

BIG BATTLE LIKELY IN CHINA

SAVAGE RAT
ATTACKED
CAR DRIVER

Bit and Scratched Him
in Half a Dozen
Places.

A LIVELY
ENCOUNTER

Scurried Off as Truck
Dashed Into a Tele-
phone Pole.

(Special to the Daily Mail by British
United Press)

Boston, Mass., March 22—James J. Greenwood, driver of a bakery truck, is wearing bandages on his face, neck, shoulders and arms as the result of a fight which he lost to a savage rat. Attacked by the rat as he was driving the truck, Greenwood tried to fight the rodent off and in so doing sustained bites and scratches in a half dozen places.

The rat scurried off when the excited driver lost control of the machine and it crashed against a telephone pole.

MANY DEATHS
WERE CAUSED
BY EXPLOSION

Birmingham, Ala., March 21—The death list, resulting from an unexplained explosion of furnace Number Two of the Woodward Coal & Iron Company's plant here, stood at 22 today and, in addition, four men were reported to be in a serious condition in hospitals. Of the 22 men killed by the explosion Saturday 11 were white and the remaining 11 negroes.

The cause of the blast, which burst asunder the huge furnace and sent four hundred tons of molten metal swirling across the foundry floor, still was undetermined today, but the relief was expressed in some quarters that it was due to an unexplained internal force.

BOY SCALDED
AT MEDUCTIC

Meductic, March 21—Master Hollis Franklin, met with a painful accident on Saturday, when he upset a bottle of hot water scalding himself severely.

Mrs. Harry Foster is receiving congratulations on the arrival of a daughter.

Master Harold Franklin has been quite seriously ill during the past week, but is improving.

Student Pastor.

The service here Sunday evening was conducted by Cecil Grant, a student who is preparing for the ministry and who is taking the services in this field for a short time.

Miss Beatrice Vye left on Monday for Moncton where she will be on the staff of the T. Eaton Co.

Damaged by Fire.

Damage to the extent of several hundred dollars was done Sunday morning at an early hour to the rear of the premises at the intersection of Church and George streets occupied by Mrs. C. L. Tracey and City Engineer G. C. McDowell. The property is owned by Mrs. Tracey. Two streams were necessary to fight the fire which broke out in a shed from cause unknown. The shed with contents including stored furniture was burned out. The flames did not reach the main houses but the latter suffered from smoke.

DUKE OF YORK
SOON TO OCCUPY
LONDON HOUSE

Addition to Royal Family is Expected
Soon.

THE KING'S ONLY
WEDDED SON

The Duchess to Retire
Soon From Social
Activities.

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

London, March 22—The Duke and Duchess of York soon will move into their new London home, 40 Grosvenor Square, where the Duchess will present the Duke with an addition to the royal family.

The little Scottish Duchess is the only daughter-in-law of King George and Queen Mary, their other three sons, include the Prince of Wales, so far having preferred bachelorhood to matrimony.

Owing to the imminent arrival, the Duchess soon will retire from society and will do no entertaining until the latter part of the London season, which closes on the last day of July.

DENIES REPORT
THAT BARNJUM
HAS RESIGNED

Halifax, March 20—There were rumors abroad in Halifax yesterday that F. J. D. Barnjum, Conservative member for Queens, had resigned his seat in the House of Assembly. In view of the fact that Mr. Barnjum was known to have left the House of Assembly Chamber last Tuesday very suddenly, and with injured feelings that his resignation regarding an embargo on pulp wood in Nova Scotia should have been treated so discourteously and with so little consideration, considerable credence was given to rumors.

So Hon. J. C. Douglas, when the House of Assembly resumed its session after the noon recess, called the attention of the House to the story of the rumored resignation, as published in the Evening Echo, and took it upon himself to deny on behalf of the "absent member for Queens" that such the story was true, characterizing it as another fabrication such as has appeared in "certain papers during the session." Mr. Douglas went so far as to say while speaking for the absent Mr. Barnjum, that the report was absolutely without foundation. As the report had only been published a half hour before, and as Mr. Barnjum was known to be on his way to New York, it appeared evident that Mr. Douglas could not speak authoritatively for the "badworm" antagonist.

To Debate Acadia on 30th.

The date for the Inter-Collegiate debate of U. N. B. with Acadia has been finally settled. The debaters representing U. N. B. and Acadia are to meet in Fredericton on Tuesday, March 30. The subject is "Resolved that Canada should refrain from participation in any European treaty settlements with the exception of those obligations undertaken under the covenant of the League of Nations." The University of New Brunswick debaters are supporting the negative of this resolution. The U. N. B. team is composed of T. Foulkes, leader, G. W. Mersereau and R. W. Brundage. Mr. Foulkes from Campbellton is the only member of the team who has had previous experience in inter-collegiate debating. He is a member of the team that last year defeated Dalhousie debaters at Halifax. Mr. Mersereau of Fredericton, was the manager of the same team. Mr. Brundage, a Freshman, is from Saint John.

Army Commanders
In China Prepare for
Further Hostilities

Thousands of Men and Guns are Concentrated in
Tien Tsin—Troop Trains are Pouring in
From North and South—A Big Battle Seems
to be Imminent.

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

PEKING, March 22—Thousands of men and guns were concentrated in Tien Tsin today by the nationalist army commanders in preparation for further hostilities with the coalition forces of Marshall Chang Tso Lin, Wu Pei Fu and Liching Lin.

The trains scheduled to arrive in Peking today from Tien Tsin never left the latter city because the line and available equipment were monopolized by troop trains, the troops are pouring into Tien Tsin from both the northern and southern fronts.

Yang Tsun probably will be the first major defensive point of the nationalists if Tien Tsin is abandoned. The Kuomintchen, or nationalist troops usually commanded by Marshall Feng Ysuang, control the Peking area which the coalition of northern and southern militarists seek to gain. Fen Lavka was reported to have departed for Moscow via Mongolia, leaving the direction of his armies to subordinates.

International Incident

It was a nationalist effort to close the Pei River to coalition vessels that resulted in the international incident of week before last when the powers delivered an ultimatum to the nationalist commander of the Taku forts demanding that the river be opened to navigation. The importance of the Pei river lies in the fact that it connects Tien Tsin with the sea and Peking's only connection with the outside world now is the railroad line between Peking and Tien Tsin.

BAND LIKE NERO;
IF IT FIDDLES
THERE'S A FIRE

Palm Beach, Fla., March 22—Nero had nothing on the West Palm Beach Municipal Band. Almost every time it "fiddles" something burns.

On March 18, 1925, the band was playing "There'll Be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight," at the athletic field here. As it played, the Breaker Hotel burned to the ground. Last Tuesday, as the band was playing "Keep the Home Fires Burning" at Orlando, a \$25,000 warehouse burned a block away. Next it played at Lake Eola. As it struck up the strains of "Red Hot Mamma," fire started in a private hospital across the lake.

Fire Chief Alfred P. Sadler said the band should be equipped with asbestos uniforms.

U. N. B. Mock Parliament

The second session of the mock parliament of the students of the University of New Brunswick was held on Saturday night. During the second session the Government led by the Premier, W. S. McFarlane, brought down the budget and several important bills relating to student affairs. The levity of the first session was dropped and the debate was seriously conducted. Student problems were frankly discussed.

A. D. Alward of Saint John is in the city.

W. C. Walklate of Montreal is at the Queen.

U.S. RAZZED
ON MORAL
TURP CASE

Paris, March 22—Moral Turpitude, its nature and its effect on the entry of aliens into the United States, as evidence in the case of the Countess Cathcart, stirred French satirists to launch barbed shafts at American codes of ethics.

The fact that the countess was barred caused shrieks of ironical laughter from those acquainted with the fact that Paris has taken away Reno's laurels as a divorce mill.

One suggestion made is that when an American woman lands at Cherbourg or Havre she be forced to answer questions such as these:

"Are you married, and if so are you living happily with your husband?"

In the case the new arrival answers in the affirmative she must submit proof failing which she must be at once taken to the woman's prison at Sa. Lazare, there to await the sailing of the next boat for the United States. Such a procedure, it is said, should be applied especially in the case of film queens, and in fact to every woman traveling alone.

"Do you intend to visit Montmartre, and if so, why?" is a question which certain experts consider, would force any woman to give the desired information.

A famous woman's husband can reflect that he's about as well off as the King of Italy.

CIRCUS MEN'
DECIDE TO CUT
OUT PARADES

Heads of Great Shows
Make Important
Decision.

KIDS WILL BE
HEART BROKEN

Number of Shows Greatly
Reduced in 20
Years.

Peru, Ind., March 22—The annual circus season this year will lack one of its greatest thrills for the children.

The circus parade it has been decided by showmen here, is to be abandoned. The high priced performers especially the Europeans will not parade. The big circuses now visit only the large cities, it is explained and noon-day traffic problems and the growing distance of the circus lot from the railroad make the parade physically impossible.

Ten years ago there were twenty circuses with a train of ten or more railroad cars. Now there are only a dozen but these have expanded until the largest circus in the country travels with \$1,500 persons, and the smaller ones carry about 600.

Three Shows Ready.

The three circuses which spend the winter here have finished their winter overhauling, which includes inspection repair and fresh coat of paint.

There are about 250 on the permanent staff of these three and these, mostly the "canvassers" of the traveling days are the nucleus around which is forming the bandsmen, acrobatic teams and other specialties. The animal trainers however have been here all winter as usual, as the animals must be put through their stunts every day, else they quickly forget.

Virtually all of the circus people come from small cities, probably because in the early days of the circus the performances were given mostly in smaller communities and the small boy of those places caught the circus fever. Then, too, the small town boy had a barn in which he could practice on the trapeze. In the garage of the city boy's father, there is no haymow to flop in.

The Ringling-Barnum and Bailey circus wintered at Bridgeport, Conn. Sells-Floto at Peru; 101 Ranch at Ponca City, Okla., Hagenbeck-Wallace at Peru; John Robinson at West Baden; Christie Brothers at Beaumont; Sparks Circus at Macon, Ga., and Al G. Barnes at Los Angeles.

THE PREMIER
WILL SPEAK IN
MIDDLESEX

Ottawa, March 21—Premier King will, according to tentative plans, participate in the by-election campaign in West Middlesex in support of Hon. J. C. Elliott newly appointed minister of labor. The premier is expected to address a meeting at Strathroy on Saturday next. Hon. W. R. Motherwell and other cabinet ministers will probably also speak.

While it is not definitely known whether Right Hon. Arthur Meighen Conservative leader will take next Hon. R. J. Manion, Conservative Fort William and a number of other members of the opposition are scheduled to address meetings on behalf of Thomas Elliott, Conservative candidate.

ANXIOUS TO
WITHDRAW
APPLICATION

Demand Made by Nationalists in German Reichstag.

WOULD NOT
JOIN LEAGUE

Have No Confidence in
Cabinet or the
League.

By FREDERICK H. KUH
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

Berlin, March 22—German nationalists today demanded in the Reichstag that Germany withdraw her application for membership in the League of Nations.

Count Westarp, the nationalist leader, replied to Foreign Minister Stresemann's explanation of Germany's failure to gain admission to the League last week in a speech which declared the nationalists lack of confidence in the cabinet as well as in the League.

Westarp said Germany could not be a member of the league on an equal footing with other members until universal disarmament had been achieved.

* BIG AIRPLANE *
* CRASHED TO EARTH *
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* Tokio, March 22—Japan's *
* newest and largest all metal *
* monoplane crashed today at *
* the Yokosuka Naval base. *
* Three officers and one me- *
* chanic were killed. *

TEACHERS AT
EDMUNDSTON
QUIT WORK

Edmundston, March 21—It is officially announced that Messrs. C. Savoie principal of the vocation school; E. Poirier, of the bookkeeping department; H. Gilmour, junior high school Amos Anderson, Grade VII, and Miss Bertha Goulet, Grade VIII, have handed in their resignations to the Board of School Trustees to take effect at the end of the present term, June 30. Upon receipt of these resignations a meeting of the Board of School Trustees was held and a resolution was passed accepting their resignations. Another motion was carried whereby it was decided to forward dismissal notices to the entire teaching staff of the district, to take effect at the termination of the present term, at the same time advising all teachers that any applications would be considered.

The resignations are the culmination of difference which arose, originally last year, between the principal and some of the teachers and between the principal and the trustees regarding disciplinary matters.

Trustees Martin and Belanger and the Secretary stated tonight that all applications, including any from those who had resigned, would be justly considered by the Board of Trustees, that it was not the intention of the board to engage an entire new staff but that the above procedure had been adopted merely as a matter of precaution. An official detailed report has been promised by the trustee board as well as the others concerned and will be forthcoming in a day or two.

Chief Jones at Home.

Nathaniel Jones, Chief of Police, who has been in Victoria Hospital for several weeks following an operation was able to go to his home on Saturday.