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17 DEAD, 28 "UNREPORTED" IN QUEBEC FIRE

Social Evening Held At Prince Of Wales College

A social evening was held in Prince of Wales College Hall last night for students attending the agriculture, carpentry, fisheries and domestic science short courses. Mr. W. R. Shaw, deputy minister of agriculture and director of the youth training work in this Province presided.

Included in the program were short addresses by Mr. Shaw, Hon. W. H. Dennis, minister of agriculture, His Worship Mayor P. W. Turner, Mr. F. P. Thompson, Ottawa youth training supervisor, Labor Department.

Group singing led by Sergeant Major Irlam together with student numbers provided an interesting and entertaining program consisting of instrumental selections, violin, guitar, piano, vocal solos, readings, step dancing and other forms of entertainment.

A very interesting motion picture was run off depicting progress in agriculture from a mechanical and electrical standpoint.

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BITTER BATTLE RAGES ALONG YANGTZE RIVER

Reinforced Chinese Forces Press Japanese Hard For Possession Of Wuhu.

(By The Associated Press)

SHANGHAI, Jan. 19.—(Wednesday)—Chinese and Japanese forces were reported engaged in a bitter fight today along the Yangtze River near where the United States gunboat Panay was sunk by the Japanese a month ago.

Chinese said two reinforced columns arrived in the vicinity of Wuhu and were pressing the Japanese hard for possession of the important river port.

They said Japanese rushed four boat-loads of troops to Wuhu to bolster their forces, while two Japanese warcraft shelled Chinese positions along the city.

Occupy Hoshien

Japanese reported a Japanese tank unit occupied Hoshien after killing 200 Chinese and driving out 500 others. The unit then advanced toward Hanshan.

Since Japanese troops held Hoshien last month the tank manoeuvre was interpreted as meaning possibly that Chinese re-captured the town for a time.

A Hong Kong dispatch indicated the Japanese were increasing their activities in South China. The dispatch said Japanese had warned British authorities that they planned to keep the Hong Kong-Canton road under bombardment and that any British subjects using the road would do so "at their own risk."

Reports Conflict

The Japanese announced they occupied Tengshien, about 150 miles south of Tsinan, Shantung capital, and insisted, despite Chinese claims, that Tsining, 120 miles south of Tsinan, remained in Japanese hands.

LOYALISTS ARE BEATEN BACK

Insurgent Forces Drive To Encircle Teruel.

HENDAYE, France, Jan. 18.—(AP)—Spanish insurgent authorities announced today their artillery had isolated Government troops at Teruel, except for a small corridor leading from the strategically important provincial capital to Valencia.

For the first time in three months the insurgents said, the Government soldiers fled before insurgent attacks at Santa Barbara and Mansueto, Government defence positions north of Teruel.

The government forces were reported by insurgents as driven across the Alfambra River in a push by insurgent columns from the Corredor which netted remaining heights north of the provincial capital, 160 miles east of Madrid.

Tear Gas Quells Prison Disturbance

WINNIPEG, Jan. 18.—Tear gas bombs were used to drive unruly prisoners from Headingley jail dining room last night, it was learned late today.

Headingley is the provincial jail situated 13 miles west of Winnipeg.

LATE NEWS FLASHES

CUTLER, Me., Jan. 18.—(AP)—Coast guard station reported sighting fires at night off Machias Seal Island, where the missing Portland fishing schooner Richard J. Numan, was last sighted yesterday. The craft was believed carrying a crew of 18.

BUCHAREST, Jan. 18.—(AP)—King Carol dissolved parliament tonight and ordered new elections to enable Romania to express approval or disapproval of the anti-Semitic, semi-Fascist policies of Premier Octavian Goga.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—(AP)—William Green, President of the American Federation of Labor, said tonight he would submit to the Federation's executive council next week requests from the British Trades Union Congress for endorsement of drastic international economic action against Japan. The A. F. of L. executive council is to meet at Miami, Fla., Jan. 24.

CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—(AP)—Scowling Peter Anders was rushed eastward to Chicago today in the custody of federal agents who seized him in Los Angeles for the kidnap-slaying of wealthy Charles S. Ross.

Cairo Gaily Decorated For Royal Wedding On Thursday

CAIRO, Egypt, Jan. 18.—(AP)—Slender, dark-eyed Farida Zulficar, who will become Egypt's second queen since Cleopatra, on Thursday, completed her pre-nuptial arrangements today.

The 16-year-old bride-to-be had her 46-gown trousseau packed and sent to Koubeh Palace where she and young King Farouk will live after their marriage.

From the time of Cleopatra, who was the country's ruler when Egypt passed under the domination of Rome in 3 B.C., there was no Queen of Egypt until Farouk's mother gained the title when her late

husband, Fuad, was proclaimed King in 1922.

Cairo gaily awaited the impending ceremony, which will be Egypt's first royal wedding since the days of the Pharaohs, for Fuad was married to Queen Nazi when he became king.

Farida planned to go to Koubeh Palace tomorrow to look at gifts from all parts of the Kingdom and abroad.

Meanwhile, 17-year-old Farouk received foreign diplomats bearing presents. Sir Miles Lampson, British ambassador, brought a letter of congratulation from King George.

Chautemps Forms New Government

Radical-Socialists Predominate In Cabinet

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PARIS, Jan. 19.—Camille Chautemps tonight formed a new French government composed of two ex-cabinet members of his own Radical-Socialist party—the most moderate group of the 19 months old coalition of left parties known as the Popular Front.

Whether his success in ending the five day political crisis precipitated by resignation of his previous government meant the doom of the Popular Front itself was not immediately clear. It was certain, however, that support of the Communists—one of the three main groups in the coalition—had been discarded.

The third big leftist party—the Socialists who have the largest single representation in the Chamber of Deputies—pledged parliamentary support to Chautemps but declined to enter his new cabinet.

There were nine Socialists in the first Chautemps cabinet and their resignation during a financial crisis was the immediate cause of the government's fall. The Socialist leader, Leon Blum, was vice-premier in Chautemps' first cabinet and himself headed the first Popular Front Cabinet.

A striking departure in the new government was creation of the post of minister of state to coordinate financial and economic affairs. This was given to Georges Bonnet, finance minister in the last government and champion of a free-money policy, the issue partly responsible for the dramatic end of the radical last Friday morning.

All Radical-Socialists in the last cabinet were retained, although some were shifted to new posts.

Robicheau Convicted Of Murder

Sentenced To Hang April 20 For Slaying Of Saint John Merchant.

(C.P. By Guardian's Special Wire)

SAINT JOHN, N. B., Jan. 18.—A verdict of guilty, with a recommendation for mercy, was reached this evening by a jury trying William Robicheau, 24, for the murder of Aaron N. Cohen, merchant who died from a bullet wound after an attempted hold up at his store Dec. 17.

Immediately after the verdict was reported Mr. Justice J. H. A. L. Fairweather sentenced Robicheau to be hanged April 20.

The jury deliberated two hours and a half.

The judge instructed the jury it must bring in a verdict of guilty or not guilty of murder. It could not return a manslaughter verdict, he ruled.

In his address to the jury Peter J. Hughes, Fredericton, senior crown counsel, declared the crown had presented "as complete and perfect a case as was ever presented before a jury."

Senior defence counsel G. Earle Logan contended that while Robicheau went into the store to rob the merchant the crime had nothing to do with the slaying. Robicheau had no intention of killing Cohen, he declared.

Lunenburg Fishing Fleet Tie-up Ended

(By The Canadian Press)

LUNENBURG, N. S., Jan. 18.—First vessel to leave for the Banks with the blessing of the Fishermen's Federation since that body tied up the Lunenburg fishing fleet Dec. 30, the schooner Harry W. Adams, Captain Arnold Parks, sailed late today.

Fishermen lined the waterfront and cheered as the schooner cast off her lines. Tomorrow the rest of the fleet, with bait and ice aboard and eager to make up for lost time, will sail one by one into the Atlantic.

Final obstacle to departure of the fleet was removed this afternoon. Telegrams from Maritime-National Fish, Limited of Halifax said that with labor troubles there settled, the firm was in a position to handle the fares of those Lunenburg vessels which previously had fished for them.

WILL DISCUSS DEFENCE AND TRADE ISSUES

Progress Made In Anglo-Irish Parley—Partition Question Raised.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—The present Anglo-Irish conference, described by one Irishman as a "preliminary canter over the course," will adjourn tomorrow without an agreement being reached but with the important questions of trade and defence to be followed up immediately.

The next stage will be consideration by experts of the points involved, preparatory to another formal meeting of the statesmen of Eire and the United Kingdom in London, probably within two months.

The question of partition, the rock on which the conference might have foundered, was laid aside today and will not be raised tomorrow. Instead defence and trade will be further aired before adjournment is taken.

Matters to be settled in regard to mutual defence of the neighboring islands presumably figured in a brief meeting between the noon and afternoon sessions today when Foreign Minister Eden talked with Prime Minister de Valera of Eire and Malcolm MacDonald, Dominions Secretary. Mr. Eden would be qualified to deal with defence in its international aspect while Mr. de Valera is minister for external affairs in the Eire Government.

Irish circles in London welcomed what they termed a significant editorial in the Irish Times (Dublin-Conservative) which suggested Viscount Craigavon, Prime Minister of Northern Ireland, make concessions to the Nationalist minority of that country. Northern Ireland's rigid opposition to any move towards reunification of Ireland has just been re-emphasized by Lord Craigavon's action in calling a February general election to obtain a popular mandate on the question.

Irish hopeful circles here were much cheered by a final settlement of Anglo-Irish problems than they had been for some time, without, however, expressing undue optimism.

American Woman Arrested In Moscow

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—(AP)—State Secretary Hull, receiving word from the Soviet Government that Mrs. Marie Rubens of New York City had been arrested in Moscow on suspicion of espionage, asked Soviet authorities tonight to permit a United States official to see her.

State Department spokesmen said the request was made so that a secretary of the American Embassy in Moscow could determine how she was being treated and whether her story of her detention corresponded with the Soviet version.

Counsel for Miss Constance Boeger of New York, sister of Mrs. Rubens, announced he would ask the secretary of state to arrange if possible that the prisoner be represented by counsel of her choice.

Committed To Trial On Murder Charge

(By The Canadian Press)

SHELBURNE, N. S., Jan. 18.—A 24-year-old fisherman from Stoney Island was committed today to stand trial in Supreme Court next June on a charge of murdering Warren Brown, 41-year-old merchant of the isolated island.

Ernie Ross appeared before Magistrate W. F. Lewis, and 16 witnesses testified before he was committed to the higher court. Dr. C. A. Webster of Yarmouth said Brown was admitted to hospital Jan 5, suffering from gunshot wounds. Fifty-seven pellets punctured his right side from the hip to the chest. He died early Jan. 7.

Cardenas Seeks End To Labor Trouble

ORIZABA, State of Veracruz, Mexico, Jan. 18.—(AP)—President Lazaro Cardenas conferred today with leaders of conflicting labor factions in an effort to prevent recurrence of a riotous strike which caused at least eight deaths.

The President sought permanent settlement of the conflict which, in a 24-hour strike, tied up virtually every key industry in the state of Veracruz and led to serious disorders. The strike ended at midnight last night, but now troubles threatened.

Students And Teachers Of Sacred Heart College Are Victims In Holocaust

Trapped By Flames Which Levelled St. Hyacinthe Institution—Unknown Death Toll.

By D. E. BURRITT Canadian Press Staff Writer

ST. HYACINTHE, Que., Jan. 18.—(CP)—The giant skeleton of Sacred Heart College yielded more bodies tonight, lifting the toll of its early morning fire to 17 known deaths as college authorities posted the significant word, "Unreported," against the names of 28 more men and boys.

There was nothing definite to indicate exactly how many students and teachers perished as sweeping flames engulfed the four-storey structure while its more than 100 occupants slept early today, but 16 bodies lay in the little morgue behind the town and another in hospital. And St. Hyacinthe feared.

The smoking pyre that was a \$500,000 college, its gaunt framework draped now in bulbous icicles, gave up the bodies one by one as the embers cooled from the fire. Searched and dismembered, virtually all the victims were unrecognizable.

IDENTIFICATION DIFFICULT

Up to tonight, only two of the dead were identified. Brother Jean Baptiste, 64, had died after breaking a leg in a fourth-storey leap for his life. Fifteen-year-old Joseph Vincent of St. Hyacinthe had been found dead in the wreckage of his school. The others went nameless.

All 17 were included in a list of 45 "unreported" teachers and pupils which the college officials made public tonight. That left 28 either sheltering in St. Hyacinthe homes, or gone to their own homes, or buried in the tons of steel and wood and masonry within the college's four bare walls.

22 IN HOSPITAL

In hospital there were 22 boys and Brothers, most of them bound in oil-soaked gauze. Some had broken arms or legs; many had leaped three or four floors to the ice-hard ground, goaded by the menacing flames. And some were in serious condition.

In the morgue, what remained of the other 16 was laid out on paper spread upon the floor. Pieces of bone, of burned flesh, scorched clothing, was all that could be found by firemen in frost-caked coats who piled most of the day through the debris.

ORIGIN UNKNOWN

Where the flames started no one knew. Gustave Gossy, one of the first firemen on the scene, said they originated in the "pool room". Others said there was what sounded like an explosion.

Several pupils said the building shook momentarily. Brother Rosaire, director of the college, felt what he thought was an "earthquake" as he was shaken from sleep.

Had it been an earthquake, there could have been little more of disaster. The red brick walls of the four-storey building were heaved out in five different places. Not a beam or support was left standing.

Steel window-frames dropped from their places into the snow, and the snow for a half mile around was blackened and dotted with debris. Trees within the school's hedged grounds caught great sheets of metal roofing as they drifted from the inferno.

DEBRIS PILED HIGH

Inside the walls was debris piled many feet high. Tons of brick, (Continued on page 7, Col. 7)

Ayrshire Men Discuss Bangs' Disease Control

Appoint Committee To Investigate Breeders Attitude Re Private Test.

A committee consisting of Messrs. Major MacRae, Charlottetown Royal and Milton Furness, Vernon, was appointed to compile data concerning cost of a private test for Bangs' Disease, at a meeting of the Prince Edward Island Ayrshire Breeders Club yesterday.

The information would be communicated to individual breeders in an endeavour to learn how many would be interested in making the test, the breeders in session decided. Part of the cost would probably be contributed by the Club while the Department of Agriculture would be requested to provide transportation for a veterinary in the event of the work being undertaken, the meeting decided.

The possibility of establishing here a disease-free area for all Canada was visualized by Mr. W. R. Shaw, deputy minister of agriculture in a short address. Some progress had already been made in that direction when tuberculosis had been eliminated from Island cattle. If Bangs' Disease could be entirely eliminated through a province-wide test, this area could become a propagating area for Canada. What it would mean to breeders in the rest of Canada and even in other countries of the world to know that here cattle could be purchased in an area completely free of diseases, which in some places are of great economic importance, was mentioned by the Deputy Minister. No other place in Canada was so adapted to the establishment of such an area and he would like to see the idea followed up, Mr. Shaw said. In the case of a general test for Bangs' Disease some such system of compensation to breeders who had re-actors as that employed in the test for TB was suggested.

Mr. Keith Boswell, Victoria, president of the Club presided at yesterday's meeting.

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HEART-BROKEN AFTER HEROIC RESCUE EFFORT

Rector Able To Identify Only One Of Fire Victims, Describes Awful Experience.

By LOUIS V. HUNTER Canadian Press Staff Writer

ST. HYACINTHE, Que., Jan. 18.—Brother Rosaire, his broad shoulders draped in borrowed clothes, sat in a small room outside the morgue in this manufacturing town today. Heavy of eye and his head bowed, he had come after a terrible night to assist in identification of bodies as they were recovered from the smouldering ruins of Sacred Heart College.

Rector of the institution destroyed early today, Brother Rosaire had crawled along the floor of the burning building to safety. He had helped the pupils as they scrambled from the inferno. He was ready now to help relatives of those unable to reach safety.

IDENTIFICATION IMPOSSIBLE

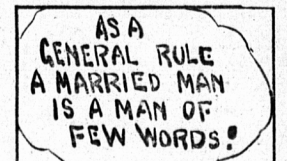
But of the four bodies brought to the morgue this afternoon he was able to identify only one. It was that of 15-year-old Joseph Vincent of St. Hyacinthe. One of the other bodies was burned beyond recognition and he was unable to identify the others, too scant clothing in which they were wrapped still smoking.

"I can't tell you how many are missing," he said. "There were about 100 pupils asleep in the dormitories. Five brothers definitely are known missing and at least 20 pupils."

Brother Rosaire, still wearing a heavy, black coat with a fur collar, said he didn't know how the fire could have started.

"The janitor, Quessnel, had made his round of inspection at one o'clock this morning. Everything was normal. When the fire broke out, he had time just to escape."

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(By The Canadian Press)

TORONTO, Jan. 18.—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Dawson 8b 2

Victoria 4b 48

Edmonton 9b 20

Regina 2b 8

Winnipeg 6 14

Toronto 4b 9

Ottawa 18b zero

Montreal 8b 2b

Quebec 16b 2b

Saint John 6b 6

Halifax zero 6

Charlottetown zero 6

Forecasts:

Maritime East: Fresh or strong northwesterly winds; partly cloudy and decidedly cold with snowflurries in Cape Breton.

High tide this afternoon at 1:20 and tomorrow morning at 1:13.

Sun sets this afternoon at 4:49 and rises tomorrow morning at 7:32.

Last quarter moon Sunday, Jan. 23, 4:09 a.m.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

THE CAR FERRY
Leaves Borden 9:45 a.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m.
Leaves Tormentine 11 a.m., 2:35 p.m.