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BRITISH COLON BESEGED BY CHINESE MOB

SITUATION IS SERIOUS AS WARSHIPS RUSH RELIEF TO HANKOW

Infuriated Coolies Get Out of Control of Cantonese Military and Safety of Residents Is Imperilled by Action

CONCESSION BARRICADES DESTROYED

Battleships Vindictive, Carlisle and Wishart Speeding to Rescue; Available Armed Forces There Unable to Handle Situation and Retire

HONG KONG, Jan. 5.—The British warships Vindictive, Carlisle and Wishart today were ordered to Hankow. An Exchange Telegraph despatch from Shanghai says that all available naval forces are leaving there at full speed for Hankow. Frantic appeals for more land and naval forces are being made by the British community at Hankow to the British government.

PEKING, Jan. 5.—Official despatches from Hankow, where the British colony is being besieged by thousands of infuriated coolies, as the result of anti-foreign agitation, show the situation is growing increasingly serious and indicate that the angry natives are out of the control of the Chinese military forces which undertook to maintain order.

Practically all the barricades to the concession have been destroyed and a consular despatch says the British Bmd, the principal thoroughfare for foreigners along the waterfront there, is "unsafe for foreigners." It adds "that the situation is very discouraging."

A German citizen was stabbed and seriously wounded Monday by agitators within the British concession.

The British armed forces, feeling that it would have been impossible to hold the masses without firing, retired, leaving the concession in charge of Chinese troops. The British warships were not ordered to land until the barricades were demolished and all barricades at entrances to the concession were demolished.

CHINESE TO CONTROL As a result of a conference yesterday between British and Chinese authorities, by which maintenance of order was left to the Chinese, British marines were not ordered to land until the barricades were demolished and all barricades at entrances to the concession were demolished.

TO VISIT CANADA New Zealand Premier Sails on Return Trip

LONDON, Jan. 5.—Premier J. G. Coates, of New Zealand, who came here for the Imperial Conference, was a passenger on the Aquitania, sailing today for New York. Later he will go to Montreal and thence to Vancouver. He expects to reach New Zealand in time to welcome the Duke and Duchess of York, who leave tomorrow for their trip to the antipodes on H. M. S. Renown.

KING IS SOLICITOUS LONDON, Jan. 5.—A personal representative of King George called at the home of Dame Ellen Terry, English actress, yesterday to inquire after her health. He reported later to the King that Dame Ellen was making progress toward recovery after an attack of bronchitis and delirium. Her doctor said that she was cheerful and appearing to be completely recovered soon.

FOREIGN OFFICE STATEMENT The foreign office today said that the situation at Hankow was fraught with the gravest dangers, but that it was felt that the British authorities on the spot, would be successful in averting armed conflict.

Tree Lecture Course Now In Preparation

LONDON, Jan. 5.—In spite of the keen anxiety created here by the had news from China during the past few days, which has caused increased despondency upon the government from the die-hard section of the Conservatives backed by big business interests in

Duke and Duchess of York Leave Tomorrow For Australia

Goal of Commercial Energy Within British Empire Urged For Canada and Australia

TORONTO, Ont., Jan. 5.—Speaking here last night at a banquet tendered him by the Ontario government, Premier Stanley M. Bruce, of Australia, emphatically declared that the hope of the British Empire rested with Canada and Australia.

If the Empire were to regain the commercial prominence it did, he believed the people of these two Dominions to awaken to the value of the resources at their command, to abandon the hapazard development which so often characterized the efforts of young countries and to set their energies earnestly toward a goal of commercial energy within the Empire.

IS GREATEST AMBITION. "The greatest ambition of my life," said Mr. Bruce, "is to get people to realize that."

Referring what Australia had accomplished by taking the question of immigration out of the hands of the government and placing it with a commission of business and financial men empowered to pass on any scheme involving capital expenditure for the absorption of new people, Premier Bruce said that this was "a question that is not a subject matter for consideration by governments or ministers. Get the best brains working and you will see great countries like Canada and Australia developed at a faster rate than ever before and beyond our wildest expectations," he said.

Dropping of Bar Causes Derailment

WALPOLE, N. H., Jan. 5.—The dropping of a broken equalizer bar on the head truck of the express car caused the derailment of three cars of the Mount Royal-Boston and Maine Railroad here last night. Railroad officials assigned this as the cause of the accident, in which several persons were slightly hurt. The train was bound to Montreal from Boston. Five hundred feet of rails and ties were ripped up and traffic was delayed today, while repair crews worked at the scene. It was expected that the line would be re-opened again late today.

HICKS CASE ON AT ST. GEORGE TODAY

Charged With Landing Liquor on the Wolves—Saint John Man Defends

ST. GEORGE, N. B., Jan. 5.—Captain William Hicks of Eastport, Me., will appear before Police Magistrate Magowan this afternoon on the charge of landing goods in Canada to the value of over \$200, the goods consisted of whiskey and alcohol found on the Wolves, Oct. 23 last, and supposed to have been landed from the schooner Fanny May. The vessel is supposed to be owned by Hicks.

36 ARE INJURED IN SHIP EXPLOSION

French Barque Transformed Into Seething Volcano—One Man Dead

BALTIMORE, Md., Jan. 5.—One man is dead, three missing and thirty-six injured as a result of an explosion in the pitch-filled hold of the French barque Richelieu, of 3,000 tons, that transformed the trim four masted schooner into a seething inferno.

SAINT JOHN MAN SPECIAL SPEAKER

J. King Kelley K. C., Talks on Municipalities at York County Meeting

Special to The Times-Star. FREDERICTON, N. B., Jan. 5.—J. King Kelley, K. C., of Saint John, secretary of the New Brunswick Union of Municipalities, addressed the York Municipal Council this morning. On behalf of the municipalities he discussed the 20th annual meeting of the union and urged that the municipalities direct their efforts toward securing of a qualified man to look after the general interests as ministers look after departmental interests of the province. He urged greater use of the University of New Brunswick in research work for the benefit of the province.

HAMILTON MAN LIKELY NAMED AID TO EULER

Appointment of Chester S. Walters Is Expected Shortly

MEETS PREMIER

Toronto Hears W. H. Moore Will Go to Tariff Advisory Board

TORONTO, Ont., Jan. 5.—The Globe this morning publishes the following staff special from Ottawa, under date of January 4:

"W. H. Moore, of Toronto, will be appointed chairman of the advisory board of tariff and taxation, the Globe was informed on good authority. He will succeed Right Hon. George Graham, who goes to the Senate."

WILLISON LIKELY ON CONTROL BOARD

Will Have Wide Powers Under Ontario Liquor Legislation

OTTAWA, Jan. 5.—The Journal carries the following news item: "According to rumors in political circles here, Sir John Willison will be selected by the Ferguson government to administer the new Ontario Liquor Act. He will act alone and with wide powers, the report says."

N. S. SHIP SEIZED

New Bedford Customs Officials go on Board

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Jan. 5.—Ten United States customs men headed by Thomas Finnegan went on board the Nova Scotia steam trawler Carl Matthews, which arrived in port in company with the United States coastguard boat 131, yesterday. Later two coastguard officers arrived from Woods Hole and went out aboard the steamer. The steamer is supposed to have a contraband cargo. All that was told a reporter was that the steamer was taken as she was going into Seacomet River yesterday.

Income Statement Amendment Lost

FREDERICTON, N. B., Jan. 5.—An amendment moved by Alderman W. K. Hay, seconded by Alderman J. A. Thompson, for the deletion of the detailed business income statement from the forms prepared under the new assessment act, was defeated in the city council last evening on a division, the voting being 4 to 3.

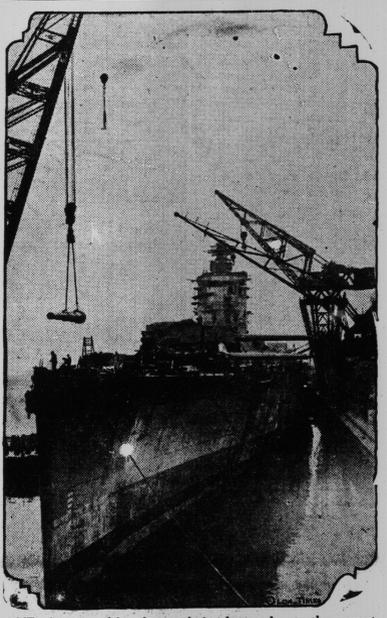
Mussolini's Story

ONE of the outstanding newspaper exploits of recent years is revealed in the release today by the United Press of a series of articles by Premier Benito Mussolini, in which Mussolini tells the intimate, personal story of his daily life.

The articles were secured exclusively for newspapers receiving United Press service through the enterprise of Thomas B. Morgan, Rome manager of the United Press. They were in large part dictated to Mr. Morgan by Mussolini. For an hour or more each day over a period of four weeks Mr. Morgan worked side by side with the Premier, assisting in the formulation, revision and correction of the articles.

Mussolini is regarded by his followers as the busiest man in the world. He works intensively 14 to 16 hours a day. He personally holds seven portfolios in his own government. Every minute of each day is scheduled in advance for some definite thing the Premier must do. Personal efficiency is his fetish; hard work his gospel. He consented to publication of the series of articles largely in the belief that his own example of efficiency might do some good in the world.

Teeth For Martial Monster



ONE of its nine 16-inch guns being lowered onto the newest and greatest of British dreadnaughts, H. M. S. Rodney, at Birkenhead, England. Costing \$35,000,000, the Rodney is being constructed in accordance with the Washington treaty.

CALLETS TO CANCEL VALUABLE OIL LEASES

Instructions Officials to Take Action to Which Mexico Is Entitled

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 5.—President Calles last night instructed the Department of Industry and Commerce to furnish the Attorney-General with the names of individuals or companies which have not applied for ratification of their rights under the petroleum and land laws, so that he may take action.

PLAN IRELAND AS RIVAL OF RIVIERA

EMERALD ISLE GREAT PLAYGROUND WITH \$75,000,000 SPENT IN PREPARATION

DUBLIN, Jan. 5.—Ireland would become a rival of the Riviera as the playground of Europe if plans announced by English and Irish capitalists for a gigantic development materialize. About \$75,000,000 would be invested for the creation of a chain of hotels and pleasure resorts, and separate Irish customs will be abolished, according to the organizers, who are headed by Malcolm Lyon, of London, one of the prominent figures in the peace negotiations that followed the Anglo-Irish war.

IS FORCED BACK

Sandstorm Compels Halt to Air Tour of British Minister

KARACHI, British India, Jan. 5.—Sir Samuel Hoare, British air minister, and Lady Hoare today encountered their first real difficulty in their flight from England to India. Just after leaving Jask, Persia, for this city, they were forced to land by a severe sandstorm. They returned to Jask.

KING'S SON TO FORMALLY OPEN NEW CAPITAL

Queen Mary to Look After Her Baby Grand-Daughter

SAFETY FAREWELL

Dinner Tonight in London to Royal Travelers; Sail From Portsmouth

LONDON, Jan. 5.—The Duke and Duchess of York were extremely busy today saying good-bye to their friends and making last-minute preparations for their voyage on H. M. S. Renown, to Australia, where the Duke will open the new Australian capital, Canberra.

The Renown on which the Prince of Wales made the voyage to South Africa and South America, sails from Portsmouth tomorrow afternoon.

Are Commissioners Under Labor Act

FREDERICTON, N. B., Jan. 5.—John Lawlor, of Jacquet River, is appointed Labor Act Commissioner for the parish of Durham in Restigouche county. Joseph B. Bourquin, Labor Act Commissioner for the parish of St. Anne in the county of Madawaska, is removed. Romeo Ruess, of Sigee, is Labor Act Commissioner for the parish of St. Anne in the county of Madawaska, in the place of Joseph B. Bourquin, removed.

TO RESIDE IN MONTREAL

FREDERICTON, N. B., Jan. 5.—(Special)—Miss Nettie Nash, of Ripley, and George K. Libby, of Miramichi, were married Tuesday evening at the George Street Baptist parsonage by Rev. A. Corby, minister of the parish of St. Anne in the county of Madawaska, in the place of Joseph B. Bourquin, removed.

CAPITAL STOCK INCREASED

FREDERICTON, N. B., Jan. 5.—(Special)—By supplementary letters patent, the capital stock of the Hartland Clothing Co. has been increased from \$14,900 to \$38,800.

The Weather

SYNOPSIS: The depression which was over the Great Lakes yesterday has passed to the Maritime Provinces. A moderate snowfall has occurred in the Province of Quebec and rain is now falling in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. The weather continues mild throughout the Dominion.

FORECASTS:

Clearing. MARITIME: Fresh to strong winds, shifting to westerly, clearing tonight. Thursday, westerly winds, fair with a little lower temperature. NEW ENGLAND: Fair and somewhat colder tonight. Thursday, fair, west and northwesterly winds.

Table with columns: Temperatures, Highest, Lowest, and locations: Toronto, Victoria, Calgary, Winnipeg, Toronto, Montreal, Saint John, Halifax.