

ITALIAN TROOPS KILLED BY OWN MEN

COMMENCE PROBE IN MINE EXPLOSIONS

PASSENGERS RESCUED BY FRESNO CITY

Steamer Speeding to
Aid Stricken
Vessel

All Hands Safe

Volunteer Sinking 840
Miles Off
Japan

SAN FRANCISCO, March 29—A stirring drama of heroism was enacted on the storm-tossed Pacific this morning when the steamship Fresno City stood alongside the sinking freighter Volunteer and rescued the passengers and crew. The freighter sprang a leak Saturday while about 840 miles off the coast of Japan and sent a distress call early yesterday morning.

No definite news regarding the condition of the vessel was received until late yesterday afternoon when an intercepted wireless message reported that 12 feet of water was in the hold. Several ships steamed to the rescue, including the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Canada which later resumed her course after starting a 636 mile dash to the side of the stricken ship. The freighter sent two calls for help within 24 hours saying she was leaking badly and that her pumps were unable to stem the rising water.

Darkness hampered rescue work last night, but early this morning it was reported that all the crew and passengers had been removed to safety. Whether or not the freighter had shipped more water could not be learned today. Rough sea also delayed the work of rescue for a few hours but the crew of the Fresno City exerted everything to transfer the crew and passengers from the stricken craft as quickly as possible.

Ships To Rescue

When the calls for help were first received the Volunteer gave her position as 840 miles off the Japanese coast. The Fresno City immediately began a race to the scene. On the second call the Volunteer asked the Empress of Canada also to come. Several Japanese freighters likewise started to the rescue.

Apparently the Volunteer had been battling a heavy storm for two days when she asked for help.

With a cargo of cotton and general merchandise the Volunteer left New Orleans Feb. 7 for Kobe, Japan, via Pacific ports and Honolulu.

ARREST MAN IN CONNECTION WITH KIDNAPPING CASE

Will Be Questioned
Regarding Matson
Affair

MEXICO CITY, March 29—The extensive search conducted by G-Men for the "black-bearded" slayer of 10-year-old Charles Matson of Tacoma, Washington, who was kidnapped from the palatial Matson estate last December and brutally slain, is believed to be near its end as result of the arrest of a man identified as Alexander Pompey, 47, a native of Key West, Florida. The arrest was made yesterday on the request of the United States embassy.

Although embassy spokesmen denied knowledge of the charges against Pompey, if any, it was unofficially stated that the man will be questioned in connection with the Matson slaying. An unofficial report also (Continued on Page Four)

Kingsclear Mail Service

THE DAILY MAIL is in receipt of a letter from a prominent Kingsclear resident in reference to the mail service between this city and Central Kingsclear.

As pointed out in The Daily Mail a few days ago, residents of Central Kingsclear and intermediate points on rural route number six are putting up a protest against the mail service which has been thrust upon them for some years. The mail from this city up as far as the mouth of the Myshraal Settlement road is driven by Lee Hanson, one of the best mailmen in the service of the department. Mr. Hanson leaves this city with his mail at ten o'clock in the morning and reaches his destination, 16 miles away, at about noon. What the public along the route desire is a service leaving this city at about 4.15 or 4.30 p.m. and returning to this city the same evening. This is a very easy matter to work out, especially during the summer season. In addition to the convenience to the residents along the way, this service would be of great convenience to the merchants.

At the present time letters and newspapers mailed at the Fredericton post office for Central Kingsclear, Springhill and other adjacent points after 10 o'clock in the morning do not reach their destination until the following day. Under the new arrangement merchants, the newspaper offices and others would be able to give these people the service up to four o'clock each afternoon. There is no possible excuse for the present arrangement which is unsatisfactory to everybody along the route, as well as many in this city.

Another proposition is made by the writer of the letter. It is that the mail for Central Kingsclear leave here in the afternoon as suggested by The Daily Mail, and that it be routed so as to go up to Hammondville, through the Myshraal Settlement, and return by way of the Hanwell Road, making the round trip and taking in the whole circle.

This proposition is submitted to the postal authorities for their consideration.

Wage Dispute Negotiations are Continued at Montreal Today

Railway Heads and Unionists Resume Negotiations

MONTREAL, March 29—Representatives of 17 labor unions and heads of Canada Railway systems resumed negotiations today concerning the wage dispute. The conference is a continuation of their Saturday's sessions, when the employers and employees came together at the request of Labor Minister Rogers after the conference had been blocked by a deadlock early last week.

At noon today there was no announcement made regarding the progress of the conference but it is understood that the "dispute" is rapidly reaching a solution. Ever since negotiations were commenced last week the details of the meetings were not divulged.

The men were represented by 18 running trade union vice-presidents, who have been in session here with other union delegates since March 18, deliberating the question of a general strike if the roads refused full restoration of depression wage cuts. The roads have announced acceptance of the majority finding of a conciliation board that recommended restoration of only three per cent. of the 10 per cent. reductions at intervals this year.

Several Manchurian Rebels Arrested After Rebellion

(Special to The Daily Mail)
MANCHURIA, March 29—The Car-
tain and 19 Japanese soldiers were
killed today in a clash against Chin-
ese bandits in Manchuria. Follow-
ing the rebellion in Manchuria 400
rebels were arrested. It is reported
that quite a number have been put
to death but the exact number is
not known.

BODIES OF NINE VICTIMS BROUGHT TO SURFACE TODAY

Cause of the Explosion
As Yet Remains
Unknown

Two Blasts

One Hundred Men Take
Part in the
Rescue

DUBOIS, Pa., March 29—Investigation was commenced today into the explosion which claimed nine lives in the mine operated by the North-west Mining and Exchange Company, about 14 miles from here on the outskirts of the mining settlement of Kramer. The explosion occurred deep in the workings of the mine late Saturday night. Few of the inhabitants of the settlement—most of them away to spend Easter Sunday with friends—knew of the explosion until late yesterday afternoon.

Seven of the bodies were rescued last night, and the remaining two were brought to the surface this morning by rescue workers.

In the meantime investigation into the tragedy is now under way, but no information was available today as to what officials believed caused the explosion.

Two Explosions

P. F. Nairn, deputy secretary of the state bureau of mines, who hurried here from his home in Carrolltown, Pa., to direct rescue operations, said:

"There were two explosions. The first one caught the five who were working. The mine operates on a five-day week so had been idle during the day.

"The other four men, rescue workers, were killed by the second explosion. They had gone in trying to reach the others."

Nairn said he believed the explosions were caused by the ignition of gas, but that the source of the ignition was unknown.

Nairn said the bodies of seven were found huddled together about a mile from the mine entrance.

Between 80 and 100 men, most of them from surrounding mining communities, took part in the rescue operations. A. J. Forbes, head of the United States bureau of mines station at Pittsburgh, arrived with others to aid the rescue work.

Few At Pithead

In contrast to the scenes so familiar at mining disasters—groups of anxious friends and weeping women and children of the victims—only a (Continued on Page Four)

B. N. A. Act Subject Of Talks at Ottawa

ISSUE BROUGHT TO HEAD AT THE FEDERAL CAPITAL

Writer Gives Reasons
For Reactions of
Statesmen

(By Dean Wilson)

OTTAWA, March 29—It is impossible to conceal the fact that there is an undulatory wave sweeping the Capital now, which has for its basis the amendment of the 70-year-old document commonly referred to by Canadian statesmen as the Charter of Canada, but which history has recorded as the British North America Act.

Wherever there is any informal gathering of Members of the House of Commons, or of the Senate, either in House or lobby, one is certain to hear some mention of this old Act, and it is usually a complaint, and this sort of reaction is not limited to members of any political party or point of view in particular.

There are a number of reasons for this reaction at the present time, but two recent happenings have brought the issue to a head in the Capital, with the natural result that all sorts of wild schemes are going the rounds, though they boil down in each case to a suggestion that an immediate amendment of the original document of the Fathers of Confederation must be made.

One of the reasons for this reaction amongst the legislators can be traced to the recent judgments of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council. These judgments declared null and void all measures, except one, that were passed by the Bennett Government in 1935 and which aimed for a social betterment of the Canadian people, because they were outside the competence of the Federal Parliament and really an infringement of the provincial rights.

Recent Complaint

The other and more recent cause for complaint against the British North America Act as it stands today (Continued on Page Four)

Pope Pius Weeps As Faithful Pay Homage at Easter

VATICAN CITY, March 29—Pope Pius XI wept today as he received the homage of thousands of Roman Catholics who jammed St. Peter's Cathedral for the pontifical Easter mass.

A wave of emotion apparently swept over the Pontiff as he was borne from the Cathedral on his portable throne at the conclusion of the ceremony. At the entrance he ordered his throne turned around so he could give a final benediction to the thousands of worshippers.

Tears rolled down his cheeks, still ashen from his long illness, as he gave the signal for his throne to be borne from the Cathedral.

A few minutes later Pope Pius appeared on an outside balcony of St. Peter's to bestow the apostolic blessing on crowds estimated at 150,000 which filled St. Peter's Square.

FRANCO SAYS OTHER SHIPS FLY BRITISH FLAG

(Special to The Daily Mail)

SPAIN, March 29—The Insurgents bombed Madrid again today but were driven back by Government air forces before much damage was done. General Franco has issued a warrant to British ships requesting that the British shipping endeavor to avoid if possible travelling through Spanish territorial waters. General Franco says that many ships not British are flying the British flag and are trying to smuggle arms, volunteers and war supplies to the Government. This was Franco explanation of the shelling of a British trawler.

ITALIAN DICTATOR IS FACING THE GREATEST CRISIS OF HIS CAREER

Defeat of Italian Army in Spain Leads Il Duce
to Make Concessions

ROME, March 29—Facing its gravest crisis since the British Home Fleet steamed into the Mediterranean just before the Ethiopian war, Italian Fascism has come to terms with Yugoslavia and closed the back door along the exposed Adriatic flank.

Only the defeat of the Italian Army in Spain and the resultant crisis could have led Premier Benito Mussolini to make such extraordinary concessions as were extended to Yugoslavia Thursday by his son-in-law and Foreign Minister, Count Galeazzi Ciano in exchange for neutrality and wheat.

The Belgrade treaties signed Thursday and yesterday leave the Yugoslavs' Balkan alliance system intact, while Mussolini scraps his entente with the Hungarian bloc by abandoning revisionism and extending to Belgrade trade preference and clearing agreements he has maintained hitherto exclusively with Vienna and Budapest.

To clinch his swingover from the revisionist to the succession states of Central Europe, Mussolini is understood to have forewarned privately his despotism in Albania, his agitation in the Yugoslav province of Dalmatia

and his sympathy for the terrorists who killed King Alexander I of Yugoslavia, among others.

This retreat from the Balkans, though costly, should leave Italian Fascism free now to deal directly with its major problem—the defeat in Spain and the decision whether to withdraw or to send fresh divisions to the aid of General Franco, insurgent Fascist leader, with all that this risks in Anglo-French intervention.

Mussolini is understood to have two militia divisions in special training now, and with 22 steamships ready for transport service, they could be rushed immediately to the aid of the 60,000 Italian troops who are already holding the line for Franco in Guadalajara, Madrid and Malaga. These troops are his ace in the hole.

The Belgrade accord and the threat of an Austrian crisis may appear to the French an opportunity to detach Italy from Germany, but even this may not reconcile Paris to acquiescence in the Spanish question if Mussolini accuses French public opinion by overt troop movements. It is significant that there are carefully (Continued on Page Four)

GOVERNMENT TROOPS ROUT THE REBELS

Hundreds of Italians
Killed in Retreat
at Brihuega

Madrid Warlike

Loyalist Forces Are
Pressing Toward
Coastline

VALENCIA, March 29—Government army leaders report decisive defeats of insurgent forces along the Guadalajara front during the week-end. According to reports from headquarters of the loyalist army the Italians killed hundreds of their men in the confusion of the retreat at Brihuega.

Major Antonio Lucciano, who was captured by advancing Spanish government troops, asserted that Fascist troops in the Brihuega sector were entirely Italian and that Italians on the Guadalajara front totalled four divisions of 10,000 men each.

The men were moved around so quickly and positions changed so often that there was so much confusion Italians killed hundreds of their own men.

Lucciano said he led a company into a town near Brihuega believing other units would follow immediately. When they did not arrive, he said his company found itself under fire of government troops ahead and Italians to the rear. He said the majority of the company was killed and the rest captured.

His account followed government statements many Italians must have been killed by troops on their own side because of the large number of bodies found in places said never to have been under government fire.

Major Lucciano denied, however, there had been any internal fighting or mutiny among the Italians.

Madrid Warlike

MADRID, March 29—While the Christian world observed the anniversary of the resurrection of the "Prince of Peace," the streets of Madrid reverberated to the rumble of artillery units which were being hastened to the scene of battle, while overhead government planes were engaged in conflict with daring insurgent airmen.

The principal streets were crowded but a war atmosphere rather than a religious atmosphere prevailed in the besieged capital.

Reports to Madrid said a flotilla of government warships returned safely to Cartagena harbor after bombarding Malaga, Motril and other points occupied by the Insurgents in their January offensive along the southern Mediterranean coast.

The government squadron cruised up and down the coast in concentration (Continued on Page Four)

FIVE CANADIANS ARRESTED WHILE ENROUTE TO SPAIN

Being Held by French
Pending Further
Investigation

PORT VENDRES, France, March 29—Five Canadians were among a group of 25 men in jail here after arrest while allegedly trying to smuggle themselves into Spain to fight for the government cause in the civil war.

The Canadians identified themselves as William Gordon, 22, Peter Ambrosiak, 26, and Alexander Maclure, 26, all of Montreal; and Tuan Arwid Sundsten, 21 and John Denny, both of Toronto. The group also included 13 American citizens, three Hungarians, two Rumanians and two Irishmen.

Other than to give their names the men refused any information to an examining magistrate. They were remanded until Tuesday. (Continued on Page Four)