

Anglo-Italian Conference Coming



THE MODERN CAESAR

MUSSOLINI DEMANDS MAY RAISE DIFFICULTIES FOR NEGOTIATING AGREEMENT

Il Duce Seeking Loan of \$125,000,000, Share in Suez Defense, Reduction of British Naval Strength, Ethiopia-Libya Corridor

LONDON, February 26: (CP)—The British ambassador to Italy, the Earl of Perth, and Premier Benito Mussolini will confer within a few days on terms of a possible agreement between the two countries. If well-founded reports as to the terms to be asked by Mussolini are correct, there will be difficulty in negotiations. Il Duce is reported to demand:

- A loan of \$125,000,000.
- A share in the defense of Suez Canal.
- Reduction in British naval strength in the Mediterranean.
- A corridor between Ethiopia and Libya.

CITIES ON HIND LEGS

Resolve to Fight Against Added Relief Burdens Being Imposed Upon Them

VANCOUVER, Feb. 26: (CP)—The executive of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities last night passed a motion to carry its fight against added relief costs to the provincial and even the Dominion government. This was done after delegates were heard declaring that their administrations were unable to stand further financial strain.

STOCK MARKETS

VANCOUVER, Feb. 26: (CP)—The stock market was draggy yesterday with prices down. Steers were selling at \$4 to \$4.90 and helters at \$3.50 to \$4.40. At Calgary good steers were selling for \$4.25.

friendly negotiations with Italy and Germany.

Yesterday was a stormy one in the Chamber of Deputies. A near riot ensued after a Communist had called a Rightist deputy a "spy and traitor."

Premier Camille Chautemps is to address the House today and by night will, it is expected, have been accorded a vote of confidence.

Foreign Minister Yvon Delbos told the Chamber of Deputies today that the French government is willing to negotiate with Italy for recognition of the Italian conquest of Ethiopia "if present difficulties can be ironed out." He declared also that France will faithfully fulfill all obligations to Czecho-Slovakia in case of need and will maintain the Franco-Soviet mutual assistance pact.

Delbos said that Paris will follow the forthcoming London-Rome conversations with strict attention and will remain closely associated with Great Britain.

PARIS, Feb. 26: (CP)—The Popular Front government will seek a mandate to join Great Britain in

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REPORTS CONFLICT

Over Nanchang Air Fight—Opposition Leader Cheered in Japanese Diet

Battle Today

China Still Resists Advance—Nippon Not Entering Naval Race, 'Tis Said

SHANGHAI, Feb. 26: (CP)—Japanese claim that thirty Chinese planes were brought down in yesterday's air battle over Nanchang in Kiangsi Province. They admitted loss of two of their own planes. The Chinese claimed that eight Japanese planes had been brought down.

A battle developed today at Timshing in Shansi Province where one hundred thousand Chinese troops struggled to halt the Japanese offensive along the extreme Western flank of the central China front.

Jap Critic Cheered

TOKYO, Feb. 26: (CP)—The Leader of the Opposition in the Japanese Diet was cheered yesterday when he attacked the government's drastic war measures.

Foreign Minister Hirota told Parliament today that Japan will not engage in a naval building race and, in fact, hopes to forestall such a race among world powers.

TODAY'S STOCKS

(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co.)

Vancouver

B. C. Nickel, 14.
Big Missouri, 44.
Bralorne, 8.90.
Aztec, .09.
Dentonia, .12.
Cariboo Quartz, 2.10.
Golconda, .04 1/2.
Minto, .03 1/2.
Fairview, .04.
Noble Five, .03.
Pend Orielle, 2.00.
Pioneer, 3.10.
Porter Idaho, .03.
Premier, 2.30.
Reeves McDonald, 42.
Reno, .61.
Relief Arlington, .22 1/2.
Reward, .05.
Salmon Gold, .06 1/2.
Taylor Bridge, .05 1/2.
Hedley Amalgamated, .05 1/2.
Premier Border, .01 1/2.
Silbek Premier, 2.10.
Home Gold, .01 1/2.
Grandview, .08 1/2.
Indian, .02 1/2.
Quatsino Copper, .03 3/4.
Haida Gold, .06 3/4.

Oils

A. P. Con., .25.
Calmont, .45.
C. & E., 2.85.
Freehold, .05 1/2.
Hargal, .20.
McDougal Segur, .22.
Mercury, .15.
Okalta, 2.00.
Pacalta, .11.
Home Oil, 1.22.

Toronto

Beattie, 1.36.
Central Patricia, 2.58.
Gods Lake, .51.
Little Long Lac, 5.05.
McKenzie Red Lake, .90.
Pickle Crow, 4.65.
Red Lake Gold, .27.
San Antonio, 1.39.
Sherrill Gordon, 1.50.
Smelters Gold, .02.
Meleod Cockshutt, 3.45.
Okland, 31 1/2.
Mosher, .23.
Madsen Red Lake, .39.
Stadacona, .25.
Frontier Red Lake, .05.
Francœur, .50.
Moneta, 2.17.
Bouscadillac, .12.
Bankfield, .92.
East Malartie, 1.65.
Preston E. Dome, 1.30.
Hutchison Lake, 11 1/2.
Dawson White, .02.

Aggie Sits With C.C.F.

OTTAWA, Feb. 26: (CP)—Miss Agnes McPhail, United Farmer of Ontario member of Parliament for Grey Southeast, who has not attended any party caucuses since the election of 1935, decided last night to sit in with the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation group although she announced she would not join the party.

RETIREMENT FOR LOUDEN

Active Career For Canadian National Steamship Official Ends

VANCOUVER, Feb. 26:—An active marine career of more than half a century which began at the age of 14 years comes to an end Monday next for Thomas Loudon, superintendent, Canadian National Steamships. His fellow officers will mark the occasion with a luncheon aboard the steamer Prince Rupert with W. T. Moodie, general superintendent, Canadian National Railways and Steamships, as chairman.

Serving his full apprenticeship in marine engineering at Dunfermline, Scotland, Mr. Loudon followed with shipyard experience with Clyde and Barrow in the Furness shipyards and then proceeded to sea. After working up through the various grades he sailed for twelve years as a chief engineer. He came to Canada for his first shore post in 1910 with A. and R. Loggie's dredging plant at Loggieville, New Brunswick, afterwards taken over by the Northern Dredge Co. of Saint John. He was chief engineer for the company.

During the Great War years up to 1917 Mr. Loudon supervised the building of marine engines in Toronto and then was appointed superintendent engineer of the Canada Car and Foundry's shipbuilding plant at Fort William, Ont. When the Great Lakes yards closed in 1920 he joined the Canadian Government Merchant Marine in Vancouver as assistant superintendent engineer in charge of the Pacific Coast fleet. When in January, 1923, the C. G. M. M. took over the management of the Canadian National coastal services he was made superintendent engineer of the combined services. In 1927 he was transferred to Montreal as general superintendent engineer in charge of the engine department of the entire eastern fleet and stayed there until June 1932, when he returned to Vancouver as acting general superintendent in charge of both deck and engine departments. In September the same year he was placed in full charge of all steamship operations on this coast.

When the Canadian National Steamships was placed under the jurisdiction of the railway in 1933 he was made superintendent of steamships from which position he now retires. It is his intention to continue living on the coast where his family now resides.

Today's Weather

Prince Rupert — Part cloudy, southeast wind, 16 miles per hour; barometer, 30.04; temperature, 52; fairly choppy sea.

Mrs. Sarah Woods, 72, widow of the late Robert J. Woods, pioneer canneryman of the north, passed away yesterday afternoon at 3:45 at the residence of her son, Richard S. Woods, 860 Summit Avenue. She had been in ill health for some time. She was a Princess of the Nishga Nation.

BULLETINS

CITY BLOCK SOLD TODAY
K. E. Benson of the Benson Studio has purchased the business property owned by F. W. Allen on Third Avenue and will be moving in there April 1. He has already rented out the store formerly occupied by M.M. Stephens and he will live upstairs using what is now a beauty parlor for the studio.

SCOTLAND WINS
EDINBURGH—Scotland went into the lead in international rugby tournament today by defeating Ireland 23 to 11 at Murray Field. It was the Green Shirts' second successive defeat, England winning 36 to 11 at Dublin two weeks ago.

ALLEGED SPIES ARRESTED
NEW YORK—Two men and a woman, arrested as spy suspects by federal agents, were taken before United States Commissioner Charles Cotter today and are held on \$25,000 bonds each on espionage charges. Federal Bureau of Investigation heads announce that more arrests are in prospect.

NORTH HAS IT VERY MILD
WINNIPEG — Throughout the West unusually mild weather prevails and everywhere it feels like spring. At Fort Smith in the Northwest Territories it was 48 above yesterday, four degrees higher than in New Orleans.

BIG FISH TAKEN
MOUNT LEHMAN — A 767-pound sturgeon, the largest to be landed in ten years, was taken from the Fraser River near here yesterday. It had become entangled in a salmon net. The biggest sturgeon ever taken from the river was one weighing more than 1000 pounds over a decade ago.

Big Rally Of Veterans Hears Colonel Foster

VANCOUVER, Feb. 26: (CP)—Chief Constable W. W. Foster of Vancouver, newly elected president of the Dominion Command of the Canadian Legion, was the principal speaker at a rally of the provincial command in the Moose Hall here last night. One thousand veterans were in attendance.

Montreal Has Stubborn Fire

MONTREAL, Feb. 26: (CP)—An apartment block and two other buildings were destroyed by a stubborn fire last night. It took the fire department two hours to bring the conflagration under control. There were no injuries.

Weather Forecast

General Synopsis—The pressure continues high over Southern British Columbia and rain has occurred over the Queen Charlotte Islands, accompanied by mild weather.

Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands — Fresh southeast winds, mostly cloudy and mild with showers.

West Coast of Vancouver Island — Moderate to fresh southeast winds, part cloudy and continuing mild.

Miss Jane Potts R.N. of the Prince Rupert General Hospital nursing staff sailed last night on the Princess Adelaide for a trip to Vancouver and Vancouver Island.

Complete Agreement Reached By Entire Halibut Fleet On Curtailment Plans For Year

At the three-day conference which concluded yesterday afternoon, representatives of halibut boat owners and fishermen of Seattle, Vancouver, Prince Rupert, Ketchikan, Petersburg and Juneau, principal halibut fishing ports of the Pacific Coast, unanimously arrived at a mutual agreement on voluntary curtailment measures for the 1938 season in the interests of fish conservation and price stabilization. Arrangements agreed upon by the conference included distribution of departure of vessels for the banks immediately after the opening of the season in order to prevent bunching, the lay-over periods between trips and the quotas per man per boat. Certain changes were made from the regulations of 1937.

The conference, which had commenced on Wednesday afternoon and concluded late yesterday afternoon and the delegates have since left among those extending entertainment and hospitality to the delegates during their stay were the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co. Royal Fish Co., Dr. J. H. Carsor and others.

George Anderson, agent of the Deep Sea Fishermen's Union at Prince Rupert, presided over the conference and H. M. Daggett, secretary of the Canadian Halibut Vessel Owners' Association, acted as secretary.

The principal voluntary curtailment regulations for the season, summarized, are as follows:

Spreading Departures

Departure of Area 2 vessels will be on the alphabetical system. The fleet will be split up into four groups over a period of ten days. The first group will leave so as to be on the banks by April 1, operating date. Intervals of about two and a half days will elapse between groups.

Area 3 boats will be spread over a fifteen day period according to the order in which they tied up at the close of the 1937 season.

Quota Limits

Limits will be as follows:
Area 3—3500 pounds per man per trip, both American and Canadian vessels.
Area 2—2500 pounds per man per trip when landed at Seattle American; 2800 pounds per man per trip when landed in British Columbia or Alaska by both American and Canadian vessels.

Lay-up—All vessels shall lay up thirteen days between first and second trip and twelve days between second and third trips and ten days between remaining trips.

Overages

All vessels will be permitted to weigh out and retain without penalty a leeway of 100 pounds per man per trip above the normal limits. Vessels weighing out over this leeway shall have added to their lay-up one day for each 500 pounds or part thereof of such excess not to exceed 100 pounds per man. Such excess may be turned over to the halibut overage fund. The remainder must be served for at the prescribed rate.

Shortages and Delays

All vessels fishing in Area 3 having trips of less than the limit will receive credit on the lay-up immediately following consisting of one day for each 200 pounds per man per trip of shortage.

Vessels in Area 2 will receive one day credit for each 150 pounds per man per trip of shortage.

These credits will be given only for the trips that the shortage occurred requiring at least 16 days for Area 3 and 10 days in Area 2. If the trips required less than this time the credits will be reduced by the number of trips fewer than sixteen days in Area 3 and fewer than 10 days in Area 2 that are required.

Regarding liver prices, it is being recommended to organizations that it is not expected that a

Tomorrow's Tides

High	11:40 a.m.	19.2 ft.
Low	5:50 a.m.	8.4 ft.
	18:20 p.m.	4.8 ft.

LISTING OF ORIENTALS

Captain Macgregor Macintosh Has Another Suggestion For Keeping Track of Japanese Activities

VANCOUVER, Feb. 26: (CP)—As a solution of British Columbia's "urgent Japanese problem," Captain Macgregor Macintosh, Conservative M. L. A. for the Islands, last night recommended that every alien in Canada be compelled to carry on his or her person at all times registration papers listing name, residence and occupation. Captain Macintosh said that the province's new Department of Trade and Industry would justify itself if it made a complete survey of Oriental activities on the Pacific Coast.

General Pershing Is Sinking Fast

Looks Like End Is Near For American Soldier Suffering From Cardiac Rheumatism

TUCSON, Arizona, Feb. 26: (CP)—General John J. Pershing, wartime commander-in-chief of the United States Army in France, was rapidly sinking last night. He was placed in an oxygen tent and other emergency measures were resorted to. Earlier in the day he had come out of a coma and had rallied somewhat. However, he soon began to lose ground again. General Pershing is suffering from a heart condition complicated by rheumatism.

Old Country Soccer

- Scottish League—First Division**
Arbroath, 2; Morton, 2.
Celtic, 5; St. Mirren, 1.
Dundee, 6; St. Johnstone, 1.
Falkirk, 2; Partick Thistle, 1.
Hearts, 2; Hamilton Academicals, 1.
Kilmarnock, 2; Clyde, 1.
Motherwell, 1; Hibernians, 0.
Queen of South, 1; Queens Park Rangers, 2; Aberdeen, 2.
Third Lanark, 2; Ayr United, 2.
English League—First Division
Birmingham, 2; Sunderland, 2.
Charlton Athletic, 1; Brentford, 0.
Chelsea, 1; Blackpool, 3.
Grimsby Town, 4; Huddersfield Town, 2.
Leeds United, 4; Everton, 4.
Liverpool, 0; Wolverhampton Wanderers, 1.
Middlesbrough, 4; Derby County, 2.
Portsmouth, 0; Arsenal, 0.
Preston North End, 2; Bolton Wanderers, 2.
Stoke City, 3; Manchester City, 2.
West Bromwich Albion, 1; Leicester City, 3.

higher price will be paid for livers than was received in 1937.

Delegates Leave

Seattle and Vancouver delegates sailed by the Princess Adelaide last night on their return south. Alaska delegates left immediately after the conference aboard the halibut schooners Middleton and Atlas on their return north.