

# Scottish Banking Strike Called for Monday

## Defenders Basque Capital Reported Fleeing in Disorder

Insurgents Claim Capture of Durango, Keystone of Bilbao Defense

Important Strategic Points Now Held

Great Britain Will Assist in Rescue of Citizens of Bilbao

BARCELONA, Northern Spain, April 29.—Insurgent armies driving toward Bilbao announced tonight they had captured Durango, keystone of the Basque capital's defense system, and smashed the Basque resistance along a 60-mile front.

An official announced seizure of Durango the headquarters here of General Francisco Franco's northern army said the defenders of the besieged Basque state were "completely demoralized" and were fleeing in disorder toward Bilbao.

Durango was taken by an encircling movement by insurgent columns which developed into bitter hand-to-hand fighting before the defence columns suddenly crumbled.

Two thousand Basques and government troops with 20 tanks made the last stand in Durango, said the insurgents. Their retreat toward Bilbao, 16 miles northwest by a down hill highway, was described as a great rout. Many prisoners were reported taken.

North of Durango the forces of Insurgent General Emilio Mola swept westward on a 15-mile front, capturing several towns extending to the coast of Lequeitio on the Bay of Biscay. At least four tactically important mountains were gained in the phase of the advance.

Insurgent officers estimated the defenders of Bilbao had lost more than 10,000 killed, wounded or captured.

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## SCOTTISH BANKING CLERKS PLANNING STRIKE MONDAY

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
GLASGOW, Scotland, April 29.—The leader of the organization of banking clerks and accountants will call for the first British banking strike on Monday. They will insist on recognition of banking union and removal of the rule prohibiting clerks earning less than a certain salary to marry.

## FIGHT AGAINST FLOODS STILL UNABATED

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
CHATHAM, Ont., April 29.—The fight against flooded rivers around Chatham, Ont., continues today. One hundred families were moved out of Chatham during the night. Woodmen around the city are employed in building banks of sand bags to save the city water plant. Boats are being used around Chatham and Thamesville to aid in the rescue.

## BEAUTIFUL GLAZED POTTERY NOW BEING MADE ACCORDING TO CHINESE ART AT MOSS GLEN, N. B.

Mrs. J. Clarence Webster Throws Light on Ancient Chinese Art

SAINT JOHN, April 29.—In the course of an informative and interesting lecture given last evening by Mrs. J. Clarence Webster before the Saint John Branch of the New Brunswick Association, the speaker brought out the fact that at the present time, there is being made at Moss Glen, by the Deckman family, beautiful glazed pottery, in accordance with the best traditions of the Chinese art. Mrs. Webster exhibited some of the Moss Glen products and Mr. Deckman was present at the meeting.

"The Golden Road Through Samarkand" was the title of the address of great interest which Mrs. J. Webster gave before an exceptionally large audience of the members of the Saint John branch of the New Brunswick Museum Association, at the closing meeting of the season last evening.

Mrs. Webster used lantern slides to illustrate her address and was also able to print to the articles in the fine collection of the ancient art of China now placed in the museum through her own generosity and her efforts in collecting.

The Golden Road of which she spoke was the ancient trade route down which have passed through centuries the most precious products of the east.

Mrs. Webster briefly sketched the history of the ancient art of China. She referred to the influence of

Buddhism in the 8th century and described the art characteristics of each of the dynasties from the Tang Dynasty to 618 to 916 A. D. which had been followed by the Sung dynasty of 960 to 1280 which has been called the golden age of Chinese art. Paintings, china and poetry of that period were illustrated.

Art Deteriorates  
The Mogul invasion, while it led to increased commerce, was not conducive to the growth of art. Mrs. Webster pointed out, and for some time it deteriorated. Marco Polo's travels in China and his writings concerning the things which he found there had been considered fantastic and almost unbelievable in Europe.

In the 1347 to 1644 period came the Ming dynasty, some 100 years after the Mogul rule, and in that period, Mrs. Webster noted, there was a great renaissance of Chinese art. Perhaps the finest china in existence had been made by the Chinese of that day.

But the Manchus overcame the Ming rulers about 1650 and at about that time Chinese products began to become fashionable in Europe. They were extensively imported by the Dutch and other traders and later they began to be copied in European countries.

Having shown many pictures of art objects and paintings of the different periods, Mrs. Webster went on to describe many of the priceless works of art in the collection in which she is interested. Most of the objects, she said, had been obtained from tombs more than 1,000 years old.

## Local Improvement

TWO or three years ago The Daily Mail advocated the removal of the unsightly and unsanitary city dump which had for some years been located on Queen Street near the corner of Northumberland Street. The dump was removed and it was understood at the time that some effort would be made to improve the location along the river bank in that section of the city. Beyond levelling off the ground and the planting of grass seed nothing was ever done with the plot of ground that had formerly been a dump. Several times last year the attention of the city authorities was called to this spot.

The Daily Mail is glad to learn that at a meeting of a Local Improvement Association held the other night the matter of fixing up this spot was considered. A suggestion was made that a retaining wall be built along the waterfront and that the plot be extended to take in a lumber yard and certain other properties below the former dump.

This is a proposition that might well be favourably considered by the city council. This spot is located on the chief street of the city and is passed daily during the summer by many tourists entering and leaving the city. It seems that without very much expense this place could be made a beauty spot that would not only be attractive to tourists and others, but would give the people in the east end of the city, especially to the section referred to, a small riverside park similar to that enjoyed by the residents of the east end of the city. In regard to the properties which are located below the spot mentioned, it might be just possible that it would be a good investment for the city to get hold of these properties at the present time, and to use them as an extension to this proposed park.

Speaking of the waterfront generally, any person who takes a walk on the bridge and looks at the entire waterfront of the city from Smythe Street down to the rear of the Normal School can see a SIGHT THAT IS A DISGRACE TO ANY CITY LIKE FREDERICTON. It is a wonder that some of the city authorities who should take a pride in their city had not made an effort long ago to improve this disgraceful condition. It is an eyesore not only to the citizens but to strangers approaching the city from the Devon side of the bridge or by the river steamer. It has been so for years, and nobody has yet made any practical effort to improve conditions.

The river bank above the highway bridge and up as far as Friar's Creek in the town of Devon is not much better. Even in the section between the old ferry landing and the highway bridge the residents are using the bank as a dump for old tin cans and old shoes. There are some nice properties above the ferry landing at North Devon and some nice river bank lawns. These would look nice if the residents over there had energy enough to fix up their river bank in front of their houses. This would not cost very much money. Just a little good-will and elbow grease would do the trick. But this refers to Devon.

The Local Improvement Association deserves credit for bringing up this matter of the city dump. It is to be hoped that the Local Improvement Association will meet with success, as it is doing a good work. But the only way to encourage improvement in the conditions to make the city look better is for the city itself to fix up its own property and then private individuals will gladly follow the lead.

## Last Coronation Crowds Out Friday, 900 on Duchess of Atholl

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
MONTREAL, April 29.—The heaviest early spring exodus to the Old Country in the history of St. Lawrence will be completed with the departure tomorrow of 900 aboard the Canadian Pacific liner Duchess of Atholl for Glasgow, Belfast and Liverpool.

Aboard the Duchess will be a party of 160 high school girls drawn from all over the Dominion to represent young Canada at the Coronation. Although unofficial, the party will be one of the most significant of any groups that have sailed in the past few days. They remain in England as junior ambassadors for Canada for six weeks during which time they are to be guests of noted British schools.

Generally the passenger list is notable for its wide representation. It includes socialites from every section of Canada.

Special meeting of the Fredericton Board of Trade will be held tonight in the Council Chamber.

St. Paul's Ladies' Aid Society Tea at St. Paul's Manse on May 26.

## BENNETT BACK FROM CALGARY

OTTAWA, April 29.—Nothing but more moisture and promise of a crop will maintain the morale of the men and women of the West, Right Hon. R. B. Bennett stated today on his return from Calgary. The Conservative Leader said he was more than ever impressed with the "most marvellous courage of the men and women of the West," as they passed through a period of grave uncertainty.

Lack of rain was worrying many sections of Alberta and Saskatchewan but Manitoba, particularly the Portage plains, looked exceedingly well. Plentiful rains in May and June would help greatly.

In excellent health, the Conservative Leader was busily engaged today clearing the decks of the accumulation since he left for Calgary immediately following prorogation. He will sail from Montreal later this week for London to attend the Coronation.

OTTAWA, April 29.—Edward Morris, head clerk of the committees branch, House of Commons, died today after a week's illness. He will be buried at Advocate Harbor, N. S.

## MORE SETTLERS TO CANADA READY TO COME IF ALLOWED

Relatives Seek Entry, Believe Disturbances Cause

OTTAWA, April 29.—For the first time in the history of Imperial Conferences, Canada will be represented, among others, by her Minister of Immigration, Hon. Thomas Crerar.

While this does not mean that the Dominion intends to let down the barriers completely and admit all and sundry, it does preface a gradual revival of the movement to Canada of British settlers as fast as they can be absorbed.

The inclusion of Mr. Crerar also seems to indicate that the Imperial Conference will give consideration to the development of the natural resources of Canada and other parts of the British Commonwealth.

Smallest Since Confederation  
Immigration to Canada last year totalled 11,643, which is the smallest number to seek new homes in this Dominion in any year since Confederation. Of these only 2,197 were British, 4,876 were from the United States, 817 from Northern Europe, and 2,763 included Slovaks, Ruthenians, Poles, Magyars, Hebrews, Croats and Italians.

The authorities here are convinced there will be no sudden increase in the immigration movement to Canada until a large reduction has been made in the ranks of the nation's half million unemployed. There is at present no restriction on British immigration, provided the intending settlers have sufficient capital to provide for themselves until they become established in Canada, but the opinion of competent observers is that, with the opportunities for employment provided by the rearmament programme, there is not likely to be any great exodus from Britain.

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## PLANS MADE TO EVACUATE WOMEN AND CHILDREN

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
LONDON, April 29.—Plans are being made in London for the evacuation of women and children of refugees from Bilbao. Receiving stations will be set up probably in France. The Home Secretary said that the possibility of accommodation of all refugees in London but that there would be no charge for public funds.

## Italo-German Alliance Taking Form is Believed by Diplomats and Observers

## LOBSTER INQUIRY RESUMES IN P. E. I. ON SATURDAY

MONCTON, April 29.—A royal commission probing the illegal fishing of lobsters and smelts in Districts 7 and 8 in 1936 will reconvene in Tignish, P. E. I., on Saturday, Mr. Justice A. T. LeBanc, the commissioner, announced here tonight.

The commission adjourned at Alberton last Thursday to allow Mr. Justice to preside at a sitting of the Restigouche County court this week.

Following sitting at Tignish, the commission again will hear witnesses at Alberton and Summerside and also brief sessions at O'Leary and Borden on Prince Edward Island, before returning to New Brunswick to hold sittings at Buctouche and Tracadie.

## Surveying Parties Will Explore North, Study Formation

Over Forty Parties Will Be Sent Out by the Governments

Geological Features, Resources to Be Studied

Federal Government and Each Province Will Bear Expenses

## LONDON STREETS BLOSSOM OUT IN NEW DRESS

LONDON, April 29.—London, which on May 12 will serve as the stage for one of the most brilliant, solemn and historic spectacles in the modern life of the Empire—the crowning of George VI and his Queen—is gradually assuming a mantle of festive color.

With characteristic British thoroughness, those responsible for the huge programme of preparation have carried out their plans according to schedule, without fuss or fanfare. The result has been that Londoners are just becoming aware of the city's progressive transition from everyday drabness into ceremonial dress, which ultimately will blossom into a riot of color and gaiety.

General Renovation  
Seldom in its long and eventful history (Continued on Page Five)

## No Action Taken On Hub Proposal For Grade 12

MONCTON, April 29.—A delegation composed of W. J. Daziel, V. C. Blackett and R. C. MacDonald tonight waited on the Moncton board of school trustees at a regular session and sought to have Grade 12 included in the high school course, but after a lengthy discussion no action was taken on the matter, in view of the fact no appropriation had been made previously for any such inauguration next fall.

It was pointed out to the delegation that, in addition to this fact, there also was a possibility of no room being available for such a class next fall. The present high school curriculum is being investigated at the instance of the provincial government, it was noted further.

## Recent Visit of Goering With Mussolini Took Tangible Form; Nazi Foreign Minister to Arrive in Rome in Near Future.

ROME, April 29.—Diplomats believed that a military alliance between Europe's iron-fisted dictators—Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini—may be in the making.

The groundwork, they said, was laid recently at a three-hour conference between the Italian chief of state and General Hermann Goering, Nazi Crown Prince.

Such an alliance, pooling the war strength of Italy and Germany, would be one of the most menacing in world history and would be a near-match for the allied might of Soviet Russia and France.

Goering's visit to Mussolini at Venice palace was one of many "hand-sittings" at Buctouche and Tracadie.

OTTAWA, April 29.—Exploration and survey parties will start out from Ottawa next month to seek back the map of Northern Canada and study the geological features of isolated sections which may lead to mineral discoveries.

Back in 1900, two Government geologists found traces of coal here on the shores of Great Bear Lake. Years later, a prospector came across their report, was struck by the implication of the discovery, and eventually followed their trail to find the first radium deposit in Canada.

Forty to Fifty Parties  
It will be the same sort of work that will be carried on this year, geological surveys in northern sections of the country which only recently have attracted mining experts. There will be 40 or 50 parties, each headed by a competent geologist with mining students from universities, having first call on the jobs.

There are thousands of square miles of Canadian territory that has never been mapped or surveyed. The airplane and aerial camera have made it easier to survey the country, but geological work must be done on the ground.

The Canadian mining industry, particularly the gold branch, has had a phenomenal growth. There was practically no gold mined in Canada 25 years ago. Last year gold production was \$112,000,000, placing Canada fourth among world nations, behind South Africa, Russia and the United States.

Help for Prospectors  
Government geological parties have played an important part in this development, studying rock formations in various parts of the country, disseminating their findings to prospectors and mining companies who stake claims and sink shafts.

Parliament passed an appropriation of \$376,000 this year for survey parties. In addition, another vote called for \$1,800,000 for construction of roads to mining centres. This work will be done in co-operation with the Provinces, the Dominion spending \$2 for \$1 put up by a Province.

## CANADA'S LARGEST FAMILY BECOMES A LIMITED COMPANY

LONDON, Ont., April 29.—Mr. and Mrs. Onesime Masse and their 21 children, of French Settlement, near Exeter, members of Canada's largest family, have entered into a legal partnership, hoping to capitalize commercially on their "largest family" title.

Onesime Masse is President of the partnership with Rev. Father Leo Marchand of French Settlement as Treasurer. The partnership also has an outsider as promoter and business manager.

Agreement was approved by Right Rev. J. T. Kidd, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of London.

Reserve May 7 for the play "Muzlin Mother" by the Devon C.W.L.