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BRITISH COMMONS TO DEBATE COAL SITUATION

No Details On Potato Contract

(By The Canadian Press)

OTTAWA, Feb. 6 — Agriculture Minister Gardiner told the Commons today he had no further information to give at the moment on the new agreement for the sale of surplus Canadian potatoes to Britain.

Yesterday, when he announced the arrangement, Mr. Gardinr said details would be released within 24 hours.

Replying to H.H. Hatfield (PC-Victoria Carleton), Mr. Gardiner said he hoped there would not be too much discussion, "outside without full information as to what has been done".

The discussions were based upon difficulties that arise because of potato diseases and it would be unfortunate if anything were said that might make it difficult to get the contract finally signed."

New Gold Field Seen Very Rich

(By The Associated Press)

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, Feb. 6—Geologists estimated today that the new gold strike at Odendaalstrust, which they said yielded 95 ounces of gold a ton at 4,886 feet depth, would produce more in a few years than the whole Rand field did in 60 years.

The strike came only 10 months after a find, three-quarters of a mile to the west, yielded 62 ounces a ton at 3,922 feet.

The new strike brightened the geologists' picture of prehistoric waves washing gold dust on the ancient shore to a width of at least three quarters of a mile before countless centuries covered it with earth and lava.

Earlier borings indicated that the lake's shore ran far north of Odendaalstrust. It has been plotted over a distance of about 30 miles north and south. Geologists say this is enough to justify at least 10 mines.

Freezing Weather Kills Florida Crops

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 6—Freezing weather killed crops and chilled tourists in Florida today as another frigid air mass began overspreading the cold-benumbed eastern half of the United States.

For most of the country, a frigid week-end was in prospect. And, unless meteorological conditions change, a weather scientist predicted, the United States can expect more of the same for the next several weeks.

Crop losses running into the millions were suffered when a cold wave of unexpected severity brought freezing weather deep into southern Florida last night. Some 40,000 acres of tomatoes, beans and squash were reported destroyed.

EDMONTON, Feb. 6 — (CP) — Plans are complete for the first winter camp in Canadian reserve army history which will take place in the Wainwright area Feb. 17-28, it was announced from headquarters of Western Command today.

Coming Events

"Ice races at Oyster Bed Monday, Feb. 10.

"Crapaud card party and dance Friday, Feb. 7.

"Legion Dance in Flat River Hall Feb. 7. Door prize.

"Kinkora Dance. Good music and lunch, Friday, February 7th.

"Look for the special sale at Bernard's Store, Bradalbane, February 6th—7th—8th.

"Hockey East Royalty rink tonight, Royals vs. Walker's Bearcats. Skate after.

"Come to the Dance in Parkdale Hall Friday, February 7th. MacKenzie's Orchestra. Admission 25c.

"Horse races New Glasgow River, Saturday afternoon, Feb. 8th.

"Playoff game, New Glasgow rink tonight, Hope River vs. North Rustico. Owing to uncertainty of electricity, game will start at 8 o'clock.

Urges Waterfront At S'side Be Cleaned Up

Potato Order From Britain Discussed At Meeting Of Board Of Trade.

Speaking for the Tourist Committee at a meeting of the Summerside Board of Trade, Mr. Alan Holman, the chairman, made a strong plea last night that the local Board take some definite action towards cleaning up the Summerside waterfront and making it an attraction for tourists, instead of being as it is now a decided liability.

The waterfront could be beautiful, the speaker continued. Instead, at low tide old tins cans and all manner of refuse are in evidence. He pointed out that all this could and should be cleaned up. Unless something is done very soon "we will be out on a limb."

The proposed paving of all the main highways of the Province would result in Summerside being by-passed in favor of other points with much more meagre tourist possibilities and "we have to do something to provide attractions to compete with other places."

Mr. Donald Baker contended that unless Summerside was made a suitable place for tourists to stay that any expenses put on the waterfront would be lost. From a tourist point of view, "we want a hotel suitable for this purpose," Mr. Holman said. "If we have not the attractions, no one, at least, no outside interests would consider erecting such a hotel. First we must do something for ourselves before anyone will do anything for us."

The meeting was presided over by the re-elected president, W.M. Mellish, who expressed his appreciation at the unusually large attendance. All committees were appointed for the coming year.

Discuss Potato Order

Mr. Harrison McFarlane, chairman of the agricultural committee referred to the order from Britain for two million bushels of potatoes and said that any assistance his committee could get from the Board in arranging for transportation would be much appreciated.

Mr. Mellish said he understood that the first shipment of potatoes to England would be from Saint John but that later on steamers would call direct for the cargoes. It was suggested that farmers shipping potatoes for the first shipment, which leaves Saint John, could store them in the warehouse on the Marine Wharf.

Mr. John E. Campbell said he believed they could be stored there after March 15th without danger of being frozen. Due to the impossibility of getting sufficient railway cars to take care of the potato shipments, storing the potatoes there and shipping by boat to Saint John was felt to be the best possible solution.

In order to facilitate as early an opening of the harbor as possible for this purpose it was suggested that the arrangements should be made to have the car ferry brought in to break up the barrier of ice which usually forms outside the harbor and prevents vessels from enter-

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HITLER PICTUREMAN JAILED FOR 10 YEARS

Heinrich Hoffman, 63, Hitler's personal photographer, has been sentenced to 10 years at hard labor by a German denazification court and stripped of his personal fortune, estimated at 9,000,000 marks. The prosecution said Hoffman was to pictures what "Goebbels and Hans Fritzsche were by word of mouth"—top propagandists for the Nazi party. Hoffman contended he was a photographer only to make money, and that his prints extolling high Nazis were not propagandistic.

Ontario Man To Hang April 19

SARNIA, Ont., Feb. 6 —(CP)— Joseph Taylor, 26, tonight was found guilty of murder in the slaying of his wife and was sentenced to be hanged on April 19.

The 26-year-old foundry worker was charged following the death of his wife Rita in hospital here last Nov. 30, allegedly from effects of a beating administered by her husband in their cabin home at nearby Baxter's Beach the previous evening after both had been drinking with neighbors in Sarnia and in their home.

The jury was out for nearly five hours.

Taylor, a foundry worker, showed no emotion as sentence was passed by Mr. Justice E. R. E. Chevrier, at conclusion of a nine-day trial.

In Lunan Appeal Judgment Reserved

TORONTO, Feb. 5 — Ontario Court of Appeal today reserved judgment on the appeal of David Gordon Lunan of Ottawa against a five-year penitentiary sentence imposed in Ottawa following his conviction on a conspiracy charge arising from activities of the Russian-sponsored espionage ring. Judge A. G. McDougall passed sentence on Lunan in Ottawa last Nov. 18.

U. S. Minister To Great Britain Dies

NEW YORK, Feb. 6 — (AP) — Eight hours before he was to sail for Great Britain as United States ambassador to the court of St. James, O. Max Gardner died in his hotel suite today, stricken with an attack of coronary thrombosis.

Expressions of grief and shocked surprise were voiced at the death of the 64-year-old former undersecretary of the treasury and onetime North Carolina governor.

At the White House, which first announced Gardner's death, President Truman said "I have lost a loyal and devoted personal friend and the country has lost a great American."

James F. Byrnes, former secretary of state and a close friend of Gardner, said at Tryon, N.C., that "his death is a great loss to the nation and to the state he loved so well."

At Raleigh, N.C., Josephus Daniels, former secretary of the navy, was "distressed beyond measure at the sudden death of one of my oldest and dearest friends."

Gardner, a huge, hearty, sports-loving man who starred as a college football player, had come here Tuesday preparatory to boarding the liner America at noon today for his London post, to which he was appointed last Dec. 3.

He dined with friends in his suite last night and retired about 10 o'clock. At 3 a.m. he was stricken. A hotel physician summoned a heart specialist, who ordered Gardner placed in an oxygen tent. Death came at 8:26.

With him were Mrs. Gardner and a son, Ralph, who were to sail with him; Fred Morrison, his law partner, and Mrs. Morrison.

Gardner, active in politics for 40 years, was hailed as an "articulate and expert advocate of American democratic capitalism" and a "persuasive champion of business enterprise," at the time of his diplomatic appointment.

His selection was viewed by Washington observers as evidence that the Truman administration expected economic matters to loom large in Anglo-American relations in the next few years.

Gardner was reported to have amassed a fortune of more than a $1,000,000 in law practice, textile manufacturing and farming.

Cough Saves Family

Coughing of seven-months-old Roddy Goplin of Winnipeg, shown with his mother, Mrs. Stanley C. Goplin, saved the house from burning down and the family from possible death. The cough came at 1 a. m. and awakened the baby's parents, who found the house full of smoke and flames licking past their bedroom door.

Criticizes Cut In Armed Forces

OTTAWA, Feb. 6 —(CP)—Maj.-Gen. G.R. Pearkes, V.C., Progressive Conservative member for Nanaimo in British Columbia, in the Commons today vigorously criticized Government plans for reducing the strength of peacetime armed forces and said that under existing plans it would take the Dominion six months to place a division in the field.

Gen. Pearkes, veteran of the two world wars, warned that Canada likely would be a major battlefield in a third world war and said that the Dominion should have forces ready which could take the first shock of attack while awaiting the arrival of other United Nations armies.

Would Hurt Farmers

TORONTO, Feb. 6 — (CP) — W.R. Reek, acting president of the Ontario Agricultural College, told the Canadian Jersey Cattle Club today that if oleomargarine were put on the Canadian market it would decrease the farmer's purchasing power by cutting off returns from the sale of butter.

Power Rationing In Ch'town Has Ended

Electric power rationing in Charlottetown ended at 8.07 last night and the city began to return to normal after five days of semi-darkness.

The Maritime Electric Company announced that its largest turbine, laid up for repairs since Saturday night, was back in service. Officials of the company said they were "keeping our fingers crossed" and the machine would not be given clearance papers for a few days. However, it appeared to be working well and barring accidents electric service should be continuous now.

But the power shortage will not be over definitely until a new turbo-generator is delivered from England, probably within a month or two. Latest word of the big machine was that shipment would be made in March. Then installation will require several weeks.

Mr. V.A. Ainsworth said that because of re-construction at the plant, it would not be possible to operate all three turbines. One of the two smaller ones would have to be left idle as arrangements were made to move it to a new location to make room for the larger machine. However, the repairs made to the large turbine should make it work more satisfactorily and cause fewer temporary power failures.

Now citizens can put away the coal oil lamps they had used as a standby this week. So great was the demand for auxiliary equipment that the supply of oil lamps and lanterns was almost exhausted and yesterday it was almost impossible to buy candles. Several

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Dies While Visiting Son

Mrs. Margaret Jones, 67, of Kentville, N.S., died here yesterday following a heart attack while visiting her son, Garrett.

A native of Stellarton, N. S., Mrs. Jones was widow of the late John H. Jones.

Survivors include four sons, Greig of Moncton, N.B.; Burnham of Truro, N.S.; J. H. MacIntosh of Stellarton, N.S.; and Garrett of Charlottetown; and a sister, Mrs. Hugh Ross of New Glasgow, N. S.

Renovating And Redecorating Of Ch'town Hotel

Renovating of the interior decorations of the public rooms in the Charlottetown Hotel is now under way in anticipation of the forthcoming tourist season and as presenting the first opportunity to perform this work since the war years, declared W. Gordon Foster, popular manager of the hotel, in an interview yesterday. The rooms being renovated at this time are the lounge, dining and writing rooms, the vestibule of the main entrance and the lobby, all in flat tone.

The dining room presents a very pleasing appearance with the ceiling done in new Caen stone and walls of sea sand. Wainscoating and mouldings are in taupe and gold.

In the lounge the ceilings are light cream with the beams done in modified biege and wiped to a lighter color to bring out the figure work.

As the guest enters the lobby, he sees a decided contrast with the ceiling in new Caen stone, walls of medium blue and pillars in light mural gray with crimson and gold trim.

Latest Innovation

The vestibule of the main entrance has the ceiling done in Caen stone with walls of light mural gray and the wainscoating in walnut trim flex-wood and dark tan. Flex-wood is the latest innovation in interior decorating and is a new development in treating woodwork, being practically a veneer of real hardwood adapted to affixing to woodwork already in place.

In the writing room the ceiling

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Parliament At A Glance

(By The Canadian Press)

External Affairs Minister St. Laurent said it still is uncertain whether Canada will submit special representations in the Austrian peace.

Works Minister Fournier said charwomen employed in the public service will get a better deal.

Maj.-Gen. G. R. Pearkes, V. C. (P. C.—Nanaimo) criticized Government plans for reducing the strength of peacetime forces.

First reading was given a half-dozen bills for extending wartime controls.

A dozen speakers participated in the Throne Speech debate.

In the Upper Chamber, Senator W. D. Euler (L—Ontario) introduced a bill to allow the manufacture and sale of margarine products. Friday.

The Commons will continue the Throne Speech debate. The Senate will not sit.

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Hundreds Of Officials In Line Here For Boost In Salaries This Year

OTTAWA, Feb. 6 — (Special) — Several hundred Federal civil servants in Prince Edward Island are in line for salary increases this year, The Guardian learned today from the Civil Service Commission.

Action of Finance Minister Douglas Abbott in lifting the wartime ban on reclassifications automatically makes both individual civil servants and groups engaged in similar work eligible for reclassification and upward salary revision, Commission officials said.

Total number of Federal civil servants in Prince Edward Island has dropped from the wartime peak of 1,000 to approximately 700, and of these between 400 and 500 come within the terms of Mr. Abbott's new "unfreezing" order. Prior to obtaining increases, civil servants must be recommended for reclassification by their branch heads and subsequently by deputy ministers of departments. The order does not apply to temporary or seasonal government employees.

"The majority of civil servants in Prince Edward Island," the Civil Service Commission secretary said, "are in the Post Office, Agriculture and National Revenue Departments, with smaller numbers in Public Works and Fisheries. Those affected will be chiefly in the $2,100 to $4,000 a year categories who have not received either the benefits afforded the lower income grades or those previously accorded to technical scientific personnel."

Machinery for reclassification of Dominion civil servants all across the country is ready to go into action, he added, and reclassifications will be put through as speedily as cases can be reviewed by the staff. Increases through reclassifications and "unit surveys" are expected to be more than sufficient to meet the rising cost of living.

Senator McKeen

Prince Edward Island has a new friend in the Senate in the person of Stanley Stewart McKeen, Vancouver industrialist recently ap-

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ENGLAND-BOUND

A blinded English war bride, who came to settle in Canada with her husband, finds the adjustment too difficult and is returning with her Canadian husband to England early in February. Mary Martin of Eastbourne was blinded by a German bomb after her engagement to George Aikenbrack of Napanee, then a Hastings and Prince Edward regiment sergeant. They were married when George returned from the continent, and reached Canada 10 months ago. But housework in a strange country is too much for her. The couple, shown above, are sailing back to England on the Queen Elizabeth's next crossing, Feb. 5.

Eleven Killed In Plane Crash

MADRID, Feb. 6 —(CP)—Three passengers and eight crew members were killed today when a Cuban airliner crashed at Pedro Bernardos in the Gredos Mountain Range about 100 miles west of Madrid, Reuters News Agency reported tonight.

The plane was travelling from Lisbon to Madrid.

Attlee Cabinet Member Dies

LONDON, Feb 6 — Ellen Wilkinson, "Beloved rebel" of the Labor Party whose flaming hair and fiery oratory enlivened the British political scene for more than two decades died today. She was Minister of Education, the second women in British history to hold a cabinet office.

Her death from a heart attack less than 24 hours after she was taken to hospital for bronchitis brought tributes from Prime Minister Attlee and Opposition leader Winston Churchill. Attlee praised her "burning sympathy" for the suffering and Churchill lauded her "fearless and vital" earnestness in the cause she championed.

Her death was the first in the Attlee cabinet.

She had never disclosed her age, but Debrett's peerage, a leading biographical authority gave it as 55.

Liberals Wind Up Meeting

OTTAWA, Feb. 6 —(CP)—The National Liberal Federation wound up a two-day convention today with closed sessions at which a number of resolutions were endorsed and which saw J. Gordon Fogo of Halifax re-elected as president.

Federation officials said contents of the resolutions dealt with at today's session would not be released until some future date.

Expect Housing Project For Halifax

HALIFAX, Feb. 6 — (CP) — After conferences with Maj.-Gen H.A. Young, president of Wartime Housing Limited, Mayor J.E. (Gee) Ahern said tonight he believed Halifax would soon embark on a "large program of permanent housing."

The mayor said he would meet with representatives of small builders to discuss a building program of low-cost houses. Next week, he said, he would submit to City Council three alternative sites for construction of housing units by Housing Enterprises Limited which was "ready to start as soon as the frost gets out of the ground."

Sask. Communities Face Coal Shortage

REGINA, Feb. 6 — (CP) — All communities on the wheat plains of southern Saskatchewan, harried by another 50-mile-an-hour blizzard tonight, faced imminent lack of coal, some with only a two-day supply left.

Snowdrift-blocked railway cars were ready at Regina to take coal to the Fort Sain tuberculosis sanitorium 40 miles northeast of here, where some 500 patients have only two days supply of coal left. Temperatures are expected to drop around 30 degrees below zero tonight.

Plans were made for an emergency trip by another route and R.C. Vaughan, Canadian National Railways president, said everything possible would be done to relieve the sanitorium coal shortage.

All schools excepting residential colleges were closed in Regina where Mayor Hugh McGillivary urged all non-essential businesses to close their doors until the crisis passed.

Officials said about 100 coal cars were stranded between various mines and the city awaiting locomotives, many of which are tied up by the drifts which have paralyzed transportation in the province.

A few cars arrived here today but there was difficulty in unloading at the yards due to the deep drifts.

Roads were completely blocked in southern Saskatchewan.

The same condition prevailed in western and southern Manitoba where a blizzard last night disrupted communications.

Paralysis Of Industry Spreading

BY STEWART UNDERHILL

LONDON, Feb 6 — (CP) — The House of Commons scheduled a special debate tomorrow on coal as the creeping paralysis arising from unprecedented winter storms and the serious coal crisis extended to more sections of Britain's life today.

The Ministry of Fuel suspended coal loadings on ships leaving northwest ports for foreign destinations, cutting off Ireland from its industrial fuel.

Fifty-one coal ships braved a North Sea gale to bring 100,000 tons of coal to fuel-starved industries along Britain's east coast, but 26 others still were immobilized in South Wales and northeast ports.

The South Metropolitan Gas Company, second largest in the London area, reduced pressure 15 per cent because of the coal famine.

In addition, more factories were closing and railways were virtually embargoing all freight except coal.

At least two Canada-bound ships—the liners Vasconia and Valacia—are affected by the bunkering ban. Officials hoped the ships would sail as scheduled next week but dockside reports said coal from Valacia was being shifted to the Vasconia, apparently with the hope of getting at least one of the ships away.

The Cabinet is believed to be considering an emergency plan for the distribution of what meagre stocks are available, giving first call to power undertakings until the weather improves and enables more stocks to be moved from pitheads.

The Air Ministry today predicted that the cold snap would continue for several days.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Feb. 6 — (AP) — An invitation "take one home now" was attached to a vacuum cleaner in a show window of Jamiel Furniture Store. It was accepted. Thieves last night took the vacuum cleaner and the sign along with about $1,000 worth of other material.

VANCOUVER, Feb. 6 — (CP) — Trapped in their kennel when an oil heater exploded, 10 pedigreed dogs died in a fire at the home of Mrs. E.N. Dyson here yesterday. It was the second kennel fire here this week, 118 dogs dying when flames swept their frame building in North Vancouver.

TORONTO, Feb. 6 —(CP) — Minimum and maximum temperatures: Vancouver 30, 44; Victoria 41, 46; Edmonton 4, 2 below; Regina 1, 2 below; Winnipeg 10 below, 2; Toronto 8, 19; Ottawa 13 below, 14; Montreal 1 below, 15; Quebec 2 below, 10; Saint John 20, 27; Moncton 26, 27; Halifax 27, 32; Charlottetown 31, 31; Sydney 83, 35; Yarmouth 23, 26.

HALIFAX, Feb. 6 —(C P)— Weather synopsis and official inland forecasts issued by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax at 11:15 p.m. Thursday.

Synopsis:

Temperatures are near normal tonight over the district and no great change is expected on Friday. Generally cloudy weather with snow flurries is expected over the district, during the night and Friday:

Prince Edward Island:

Variable cloudiness with snow flurries. Not much change in temperatures. Southwesterly winds 15. High Friday at Charlottetown 33.

High tide at noon and tonight at 12.37.

Sun sets this afternoon at 5.16 and rises tomorrow morning at 7.12.

Last quarter moon Feb. 12, 4.58 p.m.

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