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First Naval Engagement Of the Chinese Civil War

**Three Northern Cruisers and a Southern Cruiser
Exchange Fire Off Chusan Island—Forts of
the Northern Army and the Nationalist Flag-
ship Joined in the Fight—Further Looting at
Nanking.**

(Special to the Daily Mail by the British United Press)

LONDON, April 18—The first real naval engagement between nationalist and northern ships in China occurred today off Chusan island, an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Hong Kong said.

Three northern cruisers exchanged fire with a southern cruiser. Forts of the northern army manned by troops of Sun Chuan Fang and the Nationalist flagship joined in the fight. The flagship was badly damaged about the waterline, the dispatch said.

Northern forces reached Hochow and further looting has occurred at Nanking, the dispatch added.

SAYS DRY LAW OF N B. HAS BEEN A REAL FAILURE

**Newcastle Bank Man-
ager Gives Out Inter-
view in Halifax—The
Lumber Situation.**

Halifax, April 18—“Government control of liquor in New Brunswick is at least worth a trial,” declared Thomas Clarke, Manager of the Royal Bank of Canada at Newcastle. Mr. Clarke, who was formerly Inspector of the Royal in Halifax, was a guest for a few days at the Queen Hotel. When interviewed by The Halifax Chronicle last night, he said that naturally he could only express his own very personal opinion. He based that opinion upon the observations he had made that the old system of so-called prohibition had been a failure. He pointed out that under the prohibitory system, whereby the Government provided vendors, ostensibly for the sale of liquor only for medicinal purposes, there were 67 vendors in the Province, whereas Quebec, with six times the population of New Brunswick, had under its Government control only 92 vendors. Besides there was a small army of inspectors to investigate the vendors. The new law proposed very stringent regulations to enforce it, and to provide against infringement of the law such as bootlegging and illegal sale.

Asked with regard to the general conditions in northern New Brunswick, Mr. Clarke said that the lumber industry was more or less in a period of transition from the manufacture of long lumber, which had engaged numerous lumber mills all over the country, to the manufacture of pulp and paper. In this latter, power and capital were very important requisites, and Mr. Clarke said he might add, “faith of the people of the Maritime Provinces in the resources of their country.” Mr. Clarke then incidentally pointed out that whereas there were very few new industrial flotations within the Maritime Provinces, there were numerous large industries being established in other parts of Canada, and securities of which were finding a large sale in the Maritime Provinces.

Died After Long Illness.

Mr. and Mrs. William A. VanWart and family have the sympathy of their numerous friends in the death of their little son Asa William VanWart which occurred Sunday night at their home, 318 Brunswick street. Death was due to leucaemia which was of long duration. About a fortnight ago illness confined the little boy to his bed. Besides the parents, and the grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Asa VanWart of this city a brother and sister Jack and Mary, survive. The funeral will take place Tuesday. Rev. Dr. Sutherland will conduct service at the house at 2.30 and the funeral will leave at 2.45. Interment will be in Rural Cemetery.

To Wed in Montreal.

Miss May Doohan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Doohan formerly of this city but now residing in Montreal will be married to James Buckley also of Montreal tomorrow morning at St. Willibrod's church in that city. After a wedding trip to New York and other American cities they will reside in Montreal.

Roof Fire This Morning.

The firemen were called by a still alarm this morning for a roof fire at the home of Fred Rowan, Needham street.

LABOR MEN DO NOT WANT WAR WITH CHINA

**Pledge Themselves Not
to Fight or Make
Munitions**

**RESOLUTION
ADOPTED**

**Important Conference is
Being Held at Lei-
cester, G. B.**

(Special to the DAILY MAIL by the British United Press)

Leicester, England April 18—Thirty thousand British laboring men were pledged by the Independent Labor party conference today to refuse to fight, to manufacture or to transport munitions in the event that the powers go to war against China. The party conference in session passed a resolution to that effect.

LOOTING IS GOING ON AT CONCESSION

**Began at Wuhu with the
Arrival of an Undisci-
plined Nationalist
Army.**

(Special to the Daily Mail by British United Press)

London April 18—Looting was reported in the British Concession at Wuhu today, an Exchange Telegraph dispatch said today.

The dispatch said that the looting coincided with the arrival at Wuhu of the seventh division of the Nationalist Army which was “Entirely undisciplined”. The foreign recreation club was said to have been damaged considerably. The military were alleged to have commanded shops and houses in the native quarters and most of the foreign owned buildings as billets for the troops which numbered approximately 20,000.

CALDWELL MAY BE THE CANDIDATE

Ottawa, April 17—Many important questions remain to be dealt with by the federal government during the next few weeks, some of them during the next few days. The first of the post-season cabinet meetings has been called for Tuesday.

The dates for two by-elections must be fixed soon. One is in North Huron, necessitated by the death during the session of John W. King, a Liberal-Progressive, and the other is in Carleton-Victoria, N. B., necessitated by the death during the session of Hon. J. K. Flemming. In the former case there is likely to be a three-cornered contest with the chances of victory fairly evenly divided amongst the three contenders, while in the New Brunswick seat it is probable that T. W. Caldwell, who was the only Progressive east of the Ottawa River, and who occupied the seat during the fourteenth parliament, is likely to run as a Liberal or as a Liberal-Progressive.

Of interest particularly to the Maritime Provinces will be the early appointment of the Halifax and Saint John harbor commissions and of the deputy minister of fisheries. The choice for the latter lie between W. A. Found, director of fisheries in the federal department of marine and fisheries, and J. J. Cowie, chief inspector of fish curing and packing.

Miss Evelyn Blair, of North Devon, is spending a few days in Boiestown visiting friends.

Japan Now Facing a Serious Situation, The Cabinet Resigns

**Privy Council's Refusal to Approve a Loan to Su-
zuki and Company, Limited, the Cause of the
Resignation—Head of Concern is Reputed to
be the World's Wealthiest Woman.**

(Special to the Daily Mail by the British United Press)

TOKIO, April 18—Japan faced a serious financial situation today because of the resignation of the cabinet of Premier Wakatsuki and the closing for three weeks of the important Taiwan bank. The cabinet resigned because the privy council refused to approve a government loan to Suzuki and Company, Limited, which recently deferred payment of a large loan pending reorganization. Suzuki and Company is headed by Mme. Suzuki reputed to be the world's wealthiest woman.

R. W. LINDSAY'S GROCERY GUTTED AND THE BARKER HOUSE DAMAGED BY EASTER DAY FIRE

**Blaze Burst Out From
Unknown Cause in the
Cellar of Grocery —
Ate its Way Through
Into Hotel in Places—
Heavy Smoke Damage
in Hotel—Heavy Loss
in Grocery Stock.**

The Fredericton Fire Department Sunday night at an early hour fought a stubborn blaze which did damage in the Barker House block estimated at five or six thousand dollars. The same building had a less serious fire about a year ago. Sunday's fire broke out in a different spot and got greater headway.

The grocery store of R. W. Lindsay in premises occupied for many years by the Whelpley business received serious damage the extent of which is not yet known. The store was badly gutted and the stock damaged very extensively by fire, smoke and water. The Barker House suffered chiefly from smoke which was very dense and which penetrated all parts of the hotel. There also was some fire damage as the flames ate their way through partitions and floors in several places.

Appraiser at Work Today.

Ald. Moses Mitchell was at work today appraising the damage done to the building. The adjuster on the building is expected Tuesday. Appraising of damage to the stock of Mr. Lindsay also is to be made at once.

S. L. C. Coleman proprietor of the Barker House said today that insurance to the amount of \$20,000 was carried on the building which would cover all damage. R. W. Lindsay also was covered on his stock and store fixtures.

Burning Fiercely When Noticed.

The fire had great headway when noticed coming into the main floor of the hotel. An alarm from box 31 brought the firemen and three lines of hose from three different hydrants were soon laid. The worst feature of the fire was the dense smoke. The woodwork of the building and the burning material in the grocery combined to set up great clouds which soon poured from every window. From the cellar the fire spread to the main part of the grocery and also got into a cloak room of the Barker House as well. Under the main stairway of the hotel the fire had a particularly stubborn hold

and was hard to strike with water. Worked Up Partitions.

The flames worked their way up the partitions but the construction of the building although it is an old one, made the progress slow. Heavy thickness of deafening beneath the floors and diagonal braces in the walls checked the fire but wherever they had been out through for installation of plumbing the fire worked its way. Four rooms of the hotel received fire damage and flooring and walls also were damaged in search for fire.

The plate glass windows of the store and its interior were destroyed. Fixtures also suffered heavily and the stock was largely of a nature to be a total loss. At the rear, stock in storage did not seem to suffer as much as in the main store.

The fire attracted a huge number of people who were kept back by the lines stretched by the Salvage Corps.

Death of Well Known Citizen.

Peter Darlington a well known resident of Fredericton died Sunday afternoon at the home of William Darlington, 213 Charlotte street, after a long illness. The deceased was aged seventy-two years. For many years he was employed at teamster. One brother Enoch survives. The funeral will take place Tuesday afternoon with service by Rev. G. C. Warren at 2.30. Interment will be made in the Rural Cemetery.

Divorce Court Tomorrow.

The New Brunswick Court of Divorce and Matrimonial Causes, Mr. Justice Crocket presiding, will open its regular term in the County Court House Tuesday morning. The Court House is used because of the fact that the Appeal Division, Supreme Court, is in session also. Sixteen cases are on the divorce docket of which twelve are new cases. This is a very heavy docket.

Douglas Zwicker aged four years, son of Otto Zwicker of Andover, while at play with other children Saturday pierced the ball of his left eye with scissors. He was brought by motor to Victoria Hospital in this city Easter Day and an operation was performed successfully immediately after his arrival. It is announced that the sight of the eye is probably saved.

Miss Margaret Bowlen who spent Easter with her parents here returned to Montreal today.

DEVON AND BARKER'S POINT ARE ACTIVE

(Special to The Daily Mail.)

Devon, April 18—With election day only one day off the excitement is running high in different sections, with both tickets expecting to win.

A large number of cars passed through Devon yesterday. The fine weather is bringing out the joy riders but the gravel on the roads has made it very dusty.

All the church services were well attended yesterday. The churches were beautifully decorated with cut flowers and potted plants. At the Baptist church Rev. D. C. Kaine preached both services. A feature of the morning was the awarding of three prizes to three little girls who knew the Bible lesson taught at Barker's Point a few weeks before. Bessie Hughes, Helen Rice and Willie Staples were presented with three pretty little pictures by the pastor. In the evening the text was in “Fellowship with Jesus Christ”. At the close of the service two received the rite of baptism.

Edward Harris and William Shephard are having two dwelling houses erected at Barker's Point on land leased from Harry Barker.

The Barker's Point Soft Ball team are beginning to wake up and it is only a matter of a few days before a

5-YEAR-OLD ENDS TRIP FROM AUSTRIA

Chicago, April 18—Clutching in a tiny hand a small brown satchel, Andreas Tschida, a globe-trotter at the age of 5, has reached the end of his unescorted journey from Austria.

Andreas, who got into the newspapers on his arrival in this country because of the trouble he put Ellis island officials to in determining his right to enter, was met at the railroad station last night by his mother, Mrs. Amelia Goldstein, who whisked him to the home where he saw for the first time his half brothers—George, 3, and Henry, 2—children of his mother by a second marriage.

Ellis island officers tried for three hours to induce Andreas to display his passports, but the lad obeyed to the letter his grandmother's warning to hold tight to his possessions. The passport papers finally were found sewed in the lining of his coat.

Mr. E. T. Langille, traveller for the De Laval Cream Separator Company returned on Saturday from a successful business trip to the eastern part of the province.

snappy team will be organized, which will meet all comers. The boys are to lease a ball field for the season.

PEKING FOREIGN LEGATIONS TAKE EXTRA PRECAUTIONS AGAINST POSSIBLE OUTBREAKS

Panic Which Was Noticeable in the American Colony Last Week Has Subsided—U. S. Marines Have Prepared a Barbed Wire Fence on Top of the City Wall.

(Special to the Daily Mail by the British United Press)

PEKING, April 18—Foreign legations were taking special defence precautions today against possible anti-foreign violence. The panic noticeable a week ago among the American colony here has largely subsided but concrete evidence of fear of foreign officials that trouble might come were visible in the legation quarters.

United States marines, permanently attached as guard to the American legation, have prepared a barbed wire fence across the top of the city wall which forms the southern boundary of the legation quarter and emplacements have been prepared which would be suitable for gun-mounts on top of the wall.

AN ELEVATED SENTRY

The British legation has stationed an armed sentry in an elevated position whence he can look over the boundary wall between the legation and the Soviet Russian embassy compound.

This greatly amused the Russians who announced they would station a Russian sentry opposite the Englishman to afford the latter company. Russian Charge D'Affaires Chernykh will accompany the last of the Russian Embassy staff to Moscow tomorrow leaving only a few consular officials here.