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Weather: Cloudy and cool.

IN THE NEWS



HON. FRED C. SQUIRES Leader of the Provincial Opposition Party in N. B. Brunswick

CANADA SHIPS \$2,000,000 WORTH OF WAR MATERIAL MONTHLY TO JAPAN

Canada Exporting Munitions, Material To Japanese War

Two Million Dollars' Worth of Exports to That Country Each Month

Goods Intended For Warfare

Dominion Government Is Faced With a Big Problem In Regard to the Matter

(Special to The Daily Mail) (By Dean Wilson)

OTTAWA, Oct. 4.—As the flames of warfare spread death and destruction in China, there is a definite indication of uneasiness in Ottawa.

It is not a discomfort due to sentimental reasons, but a practical cause has brought a grave problem to the Federal authorities and final decision must be reached regarding future action of the Canadian Government in this Far Eastern crisis.

The man on the street in the Dominion does not realize that Canada has been carrying on a tremendous trade with Japan which in recent years has risen to unbelievable figures. The average month finds that the Dominion has shipped no less than about two million dollars worth of exports to that far country, but now it has become a serious question if this trade can be carried on without endangering this country in some foreign entanglement, since it is obvious that much of the purchases of Japan in Canada are intended for only one purpose and that is for the nefarious object of warfare in China.

Within recent months, the exports to Japan have climbed steadily upwards. While a few months ago, Canada sold about one million dollars worth of goods to Japan each month, today this figure has been doubled. The chief articles that have been exported consisted of Canadian raw materials and used metals which the Japanese Government has utilized for the purposes of manufacturing armaments. In fact, the latest figures indicate that non-ferrous metals formed most of the bulk of these shipments, and it is reported that there are a great many standing orders for similar articles that may bring the Canadian exports to that country to three times the present figures.

Now the Canadian Government must take account of this trade, and therein lies the problem, because it is sometimes extremely difficult to refuse any shipments since such action unquestionably endangers the good relationships existing between the two countries and there is no way to definitely prove that the articles bought in Canada are intended for use in manufacturing armaments, although it must be confessed that it is

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HON. R. E. HANSON, LL.D., K.C. who may be induced to enter the Provincial political field

JAPANESE SAY DEFY ACTION BY THE BRITISH

(Special to The Daily Mail)

JAPAN, Oct. 4.—The Japanese spokesmen say that as they are not members of the League of Nations they could not be interested in any action they might take in forbidding British citizens in assisting them with help or war materials.

Labor Party Wants Parliament Open At Once

(Special to The Daily Mail)

LONDON, Oct. 4.—The London Labor Party wrote to the Prime Minister requesting that the Parliament be opened immediately instead of October 21, as intended.

OTTAWA WATCHES THE ONTARIO PROVINCIAL CAMPAIGN

Hepburn Seen As Welcoming the Federal Liberals' Aid In Present Election

OTTAWA, Oct. 2.—Political interest at Ottawa is divided between two things as this week ends. One is the radical legislation which is being enacted in Alberta with a Federal aspect regarded as inevitable. The other is the Ontario general election on Wednesday next.

In the former case the Federal Government here is doing nothing and saving nothing, at the moment. It is thought, however, to be only a question of time when it will have to do both. In the Ontario election the week has seen one suggestive development. It consisted of the active participation in the campaign of four members of the Federal Cabinet with

three others not wholly unconnected. Curiously, those who have been most prominent in this gesture are three Cabinet ministers from outside the province. Hon. Ian Mackenzie, Minister of National Defence; Hon. J. G. Gardiner, Minister of Agriculture, and Hon. C. G. Power, Minister of Pensions. To a large degree, Hon. J. C. Elliott, Postmaster-General; Hon. Norman Rogers, Minister of Labor, and Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Transport from Ontario, are participating.

This is a change from what appeared to be a prevailing attitude of detachment, although it was made

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Gagging The Press

PREMIER ABERHART has apparently reached the height of his folly when he attempts to gag the press. When any man or any government moves to restrain the press there is only one conclusion to be drawn and that is that there is something to hide. Something which, if seen through an honest press, would expose him or his government as a menace. A restrained press is but a step away from a controlled press, the most dangerous weapon within the reach of Dictatorship. The press is one of the safeguards of the public welfare. There is no individual or group of individuals which can do more harm than a government whose acts are allowed to go uncriticized and unscrutinized. It is up to the press to watch any government, either provincial or Federal and to criticize their actions, if necessary. This is for public safety. Any government should be watched. None is perfect.

The dictatorships in Europe have proved beyond any man's question the truth in this. THEY HAVE PROVED ALSO THAT THE PRESS IS NEVER CAPABLE OF SO MUCH HARM AS WHEN IT IS UNDER THE CONTROL OF GOVERNMENTS WHICH NOT ONLY USE IT TO MISINFORM THE PUBLIC, BUT TO HARNESS THE EMOTIONS OF THE PEOPLE, THEIR HATES AND THEIR JOY, TO CONSTANTLY CHANGING POLICIES.

There can be no claims that a free press will be 100 per cent. honest with the public, nor that a dishonest newspaper cannot be a menace in the sphere of its influences. But the public down through the decades of democracy in this and other countries has shown itself quite intelligent and able in controlling these exceptions—and they are exceptions—in its own best interest.

Rather lamely Premier Aberhart's spokesman attack falsities and misrepresentations in the press for "the benefit of money monopolies." No newspaper, however powerful the sources behind it, can be dishonest for very long and retain its readers and, therefore, its influence. The competitive nature of the business ensures this.

Premier Aberhart will do well to think again about restraining the press. Of all the blunders of which he and his Administration are guilty it is the one most certain to write the obituary of Social Credit in Alberta.

There is probably no other province in the Dominion that would put up with the peculiar notions which Premier Aberhart is trying to force upon the people of Alberta. He is making a laughing stock of himself, of his government, and of the province which he is supposed to represent.

Years ago in this province, attempts were made at different times to muzzle the press, but they were made without success and acted as a boomerang upon the politicians who tried to prevent the people from knowing what was going on. Throughout Canada today we have a free press which is one of the safeguards of the public welfare. It is true that individuals with antiquated ideas are to be found here and there who wish to conduct the public business behind closed doors as though they had something to hide, and to spend hundreds and thousands of dollars of the public money without letting the public know the particulars. We have one case of that right here in the capital city of the province where the Fredericton School Board holds star council meetings and absolutely refuses to let the public in on what is going on. That is not the fault of the School Board alone, it is the fault of the citizens and of the citizens representatives who allow these individuals to conduct the public business in secret. When a body of people get so they do not care what goes on they cannot blame anybody but themselves when a band of individuals get together and put it over on them. When the public does a lot of talking on the street corners and in the homes, but are afraid to come out in the open and express their opinion, they have no reason to complain when they are laughed at and ignored.

There is one thing about the people of the West. They are not like some of us. They will not let any person put it over them for long. Premier Aberhart will find this out to his sorrow.

BRITISH PEOPLE BREAK UP A FASCIST PARADE

(Special to The Daily Mail)

LONDON, Oct. 4.—Several hundred British people were arrested yesterday in the south of London for trying to break up a British Fascist parade. The Fascist parade headed by Sir Arthur Moslem consisted of about 5000 people. The opinion of the disturbances was that there should not be allowed a parade of people who supported the bombing and machine gunning of women and children as

MINERS ON STRIKE IN NORTH SYDNEY

(Special to The Daily Mail)

NORTH SYDNEY MINES, N. S. Oct. 4.—There was a strike today in the North Sydney Mines, about 200 miners were concerned. Efforts are being made to bring about a solution of the strike. It is understood that a joint meeting will be held this evening looking forward to a settlement of the situation.

is going on at the present time in Spain. Most of the disturbers were fined 2 pounds each.

Japanese Break Through Lines After Severe Fighting

Pierce Fortifications Between Liuhang and Lotien, 12 Miles Northwest of International Settlement of Shanghai After 72-Hour Battle

Chinese Admit Retirement

Foreign Shipping Warned By Chinese of Danger In Regard to Chefoo Harbour

COUNTRY-LABOR GROUP RETURNED

State of Victoria County Party Government Is Likely to Continue

MELBOURNE, Victoria, Oct. 4.—The Country party government under Premier A. A. Dunstan is expected to continue in office in the State of Victoria, with the support of Labor, as the results of yesterday's elections were partly announced.

Labor gained two seats and the Independents one while the United Australia party lost three. The probable final standing of the parties, it was indicated, would be:

Country party, 20; United Australia party, 21; Labor, 21; Independents, 3. At dissolution of the Legislative Assembly the standing was: Country party, 20; United Australia party, 24; Labor, 19; Independents, 2. Dunstan announced Parliament (Continued on Page Four)

Eskimo Given Charge Of Anglican Mission

THE PAS, MAN., Oct. 4.—A small Anglican chapel will be built at Hubbert's Point, forty miles north of Churchill seaport, on the Hudson Bay. Rev. Lionel F. Rowe, Churchill missionary, said today, an Eskimo known as "Catechisms" will be placed in charge of the new mission, serving 200 Chippewyans.

British Are Urged Not to Assist Japan

(Special to The Daily Mail) BOURNEMOUTH, Eng., Oct. 4.—At a Labor meeting today, swift action was urged against Japan. They urged that all British citizens would give them no war materials or assistance in any way.

CANADA IS CRITICIZED BY A BRITISH EDITOR Says We Lack Leadership and Nation Aim and Is Just Drifting Along

(Special to The Daily Mail)

MONTREAL, Oct. 4.—Canada is a marvellous country with a wonderful future which it is not trying to use. It is a collection of 11,000,000 people content to drift along between Britain and the United States as markets and protectors, and without any national policy or national plans of its own. So said A. Wyatt Tilby, former editor of the London Evening Standard and now on the staff of the Observer, before embarking on the liner Montrose, which sailed from Montreal this morning. Canada in British eyes is the senior Dominion and should have the weightiest voice in Empire matters, according to Mr. Tilby. But in actuality it plays a very small part in Empire discussions.

SHANGHAI, Oct. 4.—Japanese infantry and tanks finally cracked the Chinese "steel belt" in the Liuhang-Lotien sector northwest of Shanghai early today after 72 hours of severe fighting.

Chinese military authorities here admitted that the powerful line of Chinese fortifications along the Liuhang-Chapel highway had been pierced by the Japanese between Liuhang and Lotien, about 12 miles north of the International Settlement.

After three days of heavy cannonading and bitter hand-to-hand fighting in the Liuhang-Lotien sector, the Chinese withdrew to new positions about 3,000 yards west of the highway, it was admitted.

Army spokesmen claimed Japanese infantry advanced an average of 3,000 yards along a five mile front in the Liuhang zone. Liuhang is 10 miles north of Shanghai, marking the junction of two highways, one leading southeastward to the International Settlement and the other eastwards to the Woosung forts. Both sides suffered heavy casualties.

Japanese warships in the Whangpoo and Yangtze blasted shells into Chinese positions. Japanese planes dropped hundreds of bombs.

Once again foreigners evacuating Shanghai were endangered by shell-fire. Twenty American women and children—families of naval officers—fled below decks of the United States minesweeper Finch. Shells from Japanese warships bombarding Pootung

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POLIOMYELITIS IN ONTARIO IS ON WAY OUT

(Special to The Daily Mail)

TORONTO, Oct. 4.—The infantile paralysis in Canada is on the way out. No more than two cases have been reported over the week-end but the medical authorities say that the precautions are not to cease.

CONSERVATIVE PARTY WILL HOLD CONVENTION HERE

Twelve Hundred Delegates to Gather Here October 27

To Choose Leader

County Units Will Be Organized Under Prov. Leaders, Press Support

(Special to The Daily Mail)

SAINT JOHN, N. B., Oct. 4.—The Ways and Means Committee of the Conservative Party are making arrangements for one of the largest conventions to be held in the history of the party in this province. The Convention will be held at Fredericton on October 27th. It is expected now that more than twelve hundred delegates representing every section of New Brunswick will be present. Between three and four hundred delegates will go to Fredericton from the City and County of Saint John alone.

One of the principal features of the convention will be the selection of a provincial leader. The two names prominently mentioned in this connection are Hon. F. C. Squires of Woodstock, the present leader and a former speaker in the Legislature. The other name is Mayor MacLaren of this city. It is understood that the delegates from Saint John county and vicinity are almost unanimous in their support of Mayor MacLaren for the leadership whilst those throughout the province feel that Hon. Mr. Squires who has led the party since the defeat of the Tilley Government in 1915 should be retained in the leadership.

It is stated in Conservative circles here that Hon. Dr. R. B. Hanson, K.C., P.C., former Minister of Trade and Commerce and late member for York-Sunbury is being approached to enter the Provincial arena. (Hon. Mr. Hanson is at present on a trip to Montreal and could not be reached by The Daily Mail.)

It is stated that the proposed organization of the party of New Brunswick will be divided up into county units with a county organizer who will be responsible for the results in regard to organization in his county. These organizers will report to a general organizer to be situated either at Fredericton or in this city.

Newspaper Support

It is said that the party throughout the province feel the need of newspaper support and an effort is being made with the assistance of Federal representatives of the party to establish some adequate newspaper connection. It is understood that funds for their purpose will be forthcoming when the time arrives and after the organization is completed during the last of this month. The older members of the party appreciate what it means to have a newspaper connection.

It is understood that during the organization of the party that an appeal will be made to all parties to support the provincial Opposition irrespective of whether they are Liberal or Conservative. It is stated that many of the rank and file of the party feel that Provincial politics should be conducted on the merits of government and Opposition rather than with regard to Federal party affiliations. In other words it is thought that there is no reason why local politics should be conducted on Liberal and Conservative lines any more than should the City Council or the County Council.

BERLIN, Oct. 4.—Germany announced the construction of a new submarine flotilla. It will accommodate nine submarines and two torpedoes. This is the third that has been constructed.