

Life is mostly froth and bubble,  
two things stand alone, kindness in  
other's trouble, courage in your  
own.

No grade was ever worth a rap  
into which no accident could find  
its way.

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# SHIP SINKS IN MIRAMICHI AFTER EXPLOSIONS, FIRE

## 60,000 Ford Workers To Strike Thursday

### Red Trap Closes On Nationalist Troops In Shanghai Area

**IS ACQUITTED**  
ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, N. S., May 3.—(CP)—Howard Slocumb of Wakefield, Mass., was acquitted of manslaughter today in Supreme Court. The charge was laid following the death by shooting last Nov. 16 of Paul Currier, also of Wakefield, a hunting companion.

### Coming Events

- \*Play, Tracadie Hall, Wednesday, May 4th. Dance afterwards.
- \*\*Dance Long River Hall Wednesday, May 4.
- \*\*Dance, Little Pond Monday, May 9th.
- \*\*Mail your Films to Garnum Photo Studio, Charlottetown.
- \*\*Dance, Byrne's Road School, Friday, May 6th.
- \*\*Corran Ban Hall, Wednesday, May 11th, four act drama followed by dance.
- \*\*A meeting of the Central Parish Manse Committee at Clyde River, Wednesday, May 4th, at 2 o'clock.
- \*\*Annual Prize Shoot at York Hall, Wednesday afternoon, May 4th.
- \*\*Come to the Variety Concert in Fortune's Bridge Hall, Thursday, May 5th, 1949.
- \*\*Public speaking contest! King's County finals tonight, St. Peter's Legion Hall.
- \*\*Car Cement to arrive at Vernon last of this week. Phone collect, J. F. Morris, Kinkora.
- \*\*Play by Norboro Players in Sea View Hall Friday night, starting at 8 p.m.
- \*\*Institute Crokinole Party at John W. Thompson's, Margate, on Friday, May 6th Sale of candy.
- \*\*Dance in St. Peter's Legion Hall every Tuesday night. Cliff Peters Orchestra.
- \*\*Kingston Y. P. U. presents "Where's Grandma" in Kingston Hall, Tuesday, May 10th.
- \*\*Canadian Legion dance, Rustico Hall, Rustico, Thursday, May 5. Good music, refreshments.
- \*\*See the comedy drama by Seven Mile Bay Players, in Thanksgiving Hall, Wellington, Friday, May 6th.
- \*\*See the Norboro play in Seaside Hall May 4, sponsored by the Bedeque Junior Farmers.
- \*\*Norboro Players will present their play "The Redheaded Stepchild" in French River Hall, Wednesday, May 11th.
- \*\*Dance in Donagh School, Friday, May 6th. Lottery ticket to be drawn. Dancing from 9 P. M. till 1 A. M.
- \*\*Don't miss "Mr. Bean From Lima" a 3 act play by Stanley Edge Players in New Glasgow Hall, Friday, May 6th, at 8.30.
- \*\*Brook Grove Hall, Friday, May 6th. Indian River-Kensington Dramatic Club, presents "Lighthouse Nan" Curtain 8.30 sharp.
- \*\*Two one-act plays, "Rumours Wanted", "All Cats to the Rescue", St. Peter's Y. P. U. Legion Hall, Friday night, May 6th, 8.30 P. M.
- \*\*Dancing, Islanders Country Club, Travellers Rest, every Thursday night. Orchestra, Western Rhythm Boys.
- \*\*Now booking clover seed. Farmers, our prices will save you money. Rush your orders. MacGowan & Boyle.
- \*\*Jimmie Power's variety concert at Murray Harbor Friday night May 6, starting at 8.30. Sale of cakes and lunches.
- \*\*Charlottetown Players present "There Goes the Bride" in Hunter River Hall, Wednesday, May 4th, 8.30. Proceeds for Mission Church.
- \*\*Enjoy a good time of Old Time and Modern Dancing at McStewart Legion Hall, Thursday, May 5th. Music by Rollie McKenna's Orchestra.

### Shutdown At Detroit Will Tie Up Output

**Alleged Speed-up of Assembly Lines Is Cause of Walkout.**

(By The Associated Press)

DETROIT, May 3.—An authorized strike of 60,000 Ford Motor Company workers was ordered today.

The walkout was scheduled to begin at noon Thursday. Local 600 of the United Automobile Workers (U.A.W.) changed plans to call the strike tomorrow after the International executive board set the Thursday date.

A shutdown at Ford's big Rouge plant would soon tie up most of the company's far-flung operations. Both the local and U.A.W. president Walter P. Reuther charged that Ford had speeded up assembly lines again today. Production rates have been the centre of a dispute for several weeks.

There was no comment from Ford. The company has repeatedly denied the local's charges of a speed-up.

Things happened in quick and confused succession today. A local committee checked the lines and reported the speed-up. The local executive board, in emergency session, ordered the strike at 10 A.M. tomorrow—whether or not the international approved.

Shortly afterward, the international executive board set the Thursday deadline and announced any walkout before then would be unauthorized.

In a second emergency session, local 600 agreed to conform to the international's deadline.

The announcement broke when it appeared settlement was clear. After an investigation Monday, U.A.W. secretary-treasurer Emil Mazey reported Ford had slowed down the lines to a speed acceptable to the union.

Ford is the first target of the union's campaign for social security benefits. Because of this, top U.A.W. officials had made all-out efforts to reach a quick settlement of the speed-up grievance.

### KILLED IN FALL INTO WELL

AVONPORT, N.S., May 3.—(CP)—Douglas W. King, 68, was killed today when he fell into a 25-foot well on his farm near this Annapolis Valley town. An inquest will be held May 11.

### News In Brief

- HALIFAX, May 3.—(CP)—Fog over the search area today grounded aircraft engaged in the hunt for a R.C.A.F. plane missing since April 21 with seven aboard.
- QUEBEC, May 3.—(CP)—Frederic Dorion, independent member for Parliament, for Charlevoix—Saguenay, announced tonight he was taking over the direction of the Progressive Conservative forces in the vast Quebec electoral district.
- TORONTO, May 3.—(CP)—Leslie Frost, premier-designate of Ontario, and his new cabinet will be sworn into office tomorrow. On the eve of the ceremony there were rumors of widespread cabinet changes.

## Explosion Scare As Ship Burns In Montreal

(Canadian Press)  
A brief fire scare aboard a strike-bound, ammunition-laden ship in Montreal yesterday (Tuesday) centered attention on that port on the 34th day of the strike called by the Canadian Seamen's Union (T.L.C.).

The short-lived blaze, discovered by longshoremen, came only a few hours after an official warning came from Ottawa that C.S.U. members who strike in ports abroad are violating the Canada Shipping Act.

The fire broke out among sacks on the deck of the freighter Triton, owned by the Triton Steamship Company, Montreal. It was within eight or 10 feet of a hold where ammunition, destined for China and Pakistan, was loaded. A harbor policeman said there was suspicion the blaze may have been deliberately started.

Exact cause of the outbreak was not immediately known. Only ship officers were aboard, directing loading of the ammunition cargo.

The C. S. U. crew joined the strike when the Triton arrived from New York last week. Firemen from a Montreal waterfront station had the blaze under control within a few minutes.

On other strike fronts, dockworkers in two widely separated ports reversed their previous stand of refusing to work strike-bound ships.

The leftist-led C. S. U. called the strike March 31 in protest against Eastern Canada owners of deep-sea ships signing contracts with the rival Seafarers' International Union (A.F.L.).

The Ottawa statement, directed against seamen and leaders alike of the C.S.U., was issued jointly by Labor Minister Mitchell and Transport Minister Chretien.

## St. Laurent Plans Maritime Tour

OTTAWA, May 3.—(CP)—Prime Minister St. Laurent will start a barnstorming political tour of the Maritimes about May 11. It was learned tonight. But he won't visit Newfoundland until later in the election campaign.

While his campaigning plans in the Maritimes still are tentative, it is understood he is planning to whip through New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in about a week and then head back to Ottawa.

He may travel west again or tour Central Canada before the end of May and then swing east to tour Newfoundland centres.

In the Maritimes he will visit the provincial capitals of Saint John, Halifax and Charlottetown and surrounding cities and towns.

## Rural School Choruses At The Music Festival

### Dr. O'Riley Arrives To Take Position At Sanatorium

Dr. Cyril F. O'Riley arrived in Charlottetown last evening to take up his appointment as medical director on the staff of the Provincial Sanatorium.

Hailing from Ireland, the new appointee is a graduate of Queen's University Belfast and qualified for his Diploma of Public Health at Trinity College, Dublin. His appointment was made by the Provincial Sanatorium Commission.

Dr. O'Riley has specialized in the treatment of T. B. for over three years. From a sanatorium in England he transferred to St. John's Newfoundland Tuberculosis Hospital in 1947, and remained until 1948. His last appointment was at the Rosemary Hospital, Shelburne, N.S. which has 100 T. B. beds.

## U. S. Administration Suffers Blow In Labor Act Approval

WASHINGTON, May 3.—(AP)—President Truman announced today he is agreeing to the release of Gen. Lucius D. Clay as United States military commander in Germany.

The President also disclosed that Lt.-Gen. Clarence R. Huebner and Maj.-Gen. George P. Hays, Clay's military and military government deputies, "will carry on his work pending the appointment of a civilian high commissioner."

In a statement, Truman said the work "of moral and economic reconstruction" in the western zone now has reached a point where the Germans "are about to obtain a greatly-enlarged measure of political and economic responsibility."

Asserting that "General Clay has completed a prodigious task of administration," the President said the General is being relieved on May 15, in deference to "his requests to be released from this task."

It is known that Truman and State Secretary Acheson are trying to persuade John J. McCloy to take the post of civilian high commissioner.

McCloy is president of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

Clay has been in Germany as deputy military governor and governor since 1946. He has said his fondest desire is to return to his home at Marietta, Ga., and "go cat-fishing."

The United States, Britain and France have agreed to arrangements for turning over civilian control to the Germans when a provisional government is established for the Western zone. Each of the occupying powers would have a civilian high commissioner. Those three would exercise general supervision over the German government, particularly in international dealings and matters of internal security.

## 87 Cross Atlantic In Giant Globemaster

MOBILE, Ala., May 3.—(AP)—The largest passenger load ever to fly the Atlantic was on its way to Britain today in a giant Globemaster. Seventy-five air force men and a crew of 12 were aboard the C-47, which had been in use feeding supplies to the Berlin airport. They took off last night from the Brooklyn air force base here.

## Experiment In Lobster Shipping

Mr. Fred Arsenault of Summerside, who conducts a cannery on Queen's Wharf, has embarked on a new enterprise whereby he expects to be able to keep a supply of live lobsters on hand not only during the fishing season but all through the summer and fall months.

He has recently had constructed in his factory four large tanks capable of holding an estimated 15,000 pounds of live lobsters. These tanks, by means of an electrically controlled pumping system, are kept filled with water drawn from the harbour. An extended length of steel pipe runs out into deep water having attached to the outer end a cylindrical-shaped receptacle or tank which rests on bottom; it is perforated with small openings to allow the water to enter the pipe and at the same time prevents other objects from entering it. Water can be pumped at will into tanks inside the building where the lobsters are impounded and a steady flow in and out of the tanks maintained if so desired.

The work of building the tanks has been in progress for the last month.

Mr. Arsenault expects to be able to supply a good quantity of lobsters for the Boston market by means of refrigerator trucks.—S.

## Next Move In Berlin Dispute Up To Russia

NEW YORK, May 3.—(CP)—A Western-Powers line-table for lifting the Berlin blockade and opening East-West efforts to settle the over-all German problem today was delivered to Russia, an authoritative diplomatic source said.

The next move, he indicated, is up to Jakob A. Malik, Soviet deputy foreign minister representing Russia in the series of top-secret talks held since Feb. 15 with Philip C. Jessup, United States ambassador-at-large.

Representatives of Britain, the United States and France remained in their New York offices today, apparently awaiting a phone call to bring them into conference with Malik.

Malik answered "no comment" to all questions about a possible meeting when he left Lake Success.

## Negroes Threatened In Anti-Color Bar Move

DRESDEN, Ont., May 3.—(CP)—Two Negro residents of this Southwestern Ontario town said today they had been threatened with violence if they persist in their attempts to have the Town Council compel restaurants to serve Negroes.

Town Councillor Michael Fry, who supports the campaign, said he also had been threatened by an anonymous telephone caller.

William Carter, a local farmer said he had received a letter signed with a skull and cross-bones which warned him and a nephew, Hugh Burnett, to "go easy."

"You and Mr. Burnett" will be destroyed," the letter said. "Bring on your riots, we are ready for you. We will fix you quick."

Mr. Carter said he had earlier received telephone calls threatening that he would be "burned out."

## Baby Has Needle Extracted From Head

DENVER, May 3.—(AP)—It didn't seem to matter to nine-month-old Patrick Durbin that he had a needle extracted from his head.

His mother, Mrs. Charles Durbin, said today the baby appeared as spry as ever today after an operation at Denver General Hospital.

The needle, 1 1/2 inches long, was buried in the baby's head with a length of white thread dangling from it when his mother discovered it. He had been playing on the living room floor.

## New Guided Missile Range Planned

WASHINGTON, May 3.—(AP)—The United States is negotiating with Britain to set up a guided missile range with launching sites in Florida and a checking station in the Bahama Islands.

This was disclosed today by the State Department's press officer, Michael McDermott. He said talks have been going on for "some time" and indicated the joint project is in the final stage of diplomatic arrangements.

As he explained it, the guided missiles would be launched from somewhere in Florida—he did not say exactly where—and radar stations in the Bahamas would check their course.

Where the missiles would eventually come down, McDermott did not say.

Legislation to establish a 3,000-mile testing range for the missiles cleared the Senate yesterday and needs only final house approval before going to President Truman.

## Manslaughter Verdict In Lye-Beer Death

HOULTON, Me., May 3.—(AP)—A jury late today convicted Carl Peterson, 39-year-old Fort Fairfield, Me., farmer, of manslaughter in the lye-beer death of his fiancée.

Peterson showed no apparent emotion as the foreman of the superior court jury announced the verdict. The jurors—11 men and one woman—took two hours and 24 minutes to reach their decision.

Judge Percy T. Clark released Peterson on \$5,000 bail and announced he will pass sentence tomorrow. The maximum sentence in Maine for manslaughter is from 10 to 20 years in prison.

Peterson had been accused of murdering his fiancée, Mrs. Yvonne Poltras, 21, at a party in her parents' Van Buren home last Nov. 21.

## One Member Of Crew In Hospital

Broken Windows Only Damage Caused on Land.

NEWCASTLE, N.B., May 3.—(CP)—A fire-blackened hulk, the 720-ton tanker Elkhound sank in mid-stream of the Miramichi River here late tonight after two explosions ripped through the nearly empty vessel.

One member of the 14-man crew, fireman Wesley Weagles of Bridgewater, N.S., was reported "doing well" after being taken unconscious to the Miramichi Hospital. He was asleep in his bunk when the first blast occurred.

Capt. Gordon T. Weston, Rexton, N.B., and another crew member, Wilfred Duplessis, Bouchette, N.B., suffered minor burns. The latter was released from hospital tonight. Capt. Weston had declined to leave the vessel and received only first aid treatment.

Damage on shore was confined to cracked and broken windows on both sides of the river, about three-quarters of a mile wide.

After a tug towed the tanker to the safety area of mid-stream, Capt. Weston went out and performed the hazardous task of anchoring his ship, not knowing when a third blast might occur. He refused to endanger another life and lowered the anchor alone. The action prevented the tanker from drifting ashore elsewhere and possibly placing another community in jeopardy.

Fire of unknown cause started on one side of the vessel late tonight 15 minutes before her scheduled sailing time. Most of her oil cargo had been loaded into tanks on a wharf. The tanks escaped damage.

Two explosions in quick succession, about 15 minutes after the

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EVEN THE ACTRESS WHO IS WEDDED TO HER ART DOESN'T MIND TAKING ON A FEW HUSBANDS!



TORONTO, May 3.—(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria 33, 40; Edmonton 35, 58; Regina 42, 69; Winnipeg 53, 77; Toronto 52, 76; Ottawa 50, 77; Montreal 57, 77; Quebec 56, 72; Saint John 45, 51; Moncton 53, 75; Halifax 48, 69; Charlottetown 54, 73; Sydney 59, 79; Yarmouth 49, 62; St. John's Nfld. 37, 66.

HALIFAX, May 3.—(CP)—Official inland forecasts issued by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax and valid until midnight Wednesday.

Synopsis: Tuesday evening the weather is generally cloudy over the Maritimes. There are a few showers and also some fog patches near the coast. Warm moist air is still flowing into the district and during the day temperatures reaching the 80s at some inland places. Drier air is approaching from the west preceded by scattered showers. These can be expected to spread across the district on Wednesday.

Regional forecasts:—Prince Edward Island: Variable cloudiness during the night. Wednesday overcast with showers. Little change in temperature. Southwest winds 15. Low and high Wednesday at Charlottetown 55 and 70.

High tide today at 3:11 A. M. and 1:48 P. M. Sun rises this morning at 4:59 and sets at 7:21. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

CAR FERRY "ABEGWEIT" NEW CAR FERRY SCHEDULE — WEEK DAYS

Lv. Borden Lv. Cape Tormentine 9:10 A. M. 10:35 A. M. 1:00 P. M. 2:40 P. M. 4:30 P. M. 7:50 P. M.

SUNDAY

Lv. Borden Lv. Cape Tormentine 8:45 P. M. 8:00 P. M.