

INSURGENTS CLOSING IN ON BARCELONA

FATAL ACCIDENT ON RAILWAY TRACK

HARRINGTON FARMER KILLED IN COLLISION

Was Driving Sleigh On Tracks When Met By Oncoming Train.

Mr. Cephas Ford, 48-year-old farmer of Harrington, P. E. I., was fatally injured last night when the sleigh he was driving collided with an oncoming train.

Mr. Ford was driving his sleigh on the railway tracks in the direction of the oncoming locomotive.

Runners Caught? Cameron said that the horse led to drag the sleigh off the tracks but as far as he could tell the sleigh was on the tracks when he was caught in the rails. Ford made a last-minute attempt to jump the sleigh. The engineer testified that his story was corroborated by the fireman, Thomas Doyle, conductor Harold Warren and the train crew.

The emergency brakes were applied to the five-car train, which was traveling at from 30 to 35 miles per hour, heading for Charlottetown. When the locomotive struck the sleigh, the horse, which was on one side of the tracks, was injured but the engine crashed into the sleigh and hurled Ford to one side of the track. He was placed aboard the baggage car and died a few minutes later.

Inquest Adjourned

Coroner Dr. McGulgan adjourned the inquest until this afternoon when the jury will view the scene of the accident.

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East Royal Rink tonight, Junior Royals vs Junior Beavers. Skate after. L-338.

Maple Leafs vs Hornets, Millmont rink tonight, skate after. L-332.

Hockey at French River tonight, French River Nationals vs. Graham Road Monarchs. L-336.

Anxiety Grows In Britain Over Franco Victory

Chamberlain Confers With Key Ministers — Nazi Rearmament Spurred.

LONDON, Jan. 24 (AP)—As the Italian and German-backed forces of General Franco thrust at Barcelona tonight anxiety grew in British Government and opposition quarters over what an insurgent victory in Spain would mean to British and French interests.

Prime Minister Chamberlain agreed to meet a deputation of Labor leaders tonight to hear a new plea for action to help the Barcelona Government.

Despite arguments of the opposition and some Conservatives that a Franco victory would be a serious threat to Britain and France, Mr. Chamberlain has refused to relax the British non-intervention policy.

Reviews Warning

In Rome the Fascist press renewed its warning to France against any last-minute effort to save Barcelona. The newspapers said such intervention not only would be fruitless but would have international consequences.

Mr. Chamberlain conferred with Leslie Hore-Belisha, war secretary, and Sir Samuel Hoare, home secretary.

Fresh diplomatic reports on the speed of German rearmament since the Peace of Munich deepened official worries that insurgent success would further Premier Hitler's expansion plans.

One report credited Germany with boosting her armed strength by eight new divisions since the September crisis in which she won Czechoslovakia's Sudetenland.

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PERLEY SCORES SASKATCHEWAN RELIEF RACKET

Charges Government With Having Demoralized Wheat Situation.

(C. P. by Guardian's Special Wire) OTTAWA, Jan. 24—(AP)—Mildred Bradburn, Saskatchewan and Manitoba wheat growers' representative in many instances, made distribution of relief in Saskatchewan "a disgrace to this Government and to the Dominion," Mr. E. Perley (Con. Quid) charged in the House of Commons today.

Mr. Perley read newspaper accounts of prosecutions arising from relief investigations and questioned the efficiency of Government supervision of expenditures.

Generally regarded as the Conservative Party's chief critic of the Government's wheat policy, Mr. Perley opposed market stabilizing efforts by acreage control and advanced legislation for a stable regulation of deliveries to the market. He spoke in the debate on the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne.

Badly Demoralized

"Never have the wheat markets been more demoralized, never has the future looked more uncertain than at the present time," he said.

Mr. Perley asked the Government whether, before the price was fixed last August, the board sold any futures. "The price at that time in the open market was 88 cents and if the board did sell futures—and I hope they did—they may make a handsome profit. If that is the case we may not have the loss everyone seems to expect."

T. C. Douglas (COP Weyburn) demanded that the Government, before presenting its estimates, introduce legislation dealing with control of armament production.

The Munich pact, Mr. Douglas declared, merely postponed war which would come when the English speaking races, "deserted by their allies will be across us to face the Führer alone."

Mr. Perley had charged the junior Liberal member of the Saskatchewan Legislature for Regina (E. J. McDaniel, K. C.) had publicly stated Christmas pastifogina

Denounces Secession Talk in Address to McGill Graduates.

MONTREAL, Jan. 24—(CP)—Men concerned with Government have feared no greater problem than that of reconciling autonomy of self-governing dominions with a common imperial foreign policy.

At a luncheon of McGill graduates society, marking his last Montreal public appearance before leaving for England, the former Dominion Conservative Leader, called upon members of the British Commonwealth of nations to join together and form a common foreign policy.

When we have formed it, the rest of the world will accept it," Mr. Bennett said.

Will Visit Rome



ARCHBISHOP MCGUIGAN

TORONTO, Jan. 24—(CP)—Archbishop J. McGuigan of Toronto will visit Rome this year to celebrate the Archdiocese, it was announced today.

ISLAND SHOW PELTS BRING GOOD PRICES

High-quality Skins Sold At London Auction Averaged \$60.

The eagerly awaited news of the sale of show pelts exhibited at the first Provincial Silver Fox Pelt Show, Charlottetown, December 27th, to 29th, was received by Colonel U. G. Dawson, manager of the Charlottetown Fur Sales, Ltd. from C. M. Lamson & Co., London, England, whose sale was concluded yesterday afternoon.

Of the 129 show pelts offered 65 were sold at an average of \$12, 88—equal to about \$90 per each. All the pelts placed on sale bore the seals both of the Provincial Government and Provincial Fox Show and were a nice collection of skins.

Colonel U. G. Dawson, Manager of the Charlottetown Fur Sales, Ltd. states that he is well pleased with the results and that it will be an encouragement towards a bigger and better fox pelt show next year.

Lamson's sale, he said, "hadover 60,000 pelts catalogued. Prices were maintained on the average. Selected skins advanced 10 per cent and good quality darks and mediums advanced 7-12 per cent. There were declines in some other types."

He also reports a good local demand for neckpieces so it will not be surprising to see a great many ladies wearing silver fox during the visit of Their Majesties here next June.

Plan Co-operative Funeral Service

SYDNEY, N. S., Jan. 24—(CP)—A co-operative funeral service, believed the first in Canada, will be established here if plans of a Sydney co-operative study club materialize. The group has been considering the question for some time.

UNABLE TO ACCOUNT FOR PLANE CRASH

Cavalier Captain Mystified By Power-failure Of Flying Boat.

(By ROGER D. GREENE) (Associated Press Staff Writer) NEW YORK, Jan. 24—(AP)—The British Air Ministry tonight began an investigation into the mysterious power failure crash of the 19-ton Imperial Airways flying boat Cavalier, with the loss of three lives at sea, as the Captain of the lost plane said "definitely" the tragedy was not caused by icing.

"The Cavalier was equipped to combat ice," said 31-year-old Capt. M. Rowland Alderson, who was rescued with one other survivor.

"At no time did I have the slightest fear of ice formation—either on the wings or clogging the carburetors. I have flown through far worse conditions. The whole thing is a mystery to me."

Lost Consciousness

Capt. Alderson, who lost consciousness shortly after the accident, was held aboard water for several hours by Mrs. Edna Watson, wife of the skipper's Captain, Frank H. Spurr, a native of Deep Brook, N. S.

None, however, knew the answer to the question:—

Under strict orders not to discuss technical phases of the disaster, Radio Engineer Patrick Chapman, cryptically suggested some strange "unseen force" may have played the role of destroyer.

"Just before I sent out the SOS," he said, "I saw a dirty patch ahead and I started getting ready. We had been flying in cold, clear skies."

"It was not normal static, such as you get on your radio. It was a terrific rush—an outburst of static that created quite a charge in the cabin."

First Officer Neil Richardson—who struck out with Chapman—a way from the little, night-stepped band of survivors clinging to their frail chain of lifeboats, and

Charges Liberals Playing Politics With The C. N. R.

OTTAWA, Jan. 24—(CP)—Proposed expenditure of \$12,600,000 on the Canadian National terminal in Montreal was designed to "purchase votes in and about Montreal" and would "put the C. N. R. back into politics," W. A. Walsh (Con. Mount Royal) charged in the House of Commons tonight.

Mr. Walsh declared the Canadian National was being "forced back into politics," by the Government and that the recommendations of the Duff Commission on transportation were being ignored.

Morrocan Corps Leads Drive To City's Outskirts

Southern Army Occupies Suburbs — Government Officials Evacuate Northward.

HENDAYE, France, Jan. 24—(A. P.)—The first of three columns of insurgent General Franco's army attacking Barcelona drove to within 1.2 miles of the city's centre tonight while insurgent shells ripped into the Spanish Government capital.

The Insurgents' Southern Army on wheels, almost without firing a shot, captured the Government airbase at Prat de Llobregat, and then sped along the coast to the suburbs of the capital where it expected to halt until the other forces could sweep across the coastal plains to cut the city off completely.

The dash was made by General Juan Yague's Moroccan corps which earlier had been reported at Gava, seven miles away.

Within Barcelona proper, reports reaching the border said, the calm of the refuge-choked city of 2,000,000 people was beginning to break as it became apparent there was no means by which they could flee to the north.

All Trains Stopped

These reports said all trains had stopped running. Only members of the Government and a lucky few others were able to obtain cars and trucks to carry them out of range of the smashing shell fire from insurgent batteries that had been pounding the city since noon.

The Government's decision to move northward to Gerona or Figueras, respectively 50 and 70 miles nearer the French border, was said to have started a mass trek of women, children and old men on foot.

Reported In Madrid

(A Havas News Agency dispatch from Lerida in insurgent Spain said it was reported there President Manuel Azana of Government Spain had arrived at Madrid from Barcelona.)

Refugees were carrying their most precious possessions on their backs or trundling them in wheelbarrows.

ROADS CHOKED

Roads to the north were choked with traffic that forced the foot-soldiers to travel on the highways. Every available vehicle had been taken over by the Government for the roundup of men pressed into service to build emergency fortifications.

Other information reaching the French frontier indicated the city's hundreds of thousands faced a famine.

These reports said there was serious lack of ammunition which explained the lack of resistance made by Government troops as they fell back on the capital.

In certain quarters of the city the water supply was said to have failed.

Some nearby sections of Catalonia were reported without bread for several days.

THREE DAY LIMIT

Insurgent sources confidently predicted that three days—possibly two—would see the fall of the capital where nerves were jared by bombings and shells from field batteries.

Tragedy Grips Once Gay City Of Barcelona

BARCELONA, Jan. 24—(AP)—Barcelona, which in the last two days suddenly has come face to face with the front lines of insurgent troops, is strangely quiet as refugees anxiously await transportation away from the capital.

(This dispatch, delayed in transmission was filed from Barcelona at 4:00 P. M. Tuesday, or 11:00 A. M. EST.)

The city now is between two streams of traffic, those going toward the nearby front for a last-minute stand, and those going northward seeking safety.

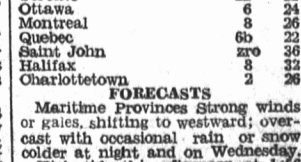
After a year in Spain's largest city a comparison of appearance a year ago and now shows the tragedy of this once-great metropolis, reduced by a war in which it is no quarter.

Bomb-slashed wrecks pit many of the streets and the once well-equipped port has been bombed to the last inch of its docks, machinery, roads and equipment all smashed under 2-1-2 years of bombing.

The city's once beautiful promenades now are bleak with shattered store fronts. Regular bombing alarms no longer attract interest. Today, after the fourth successive day and night of aerial attack, the population is too numb for much reaction.

Barcelona is a war-front city, and it is a bitter experience for the city and those who found it once gay and gracious and urbane. It is not yet a doomed city, but if it is taken there is every indication it will be taken only after a painful struggle such as has marked the defence of the great cities of Government Spain.

IF YOU THROW STONES BETTER LEARN TO DUCK



TORONTO, Jan. 24—(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson 20b 4, Victoria 40 46, Edmonton 6 28, Regina 6 28, Winnipeg 22b 26, Toronto 22 31, Ottawa 6 8 34, Montreal 8 26, Quebec 6b 22, Saint John 2b 36, Halifax 8 32, Charlottetown 2 26.

FORECASTS

Maritime Provinces Strong winds or gales, shifting to westward; overcast with occasional rain or snow colder at night and on Wednesday. High tide this afternoon at 1:56 and tomorrow morning at 1:54.