

OTTAWA DEPT. JUSTICE PREPARED TO COPE WITH ANY EMERGENCY IN SIT-DOWN STRIKES

Bilbao Blockade Causing Dismay of British Government

Franco Orders Firing On British Ships That Attempt Entry

Will Stop Entry Foodstuffs is Rebel Decision

British Ships Loaded With Food Awaiting Arrival of H. M. S. Hood

LONDON, April 12—An unforeseen situation has arisen following the blockading of Bilbao capital of the Basque country on the northern coast of Spain. General Franco insurgent leader has declared that he will prevent all foodstuffs from entering Bilbao even at the risk of an incident with the British Army. The British Cabinet in a surprise meeting yesterday took up the matter of interference with British shipping by the insurgents in Spanish waters.

Franco's decision to blockade Bilbao, capital of the Basque country on the northern coast of Spain, presented a problem which the European non-intervention committee did not foresee and did not provide for in drawing up plans to patrol the coasts of Spain.

While the cabinet's decision was an official secret much conjecture was raised in London.

One version had it the cabinet decided the fullest protection must be given to British shipping while, also, strict attention must be paid to international regulations concerning the entry of foreign warships into an other nation's territorial waters.

It is reported the cabinet decided in effect to recognize Franco's blockade, meaning the navy would not protect British shipping within the Spanish three-mile limit.

Hitherto Britain has not recognized the Spanish combatants as belligerents and therefore she could not recognize the blockade.

The captain of the Hamsterley, a British merchant ship held up at St. Jean de Luz, France, with a cargo of food for Bilbao, claimed on Saturday he was officially informed General Franco had declared he would prevent all foodstuffs from entering Bilbao, even at the risk of an incident with the British navy.

Five other British ships are waiting at St. Jean de Luz before proceeding to Bilbao with food and another ship is in another French port. It was learned the government had advised British shipping bound for Bilbao to remain in French waters until the government reached and announced its decision on the unprecedented situation created by the blockade.

The powerful battle cruiser Hood, largest warship afloat, was believed

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TORONTO FLYING CLUB LOSES FIVE PLANES

TORONTO, April 12—Estimated loss from a fire that swept through a hangar and destroyed five airplanes Saturday at the Toronto Flying Club was placed at \$30,000 today. A strong north wind saved the entire airport from destruction.

Only one plane in the hangar was saved. It was the plane that brought automobile union delegates from Detroit on their way to the General Motors strike at Oshawa. One wing was on fire when it was dragged from the hangar but damage is slight.

POLICING OF ETHIOPIA COSTS MANY LIVES

ROME, April 12—Official figures today showed police operations in Ethiopia have cost a steady toll of Italian lives. A total of 493 men, including 442 natives, were killed between November 1 and March 31, the report said. The majority of Italians slain were officers commanding native troops.

CAR LOADINGS IN APRIL

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OTTAWA, April 11—Car loadings for the week ended April 3 increased to 50,147 cars from 45,567 cars for the previous week (which contained a holiday) and 44,049 for the same week in 1936. All commodities except live stock showed increases over last year. Miscellaneous was up by 2,931 cars, ore 730, merchandise 648, other forest products 474, coal 455, pulp and paper 423, lumber 416, pulpwood 123, coke 95 and grain 10 cars.

WILL DO UTMOST TO ELIMINATE ALIEN FORM OF LABOR UNIONISM IN CANADA

Rivalry Between Union Heads Cause of Sit-down Strike

(Special to The Daily Mail)
(By Dean Wilson)

OTTAWA, April 12—A close observation of two departments of the Federal Government in Ottawa discloses the fact that the Dominion Government is anxious to avoid the difficulties that are now being encountered by the same departments of the Government at Washington.

During the past few months a wave of labour unrest has been sweeping through the various sections of the

United States, and it has reached its climax recently when a form of unionism known as the Committee for Industrial Organization started its campaign of sit-down strikes under the fiery leadership of John L. Lewis. The natural result of these sit-down strikes has been to create a mob psychology amongst the extreme elements of this body, and a black yeast of lawlessness began to ferment, although it must be admitted that it is contrary to the wishes of the majority of the members of this new industrial organization and no violence is desired by the labour leaders. However, in many instances these sit-down strikes did have repercussions

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Interior Maple Goods

AFEW weeks ago The Daily Mail referred to the maple products industry in this section of the Province, and pointed out how it might be developed with profit to the farmer. The development of this industry should depend in a large manner on the quality of the goods produced. If the maple sugar producers and those who put up maple syrup wish to retain the confidence of the public and the market as well as increase their sales, it is up to them to produce a superior, rather than an inferior quality of goods. Nature has done much to aid the farmers in certain sections of this country in the way of furnishing maple products. It is up to the farmers to help themselves and to produce an article which will sell, and one in which the people have every confidence.

It has been alleged for some time that certain of the maple products placed on the market in this vicinity is of an inferior quality, and that this is so in many cases. According to reports, whilst there are quantities of good syrup and sugar, an inferior quality is being sold by certain dealers and this has brought complaints from many customers. Speaking to The Daily Mail on Saturday, several farmers who attended the market stated that the alleged sale of the inferior products has a detrimental effect on the industry as a whole. As one producer stated, people who have been victimized once by poor products become suspicious and even refuse to buy genuine products. The chief complaint seems to be that certain producers are watering their syrup, while the maple sugar is not what it should be and is away below the standard quality. It is a fact which anyone who knows real maple products can vouch for, that in many cases the public is not getting genuine maple sugar or maple syrup, and many buyers complain that the products purchased are of very poor quality. There was a time when you could go to a store in Fredericton and get real nice maple sugar or maple candy and have no doubt that you were getting the genuine products. At the present time, while superior goods may be obtained in many places, at the same time it is a fact that there are a lot of inferior products on the market. Inferior syrup, half water, at 35 to 50 cents a bottle is altogether too much to pay. It is pointed out by a prominent sugar maker that a gallon of pure maple syrup weighs thirteen pounds, two ounces. If the weight falls below the level the syrup is of poor quality. Whether or not all the reports regarding the alleged sale of inferior quality products are based upon authentic cases we do not know. But we do know from purchasing goods ourselves that some of the syrup is of a very inferior quality. There should be a strict inspection made by those in authority so that the public as well as the reliable dealers are protected in regard to the sale of maple products.

WHISKEY, SNAKE ALLIED IN WEIRD FISHING TALE

CORNWALL, April 12—Three hundred ardent anglers gathered at a banquet here last night to swap yarns, listen to an address by Hon. George H. Challies, M.L.A., and lay plans for the coming fishing season. "Whoppers" featured the evening, with a prize of ten dollars going to Wm. Mitchell for his tale of the friendly snake. Mitchell claimed that he had been seeking young frogs for bait and found them scarce. He perceived a water snake on the bank, a young frog in its jaws. Other efforts proving unavailing, he poured a few drops of whiskey from his pocket flask into the snake's mouth. It released the frog at once. A few minutes later Mitchell was fishing from a boat off shore and heard a weird tapping sound against the shell of his craft. There was the snake, holding its head above water with another frog between its jaws.

Second prize went to a fisherman who was awakened during the night by a queer sound from the river bank investigating he saw a sixty-pound muskie holding a catfish by the tail and beating it against a rock to break its bones for more comfortable consumption.

PONY MOURNS

RIMBEY, Alta.—A little old roan pony stood guard over the embers of a little homestead shack here for several days after its master, George W. Miller, once a rider for "Buffalo Bill" Cody, perished in the flames. Kindly neighbors finally induced "Bluey" to leave the scene.

POLITICAL PRISONERS MAY GAIN FREEDOM

LONDON, April 12—An amnesty for political prisoners in various parts of the British Empire as a Coronation gesture is suggested by the National Council for Civil Liberties. A letter sent by the council to Prime Minister Baldwin, the Colonial Secretary for India, says there is a widespread feeling that on the occasion of the Coronation an amnesty should be granted political prisoners in Northern Ireland, British India, British Crown Colonies, protectorates and mandated territories.

SUGAR IMPORTS

(Special to The Daily Mail)

OTTAWA, April 11—The bulk of Canada's imported raw sugar came from British Empire countries in February. The total was considerably lower than in the corresponding month last year, amounting to 26,170, 400 pounds valued at \$448,206 against 39,292,700 at \$674,653. Fiji was the leading source with 9,949,500 pounds, followed by British Guiana with 6,974,900, Australia 4,821,200, Jamaica 4,152,500, Peru 200,000 and Barbados 72,300. The United States supplied 520,600 pounds of refined sugar out of a total of 521,600. Refined sugar imports in the same month last year were 301,700 pounds.

ITALY REORGANIZES COLONIAL POSSESSIONS

ROME, April 11—Reorganization of Italy's colonial possessions was decreed by the Cabinet today when it created a "Ministry of Italian Africa."

FRONTIER OF ALBERTA FAST DISAPPEARING

Planes and Mines Are Dotting Wilderness With Towns

GOLDFIELDS Alta., April 12—Millions of square miles of ice-locked land, for centuries accessible only to Indians, Eskimos, trappers and traders, are slowly being conquered by man-made twentieth century inventions. Along the shores of Lake Athabaska, and throughout the neighboring territory, towns and villages are springing up like mushrooms.

Where Samuel Hearne fought his way across the Arctic coast and where Hendrik Hudson died tiny settlements of miners, mining engineers and government officials are coming into being. Some of them have risen during the last two years. Most of them in the last six months. Gold and radium created them and will keep them alive until the resources of the country are fully exploited.

Outpost, Yellowknife, Gordon Lake and Fond du Lac are a few of the newborn villages. Goldfields is another, but is quickly developing into a modern town. Already it has a badminton club, hockey team, barber shop, liquor store, and a bootlegger, too.

Ten years ago this barren northland was guarded by an impenetrable barrier of snow and ice. The gold and radium now being taken from the earth was immovable because it was impossible to ship the necessary machinery and equipment into the country.

And then aviation came. Daily now men and thousands of pounds of material are flown in, and the gold and radium flown out. Airplanes in this country are the equivalent of buses in the civilized sections of the province. Their traffic is part of this industry that is swiftly becoming the greatest in the country.

W. J. MILLER TO SING IN LONDON

OTTAWA, April 12—One of Ottawa's best known male chorists, William J. Miller of the staff of the Department of Marine, will be one of a group of Canadian singers to join with representatives of other Dominions in a pre-Coronation Empire broadcast from St. Paul's Cathedral in London on May 9.

White Men's Methods Adopted with Success by Six Nations League, Largest Group of Indians in North America

TONNAGE OF HOOD EQUALS COMBINED REBEL ARMY

(Special to The Daily Mail)

LONDON, April 12—The H. M. S. Hood arrived off the coast of Bilbao in the Basque country in northern Spain to protect British shipping. The tonnage of the Hood equals the combined tonnage of all the rebel navy. The insurgent troops are closing in on Bilbao from the south.

Gold Stocks Hit Top

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, April 12—The Johannesburg Stock Exchange opened today with gold share prices soaring in many cases to figures attained before yesterday's slump. (Gold shares started the upward climb yesterday after declines of as much as 45 points.) The action was credited to a rumor—later officially denied—that the United States planned to reduce the price of gold.)

Developments In Travel Set Record in 1936

First Passenger and Mail Plane Crossed Pacific and Queen Mary Atlantic

World Cruise Mark Made

Lighter-Than-Air Ships Also Inaugurated During 1936

Federal House Prorogues This Morning

(Special to The Daily Mail)

OTTAWA, April 12—The shortest session of the Canadian Parliament since 1921 ended this morning. Conjecture this morning was current around the Capital about much talked of constitutional changes.

A Royal Commission will be appointed to study the allocation of power between the Dominion and Provincial Governments.

LIQUOR REFERENDUM INADVISABLE

CHARLOTTETOWN, April 12—The Government of Prince Edward Island has decided that "it would not be advisable" to hold a liquor prohibition referendum, Premier Thane Campbell replied to a question in the Legislature yesterday.

The Government had considered the possibility of holding a vote to obtain the public view on the existing liquor prohibition act, the Premier said, but decided against it.

Premier Campbell, who also holds the portfolio of Provincial Secretary, said he would deliver his Budget address in the Legislature Monday evening.

Last year was a red-letter one for transportation developments says the National Geographic Society.

The year saw the first conquest of the Pacific Ocean by huge passenger and mail-carrying airplanes; the establishment of regular passenger service by lighter-than-air ships across the Atlantic, with the passage cut to less than 62 hours; and a passenger trip completely around the world by commercial carriers in little more than eighteen and a half days.

The Queen Mary was put into trans-Atlantic service during 1936, and in August established a new crossing record for steamships of four days, seven hours and 12 minutes. Traffic facilitated by the establishment of the across the busy English Channel was first train ferry, which solved the terminal problems for such craft at Dover by the construction of an artificial basin with its water level controllable by mighty pumps. The most important non-military highway of the year was that extending from the Texas border to Mexico City, which was opened formally July 1, after completion of several costly bridges spanning tropical rivers. Premier military highway completed in 1936 was the Vladivostok-Khabarovsk Road extending for 400 miles north and south from Russia's great port near the northeastern corner of Korea, to Khabarovsk, on the Amur River, near the northeastern corner of Manchukuo.

Still more valuable to Russia is the great new 2,000-mile military railway—the "Bam"—which extends to Komsomolsk on the Amur, 125 miles north of Khabarovsk, and on for an additional hundred miles to a new port on the narrow northern end of the Sea of Japan, opposite Sakhalin. Branches also extend south to Khabarovsk.

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SIT-DOWN STRIKES ON THE WAY OUT

(Special to The Daily Mail)

WASHINGTON, April 12—The sit-down strike is "on the way out" according to estimates of industrial leaders. There are today about a dozen sit-downs in progress in the United States whereas a couple of weeks ago they were occurring at the rate of one per hour.

HECTOR CARON DIES, WAS GAME HEAD

QUEBEC, April 11—Hector Caron, former Superintendent of Game and Fisheries for the province of Quebec, and one time M.L.A. for Maskinonge died at his home here yesterday in his 75th year.

Born at St. Leon, Maskinonge Co., Mr. Caron was first elected to the Legislature in 1892 and retained his seat until 1903 when he resigned to accept the Game and Fisheries superintendency.

Broad Outline Missed

For the most part, stories emanating from the Grand River Reserve have been based on occasional incidents that emphasized the primitive

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