

THE CITIZENS OF SAN FRANCISCO WERE STARTLED BY EARTHQUAKE THIS MORNING

Police Conditions In City Discussed by Rev. J. W. Bartlett

Gambling Dens, Bootlegging and Sunday Selling Alleged to Be Taking Place

Children Running the Streets at Night

Properly Trained Police Needed to Cope With Such Crimes as Burglaries

The elimination of gambling dens in the city, the better regulation of Sunday selling, the better control of bootlegging, and a better trained police force capable of handling and tracking down robberies when they occur were dealt with at Wilmot Church last evening by Rev. J. W. Bartlett.

In the course of an impressive sermon to a large congregation, Rev. Mr. Bartlett dealt with conditions as they are alleged to exist in the city today. He contended that gambling dens were conducted openly in the city, and that the police did not seem to be able to control this evil. He could not see why the Chief of Police of the city could not take some of his policemen and raid these dens and close them up. Mr. Bartlett said that it was notorious that too much Sunday selling existed in Fredericton unnecessarily. He also alleged that bootlegging was carried on in the city and said that no successful effort seemed to be made to stop this illicit selling of rum. Another matter touched upon by Mr. Bartlett was the running at large at night of boys and girls of all ages who should be at home and in their beds. The parents seem to have no control over these children and do not seem to care where they are. There should be some kind of an age limit placed on children running the street at night. The present condition is a disgrace to the City of Fredericton.

Speaking of burglaries Rev. Mr. Bartlett contended that it took men with special training to ferret out these crimes and to bring the guilty parties to justice. There is probably no doubt that the members of our police force are doing the best they can in regard to this feature insofar as their qualifications go. They have, however not received the proper training and are not equipped to handle cases of this kind. In England in order for a man to be Chief of Police it is necessary for him to receive a first-class education and in many cities the Chief of Police is required to be a University graduate and in connection with its course is required to receive social training

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Provincial Rights

THERE seems to be a movement on foot to have a Federal Royal Commission appointed to investigate our taxation system and the relation of the Provinces and the Dominion to such a system. This is viewed in certain circles AS MEANING AN ENTIRE NEW SETUP IN CONNECTION WITH OUR FEDERAL CONSTITUTION.

New Brunswick maintains that our constitution given to us under the B. N. A. Act should be maintained, but that the terms under which the Maritime Provinces entered Confederation be carried out. The Central Provinces of Canada as well as the Western Provinces would, it is understood, be willing to have the constitution changed.

Before any movement is made on the part of the Federal authorities it would be well to get the consent of the different Provinces, especially the Maritime Provinces, so that we would have a guarantee that our provincial rights, which have suffered to no small extent in the past, will not be further invaded. In any movement, whether to investigate tax conditions or any other conditions, the fullest co-operation between the different Provinces should be necessary. These Maritime Provinces have, as we have stated, suffered in the past and are still suffering because successive governments at Ottawa have failed to carry out the conditions under which we entered the Confederation. This naturally makes us suspicious of any movement on the part of the Federal authorities in regard to changes which have the endorsement of Central Canada. The authorities of New Brunswick would do well to watch any movement which might have a tendency to encroach upon our provincial rights.

BRITISH PAPER SAYS OVER 100,000 ASSISTING REBELS

(Special to The Daily Mail)

LONDON, March 8—The Manchester Guardian this morning charged that the number of German and Italian troops which are now fighting on the insurgents' side in Spain is no less than 100,000.

ITALIANS LOSE HEADS IN ETHIOPIA

(Special to The Daily Mail)

LONDON, March 8—In the House of Commons today the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs was asked several questions in regard to their recent bombing at Addis Ababa. Although reports have been centered the news have been confirmed that following the bombing the Italians lost their heads and performed deeds of savagery which are beyond belief. Many Ethiopians were killed and much property damage was done.

CONFERENCE OPENS IN GENEVA

(Special to The Daily Mail)

GENEVA, March 8—The Conference on War was opened this morning. After preliminaries it was expected the delegates would get down to business, 16 nations, including Japan which is not a member were represented.

MOST SEVERE OFFENSIVE ON MADRID EXPECTED

MADRID, March 8—After four months of siege of Madrid the worst offensive of the civil war is yet to come.

The government high command today issued orders to its troops on all sectors of the Madrid front to prepare to meet a fresh insurgent offensive, which is expected to be the most severe of the civil war.

Madrid defence leaders have received reports the insurgents are massing large bodies of fresh troops for a new drive, intended either to force their way into the capital or complete its encirclement.

With the siege of the city four months old, insurgent lines have been drawn on all sides of Madrid except the east and northeast.

For several days government artillery has been shelling various places believed to be concentration points for the enemy's fresh forces.

General Jose Miaja, governor commander-in-chief for central Spain, said after a conference with his divisional commanders that preparations were complete to repulse an attack in any sector.

The task of the besiegers was made more difficult today when a government mine was exploded and blew up the only bridge the insurgents held for crossing the Manzanares River into the University City suburb, west of Madrid.

The main defence lines against any encirclement operations are in the Jarama River and El Pardo sectors, southeast and northwest of Madrid, respectively. The Jarama front holds the approaches to the Valencia highway, still the capital's most important link with the rest of government-held Spain. The El Jardo front holds the enemy back from the roads to the Guadarrama front on the northwest and Guadalajara on the northeast.

HON. FRED MAGEE SUGGESTS R. C. M. P. FISHERY OFFICERS

Hon. Fred Magee, former member of the Cabinet in the New Brunswick Legislature, stated over the week-end speaking before the illegal lobster fishing commission which met at Port Elgin that the present method of guarding the fisheries is not satisfactory and in his opinion should be changed. Among other things Mr. Magee said:

"I would like to see the protection end of the industry administered by the department of justice through the R.C.M.P. and I also feel that the destruction of gear and punishment of offenders should be changed. I would suggest the cancellation of lobster licenses as a more effective method and let this latter method also apply to canners."

Mr. Magee is managing director of Fred Magee, Ltd., of this place and was a witness before a royal commission probing illegal fishing of lobsters and smelts during 1936.

Mr. Magee said he felt the district inspectors and supervisors were carrying out their duties as best they could, but the appointment of temporary guardians was not an efficient means to combat the illegal fishing.

He remarked: "The fisheries need protection, and I feel that better and more efficient protection could be administered by the R.C.M.P. than by the fisheries department under the present set-up of guardians."

Continuing, Mr. Magee declared he felt the punishment for offences now was not severe enough. He suggested that the cancellation of the license would be a better method, adding that for a first offence of the Fisheries Act the suspension might be for a one-year period, and, if the offence was committed again, the cancellation might be for a longer time. He believed this arrangement also should apply to the canners for violations in packing lobsters.

"What is your opinion of the guardians and officers?" asked H. F. G. Bridges, counsel for the commission. "Well, the inspectors and district supervisors seem to carry out their work, but the guardian system is not satisfactory. That is why I would like to see trained men, R.C.M.P. constables, look after the industry. The

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HON. FRED MAGEE
Favors R.C.M.P. for Fisheries in N. B.

Delay Suggested In Transport Matter Now Up

(Special to The Daily Mail)

SAINT JOHN, March 8—It is stated here that the transport bill be proceeded with this session. Hon. C. D. Howe, feels that the legislation is badly needed so as to deal with conditions on the Great Lakes. The Minister of Transport asserts that he could not accept the suggestion that water transport between the Maritimes and some points on the St. Lawrence River and the Great Lakes be free from the regulatory powers of the transport bill.

This announcement has caused the Saint John Board of Trade to get busy in an endeavour to have the Maritimes present a united front on the matter.

This morning Hon. A. P. Paterson met the Board of Trade and discussed the matter. Mr. Paterson suggested that as the matter of transport was far reaching in its effects that there should be delay in proceeding with the matter, until all parties had a full opportunity in presenting their case.

ITALIAN PAPERS HUSH NEWS DEATH OF ITALIAN CREW

Ship Struck by "Huge Wave" Was Radio-gram Received

NEW YORK, March 8—A radiogram from official Italian sources last night said a single gigantic wave which struck the Italian luxury liner Rex as she neared Gibraltar was responsible for the death of two persons aboard the ship.

The dead, a crew member, and a third class passenger, were both in the forward section of the ship when the huge wall of water 'came out of nowhere' and struck the starboard bow, the message said.

The radiogram said a number of persons were hurt but none critically. Ship's officers blamed the injuries on the fact that many of the passengers and crew were walking around the vessel's decks, in spite of rough weather.

GENOA, Italy, March 8—An informed source reported today a passenger and member of the crew of the Italian liner Rex, which docked here yesterday, were killed when the ship encountered a storm off the Azores. The same source said he understood 74 persons among the passengers and crew were injured.

No official information was available and Italian newspapers were understood to have received instructions to disregard all reports of the liner's stormy passage.

Though reports of the deaths were current widely in this port, no one professed to know the identity or nationality of the passengers reported killed.

British Steamer With Nitrate Cargo Prepares to Sail

(Special to The Daily Mail)

BOSTON, March 8—The British steamer which was held up in Boston for several days on account of its cargo of nitrate the purpose of which was doubtful is preparing to sail. All the crew left the ship except eight members. The officers will pick up sufficient men to make up the crew.

PROPOSAL REJECTED

(Special to The Daily Mail)

MELBOURNE, March 8—Two proposals, one to give the Commonwealth control of civil aviation and the other to give the Commonwealth control of marketing were both rejected over the week-end by the House of Commons.

All Engen of Salt Lake City Winner Canadian Ski Championship, Kolterud, Norwegian, Place Second

REPORT FURTHER ALLEGED HELP FOR FRANCO BY ITALY

Reports of alleged further aid to the insurgents are coming from certain agencies. It is reported that 12 Italian army divisions will be sent to Spain in the next few weeks to help General Francisco Franco wipe out the government armies. This action would be a direct violation of the international agreement banning dispatch of "volunteers."

MRS. SIMPSON AND HER HOSTS LEAVE FOR FRANCE

CANNES, March 8 — Mrs. Wallis Simpson and her hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Rogers, left Cannes today on a trip to eastern France.

Minimum Wage Rates Established Bring Back Workers

Furniture Workers Return to Work in Province of Ontario

U. S. Strikers Also Returning; Labor Scene Quiet

Industries Are Seriously Hampered by Days of Walk-Out

EARTHQUAKE FELT AT SAN FRANCISCO

(Special to The Daily Mail)

SAN FRANCISCO—Residents of San Francisco were scared this morning by an earthquake which threatened for a time to equal the great quake of thirty-one years ago.

Windows were broken and articles were knocked off shelves. The picture was more fearful by the thought which was brought home to the citizens by the great picture 'San Francisco' which portrayed the last great earthquake. The quake ended in a few minutes, however, and everybody breathed easier.

TURKEY INCREASES ALL DEFENSES

(Special to The Daily Mail)

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 8 — Turkey is to increase all her defences. The army will be increased and modernized as well as the navy. Special attention will be given to the Air Force. The Budget will be increased six million pounds sterling over last year. One-third of the forty million pounds will be spent for arms.

Violent Attacks Resumed in Spain

(Special to The Daily Mail)

MADRID, March 8—Land activities have been resumed and the insurgents are making violent attacks north of Valencia. The Government claims to have re-taken the Madrid-Valencia highway and to have shut off communication from University City by blowing up the bridge.

After days of walk-out and sit-down strikes in Ontario and the United States, the scene of labor action is again returning to normal and men and women are returning to work.

The United States labor scene was quiet today after settlements Saturday brought a sharp reduction in the number of strikes.

Wage increases aggregating millions of dollars annually were established for thousands of employees. Scattered industries remained harassed by labor trouble, however.

A workless Monday was the prospect of 10,000 employees of Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. plants at Akron, Ohio. Company officials and union leaders conferred on the workers' demands for recognition of the union as sole bargaining agency, abolition of a "company union" and arrangements for conferences on other points.

A brief Saturday night sitdown in two Chevrolet plants at Flint, Mich., caused a suspension of work for 6,500, but the men agreed to resume work pending negotiations. Discharge of five men was blamed for the trouble.

Few cabs cruised Chicago streets, and company officials said they were considering demands of striking drivers. Police kept a watchful eye on activities. The Yellow Cab Company said many drivers had expressed a desire to return to work and that it was "expected" service would be normal today.

More than 1,000 Ontario furniture workers, who have been on strike since last Monday will return to their jobs tomorrow.

Hon. David Croll, Ontario minister of labor, Saturday announced terms of an agreement that climaxed a week's peace effort by B. P. Marsh, deputy labor minister, and Louis Fine, industrial standards officer.

The agreement signed by manufacturers and union representatives provide for conferences under the Industrial Standards Act to work out

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ONTARIO EXPECTS A SURPLUS AND DEBT REDUCTION

TORONTO, March 8—Premier Hepburn is expected to announce a surplus and reduction in debt in his budget speech which he is now busy preparing.

Ontario legislators are looking ahead and wondering if the remaining weeks of the session can match for speedily-paced excitement the events around Queen's Park last week.

Premier Hepburn spent many week-end hours in his office putting the finishing touches to the budget speech he will deliver Tuesday. He has said he will announce a substantial surplus and a sizeable reduction in the gross debt.