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Weather: Southwest winds, fair and cold; Wednesday, cold, probably snow

INCREASED ESTIMATES BASED ON POSSIBILITY ATTACK OF RAIDERS OR AIRCRAFT CARRIERS

Food Elevators And Food Supplies Must be Protected

Any Enemy Nation Might Raid Canada, Says
Defense Minister

Every Cent for Defence, Not Expeditionary

MacNeill Opposes the Measure --- Says Brains
Needed

OTTAWA, Feb. 16—Defence Minister Mackenzie told the House of Commons last night that sporadic raids were the chief danger although he did not rule out the possibility of invasion in case of war.

Defending the government's increased defence estimates against a want of confidence motion launched by Grant MacNeill (C.O.F., Vancouver North), the minister gave an analysis of the defence programme and a summary of the government's policy.

He repeated a statement made earlier by Prime Minister Mackenzie King that the government had given no commitments to Great Britain or any other country regarding participation in any military operation.

"The entire conception of Canadian naval, military and air defence is based on the action of sporadic raiders or aircraft carriers," said Mr. Mackenzie.

"I want to tell my friends this. We are prepared to build 100 airplanes in Canada. These will not necessarily be localized in any portion of the Dominion.

"They would be machines of high velocity, capable of being moved to any portion of the Dominion of Canada, available for the protection of the great St. Lawrence River, available for the protection of Quebec, available for the protection of Montreal, available to ward off any raid that might be made on the food elevators of this country.

"In this day of aircraft carriers it is quite conceivable that enemy nations might raid this nation, supplying food as a neutral among belligerents. Our elevators and our food supplies might be raided and apart from our essential coast defence our food supplies must be protected in the case of any hostilities."

The purpose of the government's increases was four-fold, said the minister, after explaining that Canada might be called upon to defend her neutrality.

"In the first place," he said, "we must provide for additional aircraft together with supplies and accommodation and personnel for patrolling our coasts and shipping terminals and for defending ourselves against the attacks of those who may violate our neutrality."

"In the second place there is a very

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H. J. CRUDGE
Superintendent of Buildings, here with party re preliminary survey of C.N.R. bridge.

DELICATE HEART OPERATION FIRST IN CANADA

TORONTO, Feb. 16—An operation on the heart for coronary stenosis, which is believed to be the first of its kind in Canada, was performed by Dr. A. L. Lockwood a week ago on a patient who is showing every evidence of recovery.

Coronary stenosis is among the heart diseases of middle age which are becoming increasingly common and is almost invariably fatal. Although surgery has been tried for coronary stenosis experimentally in Toronto on animals, this is the first time it has been tried on a patient, and Toronto doctors revealed that considerable interest will attend the progress of Dr. Lockwood's patient.

In layman's language, coronary stenosis is the breaking down of the inner walls of the coronary artery, which carries the blood supply to the heart. Dr. Lockwood's operation is the transplanting of pectoral muscles into an opening in the pericardium or outside wall of the heart

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Gambling Dens in the City

DURING the past couple of years The Daily Mail has endeavored from time to time to call attention to certain evils that exist and to certain shortcomings both on the part of the city officials, the city aldermen and of some of the citizens. The Daily Mail was not endeavoring or does not intend to endeavor to reform the world, but when this paper believes that something is for the benefit of the community we are always glad to advocate that thing. When we believe that something is detrimental to the community we always try to see that this evil, whatever it is, is remedied. The Daily Mail does this without fear or favor. We crave no man's friendship and we fear no man's frown when it comes to speaking out for the benefit of the community. It is this attitude that has put The Daily Mail on the map and has increased by many hundreds our subscribers, and has likewise increased our advertising patronage. It is not for this purpose, however, that The Daily Mail has taken the stand that we have during the last two or three years. We took this stand because we believed that there was room in this community for a paper which would work for the home community interests. The Daily Mail has been responsible for several improvements in the community and through our efforts several things of public benefit have been secured which previously had been allowed to drift. Everyone knows this, and there is no need for us to enumerate the things which The Mail has accomplished.

During the last few days the editor of The Mail has received letters from different fools in the community threatening to "bump us off" unless we let up on our remarks about gambling dens and other places of iniquity in the city. We do not know just what form this "bumping off" business is going to take, but we hope that whoever has the job in hand will make it nice and clean as we do not like anything of a messy nature. Whether buckets of gore shall flow and the editor's head shall drop in a basket we have no means yet of finding out. But we hope that the next letter which we shall receive will give all the harrowing details. The one which we received this morning had a skull and crossbones in the lower left hand corner. But they were very badly drawn and out of all proportion.

The Daily Mail has been informed that there are a whole lot of gambling dens in Fredericton, and at least two or three are said to be within a couple of blocks of the police station. The sooner the police close in on these dens of iniquity the better it will be for the public, especially the young men who are being victimized by these sharks. We imagine that some of this bunch that sent us the skull and crossbones are running dens. If we had time to bother with this bunch we would like to go down and clean them out ourselves, one by one. In the meantime, we will leave them to the powers that be. Speaking seriously, however, it is time that something were done to eliminate the gambling and other evils that are carried on in this town and about which nobody seems to care a darn.

SASKATCHEWAN LOOKS TO MINING FOR RECOVERY

REGINA, Feb. 16—Wheat-growing Saskatchewan's hopes for the development of a great Northern mining industry to help balance its industrial and economic picture were reflected in the speech from the Throne read by Lieutenant-Governor A. P. McNab at the Legislature opening.

Like Alberta, hopefully viewing in its spouting oil wells signs of future greatness and partial independence from climatic vagaries, this greatest wheat-producing Province of the Dominion is keenly realizing its need for diversification of industry and income.

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DRAEGERMEN SAY RESCUE REWARDS NOT GIVEN FAIRLY

TORONTO, Feb. 16—Nova Scotia miners who volunteered and performed rescue work in the Moose River mine cave-in were dissatisfied with the distribution of rewards for their day-and-night efforts underground, Billy Badoux, president of Stellarton, N.S., draeger crew, said today. With

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PRINCESS MARY TO TELL QUEEN MOTHER OF SON

LONDON, Feb. 16—Mary, the Princess Royal, and her husband, the Earl of Harewood, returned yesterday from their visit to the Duke of Windsor, and hurried by automobile to visit Queen Mary and tell her the latest news from her son.

The news the Princess Royal brought, it was reported, was that the Duke still was determined to marry Mrs. Simpson as soon as possible after her decree nisi of divorce becomes absolute.

Only a small crowd was at the station, several women among the on-lookers cheered the Princess Royal. She and the Earl first stopped at their house on Green street and then motored out to visit Queen Mary.

Members Royal Family Attend Industries Fair

LONDON, Feb. 16—A large royal procession are attending the British Industries Fair today. The King and Queen, the Princess Royal, the Duke of Kent and the Duke of Gloucester were present. Many foreign traders and buyers from abroad were noted.

75 PER CENT. OF WINDSOR PEOPLE ILL WITH THE FLU

WINDSOR, N. S., Feb. 16—The flu is raging badly here and in Annapolis. Over three hundred children are ill with the epidemic. Seventy-five per cent. of the people are said to be down with the disease. All public buildings, schools, churches and theatres are closed.

AUSTRIAN THRONE IS "OFFERED" TO DUKE OF WINDSOR

LONDON, Feb. 16—The magazine Leader reported in its current issue today that the Duke of Windsor has been offered the throne of Austria.

The Review said the initiative had been taken by the Austrian Peasant Party which, it stated, is opposed to restoration of Archduke Otto of Hapsburg.

The Leader added that the Duke, who renounced the British Throne, would be unlikely to accept that of Austria. In addition, the magazine said, acceptance of the offer would necessitate his conversion to Roman Catholicism.

Goering Starts Self-Supporting Drive for Germany

(Special to The Daily Mail)
BERLIN, Feb. 16—President Goering today started an economical self-supporting drive to stop German money from being spent on foreign material and in foreign lands. The deadline to bring in foreign currency back to the country will be Jan. 21, 1938. It is thought that about one hundred million francs of German currency is still out.

Dr. Dafeo Very Ill With Influenza

TORONTO, Feb. 16—Dr. Allan Roy Dafeo, physician to the Dionne quintuplets, is ill in Toronto General Hospital with influenza, it was learned today. Here on a visit, Dr. Dafeo was taken ill last week at his hotel. Under care of Dr. Gordon C. Cameron, Dr. Dafeo rested more than three days in the hotel room and was taken to the hospital today when his condition gave some concern.

Hospital authorities refused to discuss Dr. Dafeo's illness but Fred Davis, companion of the doctor on his visit here, said that the sickness "worried" attendants.

Bracken Without Working Majority Appeals to Ottawa

Hope Federal Government Will Bolster up Credit
of Province

Opposition Groups Pledged to Debt Reduction

Alberta's Plight Bad Financially, But Has a
Majority



BRIAN COOK
Who will lecture tomorrow at the Provincial Normal School

OTTAWA, Feb. 16—The Dominion Government is now studying the report of Governor Graham Towers of the Bank of Canada upon the financial position of the Provinces of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, which find themselves unable to meet their obligations unless they receive assistance from the Federal Exchequer, or in the alternative are relieved by the Dominion Government of some of their burdens.

The Federal Cabinet is now faced with the necessity of making an immediate decision concerning Manitoba's plea for financial succor for the reason that Premier John Bracken, who must meet the Legislature on Feb. 18, is without a working majority, and in imminent danger of defeat on the floor of the House by a combination of all the Opposition groups, who are virtually pledged to debt reduction.

It is understood Mr. Bracken has intimated to the Dominion Cabinet that unless help is forthcoming from Ottawa he has no alternative but to announce that his Government intends seeking legislative authority to reduce the interest rates on the Province's debt.

His representations were supported by a delegation of influential Manitobans who waited on Federal Ministers yesterday to urge the need for an immediate answer to Mr. Bracken's request for help.

There is evidence that the financial plight of the Western Provinces, largely due to drought conditions which caused crop losses estimated at hundreds of millions of dollars, has had an unfavorable effect on certain Canadian securities in the money markets of the United States and the response of the market to recent Dominion flotations was not entirely satisfactory. So it is argued that the Government of Canada, which is faced with another refunding operation in New York before the end of this year, might do worse than abandon the idea that Federal credit and Provincial credit can be dissociated and kept in separate watertight compartments.

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LOWERED CIGARET TAX BRINGS A BIG REVENUE INCREASE

OTTAWA, Feb. 16—Canadian cigarette smokers are contributing to the Federal Treasury this fiscal year the tidy sum of \$25,000,000 in taxation on their favorite brands. This, of course, is in addition to all the other taxes they pay. It is an amazing fact that the tax on cigarettes yields to the Dominion Exchequer one-quarter as much as the income tax, which will produce \$100,000,000 for the fiscal year ending March 31.

There is an interesting story about the use and taxation of cigarettes. In the year before the war, the consumption in Canada was less than one billion—\$77,000,000 to be exact. Then the fair sex began to smoke, and by 1920 the annual consumption of cigarettes exceeded the two billion mark.

Then came the boom years and in 1927 nearly 3.12 billion cigarettes

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COMMUNIST TAIL ATTEMPTING TO SWING THE PARTY DOG

The British Laborites Are Badly Split

LONDON, Feb. 16—The storm that has burst in the British labor party and threatens to send the extremists out into the wilderness has long been gathering.

The disruption is the outcome of the decision of the Socialist League, led by Sir Stafford Cripps; the Independent Labor party, led by Mr. Maxton, and the Communist party, led by Mr. Pollitt, to join forces, create a popular front and challenge the parliamentary labor party by the issue of a manifesto on revolutionary lines.

This attempt of the communist tail to swing the labor dog into line with the Moscow gospel is, in effect, an appeal to the labor electorate to rebel against the parliamentary leaders of the party and transfer the machine to the hands of the Left Wing.

Cripps is Moving Force
The driving force in this policy is Sir Stafford Cripps, who held legal office in the last Labor government and formed the Socialist League to put ginger into the parliamentary labor party is the trade union puffed the ginger in his torrent of revolutionary speeches, the more the parliamentary party shifted towards the center and insisted on the evolutionary principle of labor's socialism.

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Differences of Salary in Moscow as Great as in Any Capitalistic Country

Duchess of York Expected at Saint John on Saturday

(Special to The Daily Mail)
MONTREAL, Feb. 16—The Canadian Pacific liner Duchess of York is en route to Halifax and Saint John from Liverpool, Belfast and Glasgow and is expected at Halifax Friday and Saint John, Saturday.

BRITAINS CAPTURED WITH GOVERNMENT FORCES

(Special to The Daily Mail)
LONDON, Feb. 16—Forty Britons were captured yesterday in battle, fighting with the Spanish government forces.

Russian Jazz Band Leader Draws 50,000 Rubles Monthly, Labor- er 94.

MOSCOW, Feb. 16—According to Karl Marx, Soviet officials ought to be paid "not more than the salary of a skilled workman."

But Marx has said so many things. Among others, he directed the ruling Communist party to watch the officials and to prevent their becoming a bureaucracy. Did he foresee that party and officials would slowly become identical or at least interchangeable?

Be that as it may, in this early

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British Bachelors Beseech Solve Scarcity of Girls

LONDON, Feb. 16—Perplexed British legislators—bachelors all—besought the government today to do something about the strange scarcity of girl babies in England.

Bachelor Ronald Cartland, 30, Conservative, put the question of the commonwealth's posterity up to the government, urging it to "make recommendations thereto."

He was particularly concerned that not enough girl babies were being born to take their places as future British mothers, thus accelerating the declining birth rate.

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