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British and U. S. Warships Fired on by Chinese Troops

Shooting Took Place on the Yangtze River According to an Admiralty Communique—British Ships Replied With Their Main Batteries and Soon Silenced the Chinese Riflemen—Twenty Radicals Executed in Canton.

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

LONDON, April 25—Chinese troops fired on the United States Ship Peary and on two British warships in the Yangtze River today, an admiralty communique said. The Peary was fired on from Futung bluff, near Kiukiang, which has been a trouble centre for many weeks.

H. M. S. Keppel, and Wolsey replied with their main batteries to rifle fire from the south bank of the river the communique said, both above and below Chinkiang. The British fire soon silenced the riflemen. No casualties on the ships were reported.

Radicals Were Executed

Twenty radicals, including two young girls who were with them, have been executed following renewal of communistic activities in Canton, according to the Hongkong correspondent of the Daily Express.

Attempts to overthrow the government by creating discord among the troops were preceded by circulation of quantities of seditious literature. An attempt by the radical element to cause a general strike was unsuccessful due to the vigilance of the authorities.

EXECUTIONER SAYS BUSINESS RATHER BAD

Paris, April 25—Auguste Deibler, France's official executioner is discontented because too many death penalties are commuted. He wants more heads to fall or he wants more per head.

He and two of his assistants called on Premier Poincare recently with their grievances. Poincare could not promise more heads but he hoped he could find more money or the headsmen.

Deibler gets a very small salary but a premium for each execution. Recently he complained there were eight headless months. He said his organization could not live unless there were more or better paid deaths.

Deibler is the man, looking much like Mephistopheles pointed beard and all, who presses the button that releases the spring that lets fall the triangular knife on the necks of the condemned, stretched in the machine invented for the French revolution. The guillotine is set up after midnight by the light of candle lanterns just as 100 years ago. The executions are at faint dawn.

STATE OF SEIGE IS DECLARED IN LITHUANIA

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

Stockholm, Sweden, April 25—A state of siege has been declared in Kovno, Lithuania, because of Communist activity, the Dagbladet's correspondent there reported today.

The Communists have distributed hand bills urging the populace to overthrow the Government, the correspondent said.

W. D. Brown of St. John is a guest at the Queen.

A. Lawrence of Montreal is registered at the Queen today.

REVENUE OF THE DOMINION WILL BENEFIT

Ottawa, April 24—Several million dollars of extra revenue promises to come into the Dominion treasury this year because of Ontario establishing a system of Government sale of liquor. To a smaller degree there will be an extra revenue from New Brunswick, where a similar business is being embarked upon.

The customs tax on imported liquor is \$10 a gallon. This goes to the Dominion treasury, and is equivalent to \$2.50 for cash Imperial quart of liquor which is consumed. Efforts to reduce the tax, through favored by all the liquor dealing provinces, have been without avail.

As Premier Ferguson anticipated a profit of \$7,000,000 on Ontario's adventure this year, it is quite apparent that the federal revenues will incidentally be swelled a very considerable degree, although no very accurate estimate of it can be made.

NOSEGAYS MAY AGAIN COME INTO FASHION

New York, April 25—Women may soon return to the old custom of carrying flowers. It is not so long ago that it was the height of fashion for women on the street to bedeck themselves with posies. But in the present day rush, the custom seems to have been somewhat discontinued.

But now Lady Mendl, the former Elsie DeWolfe, always a fashion leader, has started a movement for the revival of the pretty custom. Her lead in fashions has always been followed to a great extent, and it is believed her example in this custom may soon be generally observed.

C. R. Garnett of St. John is registered at the Windsor.

Jas. A. Street of Halifax is at the Windsor.

A NEW TRAIN SERVICE ON C.N.R. IS ANNOUNCED

Will Operate Between Toronto and Vancouver on a 93 Hour Schedule.

(Special to The Daily Mail.)

Montreal, Que., April 25—An important extension of Canadian National Railways passenger service between eastern Canada and the Pacific Coast, as announced today by H. H. Melanson, General Passenger traffic manager of the Canadian National system. Under a new schedule which becomes effective June 24th, from Toronto and June 27th from Vancouver, trains No. 3 and No. 4 now operating between Winnipeg and Toronto only, under the name of "The National" will operate between Toronto and Vancouver on a 93 hour schedule westbound, and 91 hours and 10 minutes schedule east-bound.

It was announced also that in honor of Canada's Diamond Jubilee, the trains under the new service will bear the title of "The Confederation", these trains will operate with the latest type all-steel equipment, including tourist and standard sleepers, dining cars and radio equipped observation, library cars and have proven very popular with passengers between Toronto and western Canada points since their inception. On the new schedule, the trains will carry a mountain observation car between Kamloops and Vancouver and will thus provide passengers with the opportunity of seeing the beauties of the famous Fraser River enroute.

EX PREMIER OF G. B. IS ILL IN PHILADELPHIA

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

Philadelphia, Pa., April 25—Ramsay MacDonald, leader of the British Labor party and former Premier of England, "spent a comfortable night and was much improved" it was said at the Jefferson Hospital, where he is confined with a sore throat and cold today.

SHEDIAC HEN PRODUCES LARGE EGGS

Shediac, April 24—Benjamin P. LeBlanc, a Main street business man, has on his premises an exhibit which is a reminder of an incident in one of the voyages of Sinbad the Sailor of Arabian Nights fame. The exhibit consists of two immense eggs, not quite so large, however, as Sinbad found in the vale of diamonds, or one which the royal spouse of Aladdin desired the genie to bring to her marvelous palace in old Cathay. Mr. LeBlanc's eggs are not laid by a rock, however, but by one of his plump Plymouth Rock pullets, which never laid before, and her tri-weekly performance is astounding him and his neighbors. The pullet's first two eggs weigh together just half a pound. Measured the longest way around each requires eight inches of the tape-line. One is 3 1/4 inches in length and the other three. Mr. LeBlanc is eagerly "lamping" the nest of his remarkable bird.

SOCIALISTS MADE GAIN IN ELECTIONS

Bitter Fight at the Polls in Austria Ended Yesterday.

MUCH INTEREST
MANIFESTED

Eighty Per Cent of the Electors Went to the Polls.

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

Vienna, April 25—Socialists claimed a gain of five seats in Parliament on the basis of returns early today from yesterday's general elections.

The campaign was a bitter fight between United Social Democrats and the Christian Socialist Government. So much interest was aroused by the battle fought on a straight issue of socialism versus capitalism that 87 per cent of the electorate went to the polls.

FRESHET AT STANDSTILL IN MAIN RIVER

Driving on Some Oromocto Waters is Hard—Weather Cold and Rain Generally Light.

The freshet in the Saint John River today is believed to be at its height and a fall in the level of the water is expected. At Victoria Mill the gauge this morning showed a level of seventeen feet six inches above extreme mid-summer level with the level steady. The cool weather during the week-end and the fact that the rains Saturday were local in character although heavy, tend to create the opinion that the extreme height of water has been reached. Heavy rains would be needed to keep the river at its present level. The stream-drivers want no rain just now as the pitch of water in the streams and brooks is very satisfactory.

Hard Driving on Oromocto.

An exception to that general condition is on part of the Oromocto waters where drives of the River Valley Lumbering Co. with mill at Oromocto are having hard times the snow having wasted early and the rains having been very light. On other Oromocto waters conditions have been better and drives for the mill of Fraser Companies Limited at Pride's Landing near Fredericton Junction are expected to be safe in three days.

On the Nashwaaksis.

Saturday night the drive of The S. Douglass Co. Limited which includes some of the Fraser logs, had passed the Estey Bridge on the Nashwaaksis and was coming along well. On Young's Brook on the Nashwaak driving was good on Friday and Saturday. The logs there also are for the Douglass mill in Devon. That mill will not start on the summer run until late in May an extensive hardwood operation being first to be finished at the mill in Stanley.

Bank logs are expected to be fewer in quantity this season. With few exceptions they are contracted for by the local mills or dealers.

Driving on the Keswick for the E. Burt Lumber Co. began today.

Marked Rise During Week-end.

During the week-end there was a marked rise in the Saint John River. The water came up two and a half feet. At its extreme height this season it was five feet three inches lower than the extreme height of 1923 which was the greatest freshet since 1887 when the water reached the highest point ever known in the history of the river.

It was reported from Shogomoc by

An Exciting Episode Was Pulled off at Long Beach, New York

Paraders on the Board Walk Witnessed Thrilling Capture of a Rum Running Craft—Patrol Boat Fired Shots Across Her Bow—Crew Made for Shore in a Dory and Were Caught.

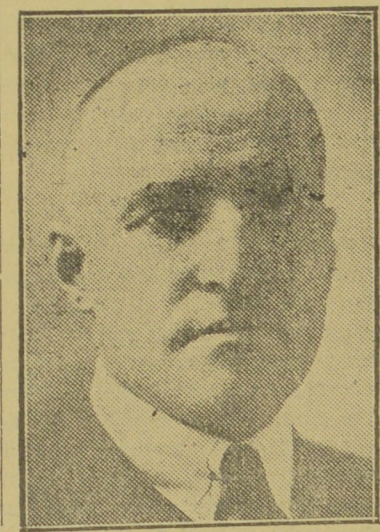
(Special to the Daily Mail by the British United Press)

LONG BEACH, N. Y., April 25—Several hundred paraders on the board walk witnessed a genuine rum running thriller Sunday when a Coast guard patrol boat captured a rum runner less than 100 yards from shore. Quite as in the movies, the one pounders of the patrol boat whammed four shots across the bow of the runner. Seeing capture inevitable the rum boat's crew of three leaped into a dory threw several cases of liquor into it and pulled ashore. Unfortunately for the men, detective Thomas Moore was waiting for them when they landed. Aided by several citizens, the officer captured the alleged rum runners and hurried them away to the police station.

HALIFAX TO WELCOME HON. MR. RALSTON

Halifax, April 24—Plans are under way to extend a military, naval and civic welcome to Colonel the Hon. J. L. Ralston, minister of national defence, who will arrive in Halifax tomorrow night from Yarmouth, his constituency where he has been for several days.

Officers commanding the Naval and Military forces here, the acting premier of Nova Scotia, the mayor, officials of local fraternal orders and organizations and citizens in general, will meet Colonel Ralston at the railroad station and there will be a guard of honor made up of veterans in uniform, many of them members of the Nova Scotia Highland Brigade of which he was an officer overseas.



COL. THE HON. J. L. RALSTON

A band will lead the procession to the Province building where an official welcome will be addressed to the minister after which he will hold a reception in the legislative council chamber. Later he will be the guest of honor at a banquet arranged by a committee of his friends here. Mrs. Ralston will be greeted by a committee of women and will receive a bouquet of flowers. According to present plans the railway station will be decorated as will the Province building and the route of march.

A. H. Finley of St. John is at the Queen.

H. W. Myers of St. John is registered at the Windsor.

telephone this morning that the river had fallen one foot there since the height of the freshet had passed.

SABBATH SCENE OF DEATH AND DESOLATION

Over One Hundred Lives Lost From Floods in the Southern States.

Memphis, Tenn., April 24—A Sabbath scene of death and desolation was presented today over more than 9,000 square miles of the richest lands in Mississippi and Arkansas, as the flood waters of half a dozen mighty streams continued their relentless flow to the sea.

At least 100 human lives had been snuffed out by the swirling, plunging waters since the rivers started tearing from their beds three weeks ago and the fate of hundreds was left in doubt.

Hour by hour, as the walls of water moved across the two states, more thousands were made homeless, additional crops were destroyed and livestock, homes, barns and property of almost every description were swept along in the maelstrom.

Urgent warnings to the people in the lower Mississippi delta to flee for their lives from the Mississippi flood waters sweeping toward Vicksburg were issued during the day by army engineers and the exodus began before nightfall.

Others Moving Out.

Far across country in Lafayette county, Arkansas, others were moving out to high lands before the waters of the Red River which broke through the main levee at Findley Bend early in the day, with the prospect that an additional 20,000 acres of land would be inundated.

Southward in Louisiana the effects of the flood were beginning to be felt as backwaters of smaller streams emptying into the Mississippi encroached upon the low lands. Many inhabitants were being driven from their homes in Concordia Parish and every ferry entering Natchez from Vadaia, La., carried refugees.

20 INJURED IN A GERMAN FACTION FIGHT

Essen, Germany, April 25—Twenty-seven persons were injured yesterday in a Fascist-Communist clash here. Police reserves were called after the Fascist group began the fray. Three was firing from both sides during the fighting.