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UNITED STATES WARNS ITALY

UNLESS THE BLOCKADE IS LIFTED ITALY'S FOOD SUPPLIES WILL BE CUT OFF

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WASHINGTON, March 6—Italy has been warned by the United States government that unless she puts an end to the delays in movements of relief supplies to the newly established Jugo-Slavic and Czech-Slovak states, steps will be taken to cut off the flow of American foodstuffs to Italy.

PARIS, March 6—The British and French delegates here have been bitterly outspoken in the supreme war council and the supreme economic council in criticism of the blockade which the Italian government is maintaining against Dalmatia, Bosnia, Herzegovina, Croatia and Slovenia. The new democracies built out of the old Austrian empire are relied upon by the entente as a protection against the Bolshevik wave, and the food shortage in them is creating chaos.

While the American delegates are less outspoken than the British and French regarding the Italian action they are concerned over the situation, which is stopping all American relief work. Italy is entirely dependent upon the United States for food staples, receiving credits thru the American treasury with which to make purchases. Italian relief supplies cost \$50,000,000 monthly, while the relief of the Czechs, Jugo-Slavs and Serbians costs the United States about \$20,000,000 monthly. The persistence of the Italian blockade and what is charged as the efforts of Italy to obtain political advantages are creating such bitterness that some of the European representatives are suggesting the possibility of the discontinuance of American relief for Italy.

Early in February an Italian military mission penetrated Jugo-Slav populated territory at Laibach and settled in the town. The Jugo-Slavs feel that since their union with Serbia they are not the enemies of Italy and they resent the occupation of Plume and the Dalmatian coast by the Italian army. Consequently they forced the Italian mission to leave Laibach on Feb. 19th. The Italians resorted by establishing a food blockade against all Jugo-Slav territory. Inasmuch as the railways to Czech-Slovak territory cross the Jugo-Slav regions this blockade has also affected the American relief work for both Bohemia and Moravia.

Big Apple Shipment

Since the lifting of the embargo approximately 212,000 barrels of Nova Scotia apples have been exported via Halifax, as follows: To Great Britain, 205,111 barrels; to West Indies, 2,687 barrels; to New England points, 4,497 barrels. In addition to these, 86,638 barrels and 15,597 boxes including shipments from Ontario, British Columbia and Nova Scotia, have been exported from St. John up to date.

Strong Men

The Nation needs strong men and the right time to begin to build up strong manhood is during the growing period of childhood. Many mothers remember, with keen satisfaction, the days when

SCOTT'S EMULSION

was one of the determining factors in building up the strength of their children. Scott's is a source of nourishment and strength that ought never to be overlooked by the mother of today who is anxious about her fast-growing boy or girl.

Halifax CAN HAVE This Modern 300 Room Hotel



Propaganda for modern Hotel accommodation in Halifax initiated by the Commercial Club, is entering an important phase. The publicity given this matter in the press of the Province has borne fruit. Applications for stock are beginning to arrive from all parts of the Province and an offer has been made to absorb \$300,000.00 of a bond issue. It is fairly well assured that a large amount of money will be spent on trunk highways of Nova Scotia, this means a big automobile traffic heading to Halifax providing there are adequate hotel facilities.

No class of industry in the Province makes so wide a distribution of its income as the hotel and tourist traffic. Not only does our capital city benefit but the entire producing country, and no other thing can make the Province of Nova Scotia more widely and favorably known throughout Canada and the United States.

CENTRELEA

Our school was closed on Monday last on account of the flu. Mrs. Alto, Messenger left on Wednesday last to visit her sister, Mrs. Rook, at Springfield. Mr. Weston Messenger left on Wednesday last for Boston to visit relatives and friends. He went via of Yarmouth. Our community was again shocked Saturday morning on receiving the news of the death of Mr. James Currell. Miss Oleta Messenger spent a few days last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Morse, Lawrenceport, returning home on Thursday.

Royal Bank at Church Point

The Royal Bank of Canada has opened a branch at Church Point, Digby Co. When a MONITOR representative called one day last week he found in charge, Mr. Lionel J. Robichaud, late of Three Rivers, Quebec, who was being assisted by Mr. L. C. Rudolph, of the Weymouth branch. Both are very genial bank men and are fast becoming popular with the residents of Church Point and the surrounding villages. This branch will be greatly appreciated by the business people of that locality where there is being a lot of cash handled in connection with the shipbuilding industry. We wish the new branch every success.

A Sad Accident

One Lad Drowned at McEgahan Two Saved by Their Mother. A drowning fatality occurred at Concession, Digby Co., on Wednesday afternoon, when one boy lost his life. About 3 o'clock three boys were attempting to cross Specular, one of the many lakes behind Concession, and on the way to Corberrie, when the ice broke and all the lads were immersed. The older boy, Emile Gaudet, son of Fabien Gaudet, was the first to fall through the ice and he apparently called out and was heard by his own mother and others. The two younger lads were seen by their mother, Mrs. Phillip Gaudet, who made a successful attempt to save them. She entered the water, breaking the ice as she went, and before reaching her lads was in the water up to her neck. She grasped the younger one, carried him out and then went back and got the other boy safe to land. The boy, Amero, was farther from shore and whilst his mother was watching, powerless to act on account of the greater depth of water and became numb and sank. When he was recovered by Camille LeBlanc, who brought the unfortunate boy to the land and carried him home, there were faint indications of heart movement, and Father McCamare, who was early on the scene, together with Dr. Thibault, made every effort to restore animation, but without success. The deceased lad was about fourteen years and the other two several years younger. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved parents.

Nova Scotia's Motor Vehicles

In the House of Assembly on Wednesday, Premier Murray said that the registration of motor vehicles had enormously increased the work of the Provincial Secretary's department. Last year 2,514 new vehicles were registered, making a total of 9,996 or practically 10,000 since the Motor Vehicle Act first came into force. The number of chauffeurs registered during the fiscal year was 1,727. The Premier intimated that the Motor Vehicle tax would be increased.

GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Shaffner Observe their 50th Anniversary

(From the Middleton Outlook) On Thursday evening of last week Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Shaffner observed the 50th anniversary of their marriage. Over 100 of their fellow citizens gathered in Masonic Hall to offer their congratulations upon the happy occasion.

Under the supervision of Worthy Master Martin, the room had been appropriately decorated and an arch erected with golden bell suspended. Under this arch Mr. and Mrs. Shaffner received their friends being assisted by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Potter. The ushers were Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Reed and Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Buckler, while Mrs. W. W. Dodge, Mrs. L. P. Shaffner, Miss Ella Shaffner, Mrs. J. F. Martin and Miss Gladys Reed, served refreshments.

The many golden gifts in goods and coin included three generous purses. One was presented by Rev. Dr. Hutchins, pastor of the United Baptist church whose choir was for years led by Mr. Shaffner; one by Rev. W. S. H. Morris from brother Masons and one presented by Arthur W. Banks of St. John on behalf of commercial men who visit The American House.

Congratulatory telegrams were received from Hiram Lodge, A. F. & A. M. and Union Royal Arch Chapter, Yarmouth; Masonic Grand Master Hay of Truro; P. G. M. Don Fraser, New Glasgow; P. D. G. M. Smith, St. John; P. G. High Priest MacDougall, Trenton; W. L. Rogers and J. E. Hawkins, Yarmouth; Geo. A. Shaffner, Que.; the Poles, St. John; Dr. W. F. Reed Digby; Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Corbitt, Annapolis Royal; A. L. Pelton, Kentville; Coun. and Mrs. S. C. Shaffner, Granville Ferry; Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Potter, Sydney and Mayor C. N. Reagh, who was in Halifax at that time.

The occasion was very pleasant one and afforded their many friends the opportunity to express their good will toward the jovial groom and amiable bride of fifty years ago.

BRIDGETOWN'S SHIP BUILDING PLANT

The First Launch from the Grand Central Yard

While the big ship building boom was going on in other parts of the province, it was said that for want of united effort or lack of confidence in a manager, it became impossible to build a vessel in Bridgetown. This difficulty was evidently soon overcome in the Grand Central yard where work has been progressing quietly and in the best of spirits for the past few months.

Last Wednesday afternoon when the MONITOR man was present the rebuilt hull which was known as an American bottom (?) before it was placed in the yard was fast nearing completion and was at the same time being inspected by the official measurer of the Annapolis and Digby counties, while the painters and carpenters were busily engaged under the superintendence of the managing owner. At this official inspection the town was represented by His Worship, the Mayor, who informed the press that the craft was for use on inland waters only, thus doing away with the necessity of a certified captain and engineer.

This well built craft is of the power boat type and is propelled with a three (3) blade propeller driven by a two cycle single cylinder jump spark Victor motor, capable of running on gasoline, kerosene or alcohol. The launching took place on Saturday and as far as we could learn without even the aid of a special Messenger, she obtained her clearance papers and left in tow of a Ship for Newell's Cove from which point "The Spring Fever" will sail with a general cargo as soon as navigation opens. We wish the new vessel every success and her course steered along the White way with Little inconvenience and a safe distance from the banks, with the Witt that characterized the navigators a-Long-the-mires in the days of Moses.

THE SPRING FEVER

The town of Clark's Harbor has been incorporated as a town and the Government proclamation has been issued in the Royal Gazette. The election for a Mayor and six Councilors will be held on Wednesday, April 2nd.

The Salvation Army has launched a movement to raise \$150,000 for a Maternity Hospital in Halifax. A site opposite the Medical College has been promised by Dalhousie University. The movement is endorsed by the medical profession and prominent citizens in Halifax.

SPECIAL MEETING TOWN COUNCIL

ESTIMATES MADE UP AND RATE FIXED FOR CURRENT YEAR

Town in Good Financial Circumstances. A Slight Increase in School Expenditures caused by the Increase of Teachers' Salaries High Cost of Fuel, etc.

At a meeting of the town council held on Friday evening, the 7th inst., the estimates for the year were submitted by the Clerk, and after providing for the various items of expenditure, and appropriating the sum of \$1500.00 for streets, over \$1200.00 was put in the contingent account.

When it is considered that the usual amount appropriated out of current account for streets is between \$900.00 and \$800.00, and \$500.00 for contingent, with usually an overdraft at the end of the year, the above showing must be very gratifying to the ratepayers, as it shows the financial condition of the town to be healthy, and in better shape than it has been since incorporation.

After the estimates were considered the rate was fixed for the year at 2.50 the same as last year, with sewer tax to be added where chargeable and Provincial Highway tax of 10c.

It was thought at first the rate might be lowered, but after consideration the council did not think this advisable, as the crusher requires considerable repairs, and it is the intention to complete the missing links on Granville St., with maadam, and to put the streets generally, with sidewalks in good repair which they hope to be able to do with the money on hand.

The amount asked by the school board for school purposes being \$45,000.00, an increase of \$1000.00 over last year, it was found necessary to increase the school rate of \$1.00 per hundred, making the general rate \$1.50 thus leaving the net rate the same as last year with sewer tax and highway tax to be added.

The increase in school expenditure is accounted for by the increase in teachers' salaries, high cost of fuel, etc.

DEATH OF J. A. BROWN

One of the Most Prominent Residents of Lawrenceport Passes Suddenly Away

The citizens of Lawrenceport were shocked on Thursday afternoon when they learned that J. A. Brown, one of the most prominent and most highly respected residents had dropped dead just opposite the telephone office while walking along the street, death being caused by heart failure. The deceased, who was a son of the late James R. Brown, was born in Torbrook 31 years ago. His widow, who predeceased him five years ago, also suddenly expired with heart failure while lying on a lounge in their own home. Mr. Brown was a well known builder and contractor. Acquiring the carpenter trade in all its branches while a boy he became a thorough mechanic.

Following the erection of a church in his native village, he became a church builder of considerable reputation and the majority of churches and warehouses in the Annapolis Valley today were erected under his superintendence, two of which were built in Kings Co. after he had passed his 80th birthday.

The deceased was a deacon of the Lawrenceport Baptist Church and lived a consistent Christian life, honored and respected by all who knew him.

He is survived by two sons, William and Leslie at home and an adopted daughter, Mrs. Charles Lovell, of Lawrenceport. He also leaves two brothers, and one sister, Mr. A. D. Brown, Bridgetown's efficient postmaster, James L. and Mrs. Eunice Riley, of Torbrook.

The funeral was held from his late home Saturday, the services which were largely attended being conducted by a Rev. F. H. Bails. The MONITOR extends its deepest sympathy to the bereaved ones.

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Weddings

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SNOW—BOUTILLER.

etty wedding took place Monday when Boyd Capt. and Mrs. Wm Sn was united in marriage by the Rev. Mr. President of the Co. of Halifax. The bride was given away by her sister, Emilian Fisher, of Middleton. The duties of best man, church of England were had been performed in the past on a bride for the New England graduates of Mt. City and have a host of Maritime provinces congratulations among those present were Mrs. Wm Sn, Mrs. Ethel and Dorothy, to Digby via yesterday.

BROWN—BISHOP

etty home wedding took place at Lawrenceport, on Sept 10th when Rev. Mr. was able to do with the money on hand.

bride looked charming in white silk and carried a bouquet of roses. The little were Margaret H. Bishop.

friends of the bride had decorated the rooms of bloom. The drawing room in yellow and pink and green was performed beneath an arch and bell of and evergreen.

ety wedding collation on about fifty guests. valuable wedding gifts by the young couple who in the community.

Lawrenceport Enter credit is due Mr. T of Lawrenceport, for matter with Grants, and using his influence them to establish a plant in that town.

charge of C. H. Lowe, used rapidly forward may be in operation 15th. This will be Oct for the fruit growing and surrounding district for ready cash. I nod the capacity will be more per day and hands will be employed in Annapolis Valley Fruit Co., have sold one of the houses to Messrs Grathill will be used in connection with an Evaporator for stock etc. We wish the every success.

A Royal Reception

members of the 85th Battalion, which presented the "ad" in the "Prin" Monday night, reception in Bridgetown. The business section of the business section decorated with banners of their arrival. purchased in a returned away doors unable to Dr. M. H. E. gets pretty decorated. The boys a way that it by the big and features being fish them count four through

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