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GOV'T SUPPORTERS VOTE FOR WAR PENSIONS BOOST

U. S. Suspends Mail Service To Palestine

WASHINGTON, April 27—(AP)—The Post Office Department today suspended all mail service to Palestine. It said the action was taken at the request of Palestinian authorities. Before the order, only air mail service was going to Palestine.

Coming Events

- Play, Tracadi@ Hall, April 28th. Dance after.
- Card Party and Dance in Kin-kora Hall, Wednesday, April 28th.
- Hampshire Play in Belfast Hall postponed until Friday, April 30th.
- Card Party, Holy Name Hall, Wednesday, April 28th, 8 P. M. St. Charles Auxiliary.
- Dance, Spring Valley Hall, Friday, April 30th. Rollie MacKenzie's Orchestra.
- The Auction Sale at A. A. Waddell's, North Tryon, is postponed until Friday, May 7th.
- Come to the Hunter River variety concert in North Wilshire Hall, Friday, April 30, at 8.30 p.m.
- Bingo and Dance in Morell Hall, Thursday, April 29th. Sponsored by Morell C. Y. O.
- Notice—Now operating to clean grain until May 20th. Sutherland Cousins, Baltic.
- Dance Orwell Cove Hall, Thursday, April 26, instead of April 30 as previously advertised.
- Legion Dance, Mt. Stewart, Thursday night, April 29th. Music by Eastern Rhythm Boys.
- Farmers, we can still accept your clover seed orders at our low prices. Rush your order. McGuigan and Boyle.
- Dance and sale of lunches Bonshaw Hall, Wednesday, April 28th. In aid of rink. MacNeill's Orchestra.
- Loading Hogs at Fredericton for Canada Packers every Thursday till 11 A. M. and Colville until 12. D. L. MacDowell.
- Booking another car choice Alberta 2CW oats. Double re; cleaned. Rush your order. McGuigan & Boyle.
- Dance, Modern and Old Time, Country Club, Travellers Rest, Thursday, April 29th. Be there for a good time.
- Hampton Y. P. U. will present a three-act comedy "Where's Grandma?" on Wednesday, May 5th, in the Hampton Hall.
- Come to Hampshire three-act comedy play, "Calm Yourself", in Belfast Public Hall, Wednesday, April 28. If not fine, April 29.
- Come to Jimmy Power's variety concert and box social in Hearis Hall, East Royal, Friday night, April 29, 8.15. Auspices Marshfield Women's Institute.
- Unloading today, oats, crushed oats, wheat, and barley meal. In stock: hog grower, dairyling ration, also one new Fawcett range, white, N. Aubrey Cutcliffe.
- North Rustico players will present variety concert at South Rustico Hall Wednesday, April 28th. Sale of baskets. Show starts at 8.30. Admission 35 cents.
- Kinkora Dramatic Club will present their 3-act play "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" in Kinkora Hall on Wednesday evening, May 12th. Good specialties. Curtain 8.30.
- Cherry Valley Y. P. U. Players present the Three Act Farce Comedy, "A Ready Made Family," at Cherry Valley Hall, Wednesday, the 28th, at Orwell Hall, Friday the 30th, and at Eldon Hall, Monday, May 3rd. Curtain 8.30.
- Freestown Community Hall, Wednesday, May 5th, 8 P. M. Local Players present "Aston Sick from Punkin Creek". A three act rural comedy. A riot of laughs from curtain to curtain. (Weather unfavorable, playing Thursday).
- Will be loading hogs at the following points each Thursday: Emer Wigmore Bradlands, Hunter River, until noon; Summer-ington until 1:30 p.m.; and Kensington until 3 p.m. MacEwen and Casely.

25 Men Marooned On Ice When Ship Is Crushed

Commons Committee Hears Of Extra Freight Charges On Potatoes Since July

Lobster Prices At Boston Off Slightly

(By The Canadian Press)
HALIFAX, April 27—The opening days of the lobster season along the eastern shore of Halifax and Guysboro Counties and a resumption of activities in Western Nova Scotia have brought fishermen "reasonably fair returns," an official of the United Maritime Fishermen reported here today.

Lobster fishing along the eastern Halifax and Guysboro shores opened April 20 and although catches have been good prices being paid on the Boston market are considerably lower than during the same period last year.

The U. M. F. official said this was attributed to the larger volume now going into the Boston market.

Prevailing prices are 40 cents a pound for selects and 30 cents for culls compared to 45 and 35 cents last year. Bulk of the lobster shipments from Western Nova Scotia before operations were suspended during the winter went by boat and rail but for the first time in history of the Province heavy shipments were also made by air from Yarmouth.

OTTAWA, April 27—(Special)—As predicted by "The Guardian" some ten days ago, discussion of freight rate increases which ended in the House of Commons today with an easy Government triumph, has been transferred to the select committee inquiring into Government-owned and controlled railways, shipping and aircraft.

H. H. Hatfield, Progressive Conservative member for Victoria-Carleton, charged in committee that last fall when hauling a carload of produce from Nova Scotia or Prince Edward Island through to Detroit, the C.N.R. charged an extra 10 per cent on the whole run. N. J. MacMillan, general counsel for the railway contended that no increase was charged without the sanction of the board of transport commissioners.

"But you had no order from the Transport Board," Mr. Hatfield rejoined. "You had no such order until November. Yet this increase, rate was charged on freight from the Maritimes during August, September and perhaps October."

Autos Take Precedence

In examining figures presented by C.N.R. officials for equipment planned for the current year, the Victoria-Carleton member remarked that provision was being made for 1,000 automobile cars and only 350 refrigerator cars.

"I should think it would be just the reverse of that," he said. "We are very short of refrigerator cars at all times and those automobile cars are practically useless. I think you should have fewer automobile cars and more refrigerator cars. We have not enough refrigerator equipment."

"Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick have been short of reefers all season or practically all season, to ship potatoes and turnips. Necessarily you have lost the business which in my constituency has been handed over to the Canadian Pacific Railway."

R. C. Vaughan, C.N.R. president, admitted that the railway had lost some business through shortage of refrigerator equipment but said the situation was improving.

N. B. Walton, vice-president of the C. N. R., volunteered to W.

Directed U. S. War Industries



DETROIT, April 27—William S. Knudsen, "citizen-soldier" who organized America's industrial front for the Second World War, died at his home here today. Death followed a cerebral hemorrhage.

The one-time Danish immigrant, former president of General Motors Corporation and Lieutenant-general, was 69 years old. Death came after an illness of 16 months. It was hastened, his friends said, by the tremendous effort he exerted in accelerating the production of tanks, guns and munitions.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at Epiphany Lutheran Church here with burial in Acacia Park Cemetery, just beyond Detroit's northwestern city limits. Meanwhile, the body will lie in state in a midtown undertaking parlor.

All General Motors plant activities will halt for two minutes at the funeral hour.

Knudsen was a giant in physical stature and in achievement. To industry his name meant production.

The only man in United States history to move directly from civilian life to a commission as lieutenant-general, Knudsen was proud of his army title. But, he said, "I'm no soldier, and everybody knows it; my business is making things."

The son of a Danish customs inspector, Knudsen came to the United States in 1889. He worked in a shipyard, a railroad shop and as a bicycle mechanic before becoming production manager of a Ford Motor Company plant.

Nfld. Sealer Is Lost Off Labrador

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., April 27—(CP)—A crunching ice pack caught the sealing ship Norman Conrad in a death grip off Battle Harbor, Labrador, today. The sealer's 25-man crew abandoned ship.

Reports reaching here were skimpy but it was known that another sealer, the Winoda, working in the same ice field, was proceeding to the marooned crew's assistance.

The Norman Conrad was splintered about 25 miles southeast of

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., April 28—(Wednesday)—(CP)—Rescue early today was reported close for the 25-man crew of the ice-crushed sealer Norman Conrad. The hunters abandoned ship yesterday 25 miles southeast of Battle Harbor, Labrador.

Reports reaching here said the sealer Eagle was expected to reach the marooned men before dawn.

Battle Harbor, a fishing hamlet near the southeastern tip of Labrador.

Weather conditions were reported good in the area but it was believed the men could not make an over-ice trek to land. With the ice pack moving rapidly south there probably would be open stretches of water yawning between them and the shore. Rescue would have to come from the sea.

H. B. Dawes, owners of the Conrad, said they did not know whether the crew had been able to take off lifeboats and provisions before the sealer was ruffed on the pack and crushed.

The Conrad was the third sealer to be destroyed by ice this season, the worst in decades for ice conditions.

Expect Senate Vote On Margarine Question Today

(By Douglas How)
OTTAWA, April 27—(CP)—The Senate's third prolonged debate on the margarine question moved today into its final stages. A vote is scheduled for tomorrow.

Three Liberal Senators spoke today on a public bill to lift the ban on importation, manufacture and sale of the butter substitute. Two were in favor of margarine, one was opposed to it.

The bill is sponsored by Senator W. D. Euler (L-Ontario). The same measure was defeated during the Senate's last two sessions. The vote was 43 to 30 in 1946 and 35 to 22 last year.

An identical public bill has been introduced in the Commons by James Sinclair (L-Vancouver North).

Speakers for and Against

The speakers who supported margarine today are Senators G. P. Campbell (L-Ontario) and A. J. Hugesen (L-Quebec). Senator J. J. Kinley (L-Nova Scotia) said he would vote against the bill.

Senator Campbell said the ban

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WASHBURN, Me., April 27—(AP)—Northern Maine's vast potato fields are ready to be worked earlier this year than in the last several seasons despite a severe winter.

Would Make Hoist 25 p. c. In Place Of 16.6

Liberal Member Says He Considers Prospects For Increase Good.

BY DOUGLAS HOW
OTTAWA, April 27—(CP)—The Government was confronted today with a recommendation for a 25-per-cent increase in war pensions that was backed by a strong contingent of its own supporters.

Liberals joined with Opposition members in a unanimous vote by the 35-man Commons Committee on Veterans Affairs in favor of a 25-per-cent hike instead of the 16.6-per-cent proposed by the Government in a bill now before the Committee.

The somewhat surprising unanimous vote came after Lt.-Col. David Coll (L—Toronto Spadina) said he considered there were "good prospects" that the Government would grant the 25-per-cent increase. It was originally asked by the Canadian Legion in a submission to the Commons.

While Col. Coll's statement and the United Liberal front might be interpreted as indicating the Government has agreed to the higher rate in behind-the-scenes negotiations, the post-meeting feeling among Liberals was that the increase would come, but that the timing was open to speculation.

Veterans Minister Gregg voted against the two defeated motions, but abstained on the one that passed without opposition.

The backgrounds of the various proposals were those:

The Government has offered an increase of 16.6 per cent for war disabled and widows, 20 per cent for dependents. This would raise, say, a fully disabled single veteran from \$75 to \$87 a month, a widow from \$60 to \$70. Total annual cost to the country now is \$72,500,000 a year, would go up to \$84,000,000.

The 25-per-cent increase, moved

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SINGER AND ATHLETE TO WED

OSLO, April 27—(AP)—The Norwegian marriage licence office here said that Anne Brown, American Negro singer, and Thorleif Schjelderup, one of the world's best ski jumpers, have applied for a licence to wed.

CARPENTERS ON STRIKE

WINDSOR, Ont., April 27—(CP)—Windsor building is still held up by 550 striking members of a local 494 United Brotherhood of Carpenters (A.F.L.). Work has stopped on more than \$4,000,000 worth of construction in Essex County. The carpenters walked off every construction job in Essex County for a wage increase of 30 cents an hour demand.

Strike May Paralyze Railroads In The U.S.

(By The Associated Press)
CHICAGO, April 27—Three operating rail unions tonight said they would call a strike that would paralyze the United States railroad system.

Spokesmen for the three unions said the date of the strike would be announced tomorrow at 9.30 a.m. C.S.T. (12.30 p.m. A.D.T.) in Chicago.

Shortly before midnight the unions broke off wage talks with carrier representatives.

The unions had chosen midnight C.D.T. (2 A.M. A.D.T.) as a deadline for ending negotiations before setting a strike date. Earlier, spokesmen for two of the unions said that a strike date would be set immediately if no agreement were reached before the midnight deadline.

All remedies for avoiding a strike under the Railway Labor Act have been exhausted.

The unions and the carriers representatives met all day in a secret session, adjourned for dinner, and then resumed talks tonight in a last-minute effort to settle the dispute.

The committee representing the unions is empowered to set the strike date and issue strike notices.

There was no immediate word from the committee.

A walkout by the 150,000 members of the three unions would paralyze the railroads. The Brotherhoods are the locomotive firemen and engineers, the locomotive engineers, and the Switchmen's Union of North America.

Two Young Ontario Children Die In Fire

BRONTE, Ont., April 27—Two young children of Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Young were burned to death here today in a fire which gutted their home and that of their next door neighbor. Mrs. Young was seriously injured in her attempt to rescue. Names of the children were unavailable.

The family moved to Bronte last week and were living in a house made from a converted barn, owned by neighbor Kenneth Johnson.

Board Urges Later Crossing Of Car Ferry

A delegation from the Charlottetown Board of Trade yesterday urged on Mr. W. E. Robinson, general manager and vice-president of the Canadian National Railways for the Atlantic Region, the need for a later crossing of the car ferry against the Jews in Palestine.

One informant said Abdullah's military leadership "amounts to a British-directed implementation of the partition plan. The Jewish state now is assured. Abdullah will secure only the Arab portion of Palestine. That is all his British masters will permit."

"A Syrian minister who has been a leader in organizing the so-far unsuccessful effort of volunteer Arab forces to hold the Jews in check continued, 'the Hashimites (Abdullah is of the Hashimite tribes) have handed us over to Britain. I am seriously considering casting my lot with the Communists. I prefer choosing my master if we must be enslaved.'

Another minister said, 'Abdullah will proclaim himself king of the Arab part of Palestine then, with the aid of his nephew, Abdul Ilah (regent of Iraq) and Britain he will attempt to establish a Hashimite kingdom over all the Middle East.'

The Hashimite king of Trans-Jordan announced in Amman, his capital, yesterday that he had accepted leadership of a joint drive into Northern Palestine by the regular armies of Trans-Jordan, Syria and Lebanon.

Island-born Senator Passes In Alberta

CALGARY, April 27—(CP)—Senator Daniel Edward Riley, 37, of High River, Alta., one of the West's most colorful oldtimers, died in hospital (Holy Cross) here tonight following a brief illness.

The pioneer Alberta cattleman remained active until shortly before his last illness. He was brought to hospital 10 days ago and his condition had been serious for several days. The exact nature of his illness was not disclosed.

Native of Baltic, P.E.I., the Senator received his early education at Fanning grammar school at Malpeque, P.E.I., and later attended normal school in Charlottetown.

In 1882, Senator Riley gave up school teaching in the east to come to High River where he later became one of the district's best-known ranchers. During the Riel rebellion, he served as a dispatch rider.

In 1890, he married Edith Kate Thompson of Darnley, P. E. I. They had five sons, Claude, Neil, George, Daniel and Ken. Mrs. Riley and Ken predeceased the Senator. Claude lives in Calgary, the other sons at High River.

Senator Riley was a candidate for the Legislature in 1917. A Liberal, he was appointed to the Senate on June 25, 1926.

On his 87th birthday, last Nov. 28, the Senator boasted that he was still able to walk into the Senate while some of his colleagues used crutches and canes.

During recesses from his parliamentary duties he lived an active life on the ranch.

Protest Reduction In Interest On Annuities

OTTAWA, April 27—(CP)—G.O.P. members protested in the Commons today against the recent reduction in interest on Government annuities.

They contended that the Government's action, announced April 19, would increase the price of annuities to the public and discourage this form of investment. The Government apparently had been under "pressure" from the "old-line" insurance companies.

Labor Minister Mitchell, whose Department handles the annuities, denied that the reduction had been influenced by insurance companies. It resulted directly from increased costs.

Three Men Are Killed In Cave-in Of Storm Sewer

MIMICO, Ont., April 27—(CP)—Three workmen died in the bottom of a 20-foot deep storm sewer excavation today when 40 tons of earth cascaded down upon them.

Victims of the cave-in were Henry Rotonda, Dominic Passery and Sydney Cornish, all of Mimico, who were working in a partially-enclosed trench when the supports gave way.

The three men had entered the trench during a lull in excavation operations by a power shovel. Jack Ruok, shovel operator, said he was changing the teeth on the shovel and did not see the earth begin to fall.

Morris Viola, standing on the surface a short distance away, began to shout but it was too late to warn the three workmen. Viola, sewage contractor, collapsed later while digging in a vain attempt to reach the three.

Their bodies were finally uncovered by the power shovel some 20 minutes after the cave-in. Passery was the first removed from the sticky mass of soggy clay. He was rushed to hospital but doctors there said he had been killed instantly.

Viola, who was rushed to hospital after he collapsed, returned to the scene later and stood about sobbing.

Dominic Passery had been working for him just more than a week. He had been unemployed since Christmas. He received his first pay cheque of the year last Saturday and was looking forward with his wife to celebration of his 47th birthday this Thursday. A son, Jim, 24, is studying in Toronto for the priesthood.

Henry Rotonda, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rotonda, would have been 21 next week.

Floods On Prairies Blamed For 13 Deaths

(By The Canadian Press)
WINNIPEG, Apr. 27—Death toll from Prairie floods today rose to 13 when a Canadian Pacific Railway work engine plunged into Stony Creek near Rockhava, Sask., killing a brakeman and scalding a fireman and engineer.

Flood conditions in general appeared slightly improved although Albertans, plagued with early-week snows, were fearful that the present recession of rivers might be only temporary.

Farmers in all three Prairie Provinces also were worried lest spring seeding be delayed because of wet fields until the season becomes too far advanced to allow for a normal growing period.

The Saskatchewan fatality occurred four miles west of Rockhava, a village 25 miles west of North Battleford, where a bridge was washed out.

Killed was W.D. Todd of Wilkie, Sask., his body believed trapped inside the engine. Rescued but in serious condition were engineer C. J. Mullyal and fireman J.R. Rouillard.

Nine other fatalities were reported earlier in Alberta, while three persons have drowned in Manitoba.

While the crest of the Red and Assiniboine Rivers—the latter jointly with the Red at Winnipeg after coursing through Western Manitoba—had not reached here yet, flood conditions were evident in many parts of the city.

Army and air force personnel were working on a 24-hour basis east of the Red River, building dykes in an effort to stem the water's advance into suburban residential sections.

Flood waters dropped at Regina and Moose Jaw today, but the Souris River further south in Saskatchewan continued its rampage towards the United States border.

Saskatchewan highway branch officials said damage to roads and bridges was the "heaviest we have ever seen" in the Province.

Heavy snows yesterday and today brought fears that receding rivers would start swelling again. The situation was considered particularly serious around Vegreville and Frenchtown, approximately 60 miles east of Edmonton, where the Vermillion River overflowed today.



TORONTO, April 27—(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures: Vancouver 31, 52; Edmonton 20, 40; Regina 27, 41; Winnipeg 31, 45; Toronto 45, 49; Ottawa 31, 54; Montreal 34, 52; Quebec 27, 45; Saint John 33, 45; Moncton 28, —; Halifax 31, 42; Charlottetown 30, 37; Sydney 28, 33; Yarmouth —, 42.

HALIFAX, April 27—(CP)—Official inland forecasts issued tonight by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax and valid until midnight Wednesday.

Synopsis:

A storm centred near Sable Island Tuesday evening was weakening and moving slowly away from the Maritimes. A high pressure area centred over Northern Labrador was causing northeast winds over the Maritimes. These were bringing cold moist air into the district from the Atlantic and causing overcast skies with showers of rain or snow in the eastern regions. The western sections of the district were getting air from the interior of Quebec. This was somewhat less moist and skies had begun to clear in the western regions. A disturbance over the Great Lakes appears to be moving toward the northeast and should not affect the Maritimes Wednesday.

Regional forecast:

Prince Edward Island: Variable cloudiness with widely scattered snowflurries. Not much change in temperature. North winds 20 diminishing Wednesday afternoon to light winds. Low early Wednesday morning and high in the afternoon at Charlottetown 30 and 40, and tonight at 3.09.

Sun sets this evening at 7.01 and rises tomorrow morning at 4.53.

Last quarter moon May 1st, 2.14 A. M.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

"SALADA" TEA BAGS

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