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BRITAIN TAKES FIRMER STAND WITH JAPAN

RAINS BRING RELIEF FROM HEAT WAVE

Much-needed Rainfall In Upper Can.

(By The Canadian Press)

Cool winds from Canada's Arctic regions are expected to drift over wstern and central Canada today to freshen Canada's wilted millions.

Relief was expected last night from the north, but no general rainfall was sighted. Scattered thunderstorms are expected in Manitoba and Saskatchewan and in southern and eastern Ontario.

Ontario farmers said the heat and drought came at a critical time for them, but major crops remained in good condition. Pastures have deteriorated materially in southern and eastern Ontario affecting the livestock industry.

Albert Rioux, Quebec's Deputy Minister of Agriculture said the heat and drought in that province have affected crops and rain is needed badly.

Maritime fruit men said crops generally are in good condition and no concern is felt over recent high temperatures.

Early reports gave Grand Forks, B.C., the doubtful honor of hottest Canadian city as the mercury reached 108 for the second successive day. Other interior British Columbia points were high in the 90's.

Top temperatures on the Prairies were Edmonton, 85; Calgary, 86; Lethbridge, Alta., 86; Saskatoon, 96; Regina, 92 and Winnipeg 80.

Ottawa simmered with an unofficial 93, Toronto reported high humidity and weather in the low 90's. Montreal's 89 was representative of Quebec and in the Maritimes most figures posted on the weather map were lower.

Storms In Quebec

MONTREAL, July 27 — Cooler weather came to Quebec Province tonight after storms brought comfort to residents who had sweltered in temperatures that soared as high as 90 degrees yesterday.

Montreal escaped a storm but at

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Going Ahead With German Barter Deal

WINNIPEG, July 27 — Premier John Bracken is going ahead with his proposed German deal despite criticism of the Winnipeg City Council.

"It's too bad our city fathers have to waste their time with city affairs when they might be down at Ottawa settling all the affairs of the country," the Premier said today in commenting on the action of the council.

Earlier this week the Council adopted a resolution condemning the plan which involves the exchange of Manitoba farm produce for $300,000 worth of German electrical supplies. The resolution was sponsored by Alderman Jack Blumberg, Labor.

The commercial transaction is going ahead, Mr. Bracken said, with details under further consideration. The transaction will save the province between $80,000 and $90,000, he said.

"My whole interest is to get markets for Manitoba produce."

If the present deal went through, under terms laid down by the Dominion Government, it would pave the way for similar transactions which would tend to remove the surpluses now driving down the prices of dairy products, honey and even cereals," he added.

Coming Events

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Rate for Notices in this column 3 cents per word.

**Ice Cream Festival and Dance, Gowan Brae School, Tuesday, August 8th. L-575-7-28-1i.

**Open air dance Upper Queen Street, Every Monday and Friday. L-585.

**Ice cream, bingo, etc., St. James Church, Georgetown, Monday, July 31st. L-577-7-28-3i

**Fiddlers and Dancers Contest, Tuesday, August 1st in St. Margaret's Hall. Send entries to John A. MacDonald, St. Margarets. L-576-7-28-1i.

**There will be an Egg Grading Demonstration at Murray Harbor Hall, Monday, July 31st at 8.30 P.M. Actual Grading of Members Eggs will take place. Short talks will be given on egg quality and feeding demonstrations just completed. Be sure and attend. P. E. I. Co-operative Egg and Poultry Association. L-569-7-28-2i.

Island Command Canadian Legion Holds Convention

R.C. Chandler Elected President At Well Represented Meeting Held At Summerside.

The eighth annual convention of the Prince Edward Island Provincial Command of the Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L., was held in the Town Hall, Summerside, yesterday. Sessions were held morning, afternoon and evening.

His Worship Mayor John E. Campbell welcomed the delegates and extended to them the freedom of the town. Following the conclusion of the morning session the delegates and other returned men, wearing khaki berets and carrying Legion standards, paraded to the war memorial where a wreath was placed by Major M.F. Gregg, V.C., M.C. The parade was headed by the Summerside Town Band.

Officers elected at the afternoon session follow:

Provincial President—Lieut. Colonel R. C. Chandler, Charlottetown.

Vice President—George MacDonald, Montague.

Chairman—Victor Travers, Summerside.

Vice Chairman—L. W. Goodwin, Charlottetown.

Chaplain—Major T. E. MacNutt, V.D., Charlottetown.

Honorary Treasurer—Leo Bradley, Charlottetown.

Dominion Command Representative—Col. H. D. Johnson, M.D., V.D., Charlottetown.

Provincial Secretary—G.E. Sherren (re-elected), Charlottetown.

Branch representatives: Charlottetown, W.S. Hughes; Montague, W. A. McLaggan; Summerside, R. L. Mollison; Kensington, R. J. MacDonald; Eldon, D. Ross; O'Leary, Bradford MacKay; Tignish, J. A'Hearn; Mount Stewart, Dr. A. B. Martin.

Pointing out the service of the Canadian Legion to democracy, Major M. F. Gregg, V.C., M.C., Dominion Honorary Treasurer, outlined the Legion's functions. It was affiliated with 34 other organizations of returned men throughout the world and thus exerted a tremendous influence for good, the speaker stated. Major Gregg conveyed the regrets of the Dominion President Brigadier Foster D.S.O., on his unavoidable absence from the convention. Brigadier Foster being in attendance at a conference of the B. E. S. L. at London. A. V. MacKinnon, Provincial Secretary of the Nova Scotia Command was also heard in a brief address at the afternoon session.

At the banquet, held in the Queen Hotel, which brought the day's proceedings to a close the following toast list was honored:

Toast List

Toastmaster: B. W. Robinson, Esq., Provincial President, Canadian Legion, B. E. S. L.

Welcome to Delegates: His Worship Mayor Campbell, Summerside, P. E. I.

Canada and the Empire: Hon. Dr. Cyrus MacMillan.

The Legion: Major Milton F. Gregg, V. C., M. C., Dominion Honorary Treasurer, Canadian Legion, B. E. S. L., and Sergeant-at-arms, Dominion House of Commons, Ottawa.

Alister MacKinnon, Esq., Provincial Secretary, Nova Scotia Command, Canadian Legion, B. E. S. L.

The new Provincial President, Lt. Col. R. C. Chandler.

His Majesty's Forces: Major Fred May.

The Ladies: Lieut. Col. E. H. Strong, K. C., M. C., V. D.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

"It is my privilege," said President B. W. Robinson, "to present to you at this our eighth provincial convention, a brief review of the events and happenings during the past two years.

"As we gather together this morning, I am sure memories are awakened in our minds of that great occasion a quarter of a century ago, the outbreak of the Great War, the anniversary of which will be upon us in a few days,—memories of our ideals, the horrors of war, the peace—and its disappointments; but the one thing that stands out, is the spirit of service and comradeship which we have all retained, and which after twenty-five years is the brightest and most worthwhile memory of the war.

"As our minutes are not at my disposal at the present time, I will of necessity have to mention merely those events that have appeared to me to be of the most importance to us all.

"The Dominion Convention in February 1938, which I attended on your behalf, in company with your Provincial Secretary, Mr. George E. Sherren; our Dominion representative, Colonel Johnson; Comrade Wonnacott of the Charlottetown Branch, and Comrade

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BLACKOUT HELD AT HONG KONG

Crown Colony Holds Air Raid Precaution Practice.

HONG KONG, July 27 —(AP)— The world-famous night view of Britain's Hong Kong with its myriad lights was blotted out completely for two hours tonight.

A newly formed air raid precaution organization enforced its first colony-wide blackout, educating the populace to the reality of war preparations.

A siren alarm plunged 1,500,000 residents into darkness. Ambulances and police cars cruised the streets and regular soldiers and trained volunteers manned defence posts. Ships in the crowded harbor also were darkened and the British Navy's speedy motorboats patrolled the waterways.

The Crown Colony's Legislative Council passed a measure today to make all non-Chinese male British subjects between 18 and 55 subject to compulsory service.

Major-General Arthur E. Grasett formerly of Toronto and now commander of British troops here, told the Council that if Hong Kong were attacked, "we shall resist to the full strength of our resources." He sought to allay increasing fear, especially among the Chinese, that Britain might abandon the outpost in the face of a major military threat.

The United States protested to the Japanese in nearby Canton against leisurely searching of all Chinese entering and leaving Shameen Island, foreign settlement where the American consulate-general is located. Many were delayed half a day with only one Japanese searcher at each of the two bridges as Japan's announced blockade of the settlement went into effect.

"Organize" Danzig For Day When It Will Rejoin Reich

DANZIG, July 27—Nazis of Danzig hope to turn over to Germany soon a community which has almost completely solved it own Jewish problem, party leaders said tonight.

Another step toward the 100 per cent "Aryanization" of the Free City was taken today when machinery was set up to dispose of property still held by Jews and to put brakes on the outward flow of Jewish wealth.

"We know that Danzig and the hundred or more villages surrounding it will come into the Reich soon and we are anxious to get the Jewish situation well in hand before that day," one party chief observed.

It was stated there would be no need for such drastic action against Jews as took place in Austria and the Sudetenland after annexation of those territories.

The "Aryanization" of Danzig has been going on since 1936.

The Danzig Senate bought the central synagogue, several Jewish cemeteries and other properties, and the proceeds have been used largely in helping poor Jews emigrate.

There are approximately 4,000 Jews left in Danzig, most of them trying to get out and some with prospects of leaving soon. Some 18,000 have emigrated since 1936.

Up to now, on departure, Jews were permitted to convert their holdings into cash and withdraw it in semi-annual installments. Under the new regulations payment will be made into blocked accounts, to remain frozen for an indefinite time.

Officials denied that the procedure amounted to confiscation of Jewish wealth still remaining here.

CHAMBERLAIN SPEEDS ACTION ON TERRORISTS

Legislation Rushed Through Parliament—Cabinet Members Under Special Guard.

LONDON, July 27 —(CP)— Prime Minister Chamberlain today pledged speedy action on legislation directed against terrorists—and particularly members of the Irish Republican Army—after bombs killed one person and wounded nearly a score yesterday and this morning.

Mr. Chamberlain promised Parliament that "no effort will be spared to bring to justice those guilty of these criminal and cowardly attacks on innocent men and women."

The Prime Minister notified the House of Commons he will ask suspension of parliamentary rules tomorrow so the House can consider possible amendments to the bill as soon as it returns from the House of Lords.

The bill, providing for registration and deportation of aliens and permitting police to search houses without warrants, was rushed through Commons in record time yesterday, and the Lords who approved it at first reading today, were expected to act with equal dispatch. The King's approval will be asked tomorrow, Government leaders said.

Mr. Chamberlain and other cabinet members were placed under special guard today by Scotland Yard. Extra police were assigned to guard the Houses of Parliament, the British Museum, railroad stations, bridges and public utilities.

"A man with a slouch," seen at King's Cross Station before the explosion there yesterday, and four others were arrested.

(About 11 A.M. (7 A.M. ADT) two boys found 74 sticks of gelitnite—the explosive most commonly used—with an attached clock set to go off at 1 P.M. at an electric power line pylon at Downholland, Lancashire, two miles from a canal bridge at Maghull near Liverpool that was wrecked early today.

Special guards protected every point where the I.R.A. might strike again. Bridges, railroad stations, banks electrical plants and post offices were guarded with special vigilance.

Police searched London houses frequented by Irishmen during the night, making one arrest. An alarm went out for a man who checked a suitcase at Kings Cross Station a few minutes before the explosion there yesterday and then took a train for the north of England. Three persons were questioned at Cannon Row Police Station today.

Another arrest was made at Liverpool, where two explosions early this morning caused property damage but injured no one.

"Atlantic" Marathon New High In Fad

NEW YORK, July 27—Four fellows who ran (sic) all the way across the Atlantic Ocean in five days arrived today. They said their feet hurt.

They did their running on the decks of the liner Europa, and covered 845 miles from Southampton to New York, which somebody said was a record for a marathon relay team.

One fellow would run for two hours, then rest six while another ran. The runners were fed tea and cakes by a steward who ran alongside them. No mileage figure for the steward was announced.

There was one American, George R. Harris, Jr., 19, son of a Pittsburg doctor, on the team and three Englishman. One Englishman got seasick.

Kenneth H. H. Bally, 24, of Bournemouth, England, the team captain, said the purpose of the marathon was to strengthen the friendship between Great Britain and the United States. The Europa is a German boat.

Near Agreement At "Wheat" Conference

LONDON, July 27—Representatives of the four principal wheat-exporting countries—Canada, the United States, Argentina and Australia—are nearing agreement in their efforts to find a control formula for overstocked world markets, informed persons said tonight.

Delegates of these nations composing the advisory committee seeking a scheme to submit to the World Wheat Conference adjourned today until July 31, and meanwhile will report progress to their Governments and receive instructions.

Beatty Hopeful Of Peaceful Solution "World's Troubles"

QUEBEC, July 27—Hope for "peaceful solution of the world's troubles" was expressed today by Sir Edward Beatty, President of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, on his return to Canada aboard the liner Empress of Britain after a short business trip to England.

"I have returned to Canada with a feeling that we still may hope for a peaceful solution of the world's troubles," said Sir Edward. "And the greatest support to that hope rests in the energy and comprehensiveness of the measures taken by the British Government in national defence."

He said that from the point of view of a Canadian who had spent a "few days in England" it was possible to "say fairly definitely" the resolution of the people of Great Britain and its government to take every step in the way of preparedness was "more in evidence than ever before."

SNOW SIGHTED ON MARS MELTS

Scientist Reports Phenomenon After "Close - Ups" Of Planet.

BLOEMFONTEIN, South Africa, July 27 —(AP)—What appeared to be snows piled over millions of square miles in Mars' northern hemisphere before they melted completely in two days were reported tonight by an astronomer as the planet came nearest the earth since 1924.

Earl C. Slipher of Lowell Observatory, Flagstaff, Ariz., who has made a closer study of Mars than any other scientist, reported the phenomenon after taking two "close-ups" of the earth's neighbor.

Slipher, brother of the Lowell Observatory's director, Dr. Vesto M. Slipher, is in the southern hemisphere for the best view of the planet.

He disclosed that a snowstorm, gigantic in area, covered an area on Mars last weekend comparable to the territory from the earth's north pole to the United States-Canadian border.

In the Martian northern hemisphere, now entering its winter season, the apparent snowfield spread in a tongue-shaped direction to 70 degrees latitude bordering the area known as Tempe.

Two days later observation failed to locate any snow whatever and the whole ice-cap had melted, leaving a bluish white haze to mark the region where the snow had been.

Slipher's photographs recorded the remarkable change. It is known that Mars temperatures have a daily range from 115 degrees below zero fahrenheit to 65 above.

Tonight Mars is a mere 36,000,000 miles away near its 34,600,000 mile limit in its approach to the earth.

Strike Spreads At Stellarton

STELLARTON, N. S., July 27—Aid of Cape Breton coal shippers and trimmers was sought tonight by striking Pictou County miners in case vessels in the Pictou-St. Lawrence River coal trade be diverted to Sydney.

The Pictou County men struck yesterday when officials of Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company's subsidiary, the Acadia Coal Company, refused to reinstate a chainrunner whose work the officials said was not satisfactory. The strike, affecting nearly 1,200 miners tied up all four pits the company operates in this district.

NEW WATERFORD, N. S., July 27—(CP)—More than 1,000 men of Dominion Coal Company's No. 12 mine here struck tonight in protest against stoppage of a miner's lamp after he had been in an argument with a colliery official.

A miners' meeting, held just after the strike was called, rejected a motion to resume work tomorrow.

Trail Ranger Group Enroute To Halifax

(By The Canadian Press)

ST. STEPHEN, N. B., July 27—Twenty-two Trail Rangers from Mexico City arrived here today by motor enroute to Halifax where they will spend three weeks after camping for a few days at Big Cove, Pictou County.

The boys represent seven nationalities. They are under the leadership of H. R. Steck, a bank employee in Mexico City and native of Halifax.

JAPAN STUDIES RETALIATION AGAINST U. S.

Puzzled By Sudden Denunciation Of Trade Pact—Would Negotiate Anew.

TOKYO, July 28—(Friday)—The Japanese Foreign Office announced today Japan's willingness to conclude a new trade treaty with the United States but questioned "the hasty and abrupt manner" in which Washington denounced the 1911 accord.

The Foreign Office spokesman earlier had declared "Japan certainly will take retaliatory measures if there is discrimination by America" after expiration of the six-month period required to terminate the treaty.

Announcement of willingness to conclude a new treaty "if Washington desires" was contained in an official statement issued this morning. It indicated the Foreign Office's belief Washington's action was a political gesture connected with the British-Japanese negotiations on the Tientsin dispute.

Referring to the Washington explanation that re-examination of the treaty led to the conclusion that the American-Japanese pact contained provisions needing new consideration, the statement said:

"These reasons of the American Government, which serve equally well for revision of the treaty, fail to explain fully why the American Government should have found it necessary to give notice of abrogation in such a hasty and abrupt manner.

"A new situation is rapidly developing in East Asia. The Japanese Government has long been hoping that other countries of the

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SOVIET RANKS ARE 'PURGED'

Soviet Commander In Far East Among 79 Dishonored.

MOSCOW, July 27 —(AP)— General Grigorio Shtern has been relieved of his post as commander of the first special Red Banner Army in the Far East and replaced by General Popoff.

Removal of General Shtern, who in a sense was the successor to Marshall Vassily Bluecher in the Far East, was disclosed soon after the official gazette had published a list of 79 men, formerly high in Soviet military and diplomatic life, who had been stripped of their decorations.

The list included several far eastern officers. Publication of such information in Soviet Russia is tantamount to announcement that the men named have been placed under arrest.

There was no official explanation of the removal of General Shtern or of the dishonoring of the leaders.

One of them, V. K. Tarioff, former Soviet Minister to the Mongolian Peoples Republic, received the Order of Lenin in 1937 for his distinguished diplomatic achievements.

Another whose decorations were ordered stripped was the Air Force Commander, Lapin, who formerly stood next to Marshal Vassily Bluecher, former Soviet Commander of the Red Army in the Far East.

Details of the dishonoring of these men were not disclosed. The decree only stated that they were deprived of their decorations for "actions unworthy of outer bearers."

Negrin Shorn Of Authority By "Government In Exile"

PARIS, July 27—A wide split among exiled leaders of the overthrown Spanish Republic today left former Premier Juan Negrin shorn of authority and gave the reins of the "Government in Exile" to a permanent committee of the last Cortes (Parliament).

Negrin was deprived of his position at a meeting yesterday of the committee which he angrily called a "Fascist Junta". It was reported he would leave shortly for the United States.

Although the Republican Government has no territory to govern since General Franco's victory, it does have jurisdiction over 1,800,000,000 francs (about $47,000,000) in cash, war materials and other property sent to Mexico for safekeeping.

Opponents of the faction headed by Negrin and the former Foreign Minister, Julio Alvarez Del Vayo, claim to represent the more moderate wing of the Spanish Leftist coalition. They accused Negrin and Del Vayo of playing the "Communists' game."

They asserted funds raised to aid Spanish Republican refugees had been administered so that only refugees of pronounced Communist leanings were benefited.

The Negrin faction indignantly denied these charges, and was said to have wanted to use funds at the committee's disposal for a new conquest of Spain whenever that becomes possible.

Nevertheless, the Cortes Committee in a secret meeting decided against Negrin and plans to appoint a sub-committee to carry on with governing powers in his stead.

Plans Stronger Steps To Guard Rights In China

Government To Take Active Measures If Tokyo Conference Fails To Settle Difficulties.

LONDON, July 27—(C.P.)—Great Britain was reported today to be considering stronger measures to protect her rights in the Far East unless Japan observes the spirit as well as the letter of the new Anglo-Japanese agreement.

Factors said to be influencing Britain toward a firmer attitude were:—

1. Denunciation by the United States of the American-Japanese Trade Treaty.

2. Reported progress in the negotiations in Moscow for a British-French-Soviet Russian Mutual Assistance Pact.

3. Continuance of the anti-British campaign in Japanese-controlled areas of China.

By the Anglo-Japanese agreement, announced Monday, Britain recognized that "Japanese forces in China have special requirements."

Some quarters said they saw a possibility that the Government might follow the United States lead and denounce the 1911 British-Japanese Trade Treaty—but official circles said that was not likely for the present.

One official said the Government wanted to try first to settle the difficulties by talks now going on in Tokyo.

If these talks failed, or if the Japanese continued their anti-British campaign, it was said this policy might be scrapped and the Government then reconsider its plans for economic reprisals.

These plans—including denunciation of the trade treaty and imposition of an embargo on Japanese goods—never have been discarded completely, informed quarters said, and could be applied at any time the Government thought necessary.

See Tension Lessening

Hopes in Government circles that a British-French-Russian pact was nearing conclusion increased the feeling that European tension would continue to ease and Britain would be freer to act in the Orient.

Sources close to the Government confirmed reports that British and French military missions would leave for Moscow shortly for staff talks with Soviet commanders.

It was announced in Paris that General Joseph Edouard Doumenc, newly appointed member of the Superior War Council, would head the French mission.

British officials are busy choosing the personnel of the British delegation. General Sir Edmund Ironside, Inspector-General of Overseas Forces, was mentioned as most likely to head the mission unless it is decided to place an Admiral in charge.

Promises Special Session

Prime Minister Chamberlain meanwhile definitely rejected demands to keep Parliament in session but promised he would call a special session "if the Government contemplate some important departure in foreign policy.

At the opening of discussion in the House of Commons, the Prime Minister announced there would be a debate on foreign affairs next Monday and that some time during the week he would announce the date Parliament would reassemble after the recess which starts Aug. 4.

DROWNED AT RICHIBUCTO

RICHIBUCTO, N. B., July 27—(CP)—Wading in the St. Charles River near his home yesterday, Alyre Gray, 8, suddenly stepped into deep water and drowned. His father, John Gray, recovered the body. The boy was to have been confirmed today by Archbishop L. J. A. Melanson, Moncton.

FIRST MARITIME CONVENTION OF CH. OF CHRIST

Sessions Will Be Held Aug.3-6 At Central Christian Church Charlottetown.

The first Maritime convention of the Churches of Christ (Disciples) will meet at the Central Christian Church of this city, August 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th.

In former years the Prince Edward Island Churches have not been a part of the Maritime Convention which consisted of the Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, but this year for the first time the Province of Prince Edward Island has become a part of the Maritime Convention, so that the three provinces will in future meet together in a truly Maritime Convention.

The president of the Maritime Convention is Rev. R. M. Johnston, Milton, N.S. The secretary

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(By The Canadian Press)

TORONTO, July 27 — Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Dawson	43	64
Vancouver	50	78
Edmonton	51	88
Regina	45	80
Winnipeg	62	80
Toronto	70	86
Ottawa	67	93
Montreal	70	82
Quebec	60	89
Saint John	54	65
Halifax	62	86
Charlottetown	65	83

Forecasts:—

Maritime East: Moderate southwest winds; partly cloudy and warm with some fog and probably followed by scattered thundershowers.

High tide this morning at 7.56 and tonight at 9.35.

Sun sets this evening at 7.33 and rises tomorrow morning at 4.40.

Full moon July 31, 2.37 a.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.