

Mussolini Will Not Participate in Any Diplomatic Action

Il Duce Intimates That He Will Play a Lone Hand in Austrian Crisis—Has Demonstrated His Attitude by Sending Troops to the Frontier—Is Working For Peace.

ROME, July 28—Mussolini believes any diplomatic action in the Austrian situation would be futile and if he acts at all it will be with his army, it was said authoritatively today.

Furthermore, it was said, Mussolini will not participate in any diplomatic action France and England may decide upon.

Il Duce, the informant explained, clearly demonstrated his attitude by sending 40,000 men to the Austrian frontier, ready to cross over if necessary to preserve Austrian independence.

The statement was made in discussion of the Paris announcement that France, England and Italy were in accord and that France and England had entrusted Italy with the task of taking any diplomatic initiative.

Italy will take part in no such action, much less lead, it was said. But it was explained also that Mussolini is working for peace, as the central foreign figure in the crisis, and will move only when he feels it necessary and when he knows he is right.

UNIQUE CASE BEING TRIED AT NEWCASTLE

A Blackville Undertaking Firm Seeking To Recover Price of a Coffin From Woman.

Newcastle, July 27—The Northumberland County court continued here this morning, with Judge Ryan presiding. Defence witnesses in the case of Alexander Cooper, Chatham, charged with theft of lumber, were heard. Dr. Francis Fish, who represented Cooper, together with R. T. D. Aitken, made an eloquent plea for her client before the jury, followed by W. H. Davidson, for the Crown. The jury retired and after deliberating for more than an hour returned a verdict of not guilty. The accused was then released.

The civil business of the court was taken up this afternoon, when the case of M. Schaffer, Ltd., Blackville, vs. Margaret Vickers, Brownville Junction, was before the court. This case is being tried before Judge Ryan, without a jury. J. A. Creaghan, Newcastle, is representing the plaintiff, while P. J. Hughes, K.C., Fredericton, is appearing for Mrs. Vickers.

This case is rather unique in the history of legal jurisprudence. The facts concern the purchase of a coffin from M. Schaffer, Ltd. Florence Vickers, Brownville, who was a former resident of Blackville, while visiting at his former home died suddenly. His body was laid out at the residence of Rev. Fr. McKinnon, Blackville, and while the body was being carried to the Roman Catholic Church at Blackville, prior to removal to the train for transportation to Brownville Junction, where burial was to take place, the bottom of the coffin gave away and the body fell to the ground. The body was then taken back to the house and the coffin repaired by carpenters, when the body was put aboard the train and taken to its destination.

Refused to Pay

Mrs. Vickers refused to pay for the coffin and the present suit, an action for the funeral expenses, is the result.

FRANCE IS OF OPINION THAT WAR UNLIKELY

Paris, July 27—The view that war as a result of the assassination of Chancellor Dollfuss is "impossible", was expressed today by the French foreign office.

Rather, it was said, the French view is that peace was strengthened by the failure of the Nazis to seize the government in their "putsch."

Other officials interpreted the events as a "striking defeat" for Chancellor Hitler of Germany.

The French, pledged to the maintenance of Austrian independence, have taken no active steps, regarding any move unnecessary at this time.

RUNS LIQUOR STORE

West Branch, Mich., July 28—Song writer Anie Loreszo, who hit the taken up this afternoon, when the case of M. Schaffer, Ltd., Blackville, vs. Margaret Vickers, Brownville Junction, was before the court. This case is being tried before Judge Ryan, without a jury. J. A. Creaghan, Newcastle, is representing the plaintiff, while P. J. Hughes, K.C., Fredericton, is appearing for Mrs. Vickers.

D. McPhail, the undertaker who had charge of the funeral at Blackville, was the first witness called for the plaintiff. He gave evidence regarding the facts of the case and was subjected to a gruelling cross-examination by Mr. Hughes.

The next witness was Boyt Bell, Newcastle undertaker, who had embalmed the body. He gave evidence as to the charge for embalming being fair and reasonable. The plaintiff then closed its case and the defence opened.

Mrs. Margaret Vickers, wife of the late Florence Vickers, was the first witness called for the defence. Mr. Hughes examined Mrs. Vickers as to the details of the case and at times when telling about the incident where the bottom of the coffin gave away and her husband's body fell to the ground, she became hysterical and court was delayed until she regained her composure. Mr. Creaghan did not cross-examine Mrs. Vickers at any length.

DIPROTODAN'S JAW FOUND IN AUSTRALIA

Queensland, Australia, July 26—A fossil of the top jaw of a diprotodon, showing the palate and two molar teeth which was found on the banks of the Condamine River, near Dalby, has been given to the museum here.

The specimen was found projecting from a bank 10 feet below the ground level after a recent flood in the river subsided. No part of Australia has produced more fossilized remains than the Dalby district. Early marsupials must have existed there in large numbers and grown to enormous size. A femur bone discovered there was the largest ever found in Australia.

PREMIER TILLEY CONTINUES HIS GOOD-WILL TOUR INTO CANTERBURY, LARGE NUMBER HEAR SPEAKERS

About Four Hundred Fill Orange Hall at Canterbury Last Evening to Hear New Brunswick's Leader—Other Speakers Were Dr. M. L. Jewett, Dr. B. H. Dougan, J. M. Scott, Ernest Vandine and R. B. Hanson, K.C., M.P.

(By a Staff Reporter)
Canterbury Station, York Co., July 28—Hon. L. P. D. Tilley, Prime Minister of New Brunswick extended his good-will tour of York county into Canterbury last evening, speaking before a crowd of about 400 who assembled in the Orange Hall here. Other speakers were Dr. M. L. Jewett, Dr. B. H. Dougan, J. M. Scott, Ernest B. Vandine, and R. B. Hanson, K.C., M.P. The premier has visited Burr's Corner and McAdam this week, and will wind up his tour at Harvey Station this evening.

In urging the support of the people of Canterbury, Premier Tilley, recounted the efforts being made by the government in the interests of the people. The opposition, he said, had made many promises, but all these had been put into effect months ago by the Tilley government. He declared financial condition of the province to be best shown by the way a recent N. B. bond issue had been bought up. He told of adjudicating in the mining strike at Minto and also at the milling strike at Newcastle.

Situation Improved.

He was glad to say that the unemployment situation has improved. The lumber cut will be double that of last year. He predicted a cut of four hundred million feet. Also there will be a larger cut of pulpwood he said. The premier referred to his trip to Great Britain, saying he found a ready English market for Canadian lumber. He complimented Canterbury on its industry and its poultry. He asserted that when the Dominion Marketing board gets functioning "we will be able to stabilize the market so that prices will be uniform throughout." He looked for a return to normal of conditions within a few years. On his coming trip to Ottawa, declared Premier Tilley, matters respecting Maritime rights claims would be taken up.

Mr. Hanson

R. B. Hanson, K.C., M. P., gave a lengthy address stressing the federal angle. He noted the fact that he had been elected five times by the vote of the people of York and Sunbury counties. He referred to the national Bank of Canada and said that its object was to strengthen the financial condition of Canada, particularly as to interna-

AN OLD INDIAN ON WAY TO JAIL HAS GOOD TIME

Much Impressed by the Wonders of Modern Civilization

TRIP ON STEAMER
Wanted To Know What Made Street Cars Move

Vancouver, B. C., July 28—A wrinkled old Indian, who had never been out of his familiar haunts in Chilcotin district, a wild, little inhabited area in the Cariboo territory of northern British Columbia, went to jail today, but had the time of his life doing it.

Police say it all happened because Gilpin—he claims only one name—thoughtlessly helped himself to some 10 or 20 horses, then tried to sell them back to the owner. He was sentenced to three months in Oakalla Jail here.

Gilpin's first initiation to the wonders of civilization came when he boarded a boat at Squamish. He had

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Minneapolis is Under Military Dictatorship

National Guardsmen Have Been Called Upon To Maintain Order—Press Censorship Is Being Enforced—People Must Abide by Military Rules.

MINNEAPOLIS, July 28—The rule of a military dictatorship tightened over Minneapolis restricting business, the press and movement of citizens.

A modified press censorship was enforced by Adj.-Gen. Ellard A. Walsh, veteran officer of the Minnesota National Guard and military ruler of 500,000 Minneapolis citizens, under orders of Governor Floyd B. Olson.

Nearly 40,000 National Guardsmen, helmeted and with bayonets fixed for instant enforcement of a drastic set of "military orders for citizens" carried out their orders with military thoroughness. Truckloads of guardsmen, guns gleaming in the sun rumbled through the streets; squad cars bearing military officers sped through the strangely quiet business section.

Officers, orderlies and messengers, streamed in and out of of base headquarters a few blocks from the centre of rioting in which 51 persons were shot and slugged by police a week ago.

General Walsh and his headquarters staff issued orders and back of those was the stern warning that "we mean what we say."

Court martial and military punishment face offenders.

ACCEPTS CALL TO THE CHURCH AT M'ADAM

Hartland, Carleton County, July 27—Rev. E. R. McCordick, L.Th., who for the last five years has been rector of Holy Trinity Church, Hartland, and the Church of England at Glassville, has resigned to accept a call extended to him from St. George's Church, McAdam. His resignation will take effect on September 9. Mr. McCordick will succeed Rev. T. G. Bennett, who has been appointed rector at Renforth and he will begin his pastorate in McAdam on September 16. Mr. McCordick has made a host of friends during his stay in Hartland, and they will deeply regret his departure.

BOY WAS KILLED BY AN AUTO

Bathurst, July 27—Claude Savoie, five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Savoie, Green Point, was struck by a car last night and fatally injured. The car, owned by L. P. Roy, district highway engineer and driven by his son, Charles, was occupied by the two boys. Immediately following the accident, Dr. Archambault, Petit Rocher, was summoned, and he proceeded at once to bring the injured child to the Dunn Hospital at West Bathurst, but the lad died en route.

LAZY JANITOR HAS A NEW METHOD

Kansas City, O., July 28—A Negro janitor here is so lazy he lets a bus wring out his mop for him. Working on schedule, he nearly always has his mop ready when the bus stops in front of his place of employment. He moves to the curb, places the dripping mop beneath a wheel and at the bus pulls away the mop is pressed dry.

SKEPTICAL OVER GERMANY'S APPOINTMENT

LONDON, July 27—Appointment of Franz von Papen as minister to Austria does not mean the relaxation of Nazi efforts to dominate Austria, in the opinion of the British Government a high official close to the ministry stated tonight.

Instead of marking the end of such efforts, according to the commentator, the appointment simply indicates a change. The British believe that from now on the Nazis will attempt to win with peaceful means what their efforts to take by force failed to procure for them, he said.

The disclosure by a prominent foreign diplomat that Great Britain, France and Italy had agreed beforehand to an Italian military demonstration on the Austrian frontier to forestall an invasion of Austria by Germany or any other power, was confirmed in authoritative quarters tonight.

It was learned that Great Britain had been assured Italy will send no more troops to the frontier as long as no other border nation interferes.

ALL DOING WELL

North Bay, Ont., July 28—The Dionne quintuplets are making satisfactory progress. As they were born prematurely by two months they are now considered normal. They are the only quintuplets known to medical science to live for over fifty days.

LATE RHODA WARD

The funeral of the late Rhoda Ward was held yesterday afternoon from the home of Wilser Ward of Lincoln, and was very largely attended. Rev. Mr. Estabrooks presided at the service and interment was made at the court house burial ground at Burton. The pall-bearers were Phair McMonagle, Beverly Smith, Harvey True, Charles Patterson. The chief mourners were Wilser Ward, George Ward, James Ward, Ralph Ward, and George Ward, Jr.