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Spanish Loyalists Sue For Peace

NEW CLUES CONSPICUOUS BY L

Investigation of Latest
In London Is Continuing.

LONDON, Feb. 4: (CP)—Investigation of yesterday's explosion in subway stations continues. A further incident yesterday was the receiving of a telephone call by a desk sergeant at Bow Street police station threatening that it would be blown up.

The Parliament buildings were closed to visitors today while police announced the discovery of important clues in the wave of bombings.

The latest bombing today wrecked Torquay Conservative Club headquarters in Devonshire.

Sir Thomas Moore, Conservative, announced that he will introduce a bill to inflict corporal punishment on bombers.

Republican Army Ultimatum

It is officially disclosed that the Home Office is "dealing" with an Irish Republican Army ultimatum served on Foreign Secretary Lord Halifax. The Daily Herald said that a four-day ultimatum for the removal of British troops from all Ireland had been sent to Halifax on January 12, four days before the first bombings.

FOUGHT FOR LOST CAUSE

Veterans of Spanish War Feel
"Gloom" About Outcome

MONTREAL, Feb. 4: (CP)—Two hundred and ninety-two members of the Mackenzie-Papineau Battalion, who disembarked at Halifax yesterday after having been on service in Spain with the government forces, entrained immediately for their homes and arrived here today.

Passing through Saint John, the veterans were given a reception and provided with money, food and clothing. It was the first troop train to be seen there since the close of the Great War.

Major E. Cecil Smith, Toronto, commander of the party, described his charges as being "pretty gloom" about the government's loss of Barcelona and because they had fought for a lost cause.

Nearly all members of the party had been wounded, some more than once. Only Edward Potoin of Edmonton was carried from the boat, the rest marching off. Potoin, paralyzed from the waist down owing to having been shot, said the reason for the fighting was to save Spanish democracy and he would fight again for a similar cause.

Tim Buck There

Among those here to greet the veterans and preside at a reception for them was Tim Buck of Toronto, Communist leader, who with five others, was taken to police headquarters by the anti-Communist squad of the provincial police and questioned for three hours after which all were released. There was a raid upon premises here and a number of papers and documents were seized but no actual arrests were made.

Time for the closing of tenders on the excavation work on the new Dybbavn & Hanson building on Third Avenue at the corner of Fifth Street has been extended until next Tuesday. Meantime work of tearing down the old building is proceeding rapidly and it will soon be entirely demolished.

Board Of Trade Is Coming Here

VANCOUVER, Feb. 4: (CP)—The Vancouver Board of Trade annual excursion this year will take the form of a cruise along the coast as far as Stewart and Premier, including calls at Prince Rupert and other points along the way, it has been decided. The trip will be made in June aboard a chartered steamer.

SPEAKS FOR RAILWAYS

J. D. Healy Addresses Vancouver
Board of Trade on Unfair
Competition From High-
way Traffic

VANCOUVER, Feb. 4.—Responsibility for action to stabilize the transport industry in Canada rests fairly and squarely on the provincial governments who retain jurisdiction over highway transport operation, stated J. D. Healy, special representative of the western vice-president, Canadian National Railways, before the Board of Trade here yesterday.

"It affects the whole of our social and business fabric. On the right solution to a large extent depends the financial security of this country," he said. Motor transport was here to stay and performed services which cannot be duplicated by the railways, he admitted. Its function, however, should be to provide service supplementary to and not competitive with railway service.

"If we traced the real reason for the diversion of traffic from railway to highway we would find it simply a question of freight rates. Service would be secondary," Mr. Healy said. "Apply to the trucking industry the rule of uniform, fixed and known rates available to all and a great deal of this problem will be solved."

As the senior, vital transport service of the country, railways had long been subject to government regulation. That same regulation, considered necessary in the public interest, today exposed the railways to acute competition of highway transport lacking any such control.

The speaker charged that the motor transport had no fixed rate structure, performed its service on a pick and choose basis operated over a donated roadbed and folded up when highway conditions were adverse. It was not a stable industry.

"It is generally conceded that in the deficits incurred in financing provincial highways there is a tremendous sum which is a direct subsidy to commercial users of the highways," said Mr. Healy. Estimates of these annual deficits ranged from 50 to 100 million dollars. If the highway transport industry were assessed with its proper cost for the use of the highway it could not function on its present basis. Emphasizing that royal commissions had found that some sections of the highway transport industry imposed long hours of duty and deplorable wage standards on its employees, the speaker said the situation was tied up with the urgent problem of public safety on the highways where death and disaster were reaping an alarming toll.

"Railways are meeting the changing conditions inevitable in periods of readjustment. Progress would be more rapid if some of these fundamental issues were straightened out," he concluded.

Dead



WM. ATKINSON

Wm. Atkinson, former British Columbia minister of agriculture, was a native of Ontario, having been born at Whitby in 1868. He was educated in the public schools of Whitby and Seaford.

When Hon. S. F. Tolmie was called upon to head the government of British Columbia he invited Mr. Atkinson to his cabinet as Minister of Agriculture. Mr. Atkinson had been elected to the Legislature in July of 1928 for the Chilliwack constituency and was sworn in as a member of the government a month or so later, being re-elected by acclamation.

Alberta House To Sit Again

Variety of Legislation to be Considered at Another Session
Commencing Next
Thursday

EDMONTON, Feb. 4: (CP)—Another session of the Alberta Legislature will open next Thursday. Legislation which the Aberhart government proposes to bring down will have to do with marketing, redistribution, property debts and relief.

Nine Fishermen Lost In Storm

Oystermen Lose Their Lives in
Chesapeake Bay Storm—Six
Were Negroes

BALTIMORE, Maryland, Feb. 4: (CP)—Nine oyster fishermen, six of them negroes, were drowned yesterday when two boats were caught in a storm and sank. Capt. William Bradford, aged 77, oldest Chesapeake Bay oyster fisherman, was one of the drowned.

Germs Escape And Student Is Dead

Outsiders Also Affected by Malady
Emanating From Michigan
State College

EAST LANSING, Michigan, Feb. 4: (CP)—One student of Michigan State College, Arthur Goldberg of Newark, is dead and others have been affected by deadly undulant fever germs believed to have emanated from a college laboratory. Outsiders have also been affected.

Next Thursday the Rotary Club speaker will be Lieut. Col. Christen Junget, a retired senior officer of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police who is a member of the Victoria Rotary Club. His subject will be "Rotary Fellowship as Experienced on a Vagabond Cruise Around the World."

BOMBS IN FIGUERAS

Another Spanish Provisional Capital Appears Doomed to Fall—
Terror Rained From Skies

LOYALISTS ASK PEACE
PERPIGNAN—It was reliably reported today that the Spanish government had asked the British government to enter into secret peace negotiations with the insurgents.

PERPIGNAN, France, Feb. 4: (CP)—Another provisional capital of government Spain appears doomed to fall to the insurgent drive in Catalonia toward the French frontier. Rebel bombing planes for hours rained their deadly cargo upon Figueras yesterday, extensively damaging the refugee-filled city and causing the deaths of an estimated five hundred persons as well as wounding hundreds of others. There were scenes of terror and desolation such as those which were seen a few days ago in Barcelona.

The French consulate building was almost demolished by a direct hit but it was not immediately ascertained whether or not it was occupied at the time.

Evacuation of the civil population from Figueras appears imminent and precautions are being taken to prevent another disorderly rush of refugees across the border into France such as came after the fall of Barcelona.

TWO \$300 FINES ON JAPANESE

George Osawa of Queen Charlotte City Pleads Guilty to Keeping
Liquor for Sale and Bribery

Two fines of \$300 each were imposed upon George Osawa, Queen Charlotte City Japanese, by Judge W. E. Fisher in County Court this morning. One was for keeping liquor for sale and the other for bribery. The fines were paid.

Osawa had been brought up again in County Court on appeal of the crown after having been acquitted by Stipendiary Magistrate A. L. Mallory of Port Clements on the keeping liquor for sale charge. After hearing the crown evidence, he changed his plea from one of not guilty to guilty. Liquor was ordered confiscated.

Accused had at first elected for jury trial on the bribery charge but today re-elected for speedy trial and pleaded guilty. He admitted having tendered \$20 to Provincial Constable L. I. Olsen of Queen Charlotte City in the course of a search of his premises.

T. W. Brown acted as crown counsel while L. W. Patmore K.C. appeared on behalf of Osawa.

Yellowknife Has Official School

Twenty Children Are Enrolled At
New Northern Mining Camp—
Board Is Elected

EDMONTON, Feb. 4: (CP)—The first official school has been opened in the new Yellowknife mining camp. More than twenty children are in attendance. There is an elected school board and the teacher is Douglas Davies of Rouyn, Quebec.

Mr. and Mrs. N. S. K. Brewer and child sailed last night on the Princess Adelaide for a vacation trip to Vancouver. They will be away for three weeks.

Bulletins

POWELL RIVER—James Gold, 18, was killed when an automobile skidded and overturned on an icy road here early today. A companion, John Appleby, suffered serious injuries but eight other occupants of the car were unhurt. There will be an inquest this afternoon.

TWO BOYS MISSING
VICTORIA—All available boats are hunting off Cape Scott for two boys named Frederickson who failed to return Wednesday from a five-mile gasboat trip to Scott Island.

PLANES FROM STATES
LONDON—The Air Ministry announced today that Great Britain will purchase two hundred and fifty war planes in the United States in addition to four hundred already ordered.

MARTIAL LAW IN HUNGARY
BUDAPEST—The government proclaimed martial law throughout the country today after bombing of Budapest's largest synagogue last night.

JOHN BULL IS MIGHTY

Great Britain Rapidly Resuming
Old Strength and Would Be
United in War, Says Halifax

HULL, Eng., Feb. 4: (CP)—Speaking here last night, Lord Halifax, Foreign Secretary, declared that Great Britain was rapidly resuming her old position of superiority in armed strength. He expressed confidence that, in the event of war, Britons would be united to a man.

The British Government, Lord Halifax said, was doing everything possible to bring an end to the Spanish civil war. He again referred to the pledge of Premier Benito Mussolini to withdraw all Italian troops from Spain at the end of the war.

The Spanish civil war and the Sino-Japanese conflict Lord Halifax described as the two greatest stumbling blocks today in the way of improving international relationships.

PREPARING FOR FLOOD

Relief Authorities Getting Ready
For Any Eventuality in Ohio
River Valley

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Feb. 4: (CP)—While no undue alarms are entertained as yet, relief authorities are preparing to meet any flood situation which may arise from steadily mounting waters of the Ohio River following heavy rains of the past few days.

At least five persons, it was reported last night, had lost their lives as a result of the high water.

Sub-zero temperatures with snow and ice brought death, destruction and discomfort to scattered sections of the country today. Twenty deaths were attributed to the weather. Flood waters were reported in Tennessee, Arkansas and West Virginia.

Thomas McCubbin, well known merchant of Pacific and a resident of Prince Rupert in the early days, underwent an operation in the Prince Rupert General Hospital this morning. This afternoon his condition was reported to be favorable.

SNOW IS GENERAL

Blizzard Conditions Prevailing Today Not Only in Prince Rupert
But Throughout District

Snow, which attained blizzard-like proportions in Prince Rupert this morning and was still piling up this afternoon, is general throughout the entire district both in the interior and along the coast, according to weather reports. The forecast is for continued snow or sleet.

Today's weather reports:
Prince Rupert—Snowing, south-east wind, 12 miles per hour; barometer, 29.60 (falling rapidly); temperature, 30; sea moderate.

Triple Island—Overcast, south-east wind, 20 miles per hour; moderate chop.

Langara Island—Snowing, south-east wind, 10 miles per hour; barometer, 29.45; temperature, 30, light swell.

Dead Tree Point—Snowing, southeast wind, 21 miles per hour; barometer, 29.45; temperature, 33; sea choppy.

Bull Harbor—Overcast, easterly wind, five miles per hour; barometer, 29.79; temperature, 33, heavy swell.

Alfort Bay—Overcast, northwest wind, five miles per hour; barometer, 29.94; temperature, 34; sea choppy.

Estevan—Clear, calm; barometer 29.80.

Victoria—Clear, calm; barometer, 29.70.

Vancouver—Clear, westerly wind, fourteen miles per hour; barometer, 29.72.

Prince George—Cloudy, northerly wind, four miles per hour; barometer, 29.88.

Hazelton—Cloudy, north wind, temperature 5.

Smithers—Cloudy, east wind, 10.

Burns Lake—Light snow, stiff northeast wind, 2 below.

Terrace—Snowing, east wind, 18.

Aiyansh—Snowing, calm, 16.

Alice Arm—Snowing, northwind, 17.

Anyox—Snowing, calm, 17.

Stewart—Light snow, calm, 11.

Haysport—Snowing, calm, four inches new snow.

Weather Forecast

General Synopsis—A moderate depression appears to be approaching the Queen Charlotte Islands and the weather has been moderately cold with light snow in the interior.

Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands—Southeast winds, increasing to strong, becoming slightly milder some snow or sleet before night.

West Coast of Vancouver Island—Moderate to fresh northwesterly winds, part cloudy with not much change in temperature.

NOT MANY SHIPS ON RUN NOW

No Danger of Food Shortage In
Alaska Owing To Strike

SEATTLE, Jan. 4: (CP)—It being the slack season, only four or five ships are affected by the tie-up of Seattle-Alaska steamship service due to members of the Masters, Mates and Pilots Union local walking out in the wage dispute with the steamship operators. Company officials do not express much concern, expressing confidence that the ships will be in operation again by the time the busy summer season arrives. Meantime there is little likelihood of a food shortage in Alaska although fresh fruit and vegetables may become scarce.

When five deck officers went on strike, Northland Transportation Co. cancelled the scheduled sailing of the steamer North Coast.

LONDON IS BLACK OUT

Worst Fog in Years Paralyzes
Traffic by Sea, Land and Air
—No Visibility Whatever

LONDON, Feb. 4: (CP)—London's worst "black out" fog in years today crippled shipping in the Thames River and also disrupted air and bus services. For an area of fifty square miles there was no visibility whatever. One vessel destined for London landed its passengers at Plymouth instead.

AGREEABLE TO INQUIRY

Mackenzie King Favors Further
Airing of Bren Machine Gun
Matter—Asks Members To
Get Facts First

OTTAWA, Feb. 4: (CP)—Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King has agreed to further inquiry into the Bren machine gun contracts but suggests that members, when the matter comes up in the House for debate next week, endeavour to ascertain the true facts before expressing opinions. The move for an investigation supplementary to that of Mr. Justice H. H. Davis, who recently reported to the government, was instituted by Grant MacNeill, C. C. F. member for Vancouver North.

Indian Women Are Busy On Costumes For King's Visit

REGINA, Feb. 4: (CP)—Needles of Indian women on Saskatchewan reservations are already beginning to fly as they commence work on colorful costumes which will be used on the occasion of the visit of King George and Queen Elizabeth this summer.

Fire Damage In Victoria Light

VICTORIA, Feb. 4: (CP)—Victoria in January had its smallest fire loss on record for a single month. The fire department announces that fire damage for the month amounted to only \$10.