

Spanish Munitions Ship is Sunk Nearing Her Goal

Leftists Lose Dramatic Race for War Material When Rebel Cruiser Sinks Craft in Bay of Biscay.

LONDON, March 8.—(AP)—The Spanish Government freighter Mar Cantabrico, which raced out of New York Jan. 6 just ahead of United States Congressional action to prevent her munitions cargo from reaching the Spanish civil war, met her doom today with her goal almost in sight.

In the Bay of Biscay, she encountered the Spanish insurgent cruiser Canarias, unit of the blockade attempting to prevent her from delivering her load of American-made planes and other war supplies to the Socialist Government.

Sinks in Flames. Under bombardment of the cruiser's guns, the Mar Cantabrico went down in flames in the Bay of Biscay about 90 miles off the Spanish coast.

A brief, matter-of-fact report from the British destroyer Echo reached the Admiralty tonight to solve a mystery which had Europe holding its breath for more than six hours. First reports indicated the vessel that had gone down was a British vessel home-bound from Africa.

The Echo's commander reported: "I have been in communication with the Spanish cruiser Canarias, which states that the Spanish ship Mar Cantabrico was sunk. Her crew are aboard the Canarias."

The message was taken to mean all the crew had been saved, but her fate aboard the enemy cruiser was unpredictable.

(The Mar Cantabrico, 6,632 tons, carried a crew of 40 men under captain Joe Santa Maria when she sailed from New York January 6 for Vera Cruz, Mexico. Her cargo at that time was estimated to be worth \$2,700,000. She picked up more munitions at Vera Cruz.)

Mystery Clings. The mystery ship, which carried from New York war supplies shipped by Robert Cuse, obscure New

Jersey arms broker, provided one more mystery before plunging into the Bay of Biscay.

It still was unknown whether any part of her cargo was unloaded for the Spanish Leftist forces before her destruction.

When she sailed from Vera Cruz February 19, her announced destination was Barcelona. Maritime circles here, however, said later she had been instructed to land her cargo at Bilbao, on Spain's northern coast.

It was feared she would be unable to run the insurgent blockade concentrated near the Straits of Gibraltar. When she sailed from New York, and during the five weeks she was loading further war material at Vera Cruz, it was reported insurgent warships were especially alert to intercept her.

It was not known here whether the Mar Cantabrico had been able to reach Barcelona or any other Spanish port, but shipping authorities believed she had been lurking off the Spanish coast for days looking for a chance to sneak past the insurgent warships.

Took More Planes. She was 17 days out of Vera Cruz, where she was known to have loaded two more American-made warplanes and other supplies in addition to what she carried from New York.

Four British destroyers, the Echo, Eclipse, Encounter and Escapade, which had raced into the Bay of Biscay when the first SOS came in the call letters of a British liner, returned to their bases tonight.

The confusion over the doomed ship's identity was apparently due to the fact the liner Aha, homebound from West Africa to Liverpool, had sighted the flaming Mar Cantabrico and sent out the SOS under her own call letters, informing all the Eastern Atlantic that some ship was "bombarded, burning and sinking" in the Bay of Biscay.

For a time it was feared that the Aha's sister liner, the Adda, had been sunk, but her owners located her en route from Plymouth to Liverpool.

The Admiralty, after publishing the message from the Echo which identified the Mar Cantabrico, made no further information available.

Another Vessel Loading. MEXICO CITY, March 8.—(AP)—While the Embassy of the Spanish Socialist Government tonight anxiously awaited information from home on the sinking of the munitions ship Mar Cantabrico, another such vessel, the Motomar, was loading at Vera Cruz for an attempt to run the insurgent blockade.

Many Priests Attend Funeral Of Miss Forbes

Cardinal Villeneuve Takes Part in Libera Service At Vaudreuil.

Members of the clergy representing parishes and religious institutions in the Ottawa archdiocese, and heads of many organizations manifested their sympathy in the bereavement suffered by Archbishop Forbes through the death of his sister, Miss Serafina Forbes, when they attended in large numbers the funeral held at 9.30 o'clock this morning at the Basilica.

Since Miss Forbes' death was announced from the pulpits of Roman Catholic churches Sunday morning, hundreds of messages of sympathy coming from near and distant points in Canada were received, and many citizens called at the Archbishop's Palace to offer condolences.

Cardinal at Libera. Unable to reach Ottawa in time to attend the funeral, His Eminence Cardinal Rodrigue Villeneuve wired Mr. Forbes, announcing he will attend the Libera service at Vaudreuil where interment was made this afternoon.

Archbishop Forbes headed the chief mourners in the cortege from the Archbishop's Palace to the Basilica. Among the church dignitaries present were several Bishops, and members of the canonical chapter of the Ottawa diocese.

Very Rev. Canon Onesime Lalonde, pastor at the Basilica, met the body, and solemn requiem high mass was chanted by Archbishop Forbes. Monsignor Joseph Charbonneau, V.G., was archpriest. Deacons of honor were Canon Emile Secours and Mgr. Joseph Lebeau, and mass deacons were Rev. Jean Desjardins and Rev. Allen Kemp. Rev. Lucien Beaudouin was master of ceremonies.

Bishops present were Rt. Rev. A. E. Deschamps, of Montreal; Rt. Rev. Felix Couturier, of Alexandria; Rt. Rev. Louis Rheame, of Haileybury; and Rt. Rev. Joseph Hallé, of Northern Ontario. Rt. Rev. John C. Cody, and Rt. Rev. Joseph Guy wrote their regret in being unable to attend owing to illness.

Members of the clergy assisting in the sanctuary were Mgr. T. P. Fay, Mgr. J. A. Myrand, Mgr. Hilaire Chartand, Mgr. J. H. Touchette, Mgr. Sylvio Corbett, Mgr. S. Nasse, the latter representing the Montreal Syrian parish; Canon George D. Prud'homme, Canon George W. O'Toole, Canon Joseph Gascon, Canon L. C. Raymond, Canon J. A. Carriere, Canon L. J. Archambault.

Very Rev. Dr. Joseph Hebert, Rector of Ottawa University; Rev. Paul Drosch, Superior of Ironside College; Rev. Father Dumontier, Rev. Father Dumas, and Rev. Father Joliette, representing the Joliette diocese.

All Ottawa parishes and religious congregations were represented, including Oblates, Dominicans, Capuchins, Servites, Christian Brothers, Sisters of the Grey Nuns of the Holy Cross and of the Immaculate Conception, of the Congregation Notre Dame, of Joan of Arc Institute, the Precious Blood and of the Visitation.

Mrs. P. E. Marchand, national president, represented the Federation of French-Canadian Women, accompanied by Mrs. Paul Leduc, and Mrs. R. de Puyjalon.

Chief Mourners. In addition to Archbishop Forbes, chief mourners were Joseph Forbes, of Montreal, brother, and several cousins, including Joseph, George and Lucien Lalonde, Rev. Ernest Roby, S.J., Montreal, and Benoit Seguin. Others present were Mr. Justice Thibault, Rinfret, Judge E. J. Daly, Philip Phelan, State Deputy of the Knights of Columbus; Dr. J. M. Laframboise, president, and Horace Racine, secretary, representing the Ottawa St. Jean Baptiste Society.

Mr. Justice E. R. Angers, Controller A. E. Bourque, Lieut.-Col. Rodolphe Girard, J. Albert Pinard, M.P.; Alphonse Fournier, M.P.; Hon. Louis Cote, Dr. J. C. Woods, Hormidas Beaulieu, president of L'Institut Canadien Français; E. V. McCarthy, chairman of the Separate School Board; Paul Quimet, acting president; Maurice Ollivier and Maurice Morisset, representing L'Alliance Française; Dr. James F. Kenney, acting Dominion Archivist; Raoul Mercier, acting Crown Attorney; Henri de Lajeunesse, Charge d'Affaires at the French Legation; George Gonthier, Auditor-General, and many others.

Following the funeral service the body rested at the Basilica until 11 o'clock, when it was conveyed by automobile to Vaudreuil for interment in the family plot. Archbishop Forbes, other relatives and many members of the clergy accompanied the remains to Vaudreuil.

A very large number of spiritual offerings, telegrams and messages of sympathy were received.

MAIL CLERKS' SECRETARY. H. A. Clarke, of Calgary, who on Saturday was named secretary of the Dominion Railway Mail Clerks, was secretary for the period of 1927 to 1934. The office was held from 1934 to 1937 by G. Brooks, of Montreal. It had been stated Mr. Clarke occupied the post continuously since 1927.

T. T. Ahearn Made Director

Three Generations Of Family Now On O.E.R. Directorate.

Three generations of the Hon. Thomas Ahearn family are at present serving on the directorate of the Ottawa Electric Railway Company, now, T. T. Ahearn, son of Frank Ahearn, M.P., having been elected a director this morning, succeeding Thomas Workman who has resigned.

The annual meetings of the Ottawa Electric Railway Company and Ottawa Traction Company, Limited, were held at the offices of the company, Ottawa Electric Building.

The annual reports were read and approved, and the following were elected directors of the Ottawa Electric Railway Company for the ensuing year: Hon. T. Ahearn, P.C.; F. D. Burpee, Frank Ahearn, M.P.; Col. George P. Murphy, Harold W. Soper, Redmond Quinn, K.C., and T. T. Ahearn.

At a subsequent meeting of directors, Hon. T. Ahearn was elected president, and F. D. Burpee vice-president. G. L. Snelling was appointed secretary-treasurer.

At the Ottawa Traction Company meeting the following directors were elected: Hon. T. Ahearn, P.C.; F. D. Burpee, Frank Ahearn, M.P.; Colonel George P. Murphy, Harold W. Soper, James F. Smellie, Otis G. Whelen, Redmond Quinn, K.C., and T. T. Ahearn.

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New York Mayor Repeats Stand

Official Apology Does Not Alter LaGuardia's Views.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—(AP)—Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia of New York reiterated here today statements regarding Adolf Hitler for which the United States State Department apologized to the German Government.

Referring to his assertion last week that the 1939 World Fair, in New York City, ought to have a statue of Hitler in a "chamber of horrors," LaGuardia said: "I still entertain all my abhorrence for anyone who threatens the peace of the world. If Hitler thinks I'm referring to him, he's absolutely correct. I say that as I stand in the shadow of the capital. It will take more than an apology by the State Department to make me change by mind about what I said."

Compulsory Voting Plan Is Rejected

Compulsory voting and compulsory registration were unanimously voted down today by the Commons special committee on the Elections and Franchise Act.

The vote was taken without discussion additional to that at the committee's previous session, when Australia's experience with the compulsory exercise of the franchise was studied.

It was felt that the compulsory system was inapplicable in the Canadian climate, that the increased cost entailed would not be justified by the comparatively small increase in votes polled in countries where it is now in operation.

Let Large Contract For New Body Plant

WINDSOR, Ont., March 9.—In line with three-year expansion program of the Ford-Motor Company of Canada, Ltd., already announced, a \$3,300,000 contract was let today to Allan Construction Company, Ltd., Windsor, for a new 15-acre body and assembly plant. Terms of the contract call for fulfillment before October 1 and work will start almost immediately.

MRS. F. X. LAURIE. The death occurred suddenly on Monday, at the home of Mrs. F. X. Laurie, 25 St. Florent street, Hull, of Mrs. Joseph Adhemar Lalonde, a resident of Ottawa and Hull for the greater part of her life. Mrs. Lalonde was in her 67th year.

The former Cesarine Bolduc, she was born in Rigaud, Que., a daughter of the late Joseph Bolduc and his wife, Delima Lefebvre. She received her education in Ottawa and was married here to Mr. Lalonde, a former postal employee, who predeceased her by 13 years. Mrs. Lalonde was a parishioner of St. Redempteur Church, Hull, and was a member of the Women of Ste. Anne and the Third Order of St. Francis, of the parish.

She is mourned by one son, Sylvio, with the Department of External Affairs; a step-daughter, Mrs. Eugene Laurin, Hull; three step-sons, Dieudonne and Adhemar, both of McIntosh and Watts, Ottawa, and DeSalle Lalonde, jeweler, of Montreal; two sisters, Mrs. Raoul Boisseau, Montreal, and Miss Victoria Bolduc, Ottawa, and two brothers, Leon and Joseph Bolduc, of Hull.

The funeral will be held from the home of Mrs. F. X. Laurie, 25 St. Florent street, Hull, on Thursday, March 11, to St. Redempteur Church, for requiem high mass at 8 o'clock. Interment will be at Notre Dame cemetery, Hull.

Estimates Total \$115,453,592.11 For Province

TORONTO, March 9.—(CP)—Estimates totalling \$115,453,592.11 were presented to the Ontario Legislature today by Premier Hepburn, provincial treasurer, in his budget address.

Capital expenditures of \$31,935,663.43 and \$83,517,928.58 for ordinary account were provided for.

For purchase of land and construction of new Ontario hospitals \$1,500,000 was included in public works estimates. Premier Hepburn had previously announced a 600-bed hospital will be built at Port Arthur and that Port Stanley is under consideration as the site for another new Ontario hospital.

Sums provided for repairs and construction at other Ontario hospitals were: Brockville, \$40,000; Cobourg, \$40,000; Hamilton, new nurses' building, new reception building, additions and improvements, \$340,000; Kingston, \$40,000; London, \$40,000; New Toronto, \$40,000; Orillia, \$40,000; Penetanguishene, \$40,000; Woodstock, construction and repairs, \$530,000.

Colonel G. P. Loggie Going to England

Colonel G. P. Loggie, official in charge of Headquarters Ordnance Depot, is leaving shortly for England. It is understood that he will be attached to the War Office and follow ordnance matters. He has been connected with the Canadian Ordnance Corps since February 3, 1912. He took a keen interest in the formation of the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps band here which now has an established place in Ottawa Garrison.

\$12,000 WAREHOUSE. Fyon and Fyon, Limited, manufacturers, of Montreal, are erecting a \$12,000 warehouse on Nicholas street, east side, between Osgoode and McDougall streets. The contract has been given to the Doran Construction Company, Limited. Work will start Wednesday.

NEW SERVICE STATION. City permit has been issued for the building of a service station on the southeast corner of Bank street and Clemow avenue, for British-American Oil Company, Limited. Total cost will be \$5,000. The building will be of cinder-block and stucco. H. Schroeter has the contract.

Cecil Duncan In New York In Cheerful Mood

NEW YORK, March 9.—(CP)—President Cecil Duncan, of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association, returned from Europe today brimful of optimism for continued progress of the amateur ice sport in England, the Continent and North America.

R.M.S. Queen Mary brought him back from England, where he attended meetings of the International Ice Hockey League and surveyed matters connected with the sport in general.

While Duncan voiced happiness over the possibility of the United States Eastern Amateur League becoming an American unit of the C.A.H.A., and said the proposed merging of the U.S.E.A.H.L. and the Montreal group should benefit amateur hockey if it goes through, he was not so cheerful about the Quebec A.H.A. protest over staging of the Allan Cup final in Western Canada.

Duncan said that when he left for England it was his understanding that the Calgary selection as the venue for the amateur championship games was satisfactory to all branches of the C.A.H.A.

The association had decided on Calgary after considering the expense of staging the senior title series and where the most interest was likely to be centred.

Asked what disposition would be made of the Quebec threat not to send its team west for the championship if a member-club of that association should capture the eastern title, Duncan said "a firm stand would be taken." He declined to elaborate.

New Site Urged for Church

St. Matthias Vestry Meeting Favors New Edifice.

At a largely attended special Vestry meeting at St. Matthias' Church on Monday evening, called to discuss the problem of providing more adequate accommodation in St. Matthias' parish, the report of a special committee indicated the present church is located too far to the east of the parish, and that a new church should be built elsewhere. The Vestry accepted this report, and went on record by a decisive vote to take immediate steps towards the construction of a new edifice. A second meeting to discuss the problem will be held on Tuesday evening, March 30. Rev. C. H. Roach, presided.

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Seeks to Prove Actor Did Not Commit Suicide

LONDON, March 8.—(C.P.—Havas).—The Frank Vosper mystery took a new turn tonight when W. L. Pongelly, solicitor and executor for the British actor-playwright, left here for Le Havre to seek proof that Vosper did not commit suicide when he disappeared from the liner Paris Saturday morning.

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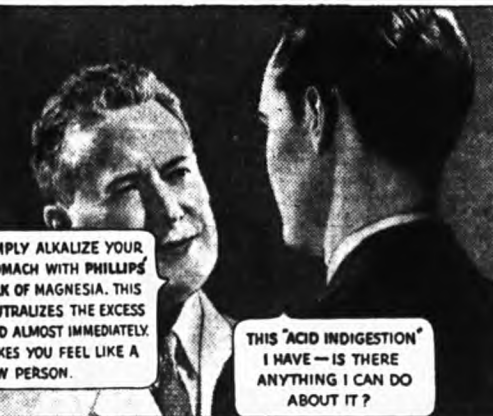
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