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NEW FIRES THREATENING BLASTED TEXAS CITY

Liberal Members Kill Resolution Re Grain Elevator For Ch'town

Bandits Hold Up Montreal Bank

MONTREAL, April 17 — (CP)—Three armed men held up an east-end Ontario Street branch of the Banque Canadienne Nationale this afternoon and escaped with a sum of money estimated between \$5,000 and \$6,000.

Lionel St. Meleux, manager of the bank branch, told police that the men, wearing dark glasses, entered shortly before closing time, waved revolvers and scooped up the money from three customers and 10 staff members before making their escape.

Moscow Conference Appears Near End

By Wes Gallagher

MOSCOW, April 17 — (AP)—Chances for salvaging an Austrian peace treaty from the deadlocked Moscow conference faded tonight and some German experts among the delegations prepared to leave for Berlin apparently abandoning hope of further progress on a German pact.

In London a foreign office spokesman said a special train will be ready in Moscow Tuesday to return Foreign Secretary Bevin and the British delegation. He said that while there were no definite plans to leave the train would be ready "if there appears to be no good reason to stay longer."

Despite a statement Wednesday on the desire to sign an Austrian peace pact the Russians clashed tonight with the three western powers over the first major issue the ministers encountered in considering the Austrian treaty—the problem of handling approximately 500,000 displaced persons in Austria.

Coming Events

Dance Parkdale Hall Friday, April 18. MacKenzie's Orchestra.

Clipping cleaning oaks from April 15 to May 10, at Lewis Bertram's Mill, Fredericton.

Arriving in a few days, 200 bass Fasteifat Piculet, Bock at once. Dillon & Spillet.

Junior League Rummage Sale at Holy Name Hall, Saturday, April 19th, 2:30.

Sterling Ings, Cherry Valley, trucking hogs to Charlottetown Tuesdays and Fridays. Contact Sterling for service. Livestock Marketing Board.

Commencing Monday, April 21st, we will be cleaning seed every day until further notice. Mt. Stewart Seed Cleaning plant.

Now in stock, Asphalt Shingles, Barb Wire and Page Wire. Buy while available. W. I. Bowman, Hunter River.

Ings Diamond, Winslow, trucking hogs for Marketing Board each Tuesday and Friday forenoon. Contact for service. Livestock Marketing Board.

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Belting of all widths, new and used. Rubber Traces complete. Nickel mounted driving Harness, new team Harness. Estate of Clinton Morrison, per W. R. Morrison.

Livestock Marketing Board loading hogs at all usual points week of April 21st. Where trucks are in a deplorable condition, please bring hogs by team to nearest loading point. We truck where possible when permissible.

Fulton Douglas, Savage Harbour, is our representative in Mount Stewart district. Trucking every Tuesday and Friday morning. Make truck reservation early with last-minute comers. Livestock Marketing Board.

Top Army Adviser



Dr. Otto Maas, director of chemical warfare under the department of National Defence during the war, will be officially named scientific adviser to Lieut.-Gen. Charles Foulkes, chief of the Canadian army general staff. Dr. Maas, born in New York of German-American parents, has been Gen. Foulkes' adviser for a year. He has been named as one of the men who made such thorough preparations for chemical warfare that the Nazis never dared to launch a gas attack on the Allies.

Union Seeks 'Phone Strike Settlement

WASHINGTON, April 17 — (AP)—Company reports that some strike-hampered telephone services are improving some today as Union leaders aimed at an early settlement of the country-wide walkout.

With 340,000 workers idle for the 11th day in the cross-country strike and negotiations stalled, Joseph A. Beirne, president of the National Federation of Telephone workers, said: "We're working toward a settlement this week. If we don't settle by Monday our people will still be out on strike but some of them may want to go back to work."

111 British M. P.'s Support Wallace

LONDON, April 17 — (AP)—Henry A. Wallace took a plane for Stockholm today after receiving a declaration from 111 members of parliament who said they believed with him that any policy which "might divide us from one another or from the U.S.S.R. would be fatal to world peace."

Ending a nine-day stay in Britain that had stirred controversy both here and abroad as a result of his speeches attacking President Truman's foreign policy, Wallace was due to speak again in Stockholm tomorrow, in Oslo Saturday, in Copenhagen Monday and in Paris Thursday.

First Freighters En Route to Montreal

MONTREAL, April 17 — (CP)—Lashed by high winds, the Canadian freighter Sibley Park today passed Fame Point, Que., about 450 miles from here, leaving little doubt she would be the first ocean arrival of the shipping season in Montreal.

She was being followed closely by the Canadian Observer, which will make Sorel, Que., her first port of call.

Farther to the east, the cargo liner Beaverburn was moving steadily ahead and was expected to carry off the honor of being the first ship to arrive in Montreal from an overseas port.

Urges Prompt Attention To Main Paved Highway

The serious condition of the Borden - Summerside - Charlottetown highway was called to the attention of the Government on Wednesday night by Mr. Heath Strong, Fourth District of Prince, in the course of the Budget debate. Mr. Strong quoted in this connection the following resolution from the Summerside Board of Trade:

"Whereas parts of the Summerside-Charlottetown paved highway are in a deplorable condition, and

"Whereas this condition, if allowed to continue, will be a great

Bill Making Province Certified Seed Potato Area Passes Committee

N. B. Potatoes Go To Portugal

SAINT JOHN, N.B., April 17 — (CP)—A second new market for New Brunswick potatoes was announced tonight after loading of 13,000 tons for Portugal began at the waterfront here. Loading of 118,500 bushels for Brazil was completed yesterday.

Begin Pouring Cement At Railway Wharf

Workmen began pouring cement yesterday at the Railway Wharf thus resuming the construction work which was discontinued last fall. Since the coping for the top of the wall has not yet been poured, workmen are busy preparing the west side to enable the large steamer—expected to arrive soon to load potatoes for England—to berth alongside the railway shed.

Yesterday, the Government dredge was cleaning up the bottom along the west side of the wall opposite the shed to eliminate any possibility of the big ship's keel striking any large boulders or other large objects which may have fallen over the wharf during last summer's construction work.

Shake-up In British Cabinet

LONDON, April 17 — (Reuters)—Britain's Labor Government tonight announced a shake-up in the Cabinet and administration affecting several ministries, including the India Office, the administrator for Germany and the post of Lord Privy Seal.

The official announcement said Baron Pethick-Lawrence, 75, secretary of state for India since the government came to power nearly two years ago, had resigned and would be succeeded by the Earl of Listowel, at present postmaster-general.

Arthur Greenwood, Lord Privy Seal and acting majority leader in the House of Commons during the illness of Herbert Morrison, becomes minister without portfolio. He will be succeeded by Baron Cross, chairman of Charing Cross hospital, London, and a noted financier.

John M. Hynd, chancellor of the duchy of Lancaster and minister responsible for administration of the British zones of Germany and Austria, will become pensions minister.

Lord Pakenham, under-secretary for war, will become chancellor of the duchy of Lancaster. The announcement said that henceforth ministerial responsibility for the control elements of the control commission for Austria will rest with Foreign Secretary Bevin. The control office will be incorporated into the foreign office.

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HALIFAX, April 17—Additional tourist bureaux will be opened by the Nova Scotia Government at Pictou, N.S., and Quebec, it was announced today at a meeting of the industry committee of the legislature.

The new bureaux will be opened at Pictou to cater to tourists arriving from Prince Edward Island.

Other Provisions

The bill further provides that growers shall register each field of potatoes, application for in-

Evacuation Of Portion Of Town Ordered

TEXAS CITY, April 17 — (AP)—Evacuation of the lower Texas City area was ordered tonight as fresh blazes and a shifting wind posed new threats to this Gulf port, ravaged by deadly explosions and fires that have killed an estimated 650 persons and injured at least 3,000 in two days.

The wind was swinging to the south, blowing heavy smoke across the city and threatening the spread of flames. The latest outbreak of fire was in the Humble refinery area.

Boys went up and down streets handing out gas masks to rescue workers. Explosions of two tanks containing butane gas were feared. Wind from the south would carry gas into the city.

All rescue workers were evacuated temporarily from the explosion danger area.

The Humble refinery announced that it has abandoned all hope of saving any portion of its oil storage tank farm, scene of the principal fire raging tonight.

John H. Hill, spokesman for Mayor Curtis Trahan, made the announcement shortly after another tank exploded at 6:53 P.M. Hill said that danger of more serious explosions in the area is dependent.

First Ship Of Season Loads Produce Here

The first cargo-carrying vessel to sail out of Charlottetown Harbour this season is the Diesel-powered "T. J. Carroll", Capt. H.H. Cahoon.

The "Carroll", a ship of 300 tons capacity, is loading cattle and farm produce for St. John's, Nfld., and will leave for that port today.

The cargo is being loaded by Mr. Willard Progne of Brackley.

Mr. W.E. Agnew, provincial trade agent for Newfoundland, said last night that orders are coming in regularly from Newfoundland for P. E. Island livestock and farm produce and that he expects the "Island Connector" to arrive in port shortly. The "Connector" will also load for Newfoundland.

Says Outlook For C.P.R. Not Very Healthy

OTTAWA, April 17 — (CP)—The outlook for the Canadian Pacific Railway is "not very healthy," N. R. Crump, vice-president and general manager of the C.P.R.'s Eastern lines, declared today before the Board of Transport Commissioners.

On the witness stand in support of the Railway's application for higher freight rates, Mr. Crump expressed belief that lines were faced with further rises in costs through increases in wage rates and material prices.

Asked specifically by Alberta Counsel J.J. Frawley if his company expected further wage increases, the vice-president said it "certainly" looked for requests for them, though he said it was not expected there would be any pay boosts on the scale of those dispensed last year.

He said that to counteract increased costs of labor—which previous witnesses had given as \$56,000,000 a year over 1939—the C.P.R. was extending the use of mechanical tools.

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However, she added, there was a lack of facilities for processing the material. With necessary equipment and closer cooperation between producer and seller a high-quality product could be put on the market at a saleable price.

Industry Minister Connolly told the House later in the day that his department hoped to create distinctive cloths in its handicrafts industry which the tourist would be eager to purchase.

Gold Storage Plants Planned For N. S.

HALIFAX, April 17 — (CP)—Establishment of cold storage plants along the Nova Scotia shore so that small fishing boats would never have to travel more than 25 or 50 miles with their catch is the aim of the Industry Department's fisheries division, it was indicated here today.

Richmond, B. C. — (CP)—Houseboat residents here are preparing for another boost in living costs. Houseboats, previously exempt from taxation, are to be taxed up to five per cent, the municipality has decided.

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