

LORD STANHOPE MAY RESIGN

Ask For Immediate Statement

LONDON, April 5.—Possibility of the resignation of Lord Stanhope, First Lord of the Admiralty, was foreseen by observers today as a result of his remarks last night and the demand by Prime Minister Chamberlain for a full explanation.

In a speech last night he created a furore in official circles by stating that the anti-aircraft guns of British ships were ordered manned for any eventuality.

CABINET SUPPORT

It was stated here that the Cabinet is fully behind Chamberlain in demanding an immediate explanation for the address which was considered dangerous in view of the powder keg which has been sizzling dangerously in Europe for the past few weeks.

Reports from Paris today said that Rumania was almost definitely in the bloc which has been formed to stop Hitler. Rumania, it was reported, is willing to accept Russian supplies, raw materials, as well as military equipment, but will not stand for Russian troops on Rumanian soil. It is said she distrusts Moscow as having intentions on rich areas in Rumania which were part of the Soviet before the war.

ASK QUICK ACTION

Paris also reported that Turkey was asking quick action in the Alexandretta matter. Internal troubles at present were described as responsible for the delay in the transfer of the territory. The cession of Alexandretta to Turkey is said to be the price France will pay for the guarantee of the use of the Dardanelles to British and French warships. The use of the Dardanelles is vital to the protection of small independent nations which are hoped to join the bloc.

RE-ELECTION OF PRESIDENT IS EXPECTED

VERSAILLES, April 5.—Little doubt was evidenced today that President LeBrun would be re-elected for another seven-year term as president of the French Republic. As the Deputies gathered for the balloting it was expected that he would get a vote of over 500 on the first ballot while only 450 is needed for a majority. Three other candidates in the field were not considered a chance.

State Albania Designs Planned to Block Britain

ROME, April 5.—Fascists last night explained that military and diplomatic moves to strengthen Italy's back door were a precaution against alleged French-British attempts to encircle Italy and Germany.

The Adriatic Sea and eastern Mediterranean were the centre of Italian interest.

It was announced that negotiations were being conducted to strengthen Albania's military alliance with Italy. This pact already requires each country to place all its military and other resources at the disposal of the other in case either ally is threatened with war.

It was understood Italy had explained to Britain that some Italian troops had been sent to Albania to quell a movement against King Zog.

TROOP CONCENTRATION REPORTED

Informed sources confirmed reports of Italian troop concentration around Brindisi on the Adriatic coast opposite Albania. They were said to be intended to reinforce Italian garrisons in the Dodecanese Islands, facing Turkey, and perhaps Libya during present European tension.

Yugoslavia, a possible member of the "Stop Hitler" Bloc, last night was reported to have been offered a Rome guarantee of exemption against German aggression in return for a free hand in adjacent Albania.

Japanese Press Assails Britain

SHANGHAI, April 5.—Sir Robert Craigie, British Ambassador went to Tokyo today to confer with the Japanese foreign minister. He was bitterly assailed by the Jap press, and Britain in some papers was described the greatest enemy of Japan's policy in the East.

SHAKE-UP IN DRILL FORMATION CANADA MILITIA

OTTAWA, April 5.—A new drill formation for Canadian Militia is being considered by defence authorities. It is considered likely that the "fall-in" in three lines and the marching in columns of threes will be adopted.

The marching in column of three is not new to Canadians, some units during the war having used the formation particularly where roads were narrow.

A more important change, however is considered in the reduction of man-strength of brigades and divisions. In the British Army tests have been made with brigades of three battalions, thus using a division of nine instead of 12 infantry battalions.

FRENCH STIFFEN DEFENCES AT ALEXANDRETTA

PARIS, April 5.—French defences in the Sanjak district of Alexandretta, Syria, are being strengthened following information from Turkey that that country desires to annex the territory as quickly as possible.

To reinforce the French garrison of 1500 men, France will send a cruiser to Alexandretta, officials said.

It was learned that assurances have been given that Turkey would not seize the Sanjak by force. The situation was described by French sources as delicate.

It was reported that a Turkish army of 60,000 was already at the Alexandretta boundary, but at Ankara it was denied by the Turkish foreign office spokesman that it was the intention to send troops into the area.

URGES AMENDMENT

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Senator Pittman today advocated that whatever steps are to be taken to amend the Neutrality Act should be taken at once while there is peace. In time of war, he said, it might be felt that amendments favored certain nations.

Reported Manning Anti-Aircraft Guns On British Ships Denied

Raid Four Nazi Nests, Argentine

Police Declare "On Verge of Something Important"

BUENOS AIRES, April 5.—Four nests of Nazi infiltration in the Argentine capital were raided, it was announced last night by the investigation chief of the Buenos Aires police force. The raid began with the Nazi Party headquarters, in the same building with the German embassy's business offices.

As police continued their search, one official of the Argentine Foreign Office said "We are on the verge of something important."

Enrique Juerges, who had said he could prove Nazi penetration into Argentina, was released from jail and taken to his home under guard.

Alfred Mueller, acting chief of the Nazi party in Argentina is in jail at the present time, having been arrested last week. He will remain in custody until the investigation is completed, it was stated here today.

The German embassy on Saturday denied that Germany had any designs on the Argentine.

I.R.A. WIRELESS TELLS OF PLANS FOR CANADA

Intercept Sinister Message of Irish Republican Army

DUBLIN, April 5.—"We are prepared to carry out operations ordered in Canada in 10 days," was the ominous message heard over a secret radio transmitter believed operated by the illicit Irish Republican Army last night. The message gave instructions to I. R. A. units in Canada. Great Britain and the United States.

In Birmingham two bombs exploded last night. Extent of the damage was not determined immediately.

In Ottawa Commissioner S. T. Wood of the R.C.M.P. said he knew nothing of the reported secret radio broadcast in Eire nor did he know of any I. R. A. organization in Canada.

British police and secret operatives are still carrying out a relentless campaign against the underground organization. In England numerous explosions have been caused which were laid to the I. R. A. A London Bridge was shattered by bombs last week, while this week fires on two British-owned ships in the Irish Sea were believed to have been the result of sabotage.

Lord of Admiralty Made Statement Last Night

LONDON, April 5.—A furore in British official circles was made last night by the statement of Earl Stanhope, First Lord of the Admiralty, that anti-aircraft guns of the British Navy had been manned so as to be ready for anything. A quick denial to the statement was issued from the residence of Prime Minister Chamberlain, and a request from the Admiralty in London asked the press to suppress Lord Stanhope's speech. He spoke aboard the aircraft carrier Ark Royal at Portsmouth during a naval function.

He said that shortly before he left the Admiralty it became necessary to give orders to man anti-aircraft guns of the Fleet, and that long before the guests came aboard the Ark Royal 16 anti-aircraft guns could have given a warm welcome to anyone who happened that way. He said that some officers were absent from the function due to the fact they had been called on duty.

DENIED ORDER

In London an Admiralty spokesman denied any anti-aircraft order had been issued and stated many officers were absent on Easter leave.

Under the British Secrets Act, the government has the power to suppress news which it considers against national safety and can invoke stiff penalties against those who do not obey. In view of the Admiralty's request, most British papers suppressed the speech, and those that had printed it in early editions refrained from using it in later ones.

DISCUSSIONS CONTINUE

British-Polish discussions between Mr. Chamberlain, Lord Halifax and Colonel Joseph Beck, continued last evening. Four possibilities were understood to be under discussion:

A direct German attack on Britain (which was understood to have been settled by Col. Beck's latest pledge of Polish reciprocity);

German aggression against Rumania, through Hungary or Bulgaria; Aggression against Britain outside Europe.

OTHER MATTERS

These matters were expected to be reviewed at today's cabinet meeting as well as results of the British trade mission to northern European capitals; relations between Italy and Albania; efforts to rally Rumania into the anti-aggression bloc.

Rumania's position was described as the biggest problem, with Rumania unwilling so far to jeopardize her position by a too-close association with either Berlin or London.

Stock Market Quotations

(Supplied by W. C. Pitfield & Co., Limited at 1:30 p.m.)

The London Stock Market was firm today. Sterling was quoted at 4.68½ in New York and 4.69½ in Montreal.

The New York Stock Market opened practically the same as yesterday's close and gained fractions in early trading.

New York	
American Locomotive	17½
American Radiator	11¾
American Smelters	38¾
American Tel & Tel	154
Anaconda	24
Bendix Aviation	20
Bethlehem Steel	60¾
Boeing Aircraft	21½
Briggs Manufacturing	20½
Chrysler Corp	65¾
Columbia Gas & Electric	6¾
Consolidated Edison	29½
Curtis Wright	5¾
Curtis Wright "A"	22

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Bill Will Amend Mines Act

A delegation of Minto Mine operators met this morning with Hon. F. W. Pirie, Minister of Lands and Mines, H. R. Pettigrove, Fair Wage Officer, and several representatives of Minto miners to discuss provisions of a bill to amend the Mining Act, which was introduced recently in the New Brunswick Legislature by the Minister of Lands and Mines.

It is understood the delegation of operators expressed opposition to certain provisions in the bill. It was learned this morning that the operators have expressed disapproval of a section in the bill which would prohibit any cut under the long-wall system in excess of four feet in depth.

It was understood the operators wished to have the bill amended before enactment. The miners are believed to approve of the bill as it stands.

Mine operators present this morning were A. D. King, A. D. Taylor, J. J. Johnston, Percival Streeier, Gerald H. King, John Henderson. Prior to the general meeting they met at the Queen Hotel to outline a method of procedure.

Joseph Vanderbroek and Basil Brogan of Minto represented miners at the meeting. John Jacquard, Deputy Mining Inspector was also present as well as Major W. C. Lawson, M.L.A., Sunbury, and W. E. McMullin of the Department of Lands and Mines.

In Brief

RECOGNIZE SPAIN

OTTAWA, April 5.—The Canadian Government has recognized the Nationalist Government of Spain under General Franco, it was announced yesterday. This action follows that of other governments including U. S. and Britain.

TO PROTECT POPE

VATICAN CITY, April 5.—A Vatican news agency disclosed that authorities are studying ways and means of protecting Pope Pius in the event of air raids. It has been suggested that an iron-cased room of the Great Tower of Pope Nicolas might be converted into a refuge.

RESIDENCE BOMBED

SANTIAGO, Chile, April 5.—A bomb shattered the garden gate of the German Ambassador, William von Schoden and also did considerable damage to the residence, breaking several windows.

WRONG GUESS

CLEVELAND, April 5.—Thieves guessed wrong in a grocery store here and lost \$300. Confronted with two safes and with only time to open one, they broke into an empty one, leaving the other, which contained \$300, untouched.

NO PLEBISCITE HERE

OTTAWA, April 5.—A bill to authorize the Governor-General to place matters of national concern before voters at large by means of a plebiscite, was rejected by the Commons committee.

NEW HIGH SPEED GAS

BALTIMORE, April 5.—Scientists here announced a method of streamlining gasoline which will make all the high speed aviation gas the world can use in time of peace or war.

URGE OPENING OF PORT ROYAL AT SAINT JOHN

A proposition concerning the reopening of the Port Royal Pulp and Paper Co., Ltd. Mill in Lancaster was presented to Hon. Dr. J. B. McNair this morning by a delegation of Councillors from the Parish of Lancaster in Saint John County.

It is believed the Councillors wish to have legislation introduced before the close of the present session to reopening of the mill.

Councillors E. Claude Seeley and Clarence H. Quinton acquainted Mr. McNair with proceedings of a special meeting of the Saint John Municipal Council yesterday, at which a motion for council guarantee of one half the required bond issue of \$200,000 for reopening of the mill was defeated.

Councillor Quinton at the conclusion of this morning's meeting with the Attorney-General stated that he believed Mr. McNair appeared very much in favor of reopening the mill.

THREE ENGLISH TOWNS BOMBED

LONDON, April 5.—Police today doubled their efforts to get at the bottom of sabotage and bombings blamed on the Irish Republican Army. Bomb explosions during the night rocked Birmingham, Liverpool, and Coventry. No one was injured, and little damage was done. Police fear the spread of the bombings to Canada and even the United States.

Bridges Called To Order By Premier

Legislature Sits To Wee Hours In Rush To Prorogue House

In the home stretch dash to prorogue the Legislature on Thursday the House sat into the small hours of the morning today. Legislators still have an exhausting two days before them and it is expected that the session this evening will be more prolonged than that of last evening and this morning.

Several tilts developed in the consideration of the estimates last evening. H. F. G. Bridges, former speaker of the House was called to order by Premier A. A. Dysart when he started a renewed attack on the government in its constitutional policy.

Mr. Bridges said that his stand had been described as the "juvenile school of thought." He termed the government stand as the "senile school of thought," and said that he would await the findings of the Rowell Commission on Dominion and Provincial Relations to see which school of thought was right.

Already answered by Hon. J. B. McNair, who defended the New Brunswick stand in what was termed the ablest address in the Legislature in recent years, Mr. Bridges was called to order by the Premier who stated that the matter had already been debated and furthermore was not connected with the estimates.

PLEA FOR PEACE

VATICAN CITY, April 5.—Pope Pius is expected to make a world plea for peace in his address in St. Peter's on Sunday. The two hour address will be broadcast to the world by short wave.