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DANZIG PROBLEM NEARING DECISIVE TURN

Inquest Into Double Shooting Tragedy Adjourned

German Military Takes Control Over Slovakia

Nazi Press Renews Violent Anti-Polish Campaign Reminiscent Of Role In Czech Crisis.

BRATISLAVA, Slovakia, Aug. 18.—(A.P.)—The Bratislava radio station announced tonight that "owing to the existing situation" Germany has taken military possession of Slovakia.

The announcement, for reasons unexplained, was made in English a language which most of Slovakia's 2,000,000 inhabitants do not understand.

It was learned from reliable sources that the military agreement which was ratified today between Slovakia and Germany, places the little Slovak army of 30,000 and reservists numbering 300,000 under German command.

BERLIN, Aug. 18.—The feeling grew tonight in Berlin political circles, especially among diplomats, that the Danzig problem between Germany and Poland was nearing a decisive turn.

Two developments accounted for this: Visits to Germany and Italy by the Hungarian Foreign Minister, Count Csaky, and renewal of a violent anti-Polish campaign in the Nazi press.

Diplomats anxiously awaited clarification of open assertions in some German quarters before Count Csaky left Munich by air today for Rome that Hungary had been won as "Germany's comrade in arms."

"Mistreatment" Of Polish Nationals In Germany Claimed

WARSAW, Aug. 18.—(A.P.)—Official circles said tonight that the Polish Government "may yet be compelled" to release "full details of mistreatment of Poles in Germany."

"For the time being," it was stated, "Poland does not desire to be compelled" to release "full details of mistreatment of Poles in Germany."

The declaration was inspired by the German press campaign alleging violent mistreatment of the German minority in Poland.

Official circles said that two-thirds of the "more than 200 persons" arrested Wednesday in the drive against alleged anti-Polish activity and espionage by the German minority had been released.

The investigation, it was stated, is continuing.

The Polish press reported today that a large number of Poles in German Silesia have been forcibly moved inland, away from the frontier, and that children of these Poles are being separated from their parents and being sent to "special camps."

FIRE AT STEWACKE

STEWACKE, N.S., Aug. 18.—(CP)—Fire caused \$15,000 damage to the planing mill and box factory of the Canadian Lumber Products and left 25 men jobless here today.

Coming Events

- Rate for Notices in this column 3 cents per word.
- Talkies and dance Bradalbane Tuesday, L-178-8-19-21.
- Talkies Malpeque Wednesday, L-178-8-9-21.
- Dance at Webster Corner, Monday night, Aug. 21, Orchestra, L-127-8-18-21.
- Dance, St. Peter's Wednesday, August 23rd, Percy Croome's Orchestra, L-162-8-19-21.
- Regular Dance at Irishtown Monday, August 21st, Refreshments at booth, L-150-8-19-11.
- Ice Cream Social at Pownall Monday, August 21st, in aid of Credit Union, L-148-8-19-21.
- Dance Vernon Hall Monday 21st, Good Orchestra, L-141-8-19-21.
- All taxes in arrears of Fairview School not paid by August 30th, will be handed in for collection. Order of Trustees.
- Annual meeting of the Queens County Women's Christian Temperance Union will be held at the home of Mrs. William Clarke, North Wilshire on Aug. 24th at 3 p. m. Box lunch, L-172-8-19-21.

BRITAIN TAKES FIRM STAND IN THE FAR EAST

Rejects Japanese Demands Relating To Economic Questions In China

LONDON, Aug. 18.—(CP)—Great Britain's rejection of Japanese demands relating to economic questions in China was interpreted in diplomatic circles tonight as an example of firmness which might have a vital effect on the European situation.

The move, these circles said, might serve as a warning that Britain intended to be firm in Europe as well as in the Far East.

On the other hand, London diplomats expressed belief the decision must inevitably make the situation extremely difficult in the Far East. "They saw the possibility of a complete breakdown of the talks now going on in Tokyo on the Tientsin dispute and looked for a new outbreak of anti-British demonstrations.

The Government, through Ambassador Sir Robert Craigie, told Japan that Britain could not discuss in Anglo-Japanese talks the Japanese demands that the British Concession at Tientsin ban Chinese currency and hand over Chinese silver reserves worth about \$4,000,000.

The British view as explained by an informed official, is that these are not local issues and that if there are to be further discussions arrangements must be made to take into account the views of other interested powers.

TOKYO, Aug. 18.—(CP)—A semi-official source said today that Japan has given Great Britain a "vigorous warning" of consequences likely to arise from a breakdown of the Tokyo talks to settle their far eastern differences.

The same source said, however, that the Japanese Government would give London "a few days" to reconsider its refusal to include economic questions in the discussions which have been going on here between Foreign Minister Hasegawa and the British Ambassador, Sir Robert Craigie.

The warning was occasioned by London's rejection of Tokyo's demand for immediate transfer of Chinese silver on deposit in the British Concession at Tientsin and its refusal to ban Chinese currency in the concession without prior assent by France and the United States.

U. S. Minister To Dominion Resigns

OTTAWA, AUG. 18.—(CP)—Daniel C. Roper, United States Minister to Canada, will relinquish his ministerial post this week-end after representing his country here for less than four months.

Acceptance of Mr. Roper's resignation was announced today by President Roosevelt, holidaying off the Atlantic coast, to be effective Aug. 20. Mr. Roper assumed the Ottawa post temporarily so the United States would be represented by a minister during the visit of the King and Queen.

During his brief stay here the former United States Secretary of Commerce has been busy with the first foreign envoy to Canada ever to present his credentials to the King himself. It was the King's first official act on his arrival here last May 19.

Other winners of special awards and announced last night included: Guy Ross, Brackley, winner of the Canadian Bank of Commerce tray for the Junior Champion pure bred Jersey female; Stead Bros., Brackley, Ontario, winners of the Ontario pure bred Jersey female; A. McRae & Son, Charlottetown, R. R. 6 the T. E. Each Co., prize for the best three pure bred females of any dairy breed; Hayden Bros., Cherry Valley, winner of the special prize donated by the Herford Breeders' Association for a calf herd under one year and bred by the exhibitor; Second prize was won by Frank Sanderson & Sons, North River.

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reserves of raw materials that Germany needs while at the same time quietly exploiting the weakness of the western powers.

Instead, he turned against Prague first and then campaigned for Danzig. By so doing he not only plunged the world into a general state of preparations but created internal resistance as well. The German people began to realize that he was ready to lead them into war, but not actually plunging them into bloodshed. Since Munich Germany had been in a state of partial mobilization which had a significant effect on the German Commander-in-Chief recently had found it necessary to state publicly that Hitler would not sacrifice German lives frivolously.

Presentation Of Prizes Climaxes Big Exhibition

Lt. Colonel MacKinnon, President, Receives "Big Hand" In Expressing Gratitude For Public Support.

"It's a great country and a great people," Lt. Col. D. A. MacKinnon, president of the Provincial Exhibition Association declared last night as he presented trophies, prizes and ribbons at the closing of the Golden Jubilee Fair here.

Col. MacKinnon, recovering after an illness of six months got a tremendous hand from the crowd when he appeared on the vaudeville platform to make the presentations.

The management of the exhibition was "very, very pleased with the way the public supported the show," the President said. Attendance was the "best we ever had," he continued. Both himself and Mr. Boulter, the secretary had been worried that, because of previous celebrations this summer, there might be a considerable falling off in attendance. On the other hand they were "away ahead" and they had still Friday night's attendance to add up. It was so because people all over the Province "backed up the Exhibition," Col. MacKinnon said. He praised the work of secretary J. W. Boulter to whom the crowd gave a big hand also.

The fourth full day of the big show yesterday saw the same brand of "fair" weather, bright sunshine with the mid-August heat tempered by a breeze that was a comfortable place could not be imagined with the grandstand and bleachers witnessing some of the finest harness racing ever seen in P.E.I.

As on previous days there was not a dull moment yesterday for the large crowd as between heats vaudeville acts provided varied and excellent amusement.

Late last night the 1939 Exhibition closed down on what was believed the most successful week in its fifty year history. Most of the more than 5,000 exhibits entered in all classes had been removed and what remained both in main building and in cattle barns were scheduled to leave by today.

Mammoth fireworks were the last spectacular event of the week.

SPECIAL TROPHIES

Special trophies presented last night included one to Raoul Reymond of Southport for the exhibitor scoring the most points for entries with registered horses.

Next came Stead Bros. of Brackley, winners of the trophy for the exhibitor scoring the most points with registered cattle, dairy breeds.

Harold Eiter of Aulac, N. B., carried off the trophy for the exhibitor with the most points for entries with registered cattle, beef breeds.

In the swine classes Frank McAvay of Sourton won the trophy for the exhibitor with the most points in that class.

The gold medal for the best Clydesdale male went to C. J. Stewart of Hantsport. Gold medal for the best Clydesdale female went to T. J. Kichham of Sourton.

Moore & McLeod's special cup for the best exhibit of Island bred pure bred beef cattle, not to exceed ten in number, was won by P. J. Martin of Hunter River.

Trophies, prizes and winning horses, drivers and grooms are referred to, with full information in "Down The Back Stretch" which appears on the Sport Page in this issue.

To all the winners of prizes and trophies Col. MacKinnon had a word of congratulation and a hearty handshake. Several expressed their pleasure at being able to attend and for the reception accorded them while here.

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SCENE SHIFTS SUDDENLY TO ROME TALKS

Hungarian Foreign Minister Flies From Germany To Confer With Mussolini.

ROME, Aug. 18.—(A.P.)—Premier Mussolini and his Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, conferred tonight with Count Stefan Csaky, Foreign Minister of Hungary.

Their talk followed long conversations between Ciano and Csaky and presumably dealt with the part that Hungary, friend of the Rome-Berlin Axis, will play in the event of European hostilities.

That Ciano and Csaky went to Mussolini as meaning their conversations led to something conclusive. The Hungarian Foreign Minister arrived suddenly this afternoon by plane from Munich after conversations with the German Foreign Minister, Joachim Von Ribbentrop.

As tension over Danzig mounted in the Italian press, newspapers extolled Hungarian loyalty to the Axis. Hungarian leadership admittedly would be of great importance in the event of war.

So unexpected was the visit that Count Galeazzo Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, had to cancel appointments with other diplomats, William Phillips, the American Ambassador, and the French Ambassador, and the French Foreign Minister, Georges Bonnet.

Count Ciano, who plans to leave for an Albanian tour tomorrow, and other Fascist dignitaries greeted Count Csaky at the airport and the two ministers held a long conference at the Foreign Office.

During the day a noticeable deepening of pessimism was discernible in both diplomatic circles and among the general public. Newspapers announced in large headlines that the "democracies" had received their last warning.

Premier Mussolini devoted considerable time to studying Italy's military preparedness. Crown Prince Umberto brought him a report of a test mobilization which he had witnessed in western Poland.

Mussolini also conferred with General Bergia, director of anti-aircraft defence.

Soviet Girl Fliers Star In Air Show

MOSCOW, Aug. 18.—(A.P.)—Three girls from a Russian factory put on a special stunt today at the annual air show today for the British and French military missions, here for general staff talks, and foreign diplomats.

The girls are "spare time pilots" and did their act with three planes in formation. Their breath-taking loops and rolls awed the thousands who watched the show at Tushino Airport under a bright sun.

Jumping in formation of 20 by parabolas, formations of 10 by parabolas, formation flights by fast four-engine bombers and anti's by combat planes were part of the program.

The bombers destroyed a "munition factory" while anti-aircraft guns vainly barked defiance.

A new passenger plane, the L-760, equipped to carry 64 passengers and crew of eight was displayed.

BAPTIST Y P U MEET

AMHERST, N. S., Aug. 18.—(CP)—With about 125 delegates attending, the Maritime Baptist Young People's Union today opened a three-day convention. A civic welcome was extended by Mayor M. J. Kaufman.

Danzig Nazis Parade In Strength Before Forster

DANZIG, Aug. 18.—(A.P.)—Albert Forster, Nazi district leader, reviewing the first parade of the newly militarized SS home defence forces, said tonight that "Poland had become the only possible attacker" of Danzig.

For this reason, he declared, Danzig's new armaments had become necessary.

"Eight weeks ago there were no weapons in Danzig," he told a crowd of 25,000.

"In recent months the political situation has so developed that Danzig is constantly threatened by the country which should protect it (Poland) is administrator for the League of Nations) and must reckon with the fact that it may be attacked by Poland."

Forster called the armaments "the most modern of their kind in the world," apparently referring to a number of anti-aircraft and anti-tank guns.

(Under her League of Nations Status Danzig is supposed to be demilitarized territory.)

Ch'town Woman Shot Dead In Mother's Home

Victim Was Mrs. Roy Large Whose Husband, Found Unconscious Beside Her With Bullet Wound Is Under Police Guard In Hospital

Stark tragedy visited the home yesterday afternoon of Mrs. H. M. Chandler, Pleasant Street, when hearing screams and revolver shots she rushed down stairs from her bedroom to find her 25 year old daughter Cora, (Mrs. Roy Large) lying in a pool of blood in the hall between the kitchen and the living room. The dying girl's husband was lying unconscious beside her and their two-year-old son, David, was standing over them, crying. A .32 revolver was lying on the floor.

Mrs. Chandler attempted to stem the flow of blood from her daughter's breast while awaiting doctors and an ambulance, when medical attention arrived Mrs. Large was dead.

Large was bleeding from apparently two bullet wounds in the chest. He recovered later in hospital and was put under police guard and legal counsel was obtained for him.

Except the child, there were apparently no witnesses to the shooting. Jean, aged 16, another daughter of Mrs. Chandler was in the sun porch at the front of the house but did not see Mr. Large come in. Neither was Mrs. Chandler aware of his presence in the house until the tragedy, which occurred shortly before 2 p. m.

Had Been Separated

The Large couple had been separated since last June, when Mrs. Large went to live with her mother on Pleasant Street, taking the child with her.

A climax to the estrangement was evidently reached yesterday morning in the Magistrate's court, when custody of the child, with Mrs. Large's approval, was awarded to the Children's Aid Society. The husband strongly protested against this measure.

Large had been married before, but divorced, the deceased woman being his second wife. He formerly employed at the fire station, but had not been working for several months.

Likely To Recover

Dr. R. D. Howatt who administered to Large, said there was little doubt he would recover. He said, it apparently grazed the ribs and came out near the left armpit.

One bullet only passed through Mrs. Large's body. It entered her left breast and emerged from the right shoulder.

Large was reported to be in a highly nervous condition in hospital last evening, and was receiving injections of morphine.

Had Purchased Cartridges

Police Chief A. Birtwistle said it had been reported to him that Large had purchased six cartridges for a .32 revolver yesterday. Five had been discharged from the gun, but only two bullets had been recovered. One was found in the hall floor of the Chandler home and the other in the baseboard.

The revolver was found lying beside the two bodies.

It was possible, Chief Birtwistle said, that the two recovered bullets were the ones which had ripped through Mr. and Mrs. Large and the others had been fired previously, perhaps in practice.

Inquest Adjourned

The coroner's jury which will hear the evidence next Tuesday is composed of Messrs. P. W. Turner, Foreman, Dr. G. D. Steele, Borden Cox, G. M. Sutherland, T. G. McEwen, W. W. MacLean, and W. J. Collins. Under Coroner Dr. J. D. McGuigan they were empanelled yesterday afternoon and viewed the scene at the Chandler home. The hearing of evidence, scheduled for last night, was adjourned until 9 a. m. Tuesday at the Attorney General's request for an autopsy.

As news of the tragedy spread yesterday afternoon, it was heard with horror by the whole community. The keenest sympathy is felt for the relatives, and especially for Mrs. Chandler and family, who are prostrate with grief.

Irish Minister Is Greeted At Ottawa

OTTAWA, AUG. 18.—(CP)—A shrewd-looking Irishman with a pleasant smile and an international reputation as a constitutional law expert, John J. Hearne, arrived today from Dublin to become the first high commissioner to Canada from Eire.

Former legal adviser to the external affairs department and right hand man of President De Valera of the Irish Republic, Mr. Hearne said his objective here would be to promote trade and to extend and perpetuate the friendly relations already existing between the two sections of the Empire.

Accompanied by his wife and three fair-haired boys all under five years, Mr. Hearne will immediately set about establishing offices for his government here and to reciprocate the friendly relations already existing between the two sections of the Empire.

FORECASTS:— Maritime East: Moderate or fresh winds; mostly cloudy with scattered showers and some fog. High tide this afternoon at 1.40 and tomorrow morning at 2.02. Sun sets this evening at 7.01 and rises tomorrow morning at 5.07. First quarter moon Aug. 21; 5:21 p. m. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

THE CAR FERRY SAILINGS

Leaves Borden 7 A. M., 9.45 A. M., 1 P. M., 4.30 P. M.
Leaves Tormentine 8.15 A. M., 11 A. M., 3.05 P. M., 6.20 P. M.

SUNDAY SAILINGS

Leaves Borden 9 A. M., 7 P. M.
Leaves Tormentine 10.15 A. M., 8.10 P. M.

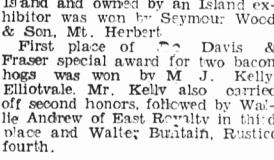
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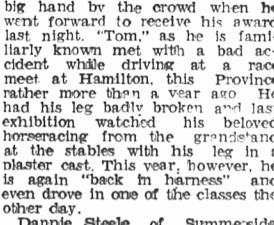
LT. COLONEL MACKINNON



MR. J. W. BOULTER



Given "Big Hand"



Other winners



Another favorite driver was given a big reception when he was called to claim his prize for driving Riet Hanover to win the 2.22 trot in straight heats Tuesday. Steele a native of Summerside won here with Ada Mac in 1939 when he was 17 years of age, driving against some of the best drivers in the Maritimes. Col. MacKinnon recalled last night, he had continued a successful driver ever since and came back here to stage a win again this year.

Well McNeill, Southport owner of Aaron L. came in for some heavy applause when Col. MacKinnon recalled how he had driven his horse to a sensational win after his regular driver was unsuccessful driver ever since and came back here to stage a win again this year.

McNeill, unable to get another driver took up the reins himself and not only won the heat but lowered the horse's record 1.3-4 seconds.



CHARITY, LIKE TROUBLE, BEGINS AT HOME