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Weather: Fair and cold today and part of Saturday; snow or rain

CHAIRMAN FOR CONCILIATION BOARD TO BE SELECTED NEXT WEEK

Will Canada Adopt Japanese Boycott Before Britain Leads?

This Is View Expressed By The Daily Mail's Ottawa Correspondent

INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP

Canada Gets Large Sums From Exports To Japan — Balance In Our Favour

The Daily Mail's Ottawa correspondent Dean Wilson writes on the Sino-Japanese conflict and the British-Canadian position as he sees. He points out that we receive from the Japanese much more money for our exports than they receive from us for our imports, and believes that Canadians will not as a whole adopt any stern measures such as a boycott until some specific action is taken by the British Cabinet.

Dean Wilson's opinions are as follows:

(Special to The Daily Mail)

OTTAWA, Dec. 24—Every experienced observer of the national scene will tell you that he is continually receiving requests at the present time for information on the subject of Canada's foreign policies and what everyone seems anxious to know is what are the plans of the Dominion Government in regard to certain disturbances on the international political scene, particularly in those cases wherein the whole British Empire is involved.

The Government at Ottawa, whether Liberal or Conservative, has been slowly but surely entering upon a period of history which finds this Dominion exercising far greater rights and playing a far more important role in the ultimate decisions by the Home Government on matters of foreign policy, but it must be mentioned in this column that every idea which is founded on the basis that Canada is playing a "lone hand" is absolutely wrong, although there are many Canadians who entertain such a method of wishful thinking whenever they discuss or reason on any international subject of vital interest to the Dominion of Canada. Every Ottawa correspondent who has observed the Dominion Government's work for 20 years or more realizes that nothing of importance is ever done by the Federal authorities without consultation with the Foreign Office and the Secretary for the Dominions of the British Government. Likewise, if any strategy is employed by the British Cabinet, it may be assumed that Canada is a party to the scheme.

Therefore, when the British Empire is faced with an international problem or question of policy, the obligations of political partnership force this Dominion Government to adopt a definite and specific attitude towards any or all problems, and mere neutrality or indifference cannot be accepted as a policy on inter-

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SPY WARFARE IS UNIVERSAL, SAYS RUSSIAN

All Countries Infested With Secret Agents, States Police Commissar

MOSCOW, Dec. 24—Mikhail Petrovich Frinovsky, Vice-Commissar of the Soviet Secret Police, said today that the United States is "filled with Japanese spies and wreckers" and that Japan is an arena for American intelligence agents.

Frinovsky in an article in the Community Party organ, Pravda, intimated that other officials of the Soviet Government may follow the eight ousted officials whose deaths before Red Army firing squads were revealed yesterday. They included Leo Karakan, former Vice-Commissar for Foreign Affairs.

Foreign agents in the employ of "Fascist powers" still are active, he said, in some soviet Commissariats, and have penetrated even into the secret ranks of the N.K.V.D. (Secret Political Police).

Says Espionage Universal "Since the end of the World War there has been an unending war of espionage going on throughout the world," he wrote.

"The N.K.V.D. is the only secret service which defends the interests of its workers, and at present England and France are filled with German spies, and French and British agents are working in Germany.

"America, particularly on the Pacific Coast and the Panama Canal Zone, is filled with Japanese spies and wreckers, and Japan, in turn, is an arena of activity of the American Intelligence Service.

"Even the countries of the Rome-Berlin-Tokio axis, which it would seem would be in close friendly relations, as a matter of fact had not ceased their espionage against each other."

U. S. Warned by Isvestia Recently, Isvestia, official organ of the Government, warned the United States of the work of spies.

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Christmas Bells

I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old familiar carols play
And mild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men!

I thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled away
The unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good will to men!

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep
"God is not dead; nor doth he sleep!"
The right prevail,
With peace on earth, good will to men!

MORE THAN HUNDRED PERSONS HAVE BEEN INTERROGATED IN MURDER CASE

Harry Garvie, formerly city editor of The Daily Mail, now special feature writer for the Saint John Telegraph-Journal, writes the following in connection with the Cohen murder case, when Aaron N. Cohen was shot to death in front of his store on Prince Edward street, Saint John:

Two more material witnesses were detained last night as a result of the continued police investigation into the murder of Aaron N. Cohen.

Early this morning Detective Inspector Patrick F. Biddiscombe announced that a girl and a man, Miss Frances Ward, 23, address not given, and Louis Fratour, about 40, of 244 Prince Edward street were being held at police headquarters following developments yesterday during lengthy questioning of various persons.

During the day William Robichaud, held since Tuesday as a material witness, was questioned extensively.

Some of those questioned yesterday may be called as witnesses when the inquest, adjourned from Wednesday night, resumes Monday evening in the court house.

Already close to 100 persons have been interrogated at police headquarters since the crime, committed shortly before midnight Friday last.

There will be no arrest made before the completion of the inquest, said the Inspector in reply to a question regarding the possibility of a murder charge being laid.

Efforts to locate the gun which fired the fatal bullet into the head of the Prince Edward street merchant so far have been fruitless, he added.

"The investigation is progressing satisfactorily," Inspector Biddiscombe commented.

Among those called to police headquarters yesterday was Sylvia Hachey, 17-year-old youth, who claims he was an eyewitness of the shooting.

(Special to The Daily Mail)

SALAMANCA, Dec. 24—The Insurgents claim that Teruel had not as yet fallen into the hands of Government forces. They also state that reinforcements are being rushed to Teruel but are held up at present due to a very heavy fog.

However, the Government forces report that Teruel is now occupied by Government forces and they said that the city consisted of no military strong points, each of these having been defeated and captured.

200 CHILDREN ARE ADOPTED TORONTO

(Special to The Daily Mail)

TORONTO, Dec. 24—Two hundred couples as well as two hundred children were made happier on Christmas Eve when the latter found adopted homes.

Conciliation Board To Decide About Union Recognition

Rights of C.I.O. and U.M.W. and Check-off Only Questions Causing Present Strike Say Union Leaders

BOARD TO MEET SOON

The Daily Mail's Report Yesterday of Colwell's Appointment Came Before Mr. Colwell's Official Notification

SAYS SWITZERLAND SHOULD NOT LEAVE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

(Special to The Daily Mail)

BERNE, Dec. 24—The retiring President of Switzerland in a speech last night said that Switzerland should not leave the League of Nations as their two great neighbors did. He said that the League should not be a servant to any party. His speech was attacked by the Italian newspapers who said that the League of Nations was a coalition opposed to another coalition and that Geneva was a sinister place against peace. Switzerland had nothing to fear from either Italy or Germany.

(Special to The Daily Mail)

MADRID, Dec. 24—Food candy and liquor was distributed among the government soldiers today in Madrid.

The Daily Mail yesterday published the information that Harold B. Colwell, member of the firm of Colwell & Jennings of this city had been selected by the Federal Minister of Labour, Hon. Norman McL. Rogers as the Minto colliery operator's representative on a Conciliation Board to act in the matter of the prolonged strike. The Daily Mail's report that Mr. Colwell had been appointed was read by that gentleman nearly an hour before he himself had received the official word from Ottawa of his appointment. "It takes The Daily to give you the news," said Mr. Colwell to a Daily Mail reporter this morning. Mr. Colwell stated that he had accepted the appointment.

Mr. Colwell will act with James A. Whitebone of Saint John, President of the New Brunswick Federation of Labour who has been selected by the United Mine Workers of America as their representative. A chairman is yet to be appointed and he will be the third member of the Board and will be selected by Mr. Colwell and Mr. Whitebone.

The matter which the Conciliation

PLANES DROPPED TURKEYS OVER ARCTIC CIRCLE

(Special to The Daily Mail) ARCTIC CIRCLE, Dec. 24 — Airplanes dropped turkeys over the Arctic Circle yesterday for Christmas dinners. Church services will go on on Christmas Day in the Roman Catholic and Anglican missions.

Pope Pius Deplores Religious Practice In Germany

(Special to The Daily Mail) VATICAN CITY, Dec. 24 — Pope Pius the XI. today deplored lack of religious practice in Germany. Tonight His Holiness will say Midnight Mass in the small chapel which is adjoining to his bed-room.

Board will have to decide will relate to the recognition of the U.M.W. and C.I.O. by the mine operators of Minto. This is the question of which the strike took place. The strike was not called on account of wages or economic conditions but merely for the recognition of the Union and the check-off.

The mine workers and the Union have frequently stated that the matter of wages and working conditions do not enter into the strike. It was apparently for this reason that when the Provincial Fair Wage Board started an investigation into the matter of the miners wages and working conditions, that the mine workers

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Complete Ban of Arms Exportation Would Violate Anglo-Jap Treaty

LONDON, Dec. 24—Informed sources yesterday expressed belief that British warships might move eastward through the Suez Canal if Japan's reply on her Yangtze River attacks on British ships failed to convince the government that adequate steps would be taken to protect the British rights.

It was believed a policy of restraint would be followed until Japan's position on the Yangtze crisis was made clear. A feeling that Japan would consider the large fleet movements now unduly provocative was said to be the basis of this policy.

In the final session, Viscount Cranborne, foreign affairs under-secretary stated only one license for the exportation of arms to Japan had been given in the past three months. He said a complete ban would violate the Anglo-Japanese treaty of 1911, but assured the House of Commons that Britain intended to support League of Nations resolution by refraining from any action which might weaken China's resistance.

Informed sources said the Board of Trade's report to the cabinet showed British trade with China amounted to \$60,000,000 the first nine months of 1937. The British investment in the Far East outside of Manchukuo and Hong Kong was estimated at 240,000,000 pounds.

(Special to The Daily Mail)

PALESTINE, Dec. 24—In the battle between the trans-Jordan soldiers and the Arabs in the hills, 18 Arabs were killed and two British soldiers slain. The battle was over the illegal possession of firearms. The British soldiers were asked to restore peace.

"BONNE ENTENTE" APPEARS TO GROW BONNIER IN HOTEL ROOM

But They're Getting On Splendidly

TORONTO, Dec. 24—Maurice Duplessis came to town a few days ago with a smile and a handshake utterly belying the frigid ferocity with which he attacked the Canadian West during his recent sensational Shawinigan safari.

"Ay-lo, Meetch," said Maurice to our Mr. Hepburn, at the King Edward Hotel.

"Bong shure," replied Ontario's Prime Minister from behind his well-thumbed edition of a local daily.

In brief, this is about all a painstaking press could definitely learn about the first of two days of further "bonne entente" conferences in which the Cabinets of the two central and apparently anti-Ottawa provinces are now engaged.

Words Fail Them

With Shawinigan a closed book forever and ever, the Honorable Maurice would not talk. With his latest denunciation of Prime Minister King just off the griddle, Mr. Hepburn also appeared to be just out of words.

Until 5 o'clock there wasn't an official outburst from either of the history-making gentlemen. Then, as he swirled down the hotel corridor to take his guests for a ride, Ontario's Government Leader vouchsafed the inescapably illuminating information that:—

"We are getting along splendidly." From the leisurely manner in which the two provinces got down to work it might appear as if the Toronto parley was but a courtesy call — a return visit, so to speak; as if most of the socks (for Ottawa) were knitted in Montreal a week ago, and that all that remains to be done is to work in a few tagends. Of course, Mr. Hepburn, if you asked him, might say, "Ooh, no" and Mr. Duplessis (provided no photographers were handy to record his expression) might say, "Ooh, no," too, but consensus of unofficial opinion is to the contrary.

Accords Already Reached

The two Prime Ministers went thoroughly over their interlocking problems on their first get-together, even dealing with pulp export, the expanding tourist trade, and other items of inter-provincial welfare somewhat removed, possibly, from the joint recommendations and representations which eventually they will place before the Rowell Commission. They are already in accord on power export; and on "usque and aras" opposition to any major changes in the B.N.A. Act other than those to which they have already given specific consent. Neither will give up his various lucrative fields of taxation.

SIR ERNEST M'MILLAN CONFESSES FONDNESS FOR DETECTIVE STORIES

TORONTO, Dec. 24 — Sir Ernest MacMillan, distinguished conductor of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra and Principal of the Toronto Conservatory of Music, admits he spends many hours of his leisure moments reading detective stories.

He also sees no special social significance in the cultivation of a taste for jazz or even burlesque shows and strip-tease acts. But—if these diversions are allowed to become the measure of people's fundamental tastes,

the whole character of civilization will be affected.

Speaking at the Canadian Club luncheon recently, Sir Ernest stressed the importance of instilling into people, a knowledge of and a taste for the best things of every type. In this category he placed music, which he said, lacked adequate financial backing in Canada.

The influence of the radio was emphasized by Sir Ernest.