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DEEP SEA SHIP STRIKE THREATENED ON BOTH COASTS

Blame Commander Of Micmac For Accident

(By The Canadian Press)

OTTAWA, Dec. 21—An official investigation into the collision of H.M.C.S. Micmac with the freighter Yarmouth County last July 16 has attached the blame for the accident to the officer commanding the Micmac, Cmdr. J. C. Littler, D.S.C., of Victoria, the Transport Department announced tonight.

The accident, which occurred in heavy fog off Halifax harbor, resulted in 11 dead and 16 injured. The Micmac at 2,000 tons was damaged heavily by the 10,000-ton freighter and has not been repaired yet.

The report, signed by Commissioner Mr. Justice W. F. Carroll, Judge in Admiralty of the Exchequer Court for the district of Nova Scotia and by the assessors, Commodore G. M. Hibbard and Capt. Robert A. Goudey, stated:—

"The damage, loss of life and injury to personnel was caused by the default of the commanding officer of the Micmac and not by the default of the master of the Yarmouth County."

Cause of the collision according to the finding of the court was that the Micmac "was not sounding its siren and entered the fog at too high a rate of speed and placed herself in a position from which she could not extricate herself. The fault attributed to the Yarmouth County of not proceeding at a moderate speed did not in our best judgment contribute to the collision."

Two Typhoid Cases Reported Near Halifax

HALIFAX, Dec. 21 —(CP)—Provincial Health Department officials today were making preparations to inoculate the residents of nearby Preston following discovery of two cases of typhoid, one fatal.

One adult died from the disease and a child was admitted to hospital last week.

The fatal attack was the first of its kind in the Province for several years, Dr. J.J. MacRitchie, divisional health officer, said.

The situation at Preston, he said, was not of a serious nature and officials did not view it as "alarming."

Coming Events

**Grinding Grain daily. Bell Bros., St. Peters Road, Parkdale.

**Movies New Wiltshire tonight, Dec. 22, "Queen of the Yukon."

**Cornwall School Concert, Cornwall Hall, December 23rd, 8 P. M.

**Christmas concert, Rose Valley school, Tuesday, Dec. 23.

**School concert, Crapaud Hall, Tuesday, Dec. 23, 8.00 p.m.

**Concert Millview Hall, Tuesday, Dec. 23. Curtain at 8.15.

**Christmas Concert, Emerald Hall, Monday night, December 22nd.

**To arrive, oilcake meal, $4.00 per cwt. Book. McGuigan and Boyle.

**Christmas Concert in Springfield Hall, Monday evening, December 22nd.

**Hunter River school concert Monday, Dec. 22nd, in Masonic Hall at 8 o'clock.

**Come to the Christmas Concert, Parkdale Hall, tonight, 7.30, and Tuesday afternoon at 2.30.

**Sunday School Christmas Concert, Hartsville Hall, Moday, Dec. 22nd.

**Come to Sherbrooke School Concert in Sherbrooke Hall, Monday, December 22nd.

**Emyvale Christmas Concert, Lot 65 Hall, Tuesday, December 23rd. Dance after.

**New Year's Eve dance in Crapaud Hall, Wednesday, Dec. 31st. Good music. Crapaud W. I.

**Come to see Santa at Brookfield school concert in Hall, Monday, Dec. 22.

**Come to Harrington Christmas Concert Harrington Hall, Monday evening, December 22nd. Sale of candy.

**Loading Hogs for Canada Packers on Tuesday, December 23rd until noon at Souris. Contact Roddie McIntyre.

**Box Social and Dance in Emerald Hall, Friday, December 26th. If not fine, Monday, December 29th. C. W. L.

**Come to East Royalty Christmas concert at Hearts Community Hall Monday, Dec. 22, at 8 p.m. Sale of apples during intermission.

**Collectings hogs every Thursday for Canada Packers. Phone N A. Cutcliffe or write me. D. L. MacDowell.

**This store will be open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday before Christmas until nine pm., and closed all day Friday.

**Hockey meeting to form league, Clifford Moore's, East Royalty, Tuesday, Dec. 23rd. Would like Milton, West Royalty and Brackley represented.

**Loading Hogs for Canada Packers on Tuesday, December 23rd until 2 o'clock at Bear River and at St. Peter's until 3. Contact Roddie Praught.

**Will be loading hogs at the following points on Friday, Dec. 26. (note change of date): Elmer Wigmore, Bradalbane, until 11.30 a.m.; Borden Bagnall, Hunter River, until noon; Summerside until 1.30 p.m.; and Kensington until 3 p.m. MacEwen and Caseley.

Dainty-handed Gunman Escapes With $450

TORONTO, Dec. 21 — (CP)—A dainty-handed gunman today held up the downtown Mercury Restaurant and escaped with the day's receipts of about $450 when he threatened two cashiers and a waitress with a small, black automatic.

He produced the weapon after buying a candy bar and pocketing his change, ordering the day cashier, Miss Doreen Hrynky, to "give me the cash box or I'll shoot."

Miss Geraldine Woodhouse, a waitress said "he was slim with a thin face. I noticed that he had small, dainty hands."

Suggest Price Ceiling On Butter

OTTAWA, Dec. 21 — (CP) —A temporary price ceiling on butter has been urged by the Canadian Association of Consumers in telegrams forwarded this week to Finance Minister Abbott and Agriculture Minister Gardiner.

Widespread concern is being expressed by consumers over the rapidly soaring price of butter, Mrs. R.J. Marshall of Agincourt, Ont., C.A.C. president, said in her telegram to the Ministers. She urged that a control be put on the retail price "for the next three or four months," during the winter period when production was at its lowest, and most butter purchased by the consumer was storage butter.

In a statement released today from the C.A.C. headquarters here, the president was quoted as saying that much of the butter at 75 cents a pound in Montreal, at 71 and 72 cents in Ottawa, and at from 68 to 72 cents in Toronto was storage butter, which was purchased from the producer at much lower prices, and which at the time it was purchased was selling for a far lower price to the consumer.

"It is ridiculous that butter which was selling to the consumer at 66 or 67 cents a pound should suddenly be selling at anywhere from 70 to 75 cents," said Mrs. Marshall. "We know that most butter which is sold during the months of January, February, and March, is butter which has been placed in storage, and it is reasonable to expect that the cost of storing it will result in a slightly higher price to the consumer."

In conclusion she said that housewives throughout Canada could not afford to pay 75 cents for a pound of butter.

Two Killed In Helicopter Crash

(By The Associated Press)

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 21—Two persons burned to death when a helicopter owned by the Oregon Journal crashed near the city late today and the newspaper's news room announced one of the dead was Sam Jackson, grandson of the founder of the newspaper.

The other was identified as Ambrose Cronin Jr., a Portland wholesaler.

P. L. Jackson, publisher of the Journal, said the two men apparently had taken the helicopter into the air on a pleasure flight and presumably were circling near the Cronin residence when the plane fell to earth on a fairway of the nearby West Hills Golf Club.

The newspaper purchased the helicopter a year ago and operated the aircraft extensively in the Pacific northwest to speed photographs of important news events to the newspaper.

12 Girls, No Boys, But Not Disappointed

(By The Associated Press)

DUNN, B. C., Dec. 21—Mrs. I. J. Gilchrist, who said she made up her mind after the birth of her first daughter 25 years ago not to be disappointed if the next child wasn't a boy, gave birth Saturday to her 12th daughter.

Mrs. Gilchrist said she still wasn't disappointed.

The Gilchrists have no sons.

Italian Food Workers Strike Ends Suddenly

ROME, Dec. 21—A strike of some 300,000 food workers was settled tonight less than 48 hours after it had begun—assuring Italians that food stores would be open for Christmas provisioning.

The office of Labor Minister Amintore Fanfani said the workers—in stores, flour mills, spaghetti factories and similar establishments—have agreed to go back to their jobs on a promise of increases in wages and severance pay.

Conservatives Show New Spirit At Ottawa

(By Ross Munro)

OTTAWA, Dec. 21 —(CP)—The exceptional pre-Christmas meeting of the Canadian Parliament was an angry, frustrating curtain-raiser of things yet to come.

During the two weeks it sat, it failed to produce solid achievements measured by legislation passed, but simply saw the main critical issues facing the country go through the mill of preliminary debate.

The House of Commons and the Senate adjourned Friday until Jan. 26 and today members are scattering by train and plane to their constituencies.

This fourth session of the 20th Parliament was called earlier than usual to deal, according to Prime Minister Mackenzie King, with "urgent public business."

It also hoped it would make it possible for prorogation to come earlier next year.

But asthey left the Capital members generally were disappointed with what had been accomplished and many had doubts that prorogation would be speeded as a result.

With the country's economy endangered by a grave and growing shortage of United States dollars, the Government sought Parliamentary approval for its emergency measures which it had taken largely under order-in-council to try to cope with the situation.

Keynote of the program was restrictions against import of U. S. commodities to conserve U. S. dollars. These restrictions involved levying of excise on a range of articles.

From the opening hour of Parliament the Progressive Conservative Party, showing a new fighting spirit, vigorously attacked the Government on these emergency measures.

The attack was sustained. The Progressive Conservatives thought they gained a lot of political ground. But the Liberal Government still were solidly in the saddle, despite the frustrations of these two weeks.

The emergency legislation, however, is not yet adopted. The Government is still fighting its emergency battle by order-in-council.

Continuous Reefer Supply Is Promised

OTTAWA, Dec. 21— (Special)— Prior to leaving Ottawa for his home in Summerside this weekend, J. Watson MacNaught, Liberal member for Prince, sought and obtained assurances from Transport Minister Chevrier, and top C.N.R. officials that there would be a continuous supply of reefer cars at key points in Prince Edward Island to move potato shipments to southern United States and other points where firm orders have been concluded.

"Mr. Chevrier informs me that United States railway companies have sent up a number of reefers to take care of certain potato shipments to Florida and other points in the southern United States," Mr. MacNaught told The Guardian shortly before boarding the train for the Maritimes Saturday afternoon. "In addition, reefers carrying perishables to Saint John and Halifax are being routed to Prince Edward Island after discharging their loads."

Mr. MacNaught explained that on December 15 there was a total of 225 reefers on the Island, which is 25 cars more than the normal number at this season. Usually, he said, the Canadian National Railways try to have 200 cars available for potato shipments at this time of the year, a number which takes care of three days full loading.

Western Beef Shipments

This week-end, trains of refrigerator cars carrying cargoes of western beef for shipment to Great Britain are speeding to the Maritimes through Eastern Canada to make connections with one of the larger food-carrying boats now docked at Halifax. When unloaded, such of these cars as are deemed necessary will be routed across Northumberland Strait.

At the request of potato growers and shippers of the Province, Mr. MacNaught first came to Ottawa in the latter part of November to discuss the reefer car question with Mr. Chevrier and railway officials. It was recognized at that time that P.E.I. certified seed was a commodity which brought a considerable volume of United States dollars to Canada and hence was entitled to special consideration in the matter of refrigerator cars.

Mr. MacNaught expressed the view that in the light of present commitments made by the Canadian National Railways, there is no danger of cancellation of orders for P.E.I. certified seed for southern United States points. The U. S. market for seed remains firm and under present conditions, it is probable that deliveries will be made as speedily or more so this

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Find No Clue To Missing Youths

LIVERPOOL, N. S., Dec. 21—(CP)—Police Chief Ray Helpard said today no clue had been found in the search for four youths missing in the woods at nearby Port Mouton since they left on a rabbit hunting trip last Thursday.

Land parties combed the thick woods in the area and a plane equipped with loudspeaker flew overhead during the week-end but found no trace of the four teenagers.

The missing youths, Burton Westhaver, Jimmy Woodsworth, Jimmy Rogers and Winnie Oickle, carried provisions for only one day.

Motion Picture Producer Dies

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 21 —(AP)— Death came early today to Mark Hellinger, 44, who in a little more than 20 years, rose from a newspaper reporter in New York, to become one of Hollywood's most prolific motion picture producers. He died at 1:45 A.M., his physician, Dr. Stephen R. Elek said, from coronary thrombosis.

Hellinger had complained of ill health, friends said, as far back as last summer after his return from New York where he finished supervising finishing touches to his latest picture "The Naked City." The story is a tale of New York City life, a theme Hellinger handled in much the style of the late O. Henry.

Last week Hellinger flew to Sun Valley, Idaho for conferences with Ernest Hemingway on adapting some of the author's books to the film. Saturday night, the producer's lawyer, Martin Gang said, he began suffering severe chills. Mrs. Hellinger, (the former Gladys Glad, former Broadway Follies beauty) becoming alarmed, hurried him to hospital where he died a few hours later.

The Hellingers have two adopted children, Mark 6 and Gladys 5.

Capt. Walters Is Awarded Damages

HALIFAX, Dec. 21 —(CP)—General damages of $3,500 were awarded Capt. Angus Walters, famed master of the racing schooner Bluenose, in a libel action against Hearst Magazines Inc., in a judgment handed down Saturday by Sir Joseph Chisholm, Chief Justice of the Nova Scotia Supreme Court.

Sir Joseph said Capt. Walters had not claimed any special damage but considering the terms of the magazine article he was entitled to general damages.

Capt. Walters claimed Cosmopolitan, a Hearst publication, had carried certain false and malicious statements concerning him.

The magazine quoted an unnamed resident of Lunenburg, N. S., the skipper's hometown, as saying "a well - known sea-captain" had "cursed the Lord" and was "living ashore delivering milk." The blasphemy was said to have occurred when a woman touched the wheel of the famous schooner, in violation of an ancient sea tradition that a woman must not con a ship.

Sir Joseph said he found the "statements were and are grossly false.

GANDHI WANTS GOAT

NEW DELHI, Dec. 21 — (AP) — Mohandas Gandhi is in the market for a new goat to supply him an essential part of his diet - goat's milk. Nirmala, famed goat of Gandhi the last seven years, died at Wardha in the Central Provinces, a dispatch from there said today.

Tugs Sent To Aid Of Two Ships In Distress

HALIFAX, Dec. 21 —(CP)—The ocean - going tug Foundation Josephine cleared from here yesterday to go to the aid of the disabled freighter Brockley Hill 900 miles northeast of Bermuda while the salvage ship Foundation Franklin was expected to leave Sydney, N.S., to aid the British ship Samtruth, in trouble in the same area.

The 7,000-ton British ship Brockley Hill asked for a tow after a shaft coupling bolt snapped. The 7,200-ton Samtruth, only about 100 miles from the Brockley, reported she had lost a propellor.

Britain's Beer To Take Another Cut

LONDON, Dec. 21— (AP)—Britain's beer must take another cut with the year's end—this time in quantity rather than quality. The Brewers' Association announced that reduction of sugar allocations would mean curtailment in beer output equivalent to nine pints out of every 144-pint barrel. On previous reductions of ingredients, the industry turned out weaker beer to help maintain supplies.

Pope Urges Prayers For World Peace

By John P. McKnight

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 21 —(AP) —Pope Pius called Saturday for prayers for world order and assailed, in words as biting as any he ever has used, those agitators who stir up man against man "in seditions and tumults."

In a 1,100-word encyclical "Optatissima Pax" (most desired peace) the Pontiff declared his hatred threatens "to undermine and overturn the very foundations" of nations.

Although he named no names, it was clear to all who read his Christmastide message to the hierarchy of the Roman Catholic Church that he had in mind the Communists of France and Italy when he said:

"There are not lacking those who aggravate and batten on the misery of the proletarian classes and hence obstruct those noble forces with which, with strict order and with justice, the rebuilding of fortunes now dispersed is attempted."

The encyclical was the latest of the many appeals for peace the Pope has addressed to the world since his coronation March 12, 1939—six months before the outbreak of the greatest war in history.

Even as the encyclical was made public, new Leftist-led labor trouble harassed the Italian Government. A country-wide strike in the food industries began and riots broke out in Naples and in Sicily.

Eight Days In Box Car Without Water

(By The Associated Press)

FORT SMITH, Ark., Dec. 21—A man who spent eight days and nights without food or water while locked in a box car said Saturday "I feel like I can never get enough water."

At a hospital, where he is recovering from effects of his experience, Earl Harrison, 24, told newspapermen "I never did feel particularly hungry, but the thirst was terrible."

Harrison, suffering from malnutrition and frostbite, was found in the lumber-loaded car when it was opened here Friday.

He said he climbed into the car at Wells, Nev., Dec. 11, thinking it was going to Ogden, Utah. He had planned to return to Saginaw, Michigan, after quitting his job with the Southern Pacific Railroad on the Ogden-Wells Division.

Americans To Seek Steel Scrap In Germany

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21—(AP)— An eight-man mission will go to Germany this month to hunt iron and steel scrap that can be brought back to relieve a bottleneck in steel production in the United States.

Commerce Secretary Harriman announced today the industry-government mission will sail from New York Dec. 30.

Former Islander Settles Threatened Strike In U.S.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21—(AP)— A spokesman for A.F.L. unions in the Western Union system said tonight a settlement of the threatened telegraph strike was "buttoned up" and would be announced by conciliation director Cyrus Ching shortly.

The statement was made at 10:15 p.m. EST.

The Union representative said word of the settlement would reach the 50,000 A.F.L. members in 3,000 telegraph offices through newspapers and radio. They planned to go out by Tuesday, cutting off Christmas telegraph service in support of a demand for a raise of 15 cents an hour.

Ching, a native of Prince Edward Island, went into conference with his colleagues in the service at 10:15 p.m., presumably to formulate the announcement. Company negotiators insisted as late as 9:30 p.m. that they had made no agreement.

While neither side would discuss details of the proposed settlement, it was learned from persons close to the negotiations that it called for submitting the dispute over wages and the company's ability to pay to a fact-finding board.

New Fast Freight To Eastern Ports

MONCTON, Dec. 22 — To facilitate the movement to eastern ports of Canada's export traffic, a new fast daily freight service between Montreal and Halifax and Saint John has been put into operation by the Canadian National Railways. The new service was announced here today by J.H. Norton, traffic manager of the C.N.R.'s Atlantic Region.

The new manifest trains, which will carry export traffic exclusively, will leave Montreal at 8.30 p.m. daily. Second sections will follow as the volume of traffic offers, said Mr. Norton. The export freight is directed to Halifax and Saint John at Moncton, according to the demands of shipping facilities at the two points.

The new fast freight service was inaugurated by the C.N.R. to expedite the movement of the increasing volume of shipments overseas from these Maritime ports.

FORMER EDITOR DIES

LONDON, Dec. 21 — (AP) — Walter George Fish, 73, former editor of the London Daily Mail, died today.

Russia Solidifies Grip On Germany

(By Lynn Heinzerling)

BERLIN, Dec. 21 — (AP)—The Russian military administration moved swiftly today to solidify its hold on Eastern Germany for whatever eventualities the failure of the Big Four Foreign Ministers' conference in London may bring.

The Russians fired the two leaders of the Christian Democratic Union (C.D.U.) in the Russian zone Saturday. These party leaders, Jakob Kaiser and Ernest Lemmer, were opponents of the Nazi regime and took part in the unsuccessful 1944 assassination plot against Hitler.

The Christian Democratic Union had been tolerated only as "opposition" window dressing in the Russian occupation area. The Union is a middle-of-the road party with strong church backing.

The Russians also have informed the Union that the licence of Wilhelm Gries, chief editor of the party's Berlin newspaper Neue Zeit, has been withdrawn and a new editor is being installed.

The Russians had cut the permitted circulation of the paper to 50,000 Friday as a sign of their displeasure. The circulation was restored Saturday to its original figure of 100,000 in the Russian order.

Although Kaiser and Lemmer declined to say what they would do in the face of the Russian order, it was obvious that their party had lost its independence in the Russian zone.

Some observers said the Russians would seek to maintain the Union with the help of a number of dissident factions but that the present organization obviously was doomed to dissolution.

This would leave the Communist-controlled Socialist Unity Party (Sed) as the one political organization of significance in the zone. The only other political party permitted there is the Liberal Democratic, which is small and practically without an independent voice.

Kaiser and Lemmer, who had held the confidence of other leaders of their party in the Soviet zone, came into disfavor when the Christian Democratic Union declined to take part formally in the recent Communist-controlled "people's congress" in Berlin.

The "Congress" was staged by the Socialist Unity Party during the Foreign Ministers' meeting in London to bolster Communist demands concerning Germany's political future. Kaiser and Lemmer took the position the "congress" was not representative of the German people, as claimed by its supporters. The "congress" named delegates to go to London to present views to the Foreign Ministers, but Britain refused them entrance visas.

Shipowners Call Possible Walkout Illegal

MONTREAL, Dec. 21 — (CP)— Members of the Canadian Merchant Service Guild on both coasts prepared today for a possible strike in the face of a statement from the shipowners that such action is illegal under Canadian law.

Capt. S. J. Fisher, agent for the Guild and William Doherty, national secretary-treasurer, arrived in Halifax yesterday to organize deck, engine and wireless officers in the event of a strike. Guild members in Vancouver began taking a strike vote yesterday.

The Guild's 1,500 members are seeking 15 per cent wage increase and a work week of 40 hours in port and 56 hours at sea. Capt. Fisher charged the shipowners "are trying to impose on officer personnel a work week in port of 84 hours."

The Shipping Federation of Canada, in a statement released here yesterday, said it could not understand a statement by Guild officers the previous night threatening to tie up Canadian shipping in Halifax and Saint John.

The shipowners' statement, released by Federation president A. W. MacCallum, traced the course of negotiations held here during the last two weeks between the owners and the Guild in the presence of Mr. Justice D. A. McNiven, Government commissioner.

The Federation statement said the shipowners' proposals "were designed to provide substantial increases to all their officers."

"Negotiations with the officers' representatives were carried on day and night before Mr. Justice McNiven until Dec. 17 when Judge McNiven adjourned the hearings until Jan. 8," the statement said. "This adjournment wasn't sought by the employers concerned.

"In view of the postion. . . the companies cannot understand Capt. Fisher's statement to the press and his threat to tie up shipping at Saint John and Halifax, particularly as under Canadian law it is illegal for either party to take direct action whilst negotiations are proceeding and before the required time has elapsed after the commissioner has rendered his report."

At present there are 16 Canadian steamships in Halifax and six in Vancouver which would be affected by a walkout.

NOW ITS "KOANGO"

The English language has been renamed "Koango" in one Japanese Malayan area.

TORONTO, Dec. 21 — (CP) — Minimum and maximum temperatures:—Vancouver 35, 48; Edmonton 7, 23; Regina 6, 14; Winnipeg 4B, 18; Ottawa 28, 37; Montreal 10, 16; Quebec 9, 15; Moncton 3, 20; Halifax 17, 27; Charlottetown 19, 23; Sydney —, 28; Yarmouth 23, 31.

HALIFAX, Dec. 21—Official inland forecasts issued by the Dominion Weather Office at Halifax and valid from 11 p.m. Sunday until midnight Monday.

Synopsis:

It was cloudy with occasional snow over the Maritimes Sunday Temperatures ranged from 15 degrees in the northern sections to 30 in the southern regions. No important changes are expected for Monday.

Regional forecasts:—

Prince Edward Island: Cloudy with intermittent snow. Not much change in temperature. Light winds increasing Monday to northwest 15. Low early Monday morning and high in the afternoon at Charlottetown 18 and 25.

High tide this morning at 5.0 and this afternoon at 5.42.

Sun sets this afternoon at 4.5 and rises tomorrow morning at 7.36.

Full moon December 27th, 3.1 P. M.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.