

MANY CHAIN STORES CLOSING DOWN IN  
U. S. ON ACCOUNT OF STATE TAXATIONSituation Being  
Watched by Whole  
Of Europe's PowersItaly and Germany Have Established a Virtual  
Blockade of Spanish Ports

## Naval Powers in Mediterranean

British Opinion That Germany and Italy Will  
Take No Action Against Spain

LONDON, June 25—International complications arising from Spain's civil war took a grave turn yesterday following advice to London that Italy and Germany have established a virtual blockade of Spanish government ports. Latest developments:

1. Foreign Secretary Eden summoned a meeting of British Imperial Defense Committee to discuss present disposition of British forces in the Mediterranean—as a 'precautionary measure.'
2. France instructs Mediterranean fleet to aid any French ship molested in any way. German pocket battleship Graf Spee speeds to Spanish waters.
3. Italy tells Valencia any aggression against Italian or German ships will bring instant reprisals.
4. German cruiser Kohn arrives suddenly at Gibraltar, fifteen German warships reported concentrated in vicinity of giant rock fortress, arousing grave fears at Valencia.
5. Large insurgent force ready to resume drive on Santander.
6. In London United States Ambassador Bingham plans to call on Foreign Secretary Eden to ascertain the seriousness of the situation.

Authoritative sources asserted the British government held assurances that Germany and Italy, who have withdrawn ships from the international 'hands-off-Spain' patrol, would take no individual action against the Spanish Government.

In Berlin, the German government adopted an attitude of watchful waiting in the Spanish crisis.

Informed Italian sources at Rome said the non-intervention committee in London was searching for new methods to control the Spanish civil war and also retain Italian and German co-operation.

Madrid was heavily shelled. Government troops started clean-up operations.

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UNITED CANADA  
WAS PLEA MADE  
BY PROFESSOR

KINGSTON, June 25—A plea for a unified national Canada was voiced by Dr. R. O. MacFarlane, Professor of History at the University of Manitoba during the Coronation Alumni luncheon of the Ontario College of Pharmacy here yesterday.

Sir John A. Macdonald, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Sir Robert Borden had one policy in common, the creation of a strong nation within the borders of our country, the speaker said.

"If we do not become a nation, we will be an immature reflection of the United States," Dr. MacFarlane said. "We must form into a nation or remain a country of nine provinces."

Several hundred alumni of the Ontario College of Pharmacy were present during the luncheon, which was presided over by F. G. Niebel of Toronto, President of the Alumni Association. Following the luncheon the alumni, and delegates to the Ontario Retail Druggists' Association and the Canadian Pharmaceutical Association took the Thousand Island cruise in the St. Lawrence River.

Hepburn to Attend  
Duplessis Parley

TORONTO, June 24—Premier Hepburn announced yesterday that he and Hon. Peter Heenan, Minister of Lands and Forests, would attend an inter-provincial conference in Quebec when such a gathering was arranged by Premier Maurice Duplessis of that province.

## Treating Tourists Right

THE New Brunswick Government Bureau of Information and Tourist Travel has been putting on a campaign through the newspapers in which that department urges the public to co-operate in extending courtesy to tourists and to make the sojourn of the tourists in this province as pleasant as possible.

The tourist travel in this province is growing yearly. Those who have visited New Brunswick, and especially the valley of the St. John, appreciate our scenery. They tell others and from year to year we have an expansion of tourist travel. The Provincial Government is doing its best to promote good roads and safe roads and to do away with the dangerous dust feature which to some extent in the past tended to curtail tourist travel. This tourist travel is a source of revenue to a large percentage of our population. It is therefore up to us to see that it is retained and if possible increased. The responsibility for doing this rests with the people of the province, and especially with those who gain by the visits of the tourists. This includes people who are operating hotels, tourist camps, and restaurants. It also includes those who are operating garages and service stations. It is up to these people to see that the tourist receives service, good food and comfortable beds and also to see that those visitors of ours are not overcharged when they visit this province.

There have been times and there have been places, we believe they are few and far between, where these tourists in years gone by have been overcharged, have received poor service and have not been given proper foods. What the tourists should have and what they look forward to receiving when they visit this province is native foods such as fish foods, possibly native strawberries, perhaps a good meal of buckwheat pancakes, and other products peculiar to our province. These are among the features which tourists visiting New Brunswick look forward to and these are features which will go a long way towards making our tourist travel popular and which will increase our revenue from this particular source. If the tourists are used right and are made comfortable they will come again and they will tell others. If they are not used right they will not come again and they will tell others.

The Government, through its Highways Department and through its Information and Tourist Travel can do much and are doing much to increase the tourist business. The Government cannot be expected to do everything. It is up to the people, not only those engaged in tourist travel facilities but to every person, to treat the tourist with courtesy and with fairness. This is not only good business but it is also good manners.

MINAKI LODGE IS  
OPENED TO TAKE  
CARE OF GUESTS

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
MINAKI LODGE, Ont., June 24—Summer activities in the Lake of the Woods district in Ontario are now in full swing with the opening of Minaki Lodge. Owing to the fine weather prevailing in the district it was necessary to open the lodge several days in advance of the previously set date to take care of the guests. Manager J. R. Bevin is of the opinion that this year will be the most successful in the history of the lodge. Reports coming in from various sections of the district indicate that this will be an excellent fishing year as trout, pike, pickerel and some bass and muskies have been contacted. Summer camps in the vicinity are much in demand this year as also is the accommodation at the lodge.

Queen Mary  
Lays Cornerstone

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
LONDON, June 25—Queen Mary laid the cornerstone of the new wing of the Oxford Library today. The Bishop of Oxford read the benediction. The Queen was greeted at the station by Lord Halifax.

TRINIDAD, June 25—The situation is quiet today among the strikers at Trinidad. This morning a mob cut telegraph wires and set fire to several acres of sugarcane plantation. The mob was eventually dispersed by the police.

VERY REV. DR. MOORHEAD,  
who will instal CanonGEORGE VI.  
SILVER DOLLARS  
OUT NEXT MONTH

OTTAWA, June 2—Mint authorities are daily expecting receipt of the dies for the new King George VI silver dollars and fifty-cent pieces. It is hoped circulation of these coins will be possible about the middle of next month. Minting of the King George V silver Jubilee dollars, about 750,000 of which in all were circulated, has been discontinued for some little time past.

FREE HAND SAID  
HOPE OF HITLERParis Crisis and Moscow  
Troubles Give  
Opportunity

LONDON, June 25—The political crisis in France is viewed by Britain with undisguised alarm. For the past six months the storm centres of Europe have been Germany, Italy and Spain, with civil war and dictators alternately sending shivers up and down the spine of the rest of the civilized world.

During this period Britain, France and the smaller democracies have been stabilizing forces, repeatedly heading Europe from war to peace.

It comes as a severe shock to find one of these stabilizing forces temporarily neutralized with some prospect of becoming equally as dangerous to peace as dictatorship countries or Spain.

Attitude Explained  
The chief cause ascribed to Hitler's sudden intransigence regarding the reported torpedo attack on the cruiser Leipzig is that the political crisis in Paris, plus the troubles in Moscow, give him an opportunity to cripple further the Spanish Government forces without entailing the risks of a general conflagration.

British opinion regards a serious crisis in France as inevitable. (Continued on Page Four)

Great Britain  
And France Urged  
Take Firm Stand

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
LONDON, June 25—In the House of Commons this morning the chief discussion was on foreign affairs principally in what concerned the situation in the Mediterranean. Mr. Attlee said that Great Britain and France should declare that they would supply arms to the Spanish Government on a strictly commercial basis.

Anthony Eden said that if Great Britain and France were to take a firm stand together it would insure peace.

He criticized Germany and Italy for breaking faith with Great Britain on the non-intervention committee. He said that an incautious or hasty move might cause an avalanche.

State Taxation Causes Sudden Closing of 150  
Chain Stores, Others to be AbandonedDISGUISED  
BUBONIC PLAGUE  
IN U. S. WEST

DENVER, June 25—Rapid spread of bubonic plague, disguised in a new form among animals in the western United States, with a prediction that it may go to the Ohio River and Canada and be very dangerous to man, was reported to the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

The warning was given by C. R. Eskey, senior surgeon, United States public health service, San Francisco. The new form is called sylvatic plague.

The animals, said Dr. Eskey, are carrying precisely the same germ, bacillus pestis, which in the past decimated populations of entire countries.

Bubonic plague, named from swellings in groin and armpits, heretofore has been transmitted to man by the bites of fleas from rats with the plague. The present American spread of plague is among ground squirrels principally.

Fleas from these squirrels have given the human type plague to 39 known persons to date, Dr. Eskey said.

Ottawa Seeking  
A Showdown on  
Its Relief DebtWinnipeg Crisis One That Must Be Faced by All  
Municipalities

## No More Gifts

Federal Government Will Disabuse Minds of the  
Donation ComplexGREAT BRITAIN,  
FRANCE QUESTION  
GERMANY, ITALY

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
LONDON, June 25—It is reported today that Great Britain and France have decided to bring the Spanish question into the open and to question Germany and Italy about the concentration of their ships in Spanish waters.

Germany has retired from the International Sea Patrol around Spain in order to give her freedom of action in impossible reprisals for Government bombing of German ships. England and France will commence to sell arms to the Spanish Government on a commercial basis if the international agreement fails.

HEAT STRIKES  
PRAIRIE CROPS

OTTAWA, June 25—Hot weather on the prairies during the past caused rapid crop growth in areas blessed with adequate moisture supplies and a correspondingly rapid crop deterioration in areas where rainfall was scanty or completely lacking. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics said yesterday in its weekly telegraph crop report on the Prairie Provinces.

General conditions continue favorable. (Continued on Page Four)

OTTAWA. — The Federal Government will stand on the letter of the law—which forbids it to loan money to a municipality—and will not assist the City of Winnipeg in the crisis which it faces in the matter of securing additional funds to continue unemployment relief. Official Government sources are the authority for this statement.

Furthermore, it may be intimated, without violating any particular Federal confidence, that the situation which Winnipeg faces is looked upon to a large extent by the Dominion authorities as one which must inevitably be reached by municipalities, generally—and that the sooner it is confronted and overcome by one city, the sooner a salutary example will be afforded to municipalities as a whole.

In other words, the Federal Government does not believe that, with economic recovery having made the strides that it has in Canada since 1934, the present scale of relief is either justified, or can be continued by the public purse. Consequently, a "show-down" in a few cities is regarded by the Dominion authorities as an unfortunate necessity, preliminary to a readjustment of the whole problem on a sounder and more justifiable basis.

A New Policy  
Winnipeg problem is of considerable interest for the disclosure which it has given of the adoption by the Federal Government of a new and important policy toward the western provinces. In brief, the Federal treasury, frankly entertaining little hope of recovering the tens of millions that it has loaned to the Prairie Governments, has decided definitely against increasing the amount.

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BRITAIN NOT TO REOPEN DEBT TALKS  
IN CONNECTION WITH U. S. TRADE PACT

LONDON, June 25—Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced to the House of Commons recently that Great Britain does not intend to reopen war debt discussions with the United States in connection with pending proposals for an Anglo-American trade agreement.

The Chancellor made the statement in a written answer to a question.

He was asked whether it was correct to infer from a recent Government statement that "arrears of principal and interest now due the United States, in respect to British war debts now amount to £174,000,000 (\$861,300,000); whether it is proposed to continue to allow arrears to accumulate, and whether it is proposed to reopen discussion of the matter with the United States Government in connection with any proposals for a trade agreement."

Sir John confirmed the figure but parried the second question, asked by Emanuel Shinwell, Labor, about what was to be done. He added that the "answer to the third part of the question is in the negative."

In reply to a question by A. V. Alexander, Labor, Sir John declared

GREAT NAVAL  
MAN DIES TODAY  
IN ENGLAND

(Special to The Daily Mail)

LONDON, June 25—Another of Britain's great naval men died today. Sir William Fisher died today at the age of 82 years. He was formerly commander of the Mediterranean fleet.

USE "BORGIA BUG"  
TO TEST EFFECT  
OF POISONS

DENVER, June 25—Discovery of a "Borgia" bug for testing poisons was reported to the American Association for the Advancement of Science here today.

The name is "Daphnia," which is not an endearment, but part of the bug's scientific classification as daphnia magna, crustacean, a marine animal.

She is entirely transparent. Poisons fed to her, or needled into one of her limbs, can be seen in action. Here they paralyze an organ, there speed another organ. Her heart can be watched.

She is very small. Part of the examination must be made under a microscope.

Her use to settle some mysteries about effects of strychnine was reported by Drs. Arno Viehoever and Isadore Cohen of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science.

Using it on daphnia, they found that there is "no evidence suggestive that strychnine might have a stimulating effect—in fact unmistakable depression was the rule in all of the observations."

WILL USE  
JIMMY BRADDOCK  
AS POLICEMAN

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
CHICAGO, June 25—Mike Jacobs will use Jimmy Braddock as a policeman to keep challengers away from Joe Louis for a time. Jacobs has both Louis and Braddock under contract and he says if Schmeling wants to fight Louis he will have to fight Braddock first.