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BREAK WITH RUSSIA HINTED

WATERWAY PLAN NEARER REALIZATION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24—(AP)—A gigantic St. Lawrence waterway project, revised to meet the objections of Senators who defeated it in 1934, moved a step nearer realization today when engineers of the United States and Canada reached a "substantial agreement" on the project's feasibility.

On behalf of delegations from both countries, the State Department issued a joint statement saying that the next move would be a decision by the two Governments on matters of policy.

The basic cost of the project has been estimated at around \$250,000,000. Engineers say that between five and seven years would be required to complete a seaway from the Atlantic to the Great Lakes, but that power development phases could be completed in much less time.

The engineering advisers of the two governments, the announcement said, "have reached substantial agreement on the feasibility and desirability of a project in the international rapids section of the St. Lawrence River which would involve a main dam in the vicinity of Barnhart Island, with a power house in each country, and a control dam upstream."

The revised project is based on a 1926 report of a joint board of engineers.

RUSSIAN ROUT



Dead Russian in foreground was one of many who lay scattered along the roadside in northern Finland with abandoned Red equipment. Finnish successfully routed a Soviet supply column. Exclusive picture was made by NEA staff photographer Eric G. Calcraft, who, with other cameramen for NEA service, is taking photos in sub-zero climate of northern Finnish front.

Rumors Of May Election

OTTAWA, Jan. 24—(CP)—The Ottawa Journal said today in a newspaper story that "rumors exist in political circles that the Government is planning on a short session of Parliament to be followed by a general election on May 20."

Unless there is a terrific German attack on the western front next spring, it is understood the election will take place in May, the paper added.

Coming Events

Rate for Notices in this column 5 cents per word.

- Card Party, Dance, Tracadie Cross Hall, Friday, L-835-1-24-25.
- Salvational Army rummage sale, Friday, 1:30 p. m., L-835-1-25-26.
- Hockey at Stanley tonight, Graham's Road vs. Stanley, L-873.
- New Glasgow tonight, Royals vs. Maple Leafs, L-877.
- Race Saturday at 2 o'clock, New Glasgow River, L-839-1-25-26.
- Burn's Concert, Hampton, Thursday, January 25th, 11 o'clock, Friday, L-769-1-25-26.
- Maple Leafs vs. Hornets, Milton Rink tonight, Skate after, L-825-1-25-11.
- Bean supper, Christian Church, Schooroom Saturday, January 27, 4:30 to 7 p. m., 25 cents, L-853-1-24-41.

LT. GOV. LEPAGE IS INVESTED AT CEREMONY

His Honor, Lieutenant Governor B. W. LePage was invested today in the brotherhood of Boy Scouts in an impressive investiture ceremony at Government House last night. He was named Provincial Patron of the Prince Edward Island Boy Scout Association at the annual meeting in December.

His Honor, Judge H. L. Palmer, President of the Provincial Council of the Boy Scout Association, and Mr. V. A. Ainsworth, District Commissioner for Queens, were also invested during the ceremony.

Mr. J. J. Morris, Provincial Commissioner, was in charge of the investiture assisted by Mr. R. L. Molson, Summerdale, District Commissioner for Prince, Captain Eric I. H. Ings, Provincial Executive Secretary carried the colors.

The Boy Scout promise was repeated in turn by each of the new members invested and the Boy Scout badge was pinned on each by the Provincial Commissioner who welcomed them into the great brotherhood of Scouts.

Others present at the investiture were: Mr. A. R. Brennan, President of Prince District Council; Mr. A. (Continued on page 3, Col 1)

Traditional Show To Be Absent At Ottawa Today

Legislators To Take Up Duties In Atmosphere Of Dignified Seriousness.

Yugoslav Destroyer Sinks After Crash

SPLIT, Yugoslavia, Jan. 24—The Yugoslav destroyer, Ljubljana, 1,400 tons, sank within an hour at the naval base of Sibenik today after striking a submerged reef. Officers and crew, numbering approximately 300, jumped overboard and all were rescued. Reports said that commander Achin committed suicide as the destroyer was sinking, but one report said that he was saved and had been placed under guard pending investigation.

The Ljubljana was completed only last spring. Her loss was a heavy blow to the Yugoslav navy which has but two destroyers left.

Additional Correspondence Re Air Training

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"It will be necessary to use certain of the municipal airports as training bases in connection with the Empire air training scheme. The final location of the training schools rests with the Department of National Defence but this Department is co-operating in regard to the use of the civil airports now available in the Dominion.

"I enclose for your information copies in duplicate of an agreement setting forth the terms under which His Majesty will take over airports for this purpose and would be obliged if this could be given immediate consideration and a reply sent by wire informing this Municipality whether your municipality would be prepared to co-operate with this Department and the Department of National Defence in the event of the latter Department desiring to use your airport as an air training school.

"Yours faithfully,
V. I. SMART,
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Would Need Great Consideration Is Chamberlain View

Great Britain Ready To Fulfill Pledges To Belgium, House Of Commons Told.

LONDON, Jan. 24—(CP)—Prime Minister Chamberlain told the House of Commons today that Great Britain is ready at any time to fulfill its pledges to Belgium.

Reviewing treaties and declarations from the signing of the Treaty of Locarno in 1925 to as late as last Aug. 27, a few days before Germany invaded Poland, Mr. Chamberlain said Britain had undertaken "to go to the immediate assistance of Belgium in the event of unprovoked aggression by Germany."

Under these pledges the British Government retains the right to decide what constitutes aggression or threatened attack.

BREAK WITH RUSSIA?

At the same time the Prime Minister said in reply to a question whether Britain would break off relations with Russia that such a move "would require most careful consideration in all its aspects."

He declined to reply to a further inquiry from Major General Sir Alfred William Fortescue Knox as to whether a break with Moscow would not be "logically and morally right" and "politically sound."

London newspapers predicted this week that the Russian Ambassador Ivan Maisky would return to Moscow soon, although the reasons were not given. Maisky is an expert on Finnish affairs. The British Ambassador to Moscow, Sir William Seeds, recently returned to London for a "vacation."

RAID SHETLAND ISLANDS

While the Prime Minister dealt in general terms with this and other issues of foreign policy, three German bombers scouted the Shetland Islands for two hours and dropped 11 bombs, all of which fell harmlessly into the sea or on barren land.

Some of the bombs were aimed at a trawler and a vessel. The raiders disappeared in a high cloud when British fighters went after them.

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King George Visits Canadian Troops At Aldershot Camp

FINN ARMIES HOLD SOVIET FORCE TRAPPED

"Red" Bombers Sink Finnish Ship, Narrowly Miss Grounded Nazi Vessel.

(By Edwin Johnson, Canadian Press Staff Writer)
ALDERSHOT, England, Jan. 24—(CP Cable)—The King, who six months ago visited his Canadian subjects in their Dominion, today spent five hours among the men of the Dominion who have sent to fight in the war against Germany.

And as the strains of "retreat" sounded through the winter twilight of Aldershot camp tonight, the members of Canada's first division arrived. It had been the most eventful day they had spent since they landed on the shores of the Motherland nearly six weeks ago.

For more than five hours the Canadians enjoyed the thrill of a lifetime as the King strolled informally through the serried ranks of well-trained soldiers recruited from every part of the Dominion, and formally reviewed three units of which he is Colonel-in-Chief—the Royal 22nd Regiment, the Royal Canadian Engineers and the Royal Canadian Artillery.

Dressed in the uniform of Field Marshal and protected by a fur-collared British warm against the bitter cold, His Majesty drove nearly 50 miles through the scattered camps of the Canadian division and walked about five miles more along the ranks, chatting with officers and men about their general welfare and previous war services.

(By Wade Werner)
(Associated Press Staff Writer)
HELSINGFORS, Jan. 24—(AP)—Soviet bombers, swarming over Finland, today sank a Finnish ship with a shower of bombs in the Aaland Archipelago and tried to bomb a German vessel while Finnish land armies maintained a steel trap around a big Soviet force cut off from help northeast of Lake Ladoga.

Dumping 10 or 15 bombs, the planes sank the 1,133-ton Notung, of Finnish Registry, at Soutunja, a small island in the eastern part of the Archipelago. Other bombs barely missed a German ship, unnamed in dispatches reaching here, which had run aground nearby. A third ship, also unidentified, was machine-gunned from a plane "near the island of Houlskar."

The aim of the Soviet aviators was so poor that not a direct hit was scored on the Notung, but one bomb fell close enough to cause a leak. After the Notung had foundered, the planes were reported to have machine-gunned the crew as they rowed toward shore, but no

Greeted With Cheers

Wherever he appeared His Majesty was greeted by a roar of cheers with a "tiger" added for good measure. An extra cheer was also called "for our Colonel in Chief" by the commanders of the units he reviewed.

Although the Queen did not accompany His Majesty today it was learned she will visit the camp at the first opportunity to inspect the Toronto Scottish of which, regimental sergeant Colonel-in-Chief, The King told Major-General A.

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Arrive To Train Pilots

OTTAWA, Jan. 24—(CP)—Seventy-one officers and approximately 200 airmen of the Royal Air Force have arrived in Canada to assist in training pilot, air observers and air gunners under the British Commonwealth air training plan, the defence department announced tonight.

The men are being divided into five groups.

One group will be stationed at air force headquarters in Ottawa, a second will proceed to the air training command in Toronto, a third is going to the Technical School in St. Thomas, Ont., a fourth will be located at Trenton, Ont., and a fifth at Camp Borden, Ont.

At the same time defence minister Rogers announced that the first meeting of the supervisory board of the air training plan had been held this morning at air force headquarters. Prior to this meeting he said, a series of preparatory conferences had been held between Canadian members of the board and representatives of the United Kingdom air mission.

The board, charged with responsibility for supervision of the training program is under the chairmanship of Mr. Rogers.

EVEN THOSE OLD KNIGHTS MUST HAVE HAD THEIR DAY DREAMS



Thermometer Extremes



Yesterday's highest and lowest thermometer readings are indicated above.

MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM TEMPERATURES:

Location	Min	Max
Dawson	7B	5B
Vancouver	3B	4B
Edmonton	30B	4B
Regina	4B	1B
Winnipeg	1B	1
Toronto	1	18
Ottawa	2B	10
Montreal	2B	14
Quebec	4B	17
Saint John	4	21
Charlottetown	5	23

Maritime East: Mostly fair and moderately cold; strong northeast winds or gales and probably some snow off Nova Scotian coast.

Synopsis: The weather has been cold in Ontario with light snow occurring in many districts and it continues fair and cold over the Prairie Provinces.

High tide this morning at 11.19 and tonight at 10.55. Sun sets this afternoon at 4.57, and rises tomorrow morning at 7.28.

Full moon Jan. 24, 7.27 p. m. Summer-tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

THE CAR FERRY SAILINGS

Leaves Borden 9:45 A.M., 1:00 P.M. Leaves Tormentine 11:00 A.M., 3:05 P.M.

NEWS BRIEFS

OTTAWA, Jan. 24—(CP)—James H. E. Cromwell, newly-appointed United States Minister to Canada, told correspondents today he favored the St. Lawrence seaway project, and that he was "profoundly interested" in the Alberta Social Credit theories.

He refused, however, to say whether he favored a third term for President Roosevelt.

TRURO, N. S., Jan. 24—(CP)—Canada's "drift ting" agricultural policy must be ended or the country's farm groups will be "drowned by overwhelming odds," Roy Grant of Moncton, N. B., said tonight at the annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Farmers' Association in his report as Secretary of the Maritime Chamber of Agriculture.

BOSTON, Jan. 24—(AP)—A retired United States army officer, whose mistaken report of an SOS call sent eight service vessels searching for a non-existent "sinking ship with 146 persons aboard," said tonight he would "do it again" if he heard another broadcast as realistic.

Captain Byron C. Brown, 48, arrested and convicted on an intoxication charge as a climax to last night's futile hunt for the supposed vessel south of Cape Cod, conceded afterward he probably had confused a dramatic radio program for a distress call.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24—(CP)—A story of German atrocities in conquered Czechoslovakia, where "practically every one in the old regime is in custody," was told today by Anthony Fiala of Chicago on his return from a trip to his home land where he found his mother and father dead and a brother insane.

A naturalized United States citizen, Fiala said that "what I saw in Prague so aroused me that I tried to join the Czech Legion which was being organized in Paris."

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