

BASQUE GOVERNMENT APPEALS TO GREAT BRITAIN FOR ASSISTANCE

Crisis Approaches In Spanish Conflict Civilians Ordered Out

Basques "To Defend Bilbao to the End" Says Commander--Catalan Offensive Launched

British and Other Consuls Leave

Bilbao Never Has Been Captured Through Long History of Sieges --- Will It Now?

BILBAO, June 15 -- "The Basques will defend their capital to the bitter end," was the word broadcast last night by President Jose Antonio Aguirre.

He admitted the fall of Zamudio and Derio, suburban villages north-east of here, but said Generalissimo Francisco Franco's forces still were "a long way" from Bilbao.

"I call on all Basques throughout the world to think of us in this hour when we are fighting for our ancient liberties against foreign invaders," he cried.

"Bilbao never has been captured throughout a long history of sieges and I swear to you it will not fall now."

To the fighters he said: "I know you are ready to write glorious pages in history."

He pleaded with non-combatants to leave, saying:

"Women, children and aged: You are in the way. Go where there is more peace and where the government can look after you. Leave the men to fight against the enemy now at the city's gates."

Nearly two score insurgent warplanes swooped down today upon the centre of Bilbao and loosed a barrage of machine gun fire. Twenty-three persons were reported killed in one sector.

The government still held the city tonight. Basques avowed they would fight to the last man to hold the capital and its important munitions factories against which the insurgent army has directed its northern campaign since April.

SAINT JEAN DE LUZ, France, June 14 -- Three British destroyers left this port today for Bilbao to evacuate the British consul, A. S. Stevenson, and employees of the British cable station in the Basque capital.

The French sloop Audaceuse also left for Bilbao to see aboard Rene Caeteran, the French consul.

Simultaneously, the Basque delegation in Paris announced the Bilbao government was determined to stay in the city "until the death."

Alfredo Espinosa, Basque minister of public health, told The Associated Press in Paris he had been advised

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DOMINION DEMANDS MORE WATER FROM THE NIAGARA FALLS

Canada Has Not Yet Accepted Any Proposition of the United States

OTTAWA, June 15--While recent published extracts from letters of President Roosevelt indicate a high measure of White House interest in an early start upon the St. Lawrence seaway, Canadian Government circles are unqualified in their denials that any agreement has been reached to modify or ameliorate the terms of the Canada-United States St. Lawrence treaty which the Senate in Washington has refused persistently to ratify.

"Over the past year there have been discussions between the two governments with a view to revision of the treaty," a ministerial spokesman said, but adds: "There has been

60,000 PLANTS BEING DISTRIBUTED BY C. N. R. TODAY

Beautifying the Station Grounds on Atlantic Division

(Special to The Daily Mail)

MONCTON, N. B., June 15.--On their mission of beautification, the first of the annual distribution of flowers from the railway greenhouse was made to Canadian National stations and terminals in the Atlantic region. Approximately sixty thousand flowering plants will be distributed. Pansies are in the lead as regards popularity followed closely by geraniums. Other species in demand are snapdragons, petunias, and marigolds.

It is a far cry from the early days of railroading when very little attention was paid to the aesthetic side of the business. Today more and more attention is being paid to aesthetics in railway

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IMPERIAL CONF. CLOSED TODAY AT LONDON

(Special to The Daily Mail)

LONDON, June 15.--The Imperial Conference ended today. Loyal addresses were sent to His Majesty by all Dominion Representatives. Neville Chamberlain, Prime Minister, was the last speaker and he said the conference had been a marked success. The increased armament program was necessary and the League of Nations should be strengthened.

The Conference which closed today was successful in every particular and as a result much good could be accomplished throughout the Empire.

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Sales Tax

ONE of the most unfair systems of taxation yet invented is the sales tax. The sales tax law demands that manufacturers pay a tax of eight per cent. on all goods manufactured. THIS TAX IS COLLECTED ON THE GOODS MANUFACTURED WHETHER THE MANUFACTURER HAS COLLECTED ON THESE GOODS OR NOT. A concern may have to WRITE OFF A THOUSAND DOLLARS OF BAD DEBTS FOR GOODS MANUFACTURED AND SOLD DURING THE YEAR. BUT WHETHER HE GETS HIS MONEY FOR THESE GOODS OR NOT THE FEDERAL TAX AUTHORITIES DEMAND THEIR POUND OF FLESH AND HE MUST PAY TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TAX COLLECTOR THE SUM OF EIGHTY DOLLARS ON THESE "DEAD HORSE SALES." In addition to this the manufacturer has to keep the books, collect the money and turn it over to the Government. The Sales Tax Inspector has the privilege of coming into your office and dictating how you shall conduct your business and make your collections. The whole thing is an imposition upon the manufacturer. It is a wonder that the manufacturer has put up with this imposition for so long a time.

This sales tax imposition has existed for nearly twenty years and within the last couple of years the tax has increased from six to eight per cent. It would seem that a more fair way of raising the revenue might be invented by some of the financial experts who are at the head of Federal affairs.

Hon. Dr. Roberts Has Returned From Montreal Hospital

SAINT JOHN, June 15.--Hon. Dr. W. F. Roberts, Minister of Health and Labor has arrived back in Saint John. He was able to leave the Montreal hospital yesterday and following four weeks' recuperation at his home he hopes to be able to resume his public and private duties. Reports from his home this morning state that he is as well as could be expected.

BERLIN, June 15.--The German Government has published the results of the Four Power Naval conference in regard to patrolling off the Spanish waters. In case of disagreement each of the four powers has a right to act as it sees fit.

NOVA SCOTIA WILL GO TO THE POLLS ON JUNE 29TH

HALIFAX, June 15.--The people of Nova Scotia will go to the polls on Tuesday, June 29, to elect a new Legislature.

Premier Angus L. Macdonald will seek a new mandate of power for his Liberal Government. The Conservative Party, the only other party in the field, will be led by Col. the Hon. G. S. Harrington, Leader of the Opposition in the last Legislature.

The Liberal Party, with youthful Angus L. Macdonald at its head, was swept into power by an overwhelming majority in the elections of 1933. They won 22 of the 30 seats. Standing in the House at dissolution was, Liberals, 21; Conservatives, 8.

A vacancy was made in a Liberal seat when Don Fraser, member for Pictou, resigned to accept the appointment of Registrar for Pictou County. The election was announced several weeks ago, and both parties have been active of late in nominating their candidates. It was thought at first there would be candidates running on the Labor ticket, but none has been announced at time of writing.

Tea and Aviation Are Discussed in East Africa

(Special to The Daily Mail)

NIROBI, June 15.--Eastern African problems were discussed in Nairobi. These were namely civil aviation and tea and sugar production.

PREMIER DYSART AND PARTY IN MONTREAL TODAY

Arrived on Empress of Australia This Morning Going to Buctouche.

(Special to The Daily Mail)

MONTREAL, June 15.--Hon. A. A. Dysart, Premier of New Brunswick, accompanied by his family, was amongst the passengers arriving here this morning. They are proceeding to their home at Buctouche, N. B.

WELCOME HOME



Hon. A. A. DYSART, K. C. LL. D., M. L. A. Premier of New Brunswick, who returned to Canada today.

Canadians who attended the Coronation ceremonies officially or the Coronation procession in private capacity continue to stream back from the old country. The Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Australia, brought back many when she arrived here this morning. Among them were Hon. Pierre Casgrain, Speaker of the House of Commons; Lieut. Governor G. D. Debois, of Prince Edward Island; Premier A. A. Dysart of New Brunswick; His Worship Mayor Raynault, Montreal; and Senator Cote, of Ottawa.

The Empress of Australia also

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N. B. EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS ARE NOW IMPROVING

Economic Recovery is Shown in All Parts of This Province, Says Chairman of H.I.P.

SAINT JOHN, N. B., June 15.--New Brunswick is well on the way back. According to a report given to The Standard by A. H. Wetmore, Provincial chairman of the Federal Home Improvement Plan, economic recovery, gaining momentum in the last six months, is improving employment conditions and consequently boosting purchasing power in practically all parts of New Brunswick. This is true even in districts where the depression hit the hardest blows.

The provincial chairman based his statement on replies sent him by district chairmen who were asked to forward information on the general labor situation as statistical data for H. I. P. headquarters in Ottawa.

"Outside of Saint John where the Trades and Labor Council has not yet completed a report on local conditions, all the New Brunswick centres report that the mechanical trades such as carpenters, plumbers, electricians and masons are practically all absorbed." Chairman Wetmore announced, "and in some cases the demand now exceeds the supply."

Simultaneously the announcement (Continued on Page Four)

28 EXECUTED AS SABOTEURS IN SIBERIA

MOSCOW, June 15.--The execution of 28 more convicted saboteurs in Siberia, this time for wrecking the new and strategic Amur Railway, was made known yesterday. This made a total of 151 shot for sabotage, conspiracy and treason the past year.

(Reports calculated in Moscow, Havas news agency said, that Y. S. Agranoff, assistant commissar for home affairs, and G. E. Prokofieff, assistant commissar for posts, telegraph and radio, had been arrested. No reason could be learned.)

The latest executions in the Far East were carried out on June 4, according to a terse communique published by the Khabarovsk newspaper, Pacific Star, which reached here today.

Those shot were convicted of conspiring at the direction of Japanese espionage agents. They were charged also with affiliation with the exiled revolutionary Leon Trotsky.

Tax Bills of Saint John Citizens Highest Paid in History of the City

GOOD-BYE TO LANDMARK IN HISTORY

HALIFAX, June 15 -- Halifax is about to bid good-bye to a landmark steeped in grim history, a grim reminder of the Province's turbulent history--the old provincial penitentiary, situated near the mouth of the North West Arm.

The old landmark is being razed. Abandoned as a penal institution when the Federal Government erected the penitentiary at Dorchester, N.B., it has served no definite purpose, until now it is in a state of rapid decay.

It was built in the 1880's, and many famous criminals and pirates languished in its cells. The infamous pirates of the "Saladin" Jones, Hazelton, Anderson and Johnston, were imprisoned here until their execution in 1844.

In one of its cells, died Mate Douglas, of the brig "Zero," serving a life (Continued on Page Four)

British Government Will Take Women, Children from Bilbao

Will Remove the Civil Population From Both Madrid and Bilbao

Consult With Spanish Ambassador

Invaders Are Closing in On Both Cities

JONAS WRIGHT IS SENTENCED TO FIVE YEARS

Hears Judgment at Andover on Charge of Burglary

ANDOVER, June 15--Jonas Wright was sentenced to five years by Judge M. L. Hayward at Andover. The five year sentence was for a burglary charge. An additional three years was passed on Wright on a theft charge--the sentences to run concurrently.

Stephen G. Mooney appeared for the Crown. The defendant pleaded guilty to both charges.

Cecil Wright and Robert Wright, brothers of Jonas, who, with him, broke from the Hampton jail on May 3 and were rounded up by R.C.M.P. within two weeks of the break, were sentenced to three and two years respectively in Dorchester penitentiary by Mr. Justice Tilley in the Kings County Court last week.

French Government Discusses Its Financial Affairs

FRANCE, June 15.--Popular front government under Premier Blum has asked French Government for extraordinary power to meet the present financial crisis. Bills being discussed to grant this power and a bill that was passed last night in regard to the Customs tariff was fiercely attacked by the Opposition.

RHODESIA, June 15.--The Prime Minister of Rhodesia when addressing the Government said that Rhodesia wanted more population and that there are endless possibilities.

COMMERICAL MEN CONVENE TODAY AT HALIFAX

Revision of Exemption in Income Tax and Decision to Assess For Interest and Sinking Fund Responsible.

SAINT JOHN, N. B., June 15.--Tax bills of Saint John citizens this year will be the highest ever paid in the history of the city.

Saint John now holds the doubtful honor of having one of the highest tax rates in all Canada.

The rate for 1937 is \$4.22 per \$100, which is an increase of 54 cents over last year's rate of \$3.68.

It was the only way to avert financial disaster," Mayor MacLaren told the Common Council when the rate was announced. Major factors contributing to the heavy increase this year are revision of exemptions in income tax and the decision to assess for interest and sinking fund rather than to pursue the practice adopted by former councils, of taking such requirements from the special assess-

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(Special to Daily Mail) BILBAO, June 15.--The Basque Government has appealed to Great Britain for assistance in regard to the civil population. The British Ambassador to Spain has been instructed to communicate with General Franco the intentions of Great Britain to take as many women and children, and men and hostages by boat from Bilbao. The Basque Government have already started to move a civil population by land and are endeavoring to obtain ships to move by sea also. The civil population is to be removed from Madrid at once. The Insurgents are closing in on both cities.

ELIZABETH AND HER FATHER EACH GET GARTERS

Brilliant Pageanty at Windsor Castle

LONDON, June 15--A Queen and her father made history tonight amid the brilliant pageantry of the Knights of the Garter.

Queen Elizabeth and her father, the Earl of Strathmore, appeared together in picturesque robes for the service of the order in St. George's Chapel at Windsor Castle.

Never before have father and daughter been members of the order at the same time.

In the chapel for the service were the King, the Dukes of Gloucester and Kent, Queen Mary, and a distinguished assemblage.

It was the first revival of the ceremony in 23 years for the blue-mantled Knights of the Garter, who have only two women members, the Queen and the Queen Mother. The newest Knight is Earl Baldwin of Bewdley, until last month prime minister.

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