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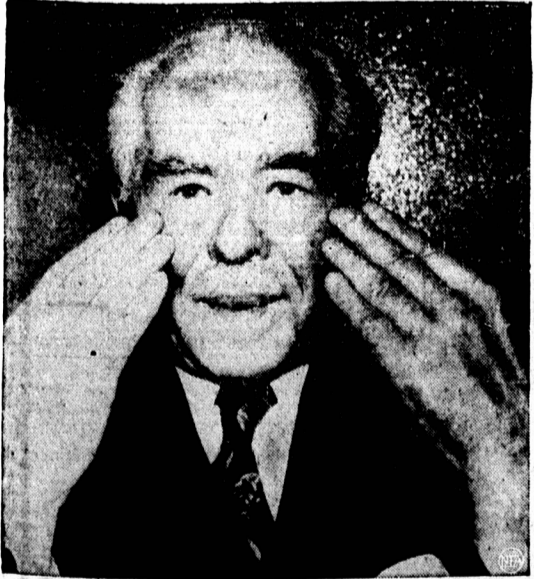
Nine children and an adult trapped in a blazing New Waterford tenement dwelling burned to death while helpless watchers listened to their screams. Edward Wiseman and his daughter Mary Agnes, shown here, were two of the victims. Mrs. Wiseman was away at the time, visiting her mother in Toronto.



President Soekarno of the republic of Indonesia (right), devotes a part of his spare time to teaching reading and writing at an open air school at Sarangen, Java. The battle against illiteracy in Indonesia rates only second in importance to the battle currently waging between the Dutch and Indonesian forces. Soekarno is among the Indonesian officials now under arrest.



With food prices dropping rapidly, market proprietors are forced to resort to those almost forgotten arts—salesmanship and merchandising—to lure customers. At a meat market in New York, hostess Renee Kleiman, left, passes out free coffee and sandwiches to shoppers. Police had been stationed outside to keep order, but the expected mobs didn't materialize.



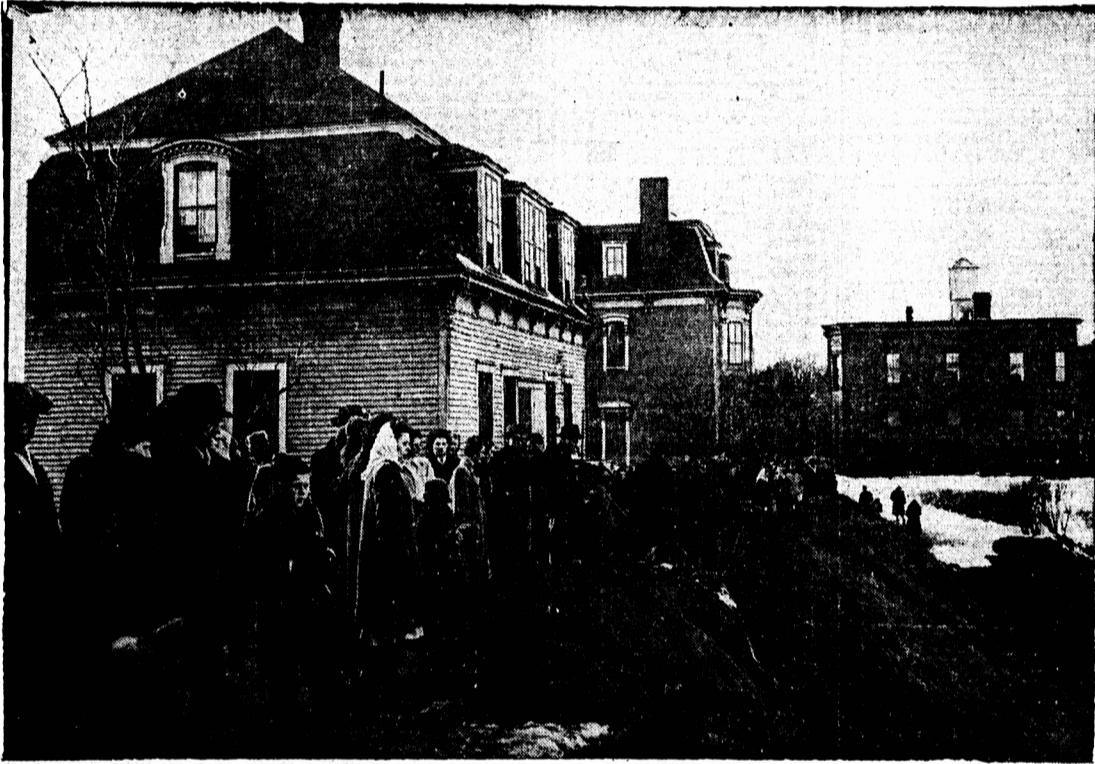
Both these hands belong to Charles Nessler, 77-year-old inventor of the permanent wave machine. Nessler claims to have discovered the "secret of youth". He says he treated his right hand for two months, using friction to bring a body chemical called carotin to the surface and rejuvenate the skin. His left hand, untreated, remains unwrinkled. The right hand is smooth as that of a man of 35.



Frank Arnold, correspondent of the Daily Tribune, is shown here with Quebec police after his papers were seized when Labor-Progressive organizer's home was padlocked.



Quebec police padlocked Montreal home of John Switman, shown here with his wife, on instructions from Duplessis, Premier of Quebec. The raid on the Montreal Communist followed the arrest of Sam Carr, former national organizer of the Labor-Progressive Communist party, by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in New York.



Crowds stand in awe on the sheer cliff face behind homes where the Saint John river bank area collapsed. Trucks have dumped fill into the chasm, but it is as big as ever. In some spots the drop was many feet and some houses were protected by an artificial bank. A geologist blames sliding clay or limestone cavity. Earth subsidence has gradually caused larger and larger fissures to appear and although residents are very worried, city officials have assured there is no immediate danger of a huge movement.



They're sitting this one out — and who can blame President and Mrs. Truman after the oath-taking, the parade, the reception, and all the other inaugural excitement? The Inaugural Ball, which they're watching here, was the end of a busy, busy day.



A stormy meeting was held recently at a Toronto church where dismissal of Dean Gordon Brown of Baptist seminary was bitterly debated. Dr. Shields, head of Toronto Baptist Seminary, said Rev. Gordon Brown, former dean, was dismissed for "interdenominationalism". Dr. Shields said "the time has come to tell the truth", as he gave his version of the split in ranks of the seminary, which he founded 20 years ago. Dr. Shields, shown here, strode up and down behind the pulpit and had to shout to make himself heard. He said he "deserved the Victoria Cross" for getting along with Dean Brown for so long.

PASTOR THROWS HIS VOICE; SUNDAY SCHOOL IS "SRO"



Rev. Willis F. Miller and "Victor." They made Sunday School in Lynn as popular as a cowboy matinee at the movies.

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LYNN, Mass. (NEA) — A cheerful-faced wooden dummy named "Victor" is crowding youngsters into a Lynn church the way they used to crowd into the Sunday afternoon movies. The transformation of the Bible into comedy, drama and high entertainment is playing to such large audiences that the First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, has had to institute daily afternoon sessions. Rev. Willis P. Miller, a youthful, talented minister with a gift for ventriloquism nurtured since his high school days, is the man behind "Victor," a dummy carved by the same artist who made Edgar Bergen's "Charlie McCarthy."

PLUNGES IN CREDIT R. THEN EATS ICE CREAM



Krikor Hekimian of Toronto lived up to his "human polar bear" reputation by going for a swim in the icy Credit river. While a brisk wind froze the water in his hair, he ate an ice cream cone.

"Victor" wisecracks, asks serious questions or gives absurd answers which enable the minister, as he corrects the dummy, to draw special attention to the salient facts of a Bible narrative. The dummy gives comedy relief to the story of David and Goliath by suggesting it was an atom bomb with which David slew Goliath; "Victor" also plays a serious role with a poignant note to the wanderings of Joseph. The young minister paid \$85 for "Victor" but the dummy has been worth his weight in gold. Rev. Miller says, in getting the youngsters to realize that the characters of the Bible were human beings much like people today. In his high school days, the Rotary Club of Everett, Mass., gave Rev. Miller a gold watch for his ventriloquial skill in raising \$2000 for the needy of the city. Later, at Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Ky., from which the minister was graduated, he nearly got into difficulty when his teaching of ventriloquism and sleight-of-hand to other theological students, was at first not wholly understood. "Youngsters today want life, excitement and drama," Rev. Miller explains, "and we've got to find some way to give it to them."



David J. Strehl of Kitchener, Ont., who left home determined to join the U.S. army, had to come home to get Canadian clearance papers, went back again and then found out he was under the weight standards at St. Louis recruiting centre. A special diet fixed that up and he finally made the grade. His four brothers saw service overseas in the Canadian army.

BABY BORN ON TRAIN DOING NICELY, THANKS



Mother and fellow-passenger were thrown into a bit of a dither when Mrs. Peter Kucherawy of Toronto gave birth to a baby boy on a train halfway between Heron Bay, Ont., and Marathon, Ont. The little fellow wasn't scheduled to arrive for a month. Mrs. Kucherawy and her new son are in a Fort William hospital, "doing nicely."



Freda Linton shown here, is only person left to be rounded up in connection with spy case.

