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Weather: Partly cloudy and cold today and Tuesday; snow flurries

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TO SURFACE TODAY

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FREDERICTON, N. B., MONDAY, MARCH 29, 1937

PASSENGERS **RESCUED BY FRESNO CITY**

Steamer Speeding to Aid Stricken Vessel

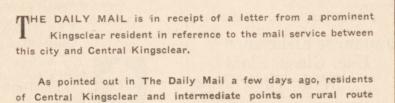
All Hands Safe

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 spraug a leak Saturday while about 840 miles off the coast of Japan and sent all distress calls 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 saf-



Kingsclear Mail Service

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 Myshrall 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 Fred ericton 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 sa 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 Myshrall 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.

Cause of the Explosion **ISSUE BROUGHT** As Yet Remains TO HEAD AT THE FEDERAL CAPITAL One Hundred Men Take Writer Gives Reasons For Reactions of Statesmen DUBOIS, Pa., March 29-Investigation was commenced today into the

B. N. A. Act Subject

explosion which claimed nine lives (By Dean Wilson) in the mine operated by the North-OTTAWA, March 29-It is impos sible to conceal the fact that there west Mining and Exchange Company, is an undulatory wave sweeping the about 14 miles from here on the outskirts of the mining settlement of Capital now, which has for its basis The explosion occurred the amendment of the 70-year-old document commonly referred to by deep in the workings of the mine late Canadian statesmen as the Charter of Saturday night. Few of the inhabit-Canada, but which history has recordants of the settlement-most of them ed as the British North America Act away to spend Easter Sunday with Wherever there is any informal friends-knew of the explosion until gathering of Members of the House of Commons, or of the Senate, either Seven of the bodies were rescued in House or lobby, one is certain to last night, and the remaining two hear some mention of this old Act, were brought to the surface this and it is usually a complaint, and this sort of reaction is not limited to mem In the meantime an investigation bers of any political party or point of into the tragedy is now under way, view in particular. but no information was available to-

There are a number of reasons for day as to what officials believed causthis reaction at the present time, bu two recent happenings have brought the issue to a head in the Capital

P. F. Nairn, deputy secretary of with the natural result that all sorts the state bureau of mines, who hurof wild schemes are going the rounds ried here from his home in Carrollthough they boil down in each case town, Pa., to direct rescue operations, to a suggestion that an immediat amendment of the original documen "There were two explosions. The of the Fathers of Confederation must first one caught the five who were be made.

working. The mine operates on a One of the reasons for this reaction five-day week so had been idle dur- amongst the legislators can be traced to the recent judgments of the Judiing the day. The other four men, rescue work ers, were killed by the second explo- These judgments declared null and sion. They had gone in trying to void all measures, except one, that were passed by the Bennett Governreach the others." Nairn said he believed the explo- ment in 1935 and which aimed for a sions were caused by the ignition of social betterment of the Canadian gas, but that the source of the igni- people, because they were outside the competence of the Federal Parliament tion was unknown. Nairn said the bodies of seven and really an infringement of the were found huddled together about provincial rights. Recent Complaint mile from the mine entrance. (Continued on Page Four)

Of Talks at Ottawa Hundreds of Italians Killed in Retreat **Pope Pius Weeps** As Faithful Pay

THE

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 pontificial 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.



(Special to The Daily Mail) SPAIN, March 29-The Insurgents | there had been any internal fighting Madrid again today but were driven back by Government air forces before much damage was done. General Franco has issued a warrant to Christian world observed the anniv-British ships requesting that the ersary of the resurrection of 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 The other and more recent cause trying to smuggle arms, volunteers for complaint against the British and war supplies to the Government. North America Act as it stands today This was Franco explanation of the shelling of a British trawler.

at Brihuega **Madrid Warlike** Loyalist Forces Are Pressing Toward

REBELS

Coastline VALENCIA, March 29-Govern-

ment army leaders report decisive defeats of insurgent forces along the Guadalajara front during the weekend. According to reports from headquarters of the loyalist army the IIalians killed hundreds of their men in the confusion of the retreat at Brighuega.

Major Antonio Lucciano, who was captured by advancing Spanish government troops, assented 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

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,

ety. Whether or not the freigh 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

eral Japanese freighters likewise negotiations today concerning the started to the rescue.

Apparently the Volunteer had been kattling 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.

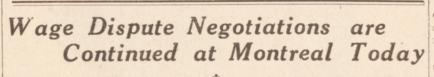
ARREST MAN IN CONNECTION WITH KIDNAPPING CASE

Will Be Questioned Regarding Matson Affair

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

Although embassy spokesmen den- killed today in a clash against Chinled knowledge of the charges against ese bandits in Manchuria. Follow-Pompez, if any, it was unofficially ing the rebellion in Manchuria 400 stated that the man will be question- rebels were arrested. It is reported ed in connection with the Mattson that quite a number have been put not known.

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Railway Heads and **Accidents Claim** Unionists Resume Negotiations

CHARLOTTE, N.C., March 28-MONTREAL, March 29-Represen-Five persons were killed here totatives of 17 labor unions and heads day when a Southern Railway pas-Empress of Canada also to come. Sev- of Canada Railway systems resumed senger train struck their automobile at a crossing on the edge wage dispute. The conference is a of the city.

continuation of their Saturday's ses-They were Robert Clarkson, 50, sions, when the employers and emhis son Bryce, 25, said by Deplovees came together at the request tective Sam Deweese to have been of Labor Minister Rogers after the driving; Mrs. Gertrude Walker, conference had been blocked by a 30, and her son, Joe, 13, and L. deadlock early last week. D. Hawley. All lived here.

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 livulged.

The men were represented by 18 hurt when two cars met. unning trade union vice-presidents, Bell was unconscious since the who have been in session here with eccident and died early today other union delegates since March 18, without regaining consciousness. deliberating the question of a general

strike if the roads refused full restoration of depression wage cuts. The **Celebrates Easter** roads have announced acceptance of **Rebellion of 1916** the majority finding of a conciliation

board that recommended restoration of only three per cent. of the 10 per (Special to The Daily Mail) cent. reductions at intervals this year. DUBLIN, March 23-Disturbances are reported from the Irish Free

Several Manchurian **Rebels** Arrested After Rebellion were injured including policemen.

(Special to The Daily Mail) MANCHURIA, March 29-The Cat ain and 19 Japanese soldiers were

(Special to The Daily Mail) LONDON, March 29-One of the hief events taking place today in skying. An unofficial report also to death but the exact number is entries were made and prizes were with 100 per cent. fulfilment of the awarded.

Between 80 and 100 men, most of hem from surrounding mining communities, took part in the rescue operations. A. J. Forbes, head of the United States bureau of mines staion at Pittsburgh, arrived with oth-

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)

SOVIET SCHOLARS **URGE CONTESTS IN AERIAL DEFENCE**

MOSCOW, March 27-A group of Moscow school children from the ages of eight to eighteen yesterday published an appeal to the Commissariat of Education to issue norms (standards whereby the preparedness of children to resist air and chemical attacks may be judged.

Two children-signers of the petiion-boasted a record of 1.9 seconds for donning gas masks, but the petition recommended a 10-second norm for children from eight to eleven years. The petition suggests norms form every form of air and chemical defense, with emphasis on handling gas masks, 'lights out drill,' emptying school buildings quickly, and clearing attics and corridors of inflammatory material

The petition also demands a 'Socialist competition' among the Moscow schools for emblems reading 'ready London was the parade of cabs and for anti-war chemical defense' which vans in Regents Park. Five hundred would be awarded only to schools norms.

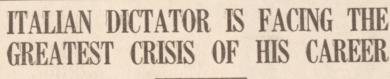
ers to aid the rescue work.

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 foresworn 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 acquiesence in the Spanish question if Mussolini arcuses French public opinion by overt troop movements. It is significant that there are carefully (Continued on Page Four)

Italians or mutiny Madrid Warlike

MADRID, March 29-While 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 ngaged in conflict with daring inurgent 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 concentrat-(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 Maclare, 26, all of Montreal; and Tuan Arwid Sundsten, 21 and John Dendy, both of Toronto. The group also included 13 American citizens, three Hungarans, two Rumanians and two Irish-

Other than to give their names the men refused any information to an examining magistrate. They were remanded until Tuesday

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State. The disturbances occurred

when several parties attempted to

celebrate the anniversary of the Eas-

ter Rebellion is 1916. Several people

Seven Yesterday

TWO SUCCUMB

Jack Bell of Toronto and Miss

Bessie Comley, Lyndhurst, injured

in an automobile accident near

Odessa, Good Friday, died here

today in hospital. Six others were

KINGSTON, Ont., March 28-