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# 2 GIRLS LOSE LIVES IN SUNDAY MORNING FIRE

## Prime Minister King May Retire Soon

Ottawa Sources Suggest Announcement May Be  
Made This Week; St. Laurent Likely Successor.

## No Gas Forces Briton To P.E.I.

LONDON, Jan. 18—(C P)— Because of the withdrawal of the basic gasoline ration Leon Weymark, 30, sold up his Worthing, Sussex, garage and with his wife and four children flew to Prince Edward Island.

"The ban on basic made it impossible for me to run my business properly," he said before leaving. "Apart from that, under present conditions in England no parents can give their children a fair chance in life."

## Cold Wave Hits Midwest States

CHICAGO, Jan. 18—(AP)—The United States' bitterest cold wave of the season today spread sub-zero temperatures as far south as Tennessee and brought hardship and discomfort to most of the mid-west and south as fuel oil supplies ran short in many areas. At least 19 deaths were attributed to the severe cold which cracked water pipes, froze automobile radiators, and caused widespread shivering among residents of some usually balmy areas. The Weather Bureau at Chicago reported the country's lowest temperature Sunday morning was 44 below zero at Land O' Lakes, Wis., 10 degrees higher than the Saturday minimum of 54 below reported at Gordon, Wis. Wausau, Wis., had a 42 Sunday. The sub-zero area spread south and east across the Great Lakes and Ohio Valley regions, embracing Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky and parts of Ohio, Pennsylvania and Tennessee.

## Have Explanation For "Strange Seas"

WOODS HOLE, Mass., Jan. 18—(AP)—Dr. H.R. Swell, physical oceanographer at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, provided a possible explanation Saturday for the "strange seas" reported off Nantucket Tuesday by Commodore Harry Manning of the liner America. Manning said his vessel was 12 hours getting through huge "lifeless" seas that rose sometimes as high as 40 feet, yet there was no wind. Dr. Swell suggested that the America had passed through the centre of a cyclonic storm just after the wind had passed from the immediate location. "High seas are always confused in storm centres," he said. "They will remain in a churning, choppy condition for some period of time after the storm has continued on its track."

## TRY OUT NEW TELESCOPE

PASADENA, Calif., Jan. 18—(AP)—Astronomers have taken a tentative peek at the firmament through the 200-inch Palomar Mountain telescope, destined to open up new vistas of the universe for science, it was announced Saturday. The observations were both visual and photographic.

## Coming Events

- \*Mill now closed for repairs until further notice, McGuigan and Boyle.
- \*Receiving Hog at Crapaud for Canada Packers every Tuesday morning until 11, while roads are possible. R. N. Dawson.
- \*Car Baled Shavings arriving very soon. Book orders at once for off car price. P. E. I. Livestock Feed Agency.
- \*Meeting of Victoria Branch Canadian Legion will be held in Victoria Hall Monday evening, January 19 at 8 o'clock.
- \*Rocky New Glasgow Rink to-night, weather permitting. South Rustico vs. Hope River.

## Storm Disrupts Electric Power At S'ide

Last night's snow storm caused some trouble with electric light circuits in Summerside. Three Town circuits went out for 45 minutes at about 7:10 p.m. while a line to the airport was out until 9:45. At Borden, power was reported to have been off during the day, but service was restored at night. The storm was probably somewhat more severe in Summerside than in the Charlottetown area. Rain turned to snow in Charlottetown at about 4:45 p.m. At 8:30 the weather observer at the Experimental Station said the wind was north, 25-miles-per-hour, and the temperature was 28 above zero. Heavy drifting was reported from rural areas and practically all the highways which had been open to motor traffic were expected to be blocked this morning.

## HEAVY IN N. B.

FREDERICTON, Jan. 18—(CP)—Snow, ranging from two feet to eight inches, fell over New Brunswick during the week-end, stalling traffic, blocking highways and disrupting communications. The storm, believed the heaviest in the Province this winter, added to the piles of snow which already this month totalled more than half of that which fell all last winter. The heaviest fall was recorded in the southern portion of the Province while the extreme northern section reported only eight inches.

## Hon. W. G. Clark Former Lieut.-Gov. Of N. B. Dies At 82

FREDERICTON, Jan. 18—(CP)—W.G. Clark, who rose from an arm equipment salesman to become Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick and a member of the House of Commons, died in hospital here today. He was 82. He was admitted to hospital several weeks ago after suffering a weak spell in his office. Before being appointed Lieutenant Governor of the Province in March, 1940, Mr. Clark served as an alderman of Fredericton and as Mayor for 10 years.

FREDERICTON, Jan. 18—(CP)—A tribute to W.G. Clark, former Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick, who died here today, was paid tonight by his successor to office, Hon. D.L. MacLaren. Mr. MacLaren said "few men have made such a contribution to the business and public life of their Province as he did... his willingness at all times to assist in any worthy cause was so characteristic of the man."

He was elected a member of the House of Commons after running on the Liberal ticket in the general election of 1935. He had run in the previous general election in 1930 but was defeated. He was born Oct. 1, 1865 at Queensbury, N.B., the son of John T. Clark and Henrietta Clark.

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## First U. S. Citizen Killed In Palestine

JERUSALEM, Jan. 18—(AP)—The Jewish agency announced today the death of the first United States citizen to be killed in the 50-day old partition warfare in Palestine. The American, identified as Mosheh A. Pearlstein, 22, of Brooklyn, N.Y., was one of 85 Jews slain in an Arab ambush in a canyon track through the Judean hills Friday, Jewish sources said. (Pearlstein was graduated in 1946 from Yeshiva University in New York City, went to Palestine in March 1947 and was enrolled as a student at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. He had studied to be a rabbi at Yeshiva University and was exempted from the draft because of his status as a divinity student.)

## U. K. Food Minister To Enter Hospital

LONDON, Jan. 18—(Reuters)—Food Minister John Strachey Saturday postponed a series of talks to housewives in Scotland because of illness. He is expected to enter a nursing home for a few days.

## Gandhi Breaks Fast; Hopes For Harmony

(By G. Milton Kelly)  
NEW DELHI, Jan. 18—(AP)—Mohandas K. Gandhi today broke his fast and declared he is convinced that a pledge of harmony given him by Indian religious leaders will set the country back on the road to peace. Gandhi told a huge prayer meeting he broke his 121-hour fast in the "pledge and counsel" of friends from Hindu India and Moslem Pakistan. He said they had assured him of "complete unbroken friendship" between all communities. "If today's solemn pledge is fulfilled it will revive with doubled force my intense wish to live a full span of life doing service to humanity," the 78-year-old Indian patriot asserted. He said that by a full span he meant "at least 125 years, or as some say 133 years." A person close to the Hindu spiritual leader said that when Gandhi is sufficiently convinced that amity has been restored among Hindus, Moslems and Sikhs in India he plans to go to Pakistan to continue his experiments with "truth and non-violence." He spoke to the prayer meeting

five hours after taking his first sip of sweetened lime juice. He was too weak to leave his room, but addressed followers over a loud-speaker system. Four doctors said Gandhi's ordeal had left him "far from well" and appealed to all to refrain from disturbing his convalescence. He appeared stronger than many had expected as he sat cross-legged on the bed and spoke into the microphone. The doctors emphasized he needed rest and nourishment before he would return to normal. The Indian Government moved quickly into the peace movement by announcing amnesty for all members of Pakistan military forces who had faced criminal or court martial charges for any action dating from Aug. 15 1947—Independence Day—to Jan. 10 this year. It will include remission of sentences already passed and return of any fines. The number affected was not disclosed. The fast ended at noon, but celebrations over its end ran far into the night with much speech making, shoutings of slogans and displays of fireworks.

## 175 Firemen Fight Blaze In Montreal

## B. C. Police Probe Bombing Attempt

GRAND FORKS, B. C., Jan. 13—(CP)—Special guards patrolled strategic buildings in Grand Forks tonight as top-ranking officials of the British Columbia police headed here to investigate an attempt to blow up the \$100,000 Growers' Exchange building. A bomb containing 35 sticks of dynamite was found Friday, hidden in a rubbish-covered cardboard box, under a loading platform, fifty workers were in the building. Civic officials and business leaders blamed Doukhobor fanatics for the attempt, coming 17 days after the dynamite-fire destruction of a downtown building.

## Old Pine Tree Costs Bridgewater \$4,500

HALIFAX, Jan. 18—(CP)—The old pine tree, because it wasn't cut down and carried away to the mill, has cost the town of Bridgewater, N. S., \$4,500.

The town was ordered by the full bench of the Nova Scotia Supreme Court Saturday to pay \$4,500 to the May board for loss of her home and its contents in a fire five years ago. The plaintiff claimed that the fire had been caused by negligence in operation of the town's power system. While her house was vacant in January, 1943, she said, a pine tree had fallen across a high voltage line which had been carried on the same pole as secondary wires leading into her house. Reversing the earlier decision of one of its members, the full bench found that the fire had been caused by the high tension current and that this in turn had been caused by the pine tree having been blown across the high tension wire. The town was found negligent in allowing the tree to stand when officials had known it was partly rotted and likely to blow down.

## Drama Festival To Open At Saint John

SAINT JOHN, N. B., Jan. 18—(CP)—With only five plays entered, and one of them a guest performance and not in strict competition, the New Brunswick-Prince Edward Island regional drama festival will open here tomorrow for three days. There are no entries from Prince Edward Island and the one guest company, the Kentville, N. S. Theatre Arts Guild, will not be in competition with the New Brunswick groups. Lack of entries prevented a Nova Scotia festival but the Kentville group is eligible to represent that Province at the Dominion drama festival at Ottawa in April.

## Liner Queen Mary Sets Turnaround Record

NEW YORK, Jan. 18—(AP)—After a bustling but brief stop in port, the liner Queen Mary left Saturday night for Britain just 24 hours and 27 minutes after her storm-delayed arrival, breaking her own "turnaround" record. The liner docked at 9 P.M. E.S.T. Friday 37 hours late because of a severe Atlantic storm. When she sailed Saturday night at 9:27 P.M. she had discharged 1,432 passengers, loaded 355 tons of cargo, 2,900 bags of mail, six automobiles, fuel, water and food and embarked 1,147 new passengers. She originally had been scheduled to sail at 3 p.m.

MONTREAL, Jan. 18—(CP)—A three-alarm fire which began in the cellar of a sporting goods shop was burning uncontrolled through two adjacent three-story buildings at midnight tonight despite the efforts of firemen from 20 stations. Four hours after the start of the blaze, firemen hampered by zero weather still were trying to gain control of the flames as they roared through the roofs of the two buildings on St. Catherine Street, just west of Biery in the heart of Montreal's shopping district. Thousands of spectators jammed Montreal's busiest thoroughfare to watch 175 firemen working from the top of four aerial ladders contest with ice. Seven pumps were used to supply water for 30 hoses. Firemen were hampered by the location of the buildings in the middle of a block and they could not get near the fire except in the front and from adjoining roofs. Flames were visible for a considerable distance and attracted thousands of onlookers who had difficulty going home as all main tramway lines were reported.

Patrons of the Imperial Theatre on Biery Street which is not far from the back of the burning buildings were not evacuated but several policemen were in the theatre ready to direct the patrons to exits if it became necessary. The two buildings on fire housed the Joe Richman Sporting Goods Shops, Stop-and-Shop Groceries, Capitol Furniture, Murray and O'Shea Jewellers and the offices of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

Two fires at Truro over week-end. TRURO, N.S., Jan. 18—(CP)—The second of two fires here today and the third serious one within a week tonight caused damage estimated at \$12,000 in the basement of a hardware store. The blaze started in a lime pile and firemen removed a drum of naphtha gasoline minutes before the flames would have reached it. A three-alarm fire earlier in the day gutted a section of the Canadian National Railway station here and damaged an adjoining building housing C.N.R. and Government offices. All but four of the 57-man fire brigade was called out to battle the early-morning blaze. Damage was set at \$15,000. Cause of both fires was unknown. The station blaze was believed to have started in the trainmen's room.

## Communists Winning Civil War In China

(By James D. White, Associated Press News Analyst)  
With startling violence like the Boxer rebellion of 1900 and the national revolution of 1925-27, anti-foreignism burst out in China last week. Behind this is the big fact in China: the Communists are winning the civil war. From this stem the undisguised preparations of the Government to abandon Mukden, the hub of its defence structure in the far north, even as its mission in Washington seeks a \$300,000,000 American aid program to prop up this failing war against Communism. Winning, the Communists hold

## Three Trainmen Die In Blazing Wreck

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Jan. 18—(AP)—Three trainmen were believed killed today in the blazing wreckage of two Grand Trunk freight trains which collided three miles west of here. The two long trains, travelling in opposite directions, crashed when several cars of the eastbound freight jumped the tracks under a viaduct and were thrown in the path of an oncoming train heading toward Chicago. Two tank cars of fuel oil and one of gasoline were touched off into a blazing inferno as the trains met and firemen from four departments battled the flames seven hours before subduing them. Still missing in the charred wreckage were Howard Stewart, 52, Battle Creek, engineer; Henry J. Smith, 44, Climax, Mich., fireman; and John G. Bennett, 40, Battle Creek, a brakeman. The three were believed to have been in the engine of the westbound train. Before the flames were subdued, an excited crowd of 10,000 persons gathered to watch the oil fire shooting 60 feet high.

## 1,020 Fox Pelts Entered For 10th P. E. I. Show

Some 1,020 pelts are entered in the 10th annual Prince Edward Island fox pelt show, which opens today at Summerside. It was learned last night. The number is practically the same as a year ago. The classification committee had not completed its work yesterday, and judging would not get underway before noon today. It was learned. There was also a possibility that the storm might delay arrival of officials at Summerside this morning and that judging might not begin until tomorrow.

However, the annual banquet, a feature of the show, will be held tomorrow night whether judging is completed or not. The entries are topped by the 400 platinum pelts, followed by 270 silver pelts. Other types include, 150 pearl play pelts, 150 white marked silvers and 50 glacier blues. The show is being held at the Union Hall, Mr. Douglas Bell of Carleton, who has placed the pelts for several years now, is the judge.

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## Actress Annabella Sues For Divorce

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 18—(AP)—Annabella, the pert little French film actress who has been separated from actor Tyrone Power for more than a year, sued him for divorce Saturday, alleging that his "demands for freedom have caused her extreme mental anguish."

## Churchill Leaves Africa For Britain

MARRAKECH, French Morocco, Jan. 18—(AP)—Winston Churchill left by air for Bordeaux, France, today on his way back to Britain. He seemed in good health and spirits when he boarded the plane with his wife. The wartime British Prime Minister, 73, arrived here Dec. 11 to write his memoirs.

## INVENTED PROCESS

Mercedized cotton is named after John Mercer who discovered ordinary cotton could be made stronger and more lustrous by treating it with caustic soda.

## Casualties Mount In Holy Land Fighting

By CARTER L. DAVIDSON  
JERUSALEM, Jan. 18—(AP)—Fifty days after the bitterly disputed United Nations decision to divide Palestine nearly 1,000 persons have been killed. The hospitals are choked with wounded. Jews are on the offensive. British forces are evacuating some of their heavy armament. The Holy Land's war threatens to become international. That, in brief, is the situation. The Arabs are still in the stage of guerrilla warfare. Individual gangs carry on sniping, killing and pillaging. Leadership of the Palestine Arab fighters so far has been on the "sheikdom" basis, with the venerated leader in each community taking the lead in organizing, arming and directing his people. For lack of guns, money and over-all leadership, which have been slower in coming than was

## Larkin Sisters Are Trapped On Third Floor Of Home

Two young girls are dead and the father and one son are in the City Hospital as the result of a fire which, breaking out in the early hours of yesterday morning, completely gutted a three-story dwelling house at 214 King Street. The dead are Phyllis Larkin, 16, and her sister, Hilda, age 13.

The injured are Mr. Joseph Larkin, painter and decorator, who, before leaping from a second-story window, wrapped his seven-year-old daughter, Marie, in a blanket and dropped her safely on to a snowbank below; and Joseph Jr., 18, who sustained a broken wrist and other injuries when he leaped from a third-story window. Both are in the City Hospital. Fourteen-year-old Eddie also jumped from the same window but had the force of his fall partially broken by his having struck some telephone wires in his descent. He is the temporary guest of neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfrid Mahar, 213 King Street. His sister, Marie, is with Mr. and Mrs. C. J. MacLean, 220 King. The fire was first noticed by Joseph who awakened his father and the others of the family. With the exception of the two girls, Phyllis and Hilda, all had made their escape from the burning dwelling when the Fire Department arrived. In the meantime, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Murphy, who occupied one part of the house, were awakened by two friends, Miss Bertha Huestis and Mrs. Wanda Gallant, both of Summerside, and guests of Mr. and Mrs. Murphy. The girls had been visiting friends and had arrived back about 1:40 a.m. when they saw the fire. Mr. and Mrs. Murphy succeeded in saving a few pieces of furniture after being awakened before the fire drove them out. An alarm was sent in at 1:55 a.m. by Mr. C.J. MacLean, 220 King Street, and the Fire Department arrived at 2:01 a.m.

Make Rescue Attempt  
Constables Johnson and MacNevin of the City Police were cruising two blocks away in the police patrol when they received a radio message about the fire and were on the scene within a couple of minutes. They immediately secured a ladder from the yard of Mr. MacLean and placed it against the third-story front window out of which the two girls, Phyllis and Hilda, were hanging. The officers made several attempts to rescue them but were driven back by the terrific heat and smoke which was pouring from the window and from the windows directly underneath.

Upon the arrival of the firemen a few minutes later, streams of water were poured into that window to drive back the blistering heat so that the withdrawal of the girls could be effected. Firemen Harold Hennessey and Louis Smith finally succeeded in extricating the girls and passed them on to others on the ladder below. Both girls, Mr. Hennessey said, were dead. The lower half of the window had three panes of glass approximately 30 inches square.

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## Appeal For Fire Victims

The Benevolent Irish Society yesterday set up a committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Roy McGillivray to conduct an appeal to the public for funds to assist those in distress due to the fire tragedy early Sunday morning. At a meeting held in their hall, Grafton St., the B.I.S. led off the appeal by contributing the magnificent sum of one hundred dollars. While a canvas of the business firms of the city will be made, the committee will be pleased to accept contributions from individuals and any person desiring to make a donation should write Mr. Roy McGillivray, Post Office box 451, City.

## Quebec Woman Dies As Fire Sweeps Home

ARVIDA, Que., Jan. 18—(CP)—Mrs. Lucien LaTraverse died Saturday in a fire which swept through her home. It was believed she tried to save herself by jumping through a window but was suffocated by smoke.

## AWARDED DECORATION

OTTAWA, Jan. 18—(CP)—Lieut. Dave Greyeyes, a Saskatchewan grain farmer and member of the Muskoka Lake Indian Reservation has been awarded the Greek Military Cross, Class III, for gallantry in support of the Greek mountain brigade during the Italian campaign. Defence Headquarters announced Saturday.



TORONTO, Jan. 18—(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures and wind force: 35-39; Edmonton 26-28; Regina 4b-2b; Winnipeg 15b-2; Toronto 4-18; Ottawa 4b-3; Montreal 9-10; Quebec 14-17; Saint John -27; Moncton 14-17; Halifax 36-40; Charlottetown 33-37; Sydney 30-39; Yarmouth 35-41. HALIFAX, Jan. 18—(CP)—Official forecast for some places and night by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax and valid until midnight Monday. Synopsis:—A southerly current of warm air is still reaching Nova Scotia Sunday evening but northerly gales are bringing cold air to New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Western Nova Scotia. Temperatures Sunday were well above melting point in Nova Scotia with 43 reported in some places and in Charlottetown the high was 37. In New Brunswick temperatures were below freezing all day. A disturbance at the boundary between two air masses is causing snow over much of the Maritimes and rain in eastern Nova Scotia with some freezing rain near the boundary. By Monday evening the cold air should cover all the regions with strong northerly winds and scattered snowfalls. Regional forecasts: Snow tonight, with strong winds causing some drifting. Monday, cloudy and cold with scattered snowfalls. North winds 25. Low early Monday morning and high in the afternoon at Charlottetown 20 and 25. High tide this afternoon at 4:01 and tomorrow morning at 4:39. Sun sets this afternoon at 4:48 and rises tomorrow morning at 7:32. First quarter moon January 19th. 7:32 A. M.

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