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## Nationalist Army Making Successful Drive in China

**The Shantung Defence is Said to Have Collapsed—Nationalists Claim to Have Captured 70,000 Prisoners During the Past Few Days—30,000 Reported Killed—Americans Advised to Abandon Shantung Province.**

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

PEKING, April 20—The American Legation today advised all Americans to evacuate Shantung province because of wars now occurring between various Chinese factions.

The advices from Peking today followed reports that the nationalists—making a drive towards Peking—had captured the city of Yen-chowfu and that the Shantung defences were weakening rapidly.

### Many Prisoners Captured

London, April 20—The nationalist armies in China claim to have captured almost 70,000 prisoners in battles with the northern army in the past few days along the Tientsin-Pukow and Peking-Hankow railway.

The Manchester Guardian's Shanghai correspondent said today.

If these reports are true it indicates almost a virtual collapse of the forces protecting the Shantung defense.

### Casualties Were Heavy

Three thousand soldiers of the Northern army were killed and there was a total casualty list of 30,000 for the Northern army in a recent thirty-six hour battle between the northern army and the nationalists in Shantung province, a Shanghai dispatch to the Daily News said today.

The entire northern army flying corps was taken prisoners and one general and three colonels were killed, the dispatch said.

## FISHERIES LAW CALLED A DEAD LETTER

**Conditions in Nova Scotia Almost as Bad as in New Brunswick.**

Sydney, April 19—If American and Canadian tourist fishermen are to be given an honest run for their money this summer, something will have to be done about open and flagrant violation of the law, at the mouth of the Margaree River, the executive of the Cape Breton Tourist Association decided tonight.

As the law stands, net fishermen are requested to take up their nets at the mouth of the river at sundown, each Saturday night, and leave them up until the following Monday morning. This gives the trout and salmon a chance to get up the river to the pools, where the tourists look for their sport.

At the present time, it is claimed, this law is practically a dead letter, the local authorities not caring to incur local ill feeling by interfering with the illegal practices.

The Association intends to bring the grievance to the attention of the Government authorities, so that it can be remedied, forthwith.

JOCKEY, 100, FATHER OF 32

Appleford, Eng., April 20—England's oldest jockey, John Faulkner, a little wizened man with mutton-chop whiskers has celebrated his 100th birthday. Faulkner has been twice married, and has thirty-two children, the eldest being sixty-seven and the youngest twenty-six. During his early life Faulkner rode at the light weight of sixty-one pounds, and has jockeyed horses on the flat and in steeplechases in every part of the country.

## FOREST FIRES RAGING IN NEW ENGLAND

**Seventy Five Thousand Acres of Valuable Timberland Reported Destroyed.**

(Special to The Daily Mail.)

New York, N. Y., April 20—Losses totalling hundreds of thousands of dollars from forest fires and wind were reported today as a sixty mile gale blew itself across sections of several eastern states.

Fanned by the wind, forest fires ranged through Long Island, Westchester County, N. Y., and New Jersey during the night, upwards of 75,000 acres of valuable timber was destroyed. Skies over southern New Jersey were aglow for forty miles. One mountain was a complete mass of flames.

## QUEBEC MAN BEING TRIED FOR ARSON

Quebec, April 19—On a double charge of arson involving the Hospice St. Charles and St. Jean Berchman Academy last December, Arthur Antonio Bedard, was today committed to stand trial at next term of the Court of King's Bench. Thirty children lost their lives when flames swept the Hospice St. Charles on the night of Dec. 15, while one death resulted in the St. Jean Berchman's conflagration two days later.

Bedard appeared for preliminary hearing today.

A RULER'S BIRTHDAY



King Fuad, of Egypt, who celebrated his 60th birthday in Cairo on March 26.

Even if man were to want but little here below the chances are 100 to 1 his wife would have enough ambition for two.

## FORD PLANE TO CARRY SUPPLIES TO THE BREMEN

**One Set Out from Detroit Airport Early This Morning.**

**TWO PILOTS  
IN CHARGE**

**Major Fitzmaurice Will Join it at Murray Bay, P. Q.**

(Special to The Daily Mail.)

Ford Airport, Detroit, April 20—Piloted by Floyd Bennett and Bernt Balchen, a Ford tri-motor monoplane left at 7.15 today to carry supplies to the stranded German plane, Bremen, on Greenely Island.

The pilots hoped to make Murray Bay, Quebec, without a stop. There they will load on parts for the Bremen and put on skis for an ice landing at the Island. Major James Fitzmaurice will join the Ford plane at Murray Bay. The plane is expected to proceed to Greenely Island Saturday.

New York woman is suing for divorce because her husband smokes fifteen packs of cigarettes a day. Maybe he was getting in too good voice.

## GOOD PROGRESS BEING MADE WITH THE BANKS MURDER TRIAL AT SUNBURY COURT

**A Number of Witnesses Have Given Evidence for the Prosecution—Dr. Abrahamson Tells of Finding Strychnine in the Stomach of the Deceased—Crown's Case May Finish Tonight.**

It is not improbable that the evidence for the prosecution may be finished this evening in the case of the King vs. Hazen Banks now on trial for his life at Burton before Judge LeBlanc and jury on a charge of poisoning his wife. Attorney General Baxter is conducting the prosecution and Mr. R. B. Hanson, K. C., is defending the accused. Several witnesses were examined this morning but nothing of a sensational nature was disclosed in the evidence. It has not been disclosed yet whether or not it is the intention of the defence to call any witnesses. Should the defence be able to begin its side tomorrow morning it is possible that the case may be disposed of during the day.

The counsel, members of the police and witnesses in the case came to the city last evening and returned to Burton this morning.

### Yesterday's Proceedings

As announced in yesterday's Mail the Grand Jury at the Sunbury Circuit Court in the case of the King vs. William Hudlin, accused of aiding and abetting in the murder of Policeman Russell P. Hayward found no bill and he was discharged from custody. True bills were returned in the case of the King vs. Hazen Banks charged with poisoning his wife and the King vs. Nehemiah and Samuel Hudlin, charged with the murder of Policeman Hayward.

### Pleads Not Guilty

The court proceeded at once to the trial of Hazen Banks who pleaded not guilty, upon the report of the grand jury being received. The accused appeared to be in good physical condition. His father, Abraham Banks, was present. Seven witnesses were examined. The case will continue Friday.

Attorney General Baxter appeared for the crown and Mr. R. B. Hanson K. C., M. P., is counsel for accused. The petit jury is composed of C. G. Estabrooks, Swan Creek; Allan

B. Smith, Oromocto; Emery Lindsay, Burton; William McFadden, Oromocto; M. A. Smith, Blissville; C. W. Stone, Minto; Frederick Harper, Burton; Frank Bell, Manguerville; Jacob Kitchen, Burton; Amps Corey Manguerville; Frank Brown, Manguerville and Reid Jones, Lincoln.

Those required for service as jury-men in the Hudlin cases were given leave of absence until Monday.

### The Attorney General.

Attorney-General Baxter in opening the case for the crown stated that he did not believe that there was any desire in the County of Sunbury to let murder go unpunished. He referred to the circumstances surrounding the death of Agnes, McSheffrey Banks, wife of the accused at her home on Nov. 12 last, and also to the "eternal triangle" which had developed through Banks' relationship with Bessie Phillips, of Tracy. The Attorney-General said that the accused was known to have been contemplating marriage with the Phillips girl and the Crown believed that he accomplished his wife's death in order to carry that out.

### Witnesses Examined.

The witnesses called during the afternoon were all heard during the preliminary examination of Banks before Magistrate George Smith at Fredericton Junction. They were Dr. J. A. McIntyre of Fredericton Junction; Dr. H. L. Abramson, of Saint John, provincial pathologist; Dr. Arthur F. VanWart of Fredericton; Provincial Police Sergeant John Bird Harold Dibblee, of Hoyt; John A. Belyea, druggist, of Fredericton and Harry Banks, of Blissville brother of the accused.

Mr. Hanson, counsel for the prisoner gave each witness a searching cross examination and there were some lively exchanges.

### Physician Heard.

Dr. J. A. McIntyre described his attendance of Mrs. Banks in her

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## No Resumption of British Relations With Soviet Russia

**The Movement Has Been Given a Set Back by the Disclosures of Sir Joynson-Hicks—Notes Found on Irish Gunmen in London, Have Been Traced to a Russian Bank.**

(By Herbert Bailey, British United Press Staff Correspondent)

LONDON, April 20—The possibility of an immediate resumption of British relations with Moscow, despite the demands of the Labor party and others like Lord Beaverbrook, has suffered a set back by the revelations of Sir Joynson-Hicks, the Home Secretary, that notes found on Irish gunmen here had been traced back to a Russian bank.

"I have", the Home Secretary declared, "the most complete evidence that a large number of treasury notes issued by a Russian bank, which is represented in Britain, passed into the possession of the Communist party and through it to communist organizers in all parts of the country."

## HON. A. R. GOULD CRITICIZED BY MAINE PAPER

Augusta, Me., April 19—While U. S. Senator Arthur Gould, of Presque Isle, is urging a higher protective tariff on potatoes in Congress and Governor Ralph O. Brewster, on a speech-making trip in Aroostook county, has agreed to take up the matter of a higher duty on Canadian potatoes in a personal conference with President Coolidge, both urged action by the Aroostook potato growers, the sentiment down state is not so strong against the higher prices on potatoes in the big consuming centres.

The Lewiston Sun (Republican) comes out in strong editorial attack against Senator Gould. The Sun says in part:

"If Senator Gould were up for reelection this year, he ought to be defeated. He wants to reduce the importation of potatoes from Canada, because too many potatoes are imported, he says. He wants to make your potatoes cost you more."

"Have you, wage-earners, had too many potatoes? See what a confession from Aroostook—proud of her potato fields but unable to compete with Canada! If that is true, it is high time that Aroostook braces up and gets on to as efficient a basis of production as Canada is, or any part of the world. If Aroostook cannot get a living as easily as the rest of us in Maine, let it be in Aroostook as in that potato field Abraham Lincoln told about—'root hog, or die.'"

"Don't vote for Senator Gould to help rob you of your food—even more than you are being robbed now."

## COUSIN OF THE PRINCE OF WALES IS PROMOTED

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

London, April 20—Lieutenant Lord Louis Mountbatten, cousin of the Prince of Wales, has been appointed Lieutenant Commander, the Admiralty announced.

Mountbatten entered the royal navy as a cadet in 1913 when he was only thirteen.

### TO CUT DINNER HOUR

London, April 20—Mayfair hostesses have decided that King Edward was right when he said that no person should be kept at the dinner table more than an hour. Therefore, London dinners from now on are to be shorter.

## ST. JOHN MAN HEADS GRAND LODGE. O. L.

Moncton, April 19—Richard G. Magee, of Saint John, was re-elected Grand Master of the Provincial Orange Grand Lodge of New Brunswick at the concluding session of the annual convention here tonight. Other officers elected were: Deputy Grand Master, Edwin Tuck, Moncton; Junior Deputy Grand Master, W. S. Hale, Fredericton; Grand Chaplain, Rev. Mr. Blackall; Grand Secretary, W. H. Lutes, Saint John; Grand Treasurer, Robert Willis, Hampton; Grand Lecturer, A. J. McKinnon, McAdam; Grand Marshal, James MacCullum, Campbellton; Grand Auditors, D. K. Graham, Campbellton and S. W. Palmer, Saint John; Deputy Grand Secretary, J. Barry Allen, Fredericton.

The election of officers was carried out under the direction of Past Grand Master Starr Tait, of Saint John, and they were afterwards duly installed to office.

The feature of the closing day's proceedings was a banquet tendered tonight to the visiting Orangemen and the L. O. B. A. ladies, who are also in annual session here.

## DEMERCHANT CASE TO JURY THIS AFTERNOON

(Special to The Daily Mail)

Andover, April 20—When the circuit resumed this morning in the Demerchant case, Mr. Mooney, counsel for the prisoner, addressed the court on behalf of his client. He was followed by Mr. Hayward, chief counsel for the crown. Judge Byrne is delivering his charge to the jury this afternoon. It is expected that a verdict will be returned before six o'clock.

## SERIOUS FIRE LAST NIGHT AT MIDDLEBORO

(Special to The Daily Mail.)

Middleboro, Mass., April 20—Fire destroyed a factory and store and damaged six dwellings here early today with loss estimated at \$150,000. Firemen from four cities and towns battled the wind-driven flames for more than three hours before the fire was under control.