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# BRITISH FLEET TAKES PREPAREDNESS STEP

## OUTSTANDING BRITISH-BORN WRITER DIES

### Ford Madox Ford Noted Figure in Literature Passes In France.

DEAUVILLE, France, June 26—(AP)—Ford Madox Ford, an outstanding figure of British, French and American literature since the turn of the century, died today. He was 66.

Novelist, dramatist, poet and critic, Ford was one of the most prolific authors of his generation with more than 60 full-length works and 1,000 newspaper and magazine articles to his credit.

The British-born writer arrived in France from the United States three weeks ago and went to his home at Honfleur, on the coast of northern France.

He had been in ill health for several years. Yesterday he was stricken with a severe heart attack and was rushed to a Deauville clinic where he died. His widow said he probably would be buried at Deauville Wednesday.

Ford was born of English-German parents. During the Great War he changed his name from Ford Madox Hueffer because he did not like the German sound. His father was Dr. Francis Hueffer, a music critic and his mother was the daughter of the noted painter, Ford Madox Brown.

He was admittedly a propagandist for France and much of his work was devoted to interpreting the French people to British and American readers. Ford, in turn, was admired by the French almost as much for his qualities as a "Gourmet" as for his writing.

He wrote many essays on food and took great pride in his ability to prepare difficult dishes.

Ford did not allow his last illness to interfere with his work and just last year published "Masters of the Sword."

He was fond of saying he had fought for France with "both pen and sword" during the war. (Continued on page 13, Col 2)

## FAR EAST BORDER BATTLE: Russia Claims Japs "Routed"

### Anglo - Jap Talks Open

(By The Associated Press) MOSCOW, June 26—Twenty five "invading" Japanese planes were reported shot down today in a continuation of the six weeks of fighting on the Manchoukuo-Outer Mongolia border.

Tass, official Russian news agency, said 90 Japanese and 50 Soviet-Mongolian planes engaged in a two-hour battle which ended in "the rout" of the Japanese. Three Soviet-Mongolian planes were reported to have failed to return to their bases.

The news agency said Japanese planes "again violated" the frontier, flying over Russian-dominated Outer Mongolian territory in the vicinity of Lake Bor, some 470 miles east of Urga (Ulan Bator), capital of Outer Mongolia.

Last night, in an account of the border warfare since May 11, Tass said 82 planes had been shot down, 59 of them Japanese, and that Japanese-Manchoukuo troops had been driven back to their outposts after an initial surprise attack proved temporarily successful.

The Japanese news agency, Domei, said today 181 Soviet warplanes had been shot down in the fighting since May 20.

News of the fighting and reports of new diplomatic approaches from Great Britain and France on one hand and Germany on the other left Moscow outwardly unruffled.

Accounts of the fighting were printed on inside pages of most newspapers. The lack of prominence given to the reports was noticeable inasmuch as an official communique last night was the first news of the clashes published in Moscow.

There was no mention of patriotic mass meetings such as attended the month of fighting last July when Russia and Japan came to grips at Changkufeng, along the Siberia-Manchoukuo-Korea border.

## STRESS VALUE OF FREE PRESS TO DEMOCRACY

### Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett Among Speakers At Empire Press Conference.

(By The Canadian Press) LONDON, June 26—A free press could only be destroyed as part of a general raid upon liberty, J. A. Spender, noted British editor, today told the fourth conference of the Empire Press Union.

The speech on the responsibilities of the press by the former editor of the Westminster Gazette ended a full day in which newspaper publishers from all over the Empire heard speeches by Sir Kingsley Wood, Air Secretary, Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett, former Prime Minister of Canada, Horace T. Hunter, Toronto, Sir Stanley Reed, Conservative Member of Parliament, and Major J. J. Astor, chairman of the Union, who reviewed the year's work.

W. Rupert Davies, publisher of the Kingston, Ont., Whig-Standard and president of The Canadian Press, was elected vice-chairman of the Union.

Urges Counteracting Force

Mr. Spender urged that a professional council of Empire newspaper publishers be set up to seek honestly to counteract the times of international stress, the "vicious" propaganda of the controlled dictatorship press.

He believed that efforts of the controlled press to influence opinion abroad had been a complete failure. But the capture of the press permitted the rulers of half the world not only to disseminate their propaganda but also to suppress all free play of opinion between their subjects and citizens of other countries.

"Our reputation with the public depends on maintaining the tradition of speaking honestly and weightily on great matters," he said. "It is on the maintenance of public respect for the press that our freedom depends as a free press could only be destroyed as part of a general raid upon liberty."

## Barbour Has Death Sentence Commuted To Life Imprisonment

### OTTAWA, June 26—The death sentence passed on Robert Barbour, 25, of Dalhousie, N. B., N. B., has been commuted to life imprisonment by Cabinet Council, it was announced tonight.

Barbour, sentenced to hang July 14 for the murder of his sweetheart, Margaret Harris, will be taken to Dorchester penitentiary.

DALHOUSIE, N. B., June 26—Robert Barbour, whose death sentence for the murder of Margaret Harris has been commuted to life imprisonment, was tried twice.

On April 27 last he was again convicted and sentenced to death. Evidence was heard at the trial that Barbour had confessed killing the girl with a hammer owing to jealousy after she went out with another man. Defence counsel submitted the crime had been one of passion rather than premeditation.

The girl was injured March 30, 1938, and died two weeks later.

## RUMORS RIFE OVER BLOCKADE AT TIENSIN

### Contradicting Reports Circulated Over purported Negotiations In Dispute.

(AP)—The Japanese blockade of the British and French concessions here went into its 14th day amid a sudden rush of rumors that negotiations were under way to settle the Anglo-Japanese impasse.

According to reports, which could not be confirmed, Wang Ken-Min, head of the Japanese-organized Government at Peiping, has arrived here to attempt to negotiate a settlement through Wen Shih-Tseng, the Chinese Mayor of Tientsin, who is under Japanese control.

They asserted the Japanese, growing tired of the two-week-old deadlock, were seeking a way out of the crisis and turned their Peiping puppet regime to save face for the local Japanese Army authorities.

Agree To Negotiate?

(Reports circulated in London Monday that Britain and Japan had agreed to open negotiations in Tokyo within 48 hours. These reports said the Japanese had agreed to lift the Tientsin blockade soon after the beginning of the negotiations.)

The Anglo-Japanese quarrel, which began with a Japanese demand that British authorities turn over to them four alleged terrorists who were in the British concession, since has widened into a test of Britain's Far Eastern policy. When Britain declined to turn over the accused men without a hearing by a neutral board, the Japanese imposed the blockade and made a series of further demands upon the British.

In contrast to the rumors of a (Continued on page 13, Col 6)

## Will Be Ready If Crisis Comes During August

### Naval Leaves Advanced To Keep Fleet At Full Strength During Late Summer.

(By J. F. Sanderson, Canadian Press Staff Writer) LONDON, June 26—Great Britain took a precautionary measure today to ensure that the full strength of the navy would be maintained during the late summer months when another major European crisis may develop.

At the same time steps were taken which the British Government hopes will lead to settlement of the Tientsin blockade by negotiations in Tokyo between Sir Robert Craigie, the British Ambassador, and Sotomatsu Kato, former Japanese Minister at Ottawa.

Meanwhile political circles here became convinced the British Government would concede the Russian demands over the terms of the tripartite military alliance and agree to give explicit guarantees to Finland, Latvia and Estonia. If that is done an agreement may be signed this week.

Leave Advanced

The Admiralty announced that normal summer leave for ships of the Home Fleet would be advanced to July to allow the "carrying out of exercises in August." The announcement said the change would permit docking and refitting to be completed in July and asserted the decision would involve cancellation of visits by warships to certain seaside resorts. "Navy Week" will not be held.

The effect of the ruling is to have the fleet in a state of preparedness for any eventuality by the end of July. Although the Admiralty gave no reason there can be little doubt the Government was influenced by the possibility of another blow-up this autumn, probably over Danzig.

The British and Japanese Government have decided to open negotiations within 48 hours in the hope of settling the Tientsin blockade on a local basis. It is understood the Japanese have agreed to lift the blockade soon after the negotiations start because it has been represented to them by the British Government that it would be impossible to have the fleet in a state of readiness for any eventuality by the end of July. Although the Admiralty gave no reason there can be little doubt the Government was influenced by the possibility of another blow-up this autumn, probably over Danzig.

## Coming Events

- Rate for Notices in this column 3 cents per word.
- \*Talkies—Crapaud Thursday. L-21-6-27-21.
- \*Talkies—Canoë Cove Friday. L-21-6-27-21.
- \*Lot 65 Tea, Wednesday, July 5th. L-214-6-27-81.
- \*Dance Corran Ban June 30th. Refreshments. L-142-6-27-21.
- \*Ice Cream at Clinton Wednesday, weather unfavourable. L-213-6-27-11.
- \*Borden Line Club loading hours lambs, calves every Tuesday from 12 to 3. L-26-12-3-24-24.
- \*Come to the big Dance tonight at Hunter River. Good music. L-215-6-27-11.
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- \*Dance in Fownal Garage Hall, June 28th. Music by Doucette family. L-222-6-27-11.
- \*Reserve Wednesday, August 2nd for Rutledge Tea Party. L-225-6-27-31.
- \*Dance at Kozzy Korner Dance Hall, Vernon, Wednesday, June 28th. L-190-6-27-11.
- \*Reserve Friday, July 7th for Lawn Party at Clyde River and Hockey Club. If no fine, following Monday. L-216-6-27-73-74.
- \*See Wiltshire Players present "Here Comes Prince" at Clyde River Hall Wednesday, June 28th. L-235.
- \*Come to Wiltshire tonight for your supper and enjoy a good time at Women's Institute. L-107-6-27-11.
- \*Charlottetown B. Y. P. U. Players present "The Road to the City" at the City Theatre, Thursday, June 29, at 8:15 P. M. L-211-6-27-11.
- \*Charlottetown B. Y. P. U. Players present "The Road to the City" at Baptist Hall, Truro, Wednesday, July 5, at 8:30 P. M. L-211-6-27-11.
- \*Come to Long River, Wednesday, June 29, to "Meet the Men" presented by East Royal Community Club—dance after. L-237.
- \*Reserve Friday, June 30th for Mr. Y. P. U. Anniversary Supper and Entertainment on church grounds beginning at 4:30 P. M. L-213-6-27-11.
- \*All parties interested in St. Catherine's Cemetery are asked to meet at the cemetery to build a new fence and clean up roads around the grounds on Wednesday, June 29th. L-226-6-27-11.

## ARMED TO WAR POLES AFRAID OF MEDIATION

### Traditional Battle Ground Nation Determined To Hold Her Own.

By ELMER PETERSON Associated Press Staff Writer WARSAW, Poland, June 26—To say the Poles believe they are right in their attitude towards Danzig and the Polish Corridor is an understatement.

"Anyone who thinks we're going to give away Danzig or the corridor to the Germans is crazy," a Polish train worker told me in an early morning discussion of Eastern European affairs.

What the Poles fear today is mediation rather than war. Mediation to Poland, means giving something away. Poland, it is argued here, has stated time and again the conditions on which she is willing to negotiate.

Their attitude, and this is verified by observers who have watched developments from the very beginning, has deepened into a religious conviction. The result is that Poland is quietly preparing for an emergency. Here, in Warsaw, you discuss the possibility of war without restraint, and without the slightest symptom of panic.

Here, where war would see a city of over 1,000,000 inhabitants caught in the first savage drive of war from the air, you have a populace that simply waits. If war becomes necessary, it becomes necessary, and that's that, according to the Poles.

At the moment, Poland and Germany, mobilized and ready, are now under a nervous strain that may last for months. The situation is one of peace without peace.

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## Says Postage Sales Reflect Uptrend In General Business

OTTAWA, June 26—(CP)—Reviews of the Post Office Department, recently issued, look upon as a harbinger of commercial conditions in Canada, indicate that there is an upward trend in business generally, postmaster-general, J. A. Spender, said in a statement, issued tonight.

"A comparison of the postage sales for the month of May, 1939, reveals a gratifying increase of more than one per cent of some \$24,000 over the corresponding period last year," he said.

"That the increase is a legitimate one and not arising directly from the sale of the special issue of commemorative stamps is borne out by the fact that the percentage of increase in cash postage was greater than the increase in ordinary postage sales.

"This fact established conclusively that the increase was not due to the sale of the special issue of stamps. Cash postage sales are mainly derived from business firms and any increase in these figures may be looked upon as a reflection of 'better business.'"

## Sixth "Stranraer" Plane Launched

MONTREAL, June 26—(CP)—Another twin-engine "Stranraer" flying boat built at the Canadian Vickers Limited for the National Defence Department was launched today, bringing to six the planes of this type completed by the firm. The planes are being used by the Royal Canadian Air Force.

## Scores Failure To Deal With Unemployment

### Conservative Leader Stresses Necessity For Vigorous Action.

(By The Canadian Press) PORT WILLIAM, Ont., June 26—Criticism of the attitude of Prime Minister Mackenzie King towards Canadian unemployment was sounded tonight by Conservative Leader Manion.

The party leader's address preceded his appearance at a public meeting at Kakabeka Falls.

Of 12 recommendations of the National Employment Commission, created by the present government, nine have been ignored and three have been given effect in part, Dr. Manion charged.

His opinion is that Mr. King does not realize the conditions that exist in the country and lacks the vision and courage that a leader should have in the trying times in which we live," he said.

Dr. Manion believed the United States' system of civilian conservation corps camps could have been adopted in Canada, instead of the adoption of methods of direct relief.

"While the country owes no man a living, it does owe men the opportunity of earning a living," the Conservative leader said. "And it is my intention, if and when I am elected to lead the Government of Canada, to solve this problem as it must be solved, if we are to preserve British democratic institutions as opposed to the freaky and irresponsible isms that are proposed by others."

Dr. Manion indicated he will contest his home constituency of Port William at the next general election. He represented Port William in the House of Commons from 1917 to 1938, when he was defeated by Dan McIvor, Liberal, in a three-cornered fight. Dr. Manion was elected to the House as member for London following his election as leader of the National Conservative Party last summer.

"My name will go before the National Conservative convention when it is held here and if the party does me the honor of choosing me as candidate I shall run again in my home constituency," he said.

The conservative leader repeated a charge made at Peterborough June 16 that the passage of a motion in the Senate favoring a law unification resulted from a trick to embarrass him as party leader. He said that, although a group of Conservative Senators backed the motion, most of the Liberal Senators were not in the House at the time.

"It is worth remembering that 21 Senators voted against the unification motion," Dr. Manion said. "Out of whom seven were Conservative."

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## Aviation Development

Development of modern aviation will facilitate Empire defence in any future war," Sir Kingsley Wood told the conference. He said air defence plans call for increases during the next two years of squadrons permanently stationed overseas.

General reconnaissance squadrons for the protection of vital trade interests will be included, and volunteer reserve training facilities will be established in overseas localities where Royal Air Force units already exist, he said.

"The rapid development of the (Continued on page 13, Col 2)

## Inquire Into Death Of Missionary

(By The Canadian Press) OTTAWA, June 26—The External Affairs Department of the Canadian Government is "making inquiries" into the death of Rev. A. A. Caswell, Canadian missionary, whose plane crashed in China, last Friday, it was announced today.

External affairs officials said that when a report has been made on the fatal bombing of the two Canadians, the Government will consider whether steps should be taken to convey a formal protest to the Japanese Government.

## Berwick Arrives On Visit To Montreal

MONTREAL, June 26—(CP)—H.M.S. Berwick, first British warship to visit Montreal this year, docked here late today after a voyage up the St. Lawrence River from Quebec. Admiral Sir Sidney Meyrick of the American and West Indies station with headquarters at Bermuda was aboard as a large crowd cheered the warship when it warped into the dock.

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## Aged N. S. Farmer Pleads Not Guilty To Murder Charge

LIVERPOOL, N. S., June 26—A plea of not guilty entered by Wallace H. Earley, 67-year-old North Brookfield, N. S. farmer, late today in court here, pleaded not guilty by a grand jury for the murder of his father-in-law.

Earley is charged with the murder nine years ago of his first wife's father, Joseph Fancay, who died at North Brookfield in 1930 shortly after he and his wife went to live with the accused.

Only one witness was called to testify in the case. It was made out tomorrow morning. He was a Mr. Foster, provincial land surveyor, who testified as to plans he made of the cemetery at North Brookfield. Crown prosecutor J. Ross Byrne told the court he would produce witnesses to testify traces of arsenic were found in parts of the remains exhumed from a grave in which it was alleged Robert Fancay was buried.

The Crown probably will not rest its case until Friday. Mr. Byrne said nine Crown witnesses are to be called.

A second charge against the accused, that of setting fire to a house at North Brookfield, N. S., in 1926, with intent to defraud an insurance company, was thrown out by the grand jury earlier today.

## Awaits Sentence For Manslaughter

SYDNEY, N. S., June 26—Alex Burton, 26-year-old baker of Glace Bay, N. S., was convicted today of a manslaughter charge by a grand jury. The charge arose from the death of Daniel Leconte, 66-year-old Sydney stevedore, after he was struck by an automobile June 5.

Sentence was withheld until the end of the court term by Mr. Justice W. F. Carroll.

## Yankee Clipper Is Delayed At Shediac By Bad Weather

SHEDDIAC, N. B., June 26—Resigned to their third night of waiting here for weather to clear over Newfoundland and the North Atlantic, Captain Harold E. Gray, his crew and accompanying officials on the Pan-American Yankee Clipper looked forward to a probable take-off before noon tomorrow.

The Clipper would not leave here at night and there was no idea of cancelling the inaugural mail service flight to England by way of Newfoundland and Eire, said W. B. King, in charge of the base here.

Providing weather reports are favorable tomorrow the big fly-boat will take off from Shediac Bay at 11 a. m. A.D.T.

The prospects were encouraging tonight, with clearing weather forecast, and no further delay was expected.

"We take absolutely no chances," said Mr. King. "The schedule will be completed as soon as possible, consistent with safety."

Weather over the North Atlantic has been the chief cause of delay.

Edward Warner, member of the United States Civil Aeronautics Authority, left for Washington by train today. Others of the 21 government and airline officials who flew here are remaining with the clipper.

The huge ship arrived Saturday from Port Washington, N. Y. She was to have continued to Botwood, Nfld., that afternoon, reaching Southampton yesterday.

## APPROVE NEW AGREEMENTS IN RELIEF PLAN

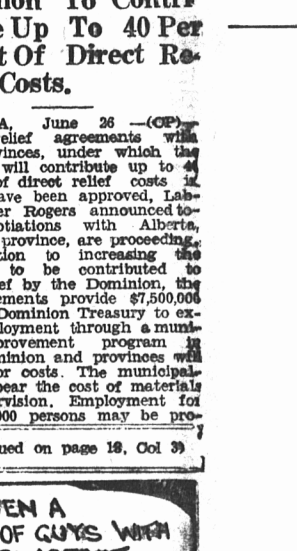
### Dominion To Contribute Up To 40 Per Cent Of Direct Relief Costs.

OTTAWA, June 26—(CP)—General relief agreements with eight provinces, under which the Dominion will contribute up to 40 per cent of direct relief costs in 1939-40, have been approved, Labor Minister Rogers announced today. Negotiations with Alberta, the ninth province, are proceeding.

In addition to increasing the proportion to be contributed to direct relief by the Dominion, the new agreements provide \$7,500,000 from the Dominion Treasury to expand employment through a municipal improvement program in which dominion and provinces will share labor costs. The municipalities will bear the cost of materials and supervision. Employment for about 30,000 persons may be provided.

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## Even A Lot Of Guys With 'Pep' Aren't Worth Their Salt!



(Canadian Press) TORONTO, June 26—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Dawson	46	78
Vancouver	46	64
Edmonton	48	54
Regina	44	70
Winnipeg	56	80
Toronto	57	77
Ottawa	54	74
Montreal	52	70
Quebec	54	66
Saint John	52	62
Halifax	48	60
Charlottetown	50	60

BERLIN REACTION BERLIN, June 26—Official quar-

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FORECAST Maritime East: Moderate winds; northeasterly at first; partly cloudy and comparatively cool.

High tide this morning at 6:38 and tonight at 7:59.

Sun sets this evening at 7:50 and rises tomorrow morning at 4:15.

Full moon July 1, 12:16 p. m. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

THE CAR FERRY SAILINGS Leaves Borden 7 A. M., 9:45 A. M., 1 P. M., 4:30 P. M. Leaves Tormentine 8:15 A. M., 11 A. M., 3:05 P. M., 6:20 P. M.

SUNDAY SAILINGS Leaves Borden 9 A. M., 7 P. M. Leaves Tormentine 10:15 A. M., 8:10 P. M.

### It Makes a Nicer Cool Drink

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