

Ontario Fires Under Control After Considerable Damage

BRITISH PLANES FIRE VOLLEY AS WARNING TO THE SPANISH REBEL AIR SHIPS YESTERDAY

Authorities Unable To Guarantee Safety Of Foreigners

American Embassy is Fortified as a Refuge for Citizens Battleship and Cruiser Off to Spanish Waters 1582 Americans in Spain, One Woman Wounded, Food Shortage

WASHINGTON, July 23—A number of United States citizens have been under fire for two days in their hotels in Madrid. The American Embassy in the Spanish capital yesterday advised the state department it was fortifying itself as a refuge for all United States citizens in that city. The information, telling of a threatened food shortage, came close on advice that authorities of two revolution-torn Spanish cities—Barcelona and Malaga—had acknowledged their inability to guarantee the safety of foreigners in those localities. The battleship Olahoma and the heavy cruiser Quincy already have been directed to proceed to Spanish waters as rapidly as possible to evacuate United States citizens if necessary. Coincidentally, Secretary of State Hull revealed at his press conference the government had given home consideration to re-establishing a permanent naval squadron in European waters as a protective measure. Concern Increased Officials here displayed increasing concern over the safety problems presented by the Spanish revolution. There are 1582 Americans in that country. But the latest diplomatic despatches to Washington revealed that the plight of some of them at least was becoming increasingly precarious. Sub-Secretary Eric C. Wendelin of the Madrid Embassy estimated that if rebels continue to harass the capital's transportation systems the food supply there may be sufficient for only two more days. "Several hotels in which Americans have been staying have been under fire for two days," he added. "It is more owing to luck than anything else that no one was injured, as despite warnings from the embassy, some Americans insist on going into the streets to see what is going on." Woman Wounded The first known American casualty, a woman, was not identified, nor (Continued on Page Five)

BULLET-MARKED BODY FOUND IN RIVER - DR. P. C. LAPORTE, M. P. P., PERFORMS AUTOPSY

EDMUNDSTON, July 23—Henry Landry, aged 45, single, a resident of Ste. Rose, Que., 12 miles from here on the main highway to Riviere du Loup, was found dead in the Madawaska River at St. Jacques, Madawaska County, today. His chest showed two bullet wounds and his body swollen and battered almost beyond recognition by water and logs. Results of the autopsy, performed by Dr. P. C. Laporte, were not announced officially. It was not known whether the man had died of the bullet wound or had drowned, pending Dr. Laporte's report at the adjourned inquest, but it was believed that the bullet had caused death. Reported finding of the man's canoe led to the theory that he had been shot at at least twice from the river bank or from another craft in the river, but investigation had not proceeded far enough to allow any definite statements to be made in this regard. Landry, a Frenchman, lived alone in a shack at Ste. Rose, one of the many picturesque villages along the river bank, and was presumed to have engaged in stream driving and other seasonal work of that general nature. Police investigation is under way. Corporal Faulds of the R.C.M.P. detachment at Edmundston is in charge of the case, making inquiries on behalf of detectives of the Quebec provincial police, who were to arrive here early tomorrow morning. All possibilities—murder, accident, or suicide—were being investigated, it was stated. A. J. Pichette, clerk of the peace for Madawaska County, will represent the Crown at the inquest.

What About The Bridge?

Saint John people are much more aggressive than the residents of Fredericton. They are beginning to sit up and take notice that the summer months are gliding by and that absolutely nothing is being said or done regarding the rebuilding of the new railway bridge in this city. Saint John is naturally interested because the bridge as a very important link in the trans-Canada railway system means much to the port of Saint John and to the whole Province of New Brunswick. As the Saint John Citizen, the new Saint John daily, says, the building of the bridge is of interest to the merchants and shippers in all parts of the Dominion. A railway man speaking recently at the City Club stated that the Fredericton railway bridge was the key to the railway situation in the lower Provinces.

THE VALLEY ROUTE TO THE SEA AT SAINT JOHN IS NECESSARY for the cheap and proper transportation of cargoes from Central and Western Canada. The haul is much shorter and many thousands of dollars may be saved each year by using the valley route instead of the long round about haul via Moncton, or what is worse on to Halifax. But all this has been gone into many times. The transport people are familiar with the facts and they cannot dispute these facts.

Now! What are they going to do about it? The summer is going by and there has been absolutely no move made either in regard to the new bridge or in regard to the railway road bed between McGivney Junction and this city, or elsewhere along the proposed route. At the District Superintendent's office today it was stated that the office has no word whatever regarding any improved road bed construction and added that "IT WAS ALL NEWSPAPER TALK SO FAR AS THEY WERE AWARE."

So far the movements regarding the new bridge and other improvements necessary to give us the valley road to the sea seems to have been "just talk." It has been just talk on the part of those who are supposed to guide the destinies of the railway bridge. What is wanted now is some action.

If there is going to be anything done this year to put the road bed between this city and McGivney's up to the standard, it is time that someone got busy.

Many years ago when the proposition was made by the late Hon. A. G. Blair that the transcontinental railway be built down the Saint John Valley to the sea at Saint John, Nova Scotia influences prevailed and the railway came down through the woods and on to Halifax. Will the same influences prevail now in regard to the Fredericton bridge, as intimated by the Saint John paper?

The Saint John Citizen, which seems to have some inside information in regard to the matter, says:

"Where is the Ethiopian in the woodpile? Has Halifax 'pull' got in its deadly work to further handicap the Port of Saint John?"

"In order to have the railway bridge at Fredericton rebuilt the people of the province, headed by members of the Provincial Government, members of the Fredericton city government and of the Saint John Common Council, must put their full weight into the drive to have the bridge built and have it built at once.

"Promises are not enough. The bridge should be started at once and there should be no holdup. The bridge is necessary to the business of the whole Dominion, and there should be no delay.

"There are rumors that the bridge is not to be built. With the lack of action it would appear that there is some foundation to these rumors. The people's representatives in New Brunswick must take the responsibility for having this bridge built and the sooner there is definite action and not just another flock of promises, the better it will be for all concerned."

Let us get some action. As the Saint John paper says, "Promises are not enough."

GLOUCESTER COUNTY WILL VOTE AUGUST 24

Federal By-Election to Fill Vacancy Caused By Death of Hon. Dr. Veniot

OTTAWA, July 23—Polling in the federal by-election to fill the vacancy in Gloucester, N. B., will be on Aug. 24, with nominations one week earlier, Prime Minister Mackenzie King has announced. The vacancy was created by the death recently of Hon. Dr. P. J. Veniot, former postmaster-general. It will be the fourth by-election since the new Parliament was formed last fall. Two other seats were filled by acclamation and one other seat remains vacant, that in Wright, Que. (Continued on Page Five)

HARVEST BEGINS IN COUNTIES OF WEST ONTARIO

Spring Wheat Now Delivered to the Elevator

(Special to The Daily Mail) WINNIPEG, July 23—Taber, Alta., maintaining its record in crop handling and reports the first spring wheat delivered to the elevator Tuesday night. From early spring seeding the average yield is six bushels to the acre. These reports issued through the Canadian Pacific Railway Agriculture Department state also that harvest is under way at Milk River, Alta., in the Coutts sub-division of the railway, with the heading of oats on the farm of North Thielon in the eastern section. When combines start work in the same area, it is expected, tomorrow. TORONTO, July 23—Farmers in Western Ontario are starting to harvest what looks like a fairly good yield of fall wheat. Agriculture Department crop reports yesterday indicated that the harvest was getting under way in most of the Western Counties. While the fall wheat was returning dividends, farmers in some parts of the Province were cutting their (Continued on Page Four)

HOMING PIGEON SAVES AUTOIST

(Special to the Daily Mail) BOSTON, July 23—Joseph Rosenblum credited a carrier pigeon with saving him from getting a police parking ticket today. Just as an excursion boat on which he was a passenger reached Province town, across Massachusetts Bay, he remembered, he said, having parked his car in front of his home. He attached a note to one of his pigeon's legs telling his brother to put the car in a garage. The pigeon reached Rosenblum's home an hour after taking off from the ship. Rosenblum, a pigeon fancier, said he always took a bird or two with him—just in case.

UNIQUE CASE BRINGS BIBLE THEFT CHARGE

TORONTO, July 23—In a case unique in the annals of Toronto police, Clayton Pearce, aged 32, of Soudan Avenue, was taken into custody last night by Detective Fred Storm, charged with stealing Bibles valued at \$111.50 from three Toronto religious publishing houses. The arrest culminated an eleven-month search for the reason behind the steady disappearance of valuable Bibles from the display counters of the Evangelical Publishing House, 363 Bay Street, which reported Bibles valued at \$63 missing. The other two concerns involved are the Home Evangel Book Shop, 418 Church St., where \$29.50 worth were stolen, and the Christian Bookroom, 851 Bloor St. West, which lost \$19 worth. Questioned by Detective Storm, Pearce, a well-dressed member of a respectable Toronto family, is said to have admitted peddling the Bibles from door to door. "Why didn't you take a detective (Continued on Page Four)

Battle Between Rebel Airplanes And Loyal Ships

Rebels Report the Sinking of Three Loyal Warships Shells Menace British City Refugees Cause Food Shortage Problem in Gibraltar

BUSINESS DECLARES WAR ON ABERHART

CALGARY, July 23—Alberta business men—an apparent majority, at least—have declared war on the Aberhart government. "It is not a question of how long will he (Mr. Aberhart) last, but how soon we can get rid of him," John Hanna, Secretary of the Calgary Board of Trade, declared in an interview. "Business is upset. You couldn't see it as being otherwise (no matter how charitable you were. Confidence in the province has been lost," he said. His opinions seem to be the opinions of most of his fellow-business men. These men, born and raised in the orthodox school, mocked Social Credit from the beginning. They sneered at the "cultural heritage" promised by the new economic scheme. When Premier Aberhart was elected on a pledge to institute Social Credit and to pay \$25 per month to Alberta citizens, they felt that the election itself would prove to be an upsetting factor in ordinary business life. Aberhart's victory at the polls caused an immediate uneasiness in the business world, as leaders waited pronouncements of policy. They regarded (Continued on Page Five)

GIBRALTAR, July 23—British aeroplanes have been flying around rebel airships and have fired a warning volley to the warring ships. The French and British Governments have warned the Leftist government to take their warships out of Tangier Harbour.

GIBRALTAR, July 23—Anti-aircraft shells burst high over this famous rock last night and hundreds fled for shelter from a raging air-sea battle between loyal Spanish warships and a rebel fleet of airplanes. Exploding shells menaced the British city. Residents and refugees were panicky. Splinters crashed at Europa, southern-most point of the rock; a "dud" plumped into the sea near a commercial coal mole; a shell blew apart high over the Catholic cathedral; shrapnel fell near the luxurious Rock Hotel, high on the west face of Gibraltar.

After the last planes headed back across the straits of North Africa two chimneys and a roof garden on the hotel were found to have been badly damaged by exploding shells. The warships, lying off the rebel strongholds of Algebras and La Linea, trained guns on the bombardment planes as the fliers dodged low about the Rock like swallows to escape the vicious fire. The aim of the gunners was poor, however, and none apparently was touched. (A Fascist radio broadcast from Seville, picked up in Lisbon, Portugal, said rebel planes had sunk three loyal warships off Cadiz. The ships (Continued on Page Four)

Five Thousand Men Have Battled Ontario's Disastrous Fire; Loss Runs Into Millions

Ontario Fire Reported Checked Last Night—Still Raging in Alberta.

NORTH BAY, Ont., July 23—The worst forest fire that has visited Ontario in the last 20 years was reported checked last night. Five thousand men, the largest fire-fighting force ever sent into action by an Ontario Government, had been reported out on the fire front. They were fighting what veteran woodmen said was the worst network of fires in twenty years—250 fires in a 700-mile front. For two weeks a record heat wave has burned the Northern forest to a dry tinder. A few sparks served to start a fire, until outbreaks had visited every fire district in the North. When the heat wave has broken in occasional electric storms, the lightning is believed to have started new fires, which were fanned by the high winds. No estimate of the loss has been made but the total is expected to reach at least several million dollars. The flames raced through valuable timbers in the Agoma and Sudbury districts and in northwestern Ontario. The 5,000 men—almost enough to

LARGEST CLOCK IN THE DOMINION COMES TO TORONTO

(Special to The Daily Mail) TORONTO, July 23—In a quiet and unobtrusive manner a two and one-half ton timepiece has appeared in Toronto—the largest hanging clock in Ontario, if not the largest in the whole of Canada. The clock is located on the north side of Queen Street, east of Parliament. The diameter of the face is twelve feet, and 250 electric bulbs are required to put it up at night. The total height of the sign, which contains the clock, is thirty feet. The whole affair is held in place by forty-foot cables. It was stated that at first civic officials refused to pass the clock as being unsafe, but it was approved the second time. recruit five battalions of infantry—had been sent into the fire area by the Provincial authorities, under the most severe conditions. Low areas of thick smoke have been cutting visit (Continued on Page Four)