

## SPEEDING UP NEGOTIATIONS

### British Minister To Submit British Reply To Russian Proposals

Fear Closer Relations Between Russian And German States. Stalin Impatient With Delay Over Anglo-Soviet Alliance

LONDON, May 8.—The negotiations between the British and Russian governments for the formation of a three-party alliance taking in Britain, France and Russia, are rapidly drawing to completion, it was reported in London today. The British Ambassador to Russia will this week submit to the Soviet the British reply to the Russian suggestion of a new alliance of the three countries.

The proposed pact, which would bring the other two nations to the aid of a third if engaged in war, is regarded as one of the most important developments in European affairs for some time. There is some doubt, however, as to what the alliance will mean to the British method of negotiating in the present crisis. It is reported from Moscow that Stalin, the Russian dictator, is becoming impatient with the progress of negotiations in the troubled and long-prolonged scene. In some quarters it is felt that he may take the alliance as a means of pressing for more rapid and definite settlement of the situation which now exists.

From other quarters, it is felt there is a closer feeling between the Russian and German states than has been evident for some time. It is recalled that Maxim Litvinoff, former Russian foreign minister who tendered his resignation in a surprise move last week, was a staunch enemy of Nazism.

Russia was still silent today concerning the Anglo-Soviet negotiations. Her habitual silence was also maintained last week when the matter of a new alliance was a much discussed matter on the foreign news-front.

### In Brief

WASHINGTON, May 8.—United States exports to Germany have dropped one-third in the first three months of the present year as compared with last year. Exports valued at \$18,000,000 were shipped to the Fatherland during that time.

WARSAW, May 8.—Despite new factors in the European situation over the week-end Poland remained unshaken in their attitude over their rights although Germany and Italy had signed a new pact.

WINNIPEG, May 8.—Seeding operations are now progressing rapidly in all sections of the three western provinces with greatest advance naturally being reported in southern areas. Wheat seeding varies from virtual completion at a few points in southern Manitoba down to 10 per cent to 33 per cent in north Saskatchewan and northeastern Alberta. Wheat emergence is observed at a number of points where earliest sown and in these sections coarse grain seeding also shows greatest headway, according to the first weekly crop report of the department of agriculture, Canadian National Railways.

### RUSHING PLANS FOR RECEPTION AT QUEBEC

QUEBEC, May 8.—With King George and Queen Elizabeth on the high seas aboard the Empress of Australia, bound for Canada, historic old Quebec City is rushing her preparations to welcome the Monarch and his Queen.

The city, which celebrates its 331st birthday this year, will be the point at which Their Majesties first set foot on Canadian soil. The city is buzzing with activity and various organizations report rapid progress in plans.

Police, service clubs, scouts, and other organizations are devoting a great portion of their time to see that the city will be fittingly prepared for the occasion, and plans are being checked and re-checked so that no slip-up will be possible in arrangements.

Reports received from the Empress of Australia today stated that the King and Queen are good sailors. The sleek, glistening white ship ploughed its way through tossing seas yesterday and a number of the passengers on the ship were unable to attend Divine Service. The King and Queen attended, however, with His Majesty taking part heartily in the responsive readings. Both the King and Queen observed Sunday as a day of rest.

### EXTEND RADIO TELEPHONE TO NEWFOUNDLAND

MONTREAL, May 8.—The Avalon Telephone Company has recently provided a radio-telephone service between St. John's, Newfoundland and the towns in the Burin Peninsula area in the south of that country.

The equipment for this new service has been supplied to the Avalon Telephone Company by Canadian Marconi Company, who operate the Newfoundland-Canada Radiotelephone Service in conjunction with the Bell Telephone Company of Canada and the Avalon Telephone Company.

It is now possible for a person in the Burin Peninsula to speak with anyone who has telephone connections in St. John's or in Canada or elsewhere, as through connection is provided by the Newfoundland-Canada Radiotelephone Service.

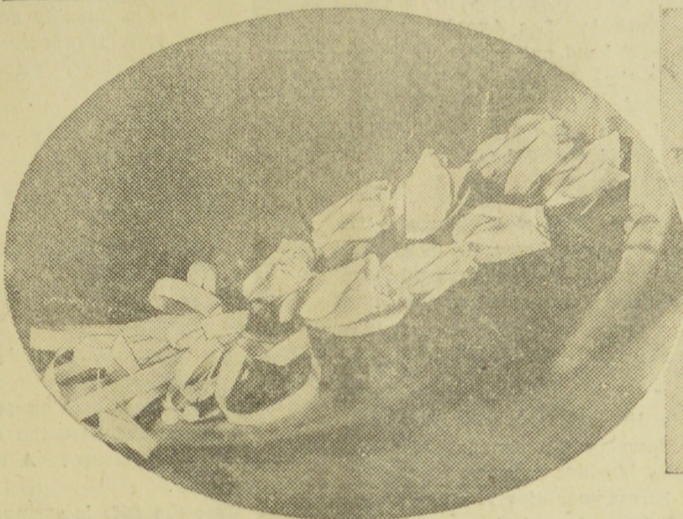
An additional radiotelephone circuit, giving the same service to the Grand Falls area in Newfoundland, is expected to be placed in operation in the near future.

## German-Italian Pact Springs Hope for Closer Understanding Between Germany and Poland

MILAN, May 8.—Hopes for a closer understanding between Germany and Poland and a possible termination of the present international disputes and the threat to world peace are seen with the formation of the new German-Italian alliance.

It is reported here that Mussolini, the Italian leader, would not have entered the agreement had he thought his so doing would draw his country into a conflict with Poland and the nations in the Democratic Bloc. Italy

### Signal Honour Accorded Canadian Horticulture



A signal honour was accorded Canadian horticulture, when Their Majesties The King and Queen graciously granted permission for two new Canadian blooms to be named after them.

The new Rose, named after Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, is one of rare beauty, both in its exquisite form and its unusual shade of deep golden yellow.

Rich, bright green foliage completes the regal elegance of the Queen Elizabeth Rose. Bouquets of these gorgeous blooms, specially shipped from Canada, will grace Her Majesty's Suite on board the "Empress of Australia".

The new Carnation, which makes a most appropriate boutonniere, will be known as the

King George VI Carnation. It is dark crimson in color and has a rich, velvety texture.

Both the Queen Elizabeth Rose and the King George VI Carnation were developed in Canada by Dale Estate, Brampton, Ont., and no doubt, will feature prominently in floral tributes and decorations accorded Their Majesties during their Canadian tour.

### TASTY BUFFALO STEAKS FOR KING DURING VISIT

OTTAWA, May 8.—The meat of the buffalo, once the principal fare of the pioneer plainmen, is a popular repast with many Canadians who like extra flavor and novelty in their meals. Tasty buffalo steaks will be served at one of the meals on the Royal train when the King and Queen visit Canada, according to the Department of Mines and Resources, Ottawa, which maintains great herds of these animals in two national parks in Western Canada.

Described as the noblest ruminant that ever trod the earth, the buffalo was at one time nearly extinct, but the establishment of herds in Buffalo and Elk Island National Parks saved them from this fate. Today it is necessary to reduce the herds at regular intervals to keep them within the carrying capacity of the park pastures, and from time to time periodic slaughters are carried out by contract under government supervision.

### BITUMINOUS COAL INDUSTRY DISPUTE

NEW YORK, May 8.—While the City of New York took measures to conserve their supply of soft coal rapidly diminishing because of mine walkouts, President Roosevelt appealed to soft coal operators and union representatives to end their differences.

For over two months conferences have failed to produce a settlement between the groups who have been at loggerheads over the issue of a closed shop. It threw 460,000 miners (Continued on Page Five)

### WORLD FAIR'S VIE EACH OTHER FOR TOP HONORS

SAN FRANCISCO, May 8.—The two great expositions which are vying with each other for honors in the United States this year, one at San Francisco and one at New York, are keeping a sharp eye on each other. San Francisco claims to have inside information on the workings of the other World's Fair.

Although New York claimed an attendance of 1,600,000 for the opening, the San Francisco fair claims that inside information assures them that the attendance was only 615,000. They state that they are not feeling so bad concerning these figures, in view of the fact that their attendance was 430,000 on the opening day.

### POPE RENEWS APPEAL FOR WORLD PEACE

VATICAN CITY, May 8.—Plea for peace was broadcast to the world by Pope Pius XII yesterday as an announcement was also made to the world that a German-Italian military alliance had been formed. The Pope's plea was heard as he broadcast his address in French to the Eucharistic Conference in Algiers.

The address came after a week of conferences between papal nuncios and government officials in several European capitals said to be carrying on the work of the Pope to find a measure of peace for the world. It was said that papal nuncios in Germany, France, Italy, Poland and other countries had been conferring with officials and sometimes heads of government in efforts to safeguard peace.

### ORANGEMEN IN FAVOR OF CO-OPERATIVES

FREDERICTON JCT., May 6.—Sunbury County L.O.L. met in the Orange Hall at Tracy, last evening, County Master R. Keith Nason in the chair; Geo. H. Bagley, County Secretary. Other county officers present were R. L. Jones, County Chaplain; C. Percy Harvey, County Treasurer; and Immediate Past County Master H. H. Stuart.

The Lodges represented were No. 30, Tracy; No. 35, Lincoln, and 145, Fredericton Jct. Provincial Field Secretary George McQueen was also present.

After a large amount of routine work was disposed of, the Co-operative Movement was discussed, those taking part being the chairman, Geo. McQueen, Past County Master D. A. Duplisea, Worshipful Master C. G. Smith, and H. H. Stuart. All agreed that Credit Unions and other forms of Cooperation were steps in the right direction. A mass meeting on the subject in Tracy Orange Hall was announced for the 27th inst.

It was decided to hold next meeting of the County Lodge in Lincoln, June 8th.

### Stock Market Quotations

(Furnished Through Courtesy of Loughlin & McKenzie Ltd. at 1.15 p.m.)

Stock	Price
Anaconda Copper	24 1/2
Smelters	41 3/4
A. M. Byers	8 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive	11 1/4
Curtiss Wright	5 7/8
Bendix	21 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	5 1/8
Bethlehem Steel	55
Chrysler Corp	67 1/4
N. Y. Central Railroad	14 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad	32 1/2
Dupont	140 1/2
Douglas Aircraft	61 1/2
Electric Power & Light	7 1/2
General Motors	43 1/2
Goodyear Tire & Rubber	26
International Telephone	6 1/2
International Paper Pfd	30 1/2
Standard Oil	46 1/2
Montgomery Ward	47
Radio Corporation	6 1/2
Sears Roebuck	70
American Telephone	158 1/2
United Aircraft	37 1/2
Westinghouse Electric	59 1/2
U. S. Steel	46 1/4
Yellow Cab	19 1/4
Electric Bond and Share	7 1/2

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### REPORT MANY LIVES LOST IN JAP RAID

SHANGHAI, May 8.—Great loss of lives was reported along the Chinese coast today as the Japanese laid down a heavy bombardment in an effort to cut down the shipping of war supplies to the Chinese ports for the forces of General Chiang Kai-Shek in the field.

It was reported today that the Chinese leader will move his wartime capital for the third time. The reports that the capital would be moved 175 miles to the north west were denied emphatically, however.

### GERMANY AND ITALY FORM NEW ALLIANCE

ROME, May 8.—Tension increased in Europe over the week-end as Germany and Italy came together in a military alliance to be known as the Pact of Milan. It was believed in some official circles to be a signal for Hitler to go ahead with his troubles with Poland.

While it was insisted that the alliance was not directed against any one by Italian spokesmen and observers in Poland believed that country would not be swayed from her position stated last week by Col. Beck, whose address was said to leave the door open for further negotiations over the pressing matters of the time.

Meanwhile Russia and Turkey began strengthening their bonds, the two countries being in accord with each other. The Russian vice-Commissar of foreign affairs left Turkey for Moscow after negotiations.

### AIR TRAVEL IN CANADA IS INCREASING

MONTREAL, May 8.—"In spite of the cycle of recession, statistics show a remarkable increase in air line passenger traffic and mail revenue in the past few years," George C. Wakeman, General Traffic Manager of the Trans-Canada Air Lines, said in an address to the members of the Westmount Rotary Club at their weekly luncheon. Last year, he pointed out, a million and a half passengers were carried in the United States, an increase of 200 per cent in five years. World figures for 1938 were not available but the total, he said, was in excess of 1937, when there were 5,078,199 air travellers.

A study of traffic figures for air line operations in Canada showed that air mail poundage increased from 625,040 pounds in 1934 to 1,857,221 in 1938, about 75 per cent in four years. Air mail postage revenue last year was estimated at \$505,592.96. In the same period air freight and express in Canada increased from 14,441,179 pounds to 26,387,719, nearly 50 per cent.

"Since its inauguration March 1, the transcontinental air mail service provided by the Trans-Canada Air Lines has shown a steady increase in poundage," Mr. Wakeman said, "and judging by the appreciation of the public this useful service is already being valued greatly by the citizens of Canada. We were greatly pleased at the public response to the first transcontinental passenger flight on April 1 when we were able to send out trips fully booked. We continue to receive many reservations for subsequent flights." The T.C.A. has went on, was comparable to any airway organization in the world and better than many. In time it will revolutionize the business of the country. (Continued on Page Five)