

# BATTLE IMMINENT IN CHINA

## RIFF PEACE CONFERENCE MAY BE OFF

War in Morocco is Likely to be Continued.

### AGREEMENT NOT COMPLETE

General Mougin Pays a Visit to the Riffian Delegation.

(Special to the Daily Mail by British United Press)

Oudja, Morocco, April 16—It is rumored here today the peace conference to end the war in Morocco may not take place. General Mougin visited the Riffian delegation at Tuoucit, yesterday and there after the rumor of continued war began to circulate. It is believed that the preliminary agreement between France-Spain and Riffian negotiations which is essential to opening the conference, still far from complete.

## COUP DETAT IMMINENT IN WARSAW

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

Berlin April 16—Press reports from Warsaw insist that a coup detat is imminent with Marshal Pilsudski, taking the lead in an attempt to form a dictatorship, headed by a triumvirate.

Premier Skyrzinski of Poland is now in Vienna discussing an Austro-Polish treaty. Military efforts to seize control of the Polish government present a rather permanent threat to the civil government in Warsaw.

## PLOT TO KILL ROUMANIAN ROYAL FAMILY

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

Berlin, April 16—Another thwarted plot to assassinate members of the Roumanian royal family was reported today. Dispatches from Constanza a Roumanian Black Sea port, relate that cases of dynamite were found under a pier there shortly before the arrival of the royal train bearing Queen Mary, ex-Crown Princess Helen and Prince Nicholas. It is said that the plotters are known.

## BACHELORS DRAW PAY OF WOMEN

Dublin, April 16—Bachelors have been placed on par with women as to salary by the Irish Free State civil service.

If single men enter the civil service and marry later they get a lump sum payment on marriage equivalent to 12 months back pay of the difference between the two scales. In addition allowance subject to a maximum of £75 is payable to them for each child up to the age of 16.

### Fire at Woodstock.

The residence of Judge Carleton in the Broadway Section of Woodstock, was badly damaged by fire at an early hour this morning. The loss is estimated at \$2,000 and is covered by insurance.

## COL. GEO. HAM OF C. P. R. STAFF PASSES AWAY

Was One of the Best Known Men in Canada.

### LONG CAREER AS JOURNALIST

Had Been in the C. P. R. Employ For Over Forty Years.

Montreal, April 16—Col. George Ham, publicist and mentor of the Canadian Pacific Railway, died at 1.15 this morning. He was a native of Whitby, Ont., and was seventy-eight years of age. He was a journalist by profession and was connected with the press of Winnipeg during the early days when the Canadian Pacific Railway was under construction. He entered the employ of the big corporation in the early eighties and remained with it up to the time of his death although for some months past he has been incapacitated from work. Col. Ham was noted as a humorist and raconteur and enjoyed great popularity. He had friends in every city and town in the Dominion. In the old days Col. Ham served in the press gallery at Ottawa, and enjoyed the confidence of the political leaders of that time. A man of high intelligence, genial and witty he was always a great asset to the C. P. R. and his services were held in high appreciation. In his time he conducted many touring parties across the continent and lost no opportunity to impress upon the greatness of the Dominion. He possessed a great fund of anecdotes and as an entertainer was in a class by himself. He was privileged to serve under all four presidents of the C. P. R., viz: Lord Mount Stephen, Sir William VanHorne, Lord Shaughnessy and E. W. Beatty.

## TWO AIRMEN REACH INDIA

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

Agra, British India, April 16—Captains Toriga and Gallarza of the Spanish-Madrid-Tokio airplane flight arrived here from Karachi at 2.45 P. M. They left Karachi at 8 a. m.

The third Spanish flyer Captain Estevez is still being sought in Palestine where he was forced to land three days ago.

## PREPARES FOR YANK TRADE

London, April 16—Window dressing designed to attract the American spring and summer tourists has begun in London.

As nearly all American travelers are supposed to be millionaires, large diamonds have been dusted and placed on display. All the downtown antique shops have had window signs painted announcing that all silverware, furniture and other articles more than 100 years old are admitted duty free in the United States.

## BONAR LAW'S DAUGHTER TO WED AMERICAN

London, April 16—The engagement is announced of Miss Catherine Law, younger daughter of the late Andrew Bonar Law, to Kent Galbraith Colwell, younger son of Capt. J. C. Colwell, U. S. N., retired and the present Mrs. Breckenridge Jones of St. Louis. The young man is manager of the Bush House branch of the Guaranty Trust Company.

## Nationalist Troops Who Quit Peking Are Hotly Pursued

Made an Overnight Evacuation of the Chinese Capital—Cavalry of Chang Tso Lin, the Victorious War Lord is After Them—A Battle May be Expected at Nankow.

(By RANDALL GOULD, United Press Staff Correspondent)

PEKING, April 16—The Kuomin Chun troops (Nationalist people's army) who completed their evacuation of Peking overnight were being pursued today by the Feng Tien cavalry of General Chang Tso Lin, the victorious war lord. A battle may be fought between the retiring forces and Chang Tso Lin's army at Nankow.

Wu Pei Fu who declined to combine with the Kuomin Chun forces so the combined forces might hold the capital, has telegraphed Tsao Kun former president who was freed from captivity when he ousted Tuan Chi Jui, advising Tsao not to accept the presidency.

Meanwhile president Tuan Chi Jui has left his place of refuge in the legation quarter to which he had relied from the occupation of the city by the national people's army.

## LANCASTER EXPENDITURES DEALT WITH BY WITNESSES BEFORE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

John T. O'Brien, County Secretary J. King Kelley of Saint John and Chief Road Engineer B. H. Kinghorn Gave Evidence—Hon. Mr. Veniot Claims That Highway Board Went on with Operations with Positive Statement From Him as to What Province Would Pay—Mr. Kelley Says Letter of Hon. B. M. Hill Never Received.

The Lancaster Highway Expenditure which has been taking up so much attention from the Public Accounts Committee again had several hours before that body today. Witnesses summoned from Saint John appeared. Warden R. W. Wigmore who had been expected was not present. Hon. B. M. Hill who also had been summoned also did not appear.

Witnesses were sworn by Hon. B. F. Smith, chairman of the committee. Those who were heard were John T. O'Brien member and chairman of the Lancaster Highway Board, J. King Kelley the County Secretary-Treasurer of Saint John and B. H. Kinghorn the Chief Road Engineer.

### The Outstanding Facts.

In some particulars the committee did not get much farther ahead but in others there was some advance. Mr. O'Brien made a positive statement that at no time when he was a member of the Highway Board had he been a member of the Maritime Construction Company which did the highway work in Fairville.

The letter which Mr. Kelley again claimed was written by Hon. B. M. Hill and which set out the responsibility of the Province for highway expenditure to the satisfaction of the Saint John County authorities, failed to show up. Hon. Mr. Veniot advanced the opinion that the letter to which Mr. Kelley referred already had been put in evidence and read but Mr. Kelley stoutly denied that that was the letter.

Letters which had not been found before were produced and some light was thrown by them. Hon. Mr. Veniot urged strongly that the letters supported his contention that the Province was not obligated for more paving than a twenty-four foot strip and

also stated that the dates of the letters showed that the Highway Board had gone on with its operations although having a definite statement to that effect.

James Lewis, M. P. P., of Saint John through whom the matter was brought before the committee presented some of the questions to the witnesses.

John T. O'Brien.

John T. O'Brien formerly chairman of the Lancaster Highway Board was the first witness.

Hon. J. E. Michaud examined the witness who said he was chairman of the Board for seven months. Previously he was a member of the Board for twelve or thirteen years.

Owing to the fact that the Province owned considerable property in Lancaster, it was decided to ask the province to contribute to highway improvement. The C. P. R. and Dominion Government contributed. The Province agreed also to contribute, agreeing to pay for pavement twenty-four feet in width from the Reversing Falls Bridge to Manchester's corner.

A letter of date April 21, 1924, signed by Hon. P. J. Veniot was identified by the witness and read. A contract was implied in the letter.

Hon. B. F. Smith, Chairman, said this letter had been found since the last meeting.

Witness said that on account of the Provincial Hospital Grounds being so extensive and having destroyed value of adjoining property, he had taken it for granted that the Province would pay all the cost of pavement in that section. Witness said he possibly had taken too much for granted.

Hon. Mr. Veniot.

Hon. Mr. Veniot said that the roadway was paved from curb to curb, fitting on Page 4

## COLD WAVE HITS THE NEW ENGLAND STATES

The Mercury Dropped to 29 Degrees in Boston.

### RECORD FOR 18 YEARS

Miss Spring and King Winter in a Flirtation.

(Special to the Daily Mail by British United Press)

Boston, April 16—Miss Spring continued here today, her flirtation with King Winter.

Tumbling temperature rounded out a week almost unprecedented forward weather.

This was Boston's coldest April 16th in eighteen years. Not since 1908 on this date has the mercury touched the low mark of 29 degrees recorded here at 5 a. m. today.

Monday was Boston's coldest April 12th in 12 years and Tuesday was their coldest April 13th in twelve years.

## NO CHANGE IN PRICE OF POSTAL CARDS

Ottawa, April 15—While penny postage on letters for delivery in Canada and the U. S. A. is restored by the Robb budget as from Dominion Day next, there will be no change in the present rates on postcards and drop-letters.

The tax on playing cards, formerly 8 and 15 cents, according to value of the cards becomes 10 cents a package.

The following articles are exempted from sales tax: Pot barley, pearl barley, split peas, oil shades, articles for exhibitions, menageries, carriages for travelers, travelers' baggage, heliolums.

## SPANISH DANCES INVADE LONDON

London, April 16—More and more Spanish dances are invading the ballrooms of London's smart set.

Latest of the Spanish dances is the "Paso Doble," a new step in 2-4 time and a rhythm that brings to the dance all the atmosphere of sunny Spain. It is considerably faster than the tango. The step is, in fact, taken with only a shade less speed than the one-step. The hold is slightly different from that in other dances; the movement is smart, and the steps are neat and comparatively simple. It is said that on the continent the Paso Doble is extremely popular.

## TAKE SPIES ON THE RIVIERA

Paris, April 16—The Matin says that two foreigners, believed to be Italians, have been arrested at Nice on a warrant issued by a Paris magistrate, charged with espionage along the Riviera coast.

The newspaper says the men were taken into custody by detectives belonging to the special section of the secret service in charge of espionage activities, who have had them under observation for some time. The detectives and the prisoners are now on their way to Paris.

### Entertained at Tea.

Mrs. Richardson was hostess at a very delightful tea at Bishopscoote yesterday afternoon.

## AID SOUGHT FROM MINERS OF EUROPE

May Stop the Export of Coal to Great Britain.

### IN EVENT OF A STRIKE

International Federation Held Meeting at Brussels.

(Special to the Daily Mail by British United Press)

Brussels, April 16—The continental coal miners would aid their fellows in England in the event of a mine strike next month the International Federation of Miners in session here decided today.

The Federation adopted a resolution pledging its membership to take measures to hinder the export of coal to England if it should become necessary to do so. It is understood that the International Federation of transport workers would support British miners by objecting to carrying coal on trains. If the British mine situation should require it, the Federation decided to meet again soon, probably in London.

## RIVER SOLID AT GAGETOWN

Gagetown, N. B., April 15—After a wintry snowstorm today it is freezing hard tonight. The river is holding firm and teams are using the river path without danger. J. A. Moore with a ton and a half load of merchandise on his team drove from Gagetown to the Narrows in the Washademoak Lake on April 12. It is most unusual to have the ice so firm at this time of the year but Mr. Moore did not encounter any soft spots and made the return trip quite safely.

### DIED THIS MORNING

Mrs. N. C. Dougherty Succumbed to Pneumonia—Funeral on Sunday.

Mrs. Alma Maude Dougherty, wife of Nathaniel C. Dougherty, died this morning at her home, 239 Smythe street, after a brief illness with pneumonia. The deceased was in her usual health early last week attending the Governor's Ball on Tuesday. A heavy cold caught later developed into pneumonia which proved fatal.

There is marked expression of regret because of the death of Mrs. Dougherty as the latter had a very wide circle of friends and was a member of many women's organizations. On Wednesday although seriously ill at her home she was reelected Representative on the National Standing Committee by the Provincial Chapter I. O. D. E. Her report on Immigration was read from the chair. She also was a member of the King's Daughters and of the Red Cross.

The deceased who was forty-seven years old, is survived by her husband and by one daughter. Other surviving relatives are one sister Mrs. Clara Woods and one brother R. Bruce McFarlane both of Fredericton.

The funeral will take place Sunday afternoon with service at the late home by Rev. Dr. Sutherland at 2.30 the funeral leaving at three. Interment will be made in the Rural Cemetery.

### Another Candidate

The nomination of James R. Monteth in Ward Three of Devon, as alderman was made today. Mr. Monteth was the first nominee who was not a member of the old council. Nominations will close at six o'clock this evening. Tuesday is election day.