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Weather: Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday; probably light showers.

DARDANELLES DISARMED SINCE 1923, AGAIN FORTIFIED BY TURKS ON POWERS' APPROVAL

Government Makes Enquiries As To Safety of Canadians

Barcelona Dead Number Five Hundred—Madrid Three Hundred

Conflicting Reports Still Appear

Loyal Government Forces Stamp Out Uprising at Capital

OTTAWA, July 22—The external affairs department disclosed last night that it had launched enquiries through the British ambassador at Madrid regarding safety of Canadian citizens in revolt-torn Spain.

Meanwhile, officials said, it had no reports that any Canadians were in danger in that country.

Spain's civil war continued yesterday with a costly victory for the government in Barcelona and extensive successes in the northwest for the military-Fascist rebels who continued to hold Seville.

At least 900 are estimated to have been killed and thousands wounded. Barcelona, Spain's largest city, and a stronghold of Leftist workers, was the scene of a two-day futile struggle of Rightists to seize power in battles involving the use of artillery, machine guns and bombing planes.

It was estimated that 500 were killed in Barcelona and 300 in Madrid, where a belated uprising was stamped out, the government claimed, by loyal forces in the capital.

A blow to the rebels was the reported surrender of General Manuel Goded, who crossed from political "banishment" on the Balearic Islands to lead the Barcelona rebels.

"Campaign of Lies" But General Queipo de Llano Y. Sierro, Seville military garrison commander, was reported to have issued a vehement attack on the government's radio "campaign of lies" and boasted that rebel aircraft had destroyed government warships in Tangier harbor.

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MAY TOUR SOUTH AFRICA

CAPE TOWN, July 22—Negotiations are proceeding for a visit to South Africa of a Portuguese soccer team during August and September.

PEACE RIVER DISTRICT WOULD SECEDE FROM ALBERTA WITH PREVIOUS FORM OF GOVERNMENT

PEACE RIVER, Alta., July 22—A five-man committee worked tonight to study the possibility of autonomy for the Peace River district of Alberta, seeking a form of government that prevailed in the Northwest Territories previous to 1905.

The committee was appointed after public meetings held throughout the area. At a meeting here, speaker advocated secession from Alberta. They proposed substitution of a general council of five men, one to be elected each year. This council would supervise northern affairs and deal direct with the Dominion government.

The committee was appointed following a meeting at which W. M. Eager, Grand Prairie lawyer, and C. W. Frederick, Peace River publisher, were the chief speakers.

Eager said Peace River was awaiting a long-promised outlet to the Pacific coast, gravelled highways, public buildings and reasonable freight rates. Frederick said the

HAILSTONES PILED TWENTY FEET DEEP

DRUMHELLER, Alta., July 22—Crops were flattened through an eight-mile swath in this district recently by a hailstorm that followed quickly on the heels of a severe dust storm and a cloudburst.

The rain, which turned to hail in about five minutes, left automobiles standing in water up to their engines and flooded basements. The roof of one building was torn off and carried 200 feet through the air to crash into the window of a bicycle shop.

The staff of a bank donned bathing suits in an attempt to salvage files from the basement. They found the water standing six feet deep.

Damage to property was estimated at \$30,000. No estimate was ventured on the loss to crops, some of which had been expected to yield thirty bushels an acre. One greenhouse alone, where nearly every window was broken, counted its loss at \$12,000.

Two bridges were washed out on the highway to Nacmine, a few miles west of here. In Couleuses hailstones were said to have piled to a depth of about twenty feet, and on highways shovelling was necessary to free automobiles. At noon today some of the pellets, which originally measured about three-quarters of an inch in diameter, still remained, in roadside ditches.

The hail damage was confined to the south of the Red Deer River. Farms on the other side were given a good drenching—a long-sought relief from the weeks of torrid weather.

revenue of the district exceeded that of the entire province in 1905.

OTTAWA, July 22—Dominion government officials said tonight any move on the part of the Peace River District to secede from Alberta, such as that reported, would be a matter for settlement between the district and the province.

Hon. T. A. Crerar, minister of the interior, said he supposed if the Peace River district wanted to dissociate itself from Alberta "that's their affair." He said, however, he had not heard before of such a proposal.

The interior department has control of the Northwest Territories, which, before 1906, had a form of government similar to that proposed in the Peace River district.

Refuse to Comment

EDMONTON, July 22—Members of Alberta's Social Credit government tonight refused to comment on a move toward possible autonomy taken in the Peace River area.

Our Visiting Water Sports

Fredericton welcomes the visiting yachts and yachtsmen. We always like to see them arrive because they are good sports, one and all. On Monday last The Daily Mail said that we were going to have fine warm weather for the next few days so that settles the weather question, it is generally understood that if it's in The Daily Mail it's so.

The water sports under the auspices of the A and B Club, which take place tomorrow afternoon on the river in front of the Club House, promise to be the very best yet. There are nearly twenty events and there are some very fancy and valuable prizes to be awarded to the lucky contestants.

So welcome to our visitors. We hope they will have a good time, good weather, and good liquor for those who require it. Perhaps nobody likes liquor so that's their own business. For those who do that's their business also. Of course they are from Saint John mostly, but they are a good bunch even with that.

If they get into the hands of any of the local committee whose names are on the list they will be well used.

Good luck, boys—and girls. Here's hoping that you have a good time.

VETERAN KEY MEN FLASH MESSAGES ACROSS CANADA

F. B. Smith Presides at Key in Local Office—One 93 Year Old Operator at the Key

Fredericton joined in the Centennial Celebration last evening when Fred B. Smith, former Canadian National manager in this city, sat at the key in the local C.N.R. office and took part in the dot and dash reunion from coast to coast.

W. C. Rideout, the city manager of the C.N.R. office had charge of the Centennial ceremonies and welcomed the guests.

The coast to coast reunion started at eight o'clock Atlantic Standard Time.

D. E. Galloway welcomed the old-time operators back to the key and S. J. Hungerford, general manager, sent out official greetings as follows:

Greetings

MONTREAL, Quebec, July 21—I am delighted to participate in the ceremony commemorating the centenary of the establishment of Morse telegraphy on this continent and extend my greetings and best wishes to all of the old time telegraphers participating in this event tonight. The wonderful strides which the telegraph has made as the worlds foremost media of rapid communication are exemplified by the fact that when you first put your finger on the key it took an individual wire to send an individual message. Today in this vast hookup from the Atlantic to the Pacific the main wires which you are using are simultaneously carrying twenty three other messages, in some cases news despatches fresh from the cable heads linking Europe and Asia to Canada, and in others acting as the main arteries of commerce. Indeed, so tremendous has been telegraphic expansion that on adjoining wires stretching from coast to coast, there are at this minute being carried programmes of entertainment that will be brought into your homes by that latest marvel of electrical transmission, radio.

I find it particularly fitting on this day, when the first railway in Canada made its pioneer run just 100 years ago, that we should celebrate the centennial of the telegraph communication which throughout the years has been so intimately identified with railway operation.

(Sgd.) S. J. HUNGERFORD.

Then old time operators, from Charlottetown to Victoria came to the key. Included in this lineup was Dr. J. W. Browning of Exter, Ontario,

who was ninety-three years old and handled the key like an expert. Charlottetown, P. E. I.—Daniel Williams, aged 77, commenced service 1873.

Halifax, N. S.—M. M. McLearn, age 72, entered service May 1880. It might interest you to hear that at least one telegrapher in Canada built and owned and operated a private telegraph line for a distance of four miles, between Mount Uniacke Station and Mount Uniacke Gold Mines during the mining boom of 1880. That operator and owner was your humble servant, M. M. McLearn.

Moncton, N. B.—G. B. Burnett, age 71, started service Oct. 1882. Saint John, N. B.—C. W. McKee, (Continued on Page Five)

Saint John Boats Arrive Afternoon

The two fleets from Saint John are nearing Fredericton. The yachts of the R.K.Y.C. left Queenstown yesterday morning and arrived in Sheffield last night to complete the fourth day of their cruise. Last night the yachtsmen were visited by members of the Saint John Power Boat Club and the Commodore discussed plans for arriving at Fredericton today.

They were also visited by Alderman F. S. Mundle and Commodore G. Walter Kitchen of the local club and discussed plans for the two day regatta.

The fleet of 50 boats arrived in Fredericton about five o'clock after having waited at Morrison's Mills until all was in readiness for the event.

STRONG ARMY LEAVES MADRID TO MEET REBELS

(Special To The Daily Mail)

Following reports from the leftist government party that they have the revolt under control, the rebel speakers are telling the people to pay no attention to these reports. A strong army mostly socialists has left Madrid to head off the rebels.

KING EDWARD IS EXPECTED TO PAY VISIT TO CANADA

(Special to The Daily Mail) LONDON, July 22—It is unofficially announced from authentic circles that King Edward is planning on visiting points in Canada and the United States. Following Coronation His Majesty would visit the Canadian Capital and proceed to his ranch in the West, where he would spend some time. The Royal visitor would also probably visit friends in Long Island.

REARM STRATEGIC DARDANELLES AREA LAST NIGHT

ISTANBUL, Turkey, July 21—A Turkish battleship and four submarines completed reoccupation last night of the Dardanelles, demilitarized 13 years ago by the Lausanne Treaty.

The battleship Yayuz, with the quartet of undersea craft moving beside her, occupied a strategic position off the islands of Embros and Tenedos.

On the banks of the Bosphorus and (Continued on Page Five)

WHEAT CUTTING IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS

(Special to The Daily Mail) WINNIPEG, July 22—Favorable weather will make wheat cutting general during the next ten days in the prairie sub division of the Canadian Pacific Railway it was stated today by this division's Agricultural Department.

Binders have already started on reward wheat at McTaggart, Sask., in this division where crop is spotty with an average estimate of 10 bushels to the acre.

Saint John Newspaper Is Anxious re Fredericton Bridge

BEGINNING TO DESPAIR OF CONTROL

The forestry service are beginning to despair of the control of forest fires which have worked drastic damage through the valuable forest lands of the province. Unless rain comes soon it is considered a hopeless situation. No sooner one fire is put out than another starts.

WINNIPEG, July 22—Showers spattering over the Canadian spring wheat belt brought fresh hope for grain stands of the West yesterday.

Winnipeg received a sprinkle of rain and temperature dropped to a moderate 75 degrees.

In Saskatchewan, Regina received heavy showers overnight and cloudy and cool weather today. From Prince Albert comes news that northern Saskatchewan crops gained a further lease on life from showers which fell overnight and today.

One-quarter inch precipitation was recorded at Prince Albert and good showers were reported over the entire province. (Continued on Page Five)

All Canada's Spruce May Be Killed Scientists Fear

Science Wars on Rapidly Increasing Sawfly to Prevent Heavy Loss

Billions of Damage Already

Breeding Parasites at Belleville Laboratory as Prey on Cocoons

THREE NATIONS AT LONDON PARLEY TOMORROW

LONDON, July 22—Anthony Eden has announced the tri-power parley to consider the Danzig problem.

Great Britain, France and Belgium last night agreed to meet here tomorrow for "preliminary" Locarno conversations.

Although only representatives of the three powers will attend the meeting, Germany and Italy will be kept informed of the progress of the discussions.

The decision to call the tri-power parley was reached at a conference between Foreign Secretary Eden and the French and Belgian ambassadors.

Eden later informed the German and Italian charges d'affaires of the conditions under which the meeting would be conducted.

In the House of Commons, Prime Minister Baldwin announced that the meeting was only "preliminary" to a later conference of the five original Locarno powers, planned for either just before the September League of Nations Assembly meeting or just afterward.

Eden and Lord Halifax, lord privy seal, are expected to head the British delegation at the meeting beginning Thursday.

OTTAWA, July 22—Complete destruction within a quarter-century of Canada's spruce timber supply is threatened by a rapidly spreading outbreak of foreign insect pests, it was disclosed today. Loss which Governmental and other agencies are seeking to prevent will be at least \$10,500,000,000 if their efforts fail.

Covers Wide Area The European spruce sawfly, introduced accidentally to this country, and first noticed in 1930, is known to have spread from Gaspé Peninsula east to Nova Scotia and west at least as far as Timiskaming, Que., leaving 6,000 square miles of dead timber in Gaspé.

Between Gaspé and Timiskaming lies a vast area of forest in which the foliage-eating fly may have established itself without being observed. Governments and private enterprises have 1,400 men in the area looking for its presence.

The sawfly, in appearance about half-way between a small bee and a house fly, lays eggs in the needles of spruce trees. The eggs hatch, a small green caterpillar emerges and eats the needles. The caterpillar grows rapidly, eats until the autumn, then falls to the grounds and makes a cocoon.

The cocoon may be eaten by a shrew or a mouse, but not enough of these little mammals exist to eat them all. The adult flies emerge from the cocoons in relays, any time from one to five years after the caterpillar stage. Under favorable circumstances the insects multiply with great rapidity.

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Wants to Know if Outside Influence Holding Up Project—Something Should Be Done at Once.

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OCEAN LINER CHANGED ITS COURSE

(Special to the Daily Mail) The Ocean liner Berengaria on its way to New York had to change its course yesterday off the Grand Banks of Newfoundland. A school of large whales 30 or 40 in number, interfered with the course of the ship.

OBSERVATORY REPORTS COMET

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., July 22—The Harvard University Observatory reported last night two comets were visible to the naked eye in the evening sky. An observatory bulletin termed the phenomenon "an extremely rare occurrence."

The two bodies are the Peltier comet, visible in the northern sky, and Kaho comet, visible early in the evening low in the western sky.