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HITLER'S HAND FELT IN CZECHO-SLOVAKIA

MARITIMES SWEPT BY FIERCE BLIZZARD

Blast Whips New England, Upper Canada

(By The Canadian Press)

Bitter winter weather which disrupted communications in central Canada and took a death toll of more than 30 in the United States spread to the Maritimes Monday.

A gale reaching a velocity in some places of 60 miles an hour buffeted Nova Scotia's mainland and Cape Breton Island at night.

In Halifax, a 40-mile gale piled up snow on city streets that were completely bare on Sunday. Highway traffic in some parts of the province was at a standstill. Coastal shipping was forced to remain in port.

Traffic Delayed

A 10-inch snowfall brought minor delays in rail and air travel at Montreal. Similar conditions prevailed in the Quebec city district. Drifts piled high along rural Quebec roads.

Weather was moderately cold in New Brunswick. There was no heavy snow in Saint John or Moncton.

One of the heaviest March snows of the century blocked highways and paralyzed shipping in the New England States. Ten lives were lost in New England, 11 in New York, six in New Jersey, and five elsewhere in the United States.

Snow was piled a foot deep in Massachusetts. The storm there was the worst since the historic blizzard of 1888.

WORLD PEACE FOREMOST HOPE

VATICAN CITY, March 13—A desire for world peace dominated the thoughts of Pope Pius XII as he turned today to routine labor from the historic ceremonies of his coronation.

One of the first acts after his coronation yesterday, it was disclosed today, was to pronounce an allocution before the cardinals reiterating his desire for peace.

"We grasp with our hands the tiller of St. Peter's ship with the intention of guiding it to the port of peace across so many waves and tempests", cardinals quoted him as saying.

The Pontiff told them he had not foreseen his election to the papacy and had not wished it, but that he had bowed to the will of God.

Pope Pius received eight foreign emissions today. He granted audiences to the envoys of Great Britain, Peru, China, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Luxembourg, as well as the United States Ambassador to London.

COMING EVENTS

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"Canadian Trio, Prince of Wales Hall, March 20th. L-1113-3-14-3i.

"Borden Line Club loading hogs lambs, calves every Tuesday. Hours 12 to 3 L-348-12-M-2-5-tf

"East Royalty Royals vs. Hornets, Milton Rink tonight. Skate after. L-1142.

"Don't miss the 4-act Irish Comedy in B. I. S. Hall, Emerald Jct. March 14th. L-1128-3-14-4i.

"York Rink Tuesday. Milton Hornets vs. York Rangers in first game for M. Y. U. Trophy. L-1126-3-14-1i.

"Buying live hogs at Albany Thursday 16th. Emerald Friday until noon. G. C. Green. L-461-2-twt-tf.

"See "Not a man in the House," and Variety Concert, Bradalbane Hall, Thursday, March 16th, aid of Young People's Union. L-1116-3-15-2i.

"Three One Act Plays, Hearts Hall, Thursday, March 23. Auspices Young Peoples Union. L-1139-3-14-3i.

"Playoff game for Jenkins Trophy tonight at Marshfield Rink, Frenchfort Bombers vs. Dunstaffnage Dairy Kings. Skate after. L-1149.

"Come to the Carleton Institute Concert in Cape Traverse Hall on Wednesday, March 15th. Admission 25c and 15c. If stormy, following night. L-1083-3-11-2i

"Pownal Hall. Come and see Variety Concert and two one-act plays, by Pownal-Alexandra Women's Institute, Wednesday March 15th. If stormy, first fine night. L-1122-3-14-1i.

"Loading live hogs at Kensington Thursday, March 16, till 3 P. M.; Summerside same date till one P. M. Nicholson Bros. and Mervyn Bulman, Hunter River, Friday till noon. MacEwen and Campbell. L-1143.

British M. P.'s Taken Into Army's Confidence

These pictures were taken on the occasion, a few days ago, of the "vestpocket manoeuvres" staged at Aldershot by British Army authorities for the benefit of members of Parliament. New weapons and equipment were put on exhibition and the Army's general efficiency demonstrated. The upper picture shows the absorbed audience at the explanation of the workings of a new Swedish anti-aircraft gun. This gun can fire shells, of the type seen in the hands of the spectator in the centre, at the rate of 120 rounds per minute. Below, a private is shown in the Army's new battle uniforms. The high-waisted loosely fitting pants and short tunic are designed to allow greater freedom of movement, in conditions under which that freedom is of the greatest possible importance.

ACTIVITIES OF JUNIOR BOARD ARE LAUNCHED

Submit Resolution To City Council Urging "Clean - up" Campaign.

The recently organized Junior Board of Trade of Charlottetown met in the Board Rooms in the Market Building last night. The meeting was a special one called at the request of the civic affairs committee to deal with a resolution which was later presented at the meeting of the City Council. An invitation from His Worship Mayor Foster had been extended to the entire membership to attend the City Council in a body. In the absence of Mr. George Ives, president of the Junior Board of Trade, Mr. Earle MacDonald, chairman of the civic affairs committee, presided.

A great deal of progress has already been made by the young men of the new Junior Board of Trade, and several committees have been formed to act as study groups dealing with various subjects. Among these groups are those studying such subjects as agriculture, tourist traffic, radio problems, provincial affairs, unemployment, publicity, membership, and civic affairs.

At a recent meeting of the civic affairs group a sub-committee was formed to take up the matter of a concerted "clean up" campaign for the city and province. This campaign committee met with the un-

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N.S. Budgets For Deficit Of $182,572

HALIFAX, March 13 — Premier Angus L. Macdonald of Nova Scotia in his budget speech in the legislature tonight estimated a deficit of $182,572.02 for the fiscal year ending next Nov. 30. This compares with a surplus of $146,137.40 for the last fiscal year.

The Premier estimated revenue of $12,126,106.44 and expenditure of $11,850,075 — both exceeding the 1937-38 revenue and expenditure which reached an all-time high. On ordinary account he estimated a surplus of $276,029.64 but this disappeared with provision of $458,601.56 for sinking fund, $97,020 greater than the amount set aside last year.

Mr. Macdonald, also provincial treasurer, estimated a revenue increase of $321,000 over last year's $11,804,383.40. The highways department is expected to bring in the major share, $277,000. His expenditure estimate exceeds the 1937-38 figure of $11,296,664.34 by $553,000 and of that total $217,000 is expected to be spent by the highways department.

All departments except labor were estimated to be in for greater expenditure. Relief, which comes under the labor department will cost more, he said, but the reduction in departmental expenditure is accounted for mainly by the government's proposed removal of the bonus on dried fish. Last year it cost the province $147,000.

Mr. Macdonald said the main item of increase in highways revenue would be the gasoline tax, expected to bring in $212,000 more than last year. The increase is partly due to an increase in number of cars and partly because the 10-cents-a-gallon tax was in effect for only part of last year.

Independent Probe Into Cost Of Terminal Urged

OTTAWA, March 13—Independent engineers should make a careful investigation of the Canadian National Railways terminal plan at Montreal before the project proceeds any further, Sir Edward Beatty, President of the Canadian Pacific Railway, has suggested to the Government.

The engineers, said Sir Edward in a letter to Prime Minister King dated last Jan. 5, "should be asked to advise the Government if the passenger terminal requirements of the Canadian National in Montreal could be more economically met by an extension of the present Canadian Pacific terminals than by the construction of a new and independent one."

Mr. Mackenzie King replied that the views of the Canadian Pacific President would be transmitted to Transport Minister Howe and also laid before the cabinet.

Sir Edward wrote he was satisfied the report of the independent engineers "would support my opinion—as the whole tendency in the transportation world is towards consolidation rather than unrestricted competition—but whatever the decision might be, I think it would bring relief to the minds of many who regard with alarm any project which might add unnecessarily to the ever-increasing load carried by the Canadian taxpayer."

Sir Edward's letter formed part of a return tabled in the House of Commons at the request of T. L. Church (Con. Toronto-Broadview) in which he asked for all correspondence passing between the Dominion Government and the Canadian National Railways and others in regard to the $12,600,000 new Canadian National terminal.

"Final Plan" On Palestine Is Prepared

(By The Associated Press)

LONDON, March 13 — Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald conferred informally today with Arab leaders while British delegates to the Palestine Peace Conference put the finishing touches on Great Britain's "final plan" for the future of the Holy Land.

The Government's proposal, reported to have received Prime Minister Chamberlain's approval during the day, probably will be submitted to the Arab and Jewish delegations Wednesday or Thursday after being considered at a full cabinet session.

Full details of the British plan, outlined at closed conferences with the two delegations, were not made public but it was expected in general to follow the original suggestions rejected by the Jews on Feb. 27.

The previously discussed proposal called for an independent Arab state in Palestine with Jews constituting a permanent minority.

Retired Banker Dies In Halifax

HALIFAX, March 13—(CP)—Arthur E. Nash, 73, retired superintendent of the Maritime branches of the Bank of Montreal, died here today at the home of a niece, Miss Honor Nash. He had retired in July, 1930.

Japanese Columns Advance Southward Along Han River

(By The Associated Press)

SHANGHAI, March 13—Japanese columns swerving southward along the Han River 100 miles west of Hankow reported capture of two towns today and the sinking of most of a small fleet of junks in which Chinese troops were attempting to flee westward across the river.

The towns reported captured were Lohanssu, on the east bank of the river opposite Shayang, and Likiawan, also on the east bank, 16 miles north of Lohanssu.

The Japanese said that as a result of today's operations they now had wiped out all Chinese forces on the east bank of the Han and were in a position to advance toward Shansi and Ichang.

It was announced in Shanghai that a Japanese-backed daily airplane service linking Shanghai, Nanking and Peiping would be started tomorrow, replacing the service formerly run by the Chinese Government.

AMENDMENTS TO DOMINION ELECTIONS ACT

Dr. Manion Supports Move In Commons To Reduce Election Costs.

OTTAWA, March 13—(CP)—Less expensive election campaigns with greater publicity of campaign funds and a more equitable method of redistributing representation in the House of Commons are the objectives of proposals outlined in the House of Commons today by Hon. C. G. Power, Minister of Pensions and National Health.

He moved to set up again the committee which has worked on election machinery and legislation for the past two sessions.

The motion was passed after a debate and adoption of a C. C. F. amendment instructing the committee to consider methods of enabling lumbermen, miners, fishermen and seamen away from the home constituencies on election day to cast their votes.

Grant MacNeil (C. C. D. Vancouver North) divided the House on an appeal from the speaker's ruling and lost 11b to 26. The speaker ruled out his original proposal because it did not conform to the rules and after the vote the motion was redrafted and passed unanimously.

Mr. Power revived, in slightly different form, the plan contained in the election expenditures bill which he sponsored last session but which failed to become law. Instead of a separate bill, he proposed today that the problem of campaign expenses be dealt with by amendments to the Dominion Elections Act, passed last session.

Suggests Method

"The way to avoid the tendency to extravagant expenditure is, I be-

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Second Probe Will Open Next Monday

(By The Canadian Press)

HALIFAX, March 13—Mr. Justice M. B. Archibald of Nova Scotia Supreme Court announced tonight his probe under the Public Inquiries Act into the Queen Hotel fire of March 2 would begin here next Monday. He was appointed Saturday to inquire into the disaster which police have estimated took a death toll of 28.

First witnesses will be members of the hotel staff. Mr. Justice Archibald said their examination would occupy the first day and part of the second. A number of other witnesses have been summoned to testify.

Ronald M. Fielding of Halifax will be commission counsel.

MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL LAST NIGHT

Routine Business Is Discussed — Junior Board Attends In Body.

Little more than routine business was transacted at the regular monthly meeting of Charlottetown's City Council last night. His Worship Mayor E. A. Foster presided and except for Coun. Heath McIntyre all Councillors were present.

Before the session opened for business His Worship welcomed members of the Junior Board of Trade, which attended in a body. During the evening individual Councillors expressed words of welcome and congratulated the young men on their initiative.

Total cost of direct relief, according to bills paid in February amounted to $10,117.89, Coun. R. C. Chandler, chairman of the finance committee said. He pointed out, however, the stocks of groceries, coal, etc. had in some cases been sufficient for a longer period. Expenditure included groceries, $4,022; milk, $902; coal, $5,192.

Later in the meeting Coun. Henry Lapthorn, chairman of the employment and relief committee told the Council at present there were 516 heads of families, or 2534 individuals on the direct relief list of the City. That was a reduction of 51 individuals over the peak of February. No civic projects employed labor during the month under review, the Councillor said.

Appointment of Russell Charles Abbott, a permanent City employee to operate automotive equipment and perform other duties as authorized by the Street Department at a salary of $90.00 per month drew some discussion. Opposition was voiced by Coun. Chandler, backed by His Worship and Coun. Hennessey to the method of procedure, although all three told the meeting they were not opposing Mr. Abbott's appointment. They contended the appointment should have come as a recommendation from the Street Committee, and Coun. Hennessey maintained it should have been included in the year's estimates when the time came to make them up.

Coun. F. C. Dougan, who moved the resolution pointed out Mr. Abbott had been employed by the City for 14 years as a day laborer, and if he were made permanent it would not mean increased expenditure, rather the reverse as he

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Will Tow Ship To Baltimore

HALIFAX, March 13—(CP)—Foundation Maritime, Limited, officials said tonight their sea-going tug Fuondation Franklin was on its way back to Halifax and the Norwegian freighter Gro, to whose aid she had gone, would be towed to Baltimore by the United States tug Relief.

The Franklin left here Thursday after receipt of a message saying the Gro had dropped her rudder 550 miles east of Halifax and that high seas prevented her crew from rigging a jury one. She reached the helpless freighter late Saturday.

Supply Ship Will Sail For England

OTTAWA, March 13—(CP)—The S. S. Nascopie, Hudson's Bay Company supply ship, will sail from Halifax March 25 for England to undergo one of its regular inspections as required by Marine law.

The vessel makes a 10,000 mile journey through the Arctic each summer carrying supplies to various Government and company outposts.

German Troops Ready To Swoop On Small State

Orders Special Session Of Slovak Parliament Today To Consider Independence

(By Louis P. Lochner, Associated Press Foreign Staff)

BERLIN, March 13—(AP)—Chancellor Hitler's order to the deposed Slovak Premier to have the Slovak Parliament meet tomorrow morning has temporarily held in abeyance plans for possible occupation of Czecho-Slovakia, it was learned tonight.

The information came from a confidential source which usually has proved to be right.

If tomorrow's session does not bring a complete victory for the viewpoint of the deposed Slovak Premier, Dr. Joseph Tiso, and if the Czechs do not give satisfactory guarantees that German rights and demands will be respected, troops will begin to move in an estimated strength up to 14 divisions.

Reservists of the class of 1913 in Munich were suddenly called upon on short notice today. Several troop trains left Munich for Vienna and authorities took the unusual move of commandeering a number of automobiles.

The troops presumably will take part in demonstrations scheduled to be held in Vienna Wednesday celebrating the first anniversary of Germany's union with Austria. The number of soldiers involved was not disclosed.

Plan Of Campaign

The plans for troops to move into Czecho-Slovakia are reported to have been made in detail.

One army group may proceed by way of Dresden and Aussig to Prague, and another group from Leipzig by way of Chemnitz to Pilsen and Prague, according to the information.

A third group may go from Vienna to Brunn and a fourth from Vienna to Bratislava.

The advance thus would be from all sides of Czecho-Slovakia.

Reports from various parts of the country indicated extensive troop movements.

Motorists driving near Mecklenberg reported a congestion of roads due to military shifts.

Road Congested

The road between Berlin and Leipzig also was reported crowded, and around Munich there was much military activity.

Apparently Germany was determined to back with force if necessary the demands of the Slovaks and the claims of the German minority in Czecho-Slovakia.

(In Bratislava, Slovak Capital, German Party leaders said German property was damaged in a series of bomb explosions in which six persons were killed. It was recalled German newspapers recently had published hints that German property in Slovakia might have to be protected.)

Talks With Tiso

Chancellor Hitler talked with Dr. Tiso for four hours after the deposed Slovak leader had flown here from Czecho-Slovakia. As the talks progressed word was received that Field Marshal Hermann Goering suddenly broke his Italian holiday and was on his way back to Berlin.

Dr. Joseph Tiso, deposed Slovak Premier, flew here to lay his case before the Fuehrer as the German press shouted that drastic action might be necessary soon to set in order the "chaotic" house of her little neighbor.

Led to Crisis

The Czecho-Slovak domestic crisis—brought to a head Friday with dismissal by the Prague Government of Tiso and two other ministers of autonomous Slovakia because of Slovak independence agitation—was regarded as an opening wedge through which Germany might press forward in penetrat-

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Prague Regime Capitulates To Nazi Demands

(By The Canadian Press)

Czecho-Slovakia, which lost one-fifth of its territory to Germany through the Peace of Munich, submitted again last night (Monday) to Chancellor Hitler.

President Emil Hacha ordered the Slovak Parliament to meet in extraordinary session today to consider independence for Slovakia when the German Fuehrer, whose troops were ready once more to march into the little Republic, stepped into the Czecho-Slovak family quarrel and ordered the parliamentary session after a day of wild scenes in Bratislava, Slovak capital.

Dr. Hacha's capitulation to Hitler allayed, temporarily at least, the Nazi chieftain's reported plan for possible occupation of Czecho-Slovakia as a result of the crisis precipitated by Slovakia's clamor for independence.

But it did not remove entirely the threat of Hitler's heavy hand.

Two Demands

German troops were moving toward the Czecho-Slovak border for action in the event today's Parliament session failed to do two things:—

1. Bring a complete victory for Dr. Joseph Tiso, Slovak Premier deposed by the Prague Central Government in its bold move to smash the separatist movement.

2. Give satisfactory guarantees to

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(By The Canadian Press)

TORONTO, March 13—Minimums and maximum temperatures:

Dawson	14b	zero
Vancouver	34	42
Edmonton	2b	zero
Regina	2	4
Winnipeg	6b	6
Toronto	26	41
Ottawa	20	32
Montreal	20	24
Quebec	20	20
Saint John	14	22
Halifax	18	22
Charlottetown	10	18

Forecasts:

Maritime East: Strong northeast to northwest gales with snow.

High tide this morning at 5.46 and this afternoon at 4.30.

Sun sets this morning at 6.04 and rises tomorrow morning at 6.14.

New moon March 20, 9.49 p.m.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

THE CAR FERRY SAILINGS

Leave Borden 9.45 a. m. 1 p. m.
Tormentine 11 a. m. 3.05 p. m.

Find Colliery Disaster "Was Not Preventable"

HALIFAX, March 13—(CP)—The Princess Colliery disaster "was not preventable", W. A. D. Gunn, who probed the fatal accident, said in a report released tonight. He found "no neglect on the part of the Coal Company, Ltd., (Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company, mine operators) . . . or any of its employees . . ."

A runaway mine train in the Sydney Mines, N. S., coal mine brought death to 21 miners, and injuries to more than a score last Dec. 6 when a haulage rope broke.

"I find the cause of the accident was the rope breaking," Gunn reported. "What caused the rope to break? There is no definite evidence as to the cause of the rope breaking." He probed the fatality under Nova Scotia's Coal Mines Regulation Act.

"In my opinion after hearing the evidence I came to the conclusion that the pit is being run loosely and a more rigorous supervision should be made by the officials in charge," Gunn said. "Although there may have been minor violations of the Coal Mines Regulation Act, still those violations did not cause or contribute to the fatal accident. From the evidence submitted it is impossible to point to any one man or men and say he or they are guilty of culpable negligence causing the fatal accident."

Gunn's finding was concurred in by Dr. Alan E. Cameron, Deputy Mines Minister, who conducted a probe coincident with that of special examiner Gunn, under authority of the Mines Minister.

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