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HEARING OF RAIL FREIGHT RATES CASE OPENS

Sleepless Wonder Dies At Age Of 95

TRENTON, N.J. Jan. 3 —(AP)— Albert Edmelare Herpin—Trenton's sleepless wonder who claimed he never got a minute's shuteye in his life—died today in hospital at the age of 95.

Herpin lived alone in a small shack near a railroad siding and had no bed, and the Rip Van Winkle in reverse would sometimes become indignant at people who expressed disbelief in his story.

Cause of his death was held to be an intestinal obstruction and old age.

Herpin frequently asserted he would pass the 100 mark. He abstained from meat and alcohol, never used a tooth brush or lost a tooth, but said he would be lost if anyone took away his pipe and the two pounds of tea he consumed weekly.

Spurning many offers to appear on the radio or at freak shows because he said he had promised his mother never to capitalize on his sleeplessness, Herpin worked as a gardener. Once he took two jobs to show that he was capable of working 24 hours daily.

Hospital physicians said Herpin had never been found asleep any of the five times he had been a patient here. Police of nearby Ewing Township brought the sleepless wonder to Mercer Hospital three days ago because he was apparently unable to get around. He did not sleep until he became unconscious yesterday.

Herpin's favorite tale was of the time in 1906 when four doctors were supposed to have conducted a vigil to check on his claim that he never slept.

"The experiment was going along fine," he would chuckle as he puffed at his pipe, "until the doctors started falling asleep."

Coming Events

**Horse racing Oyster Bed Bridge Saturday afternoon at 1.30.

**Brackley vs. Milton at Milton tonight. Game at 8:15.

**Poultry — Buying daily live and dressed poultry. Paying top market price Davis & Fraser Ltd.

**This store will be closed all day Monday, January 6th. J. F. Morris, Kinkora.

**Loading Hogs at Montague Stationeach Thursday for Davis & Fraser Ltd. S. C. McLean Phone

**Receiving Hogs at Crapaud for Davis & Fraser Ltd., every Tuesday until 11 A. M. R. N. Dawson.

**Buying Pigs, all sizes, every Monday at Fredericton. Knud Jorgensen.

**Loading Hogs at Peakes Station each Thursday for Davis & Fraser Ltd. Merlin Devine.

**New Wiltshire District L. O. L. meets in Kingston, Jan. 8th at 2:30 P.M.

**Loading Hogs for Davis & Fraser Ltd., Tusday until further notice. Dingwell and Rossiter.

**Our Stores in Bradalbane will be closed Monday's, Wednesday's and Friday's. Bernard, Seaman, Doull.

**Loading Hogs at Cardigan Station each Thursday for Davis & Fraser Ltd. Norman McKenzie Cardigan.

**To arrive shortly, car of wheat, barley meal and extra No. 1 feed oats. Book your orders now. Glydon Maund, Union Road.

**Loading hogs at St. Peters for Davis & Fraser Ltd., each Tuesday for truck pickup service from farm to car Phone Roddie Pratt.

**Hockey at New Glasgow rink tonight. North Rustico versus South Rustico. Game starts 8:30. (Benefit game).

**Souris Patrons—Please note Clifford Peters will be loading live stock for us at Souris Tuesday, January 7th, instead of Monday the 6th. Livestock Marketing Board.

**Collecting hogs each Tuesday for Davis & Fraser Ltd. for trucking service through Barnscliffe, Cherry Valley, Vernon, Orwell and Newtown, phone Walter Crane 11-12

**Live Stock Marketing Board loading hogs during week of January 6th at all regular Shipping Points as per old time week to week schedule, excepting at Souris, where loading will take place on Tuesday, January 7th. Consult our agent, in your vicinity for facts and details.

Provincial Exhibition Ass'n. Changes Hands

A business deal of considerable importance has been completed in which Lt.-Colonel D. A. MacKinnon, and Mr. J. W. Boulter, President and secretary-treasurer respectively of the Charlottetown Driving Park and Provincial Exhibition Association, sold their shares in the company to a group of twelve business men, horse and cattle breeders, harness horsemen and professional men. These gentlemen will devote a considerable part of their time and attention towards the carrying on of Old Home Week and Provincial Exhibition, as well as the other activities of the Association.

Those of the group becoming new shareholders are seven in number, while there are five who are at present shareholders—three of them directors. The names are as follows: Director H. J. Kennedy, Southport, farmer, cattle breeder, exhibitor and trader; Director Cecil Stewart, Hampshire, farmer, cattle breeder, exhibitor and trader; Director Willard Kelly, Southport, farmer, horse, cattle and fox breeder and exhibitor and one of the Maritimes foremost trainers and race drivers, also dealer in fox and live stock feeds; Commander George H. Buntain, Charlottetown, wholesale coal dealer, horseman and former exhibitor of horses and one of those most actively engaged in the promotion of the Charlottetown Riding Club; G. Gordon Hughes, proprietor of the Apothecaries Hall, Charlottetown, who was for several years a director and is familiar with its many

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Drastic Action Planned For Holy Land?

JERUSALEM, Jan. 4—(Saturday)—(CP) — High British Army officials met in Haifa today and Jewish leaders were summoned to government house by Sir Henry Gurney, acting High Commissioner for Palestine, for discussions that may lead to drastic action to help quell the latest outbreak of violence in the Holy Land which already had resulted in 17 British military casualties in the last 48 hours.

Reveal Hour Of Terror On Bus

PORTSMOUTH, O., Jan. 3—(AP) —An hour of terror on a speeding Greyhound bus, in which two brothers went berserk, beat the driver and fired 14 shots among the 23 passengers was described here today.

Women prayed and men cringed as the vehicle roared through rain and mist in the darkness of midnight with a liquor-crazed man directing the driver.

The nightmare ended when passengers overpowered the men at Wheelersburgh, a Portsmouth suburb, about 1 a.m. today.

In jail here were Robert Griffith, 26, and Ray Griffith, 20. From Wheelwright, Ky., the Griffith brothers had been rooming at Huntington, W. Va., where they were employed. They were en route to Cincinnati.

N. S. Fishermen Remain Idle

LUNENBURG, N. S. Jan. 3—(CP)—The fleet's in, and tonight it appeared as if it were there for a long stay as the strike of 500 deep-sea fishermen ended its first week.

The fish strike, called last Saturday by the Canadian Fishermen's and Fish Handlers' Union (T.L.C.) to back up demands for a 60 per cent share in proceeds of vessel catches, is unlike any other recent strike in Canada.

There are no picket lines, no threats of violence and few heated arguments. There is little activity along the docks, crowded now with most of the Province's fleet of 30 fishing vessels, their stubby masts black against the winter-white of the Basin shore.

GRAVE-DIGGER DIES AT WORK

OTTAWA, Jan. 3 — (CP) — Death came today to grave-digger Arthur Dupuis, 60, as he worked in snow-packed Notre Dame Cemetery on the outskirts of the capital. The coroner investigating said he died from natural causes. Burial will be made in the cemetery.

Butter Situation Shows Improvement

OTTAWA, Jan. 3 — (CP) — Stocks of creamery butter in nine provincial Canadian cities at Jan. 1 totalled 25,564,249 pounds, a seasonal decline of 8,630,806 pounds from Dec. 1 but an increase of 3,057,033 over the stocks held a year ago, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reported today.

Cheese stocks totalled 16,338,256 pounds against 15,685,107 at Dec. 1 and 19,386,428 at Jan. 1 last year while stocks of fresh eggs were 1,220,511 dozen, compared with 806,815 at Dec. 1, and supplies of frozen egg meats amounted to 4,303,137 pounds against 5,641,443 at Dec. 1.

Truman Still Favors St. Lawrence Seaway

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 — (AP) —Senator George Aiken (Rep.-Vt.) reported today President Truman is "as strong as he ever was" for development of the St. Lawrence seaway and power project — one of the first proposals brought before the new Congress.

Aiken, who unsuccessfully sponsored the St. Lawrence development in the 79th session of Congress, expressed belief the St. Lawrence legislation will be "bi-partisan."

As the 80th session of Congress opened, Representative Clarence Kilburn (Rp.-N.Y.) introduced a bill for Congressional authorization of the St. Lawrence development.

Bilbo Bogs Down U. S. Senate Opening

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 — (AP) —Republicans today came back to control of the House of Representatives after 15 lean years, electing Joseph W. Martin, Jr., of Massachusetts Speaker and introducing a 20-per-cent income tax cut as bill No. 1.

But opening-day organization of the Senate, also recaptured by the Republicans in November, bogged down in the row over a move to bar newly-re-elected Senator Theodore Bilbo (Dem.-Miss.).

A Democrat, Senator Glen Taylor of Idaho, moved to deny Bilbo the oath on the contention that his credentials "are tainted with fraud and corruption."

Southern colleagues of Bilbo sprang to his defence. Debate was hot and heavy before overflow galleries. The debate was adjourned until noon tomorrow.

The battle began after Senator Baldwin (Rep.-Conn.) had been sworn in, and Bilbo then presented himself. It resumed when a move was made to swear in Senator Owen Brewster (Rep.-Me.), after the Taylor motion had been adopted.

The House session lasted just two hours and 22 minutes and went like a clock.

Martin was elected Speaker by a strict party-line vote of 244 to 182 over the retiring Democratic speaker, now plain Representative Sam Rayburn of Texas.

Martin delivered an address expressing hope for "a degree of cooperation...unsurpassed in the history of our nation" between the Republicans and Democrats in the House, and between the House and Senate. But he said nothing about co-operation between the Republican-controlled Congress and the Democrat in the White House.

The House accepted by a voice vote the 1946 reorganization plan. This reduces the number of regular committees from 48 to 19 and merges its former military and naval commitees into one on "armed forces." Threatened moves to block it never materialised.

The tax-reduction bill was offer-

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Decides Monday Will Not Be Civic Holiday

Monday, Jan. 6, Canadian Citizenship Day, will not be a civic holiday.

A meeting called by the Mayor last night at the City Council chambers to discuss the question as to whether or not the business firms of the City should remain closed all day on Wednesdays or only in the afternoons, also discussed the advisability of having next Monday proclaimed a civic holiday.

The meeting by a vote of 26 to 13 expressed itself as favouring a civic holiday next Monday and of the business firms remaining closed all day Wednesdays until Dec. 1.

Since there was considerable divergence of views on the part of those representing different businesses, Mayor B. Earle MacDonald said he could not see his way clear to use his prerogative as Mayor and would, therefore, take no action whatever.

Despite the official proclamation of the Provincial Government that Monday will be a holiday, there is some uncertainty as to whether or not all schools throughout the Province will be closed.

Major T.E. MacNutt, secretary of the City School Board, said the City schools would be closed. A proclamation from the Provincial Government, Major MacNutt said, meant what it said. He could, therefore, see no reason why all the schools should not be closed.

On the other hand, Dr. G D. Steel, Principal of Prince of Wales College, said he had received no instructions from the Department of Education yesterday as to whether or not the College would hold classes on Monday and would not know until this morning.

Mr. L.W. Shaw, director of education for the Province, said in view of the Government proclamation, he thought many schools would remain closed until Tuesday but that, so far as the Department was concerned, it was satisfied to allow the teachers to use their own discretion.

Publisher Of N. Y. Herald Tribune Dies

NEW YORK, Jan. 3 — (AP)— Ogden Reid, president-publisher of the New York Herald Tribune, died tonight.

Reid, 64, died at his home here. He had been ill for some time.

Reid was one publisher who, like several of the reporters on his newspaper, abandoned a promising law career to go on the rim of a copy desk.

After being admitted to the New York Bar in 1908, Reid chose instead to become a reporter on Horace Greeley's old New York Tribune which later was merged with James Gordon Bennett's New York Herald.

Staunchly Republican, as Greeley was, Reid once said in a commencement address at Miami University that his editorial policy was founded on a phrase from an editorial written by his father at the close of the Grant-Greeley presidential campaign.

The phrase read: "The honest presentment of the news—whether it hinders or helps the side we favor—we believe to be the duty of a great newspaper which means to deal fairly with its readers."

Serious Outbreak Of Foot, Mouth Disease

LONDON, Jan. 3 —(CP Cable)— Following the slaughter of 1,150 cattle, Agriculture Ministry officials said today they believed a vicious outbreak of foot and mouth disease in southwestern England was under control.

Veterinary surgeons who suspected at the first the disease was of an unusually virulent type, now find it is following a normal course in most cases. Farmers within five miles of any point where the disease has been reported are being advised to stable their cattle and thus reduce the chances of infection.

TRAFFIC ON ALASKA HIGHWAY

EDMONTON, Jan. 3 — (CP)— First northbound traffic on the Alaska Highway for 1947 was checked through the highway control office in Edmonton yesterday. Three privately-owned trucks driven from Seattle were given authority to travel over the highway to Wasulla, Alaska, beyond Fairbanks. The vehicles were loaded with miscellaneous machinery and mining equipment.

Davis And Fraser Plant Is Sold To Canada Packers Ltd.

The well-known Island packing and processing plant of Davis and Fraser has been purchased by Canada Packers Ltd., the Guardian was officially informed yesterday.

Plans of the new owners are not definitely known at present but it is understood construction of further additions to the existing plant will begin in the spring. In the meantime, the new owners expect to continue the operations which have been carried on by Davis and Fraser, Ltd., since the disastrous fire on Nov. 29 last, namely, the purchasing and slaughtering of hogs.

It is understood there will be no important labour changes made during the winter months and that the present staff of between seventy-five and eighty men now employed at the plant will continue to serve the new owners.

The local branch of Canada Packers has been in operation in Charlottetown for the past 28 years.

The firm of Davis and Fraser, Ltd., has been one of the City's more important industrial plants for the past 41 years. It was incorporated in 1905. Actually, however, the original plant was in operation as early as 1895.

The fire which broke out at the Davis and Fraser plant in the early hours of Nov. 29 last, destroyed about two-thirds of the plant including most of the processing machinery and caused a loss estimated at over half a million dollars.

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Veteran Owners Protest Cost Of V.L.A. Homes

WINDSOR, Ont., Jan. 3 —(CP) — Three houses purchased here under terms of the Veterans' Land Act were left vacant today by their war veteran owners in protest against the prices asked by the V. L. A. administration.

Similar action is being considered by other purchasers of V. L. A. houses in the same suburban Roseland and Oliver Park districts, where demands have been made for a Royal Commission investigation of V. L. A. costs.

The three veterans who left their one-storey frame buildings are Albert Underwood, E. W. Rigney and W. A. Reid. They and several other veteran owners recently complained of construction faults in their houses. After workmen were sent to repair defects the owners pressed for price adjustments.

Major Joe Dent, one of the owners, said then that V. L. A. officials in Ottawa stated there would be no reduction of the prices quoted when the purchases were arranged. He said demands for a Royal Commission inquiry

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Father Of Triplets Has Housing Problem

MAYNOOTH, Ont., Jan. 3—(CP) —You could sympathize somewhat tonight with Big Bill Davidson, the trapper of Maynooth. As a father nobody could be happier with brand new triplets and their mother doing fine but as a householder he's run smack into a housing problem.

BANCROFT Jan. 3 —(CP)— The three D's—Donald, Doreen, and Douglas—New Year's Eve "wonder"triplets born to Mr. and Mrs. William Davidson in a hospital instead of an isolated cabin because their parents braved the elements in a sled, today were reported in "excellent condition."

"There's not much room at home," said the square-jawed operator of a bushland trapline in Hastings County some 10 miles north of here.

"Home" is a square, rough-hewn log cabin set amid the tamarack and snow where Davidson goes after fur and where he and his wife and six children have been living. It's the home where Canada's first triplets of 1947—Donald, Doreen and Dougles—will go when they're ready to leave the Red Cross hospital at Bancroft, 10 miles south of here and some 80 miles north of Belleville.

In Bancroft Dr. Oswald W. Anderson expressed some concern over their welfare because of the lack of facilities when they return to an isolated home where the heat for all three rooms is supplied by a roaring box stove and a kitchen range.

There, while her mother is in hospital, 12-year-old Ellen Davidson is trying hard to take her place and help the father get meals for Samuel, 16, William, 15, James, six, Mary, four and Benny, two.

Here in Maynooth, a village of 30-odd, the people appeared to have adopted as their own these triplets born as the old year turned to the new in what Dr. Anderson termed the "best New Year's party ever."

Boys Town Building Damaged By Fire

BOYS TOWN, Neb., Jan. 3 — (AP)—The five-storey building around which Msgr. E. J. Flanagan developed this famed boys home was badly damaged today by fire.

Eight fire companies from nearby Omaha managed to confine the blaze to the structure built in 1920, but the entire fifth storey was damaged by fire and the rest of the building by water and smoke. The building contained records of all boys who have been citizens here.

GLASGOW, Scotland—Contracts have been issued for 230 new buses for the city transport service, at a cost of £800,000 ($3,200,000).

Ship Aground Near Nantucket Island

BOSTON, Jan. 3 — (AP) — The Panamanian freighter S.S. Kotor ran aground tonight on fog-shrouded Davis Shoal near Nantucket Island and her distress signals sent five Coast Guard cutters steaming to her aid while other ships in the area were put on the alert to give assistance.

In New York, agents for the Kotor said she carried a crew numbering between 25 and 30 men and a miscellaneous cargo.

Coast guardsmen said an SOS picked up at Marshfield did not give the extent of the vessel's trouble.

The Kotor left New York City Jan. 2 and was scheduled to arrive in Halifax about three days later according to her agents.

In New York, the Coastguard said the cutters Legare, Mendota, Kaw, Algonquin and Hornbeam were proceeding to aid the Kotor.

INGRID BERGMAN HONORED

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 3 — (AP)— Actress Ingrid Bergman has been awarded the medal "Litterius et Artibus" by King Gustav, it was announced tonight. The medal is one of Sweden's highest awards conferred upon scientists and artists.

Heavy Snowfall In Quebec And Ontario

(Canadian Press)

Ontario and Quebec, it appeared today, bore the brunt of a snowy new year onslaught and, given snow-free skies it will be days before some places have dug themselves out. In others, particularly in rural areas only spring thaws will bring pasture fences back to sight.

Across the Prairies temperatures the last 24 hours have been about zero or below and it was chill west of the Rockies.

For Ontario the forecast indicated clear crisp weather with dropping temperatures after a belting of snow unparallelled this winter, so severe it left industrial Hamilton crippled for a time and hampered power circuits in the Windsor area. All over southern Ontario the snow played havoc with transportation schedules.

Montreal last night reported a record number of snow removing vehicles working the streets and, though the thermometer recorded well above zero the usual snow-time transportation difficulties bothered the metropolis. Street cars ran far behind time.

Toronto threshed about in the drifts and made some progress—but not much. Parked cars hampered road clearance and police towtrucks started taking such vehicles to police garages to clear the way.

One estimate was that 8 1-2 inches of snow placed 32,000,000 cubic yards of the stuff on Toronto streets which would require 4,000,000 truck loads to clear completely. That won't be done.

In hard-hit Hamilton power failures, caused by icing snow on wires and power poles, brought a temporary close-down to plants employing upwards of 30,000 workmen. Sleet added to troubles throughout Southern Ontario.

In Ottawa a gang of 350 men using snowblowers and plows sought to dig the city out from under the 19 1-2 inches of snow which covered the capital since Christmas Eve. Even as they worked light snow continued, building the current depth this winter to 37 inches as against 20 last year. The forecast was for temperatures well below zero today.

Last C. W. A. C.

LAST C.W.A.C. IN CANADA

Last member of the Canadian Women's Army Corps to receive her discharge was Sergt. Dorothy Hartman, of Kitchener, Ont. Because her documents became lost Miss Hartman was the only C. W. A. C. in Canada for two months.

Saurel Completes Unloading Food

The Government ice-breaker Saurel, which had rushed 40 tons of supplies, including food, to the ice-bound Quebec village of Natashquan this week, turned around yesterday and last night was steaming towards the Magdalen Islands to pick up light-keepers leaving their posts for the winter.

Mr. E.E. Clawson, marine agent for the Department of Transport said the Saurel apparently had finished unloading yesterday. The ship, which left Charlottetown Monday, reached the village on the north shore of the Gulf of St. Lawrence Thursday. Mr. Clawson said that he did not think there was any shortage of food before the arrival of the ship.

The Saurel will next call at Bird Rock and Brion Island to remove the light-keepers from their lonely posts. After that she will go to Sydney, N S.

Export Restrictions Off Fish Products

OTTAWA, Jan. 3—(CP)—Canada's foreign trade channels have been cleared still further, it was disclosed today, through the removal of export and import restrictions on several commodities, chiefly fish and textiles.

Lifting of the war-imposed regulations will permit the unrestricted shipment of many varieties of fish to all countries except enemy alien territory and importation of a large number of cotton textile products without permits.

Previously, export and import permits had been required for foreign trade in the commodities affected. The new set-up was effective Jan. 1.

The new products which now may be exported without permit are:—

Clams in any form, most types

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Ralston Is Spokesman For Maritimes

OTTAWA, Jan. 3—(CP)—Advisability of a general overhaul of Canada's freight rate structure developing from the railways' application for a flat increase in haulage charges was argued today before the Board of Transport Commissioners.

Directly-opposed views on the issue were submitted by spokesmen for seven Provinces and for the railways during argument on an application by the Provinces for more particulars on the railway application. The sitting, preliminary to the main hearings on the railways' request opening Feb. 11, was adjourned until tomorrow morning.

For the Provinces, spokesmen put forward the claim that, if freight rates were to be adjusted, this should be done on a territorial basis taking into account the varying economies of each region of the Dominion, instead of through the flat 30 per cent boost sought by the Canadian Railway Association.

The Canadian Pacific, only railway to be heard today, opposed this stand flatly and called for early consideration of the case on the basis of the Association's application.

C. F. H. Carson of Toronto, special counsel for the C.P.R. said that handling of the application as a territorial question would result in "factional disputes and delay" and had "no place in this inquiry."

After the question of 30 per cent increases had been disposed of, he said, any region feeling it was not treated rightly by the rates could bring its case before the board. But it was "urgent" now that the present case be disposed of as soon as possible.

Opposed by Ralston

In opposition to this view, Col. J. L. Ralston, representing Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island through the Mari-

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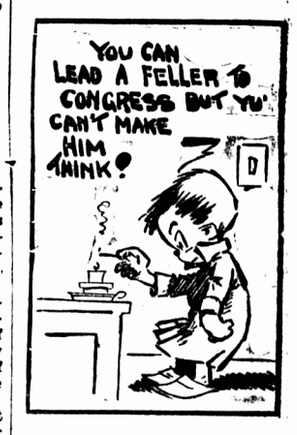

TORONTO, Jan. 3 — (CP) — Minimum and maximum temperatures: Vancouver 13, 36; Edmonton 2, 38; Regina 33 below, 16; Winnipeg 25 below, 10; Toronto 20, 24; Ottawa 11, 17; Montreal 15, 17; Quebec 15, 16; Saint John 19, 23; Moncton 16, 18; Halifax 32, 36; Charlottetown 21, 20; Sydney 26, 30; Yarmouth 33, 39.

HALIFAX, Jan. 3 — (CP) — Weather synopsis and official inland forecasts issued by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax at 11.15 p.m., Jan. 3.

Synopsis: The weather is partly cloudy over most of New Brunswick, while along the Fundy coast and in Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia, intermittent snow is falling. Cold northerly winds are bringing lowering temperatures to all sections of the district. Snow flurries are expected in many regions on Saturday and Sunday.

Forecasts valid until midnight Sunday.

Prince Edward Island:

Overcast. Snow flurries. Colder tonight and Saturday. Light winds. Temperature remaining near 10 at Charlottetown during Saturday. Sunday snow flurries.

High tide this morning at 8.16 and tonight at 7.32.

Sun sets this afternoon at 4.31 and rises tomorrow morning at 7.36.

Full moon January 6th, 11.47 P.M. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

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