft and coastal defences will be held as part of normal training."

Other announcements by Mr. Hore-Belisha:

Anti-aircraft units of the Terri- torial Army will be increased from five to seven and the number of batteries between 50 and 100 per cent.

Every medium and heavy anti- aircraft battery will have a war complement of guns and search- lights by the end of 1939.

With the object of maintain- ing garrisons at Empire out- posts at war strength without calling on the Regular Army, native soldiers are being en- listed in Malta, Cyprus, Singa- pore, Hong Kong and Ceylon.

To reduce calls on the fleet for escort, a strategic reserve will be formed in the middle east to act as a separate force freed of the necessity of drawing on home resources. It is hoped another may be formed in India as a result of the recently completed defence survey.

The field force will consist of four Regular Army and nine Territorial Infantry divisions, three motorized territorial div- isions and two regular and one territorial armored divisions. In addition there will be two cav- alry brigades from the Terri-

### Sir Henry Pellatt, Noted Financier, Passes In Toronto

TORONTO, March 8.—(CP)—Sir Henry Pellatt, one-time mil- lionaire financier who built Tor- onto's \$1,700,000 Casa Loma as a private residence, died tonight at his modest home in suburban Mimico. He was 79 years old.

Sir Henry was made a knight bachelor in 1905 for his militia services but to the average Tor- onto citizen he was famous as the man who built Casa Loma, a French medieval chateau, atop a hill in the northwest corner of the city. It was taken over by the city for taxes several years ago.

The two-year job of building the fantastic chateau started in 1911. Its luxurious and rare fur- nishings, many of them collected at auction years ago but Casa Loma became distinctly a show- place two years ago when it was rented by a service club whose guides showed thousands of visitors over the house.

Born in Toronto in 1860, son of a broker, Sir Henry's careers in finance and the militia started about the same time—when he was 15.

He was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Queen's Own Rifles in 1879 and in 1901 had risen to command the regiment. In 1902 he commanded the Canadian Contingent that visited London for the Coronation of King Edward VII.

Sir Henry lived quietly in recent years, seldom appearing at public functions. One of these rare appearances was last summer when he attended a luncheon given in his honor by the lessees of Casa Loma.

### Oil Pipe - line Between Canada And Britain Envisioned

BY J. F. SANDERSON Canadian Press Staff Writer

LONDON, March 8.—(CP)—Cable pipe-line between Canada and Great Britain across the floor of the North Atlantic to guarantee a constant flow of oil in wartime was pictured in the House of Com- mons today by Colonel John Mac- Namara, Conservative.

During discussion of the army appropriations, Colonel MacNamara, who recently toured Canada, speaking at many military centres, said a supply of oil is necessary to Britain in wartime.

Canada, he said, is one of the countries which is going to produce oil in large quantities and he wondered whether it would be possible to lay a pipeline to Brit- ain. It would be double the length of any pipeline in existence but he understood there were no en- gineering difficulties.

He received no reply from War Secretary Leslie Hore-Belisha.

Colonel MacNamara's so sug- gested an "empire pipeline" along the lines of the Royal Cana- dian Mounted Police to release soldiers for purposes of war.

### Candidates Speak

Mr. Bethune, called upon, voiced his appreciation of the honor of

### Nationalist Blockade Of Mediterranean Coastal Area Worries Britain

BURGOS, March 8.—(AP)—The Nationalist Government of Spain announced tonight that a full blockade had been imposed on the Spanish Mediterranean coast.

The entire coast has been closed to all types of vessels regardless of nationality. With- in three miles of the shore be- tween Sagunto and Adra, the announcement was made.

Sagunto is north of Valencia, approximately at the point where Nationalist lines reach the Mediterranean on the east coast, and Adra is on the south coast.

A warning was issued that submarines would be sunk at sea. The blockade was announced from the east coast along the coast from Torre Le Mesa lighthouse to Cabo Fajos, with cruisers to sink all ships trying to approach the coast.

All vessels were warned not to approach within three miles of the coast between Sagunto, north of Valencia, where Nationalist lines reach the eastern coast, and Adra, west of Almeria on the southern coast.

Ships en route to Spain were advised to make only for Nationalist ports.

LONDON, March 8.—(AP)—The Nationalist blockade of the Republic Spanish coast may lead to a breach of the good feeling pre- valent between Burgos and London since Great Britain recognized the Nationalist Regime, it was stated in well-informed quarters here tonight.

Britain, it was said, may not recognize the blockade, since she has not granted belligerent rights to the Spanish combatants.

It was not known whether Gen- eral Franco had informed Britain of his intentions to institute the blockade, but even if he did Brit- ain's refusal to grant belligerent rights technically would prevent recognition of the right to blockade.

Despite recognition of the Nationalist Government by Britain, the comprehensive scope of the blockade to include ships of all nationalities was likely to worry London because many ships of British registry have continued to trade with Republican Spain.

### Body Of Aged Recluse Found

NEW GLASGOW, N. S., March 8.—(CP)—Body of Simon Ross, 80-year-old recluse, was found today in the cellar of his home at Barrrey's River, near here. Death was an- nounced due to natural causes.

Ross last was seen alive last week. John Green, mail driver, be- came anxious about the aged man and investigated when he noticed no tracks had been made in fresh- fallen snow about the house.

### Pleasure Flight Ends In Death For Quebec Trio

LAC-A-LA-CROIX, Que., March 8.—(CP)—The crumpled wreckage of an airplane yielded today the bodies of three men who dis- appeared last weekend on a pleasure flight over this rich gold-mining area in northeastern Quebec.

Two commercial pilots flying over the frozen country bordering on Lake St. John discovered the crashed plane holding the bodies of a youthful Canadian Broadcast- ing Corporation executive, a pioneer flyer who served in the Royal Air Force overseas and a French- Canadian mechanic from St. Follen, Que.

The victims, who apparently had all died instantly, were: John C. Stedley, Jr., 32, of Westmount, Que., executive as- sistant to the assistant general manager of the C. B. C. in Mon- treal and son of one of Canada's best-known engineers.

Capt. Herve St. Martin of St. Fellen, 52, believed to be flying the Waco plane, operator of an air transport company in the north Quebec county.

Oscar Therrien, mechanic with St. Martin's company.

### No Contentious Legislation In Ontario Throne Speech

(By The Canadian Press)

TORONTO, March 8.—Ontario's 20th legislature met today for its third session and in the Speech from the Throne, delivered by Lieutenant-Governor Albert Mal- lows, heard an outline of the legislative proposals to be placed before it by the Government.

The speech, longer than usual because of the variety of subjects mentioned, forecast no legisla- tion that is expected to be very con- tentious. On one subject of great pre- sessional interest—whether the gasoline tax on motor vehicles lic- ensing fees be increased—it was silent. It was understood the Gov- ernment has not yet decided the issue and announcement will be reserved for the budget address.

One piece of legislation was in- troduced. It was the bill of Mines Minister Paul Leduc to amend the Ontario-Parade Conservative, and Col. Drew, Simcoe East.



### COMING EVENTS

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\*Coke Sale in aid of Basilio Altar Society Saturday afternoon, 1-9:45-9-10-11.

\*Winters All Sports vs. Hunt- ington Rink tonight, 7-9-10-11.

\*Canoe Cove tonight, Canoe Cove vs. Cornwall Juniors, Skate after, 1-10-11.

\*East Royals Rink tonight, Central Royals vs. Royals, Skate after, 1-10-11.

\*Hockey tonight at New Glas- gow, Juniors Rangers vs. Junior Maple Leafs, Play-off game, 1-10-11.

\*Powell Rink tonight, Powell vs. Mt. Allison, Millville vs. Ver- non River, 1-10-11.

\*Buying live hogs at Albany Thursday 9th, Emerald Friday 10th noon, G. C. Green, 1-461-2-twt-11.

\*Adult Education Meetings: East Point, Thursday; Souris, Friday; St. Margarets, Saturday (Credit Union Organization); St. Charles, Sunday, 1-978-3-8-21.

### Canada's Bren Gun Inquiry Has Echo In British House

LONDON, March 8.—(CP Cable)—Canada's Bren gun inquiry was mentioned in the House of Com- mons tonight when Lieut.-Com- mander Reginald Fletcher, Labor, spoke on the army estimates. He expressed doubt on the machine-gun as efficient as war office officials have stated.

Mr. Fletcher wanted to know what royalty was paid to the Czechoslovakian firm which holds the patents on the Bren gun. He had seen £5 (approximately \$23.50) mentioned.

"Previously in this House," Mr. Fletcher continued, "I have quoted £25,400 on an order of 7,000 guns placed by the Canadian Govern- ment and I was not contradicted. These figures are a credit to guns manufactured in this country on the same magnitude? Who re- ceives this money, these royalties?"

Are any of them (recipients) British subjects? There have been changes recently in Czechoslova- kia. Are any of these individuals Germans? Are these royalties now going into German pockets?

"As these guns are being manu- factured in Canada both for the Canadian Government and British Government, as well as this country, it would be interesting to know the difference between price and profits in these three separate categories of orders."

"Has the company which received the contract for 7,000 guns for Canada and 5,000 for Great Brit- ain been found a reputable firm? Has this firm contracts with the War Office now? If so, is every- thing satisfactory?"

"The Times reports on the de- bate in the Canadian Parliament really hinted at more than dis- honesty having been revealed in the judicial inquiry in Canada."

### Quality Gives Flavour

# "SALINA" TEA

TORONTO, March 8—Minimum and maximum temperatures:—

Dawson	18B	21
Vancouver	30	46
Edmonton	2B	24
Regina	4	14
Winnipeg	Zero	20
Toronto	9	24
Ottawa	10B	14
Montreal	8	14
Quebec	14B	8
Saint John	2B	12
Halifax	12B	12
Charlottetown	4B	6

FORECAST

Maritime East: Strong north- west winds; mostly fair and cold. High tide this afternoon at 1:11 and tomorrow morning at 1:55. Sun sets this afternoon at 5:58 and rises tomorrow morning at 6:23.

New moon March 20, 9:48 p. m. Summer time last night. Min- utes later than Charlottetown.

THE CAR FERRY SAILINGS

Leave Bordier 9:45 a. m. 1 p. m. Tormentine 11 a. m. 3:05 p. m.