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HEAVY CASUALTY TOLL IN WAKE OF TORNADES

"PEACE - AT - ANY - PRICE" MOVEMENT IN CHINA

Opening Session Of Jr. Farmers Course

Unusually Low Fire Losses In City Last Year

Property loss resulting from fires in the City of Charlottetown for the year 1948 amounted to \$19,653 which was the lowest figure for fire loss sustained by the City in any one year for the past several years.

Figures released last night by Fire Chief H.H. Jewell disclose that damage done to City property by fire during the previous year amounted to \$27,763—a figure which was considered as closely approaching a record for the City up to that time.

But the next year, 1946, saw fire losses soar to an unheard of figure, \$840,000. That figure included the loss sustained in the disastrous fire at the Davis and Fraser plant, the Bruce Stewart and Company plant, (at which the Island fertilizer plant was also destroyed), and the destruction of the Sterns Laundry.

Last year there were 50 general alarms and 112 still alarms compared to 60 general and 130 stills in 1947, and 81 general and 135 stills in 1946.

The Charlottetown Fire Department, headed by Fire Chief Jewell, comprises 45 men, 42 of whom are on a voluntary basis. Mr. James Walker is assistant-chief and Mr. Leslie Gillespie secretary-treasurer of the Department. The three permanent men are Chief Engineer Alfred Prizzell and his two assistants, Messrs Earl Burke and Fred Bradley.

Blizzard Covers Part Of Six States

CHICAGO, Jan. 3 — (AP) — A blizzard spread its frigid, white confusion today over the great plains area of the United States.

Snow, swirled by winds up to 66 miles an hour, piled up huge drifts which blocked roads in some areas. Low visibility held up traffic in other locations. Near zero temperatures prevailed.

By late afternoon, the blizzard covered most of the Central and Western Dakotas, Central and Western Nebraska, Western Kansas, extreme Eastern Wyoming and Northeastern Colorado.

Coming Events

- **Dances Bonshaw Inn cancelled until further notice.
- **Freetown C. C. F. Club Meeting Wednesday, January 5th, at Fred Paynter's. Everybody welcome.
- **Orangemen's Variety Concert, Brookfield Hall, Wednesday, January 5th.
- **Dance in French River Hall Wednesday night, if not fine, Thursday.
- **National Film Show in Hazelbrook School, January 6th, at 8 o'clock.
- **Dance in Rustico Hall, Wednesday night, January 5th. Refreshments.
- **This Store will be closed all day Thursday, January 6th, for stock taking. Signed Parker Canfield.
- **The annual meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. will be held Tuesday, Jan. 4, 3:15 p. m. at the Y.M.C.A.
- **Annual Congregational Meetings at Bonshaw Wednesday, Victoria Thursday, Herpton Friday, all at 2:30. All members please attend.
- **Just received by express, shipment of phenothiazine sheep tablets. Will fill C.O.D. orders promptly. Livestock Feed Agency, Fitzroy St.
- **It's mystery and suspense all the way. See Seven Keys to Baldpate at McDonald Bros. Theatre tonight. Plus Jessie James and Short.

Chile Sending New Expedition To Antarctic

SANTIAGO, Jan. 3 — (CP) — Chile's third expedition to the Antarctic in three years sailed yesterday. One of its objectives is to establish a new "scientific air base" south of its base, on Margarita Bay within the Antarctic Circle. The two-ship mission included a plane. A patrol boat will join them at Punta Arenas for the trip across the Drake Sea.

14 Lose Lives In Crash At Seattle

SEATTLE, Jan. 3 — (AP) — Fourteen persons, 11 of them Yale University students returning to New Haven after the holidays, died in the crash and fire of a chartered transport plane at Boeing Field here last night. The other three were the crew of the DC-3. The plane carried 27 students and 16 of them escaped.

A dozen students were pulled to safety from the flaming wreck by mechanics and air line employees at the field.

A Civil Aeronautics Administration official said the takeoff on an icy runway shortly after 10 P.M. was made against the advice of the control tower.

New Appointments Awaited As Attlee Returns To Desk



Prime Minister Attlee

66 Yesterday

LONDON, Jan. 3 — (CP) — Prime Minister Clement Attlee today celebrated his 66th birthday with a return to his 10 Downing Street — and the political world waited expectantly.

During his Christmas holiday stay at Cheques, his country home, the Prime Minister pondered new high appointments. These include new ministers and officers of important state organizations.

Good wishes poured into his office, many of them from persons who dislike his politics. Newspapers were kindly in their comments. The Financial Times, often critical of his administration, carried an article by "Observer" which noted Attlee "is almost immune from criticism, not only in this column but in almost the whole of the press."

It contained Attlee has let fall no hint of what cabinet changes are coming but there is speculation that Defence Minister A.V. Alexander may go to some other office.

Food Minister John Strickland, Lord Minto and Lord Douglas of Kiltulzie, former British governor in Germany, all have been mentioned as possible successors.

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Shanghai In Direct Appeal To Communists

CHIANG GOVERNMENT IS SILENT ON PEACE PLEA.

By ROY ESSOYAN

SHANGHAI, Jan. 3 — (AP) — A "peace-at-any-price" movement erupted tonight within the ranks of the reeling Chinese Government.

The Shanghai City Council radiated a peace plea direct to the Communists, by-passing Chiang

TSINGTAO, China, Jan. 4 — (CP) — The United States marines announced today they were withdrawing from China "since the Chinese Government has decided to negotiate for a peace settlement with the Reds."

It was the first official announcement that the hard-pressed Chinese Government is suing for peace with the dominant Chinese Communists although China has been rife with rumors of peace for nearly two weeks.

The announcement said some 3,400 marines would be put aboard naval vessels in Tientsin harbor to await further order for movement, expected prior to Jan. 25.

Kai-Shek's unsettled Central Government.

In Nanking itself, Gen. Chang Chih-Chung, a leading Cabinet member, gave a remarkable "peace" dinner for several hundred public officials and educationists.

The Chiang Government itself was silent. The Nanking garrison clapped a secret military censorship on outgoing press dispatches. The battlefields on which the Communists have been winning, lay virtually idle, as they have for

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Promoted To Highest Rank In British Army



LONDON, Jan. 3 — (AP) — Gen. Sir William Slim, (above), chief of the Imperial General Staff, was promoted tonight to Field Marshal. He thus completed, at the age of 57, his rise from private to the highest rank in the British Army.

Gen. Slim succeeded Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery as head of the General Staff last Nov. 1 during the Second World War, he commanded the Fourteenth Army in Burma.

Former Labor Minister Joins Conservatives

LONDON, Jan. 3 — (CP) — Ivor Thomas, a former junior minister in the Labor Government, has been admitted to the Conservative Party, the party Association announced today.

The 43-year-old Thomas resigned from the Labor Party last October and said he had done so because of a "totalitarian" turning.

At that time he took his seat as an Independent.

Addressing his constituents at a lively meeting in Keighley, Yorkshire, Thomas said recently the party now acted at such concentration of power in the hands of the state that it amounted to totalitarian rule.

In particular, he disagreed with the bill to nationalize the steel industry which already had received second reading in the House of Commons. He called the measure "a warlike and reckless act."

Thomas' resignation from the Labor Party was a blow to the government. He had served as Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Colonial Undersecretary.

Thomas said he used to believe there was a profound difference between Communism and Socialism but today the difference amounted only to a difference of method and of time.

With Thomas entering the Conservative fold, party standing in the House of Commons is: Labor 332; Conservative 202; National Liberal 13; Liberal 11; Independent 1; Independent Labor 3; Independent National 2; National 2; Irish National 2; Communist 2; Independent Conservative 1; vacant 1.

37 Dead, 400 Injured In One Town

Force Twisters Strike At Scattered Areas In Louisiana And Arkansas.

WARREN, Ark., Jan. 3 — (AP) — Tornadoes ranging in force from brief twisters to storms of catastrophic fury hedged-hopped through Arkansas and Louisiana late today and tonight, causing casualties estimated in the hundreds.

Red Cross officials at Monticello, Ark., 18 miles east of here reported 37 known dead and at least 400 injured at Warren alone.

The death toll in other storms that struck scattered areas in Northwest Louisiana and Southern Arkansas stood at four. Scores were injured.

Fires Break Out

Fires broke out here after a tornado battered Warren for 15 minutes, starting at 5:45 p. m. Power was gone, water lines were broken and telephone lines were down.

Doctors and nurses worked by torchlight in treating the injured. Ambulances were taking the overflow of injured from here to Monticello and Pine Bluff, 40 miles north.

The storm here was accompanied by heavy rain and hail which helped quench the fires, but a fire in the Southern Lumber Company yard still was burning at 10:30 p.m.

(R. J. Rhinehart, Pine Bluff, Ark., an official of the Arkansas Power & Light Co. reported to his Little Rock office that the scene at Warren was the "worst I've ever seen.")

Rhinehart said a tornado that killed 30 persons near Pine Bluff in 1947. Another utility official L. C. Stephens, reported he saw bodies lying on the lawn of a Warren hospital.)

Louisiana State Police said two persons were killed near Haynesville, La., this afternoon. Shortly afterwards, the same storm swept north into Arkansas and struck twice near El Dorado, killing two more persons and injuring about a score.

Gathers Fury

Gathering fury as it moved northward, the storm next blasted Warren. It struck Dark Corner, northeast of here, about an hour later.

HALIFAX, Jan. 3 — (CP) — Official inland forecasts issued tonight by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax and valid until midnight Tuesday.

A large area of high pressure is centered over Western Quebec. It is moving eastward and will cause northerly winds in all inland regions again on Tuesday. These northerly winds are accompanied in most regions by snowflurries, particularly those regions south of the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

Over Prince Edward Island and Eastern New Brunswick occasionally freezing drizzle is reported. Little change is expected in the weather on Tuesday.

Prince Edward Island: Overcast. Snowflurries occasionally mixed with freezing drizzle. Not much change in temperature. North winds 20. Low and high Tuesday at Charlottetown 28 and 32.

High tide tonight at 1:12 and tomorrow 2:08.

Sun sets this evening at 4:29 and rises tomorrow morning at 7:41.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

Daily Except Sunday
CAR FERRY "ABEGWEIT"
Leaves Borden, 9:10 A.M. 1 P.M. 4:30 P.M.
Leaves Tormentine 10:35 A.M. 2:40 P.M. 7:50 P.M.

SUNDAY
Leaves Borden 6:45 P.M.
Leaves Tormentine 8 P.M.

Baby's Life Saved By Red Cross Blood Bank

History was made in Prince Edward Island a few days ago when the first baby to be given a replacement transfusion was effectively treated in the Charlottetown Hospital.

A new baby, born of a mother with Rh negative blood, suffering from a serious condition as a result of this factor, was treated by drawing off the offending blood and replacing it with compatible blood transfused into its veins.

This blood supplied through the local Red Cross Sub-Committee saved the baby's life and the efficiency of the local Red Cross Blood Bank enabled the hospital staff to carry out this new procedure promptly and with good effect.

This type of life saving is a tribute to the Red Cross and to the generous donors who supply the blood out of good will and with the hope of saving human lives.

Considers World Is Getting Better

SAINT JOHN, N. B., Jan. 3 — (CP) — David Lamb, C. M. G., Salvation Army commissioner, scoffs at "viewers with alarm."

"The world is getting better. We've come to the end of the big wars," the 82-year-old traveler said today at the end of a brief visit to Saint John on a cross-Canada goodwill tour.

A commissioner since 1912 — highest rank in the Salvation Army — he has been retired for the past seven years.

BRITISH TOOK OVER

The British took possession of Newfoundland in 1583.

News In Brief

LONDON, Jan. 3 — (Reuters) — British newspapers appeared today in "recovery" guise, with half as many pages again as at any time since July, 1947. For most this meant six pages instead of four.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 — (AP) — The United States Supreme Court ruled today that states can outlaw the closed shop. Organized labor counsel interpreted the decision as upholding state bans on other types of "union security" also.

AMHERST, N.S., Jan. 3 — (CP) — A \$9,000,000 program for reclamation of marshlands in the Maritimes will be discussed at Ottawa "in a few days," it was learned here today.

CALGARY, Jan. 3 — (CP) — Margarine will go on sale for the first time in Calgary about the end of next week, wholesale company officials said today. The margarine probably will sell for 49 cents a pound. The present price of grade A butter in Calgary is 71 cents a pound.

HAIFA, Jan. 3 — (Reuters) — Brig. Gen. William E. Riley, United Nations chief of staff in Palestine, told reporters tonight he had received both an Egyptian complaint and an Israeli denial on the use of poison gas on the Negev front.

OTTAWA, Jan. 3 — (CP) — Prime Minister St. Laurent was back at his office today after a 10-day Yuletide trip to Quebec City where he visited his five children and 13 grandchildren.

TEL. AVIV, Jan. 3 — (AP) — Warfare flared on a second Palestine front today when Israeli and Iraqi troops clashed on the Holy Land's long-dormant central front.

Herring Reported Plentiful In Nfld.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Jan. 3 — (CP) — Herring fishermen, who had feared a blank season, received good news today to start off a new year.

Herring were reported swarming in arms of Bay of Islands on the west coast and in Fortune Bay on the south coast.

Encouraging Signs Noted In Canadian Housing Construction

OTTAWA, Jan. 3 — (CP) — Soaring costs of building started to level off in Canada during 1948.

Another cheering development for the home-builder was that the average time taken to build a house dropped to seven months, compared with 11 months for 1946.

These improvements are noted in the latest issue of "Housing in Canada," quarterly publication of the Mortgage and Housing Corporation reviewing major trends in the housing field.

"The most encouraging sign in the construction cost field of 1948," the publication says, "is the leveling-off of the marked price increases of 1946 and 1947."

In the first nine months of last year, the review says, there was a seven-per-cent increase in the combined index of wholesale building material prices and wage rates in the construction trades. For the same period of 1947, the jump was 17 per cent.

During the period surveyed, Canada continued to reach new high levels in house-building activity. In municipalities of 3,000 population and over, the first nine months of last year showed a 21-per-cent increase in homes started and an eight-per-cent increase in completions over the same period of 1947.

(Latest estimates of the Bureau of Statistics for all Canada indicate 78,533 and 88,402 completions for the first 10 months. Some of the completed houses were begun in 1947.)

Production of building materials increased generally during 1948, the publication said, though shortages of individual items developed.

Surprised At Furor Nurses' Dismissal Causes

HAMILTON, Bermuda, Jan. 3 — (CP) — Hospital officials expressed surprise tonight that dismissal of two Canadian nurses from the King Edward VII Hospital here had caused so much publicity.

The two nurses—Miss Velma Stewart of Galt, Ont., and Miss Rita Sylvester of Ponoka, Alta.—have returned to their homes after being dismissed for overstaying their hospital leave.

The two girls said they had acknowledged a party at a naval dockyard across the harbor and had missed the last ferry back to Hamilton. They were unable to get a taxi or telephone the hospital but had returned on the first morning boat.

"We don't feel we have had a fair hearing," said Miss Stewart after the two had been dismissed and advised to leave the colony "as soon as possible."

The hospital board of trustees upheld the dismissal notice although other nurses—most of them Canadians—petitioned against the move.

Chairman H. D. Butterfield, of the board of trustees, said in a statement: "The matter is one of concern

only to those who are interested in and responsible for the maintenance of a first class hospital in this colony. I regret any publicity having been given to the incident at all.

"I will not publish any particulars of purely internal hospital affairs... but I do propose to take a firm stand to protect the hospital and all the nurses who work in it from unwarranted criticism.

"There is absolutely no imputation against the character or professional ability of anyone involved in this incident but the standing of our hospital and all our nurses must be assured through maintenance of reasonable discipline."

Before leaving here the girls indicated they would appeal their case to the Canadian Registered Nurses' Association.

In Montreal, Gertrude M. Hall, general secretary of the Association, said today the dismissal of the two was "most unfortunate" but the A.N.A. did not wish to comment "at this time."

Miss Stewart has returned to her home at Galt and has taken another nursing position. Miss Sylvester accompanied Miss Stewart to Galt but could not be located today.



A SCOTCHMAN HAS HIS OWN GOING TO THE THEATRE WHEN SICK BECAUSE THERE IS USUALLY A DOCTOR IN THE HOUSE!

FOR BETTER BAKING

The flour that blooms in the oven

BLOSSOM OF CANADA FLOUR