

NAVAL COMMANDERS POSTPONE BOMBARDMENT OF NANKING

Partial Evacuation of City by Foreigners Has Been Effected—Situation at Chingkiang is Serious Where Looting of Foreign Houses is in Progress—Plainclothes Gunmen Responsible for Outrages in Nanking.

(Canadian Press) WASHINGTON, March 25.—Preparations for a bombardment of Nanking and United States ships at Nanking has been postponed until tomorrow because of a partial evacuation of the city by foreigners, which has been effected. Notice had been served on the Cantonese commanders at Nanking that salient military points would be shelled unless immediate guarantees of safety for foreign life were furnished. The bombardment was to have begun late this afternoon.

The decision to postpone the drastic action decided upon is reported by the British and United States naval commanders when it was seen that concrete results had followed the announcement of their firm stand. Rear Admiral Hough, the United States Commander, reported to the Navy Department that the Japanese in Nanking were completing their evacuation, that missing British marines were coming out of the city and that there was a fair possibility that 120 Americans who took refuge in Nanking University would leave tonight.

SHANGHAI, March 25.—The steamer Kungwo, bearing refugees from Nanking and escorted by the United States destroyer Preston was fired on this morning off Chingkiang. The Preston returned the fire. The Preston was fired upon from Nanking points. The fire was returned by the destroyer's machine guns. Chinese forts above and below Chingkiang also fired on the Preston and the destroyer again replied by turning those four inch batteries. No casualties to the Preston's personnel resulted.

LONDON, March 25.—A Hu Langhsil, self-styled "commander of the defense force of Shanghai" is reported by the Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Express to have been summarily executed at the headquarters of General Pai Tsung Hsi, Cantonese commander, along with eleven others.

On instructions from Hankow the correspondent says a so-called "provincial government" composed mostly of notorious Communists has been formed in the Chinese quarter of Shanghai. Among those making up the government, it is declared is a woman lawyer named Chen Yoh-Sien, who was educated in Paris, and other well known extremists.

The despatch adds that moderate nationalists urgently appealed to General Pai Tsung Hsi for help in suppressing the local communists. He accordingly ordered the wholesale arrest of the leaders of the labor communitas in Shanghai. Armed raiders are reported to have made an attempt to rush the Italian post on Dainy Road but were repulsed.

SHANGHAI, Mar. 25.—Despatches from Nanking late tonight indicated that the situation there was easier, with the remaining foreigners being evacuated. There had been no gunfire.

The first of 120 American missionaries who took refuge in Nanking university from the rioting Chinese began to arrive at the dock near the British and American warships at five o'clock tonight.

Moffatt of Fort Sheridan, Ill, who had been shot twice through the body. Foreign women in Nanking are reported to have been most brutally treated by the Chinese. It is believed a majority of the foreign homes and mission properties there were destroyed by Cantonese soldiers.

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ONTARIO'S ANNUAL MEETING P. E. I. COAL SUPPLY

Efforts Being Made to Obtain Fuel From Alberta and Nova Scotia.

(Canadian Press) TORONTO, March 25.—Efforts are still being made by the Ontario government to obtain a supply of coal from Alberta and Nova Scotia for the people of the province and keep the \$100,000,000 being sent to the United States annually in Canada. Premier Howard Ferguson and Hon. Charles McCrear Minister of Mines, told the Ontario Legislature last night.

Mr. McCrear stated that the railway still strongly opposed a coal supply from Alberta to Ontario but that the government was conducting an inquiry into matters affecting the shipment of coal from Western Canada and Nova Scotia. The premier said he had strong hopes of securing a coal supply for Ontario from Canadian coal fields.

Negotiations were still being conducted on the possibilities of peat as a fuel. Mr. McCrear said the government was willing to give financial support to the enterprise which he understood was sponsored with the approval of the federal government.

Replying to questioning the Minister of Mines stated that his department had not been able to prove that coal deposits had been located near Sudbury but that lignite deposits had been found. It was hoped he added to ascertain if the lignite was of sufficient depth to be used as a fuel and if the deposit contained a grade of coal.

The Place of Hymns in Worship

At St. James Literary Society last evening, Mr. D. A. McKinnon Savings Bank, delivered a splendid address on "The Place of Hymns in Worship" on which he was highly congratulated. Mr. David Stewart presided, and those taking part in the after discussion were John Agnew, Mr. James Stewart, Mr. C. Cameron, and the Rev. Dr. Coffin.

Mr. McKinnon said: "According to Webster the specific meaning of praise is: 'The act of glorifying or exalting God, or a god; Worship, especially worship by song, in distinction from prayer; and other acts, as a service of praise.'"

In Deuteronomy, chapter X, verse 12, is given as the object, subject, ground and reason for praise, namely "He is thy maker and He is thy God". Therefore, the act of praise is not only glorifying and extolling God, but it is the acknowledgement of God.

The importance, therefore, of the place of praise in worship is manifest, and if overlooked, our worship will prove a vain and empty ceremony.

Praise, we are told, is worship, especially by song, or singing. Singing is the act of producing musical tones by means of the voice. No instrument invented by man possesses at once the power of producing a complete scale, ranging from the highest to the lowest musical sounds, the average human voice is capable of distinguishing, with all its individual tones, every shade and inflection of expression, together with articulate speech.

Considered as an instrument the voice is as much superior to any other apparatus for production of musical tone, as the natural beauty of the diamond is superior to that of any artificial imitation. This instinct to sing is quite as natural and hardly less common than the instinct to speak. The ancients limited the oratorical voice to five whole tones, while the singing voice has a range of from ten tones to two or even three octaves. The art of singing fostered by the church reached its highest perfection about 1540 to 1600, when Palestrina reformed church music, in addition to setting the Sonnets of Solomon to music, published a hymnal for every day of the year, which was ordered for use in every church. While the instinct to sing is common, and the possession of sound vocal organs equally so, no one can sing well who does not possess an accurate sense of pitch, and this is by no means common, hence the necessity of a trained leader or trained leaders, such as a choir, to conduct and carry through satisfactorily, community or congregational singing. Lack of such leaders, tends, sooner or later, to the degeneracy of singing to the standard of those, the majority, who may have usually good voices, but no accurate sense of pitch, and therefore are inclined to flatness and monotonous drawing. Everybody has the natural instinct to sing, and from the very earliest years, this should be trained and developed irrespective of sense of pitch, as the musical instruments of today, especially the piano, violin and organ, can provide what is lacking in this respect. It is therefore the bounden duty of all parents and teachers, to see that children are trained to sing, just as they are trained to speak, otherwise, they fail to provide the means of worship which is mandatory on all who acknowledge God to be God, and to be entitled to worship.

DIOCESAN BRANCH OF THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

The 30th Annual Meeting of the Prince Edward Island Diocesan Branch of the Women's Auxiliary, was held in Charlottetown on Wednesday and Thursday the 16th and 17th of March. Delegates were present from seventeen parochial branches.

The session started with the W. A. Service and Presentation of the Thank Offering at 10.15. St. Peter's Cathedral, the Preacher on this occasion being the Venerable Archdeacon Watson of Halifax. Present were eight visiting clergy, who together with Mr. Raymond the Rector to St. Paul's and the Rev. Mr. Malone the Priest incumbent of St. Peter's, took part in this impressive service.

The Thank offering presented by the Treasurer, Mrs. Ernest Champlin amounted to \$164.33. The W. A. Members then met in St. Peter's Hall for the first business meeting, opened by prayer, which was taken by our Honorary President, Mrs. James Simpson.

The unavoidable absence of Miss Malone the President, Mrs. Raymond, who was taken by the 1st Vice President, Mrs. J. B. Lovell, and the 2nd Vice President, Mrs. Raymond, who were sent to Mrs. Raymond by the combined meeting.

Letters of Greeting were read from the Dominion President—Mrs. Ferrabee, Dominion Secretary—Miss Hailson, Diocesan President, Mrs. Raymond and a great many Diocesan Boards throughout Canada. The most important meeting opened at 2.15 in St. Peter's Hall where the Vice President introduced the guest and Chief Speaker of the annual meeting, Mrs. Donaldson of Toronto the Dominion Treasurer, Mrs. A. Her addres was marked by clear incisive thought and deep spirituality.

The address of welcome to the visiting delegates was read by Mrs. W. E. Hyndman, and fittingly responded to by Miss Muriel Haslam of Springfield. The minutes were read and confirmed Mrs. G. T. Spriggs of Kensington acting Recording Sec'y. in the absence of Mrs. Pierce.

This was followed by the Vice President's address, which consisted of a review of the work done by the whole Auxiliary during the year, both in the overseas fields and in the Indian Boarding Schools in the Northwest. She spoke of the splendid opportunity the P. E. Island Branches held during the past summer of hearing at first hand of the work of Miss Audrey DeBolis of Kangra, who is the only woman missionary in the world, and who is now in the Northwest.

In looking over the 30 years work attention was called to the fact that at the 12th annual meeting the first concise record obtainable, the P. E. I. Diocesan Branch consisted of 280 members and the anything that hath breath praise the Lord; Praise ye the Lord".

Public Praise. So much for the general command to everyone of us individually to praise the Lord in singing. But what of Public worship? Our authority lays down explicitly throughout the scriptures what part praise shall play in public worship, and I need only quote a few, Psalms 68: "Bless ye God in the congregations, even the Lord from the foundation of Israel."

Psalms 89, 1st verse: "And the heavens shall praise Thy wonders, O Lord! Thy faithfulness also in the congregations of the Saints." Psalms 100: "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise; be thankful unto Him, and bless His name." Psalms 107: "Let them extol Him also in the congregation of the people, and praise Him in the assembly of the elders."

LEGISLATURE PROCEEDINGS

A few Bills Read a Second Time and Committed -- House Meets Again Tuesday.

Friday, March 25th. House was in caucus from time of meeting until 12 o'clock. At 1 o'clock session opened. Mr. Saunders asked the Premier if he answers to his question in regard to Prohibition Act, were yet ready. Premier Stewart replied that the answer was not yet completed and would be tabled when completed.

Mr. Saunders asked when the Et. and Auditor's report would be tabled. Premier Stewart (in answer) said that it was not yet received from the printers, but he would endeavor to have a copy for the Leader of the Opposition by the afternoon. Mr. Saunders said that as the Budget would be brought down next week he would like to have a report beforehand.

Hon. Mr. Stewart presented a Bill to be intitled, "The Live Stock and the Live Stock Products Act of Prince Edward Island." The bill was read for the first time. On motion of Mr. Pope the bill to incorporate "Hayes, McKay and Sharp, Limited" was committed and further considered. Mr. Maynard MacDonald in the Chair. The bill was agreed to with amendments.

A bill to incorporate the trustees of the Union Cemetery, was on motion of Mr. Hunter, committed. The bill was agreed to with amendments. Mr. Jas. B. MacDonald was in the Chair.

Hon. Mr. A. F. Arsenault moved that the bill to incorporate the Summerside Curling Club be read a second time and committed. The bill was agreed to without amendments. Mr. Buntain in the Chair.

On motion of Mr. Tanton the bill to incorporate the Forest View Rural Telephone Company Limited, was read a second time and committed. The House resolved itself into a committee to consider the bill, which after being read clause by clause, was agreed to without amendments, Mr. Hunter in the Chair.

On motion of Premier Stewart the bill to incorporate "The Cundall Home" was read a second time and committed. Mr. McLean in the Chair.

Progress was reported. House adjourned at one o'clock Tuesday afternoon next.

Branches in St. Paul's Parish Hall. At 8 p. m. Mrs. Donaldson gave an instructive and interesting illustrated lecture in St. Paul's Parish Hall on Indian Boarding Schools throughout the Northwest.

Liquor Schooner Seized After Crew Had Fled

(Canadian Press) GLOUCESTER, Mass., March 25.—The two masted schooner Harvard loaded with assorted bottle liquors whose estimated value was \$35,000 was seized early today, soon after her crew had fled her to a wharf here and fled.

Canadian Legion B. E. S. League

A splendid meeting of the Canadian Legion was held in their home last evening. Comrade T. E. MacNutt read an interesting extract from his war notes dealing with the great operations of March 1918, when the British Forces were rolled back from in front of Cambrai to Amiens.

The Major stated that Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill in his recent Book on the war speaks of this operation as "the greatest onslaught in history of the world."

The Germans attacked on the morning of 21st March on a front of 40 miles with 37 Divisions and nearly six thousand guns, and 30 Divisions as close support in reserve, mustering in all more than three quarters of a million of men. To meet this attack the British had only 17 Divisions and 2500 guns, with 5 Divisions in support totaling in all about 300,000 men, consisting of the whole of the 5th Army under General Gough and nearly half of the 3rd Army under General Byng.

On the two ten mile sectors north and south of the salient the Germans had an assaulting Division for every 1000 yards of ground and a superiority in numbers of four to one.

The object of this great drive was to drive the British into the sea, but owing to the terrible resistance of the British the Germans lost two for every British soldier and three Officers for every two British Officers. This resistance caused delay and by the 23rd March the Germans had changed their objective from driving the British into the sea to that of separating the British from the French, and later to that of the capture of Amiens. Not one of these objectives were accomplished, but they had regained the battlefields they had devastated the previous year, and in doing so had so weakened their reserves taken from the Russian front, that they were not in a position to employ them as they should have been able to do when the Great Allied Offensive advanced for the final drive in August 1918.

Winston Churchill says "Contrary to the generally accepted verdict, I hold that the Germans judged by the hard test of gains and losses were decisively defeated."

A nice programme took place in which Mr. Walter MacNutt played several selections on the piano. Captain George Walker gave an exhibition in Club Swinging and Major Dan MacDonald a reading. During the meeting several old French songs were sung, which added much to the enjoyment of the large gathering present.

The next meeting will be held in April, from the training scenes of both men, to the announcing and introducing of the battles.

WILL HOLD CONVENTION IN CH'TOWN

Canadian Medical Association to Meet Here in 1928 or '29.

(Canadian Press) MONCTON, N. B., Mar. 25.—The Canadian Medical Association will hold its annual convention in Charlottetown, P. E. I., either in 1928 or 1929, according to a decision reached at a meeting of the executive of the Association held here this morning, in which various problems confronting the medical fraternity in the Maritimes were discussed.

The move to hold the conference came as the result of continued agitation for the holding of the meeting in the east and as it had never been held in Prince Edward Island in history, Charlottetown was selected.

It was decided that the meetings of the medical associations in the three Maritime Provinces should be held next July, one following immediately after the other in order that a fitting programme could be arranged.

Arrangements were made as well for post graduate lectures, one each month. These will be given for the next six months in all parts of the eastern provinces. The conference this morning was attended by medical men from some various parts of the Maritimes and Dr. F. N. G. Starr, C. B. of Toronto, president of the Canadian Medical Association, presided.

Included among those present was Dr. A. Primrose, C.B., M.D., F.R.C.S., L.L.D., of Toronto, and Dr. T. C. Routley, secretary of the Canadian Medical Association, Toronto.

Premier Ferguson Discusses Old Age Pensions

(Special to the Guardian) OTTAWA, Ont., Mar. 25—"Something of that type must be done," said Premier Ferguson, speaking to the Star on the old age pension act, passed by the Senate. "We have not had time to think about it yet. It will have to be a matter of cooperation among the provinces. I see Mr. Robb speaks of a conference of the provinces. I don't know when that will be held, but there is bound to be a provincial conference some time."

Body of Woman Found in Two Gunny Sacks

(Canadian Press) ST. JOHNS, Que., Mar. 25.—The body of an unknown woman, severed in the middle and buried in two gunny sacks, was found in a sand quarry near here. The bags were partly buried in sand and covered by a layer of ice. Both bags were tied. One contained the head and torso of the woman, the other her legs. Owing to the putrefaction of the remains, identification has been so far impossible.

Labor Situation in Shanghai

(Canadian Press) OTTAWA, Ont. Mar. 25—"Labor situation bad and likely to grow worse, general situation easier," is the cable message received today by the department of trade and commerce from Colonel L. M. Cosgrave, Canadian trade commissioner in Shanghai. Col. Cosgrave it is understood, is in command of a detachment of the volunteer forces raised by the foreign residents of the city.

Hockey Today

At 4.30 this afternoon at the Arena the Prince of Wales and Bankers hockey team will clash in a real classy battle. Both teams are evenly matched so that a real good game should be the outcome of the clash.

BIG WEEK END FEATURE SHOW AT THE PRINCE EDWARD

Extra Added Attraction The Official Motion Pictures of the Delaney-Maloney Boxing Match.

"No Man's Gold," Fox Films part of Lefty Logan, a third rate latest release starring Tom Mix, now showing at the Prince Edward off a freight train. Micky Moore, at nine years of age a veteran of screen drama, cleans up the pay-streak of romance, cross-cuts the ledge of pathos and gets all the outcropping of humor available in this cinema version of J. Allan Dunn's vivid novel of the desert. The story centres about a fabulously rich mine, an orphan boy, and a beautiful woman, Mix, playing the role of Tom Stone, an Arizona cowboy, gets them all after a succession of thrilling stunts that would even Mix's former efforts.

The second chapter of the new serial "The House Without a Key" upholds the interest created by the opening chapter. Lovers of Boxing should not miss the official picture round by round of the recent Delaney-Maloney Boxing match. This program will be repeated today for the last time. As an added attraction, in fact another feature in last night's fine program was the Maloney-Delaney fight picture showing round by round the memorable battle staged last month in Madison Square Garden. The picture gives every interesting detail connected with the bout.

The Weather, Etc.

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Maritime eastern portion north-east gales with snow and rain; western portion strong northerly winds, cloudy. Toronto, clear 36-28 Montreal, clear 30-20 Charlottetown, cloudy 31-11 Halifax, clear 34-18 St. John, fair 36-18 Boston, cloudy 34-30 New York, cloudy 40-30 High tide this afternoon at 2.56 and tomorrow morning at 5.38. Sun sets this evening at 6.22 and rises tomorrow morning at 5.49. Last quarter moon Saturday, March 26th 7.11 a. m. Summerside tide eighteen minutes.