

# LAPOINTE MAKES CLEAR THE STAND OF CANADIAN GOV'T AGAINST COMMUNISM

## Early Release Of "China's Strong Man" is Likely

Suspension of Military Plan in China is Now Urged

Mediator Brings Plea in Letter From Chiang

China Remains Steadfast, Refusing to Discuss Terms

SHANGHAI, Dec. 19.—It is reported here today that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek expects to return to Nanking today from Sian-Fu, in Shensi province, where he has been held for a week in a sudden uprising by young Marshal Chang Hsueh-Liang.

Gen. Chiang Ting-Wen, released by Marshal Chang at Sian-Fu to aid in the negotiations for the generalissimo's release, brought War Minister Ho Ying-Chin a personally signed letter from Chiang Kai-Shek.

The agency quoted General Ho Ying-Chin at Nanking as saying that government forces in Shensi had been ordered to cease hostilities against the rebel Chang, but adding that "we will march on until the supplies of all the rebels are gone" if Chang failed to release Chiang Kai-Shek by tonight.

Governor Yen agreed to send Hsu Yung-Chang and Chao Tai-Wen from Taiyuan-Fu to Sian-Fu after the marshal sent a representative to Shansi province to explain his views and ask General Yen to come to Sian-Fu personally.

### Remains Steadfast

Chiang Ting-Wen at Nanking issued a statement saying that Chiang Kai-Shek remained steadfast in refusing to discuss terms with his captor at Sian-Fu. He said Chiang Kai-Shek told his captor: "There are only two ways to deal with me—kill me, or release me."

Chiang Ting-Wen said all the prisoners were separated from one another and not permitted to speak with the generalissimo.

Marshal Chang Hsueh-Liang's envoy, who flew to Taiyuan-Fu in the north told General Yen Hsi-Shan that the "young general" had said: "It is for the welfare of the nation, I am willing to sacrifice my own interests and accompany Gen. Chiang Kai-Shek to Nanking and submit to whatever punishment is proper."

## BRITISH TERRITORY IN ETHIOPIA OCCUPIED BY ITALIANS CREATES AN EMBARRASSING SITUATION

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia, Dec. 19.—The British trading station at Gambela, western Ethiopia, was taken over yesterday by the Italian flying column which is occupying western provinces of Emperor Haile Selassie in the name of the King of Italy.

Today's occupation apparently brought to an end British influence in that section of Abyssinia. But it reportedly raised a delicate question between London and Rome.

The Italian troops found the trading post on the Baro River guarded by Sudanese troops under the command of a British officer.

Captain Erskine, formerly British consul at Gore, 110 miles from Gambela, already occupied by the Italians, witnessed the occupation.

The Italian troops formerly notified the British commander of the incorporation of the town into the Italian Empire.

In the trading post were a number of white British subjects who have been taking refuge at Gambela in recent weeks from marauding bands of Haile Selassie's defeated Amhara warriors.

The London and Rome governments

## CIVIL LIBERTIES COUNCIL PROPOSED FOR CANADA

TORONTO, Dec. 19.—Formation in Canada of a national organization, comparable to the National Council of Civil Liberties in Great Britain, for the study of the cause of fascism and industrial nationalism, and to give leadership in disclosing the "insidious encroachments" of dictatoria (Continued on Page Four)

## URGES UNITY OF RAILWAYS

OTTAWA, Dec. 19.—Before the Gyro Club, at the Chateau Laurier, this evening, Captain W. C. C. Innes, Chairman of the Commercial Bureau of Canada, Inc., outlined the attitude (Continued on Page Four)

## Germany Expects to Have Better Submarine Fleet Than in 1914

(Special to The Daily Mail)

BERLIN, Dec. 19.—Germany expects to have a submarine fleet early next year that will be far greater than what she had last year. She will have thirty-five vessels in the submarine fleet which will include one large liner, two small liners, two air-craft liners and six cruisers.

Germany is anxious to procure colonies from whom she can obtain materials in a country that is under her own flag and using German currency.

## An Institution Needed

THE DAILY MAIL has received praise from different citizens, both men and women, on the article which we published this week regarding the unfortunate crippled and mentally subnormal boy who wanders about our streets. These bouquets are all right, and we suppose it is natural that we should appreciate them, but what are you ladies and gentlemen going to do in a practical way to remedy this thing? What action is being taken? This boy is unfortunate and something should be done to make his condition better. He is a public nuisance from the fact that numerous ladies have complained of his indecent actions and indecent exposures. Here is a worthy and urgent subject for some of our social organizations to get busy on. This is only one instance of several along much the same line that require looking into right here in the enlightened capital, and within short distances of it. The writer invites these social workers to get busy and to open their eyes. Organizations which we read about giving "a parcel to a poor family" and "a quart of milk to a needy woman," and a Bible to a couple of heathens who cannot read, could find shocking conditions of poverty and worse within fifteen minutes' drive by car from any of our church doors. A well-known clergyman is responsible for the statement that there are brothers and sisters, fathers and daughters living together illicitly within a comparatively short distance of Fredericton. A clergyman's wife whom we know and respect tells the same thing. Go to the Provincial Health Department or write to Hon. Dr. Roberts, Minister of Health, and he will show you a report made by Dr. Mabel L. Hannington, of Saint John, and by another leading lady also, that will make you turn up your eyes like a duck in a thunderstorm. York, Carleton and other river counties are included in the report. Well! What are we going to do about all this?

Speaking at Moncton the other day a leading lady social worker said that New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island were the only two provinces in Canada where some sort of institution was not provided for people of this kind. There is a call going out to the social workers to get together and see that an institution is at once started by the Provincial Government, or at least aided by the Government, to look after subnormal people.

Thousands of dollars were spent on the Bannister trials—thirty or forty thousand—and many similar trials are the result of similar conditions. Spend the money on the institutions instead. It is as important or should be as important to spend money to better human beings as it is to put the money into improving fat stock horses, cows and swine.

In the meantime, why not send the poor lad, referred to, away to another institution?

## "NO SPEED LIMIT" LAW IS PREDICTED

TORONTO, Dec. 19.—Ontario's motoring speed limit is likely to be abolished at the next session of the Legislature, it was reported at Queen's Park yesterday.

While no official confirmation of the reported move is yet available, it (Continued on Page Four)

## SLED STILL HOLDS IMPORTANT PLACE IN SANTA'S GIFTS

(Special to The Daily Mail)

MONCTON, Dec. 18.—With the near approach of Christmas, train travel on Canadian National lines in the Maritimes is commencing to get heavy. For the past two days the Ocean Limited Eastbound from Montreal has been run in two sections from Moncton to take care of the extra travel. Trains were particularly heavy today with college students returning to their homes for the Christmas holidays.

Passenger travel will probably reach its peak on Tuesday next. From the express traffic passing through, it would appear that the sled still holds a prominent place among the gifts from Santa Claus. In practically every load were to be seen numerous sleds with toboggans running a close second.

## MONTREAL FACES ENORMOUS DEBT, NEED INGENUITY

MONTREAL, Dec. 19.—Adhemar Raynault, elected Mayor of Montreal by a plurality of 3,458 in yesterday's balloting, faces some of the most difficult problems any Montreal executive has had to meet, observers agreed today.

The city is so deeply in debt that ingenuity will be necessary even to devise ways to meet the interest, especially in view of Raynault's pledge to kill the city sales tax.

Raynault is a follower of the Union Nationale Party headed by Maurice Duplessis, Premier of Quebec. He (Continued on Page Four)

## Date of the Coronation Officially Proclaimed May 12

(Special to The Daily Mail)

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The date of the Coronation of His Majesty King George VI was officially proclaimed yesterday from St. James Palace. Beside naming the date as May 12 it was stated that claims allowed by the Court of Claims previously will be allowed to stand. The Court will sit again in regard to further claims. The list of positions held by the King among many others will include Field Marshal of the Army, Head of the Air Fleet, Head of the Life Guard, Head of the Horse Regiment, Head of the Artillery and Head of the Royal Engineers.

## RAILWAYS PLAYED A MAJOR PART IN DEVELOPMENT

A. A. Gardiner Tells Commercial Travellers of Railways' Contribution.

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
TORONTO, Dec. 19.—How the railways of Canada devised the map of commerce during the development of the Dominion was outlined by A. A. Gardiner, assistant general passenger traffic manager of the Canadian National (Continued on Page Five)

## The Report of the British M.P.'s Balled Up By Opposition

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
LONDON, Dec. 19.—The report given in the House of Commons by the five British M.P.'s after their investigation into conditions in the Spanish situation is being questioned by two conservatives and members of the opposition who intend to go to Spain and investigate affairs in the country which is now under the command of the insurgents.

## Reports State Many Killed in Mine Disaster

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
BENGAL, Dec. 19.—Reports indicate that two hundred and eighty miners have been killed in the disaster which occurred yesterday. A large crew have been working day and night and last night workers saw evidence in the mine of a terrific explosion and the presence of poison gas.

## Cotton Strike in Lancaster May Be Averted

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
LONDON, Dec. 19.—It appears that a strike has been organized to be staged on Monday among the cotton workers of Lancashire. The strike would include one hundred thousand cotton workers may possibly be averted by amicable arrangement.

## Trades and Labor Council Foresees Danger in Soup Kitchens; Suggests Reformation, Six-Hour Day to Mitigate Against Revolutionary Spirit

## A SLAM AT GIRLS OF NEW BRUNSWICK

HIGH RIVER, Alta., Dec. 19.—The West has it over the East in one respect, believes E. A. Hayes, pioneer of Okotoks. The West has the smartest women, he claims. "I saw nothing in all my travels to compare with the women of the West. They are the smartest looking to be seen anywhere," declared the gallant Westerner. Mr. Hayes recently returned from a visit to his old home in Sussex, New Brunswick. It was his first visit home in 54 years.

## France and Poland Will Permit No More Volunteers to Spain

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
PARIS, Dec. 19.—The French government has issued a notice that no more volunteers will be permitted to leave France to fight in Spain. Poland has declared she will do the same thing. There are still volunteers going over to Spain from Ireland.

## Spanish Situation Termed "Profoundly Unsatisfactory"

Great Britain is Now Shipping Gas Masks to Spain

Available to Insurgents

Shipments Not a Breach of Non-Intervention Pact



D. LEO DOLAN  
Dominion Publicity Director, who will attend the Guides' Association Meeting Here Next Week

## TELEGRAPH COMPANIES READY FOR CHRISTMAS

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
MONTREAL, Que., Dec. 19.—With the approach of the Christmas holiday season, the telegraph companies are busy making arrangements to handle the growing volume of the season's Christmas and New Year's (Continued on Page Four)

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Speaking before the House of Commons yesterday, Foreign Secretary Sir Anthony Eden termed the general Spanish situation "profoundly unsatisfactory" but warned that scrapping of the international non-intervention agreement "would bring risks of a European war."

"It can be argued that despite non-intervention, arms have gone from Germany, Russia and Italy. We know it."

"But I suggest the non-intervention agreement has reduced the significance of those breaches."

"I stand in no white sheet for the support of non-intervention. Our support of this policy is not due to weakness."

Indicating that a new Franco-British mediation move is impending, Mr. Eden said: "The Government is searching for some means to better the policy of non-intervention. Neither the British nor French intend to desist from their attempts to secure mediation."

Then he added: "Perhaps we will use a slightly different method of approach. We believe the time will come when these efforts will be rewarded."

Mr. Eden indicated that the Government considers the existing Foreign Enlistment Act of 1870 sufficient to ban the enrollment of Britons in either of the Spanish armies.

"There is no question of the Government introducing legislation concerning volunteers," he said. "We are working for international action on the subject, although I cannot ignore the fact that there are already laws in this country."

Mr. Eden then said optimistically: (Continued on Page Four)

## C.P.R. TRAINS ARE RUNNING IN TWO SECTIONS

(Special to The Daily Mail)

MONTREAL, Dec. 19.—Commencing today and up to the twenty-fourth of December inclusive, trains 39 and 43 will run in two sections travelling from Montreal to Vancouver and connecting with points in New Brunswick. This change has been made in order to facilitate the handling of heavy Christmas trade.

## Hope For Early Release of China's Prime Minister

(Special to The Daily Mail)

NANKING, Dec. 19.—Hopes for peace in northern China are being entertained by government authorities. It was thought that the release of the Prime Minister would take place yesterday but as time went on he was not released. A message from one of the generals of the Prime Minister stated that he would be given his freedom.