

45 BODIES RECOVERED IN MINE BLAST

CONCESSIONS DEMANDED BY CZECH-GERMANS Died Instantly When Trapped By Terrific Blast

SUDETEN PARTY LEADER LISTS NIGHT DEMANDS

Autonomy And Complete Equality With Czechs Sought By German Minority.

(P. By Guardian's Special Wire) KARLOVY VARY, Czechoslovakia, April 24—Karel Henlein, leader of Czechoslovakia's 3,500,000 Germans, declared today they must be granted autonomy and complete equality with Czechs.

Otherwise, he said in a formal statement of demands in a speech before leaders of the Sudeten German party, the minority would not consent to remain part of the state into which they were incorporated.

"We will continue to regard ourselves as oppressed so long as we are not free to do whatever Czechs may do," he declared.

Henlein listed eight demands which he must be fulfilled. Henlein included with a warning: "We demand neither civil war nor foreign aid. We cannot longer tolerate conditions which use us as a kind of war in the midst of peace."

Henlein's eight demands were:

1. Complete equality in the status of Sudeten Germans and Czechs.
2. Recognition of these Germans as a national minority.
3. Definition and recognition of German districts.
4. Autonomous administration of German districts.
5. Public life insofar as the German population is affected.
6. Legal protection for Germans residing outside purely German districts.
7. Removal of "injustices" which have undergone since 1918.
8. Compensation for any damage done to German property and execution of the principle of "German officials for German districts."

Henlein also demanded for Germans "complete Volkstum" (nationality) and German "weltanschauung" (world outlook).

The importance of the eighth point was emphasized by Henlein in a speech before the German party in the Bohemian town of Brno.

Henlein declared his men were standing behind him in a united front and await the command of their leader.

Henlein declared the opinion of Czechoslovakia "was the basic bulwark against Germany's drive to the east," must be revised.

Henlein accused Czechoslovakia of "violating the post-war settlement."

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"Wholesale" Chinese Retreat Claimed In Kiangsu Province

SHANGHAI, April 24—(AP)—A "wholesale" Chinese retreat in Kiangsu Province was reported tonight by Japanese military authorities who said the withdrawal enabled their fighters to push nearly the vital East-West Lungshai Railway, long a Japanese objective.

The Chinese retreat was said to have halted north of Pih-shan, about eight miles from the rail, where the Japanese said they expected a determined Chinese stand against their advance.

Twenty thousand Chinese were reported to have taken to the mountains in the area, and a large number of them were reported to have fled to the north of Pih-shan.

Coexisting with Kiangsu Province operations, the Japanese said a left flank column driving south from Lin in neighboring Shantung Province occupied Tancheng, important town just north of the Kiangsu border.

Tancheng was added to a widening Japanese salient in southern Shantung a few miles east of Tancheng.

Chinese asserted the Japanese offensive suffered a serious setback Saturday in a vicious fighting near Tancheng where 5,000 Japanese troops who escaped from besieged Yih-shan attempted to join the main column advancing from Lin.

SLOW PROGRESS IN CANADA-U.S. TRADE PACT Agreement Not Likely To Be Concluded In Time For Debate This Session.

OTTAWA, April 24—(CP)—Direct trade negotiations progressing concurrently in Washington between Canada and United States and the United States will figure largely in the interests of government and members when Parliament resumes tomorrow, following the two-week Easter recess.

But there is a growing belief that agreement will not be reached in time for them to be debated at the present session. Nor is it likely any details of their progress will be given in the House.

Refreshed by holidays spent in the south or in their home constituencies the ministers and members will resume tomorrow with the 1938-39 Revised Bill the first matter on the agenda.

GROUND WORK LAID

Preliminary discussions on the list of commodities which might be included in the proposed U. S.-United Kingdom agreement were completed some weeks ago and direct negotiations entered upon. The Canadian-American negotiations formally opened more than a week ago, following a fortnight of public hearings in Washington.

It has been reported that the United Kingdom has agreed to facilitate a trade agreement between the United Kingdom and United States, some sacrifices might be necessary from Canada of her preferences in the United Kingdom market. It also has been suggested that United Kingdom might be called upon to abandon to some degree her preferences in Canada, such as that on anthracite coal.

PROGRESS SLOW

Apparently negotiations have been proceeding slowly and the trade picture has changed radically since the preliminary steps were taken last August to renew and revise the Canada-United States trade agreement which reached late in 1935.

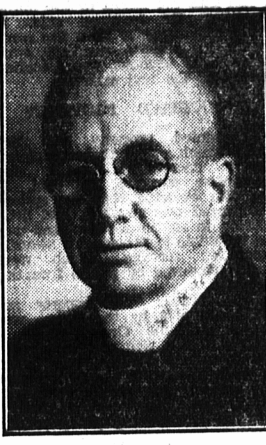
Business recession in the United States in the past six months has brought about a drop in Canadian exports to that country and changed the balance of trade. Canada recently has been buying more from the United States than she sells there.

It had been thought Finance Minister Dunning would have a new agreement with United States in the budget this year in the same manner as the new Canada-United Kingdom trade agreement was in the budget of last session.

Now there is a growing belief that this will not be the case. Definite indication probably will be given in the budget.

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To Receive Honor



REV. H. D. RAYMOND

TORONTO, April 24—(CP)—Rev. Henry Douglas Raymond, rector of St. Paul's Anglican Church at Charlottetown, will be presented with an honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity tomorrow night at the first annual commencement of Wycliffe College.

Mr. Raymond, a graduate in arts from University of Toronto and in theology from Wycliffe College, serves as financial secretary at the college from 1912-1916. For some years he has been president of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

INSURGENTS ADVANCE ON TERUEL FRONT

15,000 Government Troops Said Surrounded In Capture Of Aliaga.

(AP. By Guardian's Special Wire) HENDAYE, France, April 24—Insurgent troops in Aragon province, smashing deep into government territory north of the Madrid-Valencia highway, forged a new front in eastern Spain today.

General Jose Varela sent cavalry and infantry units into the area. He maintains to mop up what he estimated as 15,000 Government soldiers reported outflanked and surrounded as a result of insurgent capture of Aliaga Saturday.

Varela described as a "war of positions" the conflict that raged today along a curved front between Government and insurgent forces. The insurgent capital 130 miles east of Madrid and 70 miles northwest of Valencia, and Albocacer, 65 miles north northeast of Valencia.

ENDS BATTLE LULL

Until yesterday when the Insurgents smashed the Government defence of Aliaga, this sector of Teruel Province had been quiet since Valencia army captured the provincial capital Feb. 22.

Four separate insurgent columns were carving out new pockets in the terrain between Teruel and Albocacer.

One drove northeast from Teruel to meet another moving from Aliaga 32 miles away. Their objective was a large government force operating along the valley of the Alambra river.

A third column moved east from Aliaga toward Villaluenga, 10 miles away, to meet a fourth driving west from the San Marcos Mountains just north of Teruel.

Just north of Teruel, about 80 miles northeast of Teruel and less than 30 miles from the eastern coast.

While Varela directed operations from Teruel, troops under General Bujusta Sanchez swept into Aliaga after a bitter struggle outside the city.

To aid a government counter-offensive, General Jose Maja rushed troops from Madrid, Grada and other points in the central Spanish territory over which he is military ruler.

The civil governor of Castellon Province, threatened by insurgent forces, decreed mobilization of all men between the ages of 18 and 45 to bolster the Government defences.

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Pathetic Scene As Rescuers Remove Charred And Broken Remains From Seared Pit.

GRUNDY, Va., Apr. 24—(AP)—Forty-five charred and broken bodies were taken from the seared depth of the Keen Mountain mine of the Red Jacket Coal Company Saturday, victims of the volcano-like explosions which greeted the night shift as it entered the mine Friday.

The United States Bureau of Mines officials said no further bodies were in the "drifts" which extended far under the mountain.

Sweating, sooty-faced members of mine rescue squads worked in 30-minute relays in the furnace-like atmosphere until they had explored every avenue of the big mine. Two members were overcome by bad air.

For many hours the crews worked grimly, without hope of finding life among the victims trapped by the blast, but unwilling to cease their efforts until every miner had been accounted for.

PATHETIC SCENE

No word of cheer came for sorrowing wives, children, sweethearts. Only bodies came up from the mine as 400 men worked to bring them out.

A sooty-faced miner named plain Bill Smith, who had been riding with bodies down the four-mile narrow gauge railroad for many hours, paused long enough to tell his eye-witness account of the disaster. He was standing 50 feet from the mouth of the mine when he heard the roar and saw flames belch from the mountain.

"The blast was away from me, and that's why I didn't get hurt," he said. "I saw coal-carrying cars, some, slide and tinner spouted as if from a cannon."

Bill didn't finish his story. Another load of bodies was ready to go down the incline to await identification.

Canada Ready To Supply Aircraft

Trade Official Is Native Of Island

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire) MONTREAL, April 24—Construction of the storm-damaged Canadian Pavilion at the British Empire Exhibition in Glasgow has been completed, A. T. Seaman, assistant exhibition commissioner of the Department of Trade and Commerce, said today.

Mr. Seaman, assistant exhibition commissioner in London for the last nine years, returned to Canada aboard the liner Duchess of Athol after supervising the installation of the Canadian exhibit at the fair. He will be stationed in Canada permanently.

Canada's pavilion is the second largest in the exhibition grounds with 24,000 square feet of space. Mr. Seaman said it was flattened by a gale in December but rebuilt.

The assistant commissioner is a native of Charlottetown.

HORE-BELISHA VISITS ROME Stresses New Anglo-Italian Friendship Agreement.

PARIS, April 24—(CP)—Leslie Hore-Belisha, secretary for war in the British cabinet, reached Paris by air tonight following his talks with Premier Mussolini and Foreign Minister Count Ciano in Rome Saturday.

Representatives of the French Government and the British Embassy greeted the energetic Cabinet Minister who dined with Premier Daladier at the British Embassy.

Mr. Hore-Belisha will report to his colleagues on his conversations and his inspection of the Malta defenses.

ROME, April 24—(CP)—Havas—The sincere friendship between Great Britain and Italy cemented by the new Anglo-Italian treaty was stressed in a statement here Saturday by Leslie Hore-Belisha, British war secretary, enroute homeward after an inspection visit to Malta.

"It was for me a particularly good omen that my arrival in Rome coincided so nearly with the birthday of an ancient and yet so modern a city," he told the press following a talk with Premier Benito Mussolini.

"It was furthermore a special satisfaction to come to Italy at a moment when the historic British-Italian friendship had been revived and made sympathetic a feeling towards my country."

"I would like my countrymen to know how sincere and general is this feeling and I can give assurance."

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ODD FELLOWS OBSERVE 119TH ANNIVERSARY

Attend Divine Worship At The Central Christian Church Yesterday.

Charlottetown Odd Fellows, observing the 119th anniversary of the organization of their order, attended divine worship at the Central Christian Church yesterday morning. 100 members of the two local lodges, St. Lawrence and Wilby, marched in the parade under the direction of Mr. John T. Martin. A band directed by Mr. Thomas MacFarlane led the procession.

At the Central Christian Church visiting Odd Fellows and Rebekahs, who attended in a body, were welcomed by the Rev. S. C. Cooper, pastor of the church. An eloquent sermon on "The Love of Christ" was preached by Mr. Cooper.

A male quartet, Messrs. McKay, McGregor, Beck and Stewart, sang "Tarry Awhile" and Mr. A. R. Gillis, member of the Odd Fellows Order sang the "Odd Fellows Ode."

Route of march to the church from the I. O. O. F. Hall on Richmond Street, where the procession formed up, was by way of Richmond Street, Grafton, Prince and Kent Streets. Return march was made by way of Kent, Queen and Richmond Streets.

Odd Fellows and Rebekahs will conduct special observance of the anniversary of the founding of their order by a dance in their hall Tuesday night.

U.S. PRESIDENT WOOS BUSINESS

Roosevelt-Ford Conference Stirs Speculation.

WASHINGTON, April 24—(CP)—President Roosevelt's impending meeting with Henry Ford has stirred speculation about the place it may have in the cycle of recession and United States congressional challenges of his leadership.

That the Ford conference does have some special significance in the minds of the president and his close advisers can hardly be doubted. There have been hints that it would be followed by similar talks with other industrial and business leaders presumably in regard to the administration's leading spending-credit expansion program.

Moreover, the Ford visit seems to many observers important because it conveys a suggestion as to the type of industrialists with whom the president may talk individually in the near future.

Henry Ford's independence in the auto industry and his motive industry have a great financial interest in New York, suggest that administration forces see possibilities of an "important" industrialist of independent behind the leading spending program.

FREIGHTER TOTAL LOSS

Remove Cargo From "City of Salisbury."

BOSTON, April 24—(CP)—While a northeast wind kicked up a troublesome swell, longshoremen today worked feverishly to salvage part of the \$1,000,000 cargo of the freighter "City of Salisbury," which was half submerged off Graves Light in Boston Harbor.

A jagged crack severed the 3,500-ton freighter, from which more than a score of monkeys escaped while it was in Halifax Harbor last week with its cargo of wild animals and bales of wool, tude and seal. The bow of the vessel was below water while its stern remained afloat on a reef, on which it ran Friday.

While the skipper of the British freighter, Captain Owen Morris, stood on the deck of a lighter hoisted against the port side of the ill-fated vessel, longshoremen worked throughout Sunday to clear cargo from compartments only partly submerged.

The crack appeared to be widening hourly. Observers aboard the Coast Guard cutter Chelton, which was standing by, believed the ship's keel was keeping the stern of the vessel above water.

Police Disperse London Fascists

LONDON, April 24—(AP)—Heavy Police reinforcements were rushed to Piccadilly Circus Saturday night to break up a sudden, riotous Fascist demonstration which snarled traffic at the height of the theatre rush hour. Led by Scotland Yard officers, police arrested several demonstrators who shouted slogans and showed pamphlets on milling theatre crowds.

Bobbies who tussled with Sir Oswald Mosley's black-shirted marchers finally herded them into sidestreets, where they dispersed.

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(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire) SYDNEY, Australia, April 24—Thousands of sheep died in western New South Wales as a result of one of the worst droughts experienced in this rich wool-growing country since 1902.

Many drought-stricken parts of Australia, including Victoria, parts of Queensland and Western Australia.

Prayers for rain have been said in many country churches. It rains can now it would be worth millions of pounds to pastoralists in western New South Wales, which is the source of some of the most famous wool clips in the world.

Little Marie, a young girl, pleaded for "a little peace," refused further comment on Dionne's application for a judicial investigation of the mystery by attempting to wa- work around the nursery and sometimes watered his horse within sight of the quins' playground.

Little Marie remembered and, after filling her beach bag with water, went from one to another of the five henny horses offering them a drink. She didn't seem at all disappointed that they didn't cooperate by taking it. She kissed them all.

"Now, that," said Dr. Dafoe later, "is real news. All this judicial investigation business, statements and counter-statements, horse me and I think the public. For the present at least I'm not saying any more about it."

Thieves Rob Kentish Castle Of \$500,000 Art Collection

(A. P. By Guardian's Special Wire) LONDON, April 24—A band of thieves who left no fingerprints sleeping week-end guests early Saturday, and carried away \$500,000 (850,000) worth of paintings.

Five old masters—most precious of which was Rembrandt's portrait of his first wife, "Saskia at her toilet"—were taken in the biggest British art robbery of this century.

They belonged to Sir Edmund Davis, art collector and mining company director, who kept them in a ground floor gallery in his 17th century Chiltern castle near Canterbury.

The burglary was perhaps the most skillful in this country since Thomas Gainsborough's "Duchess of Devonshire" was slashed from its frame in a Bond Street gallery in 1876.

The robbers entered the ground floor of the castle by cutting a pane from a millioned window. The robbers remained undiscovered until Sir Edmund entered the gallery in the morning and found the empty frame.

The collection was valued at about \$500,000. Sir Edmund bought this three-by-three feet masterpiece from the Hague Museum in 1900.

Besides the old master, the thieves carried away two paintings by Gainsborough, 18th century English portrait and landscape painter; one by Sir Joshua Reynolds, 18th century English portrait painter; and one by Van Dyck, Flemish painter of the 17th century.

The Gainsboroughs stolen were "Lady Olange" and "Pitt" the Reynolds was "Earl of Suffolk," and the Van Dyck was "Man with Dog."

Churchmen Held In Soviet Plot

MOSCOW, April 24—(AP)—The newspaper Rodozhnyaya Moskva (The Workers' Moscow) reported today that the Archbishop of Moscow and at least eight other churchmen were arrested on charges of plotting overthrow of the Soviet Regime in league with "Fascist spies."

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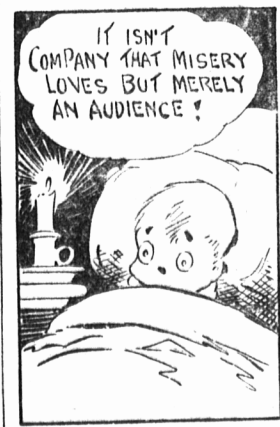
Boy Scouts Parade Before Royal Family

WINDSOR, England, April 24—(AP)—One thousand Boy Scouts from all parts of the British Isles paraded today in the quadrangle of Windsor Castle before King George, Queen Elizabeth, Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret. The parade was held on a cold, stood beside the King. Each of the paraders was a holder of the King's Scout badge or a medal for gallantry. Later the Scouts went to St. George's Chapel for their annual national service in commemoration of St. George, England's patron saint.

Prominent Lawyer Charged With Forgery

GRAND FALLS, N. B., April 24—Magistrate F. K. Kerrison yesterday committed Stephen G. Mooney, former president of the Maritime Board of Trade, to stand trial at Amover on a charge of obtaining money from the estate of Helen V. Stevens by means of a forged document.

Mooney was released on \$8,000 bail. Dismissed by Magistrate Charles L. Olmstead a month ago, today that the Archdeacon of Montreal and at least eight other churchmen were arrested on charges of plotting overthrow of the Soviet Regime in league with "Fascist spies."



(By The Canadian Press)

TORONTO, April 24—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Victoria	60
Edmonton	24
Regina	26
Winnipeg	32
Toronto	38
Ottawa	32
Montreal	40
Quebec	36
Saint John	32
Halifax	36
Charlottetown	32

Forecast:

Maritime East: Moderate winds, shifting to easterly; fair, not much change in temperature.

High tide this morning at 6:55 and tonight at 6:48.

Sun sets this evening at 6:57 and rises tomorrow morning at 4:58.

New moon April 30, 12:30 a.m.

Sunrise tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

THE CAR FERRY

Leaves Bordier 9:45 a. m. 1 p. m.

Leaves Tormentine 11 a.m. 2:55 p.m.