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Hitler's Forces On March Again

TURN DOWN VANCOUVER

No Financial Help Forthcoming From Provincial Government In Civic Crisis

VICTORIA, March 14: (CP) — Mayor Lyle Telford and Vancouver city council delegation which came to Victoria seeking financial assistance from the provincial government in the effort to obviate imposing an increase in city taxation failed in its mission yesterday.

Meeting Premier T. D. Pattullo, the delegation, stating that the city faced a deficit of $670,000, requested more assistance in connection with hospitalization and relief.

Premier Pattullo said that the government was short of funds for its own necessary work and that, if Vancouver needed more money, it would have to tax for it.

ARCHBISHOP LOSES SON

Flying Officer Adam DePencier Of Vancouver Killed in Royal Air Force

LONDON, March 14: (CP)—Flying officer Adam DePencier, son of Archbishop A. U. DePencier of Vancouver, lost his life yesterday when a Royal Air Force seaplane, in which he was flying solo, plummeted into the sea near Abbotsford. The body was not recovered.

Quints Having Special Train

Elaborate Arrangements Are Being Made For Trip To Toronto To See King and Queen

CALLANDER, Ontario, March 14: (CP)—A special train will carry the Dionne quintuplets when they travel on May 22 from Callander to Toronto to be presented to King George and Queen Elizabeth. It will be the first trip away from Callander of the world famous sisters who will be five years old on May 28.

TRIP FOR AGED VET

Canadian Legion To Take 103-Year Old Ex-service Man To See King

NORTH BATTLEFORD, Sask., March 14: (CP)—Thomas Swain of North Battleford, Canada's oldest war veteran, will go to Saskatoon to see the King. He is 103 years old and served against Louis Riel in the northwest rebellion.

The centenarian's trip to Saskatoon is being sponsored by the Canadian Legion.

John Swain, 72-year old son, said yesterday that he saw no difficulty in the way of his father going.

Bracken Going To Montreal Parley On Farm Markets

WINNIPEG, March 14: (CP)—Premier John Bracken of Manitoba will represent the prairie provinces at a Canadian farm marketing conference to be held this month in Montreal. Mr. Bracken is scheduled to speak on March 28.

Bulletins

DEFINITELY IDENTIFIED

Wreckage of a boat recently found on the west coast of Price Island in Milbank Sound has been definitely identified as being that of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Russick who sailed from Port Alexander, Alaska, in a small launch last November for Seattle and have not been heard of since. It is conceded that Mr. and Mrs. Russick perished although no trace has been found of their bodies.

"S.O.S." SENT OUT

CHATHAM, Mass.—An "S.O.S." message from a ship giving the name Belnor, tentatively identified as a Norwegian motorship sailed from Vancouver Christmas Day, has been picked up by the radio marine station here. The Vessel gives its position as 6700 miles east of Cape Henry, Virginia.

SEEKING AGREEMENT

TOKYO— The Japanese government is seeking through its minister at Moscow to reach a new agreement in regard to Japanese fishing rights off the Island of Sakhalien and the coast of Siberia. Thirty Russian submarines are reported to be patrolling the area.

CONFERRING AGAIN

NEW YORK— Conferences of C.I.O. and American Federation of Labor leaders with a view to bringing about industrial peace in the United States, as demanded by President Roosevelt, are being resumed here tonight.

CLEAN UP ELECTIONS

Reforms In Connection With Campaign Expenditures, Providing For Publicity, Proposed At Ottawa

OTTAWA, March 14: (CP)—Hon. G. C. Power, minister of pensions and national health, yesterday proposed in Parliament that a special committee be set up to study methods of decreasing election campaign expenses. Studies would be based on machinery of the last two elections. Under Mr. Power's plan it would be required to publicize in detail how funds are raised and how spent and the amounts would be limited in each constituency. The object was to avoid extravagant campaign expenditure, Mr. Power said.

Mr. Power also proposed that redistribution should be considered every ten years by the committee. He desires a more equitable distribution of House of Commons representatives.

The House adopted a Co-operative Commonwealth Federation amendment to consider methods of enabling lumbermen, miners, fishermen and seamen who are away from their constituencies at election time to cast ballots.

Weather Forecast

General Synopsis— Pressure is falling off the coast and unsettled weather continues throughout British Columbia with showers on the coast and scattered snowfalls in the interior.

Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands—Fresh easterly winds, becoming strong, part cloudy, moderately cold with some light rain or sleet.

West Coast of Vancouver Island—Fresh southeast wind becoming strong, cloudy and cool with showers.

LAUNCH BRITAIN'S NEWEST SUBMARINE

The Union Jack at her bow, the white ensign of the Imperial navy at her stern and her fleet flag amidships, the new British submarine H. M. S. Sterlet, is pictured a few minutes after she had slid into the water at Chatham dockyards. The Sterlet was sponsored by Mrs. C. B. Talbot, wife of Vice-Admiral Talbot, director of naval dockyards. The launching of the craft completes the class of 12 quick-diving submarines built since 1930.

TAX LEVY REDUCED

In 1938 It Was Lowest In History Of City, Compilation Of Figures Shows

The 1938 tax levy of $142,734.50 in Prince Rupert was the lowest in the city's history, according to a compilation of figures since incorporation which was on the desk of City Commissioner W. J. Alder this morning. There has been a very substantial scaling down in the tax levy since 1932 when it amounted to $265,395.83, the commissioner pointed out.

The peak year in city tax levy was 1920 when it amounted to $274,489.28. In the years 1911 and 1912, immediately after incorporation, the tax levies were $137,021.57 and $270,120.45 respectively.

The figures do not deal with local improvement taxation.

NEW RECORD ATTENDANCE

School Population In British Columbia Double What It Was Twenty Years Ago

VICTORIA, March 14: (CP) — Hon. Dr. George M. Weir, minister of education, announces that the school population of British Columbia last year reached a new high mark of 120,000 which was 2000 higher than the year previous and double that of twenty years ago.

Quarter Million Construction In Calgary Planned

CALGARY, March 14: (CP) — With provincial and federal assistance, the city of Calgary is planning a $250,000 construction program, it is announced.

Threaten Minister

VICTORIA, March 14: (CP) —Hon. Dr. George M. Weir, Provincial secretary, made it known yesterday that he had been in receipt of threatening letters advising him to stop his campaign against vice conditions in British Columbia. He was paying no attention to the letters, Dr. Weir said.

TODAY'S WEATHER

Prince Rupert—Overcast, light westerly wind; barometer, 30.15 (rising); temperature, 30; sea smooth.

Triple Island — Overcast, east northeast wind, three miles per hour; sea smooth.

Langara Island— Light snow; easterly wind, 20 miles per hour; barometer, 30.00; temperature, 33; sea choppy.

Dead Tree Point — Overcast, northeast wind, ten miles per hour; barometer, 30.05; temperature, 34; sea choppy.

Bull Harbor—Overcast, southeast wind, 15 miles per hour; barometer, 36; sea smooth.

Alert Bay—Overcast, southeast wind, 10 miles per hour; barometer, 30.29; temperature, 36; sea choppy.

Estevan—Cloudy, south wind, 10 miles per hour; barometer, 30.20.

Victoria — Raining, southeast wind, eight miles per hour; barometer, 30.28.

Vancouver — Cloudy, easterly wind, eight miles per hour; barometer, 30.28.

Prince George—Clear, northerly wind, four miles per hour; barometer, 30.40.

Terrace—Snowing, strong north wind, temperature 14.

Aiyansh—Cloudy, calm, 14.

Alice Arm—Clear, calm, 19.

Anyox—Cloudy, northeast wind, 18.

Stewart—Clear, north wind, 16.

Hazelton—Cloudy, east wind, 11.

Smithers—Snowing, east wind, 4.

Burns Lake—Snowing, calm, zero.

Reich Troops March Across Czech Frontier As Slovakia Declares Its Independence

Soon There Will Be Little Left of Post-War Republic—German "Rights" and Demands Are Insisted Upon By Der Feuhrer

BRITAIN NOT OBLIGATED

LONDON, March 14: (CP)— Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain told the House of Commons today that there were no circumstances in Czechoslovakia compelling Great Britain to implement the guarantee of Czech frontiers as imposed at Munich. Chamberlain said that any guarantee was "against unprovoked aggression against Czech frontiers and no such aggression had taken place."

PRAGUE, March 14: (CP)—The hand of Chancellor Adolf Hitler of Germany has again fallen heavily on Czechoslovakia. Today, at his behest, the Parliament of Slovakia declared its complete independence of the Czechs. At the same time troops of the Reich marched into Czechoslovakia on the pretext of protecting Germans from ill-treatment and occupied a border town. Two hundred thousand German troops were reported massed on the Czech frontier poised for further occupation unless the Czech government immediately grants Germany's "rights" and demands which is was expected it would do without resistance.

Detachments of German artillery, cavalry and searchlight batteries, with full field equipment, left Leitmieritz in German Sudetenland today moving in the direction of Liboch on the Czecho-German frontier.

Germany's demands included that the two remaining anti-Nazi members of the Czech government, one of whom is the former Premier Jan Sirovy, be removed forthwith.

With the secession of Slovakia, all that will be left of Czechoslovakia will be a small portion surrounding Prague. The Czech government today announced formal dissolution of the federal Czecho-Slovak state following the declaration of Slovak independence.

The republic created at Versailles collapsed after nearly six months of disintegration following the Munich accord where the nation was partitioned in order to keep peace in Europe. Earlier the Czech cabinet had resigned. The government announcement was the first official notice the Czechs had of the new situation.

Slovakia declared independence under assurances of protection from Hitler.

Hungarian Ultimatum

Hungary has sent an ultimatum to the Prague government demanding evacuation of Carpatho-Ukraine (Ruthenia) by all Czech troops.

The Budapest action followed reports that fighting had occurred at several points on the Hungarian-Carpatho-Ukraine frontier between Hungarian and Czecho-Slovak troops. The ultimatum demands immediate release of all Hungarian prisoners in Carpatho-Ukraine, immediate end to "persecution" of Hungarians and weapons to be given immediately to Hungarian "self-defence formations in Carpatho-Ukraine."

At Chust in Carpatho-Ukraine an uprising of the Sitch Guard, outlawed Ukrainian organization, was suppressed by the government. Bratislava reports said that forty had been killed.

The independence vote by the Slovakian Parliament today followed Hitler's order yesterday to the deposed Premier Tiso to have the Parliament meet forthwith to decide whether or not it wanted independence. This was tantamount to a demand that it declare its independence.

There was severe rioting last night in Bratislava, chief city of Slovakia.

Today's new move on Czechoslovakia marked the first anniversary of Hitler's annexation of Austria.

POLAND IS INCREASING ITS FORCES

German Troops Are Facing Polish Along Frontier Following Occupation of Steel Town

PRAGUE, March 14: (CP)—The Prague office of the famous Wittkowitz iron and steel works at Moraswaska-Ostrava late today said that it had been informed over the telephone by the works manager that German troops had occupied it half an hour previously and had also occupied the town.

Now troops are facing the Poles across the frontier, the message said.

Warsaw reports said that Poland had increased its forces along Poland's border with Carpatho-Ukraine for "protection" of that border.

Berlin reports said that Carpatho-Ukraine had proclaimed independence and appealed to Hitler for protection.

WINTER IS VERY LATE

Unseasonable Conditions From Coast To Coast of Canada—Subzero in Alberta

WINNIPEG, March 14: (CP)—From coast to coast a late winter still hovers over Canada. In Alberta yesterday many highways were blocked with snowdrifts. At Edmonton the temperature was three below zero and fresh snow had fallen to establish a twenty year coerrd for the winter. Owing to the snow, TransCanada Air Lines service between Edmonton and Lethbridge was cancelled. There was also snow and cold weather elsewhere on the prairies, unseasonable conditions extending across Ontario and Quebec and to the Maritimes with a fifty-mile gale at Halifax.

In the United States too weather is unseasonably cold and sixteen deaths were last night attributed to it.

FAIRBANKS MAN LUCKY

Truck Driver Adds Another $1000 To Long List of Cash Winnings

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, March 14: (CP)—Mervin E. Anderson, Fairbanks truck driver, is a lucky man. Dame Fortune continued to smile upon him when he won a pot of $1000 worth of gold at the Fairbanks Ice Carnival yesterday. Two years ago he won $7500 in the pool on the breaking up of ice in the Tenana River and, hardly was the ink dry on that check, when he shared in another ice-breaking pool of $4200. Besides these he has won a number of smaller lotteries and drawings.

ROYAL CITY BURGLARIES

Four Homes Are Broken Into And $200 In Cash Taken—Police On Trail

NEW WESTMINSTR, March 14: (CP)—New Westminster police are seeking a gang of burglars who have been entering homes by use of a knife stuck in door jambs and have netted $200 in four robberies.

New Pension Plan Is Proposed In California House

SACRAMENTO, March 14:—Representative Henry Meehan of Oakland has introduced a bill in the State Legislature which would impose a one percent transaction tax to finance an old age pension plan under which $75 per month would be paid to single men on reaching the age of sixty with $100 for married men.

CONVENTION OF MINING

Asselstine of British Columbia Is Among Speakers At Gathering In Quebec

QUEBEC, March 14: (CP) — Speakers at the opening here yesterday of the convention of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy expressed the opinion that 1939 would be the most prosperous year in the history of Canadian mining.

E. A. Collins, president of the Institute and prominent Ontario operator, pointed out that mineral resources, even of Canada, were not inexhaustible and made a plea for methods of conservation in mining.

Hon. W. J. Asselstine, minister of mines for British Columbia, addressing a banquet last night, told of steps that were being taken in his province, with federal assistance, to interest youths in mining.