

Rabbits Unwanted
Once protected by law, rabbits are now forbidden in Australia. Keepers of the pets are liable to a fine of \$500.

THE WEATHER
Probabilities: Mostly fair and cold; scattered snowflurries.

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Deadlines Set for Isolation of Spanish War

Neutrality Powers Set Feb. 20 for End Of Volunteer Flow

Naval Blockade of Spain to Become Effective by March 6 With or Without Consent of Portugal

London, Feb. 15 (AP).—Representatives of Europe's major powers tonight set two deadlines in their drive to isolate the Spanish civil war in Spain.

Sitting as a subcommittee of the International "Hands Off Spain" Committee, they decided: 1. The ban on the flow of foreign volunteers to Spain must be made effective at midnight Saturday, Feb. 20.

2. Plans for complete isolation of the war, including the stationing of neutral observers and a naval blockade, must be perfected by the same time and must be brought into operation by midnight, March 6.

The full Non-Intervention Committee was called to meet at 3.30 p.m. tomorrow to ratify the decisions.

The subcommittee, composed of representatives of Great Britain, France, Italy, Germany, Russia and Portugal, acted in face of a continued refusal to co-operate in the complete control plan.

Portugal's delegate said he awaited a decision by his Government, which has turned a deaf ear to the plan thus far.

Ratification Expected. Informed sources asserted there was little doubt the full committee would ratify the sub-committee's decision at a meeting called for 3.30 p.m. tomorrow.

If Portugal continued in her refusal to participate, they declared, the other powers would proceed ahead in arranging to blockade her coast as well as that of Spain to make the plan effective.

French Premier Leon Blum's suddenly belligerent stand regarding NEUTRALITY GROUP. (Continued on Page 2, Column 4.)

ACID-THROWING MOTIVE QUERIED

Port Arthur Principal Doubts Teacher's Act Due to Professional Grievance

DREW DEMANDS ACTION

Fort Arthur, Feb. 15 (Special).—In a statement submitted to the Board of Education here tonight in connection with the acid-throwing incident of Feb. 2, involving Mayor C. W. Cox, who is a member of the Ontario Cabinet, and Miss Eileen Flanagan, former Port Arthur teacher, W. A. McWilliams, principal of the Technical School, after outlining Miss Flanagan's relations with the board and school, stated:

"In view of these facts, I do not see how any action she (Miss Flanagan) may have taken three months after leaving her position could be construed as coming from one who was voicing dissatisfaction on account of the treatment she received."

The statement, made by Mr. McWilliams at the suggestion of the board, had reference to the charge made by Mr. Cox that he had been attacked by the former teacher as a protest against the stand which he had taken for the reduction of teachers' salaries.

Resigned Voluntarily. "I would again point out that Miss Flanagan left voluntarily, and at no time did she discuss with me the possibility of getting more money," Mr. McWilliams said. "Repeatedly she stated that she was entirely satisfied with the treatment she received."

ACID-THROWING (Continued on Page 2, Column 4.)

Interest-Cut Suit By I.O.F. Adjudged

Edmonton, Feb. 15 (CP).—Mr. Justice W. C. Ives, presiding in a case launched by the Independent Order of Foresters, Toronto, decided against the claim of the attorney-general's Department the case could not touch Provincial bonds, but only guaranteed bonds.

An adjournment was made until Friday to permit H. J. Wilson, representing the Government, to enlarge its defense to take in the whole act.

Wife of New President Of Finland Runs Farm While He Runs Nation

Helsingfors, Finland, Feb. 15 (AP).—Kjosti Kallio was elected President of Finland today, but his wife won't move into the Presidential Palace with him.

She is too busy running the Kallio farm, which she has managed successfully for many years while her husband engaged in affairs of State. Under present plans, she will remain there.

Kallio, Premier of Finland, since Oct. 6, 1936, will resign that post to become President. He was elected today by the Electoral College.

Say Captives Are Freed

Seven Escaped Convicts Head South, Prison Informed

Raleigh, N.C., Feb. 15 (AP).—Prison officials said tonight that seven desperate escaped convicts from the Caledonia Prison Farm released their three hostages unharmed tonight near Vass, in Moore County.

Chester O. Bell, handling the search for the convicts from here for the penal division, said he received a telephone call a few minutes after 7 o'clock from Captain I. D. Hinton of Caledonia, one of the hostages, saying Hinton, Steward W. L. Roberts and Walter H. Willard of Raleigh had been freed.

Seven other convicts, it was reported, were put out on the highway three miles from Vass and the seven convicts then headed on south.

Hinton said the men planned to steal another car or rob some one to get money to continue their flight. Bell continued:

"The three were put out safe and unharmed but without a penny in their pockets, or anything," Bell said.

Innkeeper Unafraid Of Glacier's Threat

Alaska Family, Ready for Instant Flight, Think Ice Field Will Break Before It Reaches Them

Patuxent, Alaska, Feb. 15 (AP).—Although packed for instant flight, a family in the path of a moving glacier spoke lightly of their danger tonight as the rumbling ice mass inched toward their roadside inn.

"We are not afraid," said Mrs. E. E. Revell. She and her husband and son operate the roadside house a mile from the glacier's face. Since fall the glacier has moved about three and one-half miles.

Strong wind and subzero weather prevailed as the ancient Black Rapids glacier, loosened by rains, gouged its way down the Big Delta River Valley, 125 miles south of here.

The ice threatened to dam the river, engulf the roadhouses and block this city's highway connection with the outside world.

"The consensus of those who have seen the glacier," said Revell, "is that it will advance to the river and break up and spread. This might prevent it getting to our roadhouse."

The river is about two miles wide and the roadhouse is on the side opposite the glacier. The glacier had been receding and "dying" for many years until it started forward last fall. Revell said an earthquake within the foot night seemed to speed its advance and caused it to buckle from a former altitude of 500 feet to about 3,000 feet half way back its 30-mile length.

Supreme Court Packed, U.S. Senator Charges

Washington, Feb. 15 (UP).—Senator Sherman Minton (D., Ind.), tonight carried forward the administration defense of President Roosevelt's court reorganization proposals, charging the Supreme Court is "packed" now by appointees of administrations gone and repudiated.

LOYALIST COUP CUTS REBELS FROM SUPPLIES

Franco's Troops on Western and Northern Sectors at Madrid Are Isolated

LEFT UNIFIES COMMAND

Miaja, Defense Junta Chief, Chosen Generalissimo of Central Armies

(By HENRY T. GORRELL.)

Madrid, Tuesday, Feb. 15 (UP).—Loyalist armies, merged under the supreme command of Generalissimo Jose Miaja, claimed early today to have captured Robledo de Chavela, cutting off thousands of rebels from rail communication with their Avila base.

Robledo de Chavela is thirty-five miles northwest of Madrid, along the main railway line from Madrid to Avila. Its capture by loyalists would deprive General Francisco Franco's main armies outside the western and northern gates of Madrid of the bulk of their ammunition and supplies.

Miaja, it was announced last night, has been given command of all loyalist armies on the central front.

News of the capture of Robledo de Chavela was brought here from Escorial by military courier, who also reported that loyalist troops gained nearly two miles of territory when they counter-attacked the enemy at San Benito in the Escorial sector.

Mutiny at Toledo Reported. A mutinous outbreak in the rebel-controlled city of Toledo, in which Carlists (Monarchists) and Phalangist (Fascist) forces fought each other was reported today by the Madrid newspaper Informacion.

Miaja's command will include the armies from Escorial, about 25 miles northwest of Madrid, through Las Rozas, Madrid and on to Aranjuez, 22 miles southeast of the Capital, including the fiercely contested Jarama River front. He presides.

COUP BY LOYALISTS (Continued on Page 2, Column 4.)

Bank and Minister Differ in Opinion Of Manitoba Finance

No Immediate Crisis, Says Hon. D. L. Campbell, Who Thinks One Can Be Avoided if Sensible Revision of Taxation Fields Adopted

(With revenues continuing fair, Manitoba does not feel herself to be in the throes of any financial crisis, Mr. Smith tells in the following article, but the Province demands revision of fields of Federal and Provincial taxation in order that she may meet social legislation costs.)

(By E. GEORGE SMITH.)

Winnipeg, Feb. 15.—Though Manitoba feels herself in no immediate financial crisis, her efforts to effect debt interest reduction in amicable arrangement with bondholders are not being hindered by the crisis. She wants nothing more than a "sensible" revision of taxation fields as between Federal and Provincial taxes, and then, she feels, she can carry on independently of any Ottawa hand-out. The Government feels this will forestall any very pressing danger.

This was the gist of the size-up of Manitoba sentiment toward this drought of Western Canada's soughed debt and taxation problems, the report stated. Notwithstanding this advantage and the efforts of its Government, which had been considerable, "the Province is either unable to carry on or is unable to do so with assurance for more than a short period, unless some unexpected favorable factor should intervene."

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RADIO CHARTS PLANE ACROSS BARREN LANDS

Precision, Caution, Safety Demonstrated by Pilot in Bad Weather

GROUND BLOTTED OUT

Conversation Through Air Enables Sound Flying Despite Snow

(By KEN W. MACTAGGART.)

Fort McMurray, Feb. 15.—Snow squeaks under our mukluks and the silence booms in our ears as we leave the plane and climb the hill to MacKenzie Air Service's office.

It was snowing yesterday at Great Bear Lake. The snow almost blotted out the parka-clad figures of dog-team drivers mulling in from the mines to have Sunday lunch at the Bay. It obscured the hills and made funny-looking mushrooms of the food caches high on their jagged peaks.

But it was the kind of weather that gave Pilot Marlowe Kennedy, flier of the Northwest's biggest air plane, his chance to demonstrate the precision and caution and safety that guide every flight in this barren land that is full of treachery and cruelty.

No Flying Weather. It was no flying weather. Clouds muffled the tops of the hills that soar 1,300 to 1,500 feet around the Bay. There was plenty of time to stroll up to the cafe, where caribou steak, mashed potatoes, creamed carrots, big wedges of apple pie cost \$1.50.

Mr. Kennedy said: "Now we get the weather. Let's go up to the wireless station."

It sounded incredible. Fly in this weather? Fly in this weather in this vast country where thousands of square miles of empty nothing waited to smash a lost plane into a blot of Northland humor? In this country where a compass is worse than useless and spins foolishly behind its glass face?

Sergeant Larkin sat at his desk, his earphones on. The day before, he and Kennedy, radio and aviation, had combined to give a performance of bringing a plane into port. Kennedy had sailed at 6,000 feet over this spot, with nothing showing below us but a sea of gilded clouds. He had made very wry faces and laughed at it.

Because of bad radio. He had clamped his earphones, switched on the transmitter dynamo, begun RADIO IS GUIDE. (Continued on Page 2, Column 4.)

Hydro Municipalities Held Not Protected

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40 ABITIBI MEN LAUNCH STRIKE

Heenan and Croll Confer on 'Sit-Down' With Union Officials

Forty men employed in the finishing room of the Ironoula Falls plant of the Abitibi Power and Paper Company launched a sit-down strike yesterday noon.

Hon. Peter Heenan, Minister of Lands and Forests, and Hon. David A. Croll, Minister of Labor, conferred on the situation all afternoon at Queen's Park, and had officials of the unions, both local and international, in consultation with them.

The Government made it quite clear, it is understood, that while the men had a perfect right to strike and picket, no such American strike tactics as the sit-down method would be countenanced in Ontario. In the Government's opinion, the strikers had broken their agreements. In this view the unions are said to have concurred.

At a late hour last night union officials were conferring with the Premier, and it was believed that a speedy and satisfactory settlement would be achieved.

Bounty on Iron Ore In Ontario Is Planned

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Feb. 15 (CP).—Sir James Dunn, Algoma Steel Corporation President, told a meeting here today that he was authorized by Premier Heppburn to announce the Legislature would pass a bill setting a bounty of two cents unit on siderite iron ore mined at the Helen Mine in the Michipicoten area.

Sir James said that as soon as weather conditions permit development work would start on the Helen property. He declared \$1,500,000 was available for development work. Development of the Helen iron deposits will make the Sault steel plant the only one in Canada using Canadian ore in the manufacture of its product.

DEAD ANIMALS DOT RANGELAND

Alberta Ranchers Battle to Get Food, Water to Starving Herds

HIGHWAYS BLOCKED

Calgary, Feb. 15 (CP).—Dead horses and cattle dotted the rangelands of Southern Alberta tonight as ranchers battled to get feed and water to the starving herds.

More than forty days of subzero temperatures, with snow piled high over the grazing grounds, followed by a chinook which was not powerful enough to melt through the giant drifts, brought about the ranchers' crisis.

Snow-drifted highways prevented the bringing of feed to the ranches, a condition that exists in many districts today.

In search of food, herds have ranged for miles, subsisting on twigs of willows, buds, bushes and other shrubs. On some ranches the cattle have not rested for weeks, maintaining a ceaseless hunt for fodder. With reservoirs frozen to the bottom, many ranchers and farmers have had to haul water to their stock. Feed is being hauled long distances where highway conditions permit.

Eight Escape Flames By Leap From Window

Timmins, Feb. 12 (CP).—Escaping death by dropping from an upstairs window when their home was razed by fire, 8 persons near Sandy Falls took refuge in a barn in zero weather yesterday.

The family took refuge in a nearby barn, hurrying through the snow in night attire. Only one child was injured, receiving slight burns from the flames.

NEW FEATURE

Those who pride themselves upon their knowledge of Toronto's topography and architecture will find on Page 7 of this issue, a teaser to test that knowledge.

Under the caption of "How Well Do You Know Toronto?" The Globe and Mail will present, as a daily feature, photographs of well-known sights and spots of the city, taken from angles and perspectives which will disguise their identity from all but the most accustomed eyes. The answer will appear the day following the publication of each photograph, the name of which may be found today on Page 7.

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According to an official announcement from Sir William's residence, he is definitely out of danger. "He is on the mend. He is feeling quite cheerful and is sleeping well. His temperature has been normal for the past two days," the announcement said.

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Manitoba did not stand alone in this respect, the report said. Other sections of the country were facing problems which may differ in degree from those of Manitoba but were not in other respects dissimilar.

The statement, signed by G. F. Towers, Governor of the bank, explained that the investigation, which also included Saskatchewan, was made at the request of the Premiers of those two Provinces and Finance Minister Dunning.

The report released tonight dealt only with Manitoba and covers the period from 1925 to 1936.

The Governor praised the efforts of the Province to make ends meet by heavy taxation and sharp reductions in expenditure, but said it had been difficult.

Unable to Carry On. Fortunately the drought areas in the West were predominantly situated outside the Province, the report stated. Notwithstanding this advantage and the efforts of its Government, which had been considerable, "the Province is either unable to carry on or is unable to do so with assurance for more than a short period, unless some unexpected favorable factor should intervene."

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